Poly car burglar sentenced to six weeks in jail

By Michelle Stephens
Staff Writer

A Cal Poly student was sentenced Monday to spend up to six weeks in San Luis Obispo County Jail and three years probation for a burglarizing a car on the Cal Poly campus.

Electrical engineering freshman James Chang, 18, was sentenced Monday by San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Judge Barry Hammer as a result of Chang’s July 8 guilty plea to one count of burglary.

Chang had faced six counts in all, including four burglary charges, one count of possession of stolen property and one count of possession of a dangerous weapon. All but one burglary count were dismissed.

Public Safety Investigator Ray Berrett said Chang had faced four to five years in state prison if convicted on all counts.

“It looks like your actions to this case are not typical for you,” Hammer told Chang during the sentencing Tuesday. “You have no previous record.”

“Chang is a good citizen, despite what these charges have said about him,” said James Maguire, Chang’s attorney. “He was financially motivated to commit the burglaries.”

Chang is scheduled to surrender himself to the San Luis Obispo County Jail on Sept. 24 to begin his term.

According to Public Safety reports, Chang was arrested May 28 after attempting to break into a blue Acura parked in the R-3 parking lot.

Upon questioning Chang’s room, Public Safety found property that was reported missing from four separate burglaries plus a tool box containing “everything imaginable that one would need to install our stereo as well as remove them,” Berrett said.

Top: History senior James Dexter, in blue jean jacket, leads a group of protesters Monday on demonstration march toward Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. Dexter and soil science senior Sheila Baker, third from left, were arrested with 11 others Monday. Right: Sheriff’s Lt. Martin Bashi eyes protest leader Brad Goans prior to Monday’s march.

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Professor awarded prestigious fellowship

Flowers wants to help immigrant children

By Heather Lynch Staff Writer

Robert Flores, a Cal Poly associate professor of educational leadership, is one of 50 Americans selected by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for a three-year fellowship program designed to pave solutions to society's problems.

Since 1946, the Kellogg Foundation — one of the world's largest non-profit organizations — has chosen fellows from close to 1,000 applicants each year. The fellows represent a variety of ethnic backgrounds whose careers focus on either agriculture, education, health, leadership or youth.

"There are very few singular solutions to the complex, inter-connected problems that face modern society," said Russell G. Mawby, Kellogg Foundation chairman and chief executive officer. "That's why programs like the Kellogg fellowship program are so effective. They teach leaders to look at old problems from a broad range of new perspectives."

The foundation awarded Flores a three-year, $35,000 grant to find a self-designed study plan. Each fellow's study plan must be outside his or her professional expertise and must focus on something that can be put back into the community.

"I chose to study immigrant children and their educational process," Flores said. "I want to find a way not only to educate these children, but to involve the parents as well."

Flores said too often he hears high school teachers complain about how unprepared immigrant children are for that education level.

"Why wait until there's a problem before we fix it?" Flores asked. "We have to educate them, or we'll be supporting them through social programs."

Flores also said education would help decrease other problems in society.

"Gangs, welfare and drugs are all we hear about," he said.

"These problems can be solved with the help of people with multilingual and multiethnic backgrounds."

By Oct. 1, Flores will have his first-year plan in place and a tentative, three-year plan organized.

Flores plans to spend his first year studying different learning and teaching styles. He then wants to spend a month in Central America.

"I want to learn more about the culture and lifestyle of immigrants, so I can begin to understand why they are running from their countries," Flores said.

During the three-year phase, the foundation conducts seven seminars at various sites across the United States and Latin America.

Flowers will attend his second seminar in September. It will be a weeklong seminar in Colorado called "Outward Bound," a "get to know yourself" program.

Flores said all fellows received personal computers with a program that allows them to communicate with each other, Kellogg Foundation staff, advisers and past participants in the program.

Additionally, the foundation will cover 12.5 percent of Flores' salary, which will allow Cal Poly to give him the 25 percent release time necessary to take part in program activities.

"I feel like my responsibility now more than ever is to do something for my community since both the Kellogg Foundation and Cal Poly are investing in me," Flores said.

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we don't agree with the organization's methods and also because we couldn't meet the financial obligations of membership," Piros said.

"Cal State Fullerton also does not participate in CSSA."

"We've gotten a bad taste toward the politics of the organization and its inner structure," Lowe said.

