Survey studies Poly drinkers

Results: students drink less often than they think

By Romina Vitols

Cal Poly students believe the amount of alcohol they consume is larger than it actually is.

According to the Core Drug and Alcohol Survey administered by Project FOCUS, 93 percent of the students surveyed believe the average student on campus uses alcohol at least once a week. However, only 78 percent said they had consumed alcohol within the 30 days prior to the survey.

“Are you the perception going that students all drink more than they do,” said Susan Ford, program coordinator for Project FOCUS, a Health Center-affiliated group of students and staff which works to help students learn to know limits, as well as provide alternatives to alcohol.

“Such a situation can lead people to participate in behaviors they think everyone is doing,” Ford said, “then in reality, everyone’s not doing it.”

Ford noted two figures from the survey she found particularly troubling. Forty-nine percent of the students surveyed reported some form of public misconduct (such as trouble with police, fighting, drunken driving or being taken advantage of sexually) at least once during the past year as a result of alcohol or drug use.

Thirty-eight percent reported experiencing some kind of serious personal problem (such as thought about or tried to commit suicide, been hurt or injured or made unsuccessful attempts to stop drinking) at least once during the past year. See Alcohol, page 12.

Poly groups offer help, alternatives to alcohol

By Romina Vitols

Staff Writer

If you have questions about alcohol and drugs, and don’t know where to turn, you’re not alone.

According to a recent survey conducted by Project FOCUS, 60 percent of Cal Poly students are not aware of the drug and alcohol services available on campus.

Health Educator Kris Jankovitz said the Peer Health Education program provides students with prevention education, while Project FOCUS is involved with the development of alternative activities to drinking.

“Peer Health Educators talk about alcohol lifestyles, the effects of drugs and alcohol on the body, and about partying smart,” Jankovitz said.

Jankovitz said they also listen to students’ needs and concerns, and can provide students with resources and referrals on campus and within the community.

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Cuts may hinder college hopefuls

By Christy Halderman

Staff Writer

At a time when massive budget cuts are being made throughout the California State University system, more high school graduates are meeting CSU requirements.

Unfortunately, said Colleen Bentley-Adler, spokesperson from the CSU Chancellor’s Office, students who are qualified for acceptance into the system may be turned away.

“Thirteen thousand to 30,000 students may possibly be turned away if the 15 percent budget cut goes through,” she said.

Jim Maraviglia, director of Cal Poly Admissions, agreed. “We (the system) may be forced to turn away eligible students.”

To add to that, more graduates of all ethnicities are eligible for admission to a CSU campus, said Bentley-Adler.

“Thirty-four percent of high school graduates are eligible for admission, up from 26 percent in 1986,” she said.

Bentley-Adler said that while this greater number of eligible graduates means students are better prepared for college and could help CSU schools attain more diverse student bodies, the increase will put a giant strain on the already-impacted system.

“This may be the first time the Cal Poly Plan is not adhered to,” she said.

California’s Master Plan for Higher Education mandates that the top one-third of California’s high school graduates are eligible for admission to the CSU, she said.

Maraviglia said that it has been impossible for Cal Poly to meet the master plan for the past 10 years, but the problem has now spread system-wide.

“This is an issue the Legislature and Board of Trustees must address not only this year, but going to be more and more difficult for a financially strapped system to meet the education mandate,” Bentley-Adler said.

Bentley-Adler said the higher percentage of eligible students to the CSU system is a positive reflection on the public schools.

“Students are receiving higher grades, doing well in college- prep classes and college test scores are higher,” she said.

“We are pleased with the increasing improvements the state’s students are showing, but we are disheartened that state funds are diminishing at a time when these qualified students want to enroll at a CSU campus,” said CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz in a recent press release.

“The state must find funds to upgrade a college education for these students,” he said.

‘Springboard’ fair offers boost for job-seekers

By Mary Kay Duffy

Staff Writer

Have a job? After tomorrow’s fifth annual Springboard Job Fair, the answer may be yes.

The event, sponsored by the Liberal Arts Council and coordinated by Career Services, provides students with resources and alumni access to 50 to 100 employment opportunities with companies and public agencies.

As of Friday, 51 companies had planned to participate, but there is still time for more to sign up.

