Fourth candidate interviewed for VP position at Poly

By Mary Fredericy

An Eastern Illinois University administrator was on campus Monday as the fourth candidate for the vice president for Academic Affairs and senior vice president position.

Robert Kindrick, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Eastern, spoke at an open forum during the first of the two-day interview.

Kindrick said that certain issues prevalent here are also faced at Eastern, such as cultural diversity.

"I know it has inspired some tension on campus," he said. "That is a major priority on my agenda and at Eastern Illinois. It is vitally important to have cultural diversity in the academic community as it is in the community at large."

He said certain steps had been taken at Eastern to encourage admissions of minority groups, including a distinguished lecturer series, a visiting professor program, and work between Academic Affairs and students.

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Junior high program gives students hope

Points them toward higher learning

Editor's note: In this, the second installment in a series about outreach programs, reporter Tina Ramos examines a program to attract underrepresented junior high school students in Santa Maria to higher education.

By Tina M. Ramos

The second oldest outreach program is the three-year old Adelante Program. This program targets primarily Spanish-speaking students in seventh and eighth grade at El Camino Junior High School in Santa Maria.

The program orienta students to the California education system; offers career information and workshops and presents positive role models," said Maria Arvizu, program coordinator. "By the 12th grade these students then are CSU material.

There are currently 55 students involved in some facet of the program. The year-long program consists of Friday after-school workshops, tutoring twice weekly by Student Academic Services staff and Saturday vocational workshops. The program's steering committee, made up of three ESL (English as a second language) El Camino counselors, four Cal Poly student coordinators and Arvizu, meets monthly.

"These kids often come with high math and science skills but got discouraged by economic hardships, lack of role models and the language, eventually dropping out of school," said Arvizu. "These students are thirsty to learn about the American culture and education system."

Arvizu adds that when she

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Information systems staff members voice complaints

Employee survey rates vice-president's job practices

By Patty Hayes

Staff members of Information Systems (IS), Cal Poly's computing and communications center, have informally reported numerous accounts of alleged unfair practices by management — especially by the vice president of IS, the co-president of the California State Employees Association (CSEA).

Bernice Glinski, CSEA co-president, said Tuesday that meetings regarding complaints against IS Vice President Arthur Gloster (regarding employee harassment and decreased morale) have been ongoing since February.

Present at the meetings were President Warren Baker, Director of Personnel Jan Pieper, IS Resource Director David Yang, and Gloster.

"My opinion is that administration does not care," Glinski said. She said that the university has not given sufficient response to the complaints.

Gloster was on a travel day Tuesday and was unavailable for comment. He has previously failed to return Mustang Daily's phone calls concerning the matter.

Pieper said that it has been difficult for the administration to make any response. "There is a contract in place (with CSEA members) which gives express avenues for complaints and grievances," Pieper said. "If they want to contend that policy was not followed they must file a complaint."

Glinski said that no formal complaints or grievances have been filed because staff members are fearful of their job security and vice president's actions.

The informal complaints are discussed in a 13-page report written by Glinski. The report gives a detailed account of the results of a survey, written and conducted by CSEA, of IS employees and their reactions to Gloster's actions. The full report was unavailable, but Mustang Daily had received statistical responses to the questions.

Fifty-eight surveys were sent out and 35 were returned, Glinski said. She said the survey was accompanied by two paragraphs stating that both positive and negative responses were welcome. Some of the questions and their responses were as follows:

"Do you believe that Dr. Gloster is, in all respects, running Information Systems in a fair and equitable manner, and in accordance with all union, CSU and legal provisions? Yes: 2 No: 30 Don't know: 3

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Second Opinion
The red squirrels are different

Creatures threatened with extinction face a bleak enough future without their chief protector in the United States. As a result of the legislation passed through the House of Representatives, Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan, Jr., to judge from a complaint he registered the other day about the rigors of enforcing the Endangered Species Act, needs a fresh course on this part of his responsibilities.

