Program saves campus cats

Student catches, fixes cats as part of senior project

By Gabe Joynt
Staff Writer

You've probably seen Garret Quindimil's senior project scrawling about campus, and maybe you've even been tempted to take some of it home.

But the fuzzy feral felines that Quindimil calls his "data" are not the cuddly housecats they may appear to be.

"They're just like a wild cougar or any other wild cat," Quindimil said of the approximately 100 feral or "wild" cats on campus that are part of his senior project.

The animal science senior has implemented a unique program to control the cat population on campus, and made it the basis for his senior project.

Under the program, involving more than 30 volunteers and hundreds of cats, Quindimil seeks to move in. But if a controlled, sterile, healthy cat population can be maintained on campus, they will protect the campus territory from new cats.

But creating and maintaining a sterile and healthy crop of kittens is a task that has taken the volunteer efforts of several hard-core cat lovers here. See CATS, page 5

Above, Garret Quindimil cradles a stray Poly feline he caught with the aid of his trap (at right). Freeing the cats from the enclosures is actually detrimental to their well-being, he says.

Daily photos by Sumaya Agha.

Some captured stray cats don’t adapt well to containment.

ASI joins county alcohol project

Minors target of education program

By Len Arends
Staff Writer

The death of a 16-year-old San Luis Obispo boy who was killed while driving drunk has spurred one county organization to enlist the help of Cal Poly in educating minors about the dangers of alcohol abuse.

The San Luis Obispo County Medical Society announced Tuesday that it has joined forces with ASI to promote a campaign dubbed, "The Minors Project."

The program is designed to inform the public that adults who buy alcohol for minors are engaging in "wrong and deadly" activity, according to Dr. Renee Brown, president of the Medical Society.

ASI President-elect Marquaim Piras said the issue of minors and alcohol was central to Cal Poly. "Not only are (students') potential users, but potential victims," he said.

"It's a great opportunity for us to be able to work with the community to address the issue of minors obtaining alcohol from adults," Piras added.

The Minors Project was inspired by the death of Joshua Pulver, a 16-year-old San Luis Obispo resident who was killed while driving under the influence of alcohol last August.

Piras said ASI's role in the project will be to distribute posters to publishers where minors are known to obtain alcohol.

Statistics provided by the Medical Society indicate underage drinking continues to be a problem. In 1992, 172 minors died in California, mostly due to alcohol poisoning. "There's a traffic accident involving alcohol. More than 2,500 sustained injuries," he said.

See ALCOHOL, page 6

Ropes course likely to gain OK tonight

By John Hubbell
News Editor

A two-quarter struggle to bring a physical challenge course to campus will likely end tonight when the matter comes before ASI officials for a vote.

Student input is welcomed at the 7 p.m. meeting of the ASI Board of Directors in UU 230, in which the Board will decide whether it will approve and finance the building of a campus ropes course at an estimated cost of $2,000.

Key ASI and administrative officials said Tuesday the plan will likely pass.

A ropes course is essentially a course in which participants surmount obstacles together using the concept of interdependence. The idea for building one at Cal Poly emerged on Jan. 20 in a resolution by College of Engineering Director Joey Acauyan. Proposers say the proposed course will build self-esteem and improve teamwork among group members. ASI officials say several campus clubs already use such a course in the nearby community of Cambria, but do so at an inhibiting price.

But a campus course, supporters contend, would reduce cost and facilitate important "bonding" among organization members.

The plan for a campus course has been further hailed by members of ASI Outings and recreation administration majors. They have maintained the course of Cumbria, but do it at an inhibiting price.

Club response to the plan — channelled through ASI officials through councils of the university's six colleges — has been favorable, ASI President Kristin Underwood said Tuesday.

However, initial skeptics — among them College of Liberal Arts Director Mike Rockenstein — assailed the plan as a possibly misdirected use of funding amid a tightening budget climate.

"Some people are going to see ROPES COURSE, page 6
Aftershocks follow quake; temblors in Alaska, California

Bishop, Calif.

Aftershocks rumbled along a remote stretch of the California-Nevada border Tuesday following a strong earthquake in the region. There were no injuries and no damage.

Two quakes also struck Alaska and a mountain town east of Los Angeles on Tuesday, but seismologists at the California Institute of Technology said they were not related to Monday's magnitude-6.0 quake at 4:20 p.m.