All the employers participating have specific job openings available, which in include summer positions, co-ops and entry-level opportunities.

“It is a wonderful chance to find a job,” said Carolyn Proctor, a career adviser at Career Services and coordinator of the event.

“Most companies have already completed their hiring for the year, but these employers have immediate needs that still need to be filled,” she said.

Companies participating this year cover a wide range of fields, including agriculture, architecture, business, engineering, sales, printing, quality control and retail.

Some companies have one job opening, but several have more than one.

The job fair will be an open forum from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Students do not need to sign up or register in advance.

To prepare students for the fair, or “Making the most of a Job Fair” workshop is being given today in the Student Services Building, Room 224. Sign-ups are not required.

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A variety of events will highlight Cal Poly’s Women’s Week, which strives to educate the public about women’s issues.

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Swiss decide to join international groups

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Swiss voters on Sunday reversed decades of reluctance to join international organizations and embraced membership in the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

Markus Laser, president of the National Bank, said he was delighted and relieved at the decision and took it as a sign that the Swiss people also were willing to join the European Community.

With 24 of 26 cantons, or states, reporting, voting was running 55 percent to 45 percent in favor of joining the IMF and World Bank.

With the end of the Cold War and changes in Europe, the Swiss government has been moving Switzerland away from its strict neutrality.

But officials were mindful that as recently as 1986 Switzerland voted 75.7 percent against joining the United Nations, even though the country is host to a number of U.N. agencies.

State officers search Post's China bureau

BEIJING (AP) — State security officers searched the bureau of The Washington Post on Sunday and questioned the newspaper's correspondent about her work and contacts.

Lena Sun said in a written statement that authorities accused her of "activities incom­parable with my status as a foreign jour­nalist."

They did not cite specific violations or say what could happen to her, Ms. Sun said.

Ms. Sun, the Post's Beijing bureau chief since July 1990, said officials from the Beij­ing branch of the State Security Ministry,

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Officials asked to help Reagan investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iran-Contra prosecutors are trying to persuade two former Cabinet members to cooperate in investigating former President Reagan and a possible coverup of an arms shipments to Iran, sources close to the probe said Sunday.

But lawyers for former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and former Secretary of State George Shultz told prosecutors that their clients have no information suggesting a coverup involving Reagan or anyone else, said the sources, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Washington Post reported Sunday that Weinberger has been told he might face felony charges in the scandal unless he provides evidence they believe he has against Reagan.

Study: 73 percent of world's people suffer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Human beings living in Mozambique suffer more than any people in the world, and Denmark offers the least oppressive living of 141 countries, ac­cording to a five-year analysis of human suf­fering to be released today.

The study by the Population Crisis Com­mittee lists 83 countries with 73 percent of the world's population as lands where human suffering is either high or extreme, based on scores in 10 categories of human discomfort.

A similar study in 1987 said 70 percent of the world's people — half a billion fewer — lived that way.

"The 1992 Human Suffering Index shows that an appalling three-quarters of the world's people live in countries where human suffering is the rule, rather than the excep­tion," said Dr. John Mathews.

He said suffering is highest in Mozambique, where the per capita income is about $100 a year.

State of the art: Gasoline prices rise by 4.5 cents per gallon

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gasoline prices rose more than 4 cents per gallon on average in the past three weeks as summer travel increased and dealers passed on wholesale hikes, oil analyst Trivy Lundberg said Sunday.

A national survey taken Friday found that the average retail price of gasoline, in­cluding all grades and taxes, was 125.34 cents per gallon, up 4.56 cents from April 24.

"The rise is not unusual for this time of year," although prices actually dropped during the last two summer seasons because the recession curbed travel, said Lundberg.

In addition to the hike prompted by in­creased demand, retailers were passing on wholesale price hikes caused by stricter for­mulations of gasoline to meet tighter sum­mer emissions regulations, she said.

"Spring gasoline costs more than winter gasoline to make, and summer gasoline even more than that," Lundberg said.

Kenyan tops zany mob to win Bay to Breakers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Thomas Osando of Kenya won the 81st Bay to Breakers foot race for the second year in a row on Sunday, leading a zany mob of more than 100,000 runners and walkers from one end of the city to another.

