Famed mystery author shares tips for success

By Lori Chceseman 
Staff Writer

Mary Higgins Clark, in Chumash Auditorium Wednes-
day to a hushed crowd of stu-
dents, faculty and San Luis 
Obispo residents.

Clark, author of best-selling 
books like, "Where are the 
Children?", "While My Pretty 
One Slept" and "A Stranger Is 
Watching," was the 14th par-
ticipant in Cal Poly's 
WriterSpeak program. The 
program is co-sponsored by Cal 
Poly Arts and the English 
department.

Dressed in an elegant 
purple suit, Clark is a petite 
woman with a kind smile, not a 
person one would expect to tell 
tales of mystery and murder. 
See CLARK, page 5

Reminder...

Because this is the traditional Poly Royal weekend and National 
Designated Driver Week, the CHP will be setting up sobriety checkpoints in 
the SLO area. Be careful out there.

Significant others...

A Counseling Center 
psychology intern explains 
the most common problems 
students face in their 
relationships.

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Phi Kappa Psi fraternity 
put on 1-year suspension

By Amy Beardon 
Staff Writer

Phi Kappa Psi fraternity has 
been put on a one-year suspen-
sion for violating alcohol policy at 
their "Return to the Womb" party held three weeks ago.

Phi Kappa Psi fraternity members 
and their dates left the date 
party the night of Saturday April 6, after what seemed like a fairly 
standard function, said Phi Psi 
President Scott Peling.

Since then, 14 students who 
attended the party have been 
treated for bacterial or viral 
blood infections on cuts and 
incisions they suffered at the 
party. Two of them later under-
went surgery for the infections: 
one was placed in intensive care 
and almost died from septice 
shock which spread infection 
throughout his body.

Phi Kappa Psi fraternity has 
been placed on a three-quarter 
suspension by Cal Poly and will 
be on a one-year probation fol-
lowing their suspension. The 
reason for the suspension, ac-
cording to Walt Lambert, coor-
ninator of Greek Affairs, is be-
cause minors were drinking al-
cohol at the party, which violates 
the university drinking policy.

The party, held at the Phi 
Kappa Psi house, located at the 
corner of Phillips Lane and 
California Boulevard, was the 
fraternity's second annual 
"Return to the Womb." To enter 
the party, the guests climbed 
through a window, slid down a 
slide onto the floor covered with 
wall-to-wall with mattresses. The 
mattresses were covered with a 
tarp. On the tarp was a mixture 
of red Jell-o, oatmeal and 
marshmallow cream. 
See PHI PSI, page 6

Riot anniversary evokes concern

By Tracy Condron 
Staff Writer

For one weekend last year the 
"sleepy town" of San Luis Obispo 
turned into a battle zone. Bottles 
were flying, helicopters loomed 
overhead scoping the scene and a 
strengthened police force tried to 
restore peace and tranquility on 
that Poly Royal weekend.

As we embark on that very 
same weekend, one year later, 
there are mixed feelings as to 
what is going to happen.

Many anticipate this weekend 
will run smoothly. Students are aware of the 
police warnings, and many seem 
to be taking them into account 
when making weekend plans.

Some even think this weekend is 
some sort of a test which will 
determine the possibility of 
reinstating Poly Royal.

"My friends and I are all going 
home this weekend," said Tim 
Caudill, a nature resources 
management sophomore. "This, 
of course, won't alleviate the 
problem, but I hope everyone 
thinks really hard about the 
repercussions this weekend could 
have on ever getting Poly Royal 
back.

Some people feel this weekend 
will be like any other weekend, 
however, some are concerned 
people may come from out of 
town hoping to find a good time. "There are people expecting 
something, who are coming here 
to make something happen," said 
Craig Visser, a construction 
See POLY ROYAL, page 8

See CLARK, page 5

Well-known mystery novelist Mary Higgins Clark autographs a copy of her book for business senior 
Maida Grijalva after the author's presentation Wednesday at Chumash Auditorium.

Tiny bubbles ...

Social science senior Amy Harway blows bubbles to the 
rhythms of Noodles during U.U. hour on Thursday.

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"Return to the Womb" party violates university alcohol policy. Several 
students treated at Health Center for injuries from the event.
Poly Canyon is for cattle

In response to the April 23 letter by Monte Reinders, I suggest that you check the facts before you run off at the mouth again.