The earthquake hit northwest of Death Valley and it was felt from Los Angeles, 250 miles to the east of the epicenter, to Fresno, about 100 miles to the west, and to Los Angeles 200 miles south.

There were more than 200 detectable aftershocks after 18 hours of the quake, the largest a 4.9 temblor at 4:50 p.m. Monday, said seismologist Kate Hutton at Caltech in Pasadena.

"The shocks are tucking out but they will certainly be recorded for another week," Hutton said.

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Early Tuesday, Anchorage, Alaska, was jolted by a quake measuring a magnitude-5.2 centered 25 miles south of Anchorage. No damage or injuries were reported.

And in Southern California, a much smaller quake shook the San Bernardino Mountains near the tiny San Andreas Fault on Tuesday. The 3.5-magnitude quake hit at 10:00 a.m. and was centered southeast of Wrightwood.

"They are unconnected to yesterday's quake," Hutton said Tuesday, dismissing any notion of a possible global quake period. "It's not so strange. There are a thousand 5's a year worldwide.

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California state Agriculture Department spokesman Carl DeWing said, and it was not immediately clear whether the electrical equipment was planned to be moved across the border.

Samples of the dead bees were sent to Mexico City to confirm their identification.

Africanized honey bees look regular honey bees but are known for their aggressiveness, which they inherited from African bees that were accidentally introduced in Brazil during the late 1950s. The Africanized bees have since moved steadily northward, entering the United States three years ago in Texas.

The principal migratory movement of the bees is in Mexico about 20 miles south of the California border, and is expected to reach southern California next year.

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"The shock was tucking out and we certainly should not be concerned," DeWing said Tuesday, dismissing any notion of a possible global quake period. "It's not so strange. There are a thousand 5's a year worldwide.

The university's police department has not received any reports of injuries or damage as of Tuesday afternoon.

The bees discovered in Mexico are not part of the main movement, said Bill Ruthier, a state bee expert.

"These swarms do not represent the migratory front of the Africanized honey bee that has been moving up from South and Central America since 1956," he said.

DeWing said the state's goal is to "try to educate the public. We feel the public needs to become aware of the Africanized honey bee. We want people to understand that there is no need to panic."

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West Hollywood, Calif.

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President Clinton on Monday defended his economic record during a televised "town hall" meeting, saying he could not give a tax cut to the middle class as he had promised during his campaign.

"After the election, the previous administration announced that the government deficit was going to be $20 billion a year," he said. "Therefore, I concluded that I could not in good conscience give anybody an across-the-board tax cut in the first year of my presidency."

Clinton was responding to a question from Lorna Fleming, a self-employed businesswoman from San Diego, who characterized Clinton's economic plan as an "unprecedented round of more taxes and more spending."

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"I'm very careful about what I do, where I walk, how I look, how I present myself," he said.

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"What is it supposed to convert us into, except jobless, homeless and hungry?" she asked.

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Local landlord gives students tips for renting

Manager says written rental agreements, walk-throughs important

By Sharon Wiehe Staff Writer

When dorm residents go looking for their first off-campus residence, they often encounter unfamiliar legal jargon and unforeseen problems.

To inform students about what to be aware of when renting that first house or apartment, one local property manager offered some tips on what to expect.

"The biggest problems come when you're moving out," said Larry Smyth, owner of Farrell-Smyth Property Management. "Do a walk-through (of the apartment) with the manager at the beginning of the lease, and make a record of the condition of the apartment to prevent problems later."

He also said that a written rental agreement was better than a verbal one should problems occur, because it lays out the obligations of both parties from the start.

"You must, however, be prepared to live up to (the rental agreement) when you sign," he added.

Furthermore, Smyth said it was a good idea that the names of everyone living in a particular place be on the rental agreement.

"If they aren't, then those persons aren't ultimately responsible for its condition."

"Only those whose names are on the rental agreement are responsible for payment and condition of the apartment," he said.

Beware have several rights under California state law. The following outlines the law governing landlord/tenant relations (California Civil Code Section 1959.5).

- **Return of Deposit** - Deposits must be returned to renters within two weeks after the tenant moves out. If any portion of the deposit is retained for cleaning or repair of damages, the tenant must receive an itemized report within the same two-week period.

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- **Burden of Proof** - If a tenant takes a landlord to court, the landlord must prove that the amount deducted from the deposit was reasonable. The landlord thus shoulders the burden of proof.

