San Luis Obispo not as safe as it seems

By Rebecca Storrick

The small town atmosphere of San Luis Obispo which makes students feel safe walking home alone at night or comfortable helping strangers may change since two Cal Poly students were attacked within a three-month span.

The most recent incident involved a 24-year-old Cal Poly student who was sexually assaulted early Wednesday at the edge of train derailment on Los Osos Canyon Road.

The woman was walking alone along the railroad tracks in the area of Marsh and Pepper streets when she was attacked from behind, police said.

A few hours after the incident suggests that there may have been a witness to the attack, according to the victim, who asked to have her name withheld.

The suspect described to police was a dark-haired, 6-foot man, featured in a press release composite sketch, bearing a striking resemblance to a suspect in a similar case of an attack on a Cal Poly student last July.

Both women described as their attacker a 5-foot-9-inch male in his 20s with an olive complexion and short black hair.

"I more or less stayed up all night trying to keep warm," she added.

She told him he had the wrong address. But he came back asking for directions and a glass of water. The victim did not let him in.

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October suspect

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Toxic gas leak forces 400 from homes, 49 ill

By Joe Higham

SHAFTER, Calif. — A freight train derailment caused a toxic gas leak that made 49 people ill and forced 400 from their homes early Wednesday at the edge of this Central California farming community.

Most of those overcome by fumes were treated by emergency medical personnel and released, said Kern County Fire Capt. Kevin Scott.

Eleven people were sent to hospitals, including two police officers who got sick while trying to warn residents within a half-mile radius to leave their homes. Two members of the train's crew were also treated, said Mike Martin, a spokesman for Burn- ington Northern Santa Fe Corp.

November suspect

The women's soccer team is in a must-win situation if it wants to go to the playoffs.

By Rebecca Storrick

The Cal Poly Steering Committee on Thursday morning will address the finances of the university in light of the proposed new faculty and staff pay raises.

The committee studied the student body's financial needs to determine how much to increase fees and still maintain accessibility to higher education, by a diverse student population.

For those students who have mixed out their federal and state financial aid, they and their parents will have to take out more costly loans, said Financial Aid Director John Anderson.

According to data from the Financial Aid office, financial aid disbursements have increased to $50 million this year from $27 million in 1990-1991. Statistics show that the freshmen who applied for assistance, 99 percent dependent upon them for financial support.

Of upper-class students, approximately 50 percent are financially dependent on the families. Through studying the situations, Mizoguchi said he hopes the university will be able to provide other financial resources for students to tap into.

But any projections the committee makes depend on the federal and state government's future and the public's overall view of those changes.

The Cal Poly Plan hopes to let students get better bang for the buck financial aid to loan recipients by $10.4 billion over the next seven years, Mizoguchi said.

In considering fee hikes and the financial aid reductions, the committee will have to consider the very seriousness of federal programs, Mizoguchi said.

The federal aid cut will increase the university's burden by perhaps thousands of dollars, he said.

"It is a very sobering scenario," he said.

The only option that Anderson said he could think of to alleviate the financial burden is that upper-class students face is exploring the possibility of redistricting the State University System.

However, this year that grant was cut by approximately $400,000.

The university's call to students to cough up more money has been growing louder since the state abandoned the Orange County Plan.
Career Forum for Women - "Planning, Advancing and Balancing Your Career" is planned for Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. in bldg. 124 room 224. Dessert and cold drinks will be provided. Sign up at the Career Services office. 

Carrusc Campus Crusade for Christ will get together Oct. 26 in the Sandwich Plant to watch the band Mercy Cafe. The event will start at 8 p.m. and there will be a $1 cover charge.

The London Study Program in Fisher Science room 286. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. and provide an informative demonstration in protest of the dumping of Diablo's nuclear waste in the Word Valley.

Sports Swap at Laguna Middle School Oct. 28. The event is open 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Admission is $2 person and proceeds go toward the Laguna Middle School PTA.