Your assertion that cattle are the problem in Poly Canyon is ludicrous. Cattle are seldom in the canyon. They are only held there during calving season. When they are, I guarantee they help more than hinder which is just the opposite of what you do with your bike. Your answer to this problem is to "eliminate the cows from Poly Canyon." This suggestion shows your brilliant mentality. Cattle are more of a right to be there than you do.

The land was deeded to the state to further develop ag education, not mountain biking, or did you realize that you were attending a university at all?

The land is, in a sense, a large classroom. I don't ride my horse through your classroom, don't ride your bike through mine.

In regard to your comment about locking the gates. If I ever saw you jump a gate, I'd take issue with you. You and others are the reason the gates and fences are in sad shape throughout the canyon.

I commend riders that adhere to rancher's requests. I know you few are out there. Irresponsible riders are a nuisance to students and a liability to the state. There are other trails around - quit bitching and use them. And stick to what you know.

Joe Silveira

The Poly 'P' program works

In response to Jeff Krump's article titled "Poor Condition of Poly "Patriotted to Patriotism," the untidiness of the 'P' has little to do with your allegations of intentional neglect induced by patriotism. The correct reasons for the current state of the 'P' are as follows:

- The paint barrels Poly donates weigh more than 40 pounds each. Neither the commission nor the university wish to see volunteer club members injured due to rain conditions.
- Officials refused to authorize attempts at clean¬ing the 'P' due to liability and safety factors.

Furthermore Jeff, you question if the program is doing its job. As the commis¬sion chair, I am responsible for forming the subcommittee which implements this program. The members of the subcommittee work to their full potential to maintain a most effective program.

To conclude, I invite you to discuss this matter with me, as you should have before writing the past article.

David Outwater
Adm. Commission.

On April 5, 1991, Mustang Daily printed a speech by George Bush wherein he asked Americans to thank the Almighty God for His assistance in the "Gulf Crisis."

Are we, Americans, supposed to consider President George Bush as a new man now? Is he now going to start praying for the integrity to stop telling lies? Is he going to pray that the bureaucratic mess that oppresses Americans will be brought to naught so that we could be free again? Is he going to start praying for the build¬ing of moral character in both this country's in¬dividuals and its political leadership? Does he pray to ask for an end to his desire to be an international policeman?

George's plan for a new world order was nourished greatly by the outcome of the Gulf Crisis and this new world plan is not conducive to the attainment of the blessings that come about when the laws of Christ's Kingdom are fol¬lowed. And, believe it or not, Christ's Kingdom is a government just like Bush's new world order only George's government has an ever increasing number of laws that affects a much greater por¬tion of a man's life than does the theocracy I mentioned.

George Bush just seems to want to enforce more control on the governments of the world and have them fear him and his big, bad and resentful international police force. (And he's doing a good job at it too.)

Jesus Christ verbally scolded religious and political leaders, like George Bush, by calling them "wolves in sheep's clothing." Liars and hypocrites.

George Bush is a liar. Before election day in 1988, I remember promises of "no new taxes," "no new gun control laws," and a promise of a "kindler, more gentle nation." Hogwash! Now we are more restricted on the importing of rifles and good of Reagan is back in the ring giving his support to pass stiffer legislation against buying any new gun.

The government that Bush helps to represent recently instituted new taxes. This is a good thing for Uncle Sam's sake because he wouldn't be able to continue being our Big Brother if he wasn't constantly nourished financially and spiritually by the non-questioning, "patriotic" citizens in this country. And he just finished out-bullying another bully. That's not more kind and more gentle than the U.S. has been in the past, it's the same as it has been since, at least, the Civil War.

I don't know of any examples in the Bible wherein God blessed a government run by a pack of greedy, power hungry liars. However, there are examples of Him raising up political entities (entities similar to the United States government) now over societies that conduct themselves like the way American society con¬ducts itself now.

A lot of Iraqi people were killed as they fought for something other than their own per¬sonal happiness. Just remember that when the United States attacked Iraq "in order to liberate Kuwait," Iraq's first move was not to defend their supposed foothold there, rather, they per¬petuated an ongoing war against Israel until they were forced to defend the Kuwait/Iraqi bor¬der.

I find it profane and comical to imagine George sitting at a desk in his study in the White House writing a motivational speech to beseech Americans to thank the God of the Christian Bible for our government's win in the Middle East.