- **Rental Agreements** - Written agreements are for the protection of the tenant as well as the landlord. To be legal, any other changes in the lease must be in written form.

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Student conquers high rents with attic hideaway

By Sharon Wiehe Staff Writer

What San Luis Obispo housing option offers a stuffy room no bigger than 4 feet high by 12 feet long? It's not even the California Men's Colony. No, it's not the residence hall; it's not even the California Men's Colony.

The place described is the attic of a house. Some students, including Dave (not his real name), live in a space ordinarily reserved for unwanted household items that would only clutter-up a garage.

"I wanted to get out of the neighborhood I was in and get a place with cheap rent because tuition was going up," Dave said. The English major has been living in the attic of his friend's house for about nine months.

He said he pays $100 per month for the space, which includes just enough room in the attic for a bed, a dresser and a radio. But there are no windows, and he said the weather can sometimes be harsh.

"It's not too cold in the winter," he said, "but in the summer, it gets really hot up there and I can only go up at night."

He said when the weather is hot, he is sometimes forced to wake up earlier than he might want to because of the heat. He only uses the attic to sleep in during those times.

Despite the conditions, Dave said he plans to live in the attic until he graduates next year.

"I can't really afford to move," he said. "I'd probably have to spend around $1,000 per month."

Before moving into the attic, Dave lived on Stemner Street and paid $650 per month. It was then that he noticed that his friends offered him the attic.

"They said, 'We've got an attic that has electricity -- do you want it?'" So, Dave moved in... without telling the landlord, of course.

"It's very unofficial," he said. "If the landlord knew, she probably wouldn't be too happy about it."

But he's not too worried about being discovered because he said that the landlord hasn't come by the property since he's been up there.

Dave said he also knew of others who live in this slightly illegal situation out of free choice. But he feels it is his only option.

"I would want to move out to some place more accommodating," he said. "A place with good roommates, (that was) close to school and had a good-sized kitchen to cook stuff in -- the normal things."

But Dave said he doesn't mind his current living arrangement. "I don't mind the attic. It's the best I can do under the circumstances."

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By Kim Vander Haeghen

Almost every aspect of your life involves the result of technology. This university was based on a "learn by doing" philosophy, but use sometimes wonder if it will remain as an important base, due to the increased class sizes, the reduced lab courses, and the increased consideration for more liberal arts courses. Understandably, the university needs to be well-rounded, but at the expense of majors whose homes are in a polytechnic institution? You can find English in any university, but you won't find many technological majors in any one university. This involves learning concepts by actually going out and applying them in a lab or enterprise project, you'll learn how to read outdated textbooks and.regulate memorized test answers. How will your graduate become secure and knowledgeable in his or her field if the only experience that can be relied upon is through the words of books and lectures? For example, how can water use or soil-composition in the "real world" be taught when the designer of the new septic system has never been in the seat of a tractor or dealt with the consequences of irrigation? So many unspoken variables are present in almost every field requiring that many are uncovered only by actually becoming familiar with the "real-life" work.

Will you trust structure designs, brake components on your vehicle, food safety or financial consultation if the person involved derived his or her knowledge from old textbooks or selected lecture notes? The "real world" wants to hire competent, knowledgeable and experienced people. If they want book information, it would be more economical for them to buy the book rather than to hire someone at thousands of dollars per month!

Technical students are needed to bridge the gap between conceptual ideas and industrial fabrication. This involves anything from design to management, and students need to be able to understand methods of fabrication or implementation in the "real world" for their skills. They need to know what they are doing!

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Kim Vander Haeghen is an animal science junior at Cal Poly.
CATS

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The process begins when the cats are trapped for inspection. At dusk three to four times a week, Quindimil stalks the campus' cats using several traps set in strategic locations around campus.

Quindimil said the cats being trapped are sometimes extremely disturbed.

"It's like going into someone else's senior project and erasing the entire screen on their computer," Quindimil said of the people who have released cats from their traps.

"Cats are smart animals, and once they've been in a trap they know what it is," he said. This makes it difficult to re-capture a liberated cat.

After being trapped, the cats are taken to the Cal Poly Veterinary Clinic, where they are tested for feline diseases, and spayed or neutered.

Quindimil said an outbreak of leukemia among the cats is final­ly under control. Leukemia in cats is contagious and causes their immune systems to weaken, similar to the way AIDS affects humans.