GOP pushes budget plan to House

WASHINGTON — Defying a strongly worded veto threat, Republicans pushed legislation to the floor of Congress on Wednesday that would balance the budget, cut taxes and reshape government. "We have been waiting 40 years for this moment," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole.

With showdown votes set for later in the week, President Clinton said the measure would threaten Medicare, education and the environment. He also accused the GOP leadership of "economic blackmail, pure and simple" for saying they would refuse to extend the government's borrowing authority if the White House didn't agree to sign the budget bill.

Clinton announced his opposition to that legislation itself, Clinton said, "If the Republicans plunge ahead and pass this budget, I will veto it and we will have a budget that reflects our values."

For their part, Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich worked through the day to ease concerns of wavering Republicans, from farm-state lawmakers unhappy with the House measure to Senate moderates worried about the cuts for education and other social programs.

The GOP high command ex­uded confidence that the measures, designed to balance the budget in seven years, would pass when the roll was called later in the week in both houses. The bill was the centerpiece of the Republican revolution launched last January, and the party's leaders said it heralded a once-in-a-generation shift in American government.

"It is not quite comparable to the New Deal, but it is certainly on the same scale as the Gilded Age," said Gingrich, R-Ga., the first Republican speaker in four decades.

Democrats conceded the sweeping nature of the legis­lation, but judged it hastily and hope­fully Republicans would pay a heavy political price in next year's elections.

Republicans want to "squeeze the elderly" to finance "lavish tax breaks for the wealthiest in­dividuals," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., criticizing the GOP-proposed Medicare over­haul that would raise premiums and gradually increase the age of eligibility from 65 to 67.

The legislation would affect virtually everyone in the nation. Hundreds of billions of dollars would be saved from Medicare, Medicaid and welfare, and federal standards would be loosened on the states in a variety of so­cial programs.

The Commerce Department would be abolished in the House bill, both versions called for higher fees for visiting national parks.

And from the national to the local, both measures include a provision that would charge San Francisco more money for con­tinued use of the Hetch Hetchy Dam system as a reservoir. The system is in Yosemite National Park.

The proposed tax cuts would total $845 billion over seven years, and include a $500-per-child break on income taxes and a reduction in the levy on profits from investments.

The tax cut drew opposition not only from Democrats, but some moderate Republicans as well, some of whom preferred spending the money to reduce the deficit. Others were bothered by a House provision that would guarantee the child tax break to families with up to $200,000 in annual income.

Despite Clinton's veto threat, there was a widespread expecta­tion that the bill would pass easily this fall for negotiations be­tween the White House and Con­gress on a balanced-budget plan.

Debate began on the floor of the Senate during the morning and in the House a few hours later, with Democrats and Republicans attacking and ex­tolling the measure by turns.

At the same time, Dole and Gingrich worked behind the scenes to ease concerns of in­dividual lawmakers.

Gingrich sought to reassure farm state lawmakers concerned over a provision to end tradition­al farm programs by giving taxpayers a fixed but declining payment to ease the switch to a free-market system. Officials said Gingrich was hoping to win over the plan's critics with an as­surance that if they voted for it, he would make sure it was changed in compromise talks with the Senate.

The problems facing Dole, R­Kan., were different. Several senators wanted more money for their states from Medicaid, the health care program for the poor.

And moderates were seeking ad­ditional funds for education, a tax credit for the working poor, a guarantee of federal nursing home standards and an assort­ment of other changes.

"People are encouraged" by the response to their concerns, said Sen. John Chafee, of Rhode Island, one member of the group of moderates. "There's an honest effort being made to work things out."

Republicans hold a 53-46 majority in the Senate, with one vacancy, and a 233-199 majority in the House in what is described as an independ­ent and two vacancies.

While Republicans approved a non-binding budget blueprint earlier in the year, the legisla­tion on the floor this week is re­quired to impose the actual spending restraints necessary to reduce the deficit.

By David Tape
Associated Press

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**Growth threatens Central Valley farms**

By Steve Gienger
Associated Press

LODI, Calif. — Growing Central Valley cities overran Don Phillips' farm 20 years ago, so he moved his farms several miles into the country. But urban sprawl is creeping toward his farm again like an unstoppable concrete tide.