The 17-year-old law is "too tough" and should be changed so that it is not used to stymie development, the cabinet member and former congressman said in an interview with the Denver Post. Lujan questioned whether the federal statute should attempt to save an endangered species in all of the remaining habitats, or save every subspecies. "Nobody's told me the difference between a red squirrel, a black one or a brown one," the secretary remarked. Well, someone should start telling Lujan right away, and perhaps an early word to him on the subject will come from "the environmental president," George Bush, whose White House staff put out the word that no weakening of the Endangered Species Act is contemplated. 

A special letter

Editor's note: This letter is in response to the Insight article, "Sexual Assault: How to avoid becoming a victim... twice!" which ran on Wednesday, May 16. "Sarah" was a rape victim in the article. The author of the letter wishes to remain anonymous.

Dear Sarah,

I recently decided to myself when I read this article. I cried because I finally realized I wasn't alone; that someone out there knows, understands and cares. At times I have felt isolated. At times I feel like I am the only one who knows what I have to do or how to even start. In the end, if I can help at least one girl out there it will all be worth the fight. I hope you read this today because I wish to get in touch with you somehow. You're not alone in your fight to bring a change to the legal system and rights and protections of those victimized by sexual assault on this campus and everywhere.

Peggy Wilson
SLO resident

Reader's opinions differ on Denham

This letter is in response to the article written by Kimberly Veitch in the Mustang Daily on May 18, 1990 concerning Jeff Denham, I feel Jeff Denham is an excellent person, caring and honest person. During the Polyclub riots, Denham did a tremendous job of protecting the surrounding area, especially my house and property. I live right in front of where the riots took place and I knew that the rioters were dead set on protecting that property.

I feel very disappointed in Jeff Denham, as was commented on by Mr. White. I have had little contact with Jeff Denham and admittedly he may be quite comfortable in the lucrative vice president position, but a man is known by his actions. I have known Jeff Denham well enough to know that someone who appears to be a slave to his passions and who is so easily disregarded my house and property would not be my choice for our vice president.

Thus, I must ask you Adam Taylor to rethink your responsibility, it is to blindly stick to alliances, or to represent the students within the community?

Jeff Ellis
Social Science

Pay attention to today's holocaust

I would like to comment on the April 23 reading of some of the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust. While I agree that this incident should not be forgotten, I sometimes question the real motivation. The true goal is to keep this atrocity in our memories so that it may never happen again, then why aren't these people pointing out the first crime of genocide? The only difference is that it is Hitler and Pol Pot is not. He requires a different skill set. He needs a television or the newspapers.

Kevin Cumbie
Physics

Drifting off to TV land

By Marianne Biasotti

Okay kids, it's time for This is Your Life! There are on a beautiful Saturday morning watching our favorite celebrities oh and look how mesmerized we are watching Mr. Rogers put on his blue sweater; it was just heartbreaking to watch Ps soled Halftim in Walnut Grove; and of course we saw all left wondering: Where was the crew of the S.S. Minnow get off that darn island? Yes, we are the teevee kids. Admit it or not, we all can reconfonn endless hours in front of the television, watching episodes pass before our eyes like our childhood. It's unfinanceable to imagine those archaic times our parents spoke of, but that was E.T.(Before Television), and now life in A.T. has changed us forever. Yes, it is bad yes America's families worship Television.

This four-sided being holds a plate of prominence in every household, set smack in the middle of the "family room," an already outdated term for "TV room." It is like nothing before it, drawing families together for long periods of time without argument. No conversation, no argument, either.

We have come a long way from the time when children and a family matriarch united families. The worship of God became perhaps a bit too constraining for the leisurely American lifestyle, and those divine answers weren't as quick as the escape offered through the television screen.

We now give television the respect once bestowed upon our family matriarchs, as we sit in silence and digest every word. After all, one doesn't need the patience with television that is needed with grandma.

Every culture has its pastime, and you say Americans don't have one. Well, if a pastime is the thing we most do to pass the time, then we do television. Before. Before. We now give television the respect once bestowed upon our family matriarchs, as we sit in silence and digest every word. After all, one doesn't need the patience with television that is needed with grandma.

