Local merchants offer different opinions on recession's effects

By David Bock

Although some local businesspeople say that San Luis Obispo is immune to the effects of economic recession, other merchants point to signs around town that seem to paint a different picture.

This is the first of a two-part series about the recession's effect on San Luis Obispo.

Feb. 4 - City businesspeople give conflicting opinions about the effect of this latest economic storm.

Feb. 5 - Local government officials offer evidence that SLO is feeling the pinch.

R. James Considine, a CSU alumni trustee, is hoping to develop more than just financial help from alumni.

SAM's business seminar looks to upcoming trends

By D.A. Arviso

The Society for the Advancement of Management (SAM) kicks off its 25th annual business seminar today with panel discussions that relate to many non-business majors.

This year, they've increased from five to seven panels. It's a seminar that everyone can benefit from," Traci Ford, conference publicity chairperson said.

Today's panels include construction, management and finance. Executives from the Stoneman Corporation, Conner Peripherals, Del Monte, Chevron and other companies will speak to individual classes and answer questions.

"The people who attend panels are free to ask questions not related to the topic," Seminar Chairperson Jennifer Hetzel said.

The annual conference gives students and faculty an opportunity to learn about the latest business trends and careers. The Cal Poly School of Business offers SAM SEMINAR.

In Sports Monday:

The Cal Poly men's basketball team this weekend split two conference games with Cal State Los Angeles.

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It's time to kill the children
Steve Shapiro

As this is written, the United States has been at war with Iraq for approximately two weeks. Predictions are we have demonstrated a remarkable technical superiority in the air and have just begun to actively engage Iraqi troops on the ground.

Saddam Hussein has not capitulated, nor does it seem likely that he soon will. What is likely is that he abused allied prisoners of war and released hundreds of thousands, possibly millions of gallons of oil into the Persian Gulf, causing what could become one of the worst ecological disasters in history. It is an action with the potential to adversely affect literally tens of millions of people throughout the world.

Exercising the naive logic of western society, we reason he might be engaging in such behavior. The word rhetorical is used because we think we already know the answer. Obviously, he must be insane. Why else would he do such things? Why else, indeed, to understand why he is to understand what must be done.

First, the "why." Saddam is a proud man. To him, as to most Arab leaders, pride and image can be as important as life itself. Perhaps more so. Hussein has made clear he will do what he perceives must be done to secure his place in history as a great Arab statesman. It is currently the fashion for "wannabe" Arab heroes to take on the United States and/or its allies as one means to define their "greatness." Nasser of Egypt did it with Israel. He was never as popular as he was last a war to this day, but he died a little more than once. Each of his defeats was followed by a marked increase in his popularity. Erdogan, we think in the west, he loses and he wins.

When a man or a nation attacks civilian children, tourists, buses, cruise ships, and throw crippled old men overboard, return home toacoalises the world. The Arab calendar is not if you take on a giant or the symbol of a giant and survival, you are heroic. The ultimate measure of your actions or how brutish and bloody you may be. That is why no matter how badly Saddam loses by western standards, if he lives and is not overthrown, he comes out the winner.

And so we come to the "what" to do about him, a "what" many westerners will find painful and perhaps more barbaric than Saddam.

It's time to kill the children. His, not ours. Better that a thousand, or a hundred thousand of his men, women, and children of all ages die in Iraq than even a couple American soldiers die in the sands of the Middle East.

By the standards of almost any western society, Saddam is a barbaric, perhaps more barbaric than Saddam. That definition arises out of our own ignorance and hypocrisy. Saddam is simply being a good soldier. What Conrad in his novel Heart of Darkness and Francis Ford Coppola in "Apocalypse Now," his film interpretation of Conrad's novel, succinctly make the point. The Perfect Warrior, who perceives must be done to secure his place in history, is an Arab hero to take on the United States, and/or ours. Better that a thousand, or a hundred thousand of our men, women, and children of all ages die in Iraq than even a couple American soldiers die in the sands of the Middle East.

Of course we can. Let us think like warriors.