Quindimil said 63 infected cats have been put to sleep after they were confirmed to have the deadly disease.

Another leading cause of ail­ment to the campus cat popula­tion is the food many campus cats eat-taking advantage.

While most cat-lovers believe wet food is a kitty's delight, Quindimil said it is one of the leading causes of death to the campus' kittens.

"Feeding kittens wet food is the worst thing you could ever do," Quindimil stated emphati­cally.

The high protein content or wet food dehydrates the kittens and eventually kills them.

"Just like you wouldn't give a baby a powdered steak, you wouldn't give a kitten wet food," Quindimil said.

After a trapped adult cat is determined to be healthy and has been sterilized, it is tagged, numbered and set free.

The cats on campus then are free to dine at one of ten hidden-to-human feeding stations main­tained with food and water by volunteers.

The kittens, however, are detained after they are trapped and go through a socialization period to prepare them for adoption.

In regular shifts, volunteers go to a shed behind the veterinary clinic where the kittens are held. In a few hours a day they play with the wild kittens, get­ting them used to human contact and playing with the many cat toys laying around the shed.

When the kittens are ready, they are put up for adoption. Sheri Jacobsen, who works on campus and coordinates the volunteers for the program, proudly tells of their 100 percent adoption rate for the kittens.

Prospective pet owners must fill out an application for the kitten ownership, which includes show­ing proof pets are allowed by the landlord.

Once they have adopted, the owner can get all the shots needed for the cat for $12, and get a half-priced spay or neuter operation.

He added that the big influx of cats on campus began about seven years ago, noting how many people bring their un­wanted cats to Cal Poly and dump them because of the natural setting of the campus.

"People go to Farmers Market and pick up a cat-kitten," Quin­dimil said. "Then they get home and realize it's a lot of work."

While most cat-lovers believe the campus cats are not just a problem on the Cal Poly campus. The Mission Plaza area in downtown San Luis Obispo is home to many feral cats, a county animal regulation officer said.

Quindimil said most of his knowledge of feral cats he "learned by doing." Quindimil said he was surprised at the lack of research that had been done on feral cats.

A similar feral cat program is in place at UC Davis, though Quindimil said it is less elaborate than the Cal Poly program. He said the program in place here could be used in other areas with feral cat problems, such as the downtown area.

So far, Cal Poly's feral cat population has been cut down to about 100, with 70 of those tagged, sterilized and confirmed healthy. Those cats have yielded 16 kittens so far this year, compared to last spring, when 80 kit­tens were found on campus.

The program relies on dona­tions of cat food, money and volunteer time, using no univer­sity funds. Those wishing to volunteer or donate cat chow can call Sheri Jacobsen at 543-3977.

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Cuesta student found hanged
Stenner Glen resident’s suicide discovered Saturday

By Silas Lyons
Staff Writer

A Cuesta student who hanged himself in his Stenner Glen bedroom was discovered Saturday evening, San Luis Obispo police said Tuesday.

Hotel Joshi, 25, occupied one room of a suite at Stenner Glen. The county coroner’s office had no information on the actual time of his death.

Police found Joshi’s body hanging against the window of his room. The shadowed, slumped form was visible from the sidewalk below through the thin venetian blinds.

Joshi’s parents, Ramesh and Sudha Joshi, asked the coroner’s office not to release details surrounding the death.

Vij Rundaram, a reporter for India West, identified Ramesh Joshi as an executive for IBM. Hotel Joshi’s parents and a younger brother, Nithal, live in Union City.

Stenner Glen managers have declined comment on the incident.

ALCOHOL

From page 1 injuries under the same circumstances. A survey taken in 1987 of San Luis Obispo junior high and high school students stated about 20 percent of respondents drank beer about once a week.

Bravo said the effects of alcohol abuse by minors can be devastating. He said the sight of a teen killed from drinking and driving or overdosing on alcohol is “the nightmare of every family and every doctor.”

“As a physician, (I) don’t see statistics, (I) see people,” he said. “The statistics become very vivid.”

Bravo said the face on the poster would be changed if and when new tragedies occur. “While everyone hopes there are no more (deaths),” a statement from the Medical Society said, “the plan is to distribute the posters...in an attempt to show seams and adults that getting alcohol for minors is dead serious business.”

ROPES COURSE

From page 1 question our priorities,” Rockenstein said at a Jan. 27 Board of Directors meeting, “I think everybody needs to be aware of that.”

