**Police bust student credit card racket**

Four Poly sophomores charged with 16 felony violations

By John Hubbell

The sagging national economy didn't hamstring a group of Cal Poly students from running a multime- dy -size credit card binge that netted them everything from a jet ski to a computer.

It helped, however, that more than 1,000 other credit card users were getting stuck with the bills.

Prosecutor Matt Carrigan of the San Luis Obispo District At­ torney's office filed 16 felony charges Friday against four second-year Cal Poly students.

The charges ranged in severity from possession of stolen property to computer and credit card fraud.

All will face arraignment later this month or in early February, but remain out of custody and enrolled at Cal Poly, said San Luis Obispo Police Detective Craig Gill.

Named in the indictment are: 18-year-old ornamental horticultur­ e sophomore Robert Schwartz; 20-year-old math major Steven Schwartz; and 19- year-old physics sophomore Jason Lopez, all of Park Hill.

The group of illegal antics began in October 1990 after the start of their freshman year, said Steven Schwartz, who helped to mastermind the scheme.

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Gill said this was the first time his office had ever handled a case involving an organized computer fraud.

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Gill said while all victims were selected at random throughout both California and the nation, one Cal Poly student had her card stolen and her ac­ count fraudulently charged.

Gill said the suspects would occasionally employ an even simpler method — writing down a customer's credit code as it appeared.

**Summer quarter still on despite string of rumors**

By Dan Shargel

Contrary to rumors circulating around campus, the summer quarter will not be canceled, says Robert Koob, vice president for Academic Affairs.

"Summer quarter is on," Koob said Wednesday. "It's never been thought to do different. We have a commitment to it, and we're going to do it."

Roger Swanson, associate vice president for Student Affairs, agreed. "The rumors are over the top," he said.

Both Swanson and Koob said they didn't know the origin of the rumor but would like to know. About the rumors, Swanson said. "It's really strange. It would be interesting to study where those all came from."

But Koob was pessimistic. "I don't have any way to trace it," he said. "What could we do?" Koob's reply was a wishful thinking, Koob said. "I have no idea where it could have come from."

"The rumor didn't come from anyone in the administration, Koob said.

"There's certainly been no discussion to that end. No one in the administration has ever said it."

And summer quarter won't be another casualty of last year's statewide budget cuts, Koob said.

"The money's already in the bank (for summer quarter)," Koob said. "And I don't think we could even legally not hold it if we wanted to."

Cary Laird, a mechanical engineering senior, said he heard the rumor from friends.

"All last year people were pretty much saying that summer quarter would be canceled," he said.

But, apparently, some rumors are true because Laird said that the latest rumor he's heard is that summer quarter would be in session.

Reeves estimated could be as high as $18,000.

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ASI regroups after fall failure

By Debbie Aberle

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Other beneficiaries of the referendum would have included the Row Boat club, the seven student councils and a leader­ ship "rope's course."

The fee would have also covered staff wage increases, in­ surance and a general inflation­ ary increase for ASI.

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Flood waters recede in 3 Texas counties

ANGELETON, Texas (AP) — Flood waters began receding Saturday throughout the Houston area, where some 450,000 people had been urged to evacuate.

Authorities in two of the counties reported more than $4 million in damage. Heavy rains in North and Central Texas last month caused flooding on the Colorado, Trinity and Brazos rivers that was blamed for at least 15 deaths, none in the last two weeks. An estimated 2,500 homes have been damaged.

In Brazoria County southwest of Houston, many people remained out of their homes Saturday after 18 days of flooding along the Brazos River and Oyster Creek. About 150 people spent Friday night at shelters, County Judge Jim Phillips said.

Millionaire charged for having wife killed

ATLANTA (AP) — A millionaire has been charged with arranging to have his estranged wife, a model, killed.

James Sullivan, 50, faces federal charges for having wife killed. But a federal affidavit in the case has said that Sullivan was in a divorce settlement with his ex-wife, who lived at separate addresses in Atlanta at the time. Sullivan later moved to Palm Beach, Fla.

Officials Sunday weren't optimistic they would find the downed Bell 206 Jet Ranger any time soon in the murky channel up to 70 feet deep.

The pilot of the chartered chopper were on a sightseeing flight after drinking at least once in the past year.

— More than 50 percent of college students report drinking after at least once in the past year.

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Workers build education from ground up

Poly construction popular as project for local laborers

By Allison Gatlin

Alan Johnson sits on the back of his black and red pickup truck, enjoying his lunch break. He wears a black cowboy hat and a blue, plaid flannel work shirt, which offers some warmth against the biting wind.