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History does repeat itself. Saddam said he is the new Stalin. It is an offer that spent the entire war as we did in Southeast Asia. That is nonsense. We are doing exactly that now and will continue to fight the same kind of war we fought there. We do not fight to win. We did not then. We are not now. We do not want to lose. Hussein choses to place military installations throughout the civilian population. We didn't do it, he did. The responsibili- sity for such a decision is his, not ours.

And so we come to the logical conclusion about how to deal with the Perfect Warrior. It's time to take Saddam's ultimate weapon away. It is time to kill the children, metaphorically and literally.

This is the historical precedent for such action. At the close of World War II, it was apparent that Japan was losing and would in fact be defeated. But the Japanese military machine pressed on despite the inevitable. It was decided that an invasion of Japan would be the final, crushing blow needed to end the conflict. However, it was estimated that such an action might result in 500,000 allied casualties, a price that was too painful to consider.

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Death toll from Asian quake may reach 700

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — As many as 600 people may have been killed in Afghanistan during last week's earthquake, aid workers said Sunday.

That could bring to more than 700 the number of people who were killed in the quake, which was felt from Soviet Central Asia to India on Friday.

In Pakistan, government officials said more than 300 people had died and hundreds more were injured. But that figure was expected to rise as officials receive reports from remote, mountain villages hardest hit by the quake.

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The temblor was one of the most powerful in years, rocking the region for at least one minute, seismologists said. Thousands of mud-and-straw houses collapsed, many on sleeping residents.

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DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — A Superior Court judge says another murder trial against "Night Stalker" Richard Ramirez, already convicted and sentenced to death for 13 Los Angeles killings, is a big waste of time and money.

"It will cost the court alone approximately $2 million," Judge Lucy Kelly McCabe told the San Francisco Examiner in a story published Sunday. She called the district attorney's plans to prosecute Ramirez "absolutely insanity."

Ramirez, who is charged with the Aug. 17, 1985 killing of San Francisco resident Peter Pan, 69, and the attempted murder of his wife, Barbara. He was arrested two weeks later in Los Angeles and tried for a string of murders that occurred there in 1984 and 1985. He was convicted in September 1989 of 13 murder counts and 30 other asserted charges.

A preliminary hearing on the Pan murder is scheduled for March 5 in San Francisco Municipal Court.

Bush's fiscal budget to hold few surprises

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fiscal 1992 budget that President Bush sends to Congress Friday is squeezing by the costs of war and recession — and it may be more notable for what it doesn't do than for what it does.

The intent of the ordinance is to control density and preserve "family-type living" in the town of 1,000 — not to banish itinerant workers, insists Mayor Dixie Scott. Not everyone is convinced.

In fact, the law is being challenged in court as unconstitutional by Jerry Whitaker, a group home operator who claims the hurried council action discriminates against Mexicans, denies them equal protection and violates state law.

People don't know where their bread is buttered by trying to knock off the camps," says Dick McLaughlin, a Lake Placid resident. Another resident, Joyce Wright, agrees. "They're the only people coming here to do this work," she said. "If they don't have a place to live, they'll go elsewhere."

LAKE PLACID, Fla. (AP) — Come summer, migrants work the vast fields of citrus, flowers and vegetables in the fertile Florida heartland. But come sundown, they aren't welcome in this small town.

Within four days and without dissent, the town council passed an emergency ordinance that bans migrant labor group housing inside the town's 1-square-mile-limit.

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Cal Poly alumus chosen to serve on state board of landscape architects

By Shea Roberts

"It was like the President asking you to dinner — I couldn't say no," said Cal Poly alumus Greg Burgener.

Before he left office, former Gov. George Deukmejian appointed Burgener to the California State Department of Consumer Affairs, Board of Landscape Architects. Burgener graduated from the School of Architecture and Environmental Design with a 1975 bachelor of science in landscape architecture. He is licensed as both a professional and four public members, according to Jeanne Brode, executive officer of the Board. Burgener will serve as a public member.

Burgener's duties will include attending the five scheduled meetings for this year and participating on a standing committee involved with either education or enforcement, said Brode. Burgener attended his first board meeting on Jan. 25. He said, "I am looking forward to the challenge of making sure that the consumer, as well as the landscape contractor, is adequately represented on the Board.

"My background and location were deciding factors," he said. "It is unique to have a degree in landscape architecture and be licensed in general and landscape contracting. The governor also wanted to have representation from the Central Coast."

