Winter rains were blamed for delaying the new Center's opening.

The trailers are gone. The boisterous noises of construction have disappeared. Men and women in hard hats are no longer hammering away.

According to Rec Sports Director Rick Johnson, $5 million is still needed to complete the new Rec Center.

"Our intent is to open as early in summer quarter as possible," he said. "We are doing what we need to be doing.

The next 30 to 45 days are scheduled to be the peak construction period. Much of the work in progress is behind the scenes.

"There's a lot of fine-tuning," Johnson said. "We are making sure that everything is up to the standards that we expect."

By Marla R. Van Schuyver

Board overrides director, proceeds with funding vote

The request for automated scoring machines was delayed until next Wednesday's ASI meeting. But the $35,550 request for new pool tables, risers and computer equipment was approved by the Board.

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Summerson said she was not opposed to the expenditures, but was asked by her council to bring back more information before the directors would vote.

Summerson defended her council's right to understand the ASI meeting. "I'm not doing this to be a stick in the mud," she said. "I have no problem with allocating the money. I just want information on exactly what's being done."

ASI Director Erica Brown from the defunct College of Professional Studies said students could already know about these facilities. "The UEC also requested University Union and Rec Center fees be charged to Cuesta College students residing in Cal Poly's residence halls. The Board agreed to a $46.50 per semester fee to be charged to Cuesta students wishing to use the new Rec Center."

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The creators of newcomer 'Voice XIII' plan to publish monthly.

By Jennifer Morehouse

Newspaper tries to be open forum for different views

A $37.50 fee also was passed for Cuesta students who wish to use the Craft Center or other UU facilities. But that fee will be much harder to enforce, Anber said.

"The fee can only be enforced if they decide to use the facilities," he said. "If they decide to use the Craft Center or check out equipment, then they'll have to show their ID card and show they have paid the fee."

In other ASI business:

- The Board unanimously approved a resolution for the construction of a ropes course.

See ASI, page 5

Rec Center opening set

Center to open in summer after 'fine-tuning'

By Shelly Karbon

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One hundred million viewers were expected to tune in the movie-length finale, which capped 11 seasons of misadventures and wisecracks at a communal Boston watering hole.

"Cheers" finished last in the ratings its first season — and took eight years to reach the top. It has been at or near it every season, snagging a record 111 Emmy nominations in the process.

Of course, after Thursday's episode, neither woman-cutie 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.

Joe, Montana will remain Ismay
Ismay, Mont.
The small town of Ismay has quickly seized on vividness of this tiny eastern Montana town decided to temporarily change its name to Joe, Montana, in honor of the Kansas City Chiefs quarterback. The mayor is negotiating a T-shirt deal. The town clerk has interviewed into news channels in Anchorage, Alaska, and Washington, D.C.

"We've had a lot of fun with this," said Gene Nemitz, mayor of Ismay, which has a population of 22.

Nemitz considers it the first serious business he's tackled in his four years as mayor.

The hubbub started May 12 when Town Clerk Wayne Reiger fielded a call from Kansas City radio disc jockeys who wondered if the town would change its name to Joe for the football season. The town fathers immediately began planning to tie the name-change celebration to the annual Independence Day fireworks, softball game and potluck picnic. The separate Ethics Committee still is investigating accusations that Packwood made unwanted sexual advances toward more than 20 women who worked for him or with him during his 24-year Senate career and tried to silence some by threatening to expose details of their personal lives.

"The Senate does not think there is anything wrong with lying and cheating and stealing your way into this exclusive club, and I think the American people are tired of that attitude," she said.

Jailed Iraqis planned to kill Bush
Washington, D.C.
A group of Iraqis jailed in Kuwait have told U.S. investigators they were, in fact, sent by Iraq to kill President Bush during his visit to Kuwait last month, a U.S. official said.

The White House said earlier this month that it would consider action against Iraq if it finds proof of its complicity in an assassination attempt. Iraq has denied any role in the alleged plot, accusing the United States of fabricating the incident as an excuse to attack Iraqi targets.

