Locals share views about war

Most at SLO meeting voiced opposition to war in the Gulf

By Darrell C. Hallenbrook

In the hope that elected officials would know how local citizens felt about the threat of war in the Persian Gulf, a public forum was held at the San Luis Obispo Public Library Sunday afternoon.

Opening the forum was Supervisor David Blakely, who addressed the audience with his concerns and goals for the forum.

“Violence doesn’t justify violence,” and added that “our government is in no condition to be a policeman.”

Although most of the speakers at the forum called for a peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis, there were a handful of people who believed the United States should use violence against Iraq, because they see Hussein as an Adolf Hitler of sorts.

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Kelly VanNoord, a Cal Poly graphic communication senior, attended the forum and said she now understands the complexity of the Gulf crisis more fully, especially when she considers the opposing views expressed through the media and local activist groups.

“I am a registered democrat, yet essentially a pacifist,” she said, “and (I) don’t feel that we, as human beings, have the wisdom and the experience to lead in this way.”

False health rumors hurt local restaurant

Tacos Acapulco owner refutes food-illness claims; city officials say rumors unfounded

By Anne Buila

On any Friday night, many Cal Poly students can be found waiting in line at Tacos Acapulco in San Luis Obispo.

Some are regulars, some are first-time customers and many come after a night of drinking or work. Despite its popularity, chances are that somebody in line has heard rumors of someone getting sick after leaving Tacos Acapulco.

“We have never been able to prove anything,” said Steve Nandez, owner of Tacos Acapulco.

Poly’s soil science team triumphs in judging meet

By Meredith Rehrman

Cal Poly soil science students won four of the top seven places in individual competition to lead the university’s team to a first place finish in the Pacific Southwest Intercollegiate Soil Judging Contest.

The 15th annual event, held on a farm in rural Arizona, drew three teams from across California and the Southwest, including New Mexico State University and the University of Arizona, which placed second and third, respectively.

Brent Hallock, soil science professor and coach of the Cal Poly