Osando, 22, pulled ahead of fellow Kenyan Yves Ondieki in the final 100 yards of the 7.46-mile course to win in 33:56.1. Ondieki, 31, was second in 33:58.

His wife, Lisa Ondieki, won the women's division in 38:52. It was the second Bay to Breakers victory for the 32-year-old Australian, who was the top women's winner last year.

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Penny Rappa, a seven-year city council member and candidate for mayor, feels her straightforward personality allows her to be an effective community leader.

"I definitely feel that there's a perception about politicians being underhanded," Rappa said. "I live my life in such a way that it's open to public scrutiny, and I have nothing to hide."

She said holding public office has been hard both for her family and her business life. At one time she owned rental property in San Luis Obispo, but felt it would present a conflict of interest. She eventually sold the property, but she does have property in other areas of the county.

"We've been both renters and landlords, and there's good ones and bad ones on both sides," she said.

Born in Albany, Calif., Rappa attributes her civic-mindedness to her parents, who, she said, were very involved with their community. Rappa came to San Luis Obispo in 1974 when her husband Joe was transferred to a job at Diablo Canyon.

In 1975, she began restoration of a Victorian home on Broad and Buchon streets. That project led to the formation of the Old Town Neighborhood Association and a historical preservation society.

Rappa, who is vice mayor for San Luis Obispo, said a combination of her community involvement projects eventually led to city politics.

"I've always been involved with the PTA," Rappa said. "When I came here my kids were swimming so I went to meetings to support the building of Sinsheimer Pool."

She said since becoming a council member, her focus on issues has expanded from local community ones to countywide issues.

"I know more about transportation and solid waste than you'd believe," she said.

The key issue she sees facing the city is the economic future. Rappa says she takes proactive measures to insure a healthy business climate.

"I want to encourage the retention of existing businesses today and encourage the selection of new businesses that can benefit the community," Rappa said.

On the growth/no growth issue, she feels traffic control is the key.

"As mayor, it's important to recognize and mitigate traffic congestion in the area," she said. "By changing personal habits, people could make a difference."

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MAYOR CANDIDATE: ECONOMICS KEY SLO ISSUE

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of three articles profiling the current candidates for mayor of San Luis Obispo.

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Staff Writer

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Incompetence is overwhelming the work ethic in society

By Romina Vitols

We have instructors who lead us through mindless quarters of lectures, during which they talk away about some obscure subject and spew what Studes were in the real world" and not the course material.

During my three years here, I have discovered several professors who appear to be experts at the art of repeating outdated or indecipherable material. I could probably have identified some of my parents' old textbooks.

I remember being enrolled in an easy class my freshman year. Shortly after the San Francisco (Loma Prieta) quake, I went to class, hoping to hear what had really happened... but the instructor had nothing to say about it. It was business-as-usual in GROK 201.

Although the quake was a major event to geologists across the nation, my teacher stood before me talking about levies and limestones. Nope, can't stray from the course outline. Students might actually learn about something they've interested in.

And the sad thing is, we sit through these classes. After all, we get class credit, and we never have to see the teacher again, right?

Meanwhile, the babbling Moron will get paid and will tell me it's all 'independence'.

And I can't forget my high school math teacher, who was an alcoholic and unable to teach effectively. Everybody on campus knew it, including faculty members. But they accepted it.

The only thing I learned in that class was that if I got the highest "P" on the tests, I'd get an "A" in the class. I learned the ever-present, unfortunate fact that you don't have to be smart to get good grades, you just have to be willing to play the game. And then there's the similar situation that we students are all too familiar with here in college. We attend classes at the beginning of the quarter, only to discover that none of our professors really shouldn't be teaching.

I read the identical information in every book. Doesn't it really matter about what 'subject' they're teaching as long as they're giving us something we could have read in any other book?

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Poly collects first, second places

Women can't keep up with Cal State L.A.'s sprints, take second

By David Voros

For the first time in a decade, the Cal Poly women's track and field team is not the California Collegiate Athletic Association champion.

The sprints were a big factor as the Mustangs ended their streak of nine consecutive CCAA championships.

Cal State Los Angeles won the meet by scoring 100 of its 202 total points in the sprints. They swept the 100, 200- and 400-meter races.