Disagreement ensued between representatives of universities who are members of the CSSA and those from campuses unaffiliated with the student lobbying group.

"The problem some of the presidents had was that we couldn't agree on being part of an existing program," Piros said.

"The CSSA is very hesitant on what we are doing," Lowe said. "Actually, we formed the President's Council to compliment CSSA in an advisory capacity. We are not out to overthrow CSSA."

Lowe said one of the reasons for getting the Presidents' Council together was to discuss common issues. He said the CSSA mostly concentrates on statewide issues.

Piros said the Presidents' Council was a beneficial program for all presidents to find the common ground state university presidents have about campus issues.

"The Presidents' Council was a good way to open the lines of communication between the state colleges," Piros said. "We taught them with good resources to call. Later in the year, we can call one another and ask, 'Has this hit your campus?'

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"We learned the perceptions other campuses have about Poly are reputable."

"We are seen as the traditional college experience, with available on-campus housing and a good reputation with the community. We have a lot going for us."

The council has planned to meet with students on November 20 at San Jose State University. Members plan to meet regularly in the future, at least once per quarter.

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Interns learn environmental skills
Conservation group matches parks, student volunteers

By Suzanne Hook
Staff Writer

Two Cal Poly students are spending the summer as volunt­ers in national parks and forests in an effort to learn about conservation.

Political science sophomore Tyron Donaldson and natural resources management sophomore Lisa Cloud are par­ticipating in an environmental program created by the Student Conservation Association (SCA).

SCA is a national, non-profit organization that provides environ­mentally-minded students with training, education and an oppor­tunity to provide hands-on work in the field. The program provides experience for students nationwide.

Wally Elton, a program direc­tor for SCA, said the association serves as a matchmaker between parks and recreation agencies that need help and students who are interested in providing assis­tance.

"We are fostering a sense of stewardship and public involve­ment that will stay with the stu­dents all their lives," Elton said. "They will be well prepared to environ­mentally-minded members of the public.

Donaldson and Cloud are par­ticipants in the association's Conservation Career Develop­ment Program (CCDP), which provides young men and women from all backgrounds with training, field experience, mentors and career guidance.

Both students were chosen from a national pool of can­didates for their academic ability and environmental concern, a SCA press release said.

"We have large lists of faculty across the nation on college cam­puses," Elton said. "We send them materials and they dis­tribute literature to their stu­dents about the various programs we offer.

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Cloud will submit a 10-page paper to SCA at the end of the 10-week program. SCA will then evaluate her performance and grant her between $2,000 to $3,500.

Ex-Poly VP deploys to help flood victims

By Joy Nieman

As dangerous floodwaters in the Midwest begin to recede, one San Luis Obispo man is in St. Louis, Mo., aiding flood victims and helping people repair their devastated lives.

Jim Landreth, a retired vice president of business affairs at Cal Poly, left last Tuesday for a three-week assignment with the American Red Cross Disaster Emergency Operations Center. He previously served on assignment for Hur­ricane Andrew operations in Florida and flood relief in Arizona.

"I retired from Cal Poly, I looked around for public service that might be personally satisfac­tory," Landreth said. He joined the Red Cross and has since un­dergone extensive disaster preparedness training.

Landreth is a member of Dis­aster Services Human Resources (DSHR). The organization moves highly trained, experienced Red Cross disaster volunteers into affected areas quickly and efficiently, and helps the Red Cross and Port-Orford cedar disease monitoring.

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Ropes course tests teamwork
Now partially open, course ‘elements’ challenge groups

By Heather Lynch
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly Ropes Course — a series of confidence-building activities designed to strengthen teamwork and leadership skills — is now partially operational and ready to challenge groups.

Matt Kritscher, a ropes course director, said the course is not totally finished, but he’s taken a few groups through it already this summer.

"By December we should have over 20 elements complete," Kritscher said. "But right now we only have eight."

A typical ropes course consists of about 12 elements or activities that challenge both personal fears and team continuity. The challenge is directed towards problem solving more than physical strength.

There are two types of elements offered in ropes courses. High elements focus on building the individual’s self confidence. Low elements concentrate on communication, teamwork or a combination of all three.

"If you fail, it’s kind of a benefit because it’s the thought process that counts," said Tom Handel, a ropes course volunteer.