The nation's most productive agricultural region is in danger of losing 1 million acres of farmland to homes and businesses as the population triples during the next 45 years, University of California researchers said Wednesday.

"Stockton and Lodi are growing together," Phillips said, "going to be one big city. It's probably already too late to stop it." Phillips said as he pointed to industrial buildings on the horizon.

A new study shows low-density urban sprawl by the year 2040 could fill in most of the gaps between cities stretching 275 miles from Sacramento to Bakersfield.

"Urban development is threatening to transform this magnificent valley of farms and natural areas into an urban desert," said Edward Thompson of the American Farmland Trust, which paid for the study.

The sprawl would reduce the nation's most productive agricultural region, is urging more efficient use of land by cities. Higher-density growth, in which more development is squeezed into existing urban areas, would greatly reduce loss of farmland in coming decades, the organization said.

State agencies are working on the issue but local governments, who have the most control over growth, are paying too little attention, according to the group.

"There is no broad perspective among cities concerning this problem on sprawl over farmland," said League of California Cities spokeswoman Debbie Thornton.

"Every city is unique in how it responds to the unique concerns of its citizens."

The study found that low-density development could consume more than 1 million acres of the 6.7 million acres of farmland in 11 Central Valley counties by 2040.

Farmers would be restricted in their use of another 2.5 million acres of farmland that is close to population centers. Pesticide application, for example, must be limited adjacent to cities.

The valley's population is expected to triple to more than 12 million over the next few decades, the study said.

The sprawl would reduce direct agricultural commodity sales by $2.1 billion a year and related sales of suppliers, processors and other agricultural support businesses by $3.2 billion a year, the study found.

The 11 counties studied were Fresno, Tulare, Kern, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Kings, Madera, Yolo, Sutter and Sacramento.

New study shows urban sprawl will consume the following acres in Central Valley counties by 2040:

- Fresno, 234,200.
- Kings, 25,693.
- Madera, 44,078.
- Merced, 55,396.
- Sacramento, 196,903.
- San Joaquin, 1,026.
- Stanislaus, 80,516.
- Sutter, 27,068.
- Tulare, 82,708.
- Yolo, 23,880.
- Total, 1,035,477.

**Mustang Daily**
Editor,

As African-American women, we are appalled by the Mustang Daily's portrayal of the James Randolph story. The image brought forth was one of an out-of-control animal. The article was full of the indignations WE have grown quite tired of.

"Black Power," against him was extremely tasteless on your part. Words such as "hog-tied" and using his words, "refuse to accept responsibility for what (he had) done" to him, may not realize just how bad it can be. Before I told my story, I had stated that it would be a "terrible experience for the rest of the community may not be aware or believe it because they may not have experienced it themselves.

I must address your ideas about how "in" a criminal harassment is. My roommate, upon receiving his "T-walking" ticket, did not yell harassment or racism. He did "not refuse to accept red-lighting" for what the law has already capped. He did not "find (an) excuse for (his) actions" instead, he went quietly to court and paid his fine. In fact, he preferred that I did not even tell his story. So much for your theory on harassment victims, Carl.

George Bernard Zuber
Political science senior

Little red corvette — ticket

Editor,

I'm writing in response to the commentary by Carl Siebert called "Harassed, Are you kidding?" I was pleased at the positive comments by other students. But after reading Carl Siebert's thoughts on the subject, I quickly realized that I had failed Carl in my endeavor to show that it's possible for police to be unfair.

I would like to respond to the commentary by Carl Siebert on Oct. 23. Carl states that he cannot sympathize with Mr. Chelpston and Mr. Zubers in their claims of being harassed by the police for minor incidents. I can understand why he says so because he probably has never been harassed. When a person has not suffered an action against him (i.e. harassment, racism etc.), he may have a hard time believing the results of that action suffered by someone else. Even if that person is told about the suffering, he may not realize how bad it can be.