Cal Poly was second with 197 points. UC San Diego scored 54 for third, Cal State Bakersfield finished fourth with 50 points and Cal Poly Pomona placed sixth with 43 points.

Cal Poly Head Coach Donna Vehatz said Cal State Los Angeles benefited by putting some individuals up to 10 races during the two-day meet.

Men win conference with big performances in distance events

By Noel Eidsmore

The Cal Poly men's track team won its third straight California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship this weekend, scoring in every event they were entered in but one.

"It takes all 39 guys to score," said Cal Poly Head Coach Steve Henderson. "That's the key." Cal Poly scored 172 points to beat out CSU Northridge, which finished second with 161 points.

Cal Poly's Paul Dickson won the 1500-meter run with a time of 3:48.5 and the 1000-meter run with a time of 2:29.0. He also won the 800-meter run with a time of 1:56.0.

Cal Poly's Greg James won the 5000-meter run with a time of 14:15.0 and the 10,000-meter run with a time of 31:32.5.

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MEN

From page 5 Brodie also took third in the 5,000 his favorite of the two race, on Saturday.

"It was a tough double, and even though I felt good, it was tough mentally," Brodie said. "I was very pleased with it."

Add in a dash of desire and the Mustangs began to outshine their predecessors. "This team was a little more hungry," Boyer said. "Intuitively, I think they were a little more motivated."

Defensively, Cal Poly had to rebuild its infield after losing its shortstop, second baseman and third baseman.

"Our distance crew totally dominated this meet," Henderson said. "We were counting on the distances very heavily."

Zoldak competed in both the 10,000 and the steeplechase, which were held only three hours apart.

"It was a phenominal, tough double," Henderson said.

From page 5 It was a glorified dual meet (between Cal Poly and Los Angeles)," Vochatzer said. "They took some outrageous risks and tangs had to lose, at least they did during the meet."

For the Mustangs, the 1,600-meter relay race was one of the most exciting contests of the weekend. For the final leg, Cal Poly's Kim Sheppard passed a Cal State Long Beach runner in the final 150 meters, as the crowd went wild, to win the race in 3:45.32.

That time qualified the Poly's relay team of Gina Albanese, Dna Moore, Sharrin Miller and Shepard for the NCAA Division II National Championships.

Poly swept the 800 meters. Senior Kristina Hand ran 2:10.70 for first place. Dna Moore was second in 2:10.35. Shannon Phares was third and Chris Thorson finished fourth.

The win was particularly satisfying since Peters finally made their opening height, but the rest of the team picked up the slack. "I knew I was going to have a nice throw at this meet," Peters said. "But my main goal was to beat her."

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FIRST LOOKS BRIGHT FOR YOUNG MUSTANGS

By Carol Boosembark Staff Writer

If rebuilding the Cal Poly softball team were a second in the conference, then imagine what will happen next year. After losing nine players, Cal Poly Head Coach Lisa Boyer began the season with several new faces.

Throughout the year, a strong team chemistry developed, and Boyer was pleasantly surprised by her team's performance. "(Rojo and James) are probably the two most aggressive people we have on team," McFarland said.

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Cal Poly football program stays in Western Football Conference

By Edwin Bill

Cal Poly's football program is scheduled to compete in a new Division I-AA league, beginning in the fall of 1993. Earlier this month, the Western Football Conference, currently a Division II league, announced the formation of a new Division I-AA league.

Tentatively titled with the same name, it includes most teams from the old WFC. Cal Poly, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Sacramento and Southern Utah will maintain their membership.

A WFC spokesperson said current member Portland State has chosen to compete as an independent Division II squad for 1993, and will not participate in the new league.

"We're just looking at all the options available to us," he said, although he would not elaborate on what those options were. "It's still a very viable option for us."

The WFC announced that UC Davis plans to join the new Division II-I-AA conference in 1993. Davis is a traditional opponent of WFC teams, although it has not actually been in the WFC.

Beyond those five schools, matters are still very much undecided.

"We're still members of the WFC," said Cal Poly Assistant Athletic Director Marilyn McNeil. "We will continue to schedule WFC games with whoever might be in the WFC, whenever they are in it."

