**Under construction**

The Rec Sports center is being built faster than originally projected. The center should be completed in 16 months, rather than the proposed 20 months, said Rick Johnson, Rec Sports coordinator. The center, scheduled to open in January of 1993, will cost close to $15 million, Johnson said. Students will fund 56 percent of the project.

**Students may change plea in fraud case**

By John Hubbell

Two Cal Poly students facing felony credit card fraud charges are scheduled to be arraigned on fraud charges today — again. Robert Schwartz and Stephen Sun, who were to be sentenced Monday, may reverse their guilty pleas today and plead innocent.

Federal and local investigators allege Schwartz and Sun masterminded a yearlong, multi-thousand-dollar shopping spree by electronically manipulating stolen credit cards using unsophisti­cated computer hardware. The two are alleged to have made several lavish purchases on the stolen cards while living in their Sierra Madre dorm rooms during the 1990-1991 academic year.

Schwartz, a 19-year-old ornamental horticulture sophomore and Sun, a 22-year-old math sophomore, each pleaded guilty to one count of credit card fraud last month and were scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Christopher G. Money Monday morning.

Weeks ago, San Luis Obispo District At­torney Matt Kerrigan recommended to Money that Schwartz and Sun be placed on probation for three years. Kerrigan also asked that the two be required to pay restitution and be prohibited from using computer equipment during probation.

After Money met in chambers with lawyers Mel­vin de la Motte (representing Sun) and Jeff Stein (standing in for Schwartz's lawyer), a new arrange­ment was set for today at 8:30 a.m. in Division C of the San Luis Obispo Superior Court.

**Science and math kicks off showcase event**

By Cynthia Nelson

**By Staff Writer**

The School of Science and Math student council will offer educational opportunities, career possibilities and entertainment during its Science and Math Days.

The SOSAM student council invites everyone to come and bear experts in related fields and enjoy such things as hamburgers, root beer floats and a magic show.

Lectures will be given on topics such as forensic chemistry, DNA and AIDS tonight, Wednes­day night and Thursday night. Entertainment, food stands, showcases and other fund-rais­ing events will begin on Friday and conclude on Saturday.

SOSAM student council is putting on Science and Math Days to showcase its faculty, stu­dents and facilities to incoming students and their parents, said Dave Outwater, SOSAM's stu­dent council chair. This exposure was lost when Poly Royal was canceled, Outwater said.

"We want to show what Cal Poly offers as far as science and math to students that are ad­mitted for next fall," Outwater said.

In addition, the lectures were designed to include students cur­rently enrolled.

"We wanted to encompass every realm of the sciences and math to get everybody involved," Outwater said.

When Poly Royal was can­celed, SOSAM's professors were concerned for their school and students, said Karl Van Ummer­sen, Science and Math Days chairman.

"They wanted something to go back to the educational theme of Poly Royal when it first started," he said.

Therefore, the lecture series was started last year for educa­tional opportunities of SOSAM students. The lectures provide information from Cal Poly profes­sors and other experts from the fields of science and math, Van Ummer­sen said.

One lecture, Straight Talk On AIDS, will be given by Dr. Donald Smilovitz, Thursday eve­ning's keynote speaker. Smilovitz is an expert on sexual­ly transmitted diseases.

The lecture will be held at 9 p.m. in Fisher Science, room 287, and will cover exactly what the virus is, how it can be contracted and how to avoid it. A question­and-answer session will also be held for this and all lectures.

Before the entertainment and fun starts on the weekend, two other featured speakers will be Lee Coombs, a professor in the chemistry department and Raul Cano, a Cal Poly biology profes­sor.

Tonight, Coombs will discuss forensic chemistry, which invol­ves crime investigation by using DNA Fingerprinting, Van Um­mer­sen said.

On Wednesday, Cano will dis­cuss his work of isolating DNA from the dinosaur egg while working on Cal Poly's campus. His work has been featured on the television program "Nova."

More information about dif­ferent lectures and events will be posted on campus. Seminar agendas will be available in the SOSAM's dean's office and in science and math classes.

An information booth will be open on Friday and Saturday.

**SCIENCE & MATH DAYS**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**
- Forensic Chemistry, 7:30 p.m., Bldg. 52 - E 47
- Physical Therapy, 8:30 p.m., Bldg. 52 - B 5
- Human Genome Project, 9 p.m., Bldg. 52 - F 27

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**
- Co-op Opportunities, 7 p.m., Sandwich Plant
- Endangered Kangaroo Rat, 7:30 p.m., Sci. North 213
- Ancient DNA Isolation, 9 p.m., Fisher Sci. 230

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**
- Lasers: The Light Fantastic, 7 p.m., Fisher Sci. 289
- Chiropractic Careers, 7:30 p.m., Fisher Sci. 287
- Opportunities in Biotechnology, 7:30, Fisher Sci. 286
- Straight Talk on AIDS, 9 p.m., Fisher Sci. 286

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- Classroom Visits, Campus Tours, Academic Counseling - meet in front of Faculty Office Bldg. East

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- Magic Shows, Open Houses, Tours, Academic Advising, Math Contest.