Many may have been allured into joining in with George Bush's enthusiasm because of his religious, stars-and-stripes worshipping speech and that's too bad.

Jeff Coffman is majoring in computer science.


**World**

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**Nation**

Opposition eyes NRA

handgun law support

**State**

Wilson wants cuts in

welfare and higher tax

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force to back an order that Iraq withdraw its

security forces from the Kurdish enclave in

northern Iraq, where Kurdish refugee camps are being set up by the allies.

"We've got a fluid and dynamic situation

and we will respond to it in a fluid and
dynamic way," said Army Gen. John R. Gal-

vin, the Supreme Allied Commander in

Europe, who is in charge of the refuge-

protection effort.

He spoke to reporters in the Turkish bor-

der settlement of Silopi, the staging ground for U.S.-led effort.

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***FDA seizes juice over disputed 'fresh' label***

WASHINGTON (AP) — Can orange juice

made from concentrate and water be called fresh?

The Food and Drug Administration says no. The makers of Citrus Hill Fresh Choice

orange juice, made from water and concen-

trate, say the federal guidelines aren't clear.

Nevertheless, the FDA, in what it said was

a new-gets-tough policy on labeling, seized

12,000 gallons of Citrus Hill Fresh Choice on

Wednesday in a suburban Minneapolis su-

permarket warehouse. The agency said the juice was mislabeled and confusing to cus-

tomers.

"The FDA has a longstanding policy at

face value."

The FDA has a longstanding policy that includes sweeping changes in state

welfare and higher tax

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SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Pete Wilson,

faced with an unprecedented $12.6 billion state budget shortage, proposed a new

spending plan Thursday that includes a

boost in California's sales tax of up to 1 cent and cuts payments to welfare recipients.

His revised budget would shift about $2.3

billion worth of programs to the counties, in-

cluding mental health, indigent care, public

health services and in-home senior citizen care. Although Wilson said it had not yet

been decided how these programs would be

financed, funding apparently would come largely from locally approved tax increases.

"We are going to get through this reces-
sion and take the steps necessary to stabilize state spending," the Republican governor
told a Capitol news conference.

In oblique criticism of his predecessor, former Gov. George Deukmejian, and law-
makers of both parties, Wilson derided the "protracted negotiations, horse trading and

jockeying for partisanship advantage" of budgets approved in recent years. They did not have the guts to face the reality that this state has been papering over fiscal problems for years, Wilson said.

Wilson has proposed a $55 billion budget for the 1991-92 fiscal year that begins July 1

that includes sweeping changes in state programs. Among other things, his new

budget would cut state welfare grants to

1988 levels, freeze Proposition 98-driven guarantees of funds to public education and

suspend cost-of-living increases for all state programs.

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Union favors return

confined illegal aliens

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The police of-

ficers who work in California's prisons have

suggested deporting incarcerated illegal aliens as a way to help balance the state's

budget.

"Why should our taxpayers foot the bill

for housing a criminal of a foreign country?" Don Nowey, president of the California Cor-

rectional Peace Officers Association, said

Wednesday.

Even if California pays other countries to

take back their refugees, he said, it would still save "thousands of dollars per inmate per

year," he added.

Officials estimate there are 7,000 illegal

aliens in California's prisons, about 7 per-

cent of the total. It costs the state about $22,000 a year to provide for each inmate, so

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Also important is learning to "fight fair," which means keeping the problem on a level that can be worked through, rather than attacking the other person for who they are. Otherwise, Wright said, there is no room for negotiation.

Sometimes, Wright said, the best decision for two people is to break up, especially if there is any physical or emotional abuse involved. This can be a difficult solution for those caught up in an emotional upheaval.

Wright said the best way for couples to work out problems is to seek counseling together. Using effective problem solving, they may help build a healthy relationship, which she defines as "two people who can maintain their individuality and self-esteem, yet want to be partners and share and enhance each other."

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But as her smooth, flowing voice rolled through the auditorium, her life unfolded and revealed a storybook background.

"My fairy godmother must have given me the gift of storytelling," Clark said.

Born in the Bronx, New York, Clark was widowed at age 36, leaving her as the sole supporter of five children.

Clark had written scripts for a radio show and several short stories, but it was not until the publication of five children's books, including her newest release, "Loves Music, Loves to Dance," that Clark left; the aspiring writers and people in her life.