I had been stopped by the police and I did not feel that I was being harassed at that time. But when two people get a different treatment for the same action over and over again, I cannot help myself from using the H word (harassment).

Let me explain. A couple of weeks ago, my wife drove me to school. She stopped at the side of the road to let me out of the car. A police patrol car was driving in the opposite direction. The officer stopped his automobile in the middle of the street and started to admonish us for our "troublesome" (harassment). At that moment I took responsibility for my action. I thought that we had done something improper and were disciplined for that action. I did not think at the time that we were harassed.

A week later my wife drove me to school again. This time she took the time to park in the legally correct spot to let me out of the car. From that place, we saw two people improperly parked as we had been the week before. Coincidentally, a police car was driving in the opposite direction (yes, just as had happened the week before). But in this case, the officer gave a fast glance toward the action and drove away slowly as if nothing was happening in front of him. The only difference between these two persons and my wife is in our skin color.

Carl, when you observe this type of action continually, your mind starts to wonder why this happens. Unfortunately, harassment exists in this country, and in this community. If people like myself do not tell other people that it does, the rest of the community may not be aware or believe because they may not have experienced them for themselves.

Until everybody in "our" country realizes that harassment is almost a daily occurrence for certain groups of people in our nation, then and only then may we see some changes in the behavior of certain people.

I would like to answer two probable questions this letter may provoke in its readers. First of all, yes, this incident may seem minute. I may appear to be a whiner, but many minute events add up to considerable burden.

I was told that if I did not agree with the actions of this nation, I should leave and return to my country of origin (you know, the "love it or leave it" attitude). I would like to say, yes, I am an immigrant. But I love this country a lot more than do many people who were born in this land, and I would give much more for this nation at any given time.

But because I love this country so much, I allow myself to express my opinions in the cases where I think there could be an adjustment to make America more just. A fair nation that will truly give the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness (I'm sure words sound very, very familiar). Thank you.

Alejandro Chavez is a biology senior.

All right, here we go again...

We really like it when you submit letters and comments to the Daily. Really, it makes our day. Everyone gathers around the mailbox and fax machine to see what we got this time. So please keep sending stuff in. The only catch, you can't get on your name off the list...

On the other hand...some of you are trying to send us, the Opinion editor, an early grave by not putting your name, phone number, major and year on your submission. This is very cruel. Also, some of you have not been giving us to typed and double-spaced. This is unreasonable and cruel, and we throw ourselves on your mercy. Please submit letters under 400 words and commentaries to at least 750 and not more than 1,000 words. That's less than a page double-spaced for letters and two to three pages double-spaced for commentaries.

If submissions do not meet these qualifications, we reserve the right to tear you down and paper your lawn with back issues of the Wall Street Journal. You have been warned.—D.P.
Plans killed for waitresses with whips in Belfast

By Stephen Popechuk

BELFAST, Northern Ireland—Whipped potatoes, OK. Whipped diners, no way.

The burghers of Belfast have torpedoed plans for a new restaurant featuring waitresses dressed as English schoolgirls—albeit wearing short skirts and black-lace stockings, and toting whips.

Judge John Higgins ruled Wednesday that restaurateur Tommy Alexander's plans to open School Dinners eatery in downtown Belfast would violate the lease by providing entertainment.

The entertainment: waitresses whipping patrons' riors in mock punishment if they don't clean their plates.

"I'm sure the decent people of Belfast will be glad. We don't want immoral things in our city," said the Rev. Eric Smyth, a Free Presbyterian minister who is lord mayor of Belfast.

"This is not fun, this is filthy," Smyth, a member of the Rev. Ian Paisley's hard-line Democratic Unionist Party, said they were determined to crush of callers joining a phone-switchboards of local talk shows, for the fun to come flooding

Ever since the telephone company announced they were determined to expect all the else in Belfast, and expect all the on Jerry Kelly show.

"Our lord mayor's a fuddy-duddy," Blair said. "He may well have a dirty mind too, but he ought to get a sense of humor to go with it."

Walker, who was expelled from the Democratic Unionist Party over the affair, said School Dinners would cheer up downtown a scarred by IRA bombings.