The Board of Landscape Architects licenses and regulates landscape architects in California. It is comprised of seven members — three professional and four public members, according to Jeanne Brode, executive officer of the Board. Burgener will serve as a public member.

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Poly adds new technology minor

The program is available to non-engineering students who want to understand technology and its impact on business and society.

By Amy Reardon

A new minor designed to enhance students' understanding of technology and its relation to business and society is now offered at Cal Poly.

"My image (of an integrative technology student) is a business student who will be working in a manufacturing corporation," Levi said. "The idea is to give the student a technological background, "something beyond management," he said.

Golden Cunico, head of the industrial technology department said, "It's (the minor) to give folks a background in the technology area, how it relates to society and its social impact.

"Coming out of a polytechnical university, students need to know about technology. They also need to know the impact it has on the world," said Cunico. The minor curriculum is comprised of low-level engineering classes as well as courses in business, psychology and humanities. The outline also includes courses in industrial relations, human resource management, behavior in organizations and communications.

"This minor is unique in that it is interdisciplinary — there are classes offered from each of the departments," said Cunico. We tried to develop the minor based on those kinds of things that people outside the technology and engineering areas need to know about technology." Levi said the program is highly successful. "We've seen many students yet." He said he had more than 10 students who plan on completing the integrative technology minor so far.

NATION

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The $8.1 trillion spending plan contains slight increases for health programs for the poor, boosts anti-drug efforts by 11 percent and proposes ending the second largest shortfall ever.

But the blueprint contains no dramatic new blows at what will be a $281 billion federal deficit, the second largest shortfall ever.

It has no major anti-recession package and no big-bellota initiatives aimed at education, the environment, or many of the nation's other problems.

The budget does cut defense spending from last year's $298.5 billion to $295.2 billion, a reduction the White House and congressional leaders agreed to last fall with the fading of the Cold War.

However, that figure doesn't include the mounting expenses for the war with Iraq, which the administration has said might cost $45 billion if it lasts for three months.

Democrats are already complaining that the plan is unimaginational and will have to put more emphasis on social and other domestic efforts.

"This could be another difficult budget year," Senate Budget Committee Chairman James Sasser, D-Tenn., said recently. "We've got a domestic shadow presidency."

Among other highlights of the Budget Committee Chairman.

"Future spending debates will mean a battle of ideas, not a bidding war," Bush said in his State of the Union speech.

From Bush's perspective, his restrained proposal is a result of the five-year budget deal struck last year that limits spending in an effort to begin shrinking the federal red ink.

The budget gap for fiscal 1991 — which runs through Sept. 30 — is expected to hit $316 billion, 897 billion higher than the 1986 record deficit.

Further constraints come from the recession, which means the government will collect less revenue, and the burgeoning costs of the Persian Gulf War.

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Bush has announced that for the budget year beginning Oct. 1, he will seek $11.7 billion for anti-drug programs, mostly for law enforcement efforts against dealers. That's an 11 percent increase over the $10.5 billion being spent this year, well above the year's 4 percent increase in inflation.

The president also will ask Congress to aim $3.3 billion at mass transit programs, lobbyists say, about a $50 million increase.

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Mustangs, Golden Eagles split pair of games

By Meredith Rehrman

Senior forward Tim Knowles drives to the basket in Friday's game. Knowles finished with 16 points.

For the Mustangs, Friday night was their fourth consecutive California Collegiate Athletic Association win, which put them at 4-2 in league play and 12-8 overall. They were tied for first with UC Riverside, Cal Poly Pomona and Cal State Bakersfield.

The speed of the Golden Eagles wasn't enough on Friday to break down the Mustangs' strong defense. Cal Poly came out in the first half with front line players leading the way. Seniors Stuart Thomas and Tim Knowles each had eight points in the first half, which helped give the Mustangs their biggest lead of 14 points over the Golden Eagles.

That lead was cut down to six, but the Mustangs' solid offensive play helped secure their lead. Thanks to a three-pointer by junior guard Bill Arther with six minutes to go, the Mustangs took a 31-25 halftime lead.