Nearly all of the course construction is done by volunteers. Many of those volunteers will also be leading groups through the course this summer and fall. Each group of nine to 15 people must be taken through the course by at least two trained facilitators.

"In the spring there was a facilitator training (class) for the course and we got about 20 volunteers," Kritscher said. "After the training and experience as co-facilitators, (the volunteers) will be certified."

Right now almost none of the facilitators are paid for their time, and funds for the construction of the course are tight. The ASI Board of Directors allocated $3,000 for construction of the course and so far, $1,500 of it has been spent on equipment, Kritscher said.

Kritscher said he hopes to get more equipment donated to the course. Already, the agriculture engineering department has donated lumber.

"The ropes course has potential as a big, revenue-generating program," Kritscher said. "Already we’ve made $510 in (conducting) just two courses. The money we make will be used to improve the course so that one day we can pay the facilitators."

The course is $5 per person for students, $10 for a faculty or staff member, $25 per person for nonprofit groups and $75 per person for profit groups. Kritscher said September is already booked, and he has reserved three of those days for Week Of Welcome groups.

The course takes eight hours to complete and, according to Kritscher, will be available in the fall on Fridays and Saturdays only. Groups can make reservations by calling Office Program Management at 772-3229 and individuals will be able to sign up through Escape Route in the fall.

Athletic department recruits three new staff members

By Kelly Gilliam
Staff Writer

Cal Poly’s athletic department has hired three new staff members as part of its transition into a Division I program, according to John McCutcheon, director of athletics.

“We are pleased to bring these three individuals into our program,” McCutcheon said. "They are not only well qualified for their respective positions, but they are also quality people who will fit in well with our staff."

Lauri Decker, 24, will become the assistant women’s basketball coach beginning Sept. 13. The Minnesota native spent the last year as an assistant coach at St. Francis College in Loretto, Minn.

Decker has extensive experience in basketball summer camps and clinics throughout Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, said Eric McDowell, sports information director.

“I am very excited to be working at Cal Poly,” Deckwar said, "and I know we can build a real solid Division I program."

According to McDowell, Decker has experience as a player as well as a coach. She was captain of the 1990-91 Iowa State team and was a First Team Academic All-Big Eight performer. At Lourdes High School in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Decker was First Team All-State for two seasons.

Decker will be replacing Sheri Bates as assistant to Cal Poly’s head coach, Jill Orrock. "Coach Bates has left us in very good hands," Orrock said. See COACHES, page 11.
COMMENTS

Requiem for a diner

by Joseph Ripp

But, you see, there's more to it than that. All of your academic transients in this town can hardly appreciate the full magnificence of the Farmboy's passing.

My personal experience was a bit different. I'm as local as you can get. Everyone knows my parents. Ever since I was a little kid, I've been coming straight outta SLO town all my life. Yes, I appreciate your sympathy.

I love San Luis Obispo (at least now that our government institutions insist on regarding me as an adult, whether I will or not), but you underclasspersons have certainly not felt it the same way. My entire life, I've been ruled by the Farmboy's seemingly infinite rules on the merits of the "High on the Hog". I romanticize it, I know.

When I was a pup, about all we had going on were the Rainbow Theater (the Palm's sire), KCRW and, yes, the Farmboy. I don't know what the normal kids did, but we spent hour after hour at the Farmboy.

We sat and talked about those lame things that kids discuss when they aren't at work.

The Farmboy was a coffee shop, and certainly not to be confused with a cafe, dare I say it, "coffee house" (I assure you that I am making a face as preservative of the greatest contempt I as write these words).

The Farmboy clientele was certainly not that of your more upscale caffeine-pandering establishments. There, you could follow your thoughts wherever they might lead you, without someone interrupting your reverie to ask whether your beret was on straight. There was little chance that neo-beat poets would be reading there, or that some earnest soul with an acoustic guitar would be sharing her wise and witty ballads with you. I, for my part, was once a raging fall-on-Appalachian folk jam occurring on the premises.

A good diner is as necessary to life as good tobacco and good shoes, as Mark Twain probably never even thought of saying.

I remember last time, I went to the Farmboy. I engaged in a conversation with the waitress, entirely straight-facedly, on the merits of the "High on the Hog" breakfast. I sat and wrote a letter and replied negatively when the waitress asked whether it was a love letter.

The Farmboy might not have been the smartest or best looking place, but it had a great personality.