And if we are ever accused of not having a culture, heck, just turn on the diffe and there you have Americans in living color! Are we or are we not united by those goofy holiday decorations? If you want to livens up any party anywhere with people our age, just start asking Brady Bunch trivia. Throw out a "Who was Harvey Klinger?" and people will go nuts.

The other day on television (where else?), there was a pigment reunion of the very first group of Howdy doody fans. There were oodles of goofy looking forty-to-fifty-somethings relating the significance of this freedled face puppet in their lives. They all sat in front of television at the same time every week for an hour and they were glued to it. For me.

Like worshiping a false god that will lead to doom or something worse, we are approaching the inevitable fate of "Amusing Ourselves to Death!" the title of a book about television by Neil Postman. As election day approaches, it is interesting to note the comparisons he makes between the political debates and current excuses for debates. All style, no content, ladies and gentlemen, brought to you in your living rooms.

Public discourse that used to last for hours during the Lincoln- Douglas debates now are confined to minutes where rhetoric and sound bites are thrown at us. There are no "winners" of these debates, only losers — us, the viewers.

The struggle against television for a year, it is difficult to watch it now. It is hard to even comprehend ourselves that there are matters of greater importance. For life is to live, not to watch.

(Fade out... music.)

Marianne Biasotti is a senior journalism major.

OPINION POLICY

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By Larre M. Sterling
Staff writer

The proposals for resident advisor priority registration and the Poly "P" clean-up will be the topics of discussions at the ASI Board of Directors meeting tonight. The Administrative Commission passed the priority registration proposal by a 10-4 vote last Tuesday. The proposal reads that resident advisors will register through CAPTURE with athletes. Athletes register after disabled students and before graduating seniors and graduate students.

"I never lived in the dorms myself so I never knew what an RA did," Mark Denholm, director for the school of engineering, said. "But from what I understand, there's a need for some priority, but not before graduating seniors. Maybe after priority registration there might be a lack of positions," Denholm said.

"My only concern is the snowballing effect where students are paid positions," Elsbeth Flack, director for the school of Liberal Arts, said. "It might open the doors for a lot of ill feelings and a lot of other groups in the student community might feel like they would be able to follow in their (RAs) footsteps with valid reasons of their own. I do feel for the RAs because I understand they have a difficult job and if the applicants knew that they would be receiving priority registration there might be an ulcerative motive for people to apply for the job." 

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By Amy Koval
Staff writer

A Cal Poly English senior finished in the top 15 out of more than 150 competitors in the California Cooperative Education Association Scholastic Competition (CCEA).

Julienne Edmunds, a dean's list student, entered the CCEA competition after doing a co-op with the IBM Corp. in Research Triangle Park, N.C. The competition asked students to write about their co-op experiences and explain what their jobs involved. Edmunds worked in technical communications, which may include writing manuals and instructions. One of her major projects during her co-op was writing a manual for an IBM product.

The top 15 finishers, including Edmunds, were recognized at an awards luncheon during the CCEA convention, and the essays were put on display.

Edmunds, a Carperteria High School graduate, did well in all subjects. "I liked the technicalities of math, but I also really enjoyed English," she said. This made it difficult for her to decide upon a major to declare when entering college.

Edmunds came to Cal Poly as a math major, but ultimately switched to English. "With English, she said she is "more at ease." But when she entered the major, she wasn't sure where it was going to lead her. "I thought, 'What am I going to do with an English major?'" she said. A short time afterward, she realized she could find a career in technical communications.

Although Edmunds has always liked to write, she said she never became very involved with creative writing.

"I've always written on my own, but I never tried to get my work published," she said.

Arraignments held Tuesday for about 100 of those arrested during Poly Royal

By Tara Murphy
Staff writer

The legacy of Poly Royal 1990 lived on in the courtrooms of San Luis Obispo as riot case arraignments were held Tuesday.

About 100 of the 127 people who were arrested in conjunction with the riots appeared at the courthouse. They were to be arraigned on charges ranging from failure to disperse to being a minor in possession of alcohol.

A Cal Poly economics freshman, Ann Marie Denison said she participated in the Tuesday arraignments and entered a plea of "not guilty." Denison was arrested on a charge of failure to disperse.

