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Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United is a Cal Poly club which provides support, services and resources to homosexual and bisexual students of the university and the community. It too has felt the slap of discrimination.

According to Scott Mason, president of GLBU, the group was originally turned down when it tried to become a campus club in the 1970s. "We were only on campus at that time that had to actually take the university to court to get permission to be a club," Mason said.

The group won its case and has been "pretty much active on campus ever since," Mason said. "We provide an atmosphere where people can actually meet, and realize that they're not the only ones," he said.

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City to cut rates for low-income water customers

By Noel Eidsmore

Once again water is an issue with the San Luis Obispo City Council.

The council unanimously passed a motion Monday night to create an assistance program for low-income water users.

This was one of the council's key goals in its 1991 financial program, according to city staff member Bill Statler.

It will provide a needs-based program that will include a 15 percent rate reduction, one-time payment assistance and retrofit assistance.

The payment assistance plan will set aside a fund that will help applicants pay their water bills if they have trouble meeting a certain payment.

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Gov. Pete Wilson and Mayor Tom Bradley were summoned by the president to tell congressional leaders directly about their needs. But the leaders said afterward that the president did not come forth with any details of a proposal, the costs involved and ways to pay for it.

The matter of enterprise zones was to be taken up Wednesday at a meeting of the Senate Lloyd Bentsen's Senate Finance Committee.

After the White House meeting, which lasted about an hour, Bradley said he and the governor stressed that enterprise zones should be the top priority in the administration and Congress and that any proposal should seek to employ a substantial percentage of people who live in the neighborhood.

"We have to demonstrate to the people of our city that the government means business," he said.

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Roe v. Wade lawyer says abortion rights in danger

By Ken Kaplan
staff writer

The lawyer who successfully argued the landmark abortion case Roe vs. Wade before the Supreme Court in 1973 said she feels the ruling will be in serious jeopardy if President George Bush is re-elected.

Sarah Weddington, a prominent lawyer and college lecturer, spoke about the fate of the ruling to a group of college journalists on Friday.

Weddington is currently participating in Gov. Bill Clinton's campaign bid for president and was in Sacramento with Clinton where he attended a Women's Town Hall meeting.

The hourlong forum was held by telephone with college journalists from Cal Poly, University of Southern California, UC Santa Cruz and UC San Diego.

Weddington said the issue of abortion is bigger than ever and will have an impact on the presidential election, particularly in California.

"Women are feeling real vulnerable," Weddington said. "We've got a president who vetoed the the gag rule and will veto the Freedom of Choice Act."

Abortion rights activists have stated they will rally Congress to pass a National Freedom of Choice Act if Roe vs. Wade is overturned. Bush has said he would veto such a bill. Gov. Clinton would support the act, Weddington said.

The debate hinges on a Pennsylvania abortion case that is currently before the Supreme Court. The justices will decide whether to overturn Roe vs. Wade or send the case back to the state level for a decision.

The Court is expected to rule on the case in July, but Weddington said she anticipates they will delay the decision until after the presidential election in November.

"They (the Supreme Court) are trying to duck the issue," Weddington said. If the Court sends the case back to be tried on the state level, therefore allowing each state to set its own abortion laws, "there would be demonstrations in the streets within the hour," she said.

Weddington said she believes Bush's bid for re-election would be hurt if the court overturns Roe vs. Wade ruling before the election.

"Everybody I know believes the court is going to overturn Roe after the election," Weddington said.

Regardless of the Supreme Court decision, Weddington said the ruling is in jeopardy.

Weddington warned of the possibility of the issue becoming illegal in California. "If there is not a federal law, the state law could be taken away. It depends on who gets elected this fall. People cannot take it for granted here — they've got to vote for pro-choice candidates."

"When Roe is turned over this fall, or whenever, we need California to be a place for women to go to get safe abortion," Weddington said.

Weddington stated that she doesn't see abortion as a conservative or liberal issue. "It's a religious issue."