Good night, sweet Farmboy.

by Joseph Ripp

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Diablo lacks incentives for safety

At the last NRC hearing for the license extension (for Diablo Canyon), an older gentleman described the maintenance of Diablo as much like that done to your car — "It gets a tune up every 18 months."

To extend the comparison even further of this $3 billion plant to a $5,000 vehicle, is ridiculous. In the case of an accident, PG&E's largest public liability would be $100, paid $16 a month for six years. The most serious offenses would be tried by a federal judge and none of PG&E's victims would have any standing in a state court of law with a jury.

Would you worry about your brakes or the condition of your steering if repairs cost far more than your potential loss? You just might gamble that you'll make it 18 months before you hit catastrophe.

With $25,000 as a maximum criminal penalty, PG&E will surely spend more on public relations than on any fines or restitution should there be a problem (at the plant). If PG&E was forced to sell their nuclear power at market price instead of at twice that amount, I shudder to think what their attitude toward safety would be, since profit is their only real incentive for diligence.

We don't need nuclear power. Indeed, it could be that nuclear does not actually provide any energy at all when you consider the amount of energy required to mine and enrich the uranium.

Solar and geothermal power generation, however, would provide us with more jobs and cheaper and more dependable energy far into the future without anywhere near the risks.

Douglas Otis
Paso Robles

No more 'boys will be boys'

From across the country stories are surfacing about sexual harassment in school. Although instances like that in Lakewood, Calif., may seem extreme, they are not isolated incidents. Sexual harassment is an everyday part of life for the majority of our nation's school children.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), Educational Foundation's survey on sexual harassment found that four in five through 11th grade students had experienced some form of sexual harassment at school. Students are targets of sexual harassment ranging from having sexual rumors spread about them to being touched in a sexual way.

This harassment is taking place throughout America's schools, mostly by fellow students. An alarming 11 percent of students report that they have been forced to do something sexual other than kissing. Sexual harassment cannot — must not — be dismissed as "boys will be boys."

If we ignore this epidemic of sexual harassment, girls will believe that this behavior is their fault and boys will believe that this behavior is acceptable. The hallways of Trollack were born in the hallways of schools across this country. If we allow sexual harassment to continue in schools, how do we expect to lead the public in the next generation from sexually harassing in the workplace?

Parents, teachers, schools, and the American Association of University Women need to demand that sexual harassment is a problem in schools. They must stop sexual harassment when they see it. They must take serious and investigate every report of harassment in school.

Sexual harassment policies must be established in every school in this country and they must be clearly communicated and vigorously enforced.

Alice McKee
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Big-haired, homely, country singer makes 'em swoon

Loyal Lovett fans think Lyle's the bee's knees

By Kelly Rice
Staff Writer

For those who think Lyle Lovett is merely the ugly, pampered-country singer who somehow married the beautiful actress Julia Roberts, they are mistaken. Just ask any of the thousands of people who attended his concert last Thursday at the Santa Barbara County Bowl.

To those loyal fans, Lyle Lovett is more than just a singer—he is pure, musical magic.

From the moment Lovett walked slowly on stage—an entrance completely devoid of fanfare—he held the audience captive with his irreverent wit, slightly sarcastic humor and eclectic music style.

It is this music style—A combination of country, jazz, folk, big band, blues and gospel—that appeals to music listeners with varying backgrounds.

And while Lovett's clear, resonant voice makes the music come alive, his band also deserves much of the credit.

Lovett's band, called His Large Band, is full of talented and creative musicians and singers.

Complete with four backup singers, cello, keyboards, horn section, drums, percussion, bass and electric and acoustic guitar, the band deserves its own recognition. The audience went to the Bowl to see Lovett, but left wanting to see more of everyone.

Such balance is also due to Lovett's modest and nonstar-like personality. He is very willing to give up the limelight to the others onstage.

While the pianist was playing, Lovett turned and watched, as though amazed at what he was hearing. When the backup vocals were singing, the spotlight shifted and Lovett spun around to see them well. Many times Lovett would walk offstage, giving the band the chance to play alone.

Although the entire evening was a classy event, the night was not without fun, humor and laughs.

During one of Lovett's first songs, the band broke into the first few bars of the Roy Orbison song, "Pretty Woman." The audience went wild and Lovett condescendingly continued singing his song. It was his unique, quiet, but fun way to acknowledge his recent wedding to the pretty woman herself, Julia Roberts.