**Agriculture...**

Students involved with Cal Poly's Sustainable Farm are having a field day to show the public what they're all about.

**Death penalty...**

Why Robert Alton Harris is paying for our sins.

**Opinion...**

The editors of Mustang Daily say enough is enough: No more golden handshakes for outgoing university bigwigs.
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Silence of the Lambs' sequel tied up in court

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Less than a month after "The Silence of the Lambs" swept the Academy Awards, two powerful Hollywood players are engaged in a bitter court fight over the film's sequel.

Universal Pictures and producer Dino De Laurentiis both claim they hold negotiation rights to produce a potentially lucrative follow-up to the serial murder thriller.

The Silence of the Lambs," which won the best picture Oscar, has grossed more than $180 million to date in theaters and video stores. Jodie Foster won the best actress Oscar for her performance as FBI trainee Clarice Starling; Anthony Hopkins won the best actor Oscar for playing killer Hannibal Lecter.

A sequel must be based on the next Lecter novel written by Thomas Harris. The book is expected to be completed within the next year and a half. Harris wrote "The Silence of the Lambs" and "Red Dragon," the latter made by De Laurentiis into the 1986 movie "Manhunter."
By Elizabeth Magill
Staff Writer

Sustainable agriculture, involving new dimensions in food production, is blooming at the Student Sustainable Farm at Cal Poly.

Cal Poly's practice of sustainable agriculture embraces alternatives to conventional and normally accepted forms of agriculture, according to the Agricultural Education magazine.

Mark Rosato, a graduate student in international agriculture development, is a farm manager at the student farm. He recognizes the need for further education about today's farming practices.

To fill that need, the farm is holding an educational field day focusing on changes in agricultural production and marketing. The event will be held at Cal Poly on May 9.

Rosato said people should be educated about proper farm procedures. He said some managers are misusing chemicals without realizing the long-term effects on the consumers and the land.

“The Environmental Protection Agency has found health problems with chemicals that are still being used on crops,” Rosato said.

After the origination of the farm in 1989, a Student Sustainable Farm Club was created in 1990.

Doug Williams is the current faculty adviser for the club. He said that due to consumer health consciousness, there is a growing demand for organic products.

“We need to teach students techniques to grow crops without pesticides,” he emphasized.

The crops from the sustainable farm — herbs, garlic, sweet peas, lettuce, artichokes, radishes, turnips and carrots, to name a few — are grown on 1 1/2 acres and sold to farmers markets and to a Cuesta co-op.

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By Steve Pierce
Mustang Daily

A student works on a compost pile at the Cal Poly sustainable farm.
Fraternity president responds to article

I would much rather one of my peers arrive home safely than get behind the wheel of a car while under the influence of alcohol and be ticketed or, quite possibly, killed.

This letter is in response to the article titled "Fraternity purpose in van rental disputed." Sigma Chi fraternity did, indeed, rent vans for the purpose of providing sober rides for participants in Derby Days, the fraternity's largest annual philanthropy.

The proceeds from Derby Days are donated to the Cleo Wallace Center, a home for mentally and physically disabled children, and the Special Olympics of San Luis Obispo. When the vans were rented, it was made explicitly clear, as stated by Vince Zuanich in the aforementioned article, that the brothers do volunteer services in support of Sigma Chi Fraternity for use with special events, such as volunteering for the Special Olympics.

By stating this clearly, I do not at all agree that Sigma Chi misnamed the name of Special Olympics. The error, then, must have been on the part of the rental company — not Sigma Chi. Furthermore, when the vans were rented, Sigma Chi paid an extra "damage fee" in the event that any damage was done to them.

I am extremely upset that Mustang Daily found it necessary to publish this article. Its publication undercuts the outstanding job Pat Bowen did as the chairman of Derby Days this year and discredits our philanthropy. Finally, the program, which is a source of pride for Sigma Chi.

Sigma Chi has been involved with a number of different philanthropies, and we are very proud of the work we do. We are not afraid to take on the responsibility of society that we have chosen. Thus, we choose to accept the responsibility and choose to rent vans for the purpose of providing sober rides for participants in Derby Days.

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In the future, I hope all student publications do not decide to concentrate their efforts on the volume of signs and print more than they can do. This year's campaigns were all catchy and, with the exception of two bills being审议, they were all designed to show campus.

Elective creative criticism #2

Precinct voting bills.