Most noticeable are his boots — high metal-laden hiking boots. They are hard plastic, lined with foam-rubber, he says. The soles — several inches thick — give them the look of platform shoes.

"These are the best work boots for me," he says. He needs protection they offer "if a steel beam falls on your feet, you're out for awhile," he says.

Johnson is one member of the crew working on the remodeling and new construction of the Engineering East building. While most students have seen — or heard — the work that has been going on there since June 1991, few know much about those doing the actual construction.

In his five weeks on this job, Johnson has been doing steel-stud framing and drywall, constructing new room partitions inside the building. He is working with Maino Construction, the general contractor.

While Johnson's work will be evident to anyone who uses the completed building, the efforts of John Hall, Dan Furtado, and Mike Pereira will go unseen. They are installing and upgrading high-mountain heating, ventilation, conditioning and plumbing in both the remodel of the old building and in the new portion.

"There is a lot of work no one sees," said Mike Lee, foreman of the project for R.P. Richards, the mechanical engineering sub-contractor. "The only thing of work you can really see is the metal roof (of the new building)."

An example is the glass pipes used in the acid waste disposal system recently installed by plumber Dan Furtado.

No matter what their particular jobs might be, these workers said they enjoy working on campus.

"When it comes to the shop that there's a job at Cal Poly, everyone's hand goes up," said John Hall, a sheet metal worker for R.P. Richards. "They're great and accommodating for us."

Construction worker Alan Johnson takes a break from working on the Engineering East building to have lunch in the back for local laborers.

Johnson likes working on campus because it is closer to his Pismo Beach home. He usually has jobs in Santa Barbara.

One problem they all have had to face here has been working around the students, both with classes and traffic through the site.

"It's tough to get your job done and accommodate classes," Hall said. They have had complaints from professors about construction noise, and have been doing everything they can to work around the classes, he said.

The workers have also had to deal with keeping students out of the construction site, despite warning signs. "It's for safety," Johnson said. "If someone gets hurt, we're liable."

The problem is more evident at the beginning of the quarter, said Mike Pereira, a carpenter with R.P. Richards. Changes made during the winter break, such as new partitions blocking off areas within the building, created confusion for returning students.

"When they left, it wasn't like that," Furtado said. "When they came back, there it was. They were confused."

Wheelchair access was also a problem, Furtado said, until students learned where new entries were located. He also said that putting up temporary walls and partitions has helped.

Working on campus has also given these men a chance to observe the student population.

"There's a lot of people, I didn't think it was so big," Johnson said. Furtado also commented on the number of students. "It's amazing to see all these students getting degrees — where will they go?"

Hall knows from experience that the answer to that question isn't always obvious. He has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

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America need not worry: there is no recession.

By Dax Jonas

"Top Washington officials released an economic report yesterday which proclaims the recession is coming to a close. The report, by the nation's top economists, provides hope for a country which has been in a severe recession for the past two years."

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The media, sadly, has too much influence on society. If ignorance and misinformation perpetuate domestic violence, then education can help end it. Contact a battered women's program to come to your workplace, school, place of worship, or community group.

Missed opportunities have served to keep men from taking responsibility for their actions. Despite the prevalence of domestic violence, the crime is not receiving the attention it deserves. As communities, and indeed the nation, focus on violence in our states, they ignore the fact that for millions of women, the most dangerous place to be is in their own living rooms. Education can inform people about the services available, but more importantly, it can provide the link to ending abuse by changing attitudes.

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Commentary

Education is necessary to end domestic violence

In the United States, a woman is battered every 15 seconds by her husband or boyfriend. Battering causes more injuries to women than automobile accidents, rapes and muggings combined.

Domestic violence crosses all boundaries — age, race, religion, socioeconomic level. It is neither a private problem nor simply an issue to be addressed through social service channels. Rather, people everywhere — in homes, schools, the workplace, religious institutions, the media — need to learn more about domestic violence.

Misconceptions about domestic violence help to perpetuate the problem. For example, as with rape, often the victim of abuse is held responsible. "Why did she stay?" people ask. A woman may be trapped in abusive relationships in a number of ways. She may not have any economic independence — the house and credit are in his name, he might prevent her from having a job or force her to give him her paycheck if she is employed.

The batterer may insist she not talk with friends and family, isolating her from the support network she needs to stop the abuse. Most shelters are underfunded and short on space, thus requiring them to turn away women who seek their services.

Leaving an abusive partner doesn't necessarily mean a woman is safe. In fact, her life may be most at risk as she's in the process of ending the relationship. Thousands of women are killed each year as a result of domestic violence.