"My fairy godmother must be here today," Clark said, as Agatha Christie and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle "walked" through the auditorium, giving her the gift of storytelling.

"Take a look at your bookshelf and see what you like to read," Clark said. "That's what I've done."

She said that each morning, she would awake before her children to write.

"Take a look at your bookshelf and see what you like to read," said Clark, whose library is filled with mysteries by authors such as Agatha Christie and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. "Then write about what you know and put your stamp on that kind of story."

"When I pick one of her books up, I can't put it down," Moflatt said. "She's a master at her craft."

Suzanne Moflatt, a journalism junior, has read all of Clark's books, including her newest release, "Loves Music, Loves to Dance," which were on sale.

"I love the way she writes," Moflatt said. "She gets inside her characters and brings them alive."

"When you get discouraged, when the paper is blank, when you think nothing will come, just think two magic words: royalty checks."

"It's like she becomes the character," Angst said.

"Loves Music, Loves to Dance," are available in the El Corral Bookstore.

The next WriterSpeak guest will be poet Adam Hill. He will speak Wednesday, April 22, in Science B-5 at 7 p.m.
Student Health Services said Moore came to the Health Center Monday after the party where he was seen by a doctor for several scratches, a few small punctures and some bruises. "The cuts looked clean," Nash said. Moore told the Health Center he received the cuts and bruises from jumping up and down and falling on the mattresses, Nash said.

"He came in again Monday. He looked obviously in bad shape," Nash said. Nash said Moore was slightly in shock this time, and the wounds were clearly infected. The Health Center called an ambulance and Moore was rushed to Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center.

There he was placed in intensive care. His condition worsened Monday night, and he was placed on a ventilator. "Apparently he nearly died that night," said Nash.

"His hands were infected (cut the skin)," Nash said. Nash said, however, that many cases (the blood infection from the same episode. Initially, the fraternit...
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Nash said, "anybody in a first year bacteriology would tell you that it was a perfect environment for the bacteria and viruses to flourish in."

Nash said the Health Center patients reported they were "dancing on top of all these things (mattresses covered with the tarp and the Jell-o-oatmeal-marshmallow mixture). Some patients were eating themselves on this stuff. We also were told they were partnering up to throw themselves onto the floor.

Nash said "Another woman had a six inch laceration on her leg. She went to the emergency room that night and had it stitched up. She showed up Tuesday with an infection, too."

The rest of the injuries were mostly puncture wounds on fingers," Nash said. "We treated most, not just one spring," Nash said.

Poli ng said he did not see the mattress or the spring that caused the wounds. He also said that to his knowledge, none of the injuries at the party were walking around with bloody feet.

"Everything had seemed normal. It was a good party, not out of control. Then this came out," said Poling.

"Whenever there is a fraternity party, people are injured, and alcohol is present. That's a red flag for the university," Poling said.

"We had alcohol at the party," Poling said. "No it was not being served to minors. In no way was alcohol a factor in the injuries."

"Because they (Phi Kappa Psi fraternity) had to prove themselves to the university, they have to adhere to the same alcohol policy as the rest of the campus clubs," said Lambert.

Lambert said the incident was reported to President Baker, who passed it down to the Student Affairs Department.

"Because they (Phi Kappa Psi) have to prove themselves as a student club, they have to adhere to the same alcohol policy as the rest of the campus clubs," said Lambert.

Lambert said the fraternity's suspension has nothing to do with the injuries, only the alcohol.

"Phi Psi's suspension, which is effective immediately, will last through the rest of the winter quarter."

Lambert said the suspension means the fraternity can not participate in any university-sponsored activities, for example, Greek Week coming up in mid-May, exchanges and Interfraternity Council-sponsored rushed. Lambert said that following the following year, the fraternity will be on probation, meaning, "they have to mind their P's and Q's."

"That makes them (Phi Kappa Psi fraternity) liable. We could have had a real tragedy," Lambert said luckily everyone is OK. Lambert also said he has heard no word from parents about the alcohol or the suspension.

"In fact, he said he has not received any phone calls from angry parents regarding the incident."

Lambert did say he has spoken to some upset members of Phi Kappa Psi.

Poli ng said, "I'm just trying to get some answers. We got a letter in the mail this weekend informing us that we were on suspension." Poling said Lambert told him the suspension was a collaborative decision between himself, Alan Yang, assistant dean of Student Affairs and Ken Barclay, director of Student Life and Activities.