The Golden Eagles got points on the board by shooting a lot of time at the free throw line, shooting 11 for 12 in the first half. The Mustangs shot only four from the line but sunk 16 out of 22 shots from the field.

The second half turned out to be dominated again by the Mustangs, who extended their lead to 18 points. The Golden Eagles made a few runs to get within 12 points of the Mustangs, but their run and gun type of play was not a threat to the Mustangs' defense.

"They're a difficult team for us to play against because they're so athletic and so quick," said Head Coach Steve Beason. "But the Mustangs didn't have any trouble containing them. We just had to keep it simple and play our game."

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The Mustangs will remain at home this weekend when they take on Chapman College Friday at 10 p.m. at Mott Gym, and on Saturday when the Mustangs host the Newbury College. The Mustangs are 7-1 in CCAA play and 12-9 overall. They play away on Friday against Chapman College but will be home at Mott Gym on Saturday night against Cal State Dominguez Hills. Tipoff is at 8 p.m.
RUGBY

From page 5 have been higher if the weather conditions had been better. "The wet conditions slowed us down a little," Mallard said. "It was payback time today. It's down a little," Mallard said. "It came in the first few minutes. The wrong with today's performance was in the first few minutes. Lowe could have touched the ball down himself, but opted to give Swiftich the score. "I told him if he was following me again I'd pass it off," said Lowe, who last weekend had been in a similar situation with the try. Darrell Steinbeck scored next to the Bruin goal line seconds after he intercepted a pass at the try. The Mustangs pressured close to the Bruin goal line seconds later after another of Lowe's penetrating runs.

An attempted clearing kick, supposed to give the Bruins a chance to advance from well inside their 22-meter line, wobbled into the arms of Mustang winger Robert Roos who split two defenders and scored Poly's fifth try.

Eight-man Nick Massman got into the scoring with about 10 minutes left in the game when he took a pass from Beerk Schultz and shook off a couple of would-be tacklers before racing in for the try. Schultz had a part in many of Poly's first six tries and would have gone unnoticed in the scoring column, save for a 50-yard run to the front corner of the end zone three minutes from the end to round out the scoring. The Mustangs will battle the University of Arizona Friday and Arizona State Sunday. Both games will be played at Mustang Stadium.

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For more information about the lockers, call 756-2321.

By Cheryl Albertsen

RECESSION

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January was slower than usual. She said that at the lodge, for example, there has been a decrease in transient business — business generated from weekend tenants — compared to last year during the same period.

Lynch said the attitude of many association members is one of concern. Some have specifically expressed apprehension about what they perceive as an increased number of business closings, citing TRW and JC Penney as recent examples, Lynch said.

Rileys department store President Tom Donat, who is also president of the Downtown Merchants Group, an association of downtown business owners, said the closing of Penney's is not as bad as it seems, though. He said the Rose State Street department store chain, has already agreed to fill the spot, which he said should provide new vitality to the downtown.

Donat said that Rose's commitment is proof that SLO will pull through the recession. That, combined with the fact that SLO is special, he said.

"What makes us vibrant, what makes this town slick is that it's unique," Donat said. "It's a beautiful place. It's got an aura; wonderful. And if we keep those wonderful things alive, we'll perpetuate."

When asked if he admitted that sales at the downtown SLO Rileys were down, he said that expansion of the store — including a new parking structure and additional floorspace — outweigh any losses.

"In terms of what we've been able to do, we've had a good year," he said.

Carroll Pruett, president and chief executive officer of the 11 Mid-State Banks in SLO County, agreed with Cox that SLO has in the past been virtually recession-proof. But this time things are different, he said.

"This recession will have a much more pronounced effect on SLO County than in previous years," said Pruett.

He said that during earlier recessions SLO was protected because it was a rural area with a diverse economy. But now things have changed.

Pruett said a 40 percent population increase in the county since 1980 has made the county more urbanized. This factor, combined with the broader base of this recession and the war with Iraq, will make it harder for businesses to go back at it, he said.

"It's going to be very difficult to obtain loans for speculative ventures or for land development because the lender, given the current environment, has no idea and is unable to forecast when that might pay off," Pruett said.

What many consider an example of one such speculative venture is the proposed French Pavilion, which was slated for construction on the empty fenced-in lot on Higuera Street. The pavilion, which was to have three levels and contain an example of child's sculpture, was slated for construction on the empty fenced-in lot on Higuera Street.