Several universities had previously shown an interest in participating in a new California-based cost-containment Division I football league. These schools included UC San Diego, St. Mary's, UC Santa Barbara, Cal State Long Beach and Cal State Fullerton.

USCB and Cal State Long Beach have already dropped their football programs. Chico State, on the other hand, recently passed a fee increase to fund athletics, and may consider joining.

"It's all up in the air," McNeil said.

The WFC had originally offered to dissolve itself if inter­ested schools could decide on forming a new league, McNeil said.

Discussions, however, proved fruitless. The WFC chose to "...hang on to its existence, as it stands, with the people in it," McNeil said, for lack of an option.

By announcing the new league now, McNeil said the WFC is "...protecting their own."

She could not speculate if this would preclude other teams from joining.

McNeil did say that the more teams, the better.

"I think anyone in the WFC would love to have 11 teams," she said, "because that would automatically give you a 10-game schedule." With the five teams currently interested, an option may be to play each other twice, McNeil said. But that still leave the league two games short of a full season.

"I think the WFC would be happy with any number of teams more than what they have now," McNeil said.

The decisions of other California schools can still affect mem­bership in the new league.

"Our goal," McNeil said, "is to be able to schedule 10 games in California. Well almost go wherever the wind blows ... (but) we will do what we can to play in California. That will supersede almost everything else that we do."

Scholarships are still the dividing issue between California universities, both private and public, in determining whether they join the new WFC.

The WFC is looking at (offering) a limited number of scholar­ships," McNeil said. "There are several schools out there that are looking (to offer) no scholarships. That has been the issue, and will continue to be the issue. It's a public/private (school) issue."

O'Connor agreed. "The cost differential between the public (schools) and the private (schools) is the primary issue," he said.

A scholarship at a public university costs considerably less than one at a private school, since public schools are state­funded.

McNeil said that no consensus has been reached, even among WFC members, as to how many scholarships the league will allow.

The University of San Diego, for example, had shown an early interest in joining the new WFC. The school has since changed its mind.

Jim Sochor, athletic director for the university, said, "We prefer to play non-scholarship football, as we always have.

The school's team has partic­i­pated as a Division III squad. Sochor said the school will com­pete instead in the Pioneer League, a Division I conference in the Midwest, which has no scholarship requirements.

He said the school expects to save about $500,000 in annual costs by not offering scholarship­ships, despite shuffling additional travel expenses for league games.

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Personal/political paradox sets Women's Week theme

Monique McCarty
Staff Writer

It is time to get educated on women's issues, according to the organizers of Women's Week.

Cal Poly's Center for Women and Ethnic Issues has planned a series of events and speakers for this year's Week of Women's Events from May 17-21.

The week's purpose is to bring attention to issues that directly affect women. This is part of the educational process on women's issues.

"The Personal is Political/The Political is Personal" is the theme for this year's Women's Week.

"The theme in particular highlights certain aspects of women's lives," said Gold, who is also co-chairperson for the committee.

"Some examples of this are ownership of property, marriage, childbearing and divorce. Thus, the political is personal," Gold said.

Throughout history women of all races and nationalities share the personal aspect of this theme, she said.

A broad theme was selected in order to attract women and speakers with a variety of interests.

Most of the event's speakers are local community members who are volunteering their time. Everyone is invited to attend the events which, unless otherwise indicated, will be held in Cal Poly's University Union free of charge.

"Goals of the week include highlighting things in the world that affect women and have done so historically, will continue to do so and will affect women of all colors and ages," Gold said.

Creating a greater awareness of certain issues to everyone in the community — men and women — is a vital aspect of the week for the committee.

"No (the committee) want anyone to come who wants to change," Gold said.

Midori Feldman, head of publicity for the event, will create a Graffiti Wall during the week. The wall next to the steps to the U.U. Plaza will be the site for anyone to write with chalk, thoughts about the week's events, Monday through Thursday, 11 to 2 p.m.

Some of the events highlighted by Gold include:

• "What's In A Word: The Impact of Sexist Language" by Diane Rose, Ph.D., Head of Women's Studies for Cal State Fullerton, today at 10 a.m. in U.U. 220.

• "You Have Stuck a Rock: Black Women and Protest in South Africa" by Nancy Clark, Ph.D., assistant professor, department of history for Cal Poly, Tuesday at 10 a.m. in U.U. 220.