"We've had 25 years where it has been oppressed and closed to its citizens. Now is the time for the fun to come flooding back," said Wilson. He said voters had come up to shake his hand after seeing the photos.

"Rumours calls supporting the councilmen jammed the switchboards of local talk shows, for the fun to come flooding back," he said. "The councilmen, jammed the switchboards of local talk shows, for the fun to come flooding back," he said. "The councilmen, jammed the switchboards of local talk shows, for the fun to come flooding back," he said. "The councilmen, jammed the switchboards of local talk shows, for the fun to come flooding back," he said.

A School Dinners restaurant has operated for 14 years in London with no recovery whatsoever. It also provides Chippen-dale-style waiters for women.

Belfast restaurateur Michael Love, who's not involved in the venture but has sampled the fare at the London School Dinners, says he didn't know what they were talking about.

"Not my name place, particularly anybody who has a birthday. But it's all done with the consent of the people involved. No one's humiliated in any way," he said. "You're brought 'to the front of the class,' and asked to stand at a stool and given a mock six of the best."

Most criticism in Belfast focused on the waitresses' uniforms: white shirts and striped ties like British private school uniforms on top, short black skirts and black-lace tights below.

-- Whipped potatoes, OK.

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Gramm Seeks Donations for NRA 'Birthday Gift'  

By Tom Raum  

WASHINGTON — Sen. Phil Gramm, a Republican presidential candidate, is allowing the National Rifle Association to use his name and title to solicit contributions and new members on "U.S. senator" letterhead.  

The gun lobby drafted, paid for and mailed a Gramm letter seeking donations as a "special birthday gift" for the NRA's chief lobbyist.  

However, despite its official appearance, the letterhead is not actually Senate stationary and the seal is not an official one. Both the gun lobby and Gramm's office said the letter was produced and mailed by the NRA.  

Federal law forbids soliciting or receiving political contributions in a federal building. However, the House and Senate ethics committees have advised lawmakers not to use their office telephones, stationary or other resources in fund raising.  

Gary Koops, a Gramm campaign spokesman, said that sending the letter on stationary that looks official but isn't is a fundraising technique.  

"It happens all the time," Koops said. He said Gramm stood by the content of the letter and didn't think there was any ethical problem with helping the gun lobby raise money.  

But Josh Goldstein of the private Center for Responsive Politics said the mailing "raises serious concerns. Here you have a senator who is running for the presidency who is raising money for a single-issue lobby and using his name and status to do so."  

Peter Burling, a lawyer and NRA member from Cornish, N.H., said he was distressed to get the solicitation in Wednesday's mail.  

"It shows how totally out of control this special interest money has gotten," said Burling, a former Democratic state representative. "It's such a tight circle, the NRA giving money to Gramm's election, Gramm raising money for NRA."  

Accompanying Gramm's letter is a "Pledge of Support" that asks NRA members for a contribution. Boxes labeled $10, $25, $50, $100, $200 and "Other" are included.  

Gramm asserts that LaPierre has been "vilified" in the news media.  

"Constant attacks have taken a personal toll," he writes. "When membership declines, whether it's because of a dues increase or because of attacks by the media, he feels a personal loss. The NRA earlier this year saw its membership decline by about 300,000 to just under 3.2 million."  

LaPierre has blamed the decline in part on an annual dues increase from $20 to $35.  

Bill Powers, a spokesman for the NRA, said the gun lobby would have no public comment on the Gramm letter.  

The Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, a gun-control group, obtained a copy of the NRA letter and provided it to The Associated Press.  

Michael Beaud of the coalition said the mailing "shows how desperate the National Rifle Association is. It's really questionable for a presidential candidate to do this kind of thing. It shows he owes them something big time."  

Gramm has been an active supporter of the NRA. In the first nine months of this year, the NRA's political action committee gave $4,950 to Gramm's senatorial campaign fund.  