Although she did not want to comment about the specifics of her arrest, she did say she spoke with a public defender prior to entering a plea. A spokesperson for public defenders firm Maguire and Ashbaugh said although she did not know the exact number of cases heard, it took three public defenders from the office to handle Tuesday's arraignments.

Patrick Steinfeld, a Maguire and Ashbaugh attorney, said those convicted of a failure to disperse charge could face a sentence of 10 hours of community service and a $275 fine. Those convicted on a charge of minor in possession of alcohol could face a sentence of 10 hours of community service, a $200 fine and a one-year suspended sentence.

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Simon Winer, a 24-year-old industrial technology senior at Cal Poly, left his native South Africa in 1983 because he did not want to fight for the white-minority regime. His family, who joined him soon after he left, has deep roots in South Africa. His father is a fourth generation Afrikaner, a South African of Dutch descent, who make up 60 percent of the white population of the country.

Winer spoke candidly about what motivated his decision to leave South Africa in a recent interview with Nadya Williams.

Winer: Apartheid means "apartness" and it is the official government policy of institutionalized racial segregation in all aspects of life: housing, education, political rights, land ownership, employment, medical care, social life, everything. For instance, the (private) high school that I went to was the only one in the entire country that was completely multi-racial, but it was banned by the government, because it was multi-racial. So for a while, my high school diploma wouldn't have been recognized by the state university system. If the school had become militant, actually encouraging anti-apartheid sort of stuff, it would have been closed.

Why did you feel compelled to leave South Africa?

Two years' military service is absolutely compulsory for all white males, and when I was eligible for the draft, you went to Angola and fought for three months on active duty. Later, when the state of emergency was imposed from '84 on, troops were sent into the African townships themselves and into the so-called homelands. It was something that I didn't agree with, and I wasn't going to go through with it if I could possibly avoid it. I bailed out about a third of the way through my senior year and bought a return ticket to Europe. Since I'd already been served my draft papers, the only way I could leave was with a return ticket.

My parents emigrated a month later and we met in Europe and came over here. The whole family had been planning this for a long time and had applied for emigration since 1976. We all had our own reasons to leave. My entire family now has permanent residency in the United States.

What were the immediate implications for your family when you left?

The military police showed up at my parent's house and my sister's house, pretty much anywhere where I'd had a connection. My two older sisters didn't emigrate with us at that time, they wanted to stay.

My eldest sister was active on the student newspaper at the University of Witswatersrand in Johannesburg (the largest university in South Africa). She'd had a couple of close calls with the Security Police tailing her, and at that time a lot of her friends got taken into detention. At any political gathering or on campus or any...
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newspaper function, usually you’ll have a bunch of plain-clothes Security Police. They’re really easy to spot, maybe a video camera off to the side.

What could have happened to an active student like your sister? The usual detention procedure is that you don’t get a threat, you just vanish for a bit, usually 90 days. Parents go absolutely crazy because they have no idea whether their children are in detention or not, where they are, how they are, nothing on record. Legally the authorities are under no obligation to allow prisoners to communicate with the outside world.

My sisters finally left two years ago, after the police broke in and searched the eldest’s entire house while no-one was there. But a (white) friend of mine went into detention in ’88 for being in trade union activities in Cape Town. He really had a rough time of it. In detention, you also know that what’s pretty commonplace is that you can be released after 90 days, but if you don’t sort of fess up or promise not to do it again, you’ll just be re-released as soon as you get out, right at the gate, for another 90 days. And this can just go on and on.

But all we know blacks get much harsher treatment – beatings, and torture, by the police are routinely used, even murder. With whites, they (the police) have to be a lot more accountable, because there are people working the outside for their defense.

Incidentally, I’ve read that the tools they use while in detention are manufactured in the United States, all the shock treatment apparatus and other instruments of torture. The police would be a good thing to protest and stop.

Is there much U.S. involvement in South Africa then?