• "Future Women Leaders: Mind, Management, Media" by Jan Pieper, Ph.D., Cal Poly Director of Personnel and Employee Relations, Tuesday at 1 p.m. in U.U. 220.

• "Week of Women's Events Luncheon, Gloria Ochoa, J.D., candidate for Congress, 22nd District (includes part of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties), Wednesday from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at Vista Grande Restaurant.

• For information, contact the Center for Women and Ethnic Issues at 756-5200.

The informational meeting for those interested in becoming Mustang Daily editors has been moved...

...from President Baker’s bedroom closet to a much smaller location. Anyone interested in becoming a Mustang Daily editor for summer 1992 or the 1992-93 academic year should show up to the mandatory meeting in Graphic Arts Building, room 226 on Wednesday, May 20 at 8 p.m. Students and faculty of all majors are welcome to apply for positions including managing editor, copy editor, opinion editor, art and entertainment editor, sports editor, features editor, photo editor and illustrator. All applications will be due on Wednesday, May 27.

Questions? Call Peter Hartlaub at 756-1143. Once again, the informational meeting will be held...

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**Pawpaw shop prospects improve as economic pinch continues**

By Katherine Gill
Staff Writer

Just about every kind of business has felt the pinch since the recession started nearly two years ago. Well, almost every type.

While other stores are hurting in the sphere, pawn shops are thriving.

Bob Buss, owner of the Paso Robles Pawn Shop, said he has seen quite a bit more business since the recession started.

"Business has probably tripled in the last few years," he said.

Buss, who has owned the shop for 11 years, said people are still pawning mostly jewelry. He said he gets all kinds, including wedding sets. Both husbands and wives bring them in, he added.

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"I feel an old lady bring in a set a white bowl. When I asked how much they were worth, she said they come from hus- band number five, and he wasn't worth a damn," Buss said, laughing.

Buss said people occasional- ly bring in family heirlooms to pawn. If their story is right, "they'll make an effort to make sure they get the item back," he said.

Along with jewelry, Buss said people are pawning microwave ovens, musical e- quipment and guns.

"We've gotten a lot of guns lately," he said. "We've also got a lot of mechanical and business tools."

Buss said his pawn shop operates by making 20-day loans, on which an item is left as collateral. He also gives a 10-day grace period for people to redeem their items.

It has been a "one-way street" lately, though, Buss said, as people have not been coming back to redeem their items.

"People don't have the money to buy them back," he said. Recently, Buss said he has seen more middle-income people coming in to pawn things, he added. "They have to get more bot- tomed-out before they start getting more phone calls from people looking to pawn things this year. Although the store is not a pawn shop, it does buy things on occasion, he said.

Frawley said people have called with everything from tools to musical instruments to jewelry.

"They'll call about anything they think is valuable," she said.

Frawley said she has gotten a lot of calls about jewelry, especially gold and diamond rings.

"People feel if they have a ring with a decent-sized diamond, it's probably the one thing they've got they've got," she said.

"We have an area with a lot of construction people, and they're not getting work anymore," she added.

She added that the shop has seen more middle-income people coming into the store, too. Lately there have been a lot more people coming in that he has never seen before, Buss said. He added that he does have a group of regulars who pawn on a regular basis.

"They come in all the time," he said. "It's like getting a haircut every day."

Buss said he hears all kinds of reasons for why people are pawn- ing their things, but it is basically because their power or water has been turned off, he said.

"They probably paid more doctor's bills and electric bills than anyone else around," he said.

Alas Frawley, who works at Redwood Jewelers in Cayucos, said she has received many more phone calls from people looking to pawn things this year. Although the store is not a pawn shop, it does buy things on occasion, she said.

"We deal with mostly young marrieds," she said. "These are the people who live from payday to payday, then some- thing goes wrong and they need money."

Couples pawn items at the store usually because of emer- gencies, the employee said.

"The baby got sick or the car broke down, things like that," she said.

Local unemployment has caused a change in the type of people coming into the store, she added.

"We have an area with a lot of construction people, and they're not getting work anymore," she added.