The audience couldn't help but laugh at irreverent Lovett lines like, "She's No Lady, She's My Wife," a song he said he wrote, "before I knew what the hell I was talking about."

The crowd also enjoyed such Lovett lyrics as, "You can take my girl, but leave my hat" and "I married her, just because she looked like you."

After playing for almost two and a half hours, Lovett quietly left the stage without much hoopla.

The audience, feeling satisfied to have seen him but inestimably wanting more, left with the feeling they had seen something extraordinary.

Here was a person who had the unique style and identity—a star who had more to offer than good looks, a lot of money and an ego to boost. Here was a person with something to share—music.

The audience left knowing exactly what Julia Roberts saw in Lyle Lovett—someone you can spend your life with, someone with substance and heart.
Trippy 3-D posters have students seeing double

Customers clog aisles in El Corral gazing at laser prints

Heather McLaughlin
Staff Writer

The latest craze at El Corral Bookstore has temporarily transformed some students into motionless numskulls, sitting cross-eyed for hours at a time.

The fun revolves around computer-generated posters which trick the brain into seeing three-dimensional objects hidden in the print.

People sit for hours staring deep into the complex, multi-colored artwork looking for the hidden images. Each person has a unique method for success.

"I look at my reflection in the glass, zoom out and cross my eyes a little bit. Then it jumps out at me," said Gretchen Briggs, an El Corral employee.

The apparent disorder of the scene is caused by the separation of the image into two identical images repeated across the print. The eye attempts to consolidate the two images into one, resulting in a 3-D effect.

For other viewers, the magic just isn't there. No matter how long some students study the picture, it simply remains a dizzying array of colors.

"I have sat and stared for hours," said liberal studies junior Jason Miyasato. "It is so frustrating to not see a thing while other people are getting so excited!"

El Corral Bookstore began carrying the framed prints in April. The various scenes, which project such images as dinosaurs, marine life and the Statue of Liberty, have been selling like hotcakes, Briggs said.

Kerry Roberts, El Corral's general books manager, said the marine life design is the most popular. The store has stocked up on the prints to keep up with demand.

Roberts said the crowds of customers that clog the aisles starting at the posters do not have a negative effect on business.

"Anything we can do to motivate customer interest and increase traffic is good for business," Roberts said.

Vision Graphix, Inc. is one of the many companies that create and distribute the sophisticated 3-D computer prints.

Every few weeks a new laser image is released for masses of people to analyze and critique.

El Corral currently carries six prints that range in price from $22 to $56 depending on the design.

El Corral customers Shinji Kamata (left) and John Pearson search for hidden objects in the 3-D posters.
A Time for Healing

The victim of a Cal Poly rape shares her story

By Lisa Iruguin
Staff Writer

One of the days a rape survivor never forgets is the day of the attack. For one 37-year-old woman, who wants to remain unidentified, that day was February 3, 1993.

Six months later, she sat in a compact room in San Luis Obispo's Rape Crisis Center. She began to tell the story of her ordeal. She spoke with a calm and matter-of-fact tone and used hand gestures to emphasize her words. Relating the events of that evening is one method she is using to recover from the trauma she endured.

She said she left Cal Poly's Physical Education Building at approximately 7:45 p.m. the night of the incident. She had just finished teaching a workshop on health and fitness and was headed toward her car, parked in the lot across the street from Villa Grande Restaurant.

She said she was being safety conscious, as usual, and took the best-lit path to her car. "It happened anyway," she said.

She said she accidentally walked past her car, and the moment she realized her mistake and started to turn around, a man pulled her down between two cars and raped her.

According to the survivor, a thin, younger man, perhaps in his early 20s, shoved her to the ground and forced her to have sexual intercourse. She said he never showed a weapon, but she said she could sense that he had one.

Throughout the incident, the attacker told her she would be unharmed if she remained quiet. After intercourse, she said and watched him run from the parking lot toward Grand Avenue.

"After the rape, I got myself into my car and locked my doors," she said. "I thought, 'I have got to get out of here.' But I also wanted to be sure that I was not going to be anywhere near where he was."

I wanted to pick up my kids (a 10-year-old daughter and a nine-year-old son), who were at a friend's house while I was at the workshop. But I realized I could not pick them up looking like this."