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She said fundamentalist church groups and protesters have made abortion an issue of religious conflict. She added that Clinton has respect for religious opinion and would like to see it favor of pro-choice.

Weddington said most people in the political arena don't expect college-age students to vote or have much of an impact on the election this year.

"I think the politicians are wrong," Weddington said. "Students are going to make a difference this year."

She urges students not to vote for President Bush. "Vote for someone who is pro-choice," she said.

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The Congress is expected to vote on such a measure by early June.

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A student survey may support speculations that if the vote for the IRA $43 athletic referendum was held today, it would not pass.

Eighteen percent of 200 Cal Poly students surveyed who voted "for" the $43 increase last fall indicated they would vote "against" it in a re-election — a threatening statistic to a referendum which passed by only a slim margin originally.

Last November's election set a CSU record for voter turnout (10,369 students), and resulted in the referendum passing by less than 3 percent — 267 votes.

Six months later, the campus faces a budget cut of at least 8 percent budget cut and a possible 40 percent tuition fee increase.

To gauge student sentiment now, 200 students were surveyed at Kennedy Union Plaza, the Brook Bar, the Campus Store, the Agriculture/English building and randomly by telephone.

The survey gave students the option of having their name on the survey form. An overwhelming majority of students responded to the survey anonymously.

The survey concluded that 80.5 percent of the students who voted would vote the same way if the election were held again. Of that 80.5 percent, 32 percent would vote in favor of the referendum and 48.5 percent would vote against it.

Only 19.5 percent of the students who voted in November said they would change their vote to "against" athletics. 2 percent said they would now change their vote to support athletics.

Money was the major reason 18 percent of the people who voted "yes" in November stated they would change their vote to "no." They said that when the proposed 40 percent fee increase is taken into consideration, any increase in ASI fees for athletics should not be implemented.

They also said that they have told all of the facts concerning impending budget cuts before the election.

Others cited budget cuts, the unexpected proposal for a 40 percent fee increase and the importance of academics over athletics as reasons they would change their vote.

It makes me sick to see us increase the athletic program while cutting back other departments — even eliminating a technical department (engineering technology) at a polytechnical school, said Greg Reynolds, an electronics and electrical engineering sophomore.

Another student said that when he goes home to visit his friends and family, they never ask about Cal Poly athletic teams. They want to know about the weather, the beach and the surrounding area.

"I still feel academics should come first at Cal Poly," Hoy said.

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Staff Writer Romina Vitola contributed to this story.
Poly adds kindergarteners to new Children's Center

By Laurie La Pence
Staff Writer

By fall quarter, the Children’s Center will be operating in a new building and, for the first time, kindergarteners will become part of the current child-centered curriculum.

The new center will be located between President Warren Baker’s house and the Counseling Center.

An orientation to introduce the kindergarten program will be held tonight from 5:30 and 7:30 at Pacheco School, Room 3.

The school is located off Grand Avenue by the entrance to Cal Poly.

The new curriculum emphasizes individual learning through experiments and hands-on exercises. Animals and plants are part of the science lessons. Once kids discover an area they are interested in, they are encouraged to read or write about those topics.

The unique learning style will be explained by Teresa Turner, a teacher in Lucia Mar School District. Currently, she teaches the program at Ocean View School in Arroyo Grande.

Haila Hafley, a child care center teacher, said that during morning hours, the program will be offered to kindergartners only and in afternoon will be devoted to both extended child care and kindergarten care.

Hafley said having the facility on campus has eased the workload of being both a parent and a student for many people enrolled at Cal Poly.

MACON, Ga. (AP) — In an effort to understand the Rodney King case, a group of Macon high school students held a mock trial for a white police officer accused of beating an Asian.

It ended in a hung jury.

Members of the Central High School international relations class said they wanted to examine the case to answer their questions about the legal system and the rioting that broke out after four white officers were acquitted of assault charges in the beating of King, a black Los Angeles motorist.