Yes, but after there was a general embargo against South Africa, the countries that didn’t seem to have many scruples about investing in South Africa tended to be Japan and West Germany. U.S. companies are still there; IBM is now called EBC, I think. The government and military use IBM computers to keep track of people. A lot of companies have gotten around sanctions, but a lot just don’t care, you know, like Johnson and Johnson, are just there pretty bluntly. Ironically, just in the last few months, several countries in Eastern Europe have stepped up trade.

Are other people leaving?

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What do you think of the leadership of Nelson Mandela, who was recently released after 27 years in prison? And what about his organization, the African National Congress?

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Do you think the present government in South Africa will accept the reality of one-man, one-vote?

There’s no way that the Afrikaner will hand over power. There’s going to have to be a revolution. It’s going to get worse before it gets better. The white regime gave up an incredible opportunity in 1983, when they rewrote the constitution. They could have made some very basic changes, like abolishing petty apartheid and improving the (black) educational system.

Fundamental to Afrikaner pol- itics is this "reform" image, and we’re going to keep getting that all the way through this new negotiating process. The "wash- out" press that you get here, and in South Africa, makes it difficult to really see what’s going on in an objective way. One of the few good sources of news is "South Africa Now" on Sunday mornings at 9 o’clock (on KCET, cable channel 8). It’s required viewing for the African history course here.

I saw a letter in the local newspaper, the Telegram-Tribune, calling Mandela a communist. How do you respond to that?

Well, anyone who criticizes the South African government, like myself, is called a communist. The government always uses that line. But communism is out. I’m not scared of it; I don’t feel that the Russians are having a particularly good time with their economy. I don’t think that there’s a Red Threat. The South African government, like the U.S., has been a big threat, they are small, and has been just a small part of the huge movement toward African nationalism and racial equality.

What do you see in the United States?

Keep the embargo and definitely divest from companies that have loopholes, but sanctions have been effective. I’d also like to see a scholarship fund set up there. That would be a really effective way to bring black South Africans here. I’d love to see it at Cal Poly, because, just like I’ve experienced, there’s no important set out of South Africa for a while and see what’s really happening in the world. White students have passports and the opportu-

Nadya Williams is a journalism senior whose three grandparents lived in South Africa at the turn of the century.
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first approached El Camino school, the principal, although excited with the idea, gave her a period during the school day because he felt students would not want to go to Friday after­noon meetings. He agreed to let her and hold the meetings and surprisingly enough we had 90 students show up," said Arvizu. "And we still have around 45 students who regularly show up. It is incred­ible."

The program has four Cal Poly student coordinators who visit the school and act as mentors to the students. "We plan afternoon meetings and the monthly parent meetings as well as field trips to high schools," said Jose Millan, one of the student coordinators. We also work with other student volunteers involved in the pro­gram. Millan, a senior industrial technology major, said he became involved in the program through Student Academic Ser­vices and has been involved for 3 years. He said he has learned a lot from the experience of start­ing a project from scratch and developing something out of it.

"You get more personal satisfaction from this that you can't get anywhere else," said Millan. "I have developed better public speaking and public rela­tions skills."

Millan, who will graduate next year, said he will continue to be involved with the program. To be a coordinator, students must be bilingual and have simi­lar backgrounds with the stu­dents they are serving or at least a sensitivity to their needs, said Arvizu. The coordinators are selected in the spring and are oriented during the summer. The program currently has two openings. Arvizu said she would like to see the program expand to other parts of the state but at the present time there are no resources to do so.

"If more projects like these ex­ist, then students would know their options and see that higher education is the best option," she said. "These students would feel motivated with a sense of belonging and be much more productive to society."

Although there is no record of the long-term success of the pro­gram, Arvizu said success to her is "if we have influenced stu­dents and parents to do some­thing with their lives."

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Eating disorders can be helped by counselor visit

By June Thompson

If you are a perfectionist preoccupied with being skinny you are not alone. It's OK. You are an OK person.

These are the encouraging words of a Cal Poly student recovering from bulimia to other students with eating disorders.

Although bulimia since the age of 13, she did not recognize the disorder until after enrolling at Cal Poly. Two years ago, a friend showed her an article about the disorder written by her bulimic sister for a Pepperdine University newspaper. After talking to her friend and contacting Rita Rich, RN, at Cal Poly's Health Center, she joined a group of Cal Poly students with eating disorders.