Lori Mehan said the opening of the May Company department store in Santa Maria in October impacted her business as much as the recession, because many of her Arroyo Grande and Pismo Beach customers now go there instead.

"I think the biggest problem we have as far as the recession is our area is the one between our ears," Leonardo said. "I believe there's some effect, but I don't think it's really an economic one. I think it's more mental." Leonardo said his biggest drop in business was about a year ago when building stopped. He said truck sales have still not recovered fully.

Janet Mehan, manager of Mervyn's department store on Madonna Road, which is one of the county's largest employers, said business last quarter was down about 6 percent from the same quarter the previous year.

"We had a successful Christmas season, but it has slowed down in comparison with past years," she said.

The drop-off has not affected Mervyn's hiring schedule, an employees recently received raises, Mehan said.

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buses are meeting the needs of the community and if there are further information about the city's bus system. The city is interested in knowing whether its transit manager, Harry Watson at 549-7221.

Babysitter class offered in SLO

The San Luis Obispo chapter of the Red Cross will offer a Babysitter Class on Feb. 16 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Sheriff's Station Auditorium located on Highway 1 in San Luis Obispo. Babysitters, age 11 and up are invited to attend the course and learn rescue breathing, the Heimlich maneuver, emergency phone numbers, how to handle a police officer and fire emergency and many other things that will help them become more efficient babysitters. A registration fee of $5 will be charged, and each participant will receive an American Red Cross SuperJones certificate. To enroll, please pre-register at the San Luis Obispo Chapter of the American Red Cross. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the class is filled.

Art Center holds grand opening

The Central Coast Watercolor Society, in affiliation with the San Luis Obispo Art Association, announces the grand opening ceremony of the "Aquaticus" exhibition on Feb. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will be held at the SLO Art Center at 1010 Broad Street in San Luis Obispo. Over $1,500 worth of awards will be presented at this time. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the artists and view the exhibition.

Free HIV testing offered in SLO

The San Luis Obispo County Health Department offers an anonymous HIV (AIDS) antibody test for no charge. This is a blood test which determines if a person has become infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. Anyone who thinks they may have become infected can take the test. No identification information is asked. The testing is available on a walk-in basis (first come, first served, with a limited number of individuals seen each clinic at 2381 Johnson Ave. Testing is offered during the following hours: Mondays from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. and the second Wednesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m. Please call 549-6540 if you have further questions.

Food class held for romantics

Pismo Beach recreation will be offering an adult cooking class during the winter season. The first, "Romantic Cooking," will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at the Shell Beach Veteran's Community Building at 230 Lovers Way. Scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m., the class will teach how to cook up that special meal for your sweetheart, just in time for Valentine's Day. The fee is $10, payable in advance to the City of Pismo Beach. A $2 material fee is due to the instructor at class time.

Singles cooking class to be held

"Cooking for Singles" will be offered in two sessions. Session I will take place Feb. 7, 21 and 28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. It will be held at the Shell Beach Veteran's Community Building. Students will learn how to shop, batch cook, time save and entertain. Each class will be limited to 20 participants. The fee is $15 per session. Additional information not only to the first-time house owner but also to the more advanced houseman or woman. Classes will be offered on the first Tuesday of each month beginning Feb. 7. The classes will be limited to 20 participants. The facilitator is Denise Youngman, a four-part weight management class. "Getting fit for life," will be offered on Tuesdays Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the conference room of the San Luis Obispo Recreation Center. The class will review the role of nutrition and exercise in weight management, obstacles to losing weight and cholesterol and fats. Both classes are limited to 20 participants on a first come basis. For more information or to pre-register, call 546-5737.

Medical classes to be offered

The San Luis Obispo Medical Clinic will offer two free classes during the month of February. "Caring for your back" will be offered on Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the physical therapy department at the San Luis Obispo Medical Center. This class will review back care basics and will help you prevent pain and injury. The facilitator is Denise Youngman. A four-part weight management class. "Getting fit for life," will be offered on Tuesdays Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the conference room of the San Luis Obispo Recreation Center. The class will review the role of nutrition and exercise in weight management, obstacles to losing weight and cholesterol and fats. Both classes are limited to 20 participants on a first come basis. For more information or to pre-register, call 546-5737.