Focusing on why women stay takes attention away from the source of the problem: men who batter. Battering is about power and control. Traditionally, it has been acceptable for men to maintain control over women using whatever means were necessary, including violence.

I believe that batterers are in need of help and deserve the assistance that can be provided. Most shelters are not able to take children, and women may be understandably reluctant to leave them with the abuser. Most shelters are understaffed and short on space, thus requiring them to turn away women who seek their services.

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The behaviors that comprise a domestic violence problem are those that a person who is being battered might experience. On the editorial staff.

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This article was submitted by Diane Davis, who works with a shelter for battered women in Washington D.C.

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Green party recognized by state
Environmental, social responsibility lead group's goals

By Ann Garrett

With close to 500 members in San Luis Obispo County and 1 percent of the state's voter population, the Green party is vying to become California's third-strongest party.

The Green party obtained official recognition Jan. 2 as the state's sixth party — the other five are the Democratic, Republican, American Independent, Libertarian and Peace parties.

California is the second state, following Alaska, to officially recognize the Greens, said Orval Osborne, Green party member, chemist and local environmentalist.

The Green party received approximately 80,000 votes in last year's gubernatorial election, Osborne said, which was 1 percent of the total votes cast.

In California, that qualifies for official party status, he said.

The name "Green" stands for the environment, Osborne said.

"Eco-wisdom is what everybody should think of when they think of the Green party," he said.

Osborne said Greens believe it is necessary to establish a society that can sustain itself ecologically in the future.

There are a lot of technical solutions to the ecological problems, Osborne said.

He cited cars which can get 100 miles per gallon and solar panels that can be made more cheaply than roofing tiles.

"But PG&E and the oil companies would lose," he said.

So to make technical solutions political solutions would make winners and losers, Osborne said.

That being the case, the Green party espouses a new, grass-roots political attitude.

"Right now we have a government by elites, and what we are trying to do is go to the bottom of the pyramid, grass-roots democracy."

"We hope to field candidates and influence parties, no matter what party they are in," he said.

The Green party espouses social justice and personal responsibility.

Members advocate nonviolence, decentralization of power and community-based economics. Greens assert a need for global responsibility.

"You can't separate war from environmental issues," said Osborne.

"Peace and environmental issues are inextricably linked."

The Green party started in Western Europe in the mid-70s, Osborne said.

They are elected to parliament in 16 European nations. They are active in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Japan, Mexico and New Zealand.

The first U.S. national co-ordinating body met in 1987, Osborne said.

The international organization is a loose confederation, he said. "There is kind of a sharing of ideas."

There are 400 registered Greens in San Luis Obispo County, Osborne said.

He said the party in San Luis Obispo has "suffered some attrition" and he feels that has to do with the democratic process.

"I have been to some meetings where I felt like we did not get anything done because we were so adamantly about our democratic process," Osborne said. "We did not want to have anybody be a boss."

Marvin Heskett, Cal Poly chemistry senior and Green party member, expressed a similar view.

He said he liked to identify with Green party politics but said that in meetings he attended "they wanted to get somewhere to faith and hope alone."

Heskett was introduced to the Green party in Germany. Osborne is optimistic about the party.

He said there is a need for a strong third party and believes the Green party will be that party.

Green party meetings are held at 5 p.m. on the second Sunday of every month at Pete's Southside Cafe, Osborne said.

Poly offers new extension classes

By Rick Shandley

Cal Poly's Extended Education Program is kicking off winter quarter with a selection of new courses.

Starting Jan. 13, more than 15 new courses such as "Job Search: How to Get Results," will join language classes in conversational Chinese and Russian, to offering a new "Information class in "Microsoft Works on the Macintosh" and personal computer maintenance and repair are also new this quarter.

"We are trying to cater to the university, students, and business," said Debbie Hammerich, secretary for the Extended Education Program. "The only other place for people to get additional training is Santa Barbara or San Francisco."

Extended Education is "like a little campus within a campus," Hammerich said. Concurrent enrollment, which is allowing regular Cal Poly students and those who wish to take advantage of transferable units, she said.

People likely to take extension courses are, "people who are working, or between jobs, people who want promotions and skills they didn't have before," said Patricia Ann Stoneman, associate director of Extended Education.

"We have retired people who just want to learn about different things," Hammerich said.

"I get calls from people who just bought a new computer, saying, 'the store did all they could, so what should I do? What class would you suggest?" Stoneman said.

Poly offers new extension classes
SLO merchants survive so-so holiday season

By Bryan Bailey
Staff Writer

Despite the national recession and predictions of low holiday sales, many San Luis Obispo merchants claim that the 1991 holiday buying season was less than the disaster some may have expected.