Kuwait arrested 11 Iraqis after they drove in from Iraq on April 13, and said the suspects planned to attack targets in Kuwait, including Bush during his April 14-16 visit. Bush led the allies against Iraq in the Persian Gulf War.

The main Iraqi suspect, Wali al-Ghazali, told a team of FBI and Secret Service agents in Kuwait that he planned to strap explosives around his waist and blow himself up next to Bush in a suicide bombing, said one official, who spoke late Wednesday on condition of anonymity.

U.S. authorities initially were uncertain whether the suspects intended to kill Bush or just to stage bombings to disrupt his visit, said another official who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

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**NEW YORK, N.Y.**

A nation of viewers honored not just "Cheers" but the passing of a television era Thursday night.

The airing of episode No. 275, and weeks of hoopla leading up to it, likely brought to a close a dynasty of great and timeless sitcoms that began with "I Love Lucy" and "The Honeymooners four decades ago.

In the unruly new TV world, where scores of channels scrap for the viewer's affection, no broadcast series may ever again win the wide and long-term favor "Cheers" enjoys.

Commissions questioned consultants about the expansion's effects on traffic, noise levels and area congestion.

Santa Monica consultant Patrick Gibson said ramps from Interstate 5 will take park-bound traffic directly into new parking structures.

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Sen. Gary Hart speaks with ASI leaders (from left) Phil Eugenio, Kristin Burnett and Marquam Piros in Sacramento on Wednesday.

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.”

“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 Routh, 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.

“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.

“California is too big to govern,” she said. “(The experience) makes a case for regionally-based governments.

“I don’t want to appear ungrateful, but I feel like I was given scraps,” Green said.


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

She said the book was well organized.

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Thirty-five copies of book, which costs $14.95 have been sold within a month at El Corral. Furthermore, the bookstore has placed an order for 30 more copies.

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Currently, Green is awaiting a response from Cal Tech University in Pasadena, which he contacted in hopes of selling his book.

“I wrote it so that it can be used everywhere,” Green said.


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It's that time of year again. Of course, it's not really very different from every other "that time" of year, but the end of the school year is a celebration we call school year always holds special meaning for those in the 18- to 24-year-old age bracket (and sometimes more in Cal Poly's case).

Graduation has rolled up rather suddenly on a few of my friends — unfortunately not for me, the May-June school wrap up is a melancholy time of reflection. It's also a time that I seriously question the state of my own sanity.

You see, I miss the dorms.

I am 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.

This may sound sort of cliché, but I miss that thing they pump out at the dorms every morning.

Politically correct term this may sound, but I miss that thing they pump out at the dorms every morning. I'm not talking about the ink — the resultant biological infestation could have qualified as a weapon in the Gulf War. I'm talking about the orgie of noises everyone who returns to the dorms their senior year because they "missed" their dorms normally think of. The first alternative is in neither the students' nor the public's best interest. The students would be trading off marginal gains in learning and intellectual comfort for increased living and tuition expenses, as well as forgoing post-graduation living arrangements. The second alternative, of paying a larger salary to a janitor had swept away the mess, is literally.

During that final, fateful Poly week, I think.

Bored with school? Feel like ditching a class or two? If you were living off-campus with a roommate who was most likely in class, the television might offer the only means of escape (we all know what a happening town SLO is in terms of young-adult entertainment).

However, in the on-campus community, your neighbors are just a stumblin away. This may be a good or bad thing, of course, but you are definitely never far from some inebriated soul in your peer group. And none of these are going to swing by your door to complain that your Bob Marley records are interrupting their bridge game.

Probably the biggest saving grace for the "community living" situation is the resultant biological infestation could have qualified as a weapon in the Gulf War. Better yet, try to get away with that while living with your folks. Actually, better not. If they're paying any part of your room and board, you are expected to stay in their good graces.