But Rockenstein said Tuesday he’ll likely vote for the plan tonight, baring the emergence of any new snags.

“I think as long as the course is open for everybody, then I don’t see a particular problem with it,” he said.

The issue of liability snarled progress for months, and could have potentially sunk the plan tonight should administrators feel it too risky.

But after exploring concerns, university vice presidents Hazel Scott and Frank Lebens are ready to endorse the plan.

Lebens said late Tuesday, “Brine AFI is...covering the insurance premium, I’m comfortable the risk to the university is minimal,” Lebens said.

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BUYBACK!
Mustangs dominate all-CCAA awards

By Cam Inman

Sports Editor

The amount of talent on this year's Cal Poly baseball team not surprisingly earned the Mustangs several selections to the all-conference teams. But because the Mustangs had so many quality individuals, none could be singled out and selected California Collegiate Athletic Association player of the year.

Cal Poly, which begins play in the NCAA Division II West Regional playoffs at SLO Stadium Friday night, recently had five of its players take 15 of the first-team all-CCAA picks.

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Munger, a transfer from Cuesta College and a San Luis Obispo High School graduate, holds a .352 clip with 40 RBIs. James, also a local boy from Templeton, has a team-leading .377 average.

Neal leads the Mustangs with 58 RBIs and eight home runs while Boulware is hitting .356 and Dodder .344. Mustangs honored on the second-team were pitchers Paul Souza (6-5, 3.04 ERA) and Scott Mollaban (6-2, 3.93 ERA) and shortstop Brent Simonich (6-9, 2.38 ERA). Freshman Jon Macalutas was an honorable-mention pick at third base.

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Chris Eppright said of Nielsen. "Holyoak upset defending NCAA champion Phillip Scherdel of Armstrong before meeting Nielsen."

In his quarterfinal-round match, Nielsen fell to third-seeded Jon Goldfarb of Bellmore, 4-6, 4-6.

We're having the biggest sale of the year...in doubles

Honors pile up for Poly

By Kevin Comerford

Staff Writer

Mark Nielsen, the lone Cal Poly men's tennis player to survive past the first round, was ousted when he lost in the quarterfinals Tuesday at the NCAA Division II Singles Championships in Edmond, Okla.

Nielsen, however, is still alive in the doubles championships as he and partner Ricardo Reyes will play a quarterfinal-round match today.

After winning his first two singles matches Monday to advance to the round of 16, Nielsen defeated Lee Holyoak of Lander (S.C.) 6-1, 4-2, with Holyoak retiring in the second set.

"He played probably the best match of the season, and maybe his career, in the match against Lander's player," Mustang coach Mark Nielsen became the first Cal Poly player to win the Arthur Ashe National Sportmanship Award, which is given to the player expected to make the biggest Division II impact next year.

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Cal Poly's doubles team of Marc Olivier and John Montgomery fell to a UC Davis duo, 4-6, 4-6, in the second round Tuesday.

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Poly still sifts through rubble

By Deanna Wulff and Edwin Bill -- Mustang Daily Staff

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But in 1990, Poly Royal abruptly came to symbolize this university at its worst.

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Although school pride prevailed during the festival's mornings and afternoons, its days were followed by nights of vandalism and violence, culminating in two episodes of rioting and street fights. Local authorities deployed 125 officers clad in riot armor to disperse crowds of hundreds of drunken revelers, some of whom hurled rocks and bottles at the mini-army as it repeatedly approached, advanced and retreated.

Street signs and railroad crossings were torn down; homes, businesses and automobiles were damaged; dumpsters were set aflame.

When the water cannon ceased fire and the tear gas dissipated, the final tally was taken: 80 arrested, more than 140 injured. Witnesses variously described the evenings events as "strange" and "incredibly chaotic." One likened the chasing down and clubbing of partiers and onlookers by police to a "shark feeding frenzy."

The two nights of mayhem made headlines and hit prime-time on CNN and NBC.

First staged in 1932, Poly Royal was initially billed as a country fair on a college campus. It was a weekend for students, faculty and their families to come and hand celebrate what Cal Poly was all about. "I thought it was great -- it was killer," said Danan Davis, an electrical engineering senior who attended two Poly Royals. "A lot of parents and friends would come. It was fun."

Each year, the campus was converted into a giant fairground, featuring food booths, displays, concerts and the annual Cal Poly rodeo.