David Garth, the executive director of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce, said that retailers "didn't expect to have a season like 1989," a good year for holiday shopping.

"They got what they expected -- they didn't expect it to be terrific," Garth said.

Myki Kefury, manager of Patrons on Monterey Street, said that she looked for "an average season. I knew things weren't going to be spectacular, but in regards to last season we did about the same."

Doug Ettelman, manager of Moondoggies Beach Club, was more fortunate.

"Our season went quite admirably," he said. "We were pretty pleased with the sales."

Ettelman said that Moondoggies actually approached the holiday season "expecting to do well. We went into the season believing that we weren't going to be off too much in sales."

"We actually had a better year than last year," Ettelman added.

"They were kind of waiting for the sales right before Christmas," Hooker said. "I think that's why everybody waited so late to start buying.

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RECRUITING

The Cal Poly Placement Center continues to help students find jobs in spite of the poor job market.

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doubled from last fall with over 1,200 students scheduling appointments with prospective employers. Caccese explained that more students are becoming aware of the services the center offers.

Besides interviewing with recruiters, students can utilize JobLink, a computerized employment information service.

JobLink can help a student locate a specific job in over a dozen fields. Karen Severn, career resource librarian, highly recommends the system, but not to all recipients.

"Engineering students are particularly happy with it," Severn said, "but we also have a lot of alumni come in to use the service."

Larry Tom, a Fall 1991 mechanical engineering graduate, found the service to be quite useful.

"The system turned me on to companies in my immediate area," Tom said. "I don't have a job yet, but at least I know I have a chance."

Another alternative is kiNexus. Only a few months old, kiNexus places students who register on-campus interview on a nationwide databank allowing employers to contact students without visiting the campus.

Despite the tough job market, Caccese said the companies recruiting seems to have remained steady.

She said she hasn't seen any specific fields drop out, only a general pull overall in jobs available.

STATE

The crash occurred about 1:50 p.m. Saturday when the chopper investigated the site of a 3,000-square-foot oil spill in the straight, where the Sacramento River meets San Pablo Bay north of San Francisco Bay.

It went down just east of the mouth of the Carquinez Bridge and about 100 yards from shore.

The Coast Guard identified one of the missing passengers as one of its officers, Lt. Carl Johnson, 31, of Concord. Also on board were two state Fish and Game employees — Greg Cook, 44, of Napa, and Sonia Hamilton, 35, of Vallejo — Gengler said.
Athletics dropped the ball on trust

Almost two months after the night of celebration surrounding the I.R.A. athletics referendum, a seemingly unimportant thought lingered. On the night of Nov. 15, in a narrow vote, decided to trust the athletic department. This, in this case, centered around a $43 fee increase spread out through three years.

Unfortunately, the athletic department didn't give a nickle's worth of trust to students throughout their secret, back-door campaign.

Instead, the department's campaign managers, the Mustang Boosters and Block P (the student-athlete group) decided against trust.

It was too much of a concern.

Too much to lose.

If they plotted ... quietly.

Throughout most of the whole ordeal, both campaign organizers held up Swiss flags. We will inform, but not interfere.

And nobody could flagwave like Jim Sanderson, executive director of fund raising for Poly.

Sanderson told Mustang Daily a week before the referendum.

"I think it's more important that the students, after Mustang Daily there are meetings that Block P members will be terminated in December with no severance pay" if the referendum fails.

"We just got beat by a better team," he said. "On the men's side, we got outclassed fairly well.

The Bakerfield Roadrunners are the defending NCAA Division II national champions, and they showed why Saturday.

The Broncos' 58-38 lead at intermission was only the second time all year the Mustangs have been behind at halftime.

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**SWIMMING**

By Julie Pacheco

Poly's Peter Berger swims in the 100-yard breaststroke Saturday.(Photo by Steve Pierce/Mustang Daily)

Eight of 13 events on their way to victory.

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Three of the first where Cal Poly was fielding a full team.

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The Mustangs' second match it really hurt us.

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The last two matches of the night were won by Poly's Seth Woodill and Aaron Castrell.

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With a 10-0 run to begin the second half, but they made only 7 of 25 times and shooting only 25 percent from the free-throw line.

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The Mustangs' season for the Cal Poly swim team was unusual.

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Two free throws by Kirkeby cut the lead to 58-46.

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The Mustangs finished 24 of 32 from the line, and the Broncos finished 36 of 48.

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The Mustangs also suffered a potential.

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Significant administration, communication, and industrial experience are also desirable qualifications.

In addition, the next dean should be well-rounded and have a scientific background, he said. "I'd like to see someone who understands industry as well as government. Someone to represent us on an international level," Montecalvo said.