“We never got to sit with the (California) jury to see what they saw,” said senior Angie Polke, who acted as prosecutor. “We thought if we did it on our own, we could find out what they went through.”

“I realized that this was a teachable moment — I think that’s the euphemism — when they began to ask a lot of questions about the case,” said teacher Susan Middleton.

The result was a three-week mock trial that ended Monday. The jury was composed of 16 members of another class at the middle Georgia school.

“I think the jury members thought it was all right to relate it to the Rodney King trial,” said junior Brandon Christie, the jury foreman. “I voted ‘not guilty’ because there was a probable doubt.”

Senior Mandi Hodgson created the story line and came up with descriptions for each character. “It’s an Arizona trial, it made it too much like Rodney King because people had already made up their minds about that case,” she said.

The scenario she came up with involved three undercover Dallas police officers, including a fictional Lt. Lou Reeves, who spent several months on the streets posing as thugs.

The beating occurred when the officers tried to arrest a kid after selling drugs to gang members. The next frenzied scene, taped on the Central campus, gang members scattered.

Reeves, played by senior Stephen Martin, cornered an Asian gang member, played by senior Kai-ping Wang, and punched him in the head.

In the mock story, the beating was taped by a man across the street.

At the trial, defense lawyers Jason Mundy and Suzanne Anderson, both Central seniors, focused on Wang’s actions.

Mundy, where his partners were and being in an intense and dangerous situation, (Reeves) was only acting in self-defense,” Mundy said in his closing arguments.

But Polke discounted that argument. “It is the obvious misuse of police procedure and unnecessary use of force on the part of Lt. Lou Reeves that is on trial,” she said.

In the mock trial, the students said they valued the experience.
Grads create million-dollar business out of shirt box

By Carissa Wreden

Split is a relatively small, cutting-edge clothing company with its roots in San Luis Obispo and, more specifically, Cal Poly.

Split was founded out of necessity, says company designer Dave Patri. "I started making shorts because I didn't have any clothes," said Patri, a graphic design graduate at Poly. That was 1985. Now, Split's sales average slightly more than $1 million per year.

From this meager beginning, the company continued to blossom. Patri, together with college buddies Marcus Kemmerer, an architecture student, and Steve Fordiani, a landscape architecture student, worked to build up the company.

"It (Split) came out of an art and design thing. We wanted to put our mark on things and see what people thought," Patri said.

The trio began selling shirts out of a box at Osos Street Subs.

"They were really funky," Fordiani said.

A short time later, the trio went into what Patri described as "the whole concept of the uphill, positive, master plan (of the company) is to try and get people to think in a positive way." Dave Patri, Split founder

San Francisco, but remained a limited partner in Split. Fordiani remained at Cal Poly working on his degree.

Scott VanDerripe, a close friend of the three, also graduated that year in industrial technology and planned a move to Seal Beach where he would work for McDonnell-Douglas building airplanes.

Nearly a year after graduation, still holding down full-time jobs, VanDerripe and Patri decided to take another stab at Split. Patri didn't find VanDerripe's addition to the company strange. He said VanDerripe was always "one of the Split guys and always had a great interest in wanting to do it (work for Split)."

"To fulfill his part, VanDerripe bravely had a hectic schedule. "I was working for Split during the day and building airplanes at night," he said.

The duo began marketing hip packs in 1986, placing the packs in just about any store that would carry them on a commission basis.

With that system, the pair was able to keep overhead low and inventory "minimal in sales, but high in industry acceptance and potential," VanDerripe wrote in an informational packet.

Until 1990, Split had been targeting its sales toward specialty and surf shops. When Patri moved from Vision to Gotcha as a designer, he foresaw a new niche for Split.

"We wanted to get into more niche," Patri said.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Two new polls show President Bush slipping further with voters and one shows Ross Perot slightly ahead in a three-way race with Bill Clinton.