Recent Poly Royals attracted more than 100,000 people over the long weekend, more than twice the population of San Luis Obispo.

And each festival was characteristically trouble-free, even as Poly Royal built a reputation as one of the major collegiate party events on the West Coast. Stan Bernstein, a former SLO mayor and a Cal Poly alumnus, was quoted in the Los Angeles Times as saying Poly Royal was becoming as popular a destination for students as Palm Springs.

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SNAP: Students and police keeping the peace

Student patrol units will use peer pressure to quell parties

For the first time in nearly three years, the reinstatement of a Poly Royal-type event at Cal Poly next spring is a real possibility.

And as the hopes of students and community members heighten, many ASI (Associated Students, Inc.) and city officials are looking to newly approved student patrol program to gauge San Luis Obispo's willingness and Cal Poly's desire to bring back the decades-old event.

The inception of SNAP (San Luis Obispo's Student Patrol) came after a rape occurred on campus in early September, said Police Captain Bart Topham. "The whole community is watching this. It's a real chance to show the community that the school and the city are ready to move forward and bring Poly Royal back."

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The inception of SNAP occurred in September when the San Luis Obispo Police Department unveiled a plan which involved students being dispatched to neighborhood noise complaints instead of all-too-familiar police officers.

San Luis Obispo Police Chief Jim Gardiner reported in September that officers responded to over 2,500 noise disturbances — mostly loud parties — in 1992 alone. Gardiner said this overload of noise complaint was taking "the police away from dealing with real problems in the community like narcotics sales, gangs and other serious crimes."

Roger Conway, ASI executive director, said the police department, in simply trying to respond to the increased demand, began looking to Cal Poly for help.

"There's a lot of friction between Gardiner and the community regarding noise," Conway said in a September interview. "This program would make life easier. Anything that will reduce confrontations is advantageous."

San Luis Obispo's peer policing program is based on a successful Student Patrol program at the University of Illinois-Champaign, San Luis Obispo, officials said.

The program in Champaign began in 1981, after a rape occurred on campus, said Sgt. Irvin Summers. Student Patrol coordinator for the campus police department. A committee was formed and they decided the school needed more "eyes and ears" on campus and in surrounding areas. They formed the agreement reads, is to provide an opportunity for students to create a safer environment for themselves and the community.

Responsibilities for SNAP participants will be to assist local law enforcement as a respon­ sible communication to identify crime-related calls for service, conduct safety patrols in and around stu­ dent housing areas, and provide a variety of student-oriented crime prevention services, according to the report.

"I think it can have a major impact. I can't remember another program where we've had so many people calling us and saying, 'Damn this looks good.' People are anxious to see what happens."

Bart Topham
San Luis Obispo Police Department Captain

With the recent passage of SNAP, the next step is the creation of an advisory board, which will be responsible for oversight and review of the program.

San Luis Obispo's SNAP will work much the same way, officials say. The program will tenta­tively put two teams of two students each on duty from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday nights while either Cal Poly or Cuesta College are in session, according to an agreement report issued by ASI and the city.

The program's ultimate goal, the agreement reads, is to "provide an opportunity for students to create a safer environment for themselves and the community."

ASI's Hultquist agrees: "SNAP shows we care about the community," he said. "It shows the community we're doing our part."

ASI President Kristin Burnett, however, is hopeful SNAP will bring Poly Royal back, but unsure how the program will be perceived.

"As SNAP is designed, the community should see it as a pro-active program on the stu­ dents' part to maintain a good community image," Burnett said. "But how it will be perceived is yet to be seen."

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By Bryan Bailey
(All left, with Illustrator Bucky Dent)

Cal State Fresno has one. Chico State has one. UC Santa Barbara does too, as well as Stanford, Cal Tech and MIT.

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, used to have one of the few institutions which did without.

If one were to look around the nation, even across the state of California, one would see that most colleges or universities have their own accommodation for some kind or another. Granted, most are geared toward the student's convenience rather than the purpose of raising funds, but all are a profitable venture when the public relations aspect is taken into account.

Why, then, is Cal Poly, a university formerly touted largely because of its annual "open house," Poly Royal, now one of the few institutions which does without?

Since the tumultuous riots and subsequent cancellations of Poly Royal in April, 1996, speculation as to whether or not the yearly festival, or even a variation of the same, will return has ranked near the top of San Luis Obispo conversational topics, right along with San Luis Obispo's "no-growth" or "student housing" initiatives. The students and the community of SLO may butt heads over numerous issues, but one point on which neither side can disagree.