WORLD

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The U.S. command said the air campaign had passed the 40,000-sortie mark and some 10,000 more missions than had been flown against Japan in the final 14 months of World War II.

For more information, students may call the San Luis Obispo Art Association at 549-7221. For more information, call 549-7221.

American military sources say the Air Force began mounting "counter-stud patrols," warplanes flying over areas where Iraq's ballistic missiles are believed based, ready to swoop down when a launch is detected on radar. One of the patrols appeared to be flying on Tuesday.

One of the Iraqi missiles, fired toward Riyadh, was intercepted by U.S. Patriot defense missiles, but debris fell into a residential area of the Saudi capital. The Saudi Press Agency said 29 people suffered injuries.

Two other missile shots struck central Israel and the occupied West Bank, but no injuries were reported. The U.S. command said one Scud missile had hit a house in Jordan, but Jordanian officials disputed that report.

American strategists have made the hunt for Iraq's elusive Scud missiles a top priority. Although militarily inimportant, the missiles are perceived as a threat to Israel, and the U.S. military is eager to remove them from the Gulf War.

Countless warehouses in the desert coast of Iraq port of Basra, just 30 miles north of Kuwait, have been destroyed by allied bombers, an AP correspondent Salah Naawari reported from the Iraqi capital.
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By Moorea Warren

Students will bear the hammering of nails and buzzing of saws as they go to classes over the next few years.

Cal Poly, by far the largest-sized campus in the California State University system, will be busy with construction and renovation projects well into the 1990s.

The new Student Services building, located across from the new Faculty Office Building, should begin construction in mid-April. The project, which will cost between $12 and $13 million, will take about two years to complete. The building will stand where the handball courts are now.

The process of deciding what needs to be built or remodeled is complicated, Gerard said. In simplified terms, the enrollment in each program is projected.

The hours of lectures and labs are tallied and the number of upper- or lower-division courses are calculated. These numbers are then converted into space requirements, he said.

For a project to go from conception to completion can take at least seven years, Gerard said.

The building that took the longest time to complete was the Robert E. Kennedy Library. The construction of the library, which took 11 years, was prolonged because of funding problems, he said.

There are a number of ways a project can be funded, Gerard said, of which include general obligation and revenue bonds.

General obligation bonds are passed by the public. The state then sells the bonds to banks with the promise to pay back the money.

"It works much like a home mortgage does," Gerard said.

Revenue bonds are the university's responsibility to pay. This type of bond is approved by the legislature and not by a public vote.

Private donations and fund raising money are also other ways to pay for projects.

Sixty percent of the money for the new Recreation Center is being provided by the state. The other 40 percent will come from the students through a fee increase already in place, Gerard said.

A project that will come to a halt in May is the Performing Arts Center. It is funded by the state, the city of San Luis Obispo and the Performing Arts Foundation, he said.

However, the state money will run out in September, Gerard said. See EXPANSION, page 12.

HEALTH BEAT

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Health Beat continues from that uncertain future that war provides. These losses provoke grief; a normal emotional reaction. Although painful, grieving is a healing process. Many people misunderstand grief. They believe that crying or showing emotional pain is the sign of weakness so they keep it inside or blame it on expression it on others. Some people simply deny grief. But feeling the pain helps deal with the loss. Restraining grief can be harmful. Releasing it heals.

There are many emotional and physical responses to loss. Everyone experiences grief differently and at varying intensity. Common responses are grief:

Physical Symptoms — You may experience a lack of energy, change in eating habits, restlessness, trouble sleeping, anxiety and even panic. You may develop a cold or minor infection.

Dreams and Emotions. Emotional conflicts often show up in our dreams. You may find yourself dreaming about the lost person, causing either comfort or upset. Grief and Depression — You may feel isolated, lose meaning in your life, withdraw from others and feel helpless.

Anxiety — You may feel unprepared and nervous about the future and even think about giving up. Knowing what to expect after a loss can make it easier to cope or help someone else. Grief usually runs its course in stages, none of which are absolute. I prefer to use the term "task" instead of stage. The tasks of mourning are:

1) Accepting that the loss is real and often difficult. You may hold on to old objects or memories, or pretend that the loss is unimportant. You may even believe you can gain back the lost person or thing. But time makes the loss more real and the process will eventually confront you.