Before joining the group "I felt I was different," she said. But afterwards I found out that "I wasn't the only girl with problem."

Now in one-on-one counseling, she said "there are a lot of feelings I've stuffed down to my knees for a long time that are now slowly surfacing and I'm dealing with them. I like group counseling, but one-on-one is more concentrated. I'm bringing up a lot of feelings."

At a meeting of Anorexia Nervosa and Related Eating Disorders (ANRED) at French Hospital earlier this month, she spoke of a pattern of maintaining a diet, falling off a diet, binge-eating and purging.

In response to a question during the informal roundtable discussion, she said that counseling also has helped her with other problems. "There are things I like about myself. I can see the light at the end of the tunnel," she said.

The San Luis Obispo branch of ANRED is an information and referral service composed of professionals and other interested individuals in the county.

The two most common eating disorders are anorexia nervosa, which is self-induced starvation; and bulimia, which is binge-eating and purging by self-induced vomiting, or use of a laxative or diuretic. Bulimics have some of the same symptoms as anorexics, and some anorexics turn into bulimics (bulimoneurotic). (See diagnostic criteria in accompanying box.)

The causes of eating disorders are unknown. Psychological, physiological, societal and familial relationships are some of the contributing factors.

Both disorders are complex and treatable. Both can be life-threatening and fatal. Obesity, or excessive fat on the body, generally is not considered an eating disorder. It may be because of type and size of cells or a gland disorder.

Rich, the outgoing president of ANRED, said that in the last couple of years she has been treating Hispanic and Asian students with eating disorders.

Dr. Lynda Koenig, a clinical psychologist, was the guest speaker at the meeting. When treating clients she immediately addresses the fact that basic self-worth is not attached to thinness. She teaches her clients to gradually get into contact with their feelings and not negate themselves. Koenig encourages clients to risk with her and not take the attitude that "I need to please the therapist."

Most important in treatment, she said, is to "risk experiencing oneself and to learn to play purposely."

During the round-table discussion period, Dr. Koenig was asked why women in particular are preoccupied with sweets. She responded that her most difficult patient was a male addicted to ice cream.

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Role-playing adventures played out by people looking to escape

By Ann Slaughter

Trapped in the blinding fury of a raging sandstorm, the adventurers spot a glimpse of light—a grand, metallic tower. The explorers press forward to the sanctuary unaware of the hidden evil that lurks within.

Welcome to world of role-playing games.

"When people ask me what role-playing games are, I say the best way to describe them is in-theater fiction," said Jerry Dickerson, owner of Games People Play in San Luis Obispo. Most of the role-playing games consist of a gamemaster and a player. The gamemaster sets up the adventure and makes sure the rules are followed. The players, using their characters and dice, play out the fantasy. The role of the dice and an action point chart determines the character's performance in a related task.

Both the gamemaster and player read a lot of literature about the game and the characters.

"There are supplements for every facet," Dickerson said. "If you want to know more about a particular character or more about a set of rules, you can expand your reading in the program."

These games of imagination provide the participants many benefits, Dickerson said. "Typically, what you're dealing with is mostly reading, skills and mechanical skills," he said. It also increases writing skills from the standpoint that the players do a lot of reading, he said. "They see how things are structured and well-written."

The players work together to either combat the enemy or complete their quests.

"A lot of time you have intruders that once they start playing the game, (they) get a lot of skills in dealing with people," Dickerson said. "By far the most popular game is advanced Dungeons and Dragons," he said. "It was the first (role-playing game) and saturated the market. They have had 15 years of people playing it."

The players are given the opportunity to socialize and stretch their imagination.

"It's a chance to get together with your friends and it's a break from school," said Stacy Ross, an advanced Dungeons and Dragons player. "It also gives you a chance to do what you want to do. You can act like somebody totally different if you wanted when you're controlling your character's (your) limit is your imagination."