Poly Royal made money.

And it is for that reason alone that the sentiment "Poly Royal will return" is not just a hopeful plea; it is a certainty.

Poly Royal will be back.

Money makes the world go 'round, and Cal Poly's current economic world is in dire need of a financial push.

Several different options have been explored, mind you, but Poly's administration has negated their effects almost as rapidly as these aspects arose:

- The concept of a charter university.
- The reduction of enrollment.
- The increase in fees.

While this option is still struggling to find a foothold in the nation, Poly's administration has resisted every step of the way, hemmed and hawed over denying this, as if it won't happen, but just ask the owners of the La Cuesta Motor Inn or the Motel 6 in downtown San Luis Obispo.

The resultant hikes in fees for the students who remain, the university is going to have to raise its revenue in some way, but with a payroll account consisting of a small group of student and city leaders, it would be a very small group that Poly's administration would consider.

Unfortunately, this kind of communication and decision-making process is more often than not a demand.

There are several cries for the return of Poly Cal Poly's mammoth moneymaker from that intangible yet powerful district of the San Luis Obispo merchants, who were against the cancellation in the first place, it's not just a suggestion — it's an order.

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Ron Dunin, former San Luis Obispo mayor says, there was a relatively small group of people involved.

And then it got out of hand
Poly student and former mayor relay '90 Poly Royal experiences

For many Cal Poly students, the words "Poly Royal" elicit memories, especially secondhand stories of an annual event that overloaded the campus for four days.

But some Cal Poly and community members were here before the Poly Royal tradition came to an end in 1990.

Joel DeYoung came to Cal Poly seven years ago and witnessed as well as participated in Poly Royal activities. "When they tried to loot Cork & Bottle, a chain of human bodies was formed by the students and they started shouting 'save the store.'" Ron Dunin
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Club booths sprang up all over the campus, allowing student organizations to do a year's worth of fundraising in one weekend.

"All the organizations got excited because that was their money-maker," DeYoung said.

"When we asked them to stop, they said 'more so than an open house showing what the school did.'"

He said the "Party Royal" atmosphere "built up over time."

"It was a real festive atmosphere, from what I remember of it," he said.

DeYoung said lots of people - parents, friends and students from other schools - came to visit the campus.

"It was ... wall-to-wall people," he said. "People were there just to have fun, to hang out."

"Dexter Lawn was just filled with booths. Booths would go all the way up the hill by the homes and science buildings and all the way down to the parking lot down by the Ag circle."

He said he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, he worked in the organization's booth.

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"It was mainly around the California and Foothill areas," he said.

He said the activity extended to Hathway Avenue and Murray Street as well.

"There were obviously a lot of parties going on," DeYoung said, "and it seemed like a lot of the parties just kind of converged.

"We drove down to Santa Rosa and Foothill," he said. "There were balloons flying around with spotlights (shining on) groups of people."

"It was kind of eerie. We didn't even want to get close to it (the activity)."

In contrast to DeYoung's desire not to get involved in the turmoil, former San Luis Obispo Mayor Ron Dunin got in the middle of it.

Dunin said most students whom he came in contact with Saturday while patrolling with Chief Gardiner were compliant and responsive to police intervention.

But, he said, the mood changed when groups began marching toward Cork & Bottle Liquor Store & Deli.

"When there is a crowd, and they have a few beers, it takes just one person to make them excited," he said.

He said several theories exist about the cause of Saturday's occurrence.

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By Amy Hooper
Staff Writer

A Cal Poly student and a former city official recently related their memories about past Poly Royals, especially the last one.

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Two San Luis Obispo High students talk about cliques, life near Cal Poly

It's lunch hour and two fresh­man girls are sitting at a bright orange table at Frank's Famous Hot Dogs, mapping out the cli­ques and their respective sub-cli­ques at San Luis Obispo High School.

Like flavors of ice cream, Kelly Alvarez and Daniele Plevel define the various groups that make up San Luis Obispo's main high school, which accommodates 1,200 students.

By Gabe Joynt

Staff Writer

"There's Jocks, who hang out in the quad with the Sociers," Plevel said. "The Sociers are the ones who get thrown in the trash cans when they walk by the Stomers.