Poli ng said he has met with these Student Affairs administrators many times."

"I'm just trying to get some answers. We got a letter in the mail this weekend informing us that we were on suspension."

It turns out the (suspension). I know the university is just doing their job. I'm trying to get an appeal going. I'm willing to work with them," Poling said. He has set up a meeting with Hazel Sont, vice president of student affairs, to discuss appealing the suspension.

"This is the first time we will have met with someone who is willing to be at the table, the suspension will hurt the fraternity in several ways."

In addition to being banned from all campus activities, Phi Psi can't go through IFC rush. "Rush is the lifeblood of all fraternities. It's essential to all houses." Losing rush privileges, he said, "is a very stiff penalty."

IFC President James Fitzgerald said fraternities usually acquire about 35 percent of their yearly membership through IFC rush. "If members graduating, and no incoming pledges, the house will have to "suffer a big loss.""

"IFC is picking them up all the way. We're going to help them with alcohol education and risk management. We don't want them to fold as a fraternity," said Fitzgerald.

"I think they're strong enough that they'll bounce back. They are one of the older fraternities, and they're real strong. Their advisors are key to their fraternity and community. They have a good reputation, and they have always striven for excellence."

"This was kind of a shocker to them. But Phi Psi goes to work hard to help them out," said Poling.
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**STATE**

It costs about $150 million a year to maintain illegal aliens in prison. The association also made four other proposals to help balance the budget. These include a ban on any new sentencing laws and devising a mix of determinate and indeterminate sentences that could reduce time served for non-violent criminal offenders.

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The association also offered to accept Gov. Wilson's proposed wage freeze and suggested $20 million could be cut from the prison budget in "administrative fat."

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"The system is doing its part in keeping a low profile this weekend by not having exchange. Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Chi have arranged for their fluorescent exchange to be on Thursday. Delta Sigma Phi is having its formal on Friday in Pau Robles instead of in San Luis Obispo and Phi Delta Theta is having a parents' brunch.

Steve Torella, social chair of Sigma Nu fraternity, said his fraternity specifically has not made plans for this weekend.

"This isn't an opportune weekend to have social exchanges on," he said.

Some departments on campus already have held an open house-type function and have made sure to stay clear of this weekend.

Last weekend the School of Agriculture hosted Poly Agri View, and there was an open house in the School of Science and Math on April 13-14.

David Keeling, a chemistry professor, helped coordinate the chemistry department for the open house.

"We invited high school seniors who have been accepted to Cal Poly and their parents, as well as students at Cal Poly. We had a very thorough academic orientation," Keeling said.

In the past, Cedar Creek apartments have had their share of the problems with crowds when Poly Royal rolled around. During Poly Royal 1989, a riot broke out at the complex and some of last year's rioting spilled over into the Cedar Creek area.

"We had a lot of kids trying to keep the peace and the police were pulling them off," said Serena Paulus, Cedar Creek manager. "There was a lot of traffic, and we had to increase security.

"We will have our regular security guards here this weekend because the police have come to the conclusion that there will be no riots," Paulus said.

Sain Luis Obispo Police Capt. Bird Topham feels this weekend will not be a problem.

"In terms of our approach there's not going to be anything different," Topham said. "We are bringing in a couple more men, but we are not expecting anything."

Topham had some advice to anyone having parties.

"Have them out of town," he laughed. "Try to understand — don't let them get large and out of control. It's a bad idea any time to have a party, and it's a terrible idea this weekend."

SLO Police Chief Jim Gardner said he did not wish to elaborate on the details of the increased patrols.

The California Highway Patrol is not expecting trouble but will be conducting a roadside sobriety checkpoint this weekend.

Public Affairs Officer Frank Stricker said the checkpoint is scheduled for Friday night, but he would not release the location.

"We don't expect any trouble," Stricker said. "But we're going to be ready with a troop of men."

The checkpoint is in conjunction with National Designated Driver Week, but conveniently coincided with "Poly Royal" weekend, Stricker said.

"Hopefully, everyone will be smarter, and things will be on a smaller scale (than last year)," he said.

Stricker said an average of 800 cars are checked at CHP checkpoints and "we usually come up with a half a dozen arrests or so."

He said the checkpoints serve as "positive public contact" for the CHP. "But we're serious about removing drinking drivers from the road."