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Of course, after Thursday's episode, neither woman-crazy barkeep Sam, his lippy waitress Carla, primo barfly Norm, nor the rest of the show's glorious losers would actually uproot themselves from the place where everybody's glad they came.

They'll just do it all again and again.
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Poly student's book helps technologically illiterate

By Laura Bloner
Staff Writer

For the first time ever, a Cal Poly student has a book on sale in El Corral Bookstore.

James Thomas Green, a 33-year-old material engineering senior, is the author of "Electronic Communications for the Compleat Idiot." April. He devoted more than 500 hours to research, writing, editing, typing and getting his book published.

"The director of El Corral and myself saw the need for a user-friendly publication for the use of E-mail on campus," said Nick Ruth, marketing manager at the bookstore. "So far, feedback has been positive and people I talked to were excited to have a book on that subject, but time will tell.

Green leaves no question about his motivation for writing the work.

"I saw a need for a book like this and I filled it," Green said. "I've always wanted to write books, and this seemed to be an appropriate topic.

Green began writing the work about three years ago and completed it this April. He devoted more than 500 hours to research, writing, editing, typing and getting his book published.

"People would ask me so many questions about E-mail that I couldn't even do my homework when I'd go to the study labs," Green lamented.

Those who are "Compleat Idiots," may wonder exactly what "E-mail" is.

Green defines it as "a way of sending messages and letters through the computer systems internationally."

He adds that it is important and beneficial to students because "the whole world is literally hooked up electronically."

Students can also use E-mail to conduct research or to communicate with a "significant other who lives far away," he said.

Dorothy Jefferson, a staff member with student affairs, integrates Green's book into the curriculum of several engineering classes she teaches.

"I use it as a reference in order to have the engineering students communicate with each other for class projects," Jefferson said.

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"I think it's wonderful that a student has taken the time to put that sort of information together."

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ASI leaders felt unanswered, unheard in capital

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Graduation has rolled up rather suddenly on a few of my friends — unfortunately not for me. You see, I miss the dorms. That's a weighty confession from a 23-year-old journalism student who had trouble living in harmony with his own brother ... the food tasting almost — but not quite — exactly unlike any carbon-based substance, it really wasn't that bad. Really.

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I'm a three-year veteran of dormitory living, not all at Cal Poly (the length of my tenure, by the way, is the reason for the questioning of my sense of reality). And in all the time since, I have never lived in a more comfortable abode.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Inflation

After reading Tuesday's article about inflated grades at private universities, such as Harvard, I decided to look into Cal Poly's grading policy. I can not believe the disparity I found between different classes and departments. For example, while the average GPA for my major (Mechanical Engineering) is approximately 2.47, whereas another technical major (Computer Science and Engineering) had an average of approximately 3.17. This same department gave out 44 "A's" or "A-'s" compared to 16 percent for my department. This disparity was not an isolated incident. I am particularly bothered by this because of the implications it has for those students in departments which grade so much harder. These students get hurt trying to find jobs, get into graduate school and even get charged more for car insurance. I further refute the argument that these institutions account for this discrepancy. Everyone knows that getting into graduate programs off-campus is very much a numbers game. Do you really think they will accept a 2.7 GPA student over a 3.3 GPA student, even though, from the example above, the 2.7 represents a greater achievement above his/her department's average? Further, any job will typically advertise for several majors, but these potential employers do not realize how much grades can deviate between departments. Some majors will be at a significant disadvantage. These students in these tougher grading departments will have to go on bearing the burden of keeping the university's average GPA at a reasonable level while others will continue to reap the rewards of inflated grades.

Steve Sorensen
Mechanical Engineering

A vote for quarters

While I understand the arguments in favor of the quarter system (matching class schedules to residence spaces, minimising downward risks, etc.), I do not understand the argument for the semester system. "The semester system will be available to staff the material subject." This argument suggests that the students' workload would be decreased. Taking a larger view, however, there are only two ways to reduce student workload — spread the total amount of material required for graduation.

The first alternative is in neither the students' nor the professors' best interest. I think it is clearly better to reduce the volume of material by decreasing the number of units required for graduation. This is probably the only — with that while living with your folks. Actually, better not. If they're paying any part of your expenses, it's only fair to stay in their good graces.

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"But everyone needs to take into account the problems we faced."

In response to that anticipation for the Center to open students have been sneaking into the building.

Johnson dispelled all rumors of this nature. "Security is a concern of ours," he said. "We have round-the-clock security to eliminate any potential problems."

ASI President-elect Marquita Pires chose not to comment on the rumored trespassings, but did say it is important that students obey the rules.

"If someone decides to enter the building right now, we are liable," he said. "If students decide to trespass, then we will have to put out more security."

"That would cost us more money and more time," said Pires, "neither of which we have."

VISIT

From page 1
sistant, was uninformed about the charter concept and CSSA.

The trio and Phil Eugene, ASI director for the College of Engineering, agreed in saying they got the impression the legislators did not care about the students' concerns.

"They're not very good actors," Reed said, adding that he felt the legislators did not disguise their lack of interest in the students' concerns well.

President Adam Taylor and will continue under President-elect Marquita Pires.

- The Board postponed for one week a vote on funding for the newly-approved Community Safety Awareness Club. The club was approved two weeks ago. It has requested a $5,000 start-up budget for training and equipment.

Every Monday, a sports page that gives you a comprehensive report on all there is to know about Cal Poly athletics.

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Tattoos, piercings (ears, nose, whatever), brandings -- basically any kind of personal adornment that is something you'd have a hard time removing. The Daily is looking to put your art on our pages in a story about the myriad of ways people choose to decorate themselves. Call MUSTANG DAILY at 756-1143 and leave a message for Elayne or Kathy.

No posers, please! -- only those who are true "Skin Artists."
By switching to more energy-efficient lighting, PG&E has turned each of the EnergyWise Showcase Homes at Villa Rosa San Luis Obispo into a showcase of bright ideas.

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Come visit Villa Rosa and stroll through the latest PG&E EnergyWise Showcase Homes. You'll see shining examples of truly affordable, energy-efficient housing.
**SLO Stadium readies for Regional**

By Kevin Comerford

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Mustangs hope for return trip to CWS

The Cal Poly baseball team (33-17 overall) begins play tonight in the NCAA Division II West Regional playoffs also ... And to the delight of the Mustangs and their fans, the games will take place on the lush green field at SLO Stadium.

Third-ranked Davis, the Northern California Athletic Conference champion, enters the regionals with a dominant regular season record of 41-12.

Two factors could work against UC Davis. This year the Aggies boast an offensive arsenal that has accumulated a .320 batting average with 34 home runs and 135 stolen bases.

Pomona looks to build on history

By Christopher Black

Staff Writer

Cal Poly Pomona, headed by 1993 College World Series national championship Coach of the Year Chuck Belk, brings a wealth of experience to the NCAA Division II West Regional baseball tournament.

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"We have a good hitting team, and our pitching is a real strength," stressed Belk. "We have good quality starters and depth in the bullpen which will be a real key in this series.

"Our team has really risen to the occasion this season, but we haven't truly reached our peak," Belk said. In order to reach that peak, Pomona will have to get strong performances from all of their starters.

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"We have good quality starters and depth in the bullpen which will be a real key in this series." Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; 4-4, 3.47), lefty Brandon