Silver screen showdown

**By Len Arends**

A giant has set up shop in the heart of downtown San Luis Obispo.

Located beneath the new Copeland's Downtown Centre, the seven-screen Downtown Centre Cinemas is the first venture by Newport Beach-based SoCal Cinemas into the Central Coast.

But it may not be the last, according to Cinema Manager Sergio Contreras.

"We're definitely in an expansion mode," he said, although he added he was not permitted to provide any possible future locations for theaters.

Contreras said SoCal's expansion into San Luis Obispo continues a rivalry with Edwards Cinemas, which owns the Mission Cinemas, Madonna Theatre and the historic Fremont Theatre downtown. The two companies, both based in Newport Beach, compete in the New York Stock Exchange.

"(Downtown Centre Cinemas) is helping the moviegoing public go out and see more movies," explained Len Brower, Edwards' district manager. "They're generating more interest."

Brower said Edwards Cinemas may have some initial problems overcoming the moviegoers' excitement of a new, "sparkling clean theater, with that new car smell."

But he said Edwards was continuing renovations on its new theater has been beneficial for the Edwards theaters.

"Tom Ellsworth, an assistant manager with the Edwards' downtown theaters, said his viewership actually increased during the two weeks of $1 per movie specials for the new complex's grand opening."

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With such a huge expansion of San Luis Obispo's theaters, a vote for the "semester" system, he said, means "that they are interested in having the three quarters mending a system for the index since Dec. 23, 1991. Then, the market's best-known barometer jumped 88.10 points to 3,022.58."

Advancing issues swamped declines by about 7 to 1 on the Big Board.

"They're not saying anything about the summer session at all," Baker said. "A vote for the "semester" system, he said, means "that they are interested in having the three quarters."

By Pamela Slaughter

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Watch the Daily next week for a complete list of polling locations.

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**South Africa tension builds as election nears**

- **Zulu gathering defies martial law**

By Amy Ewoldt

In an international scene characterized by internal strife in small countries all over the world, the violence and bloodshed between the Inkatha Freedom Party and the African National Congress (ANC) in South Africa has become the latest flash point.

With what is supposed to be the first free elections that country scheduled for April 30, the differences between the groups have escalated to become more than a standoff.

"In addition to being a political battle, it's a tribal battle," said Political Science Interim Chair Randal Cruikshank. "You've got (Mangosuthu) Buthelzi — who is the"...
Bay Area ROTC mishap brings program under fire

By James O. Offield
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A hazing incident has put San Francisco's high school ROTC program under fire, with supporters closing ranks and foes declaring war — in a non-violent way, of course.

"This is only the tip of the iceberg," said Sam Diener, spokesman for the Central Committee for Consciences Objectors, an anti-military group leading the charge against the Junior ROTC. The program dates back to 1916 when American troops were chasing Pancho Villa in Mexico.

Diener claims the hazing has provided a "wake-up call" for problems he contends are Junior ROTC's camp "all the way from promotion, militarism and discrimination."

Diener just wants to "further a political agenda," countered Lt. Col. Jim Griffin, a retired Army officer who oversees 1,150 students involved in San Francisco's high school cadet programs.

He called the hazing "unfortunate" and said it went against "everything we stand for."

Griffin, a Vietnam war veteran who spent 27 years in the infantry, insists the Reserved Officer Training Corps instills values "missing in today's society."

The school board planned to take up the issue Tuesday night in a special session devoted entirely to JROTC, which has been under criticism since the suspension of a cadet drill team at Balboa High School. The disciplinary action was taken after a member of the team was kicked and beaten Feb. 22 by another cadet for failing to complete push-ups.

The agenda item reads simply "JROTC," but Diener has already let it be known that he wants to see the program ended.

"The hazing is "not an isolated incident," Diener contends. He says there are other high school programs across the country hit by similar scandals.

MARKET: Stocks rebound after week of plummeting values, rising fears

From page 1

Some of the braver investors jumped into the market Tuesday looking for bargains among stocks that had lost value. Analysts said they still expected choppy markets over the next days.

The yield on the benchmark 30-year bond moved to 7.42 percent on Monday, before falling back to 7.25 percent Tuesday.

It was a report showing runaway economic growth and inflation might not be the problem initially anticipated that caused the bond market to rally Tuesday. A largely on-target reading from the Commerce Department showed the index of leading economic indicators dipped 0.1 percent in February, the first decline in seven months.

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The Nasdaq composite index rose 23.54 to 760.95. It was the second-largest one-day advance ever for the smaller company index. On Oct. 21 1987 the Nasdaq rose 24.97.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index jumped 5.86 to 440.99.

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Students honor professor with 'Pocket of Paradise'

By Jennifer Salas
Tally Staff Writer

Although the most powerful legacy Robert Meyers left behind when he died April 19, 1993 were the students and graduates who studied recreation under him, a more tangible tribute is in the works at Cal Poly.

Recreation administration professor Robert Meyers was diagnosed with brain cancer on Oct. 2, 1992, one day after retirement. Meyers and his family developed the idea of a memorial that would fulfill his passion for stress-relieving spaces, places where students could escape the battle of life. Through the efforts of a cross-section of Cal Poly students, Meyers' dedication to the leisure of others—his life to the leisure of others—will continue to do so even in his death.