2) Feeling and releasing the pain follows accepting the loss. Trying to avoid pain is natural but it only prolongs the process. Some people try to escape the pain by keeping too busy to feel or think, but it will eventually appear in one form or another, such as depression or physical illness. Remember, pain is necessary for healing. It is during this time that one must understand the value in help and sympathy from others. Releasing the pain through crying helps. Releasing anger through a tantrum — either alone or with a friend or counselor — can help. Laughter works too, as it releases tension caused by anger and fear. The rule here is don't hold it in.

3) Adjusting to the Environment can take a long time. Loss changes your social and/or physical situation. Allow yourself to maintain your emotional health.

Common responses to grief:

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Makin' mud pies

(Mike Hahn works on the addition to the Business Administration and Education building. Construction began last week.)
CONSIDINE

From page 10 run out. A bond measure critical in order to be accredited, some the center. Proposition 143, did to teaching classes when Considine is one of 24 trustees to the center. "I probably worked closest to the Performing Arts Center) need not pass in November. 

"Most people only think of when they think of alumni, but alumni can serve in an advisory capacity, provide access to their networks and act as advocates for the CSU," he said. 

"As the alumni trustee, I hope to develop alumni support in these areas, as well as help increase alumni financial support to the CSU," Considine said. 

When asked if faculty should be required to do research in addition to teaching classes when the research is not funded, Considine responded, "The primary thrust of the CSU is a teaching faculty, but the secondary thrust is for schools to be accredited. In order to be accredited, some research must be done. I do not believe that good teaching and good research are mutually exclusive." 

"I am extremely excited about his appointment as alumni trustee," said Steve Shockley, Cal Poly's director of alumni relations. "I probably worked closest with Jim when he was president of the Cal Poly Alumni Association." 

Shockley said Considine is extremely well organized. He not only established goals and objectives at the beginning of his term but was sure to follow through with them. Considine was good at communicating what work needed to be done, Shockley said. "And he never hesitated to roll up his sleeves and help." Considine is one of 24 trustees on the CSU governing board. He is also on the governing board's finance committee. 

"I am going to keep an open mind and if anyone has a possible (budget) solution, I would like to hear it," he said. 

Considine is senior vice president and a principal in Ryder, Stilwell Inc., a Los Angeles-based investment and asset management firm. 

He was chosen to be alumni trustee by the CSU Alumni Council, which is comprised of alumni from 20 CSU campuses. The appointment does not require any further action by the governor or the state senate.

EXPANSION

From page 10 he said, "We believe the next one will pass." 

Conservation of the new Child Care Center could begin as soon as this fall. 

The Cal Poly Foundation will probably receive a commercial loan to complete its construction, Gerard said. 

He said there are between 50 to 60 projects a year, varying in cost, that facilities deal with. 

Last week construction on an extra bus space began in front of the University Union. 

Other planned projects include a new dairy science building to house a milk processing plant, a new poultry unit and an expansion of the University Union. 

Expansion of the U.U. will not begin until construction of the Recreation Center is finished, said John Stipicevich, assistant director of operations for ASI. 

The existing U.U. was designed in 1967 and completed in 1971, according to a report issued by Scott Moran, facility development chairperson. 

The report said the U.U. was undersized for the campus population when it was opened, and the campus population could reach 25,000 by the year 2000. 

Ideas for the expansion include adding a third floor or building an annex and building a new U.U. 

The two most likely options are adding a third floor or building an annex, Stipicevich said. 

Building a new U.U. would be expensive and probably beyond the university's means, he said. 

In order to build a third floor onto the existing union, a seismic upgrade and a new engineering study would have to be completed, Stipicevich said. 

The approximate 14,500 extra square feet would be a complete meeting space for 200 campus clubs, a lounge for studying and some office space. 

If the university decides to build a new U.U., its location would be on the northwest side, somewhere between the University Union and the Rec Center, he said. 

There are two committees working on the expansion. Operations and Facilities Meetings will be held throughout the quarter.