Bush's approval rating fell to 35 percent, its lowest point ever, in a CBS News poll released Monday. An ABC-Washington Post poll, meanwhile, showed Perot leading Bush and Clinton among 1,003 Americans surveyed Wednesday through Sunday. Among registered voters, the candidates were almost even, with Perot at 34 percent, Bush at 31 percent and Perot at 28 percent among registered voters.

In addition to the margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 points for each poll, several differences between the two could account for the discrepancy.

ABC polled for an extra day. CBS polled more people, 1,347. It had more "don't knows," probably because CBS first asked people how much attention they had been paying to the campaign, and about favorability and approval of the candidates.

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"The whole concept of the uplift, positive, master plan is to try and get people to think in a positive way," Patri said.

Even though the company's innovative designs now are seen in Malrose and New York shops and remain one of the top three lines in Japan, Split hasn't forgotten its roots.

"We have a strong market in San Luis. Many people from Poly that we know have stickers and clothes around," Patri said.

Central Coast Surfboards was one of the company's early accounts. VanDerripe said Split wanted to wait until "we were back on track" before trying to seriously market the product in San Luis again.

VanDerripe said, "The fact that (San Luis) makes us want to keep the name in town."
HOMOSEXUALITY

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Dugan said GALA is often called by groups looking for people to come speak on what it is like to be gay or lesbian.

"We've done a few (talks) on Cal Poly's campus before," he said.

GALA has been politically active in the community, too, Dugan said. The group was very involved with last March's City Council meeting on the anti-discrimination ordinance, he said.

"We had strategy meetings about it," Dugan said. "We had a lot of people show up there and everybody spoke."

The report said the department is facing "an immediate and critical funding shortage" to maintain parks that last year had returned more than $1 billion to the state's economy through tourism and created more than 13,000 jobs.

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"People bring their siblings to our dances all the time," he said. "No one is denied because of their sexual preference."

While the majority of local groups are geared toward homosexuals and bisexuals, there also are groups for families and friends.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) is an international organization which functions as a support group for gays, lesbians and their parents, friends and families.

"We're a support group for people who are struggling with finding a way to accept that they are gay, or that a family member or friend is gay," said Betty Owen, treasurer of the local PFLAG chapter.

"Since we're a fledgling group, we haven't dabbled too far into politics yet," she said.

On a national level, Owen added that PFLAG is taking a stand against the Boy Scouts' bylaw forbidding gay leaders and members.

Owen stressed that PFLAG's main role is in providing support and guidance. She said the group was "extremely helpful" for her when she first came out.

"They were lifesaving for me," she said.

GLBU, GALA and PFLAG are only three of many support and resource groups for homosexuals and bisexuals in the community and in San Luis Obispo county.

There are support groups for gays and lesbians from Atascadero to Santa Maria. There also are AIDS support groups and a business and professional network group.

Anyone interested in finding out about these groups can find their numbers listed in the Flyer GLBU produces. These can be found upstairs in the University Union, next to the Information Desk.

STATE

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constituency and failing to meet user demand," the report said.

The report said the department is facing "an immediate and critical funding shortage" to maintain parks that last year had returned more than $1 billion to the state's economy through tourism and created more than 13,000 jobs.

"We must see the funding parks with an annual $5 surcharge on vehicle registrations and a real property transfer tax of $100 on each $100,000 of home value.

The report also recommends turning some parks over to non-profit organizations and associations, opening more private concessions in the parks and letting corporations advertise at parks and beaches for a fee.

"I really want the public to understand the closure of these 25 or 30 parks comes after the department has made every effort to run efficiently and make substantial cuts through reorganization," Murphy said. "I can't tell you how torn apart I am about this."

Murphy said he has yet to develop a list of parks that would close, but it would be based on criteria such as visitor use, revenues and some political concerns.

Murphy faces a threatened $33 million budget cut for the 1992-93 fiscal year that he had hoped to meet by eliminating 226 jobs and reorganizing the department.