Then there are the Preppies, they're a hybrid between Jocks and Sociers," Plevel said. One by one, Plevel and Al­varez mapped out where each group hangs out during lunch.

"The Gangsters go to 7-11," Plevel said, and the "Skinheads sit in the quad in circles."

"I think the Dramas eat in the theater," Alvarez said, laughing.

"The Dramas' closest family would be with the Mods," Plevel said. Then there are the "Surfers."


"But they're just bored, too," Plevel said of the malfunction "Surfer" group.

Boredom seemed to be a com­mon feeling around campus. Of the students interviewed for this story, their first opinion of life as a high school student in San Luis Obispo was simple and unequivocal: "It sucks.

But they also agreed young people in San Luis Obispo were better off than in other local towns.

"There's a bigger spectrum of ideas here," said Greg Martin, a 1991 graduate of Presentation High School who was sitting near campus with a group of friends before lunch hour.

Martin said that because of the Cal Poly and Cuesta towns in town, there is more diversity and things to do in San Luis Obispo than in his native Paso Robles.

"There's always parties, and there's always gonna be girls here," Martin said.

Plevel agreed, saying Cal Poly is a social center for most of San Luis Obispo's young people, high school and college students alike.

"This town would just be dead without Poly," Plevel said. "Everything fun in this town is somehow related to Poly."

And Alvarez said that some high school students in town go to bars and many go to Poly keg parties.

"You don't even need a fake I.D.; you just walk in," Plevel said of San Luis Obispo's bars.

Plevel said she usually tells people she meets at parties who she has graduated or goes to Cuesta.

Alvarez and Plevel said the top hangouts for high school stu­dents are local coffee houses or at 7-11 on Monterey Street.

"A lot of people shoulder-tap at 7-11," Plevel said of the way San Luis Obispo's underage drinkers get people to buy them beer.

Heather Tunnell, an 18-year­old senior, said it's hard to live in the tightly-regulated environ­ment of San Luis High when all the college students in town have so much freedom.

Just then, a long bell rings across the campus, telling Tun­nell and her friends to get up and go back to class for another after­noon at San Luis High.
When free speech isn't free

Doubled downtown fees can't quiet one woman's socialist commitment

The hallway to the artist's living room is filled with pieces of wood, and local oil paintings. Other paintings are portraits of people, real and imaginary. The imaginary paintings are in very sharp contrast to what a visitor experienced with the rest of her—she runs the Poly Mustang U.S.A. booth at Farmers Market on Thursday nights.

By Lisa Irugiu
Staff Writer

Sanford celebrated her seventh year out at Farmers Market in April, a month after the San Luis Obispo City Council approved an increase to rent space at Farmers Market for non-profit organizations. The $5 fee was raised to $10 for a 10-foot space at the weekly event.

Sanford said when she first started her booth at Farmers, the fees were $2. "I didn't even know about the BIA (Business Improvement Association)," she said.

"I take in between $10 and $22 each week in donations, so for a while, I was finding it hard to pay the $10 fee," she said.

Sanford said she set her booth up on the sidewalk to avoid paying the weekly fees when she was asked to leave by a man representing the BIA.

She said she contacted City Councilman Bill Roalman who then contacted a city attorney.

"The BIA recognized a non-profit organization and asked us to hand out literature at no charge just as long as you keep on moving," she said.

Sanford said that BIA members, who take up the same space, pay $5, half of the fee for non-profit organizations.

"I feel this (the fee increase) is unjust for non-profit information services," she said. "People who are making the profit should bear the brunt of the cost." Lynn Block, administrator for BIA, confirmed the lower fees for BIA members.

"All business owners downtown are required to be a member of the BIA," Block said. "These business owners pay double the city business-license tax to be downtown so it (the lower fee) is just one of the benefits a member receives.

Block said the BIA is not trying to single any group out.

"The cost of running Farmers Market went up, so the fee for a booth went up as well," she said. "Fees went up for four groups: farmers, barbecuers, the media and non-profit organizations."

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He said the students rather than the police prevented the entry of prospective looters into the store.

He said he disagrees that the incidents on Saturday night qualify as a riot.

Dunin said those responsible for the turmoil were only a small segment of local and out-of-town college students as well as high school students.

"I never used the term 'riot' during the disturbance," he said.

"I think if it was a riot, ... the whole university would have been involved and not a small group of people.

"So I never accepted that term, and I still don't accept the term Poly Royal riots."
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