With smeared makeup, disheveled clothing, and messy hair, she said she ended up driving several blocks around campus before pulling over.

"When I finally stopped, I took a deep breath and pulled out my hairbrush and brushed my hair," she said. "I just put my makeup back on and sat there weeping. I told myself horrible things happen, but I have got to keep going."

She later learned, after speaking with her counselor, that combing her hair was just the beginning of her healing process. The survivor said the action showed she realized she was not a "dirty person" because of what happened.

She thought of a friend who was assaulted many years ago who volunteered at the Rape Crisis Center, and pulled out the telephone book to look up the number.

Four days after the rape, she decided to make the call. "When I finally made the phone call, I was doing dishes at home," she said. "I got my kids off to school, and I was not quite ready to go to work yet. All of a sudden I realized I could not (cope with) this by myself.

As the survivor repeated what she said during that phone call six months ago, she began to cry as if reliving the moment once again. Her calm exterior was broken.

"She (the woman at the Rape Crisis Center) told me to take a deep breath, and it was going to be OK," she said.

"It took about 10 minutes of her saying it was going to be OK," she added. "But she knew exactly what to do to keep me on the phone long enough to cry, then relay to her what had happened and help me not feel alone and scared.

"I was scared to death," she said. "All you hear about are the horror stories when reporting it to the police — the lack of sympathy and the accusations. Who wants to go through that?"

But further healing did not come immediately. After that night, she broke down in tears often and her kids did not understand why.

"I knew darn well (the kids) saw me burst into tears, and they saw something was wrong with mom," she said. "I realized that I was about to explode."

"Anyone who goes through a crisis is going through a lot of different levels of thinking and emotions and coping. The Rape Crisis Center was able to help me."

The survivor said another big help in her healing process was Cal Poly Public Safety Investigator Ray Berrett.

"When I went to (Public Safety to report the rape Feb. 10), Ray Berrett was one of the most sensitive individuals I have talked to outside of the immediate Rape Crisis Center staff," she said. "He did more for my ability to want to continue through the process than anything else.

"I realized this guy is not here to make me look ugly or defy me — he's here to help me.

"I was still at the stage where I was asking myself, 'Why didn't I have somebody walk with me?'" she said. "He told me that we are independent people on Earth, and we do not always have somebody to walk with everywhere we go. He also kept reminding me that I survived."

She said her counseling and Christian beliefs have allowed her to be thankful for surviving.

"Now I think I am better off than I was before the rape occurred," she said. "I would not pre-scribe a rape or crisis situation to make someone a more healthy person, but because of the counseling and awareness I think I am a much stronger person.

"The most positive thing to come out of this experience is the realization that I don't have to continue being a victim," she said. "In all walks of life, from now on, I think I will be able to share a part of myself that will be a gift in the form of (others gaining) deeper understanding.

"I have experienced something traumatic and come out on the other side. I survived and gained tools.

"I have learned to come in touch with my feelings more directly, and that is a very powerful thing — to use your intuition, your feelings and brain and to connect them with what is going on and be more balanced in your life."

Artwork by Steve Mortensen
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PROTEST

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"We contribute to everything the PG&E's hydroelectric facilities were the company's largest energy producers earlier this year because of an unusually wet winter and spring.

Baker explained at a Sunday training session for the Monday protest why civil disobedience was necessary to convey the marchers' dissent.

"Direct action is one of the most impactful forms of non-participation or non-agreement with the actions of PG&E," she said.

Baker said the surrounding communities' apathy to Diablo Canyon is due to PG&E's financial cloud.

"Cal Poly has sort of a love affair with PG&E," she said, claiming that PG&E makes generous contributions to various departments on campus.

She said local citizens will ignore the danger of the power plant as long as "we're taken care of and we're paid-off."

Houghton acknowledged that Diablo Canyon was financially significant to the community.

She said the power plant is the largest private employer in the county, with approximately 3,000 employees. PG&E also provides financial support to the community, she said.

"We contribute to everything from mini-grants for teachers to programs for disadvantaged youth," she said.

Although she could not say how much PG&E contributes to Cal Poly, she said the bulk of funding went to the College of Engineering.

Also arrested Monday was Kathy DiPerti, a local teacher who was fired by the San Luis Obispo County Superintendent of Schools from her position at Rancho El Chorro last June.