Murphy said he had hoped to weather the budget crisis without closing parks, but the latest $11 billion projections of the state's deficit have forced him to consider shutdowns.

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WEDDINGTON

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will vote this fall don't realize it relates to the abortion issue.

Weddington said. "The previous generation knows what it was like before Roe."

Weddington told the story of a doctor in Los Angeles who performed illegal abortions before the Roe vs. Wade ruling made them legal. "The ward was always filled with women who self-induced abortion. There were one to two deaths per week related to abortion." Once the law changed, there were no deaths during the next year, and

the ward was closed, Weddington said.

Weddington said the Roe vs. Wade case meant more to her than a woman's right to have a legal abortion. "We never saw it as a fight for abortion, but about the right of women making decisions. A whole range of issues that women, not the government, should make."

If she were to try the Roe vs. Wade case now, Weddington said she would argue the case more on the basis of First Amendment rights.

Weddington said she now sees the abortion issue as just the "tip of the iceberg" concerning women. "Abortion has become a code word for the whole range of women's issues."

Weddington said she feels the recent "Operation Rescue" pro-life demonstrations in Wichita, Kan., and Buffalo, N.Y., will have an effect on voters.

"What happened in Kansas really helped us," she said. "The more those who oppose abortion and picket clinics are hateful and spiteful ... the more it will help us."

She said she thinks there are a lot of people who became angry about the actions of the people in "Operation Rescue," which she termed "Operation Oppress You."

Weddington said she testified against Clarence Thomas in the Senate confirmation hearings for the Supreme Court justice last fall.

"One of the senators lectured us. He said the problem with you women is that you are too dramatic." She said she believes that if there were some women sitting on the panel, they would have been able to better understand the issues involved.

Clinton would not have appointed Thomas to the Supreme Court, Weddington said.

Weddington said she has written a book about the Roe vs. Wade decision. It will be titled "A Question of Choice: The History of Roe v. Wade," and will be released in September.

Weddington served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1973-77. She was an assistant to President Jimmy Carter from 1978-81. She has won numerous leadership awards, including the 1990 Lecturer of the Year Award from the National Association of Collegiate Activities. She operates a law practice in Austin, Texas, and currently lectures at the University of Texas, Austin.

Staff writer Edwin Hill contributed to this article.

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PETERSEN
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classes, but he tries to remain
positive.

"To survive, you have to
have a warped sense of op­
timism or the depression
(about what's going wrong in
the world) will just kill you.
You have to look to the future
to see how much good could
happen," he said.

Peterseen said he enjoys talk­
ing about the future and what
it holds.

"I love to read. I love talking
with people, having good con­
versations that make you think
and learn. Drinking coffee and
reading a newspaper is my idea
of a good Saturday morning," he said. "I love to learn and I
love people."

CITY COUNCIL
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government, or else lose accoun­
tability.

Councilmember Jerry Reiss
voted no on the motion im­
mediately, because he felt they
were yanking the people back
and forth over the issue.
Reiss said he didn’t want to
fool the people by charging them
less now by way of a rebate and
more later to make up for it.

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Reiss and Councilmember
Penny Rappa said that the public
understood that the rates were
meant for upgrading facilities,
not just to make up for lost
revenues due to rationing.
Councilmember Bill Kalman
was also against the motion.

"It might be a good political
maneuver to talk about rebates," he said, "but I don’t think it serv­
ves the public interest, and I
think it will cost more in the long
run."

WORLD
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public debate and an outpouring
of objections from women.

Equal rights activists said it
must be retained to curb adul­
tery and protect women in a
society dominated by men.

Up to 18,000 adultery cases
are filed each year, but most
cases are settled out of court.

The ministry also scrapped a
law punishing men for tricking
women into sexual relations by
promising marriage. The minis­
try said men in such circumstan­
ces were ruled to have sex with
consent.