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While I understand the arguments in favor of the quarter system (matching class schedules to attention spans, minimizing downside risks, etc.), I do not understand the argument for the semester system. As the administration has said, "The average GPA for my (Mechanical Engineering) is approximately 2.47, whereas the other technology (Electrical Engineering) had an average of approximately 3.17. This same department gave out 44 percent of "A's" and 14 percent of "A's" to "C's," compared to 18 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 at all 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 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. Those 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 Soonee
Mechanical Engineering

A vote for quarters

Barry Munitz
Chancellor, CSU System
Warren J. Baker
Cal Poly President
Bill Honig
Former California Secretary of Education

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

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

- ASI directors will vote next week on a resolution promoting a Joint Student/Teacher Evaluations Task Force. If passed, the resolution will be forwarded to the Academic Senate for consideration.

- Space in the University Union being vacated by Program Board was allocated to Disabled Student Services. Although DSS is a state program and would not normally be allotted space in the Union, Ambar said it is profitable to have the offices located there because of tax considerations and state funding.

ASI

From page 1:
"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.

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

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**SPORTS**

**Poly duo falls in NCAA doubles finals**

By Cam Inman

Seeded seventh heading into the record NCAA Division I Men's Doubles Championships, Mark Nielson and Ricardo Reyes were out to prove they were better than their seed.

By reaching Thursday's championship match, they had proven they belonged. But the fifth-seeded team of Steve Rehbuld and Oscar Manosidier proved to be better, defeating Nielsen and Reyes 6-4, 6-2 in the finals.

"They (Kohl and Manosidier) returned unbelievable serves," coach Chris Eppright said. "That was their weakness, but today they were impressive. They played a flawless match and went out and won it today."

Nielsen and Reyes were just as impressive en route to reaching the championship match. It was a great run for those two guys," Eppright said of Niels and Reyes. "They lost one Division II dual match in their three years together.

"It was just too bad that they didn't go out with the championship," Ball said. "They wanted it really bad, but that team played just too good for us."

**SLO Stadium readies for Regional**

By Kevin Comerford

SLO Stadium readies for Regional Prospect: Thursday has come to campus. It's the day when the Mustangs take on UC Davis in the first game of the NCAA Division II West Regional baseball tournament.

**Hit the road for CWS**

By Christopher Black

NCAA Division II baseball is no exception.

Cal Poly Pomona, headed by 1993 California Collegiate Athletic Association Coach of the Year Chuck Belk, brings a wealth of playoff experience to the NCAA Division II West Regional baseball tournament.

"Our team has really risen to the occasion this season, but we haven't truly reached our peak," Belk said.

"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."

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"It's no surprise the Mustangs have advanced to the regionals once again this season for the third straight year. The expectations for this team were set very high at the beginning of the season, and so far Cal Poly has lived up to them."

"We expect to be in this position at the beginning of the year," McFarland said. "It's a great feeling in sports when your team has homefield advantage."

"We must pitch well, we must play exceptional defense and we must get timely hitting," McFarland said.

Third-ranked Davis brings 41-12 record to Regional

By Christopher Black

Two factors could work against UC Davis. First, they are opening play today in the NCAA Division II West Regional baseball tournament.

First, the Aggies haven't played in two weeks. Second, they will be competing not only against two tough teams, but also Cal Poly's home field advantage.

"It's going to be a tough one," Davis coach Phil Swinley said. "We're going to need some breaks to overcome San Luis Obispo's homefield advantage and first-round bye. But all in all, I expect a great series."

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

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Belk said his probable starters will be all-CCAA first teamer Shannon Albright (7-5, 3.33, 0-1 SAT; Opponents TBA, 7 p.m.)

Outfielders Brian Mena (.400 batting average, 42 RBIs) and Ron Eide (.341, 46 runs), and third baseman Grant Stephens (.283, 23 stolen bases) bring a combination of power and speed to the Mustangs' lineup. All three were named to the all-CCAA first team.

"But for now, the Mustangs and their fans will enjoy the homefield advantage SLO Stadium has provided.

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