The candidate must be able to recognize new programs and the opportunities that exist for Cal Poly graduates, he said. "Poultry consumption is higher than all other agricultural meat sources combined. The school needs resources to move forward in that area," he said.

Montecalvo said the new dean must also be politically minded. This person should be able to meet with legislators and successfully lobby for financial resources, he said.

Committee member Bill Kellogg, a teacher educator from the university-wide selection committee, said the next dean should have the ability to attract new money for the Cal Poly School of Agriculture. "I think the person we select as dean should bring the School of Agriculture closer together. As tough times come upon us, we need a leader who makes decisions for the good of the school," Kellogg said.

A desirable candidate is one who can gain the respect of the agriculture industry in California, he said.

**WORKERS**

From page 3 marketing firm CSU Long Beach and began working in electronic and began working in electronic and began working in electronic and began working in electronic sales and marketing in Orange County before deciding to move to the Central Coast — away from the crowds and hectic pace.

Once here, he found there wasn't much in sales and marketing for him to do, so he entered construction.

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Local group targets problem of voter apathy

By Christy Crosby
Staff Writer

The League of Women Voters is taking action against voter apathy in San Luis Obispo County. "People aren't interested in voting and aren't interested in issues," said League President Beverly Hund. The league is concerned that 50,000 potential voters in this county do not register to vote and that one-third of those registered do not vote, Hund said.

There is no way of knowing specifically how many students vote, said County Clerk/Recorder Mitch Cooney, who is in charge of voting registration and election coordination. Once students live off campus, they are mixed in with the general public, Cooney said. If students want to vote, there is a simple first step to take. "You determine your residence. If you consider your home with your parents, you need to register there," said Cooney. "If your home is in your family or here in San Luis Obispo." Once residency is decided, students can fill out a voter registration form and mail it in. "Even if you move just across the street, you need to reregister," Cooney said. The registration should be received at least 20 days before an election.

League member Marj Johnson said, "People move around so much, including students, and they forget to reregister to vote." Problems like this were cited at a meeting held by the League of Women Voters last Wednesday.

The meeting was held to discuss lack of voter participation and possible solutions. The object of the meeting was to brainstorm why there is voter apathy and what can be done about it, Hund said.

More than 10 representatives of county-wide groups attended the meeting. Johnson said. They were broken into groups of 10 to 12 people to brainstorm on the issue. "This was simply to get together a coalition. I sat at a table with a media representative, a Republican Women's Club representative, two people from the Republican Central Committee, a minister and a high school student," said Carr Parndo, a member of the league.

"We split everyone up purposefully so they would hear the problems and complaints of other groups and institutions," said Hund.

One of the perceived problems a group came up with is the length of the ballot and back-ground needed to vote intelligently. A possible solution gained at the meeting was to provide information on issues in Cliff's Notes style rather than in lengthy descriptions.

The League of Women Voters is holding a second meeting Tuesday, Feb. 18 to organize and prioritize the brainstorming of the initial meeting.

The league will then put together a comprehensive list of perceived problems and solutions.

"We're really anxious to get something developed that's useful and practical for people," Hund said.

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danger of losing his $3.9 million Palm Beach mansion to foreclosure, and Mrs. Sullivan had refused to sign a $1 million note to pay off the mortgage.

The indictment announced Friday by U.S. Attorney Joe Whitley focuses on the telephone calls as a way to bring the case under federal jurisdiction. Murder charges are normally prosecuted by states.

One count of the indictment also charges Sullivan, 50, with causing someone else to use and carry a firearm in violation of federal law.

Atlanta Police Chief Eldrin Bell said the case remains open and indictments against others may be sought. He and Whitley would not say whether the Paltoon County district attorney would seek a murder indictment.

The gunman has not been found.

Richard Labin, Sullivan's attorney, said he would fight the charges. "There really isn't much evidence to indicate that he had anything to do with this," Labin said.

If convicted on all charges, Sullivan could face up to life in prison and up to $1.25 million in fines. No court date has been set.

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"It started out small this summer," Schwartz said. "I tended to get a lot of computer equipment and stuff. The next thing I knew, Steve (Sun) had a washer and dryer. I don't know how he got that." Lopez said he wasn't aware of any illegal purchases others may have made.

"We had our own little group, and then there were other little groups that weren't related other than they were doing the same thing," Schwartz said. "Some guys have been in this for nine to 10 years now. I know of people (guys) who have been in this for nine years or 10 years now. I know of people who are still going on doing it."

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Detective Craig Gill speaks to local media about details of a credit card scam involving four Cal Poly students. Gill displayed equipment confiscated from the students during a Friday press conference.

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