On Thursday at 11 a.m. the "Pocket of Paradise" being built at the corner of Vista and Poly View Drive — will be dedicated to Meyers. The dedicated site will be a small park located next to the E-wing of the Science Building.

According to Dale Sutliff, landscape architecture faculty adviser for the "Pocket of Paradise," the site will include plants that appeal to touch, smell and sight and a glass sculpture created by art and design students. Designers intended to create a spot that would be peaceful and relaxing for everyone.

It was in Meyers' class that many students first learned about "pockets of paradise." He required his students to read "A.B. Glantatt's Take Time for Americans and Their Games" and search for their own pockets of paradise.

Robert Meyers; Tribute will honor him.

Professor Robert Meyers was a champion for those who were less fortunate than others, Shank said. He felt empathy with senior citizens, developmentally disabled, and Special Olympics athletes.

"That's where his real talents were," Shank said. "He had a heart for these people.

CALENDAR: Vote won't address summers

The Palm Theater will likely lose films which straddle the commercial and alternative line in San Luis Obispo / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

From page 1 available screens, it would seem the Downtown Cinemas would be a major new theater on the independent moviehouse such as the Palm Theatre, located just three blocks north of the new complex.

But in the two since the new theater's grand opening, the Palm Theater's owner, Jim Dee, said he hasn't seen the slightest dip in his viewership.

"They're going to be competing in similar markets. Mary Milesevic, a computing assistant with Cal Poly Career Services and a regular Palm Theater movie-goer, agreed that the difference in subject matter between the Palm and mainstream theaters provides the small moviehouse from being run out by competition.

"As long as the Palm is offering something that no one else is, I will still go there," she said.

Dee conceded that the greater number of mainstream screens will make it harder for him to attract films that straddle the line between art and mainstream, such as "The Piano" or "Remains of the Day."

"They'll have to dig even deeper into the underground (movie industry)," said Ed West, city and county computer systems manager.

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Naval fighter crashes into bay, kills 2

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In addition, a craft pulled the two aviators from the water and a Coast Guard cutter picked them up and took them to Yerba Buena island, where they were pronounced dead by paramedics.

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Names of the victims were not released, pending notification of their families, said a release from the air station, located 16 miles east of San Francisco.

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The plane was no longer believed aboard and no reports of the plane striking anything else. A witness told San Francisco radio station KCBS the airplane "hit the water pretty hard and just came apart."

More than 40 students are working on the project, according to Shank and Sutliff. Recreation administration departments are learning to synthesize their knowledge and work together on a real project.

They are a "partnership," Sutliff said. "That's how Bob wanted students to learn.

Work on the project has been difficult, however, as the idea was first proposed in August by Meyers' daughter, Lisa Meyers.

During the first stage, recrea- tion administration and landscape architecture students toured the campus to find a spot that met their collective criteria for paradise. The students felt that the pocket should be a "special, relaxing place in the camp - pus core.

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**OPINION**

**Why nobody cares about ASI elections (again)**

By Gabe Joynt

The ASI candidates list is in, and once again it’s no surprise. Mostly Greeks. To this predictable list of names, the same old faces. The presidential candidates are nearly always from the same fraternity or sorority. And despite not being experts in selecting someone who isn’t the obvious choice, ASI—both the Board and Director of Directors don’t even understand it.

But, why? Why can’t ASI hire an even more vibrant student government? It’s usually so pathetic.

Think about it — who is our student government? ASI is made up of members of multicultural groups, athletic interest groups, and, especially, Greek organizations. Look at the Cal Poly population — 15 percent Greek at most. ASI — this year almost half the board members came from one single fraternity. What does one fraternity have to do with controlling our student government? None, but they’ll say it's the voice of the people.

Yes, Greeks are very involved in ASI. Don't get me wrong, Greeks tend to be outgoing, they tend to develop — but not have a monopoly on leadership skills. Greeks organize value community service and student government. You bet they value student government — they own it! And where has our nearly-halfling board of Directors brought ASI this year? One big step away from the students. Why don't Lambda Chi shamelessly grab every new student on campus? Why don't they start counselors? And don't forget the carefully-crafted sandwich boards. Why do we feature the same crap every year? Why are ASI elections so irrelevant? It begins with the failed recipe used to half-bake our student government. It may not be written down anywhere, but there is enough material in a thick book on how to run a campaign that经营范围 do you have to advance the issue of student government and student issues. (If it is written down anywhere, though, I bet it's at the Lambda Chi house carved on little stone tablets — In Greek, so we don't read it.)

ASI veteran and a House President is a guy who won't ask the right questions — a guy who won't do any damn thing (except make shallow endorsements you put on those bright little signs for Chairman of the Board, the best of every seat they could in ASI? A house goal? Because they never succeed in making ASI relevant unless they, as a group, can adequately understand and articulate the needs of all the students.

So we have elections next week. Too late to do anything? Go out there and campaign for your own. Go to the open forums. Write to the candidates — they probably won't be campaigning at your house unless you've got some big Greek symbols cut out. Write to the Daily — use the newspaper to help make your voice heard.