The NRA has attracted criticism this year for a fundraising letter calling federal law enforcement agents "jackbooted government thugs" and disclosure that the NRA paid for consultants helping Republican congressional aids probe the Waco disaster.

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Halloween is celebrated on October 31st in the United States, but the origins of the holiday are shrouded in mystery. It is believed to be a combination of ancient Celtic, Germanic, and Norse traditions, with the former being the most influential. The Celts celebrated their harvest season with festivals that were later adopted by the Irish and Scottish communities in the British Isles.

Hallowe'en is a popular holiday in the United States, especially among children. It is a time when people dress up in costumes and go door-to-door to collect treats, often called trick-or-treating. The holiday is also marked by the burning of bonfires and the telling of ghost stories.

In recent years, Halloween has become more commercialized, with many stores selling costumes and decorations. However, the traditional aspects of the holiday are still preserved in many communities.

The holiday has also been connected to various superstitions and beliefs, such as the belief that on Halloween, the spirits of the dead come to visit the living. This is why many people place candles inside their homes to guide these spirits.

Halloween is celebrated in a variety of ways around the world, with each country having its own unique traditions. However, the basic idea of celebrating the end of summer and the beginning of winter is universal.

As Halloween approaches, people begin to plan their costumes and decorations. This can be a fun and creative process, as many people use their imaginations to come up with unique and interesting ideas.

On the day of Halloween, people gather in their communities to celebrate the holiday. This can include trick-or-treating, parades, and costume contests.

Halloween is not only a fun holiday, but it also serves as a reminder of the traditions and customs that have been passed down through generations. It is a time to come together and enjoy the holiday with family and friends.

Halloween was once a festival of the dead, but today it is celebrated as a holiday of the living. The holiday is a reminder of the importance of celebrating our traditions and preserving our cultural heritage.

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Where in the West is San Luis Obispo’s favorite Itchy McGuirk?

By Leslie Miyamoto
and Dan Walker

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This summer marked a turning point for the local blues-rock man garage band unfamiliar with the power of playing with the top artists in the music industry.

Newly a better grasp on what the future holds.

In July, the band, made up of Cal Poly graduates and students, left for Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and British Columbia. Twenty shows later, an unexpected invitation from Blues Traveler caused it to rearrange its tour and cut shows to accommodate this big break.

Itchy McGuirk was requested by Blues Traveler and their agent Dave Precheur to open for it during part of its summer tour. The tour was scheduled to promote Blues Traveler’s newly released album, Four, which has recently gone multi-platinum.

The two concerts took place in North Dakota. Reaching nearly 6,000 people, Itchy McGuirk got their first taste of stardom. New fans followed the band and asked for autographs.

“It was a surreal experience in that we were treated as celebrities for four days,” said Dave Walker, the band’s drummer.

The band has taken the advice in that we were treated as celebrities for four days,” said Dave Walker, the band’s drummer. “Always play hard and always play as much as you can,” Walker said.

Blues Traveler’s lead singer John Popper advised Itchy McGuirk’s singer and pianist Doug Groshart to “keep writing music and write what you feel.”

The band has taken the advice to heart. It was recently picked up by Labyrinth Entertainment, who handles its shows and acts as a promotional disk for booking companies, promoters and recording companies, but with fans demanding its public sale, it decided to sell it locally.

Since its release in August, the untitled CD has already sold out, enabling the order of a thousand more.

The CD features four new songs written by Doug Groshart and singer and guitarist Mark Kafoury. While Itchy McGuirk is testing the waters in the music sector, the band also got their feet wet in the film industry.

In January, the song, “What About You” from their first album, Miles To Go, will make its debut on the big screen in the upcoming Michael Seitzman film, “Farmer and Chase” starring Laura Flynn Boyle and Ben Garrett.

As writer and director, Seitzman was looking for a song that fit the film, and with all the familiar people and its good to see people who don’t really know us personally but know our music.”

If you haven’t had the chance to hear Itchy McGuirk or are a faithful fan, they are coming back to San Luis Obispo on October 31, performing for all ages at SLO Vets Hall. For upcoming performance dates and to get on a mailing list, call Thaddeus Reynolds at (415) 626-6705.