DiPerti had refused to escort classes of children on a tour of the Diablo Canyon.

"I feel Diablo is an unsafe place to take children," she said.

"The power plant should stop creating waste that will affect generations to come," DiPerti is petitioning the superintendent for her job back and will appear in San Luis Obispo Superior Court Sept. 2.

Houghton acknowledged many of the protesters' arguments. "We certainly understand the protesters' concerns," she said.

But she said there was no cause for concern since the Diablo Canyon facility falls within the safety limits set by the NRC.

DiPerti, however, has placed no-confidence votes at present to house its radioactive waste until 2010, Houghton said.

"We're holding toward Yucca Mountain for (permanent) storage," she said, referring to a prospective storage site in Nevada.

But for temporary storage in case Yucca Mountain has not been approved for dumping by 2010, she said PG&E is looking into dry-cask storage.

Dry-cask storage would allow radioactive waste to be in concrete, after which it could be safely stored at the power plant for approximately 100 years, according to Houghton.

Several Cal Poly faculty members attended the Saturday demonstration. Many called energy conservation a remedy for nuclear power.

Psychology department head Patrice Engle said the proposed extension of Diablo Canyon's license is "mindless."

"Conservation is a tremendous alternative," she said.

Political science professor Richard Knauf agreed. "The cheapest energy is the energy that is not used," he said.

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From page 2 and their submitted essays," Arzt said. "In addition, we look at the recommendations by faculty who have worked with him." Arzt said Sparling had excellent recommendations, and a strong academic record which propelled him into the program.

The Student Research Program started in 1957. It encourages outstanding college undergraduates to consider careers in cardiovascular and cerebrovascular research.

In the program, students like Sparling will work under the direct supervision of biomedical scientists for a 10-week period. They gain valuable research experience and become familiar with the research community, according to an American Heart Association press release.

"This program encourages students to do research," said Melissa Morrison, spokesperson for the American Heart Association in San Luis Obispo. "Basically, the student receives a $2,500 stipend and decides where he wants to go and what type of study he will work on."

Sparling said he is studying ways to prevent deterioration of the heart muscle as his project. He runs tests on dogs and pigs daily to help his project.

At the end of the summer, Sparling must give a presentation of his research to the association.

Sparling is working with Dr. James Coveil, head of UC San Diego's cardiology department, and Dr. Ian Loprinzi, a cardiologist and professor at UC San Diego.

"I hope to attend medical school after getting my degree at Cal Poly," Sparling said. "That's why I chose to work in cardiology. UC San Diego has a good cardiology program."
MULTIMEDIA

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"We're loopy at processing auditory input as opposed to visual," Wright said.

Wright cited a study by the Department of Defense which found only 20 percent of information received through hearing is remembered. Receiving information only by sight improved visual." Department of Defense which could customize and elaborate information are presented at Wright and said, "You can show 10 minutes, melted away to reveal some of its structure." Evans said the technology and multimedia lectures caught the attention of numerous organizations throughout the state. Wright said he and his Bakersfield Community College associates have given presentations to interested community colleges such as Cuesta College and Chabot College in the Bay Area.

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"You can whip whatever you want," Wright said, though he cautioned about copyright protection. "You don't have to show 32 minutes (of video footage)," he said. "You can show 10 minutes, three minutes, or thirty seconds — slip it right into your lecture.

Wright also said a customized lecture shell could be provided to students who miss a class session. The shell would give students an idea of what subjects to study without having to bother the professor, he said.

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education instructor at Cal Poly Pomona since August 1991. She
graduated from California State University Fullerton where she
earned collegiate experience as a student-teacher.

Enig recently completed her
master's degree in physical
education and exercise physiol-
gy from Cal Poly Pomona.

Joseph Sullivan, 22, a native of
Doyle, N.H., began working as a
10-month intern for the Sports
Information Office Aug. 10.

Sullivan acts as assistant to
the sports information director.
His duties include management
of home events, game statistics,
publicity and news releases.

A communications graduate
from the University of New
Hampshire, Sullivan has three
years of experience in the sports
information field at the Division
I level.

At New Hampshire, Sullivan
worked in the sports information
office and served in game
management duties for various
university sports. He also
carried with the men's basket-
ball program as a sports informa-
tics representative, McDowell
said.