Whatever you do, please don't just sit there and let your student government be held in the lap of such a small group of individuals. Your voice is far too valuable.

Gabe Joynt is the Daily opinion editor. He has served on the ASI Board of Directors, the Executive Staff, the Union Executive Committee, Finance Committee and several other ASI committees.

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Parents take blame for poor schools

By Cora Feldman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Echoing a theme of President Clinton's, parents blame uninvolved parents for many of the problems facing public schools, a survey said Tuesday. Suggested solutions: homework hot lines and employer-donated time off for school volunteers.

The survey, sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators, said parents generally do not give good grades to their local schools. But they say schools could improve if they crack down on truancy, drug use, overcrowding, tests and increase parental involvement.

Pollster Celinda Lake said parents cited lack of time as the No. 1 reason for not getting involved.

ELECTIONS: Uprising marks continued South African state of emergency

Page from 1 to determine troublemakers and keep weapons off the streets. "You couldn't disarm them without a lot of bloodshed," police Maj. Margaret Kruger said after 10,000 people rallied through Empangeni, about 90 miles north of Durban. "They would go for the police ... and the police would open fire."

She said, the province-wide strike and curfew ban had "clearly been contravened" by the weapon-wielding marchers and police were forced to press charges.

Zulu tribal chiefs called for the immediate lifting of the state of emergency in protest the deaths of Zulus in political violence in the area and to commemorate those killed last week after a Zulu march in Johannesburg.

"Zulu tribal army battalions will be able to take any action at a smaller commemoration meeting," said Chief Zimba of Zulu township 100 miles southwest of Empangeni. About 100 Zulu soldiers dynamited a house and set fire to 400 Zulus entering the rally site, and in the process killed 13 club members, as well as a few firefighters.

An ANC official in Natal complained Monday that troops were securing industrial areas but ignoring the rural black areas where most violence occurs.

"People are calling for the deployment of the security forces," said ANC spokesman Alec Benz. "But the police are still in a political attack situation."

African National Congress president Nelson Mandela said the state of emergency, given time, could ensure free and fair elections in Natal. The ANC had demanded that the security crisis be brought down.

"It is premature to regard the declaration of the state of emergency as a failure," Mandela said Tuesday night, responding to callers on a Johannesburg radio program.

Zulus say the traditional way of life varies at rallies and other public gatherings are an essential part of their culture, and such attempts to tame insults Zulu tradition. The ANC is pressing for the weapons to be banned, saying their display intimidates rivals and increases tensions.

Among the 88 people killed since the emergency was imposed were 10 people shot Sunday in Ndwedwe, north of Durban. Police had few details, and Tuesday's report was the first word of the killings. The area has been hard-hit by the war between Zulu members of the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party.

President F.W. de Klerk sent in the army Thursday to take security in Natal and KwaZulu in an attempt to quell the political violence between the April 26-28 election.

On paper, de Klerk's emergency declaration amounts to a security takeover. Military officials have said that only 500 extra troops are being sent into the vast province to bolster the 700 normally on patrol there.

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Polk bulls over opponents for rodeo victories

Both the men's and women's Cal Poly rodeo teams rounded up first place in their respective events last weekend at the Fresno State Rodeo.

In the men's division, Cal Poly coach Andy Gordon said, "Our team's success this year is due to the hard work and dedication of our riders and support team." Gordon said the team has "a lot of talent and the ability to be the best," but added, "There is no limit to what we can do."
Although some athletes pick up tennis with an eye on high-dollar competitions, freshman Rafael Huerta started playing so that he could enjoy a "father-son" activity.

According to Huerta, his relationship with his father and other family members is a key to his success. "My family supports my every decision 100 percent," said the dark-complexed, black-haired 19-year-old. Due to that support, the first-year tennis star stands tall — at 5-foot, 7-inches — as Cal Poly's No. 2-ranked player.

The political science freshman has amassed a 12-5 singles record on the second court this year. That mark has earned him a 16th ranking in the nation at Division II. His ranking puts him 16 positions above his doubles partner. "He makes me play my best extreme and pumps me up," Huerta said he and Olivier make a good team because Olivier has a "really good mental game."

He noted, however, that the pair is a "little odd" because of the difference in height. Olivier is 6-foot, 3-inches. "I am surprised any time a freshman plays (at No. 1-doubles)," Eppright said. "Usually it takes a year or so to become a good doubles player. Granted he has a great partner, that's why he definitely holds his own."

Eppright said when the duo is at their best no one can beat them.

Huerta seemed bored discussing himself, but when he talked about his doubles partner he straightened up and became more animated. "(Olivier) really motivates me," said Huerta of his doubles partner. "He makes me play my best and brings out the best in me. He pushes me to the

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- RBIs: 27
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**Tidbits on freshman tennis sensation Rafael Huerta**

**Age:** 19
**From:** Mexicali, Mexico
**Favorite Player:** Jim Courier
**Favorite Pro:** Jim Courier
**Individual Record:** 12-5

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*See Huerta, page 7*