I picked up a copy of "SLO Rio" and after reading through the magazine for a few minutes, it occurred to me that I should probably read some of the newspaper of the same name. The newspaper is well-written and, for the most part, is well-researched.

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Meanwhile.

Phi Sigma Sigma.

'Cause it's Friday.

Before you call the Pope and have my baptism revoked, I will make one key concession to this argument. If you are not willing to accept that I have a right to my beliefs, I will also accept that you have a right to your beliefs.

Robert Alton Harris was a martyr. And much of what he was doing and the blood that he was losing is a payment for our sins. We must get the impression that the greek community is a bunch of smug, snobbish, self-righteous bastards. This is not progress.
Commentary showed ignorance about student population

By Brian Woolworth

Bravo! I applaud Ms. McMahon's commentary in the Apr. 17 issue. Sad but true, it is here in the empty abyss that they will remain.

Unaware of the accomplishments and contributions made by so many of the Cal Poly groups -- out of touch themselves, especially with the issues that have an incredible indirect impact on their lives, specifically those surrounding the local political scene. But there is light.

It cannot be found at the end of any tunnel, nor does it entail the hiring of a guide. What is does require is an effort on the part of the lost soul to open his/her eyes.

She says we (referring "we" to mean our generation) need to become better citizens before we involve ourselves in local government. She, speaking as a senior journalism major, says she does "have things in common" with the student population.

On this point I agree, she shares the common of ignorance and tunnel vision propagated by the very institution that is here to expand our thinking. Is our generation experiencing unique growing pains, and if so, are they in the form of raising hell in the community and satisfying our urination faxes at the expense of our neighbors' rhododendrons? Anne, are you saying your generation has the answers and refuses to share, rather preferring to hoard them to themselves? Well Anne, please help us out.

I am curious who enlightened you on "our" generation and wonder if this divine being called the tooth fairy? Wake up!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a current president of a Cal Poly fraternity and speaking as a member of a campus group, I would like to share with Anne some of the concerted efforts we have made to "become better citizens."

The past several years have offered a fruitless experience for my brothers and me. We have tried to work through the proper channels to gain our identity in the eyes of the city. I remember spending the better part of three years searching for a property to purchase that was properly zoned for high-density living. Is this not an effort to become a better citizen?

When our quest finally came to an end, another fruitless endeavor began -- gaining concessions from our City Council to operate as a brotherhood/family. What resulted was that we were completely rebuffed and totally denied our right as homeowners. Surely this was an act of good citizenship on the part of the city council??

A council made up of five good citizens decided (interpreted the law) that we are not allowed to have any more than fifteen people at our house at any given time. This means complete exclusion by brothers when parents come to San Luis Obispo to visit our house. It means, in a cynical sense, that of the nine of us who live in the premises, only six can have their girlfriends over at any one time.

Furthermore, it means something as American as sitting down to watch the World Series as a brotherhood is completely out of the question. Yes, I suppose we have options, rotating brothers in and out of the house on an hourly basis or arranging our schedule so we do not accidentally violate the city's ordinance. Absurd!

Absolutely, we are frustrated, and rather that skirt the system, we would prefer to exercise our ability to mobilize as a student coalition. It is clear to me that I have made an error and have applauded the wrong person. Sorry Anne, I meant to put 'em together for Mr. Kaplo and Mr. Taber for their efforts to channel our frustrations into something positive, something that will benefit both the students and the community.

I understand how Ms. McMahon got confused and turned around. It is an easy thing to do when you possess little knowledge on an issue or are easily confused by simple identifications like trust and respect.

I agree wholeheartedly with you Anne, that yes indeed "Cal Poly students have a way to go before they can regain the trust and respect of their neighbors." It is evident to me that you, either fail to understand or just neglect to acknowledge that trust and respect are not two unilateral concepts.

Instead they are reciprocal. When used in conjunction; you must give trust and respect to gain trust and respect.

Brian Woolworth is a business major.
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The open-to-the-public field day is being held to complement the farm's activities.

San Luis Obispo's Cooperative Extension branch is one of sponsors of the event. The branch works with the University of California to educate the producers and public about agriculture in California.

Billie Knittel, a representative for Cooperative Extension, sees the field day as a necessity for those involved in production agriculture.

"The only way the farmers of the United States will survive well into the future is by sustainable agriculture," she said.

The day's activities will include a tour of the farm as well as demonstrations and speeches.

Subjects of the presentations will include "Changing Agricultural Regulation" by Rick Landon of the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office; "Underground Look at Agriculture," by Tom Risk, a Cal Poly soils science professor; "Nitrate Monitoring in Crops," by Richard Smith, an area farm adviser.

Other events on Saturday will be academic advising activities such as petting zoo and a booth to have one's blood pressure checked.

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