Dungeons and Dragons is set in a medieval world where a player may come in contact with powerful wizards, dragons, demons, assassins, dwarves, trolls, hobbits, elves and goblins.

The roots of the characters are based on J.R.R. Tolkien's "Trilogy," Dickerson said. And the adventures take players on quests for hidden treasures.

"How to Host a Murder" is a popular mystery game for those interested in spicing up dinner parties, he said. The guests are asked to come to the party dressed as the character in a murder plot. As the evening progresses, the players are given more information about the characters until everyone is able to figure out who the killer is, he said.

Deanna Constable, an English graduate student, recalls playing the murder mystery game. She played a movie star. The English honor society decided to play the game at their last function.

"A lot of English majors like to play with words; they like to put class together and like to work on phrases and things like that," Constable said. "It was kind of a natural thing for us to do as a group."

Constable said it is a good game for a fun evening. "Instead of going and seeing a movie, in a way you are in a movie," she said.

Dickerson puts out a monthly newsletter for those on his mailing list telling of new games and events.

The new hot game is Shadow RUN, Dickerson said. It has the murder plot. As the evening takes place in the year 2050 where big business has taken over. The setting is a grim world where cybernetic punks run everything.

Space Marine is another popular game. It is a futuristic game that involves battles in an age of anarchy.

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child counselor with the San Luis Family Therapy Center, said that 20 years ago she knew only of eating disorders, which have been documented for more than 100 years in psychiatric literature, but today she is counseling clients with the disorders. "More and more are in their 30's," she said.

She also counsels adolescents and is forming a psychotherapy group for high school girls with anorexia or bulimia. Her therapeutic techniques include role playing, assertiveness and relaxation exercises, art and music therapy, problem solving and support to promote personal growth and build self esteem.

"Eating disorders are the person's way of combating stress," she said, "with negative physical consequences. The solution becomes the problem." Holly Seaton, RN, Ph.D., said "people aren't aware of the dangers" of eating disorders. "Making them aware of the parameters and the games they play with themselves is important." It also is important to make treatment meaningful, including peer approval and conformity, and not just nutrition, she added.

Seaton is the current president of the local branch of ANRED and is in private practice. Current literature notes that eating disorders are only the tips of the iceberg. Professional medical and psychotherapeutic treatment is recommended for recovery.

Help is available. Rita Rich at the Health Center, Education, at the Health Center can refer a student to a group on campus or to a professional in private practice. The Hotline of San Luis Obispo County is another source for referral, 544-6163 (or ask the operator for Enterprise 14429.)

A student with a friend who has an eating disorder may contact Carolyn Hurwitz, Health Education, at the Health Center for information.
Female Cal Poly student was attack victim over weekend

A female Cal Poly student was attacked behind the Health Center late Saturday night, according to an investigator for Public Safety.

Investigator Ray Berrett said the woman was walking on Campus Way, the road that runs behind the Health Center, and was grabbed from behind by an unidentified male between midnight and 1 a.m.

The male, according to Berrett, asked the woman why she was walking alone at that late time, and refused to let her go. The woman struggled with the man, hitting him a number of times in the chest. After kicking him in the groin, Berrett said the man fell to the ground and the woman was able to run away. She was not injured in the struggle.

Berrett said the man is described as a white male in his late 20s, around 5 feet 11 inches tall, with short, blond hair. He was wearing a dark, unprinted sweatshirt, dark pants and light-colored shoes.

Berrett urges anyone who may have been in the area around the time of the attack to contact Public Safety at 756-2281. He also urges people to be careful walking there late at night, and to avoid walking alone.

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Affirmative actions.

Kindrick also said that universitites have the responsibility of playing a major role in community development.

"Higher education ought to have an impact on society," he said. "We need to show the world that we are helping it more forward."

Kindrick said that being a polytechnic university is an advantage, but has a need on the Cal Poly campus to reevaluate whether or not the current general education requirements can carry students once they graduate.

"Part of your (Cal Poly's) strength is its unified focus," he said. "We need to show the state what's happening is there were a lot of people out there who shouldn't have been arrested and were. Unfortunately, I think there are a lot of people out there who should have been arrested and weren't."

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