She said that the shop has not taken many interesting items since the recession started. "Actually it's been pretty mundane lately. It has not been nearly as exciting as what we have seen in the past."
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ALCOHOL

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"We don't want to decide for
students what's OK and what's
not OK," said Ford. "We want to
give (them) information about
use patterns and consequences
and what they can do, and then
respect their choices."

Ford said she feels there's
a misconception that drinking is
the only way to have fun. "It's
one way," Ford said, "but it's not
the only way."

Ford said Project FOCUS can
help students realize that there
are ways to give parties and have
fun where students can moderate
alcohol use and be accepting of
non-users.

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Children of Alcoholics and Nar-
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past year as a result of alcohol or
drug use.

Ford said such figures indi-
cate there are definite negative
consequences of alcohol and drug
abuse felt by students.

Some additional findings were:
• Sixty-eight percent of those
surveyed were underage stu-
dents who drink.
• Sixteen percent are mari-
jana users.
• Three percent are current
users of other illegal drugs.
• Twenty-five percent would
prefer not to have alcohol availa-
ble at parties they attend.
• Eighty-five percent would
prefer not to have drugs at par-
ties they attend.

The Core Drug and Alcohol
Survey was developed to
measure attitudes and usage
among college students. Its
development was funded by the
U.S. Department of Education.

Ford said the surveys were
administered by a random
sampling of classes to ensure a
representative percentage of un-
derclassmen, upperclassmen,
and graduate students.

Cal Poly survey results were
then compared with those of a
national reference group of
59,539 four-year college stu-
dents.

In most categories, Cal Poly
students were within a few per-
centage points of the reference
group.

"Because we're in line with
the national reference group,
doesn't mean we're doing OK,"  

Ford said, "It means we're not
doing too well either."

Ford said the survey will be
repeated next spring to see if
there have been changes, and to
keep campus services aware of
areas that may need work.

JOB FAIR

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Shel Burrell, associate direc-
tor of Career Services, recom-

Jended that students dress
professionally, as if for a job in-
terview. "When they attend to
bring resumes to distribute.

Most companies will be con-
ducting on-the-spot interviews or
be scheduling individual inter-
views for the afternoon, Burrell
said.

Prospective students who usually
companies conducting
on-campus interviews have to
sign up for interviews at the job
fair, they can set up in-
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A Springboard Job Fair Bal-
letin is available at the Career
Services office. It lists part-
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available. Bulletins and late ad-
ditions will also be available at
the door of the job fair.

WELLNESS

From page 1

QUESTION 1. What is the
difference between the term HIV
positive and full-blown AIDS?

Good question. HIV positive
means that a person has been
exposed to the AIDS virus. There-
fore a body is producing an-
tibodies in response to the in-
truding virus. But, more impor-
tantly, one can show absolutely
no symptoms, feel incredibly
healthy, and at the same time
pass the virus to an unknown
partner. On the other hand,
 AIDS means a person has
developed an opportunistic infec-
tion as a response to a body's low
immunity resulting from the
virus.

QUESTION 2. "I've opted not
to engage in sexual intercourse,
so my partner and I have chosen
to perform oral sex. Am I at risk
of getting AIDS when I swallow
the ejaculate fluid?"

Absolutely! The Institute for
the Advance Study of Human
Sexuality has conclusive proof,
through documented cases, of the
AIDS virus being traced through
semen released during fellatio
(oral sex), as well as through
secretions released during cun-
ninglingus. The mouth is a pathway
of mucous membranous tissue
which readily absorbs these
secretions. In addition, these
secretions will enter through
the naturally occurring microscopic
tears in the mouth and also
through the tears resulting from
flashing and canker sores.

QUESTION 3. What action
can be taken if the condom
breaks right before, during, or
after the ejection?

First and foremost DO NOT
DOUCHE! This method will
push the semen further up the
vagina and further into the rectum
and may damage the vaginal and/or
rectal lining. Instead, immediately
wash the area with noncep-
tive foam. Foam is recommended
because it contains a 15 percent
higher concentration of sper-
icide. For added protection,
milk may be used. For addi-
tional protection, make sure the
foam contains nonoxynol-9, the
chemical proven to kill the AIDS
virus.

Obviously, there are thousands
of medical opinions regarding the
issue, and it would take forever
to answer all questions. One must realize that
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