Caught relaxing in their dressing room, Itchy McGuirk members (l to r) Dave Walker, Chief who is part of their crew, Mark Kafoury, John Schol, Doug Groshart and Helen Tracewell (not pictured) prepare for the release of a second CD, a new movie deal and the chance to play with top bands. / Daily photo courtesy of Dave Walker

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In July, the band, made up of Cal Poly graduates and students, left for Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota and British Columbia. Twenty shows later, an unexpected invitation from Blues Traveler caused it to rearrange its tour and cut shows to accommodate this big break.

Itchy McGuirk was requested by Blues Traveler and their agent Dave Precheur to open for it during part of its summer tour. The tour was scheduled to promote Blues Traveler’s newly released album, Four, which has recently gone multi-platinum.

The two concerts took place in North Dakota. Reaching nearly 6,000 people, Itchy McGuirk got their first taste of stardom. New fans followed the band and asked for autographs.

“It was a surreal experience in that we were treated as celebrities for four days,” said Dave Walker, the band’s drummer. “Always play hard and always play as much as you can,” Walker said.

Blues Traveler’s lead singer John Popper advised Itchy McGuirk’s singer and pianist Doug Groshart to “keep writing music and write what you feel.”

The band has taken the advice to heart. It was recently picked up by Labyrinth Entertainment, who handles its shows and acts as a promotional disk for booking companies, promoters and recording companies, but with fans demanding its public sale, it decided to sell it locally.

Since its release in August, the untitled CD has already sold out, enabling the order of a thousand more.

The CD features four new songs written by Doug Groshart and singer and guitarist Mark Kafoury. While Itchy McGuirk is testing the waters in the music sector, the band also got their feet wet in the film industry.

In January, the song, “What About You” from their first album, Miles To Go, will make its debut on the big screen in the upcoming Michael Seitzman film, “Farmer and Chase” starring Laura Flynn Boyle and Ben Garrett.

As writer and director, Seitzman was looking for a song that fit the film, and with all the familiar people and its good to see people who don’t really know us personally but know our music.”

If you haven’t had the chance to hear Itchy McGuirk or are a faithful fan, they are coming back to San Luis Obispo on October 31, performing for all ages at SLO Vets Hall. For upcoming performance dates and to get on a mailing list, call Thaddeus Reynolds at (415) 626-6705.

Caught relaxing in their dressing room, Itchy McGuirk members (l to r) Dave Walker, Chief who is part of their crew, Mark Kafoury, John Schol, Doug Groshart and Helen Tracewell (not pictured) prepare for the release of a second CD, a new movie deal and the chance to play with top bands. / Daily photo courtesy of Dave Walker
Rodeo coach brings team money, pride

By Deanna Robles
(Staff Writer)

He coaches Cal Poly's aspiring rodeo athletes to ride bulls and bucking horses — but his degree is in business administration.

Randy Wilson, a 1992 Cal Poly graduate, comes to the arena with an unlikely education for a rodeo coach. He grew up working on a ranch in the Santa Maria Valley and learned to manage money as a student in the late 80s and early 90s.

Ironically, the state discontinued funding for his position with the rodeo. So Wilson and the students raise all the money to keep his salary and the rodeo program alive, he said.

Wilson, a stocky, 6-foot man, wearing Wranglers and boots, talked about his love of animals and how helping students succeed in the rodeo arena keeps him "keepin' on," despite the constant paper work and 12-hour days. There's no overtime pay for this bachelor coach.

"I love these rodeo athletes, 20-year-old Scott Radelfinger, says Wilson is "like another one of the guys — he works pretty hard."

There are "so many expenses (for the student) it's unbelievably hard. Unlike taking a ball and the other contact sports, rodeo athletes not only have uniform fees, they must have a truck and trailer, a horse and its feed. In addition to a considerable amount of financial investment, they must be full-time students maintaining grades at the same level as any other athlete.

Agricultural science senior Kim Gilbert said, "A rancher doesn't have or sell time. He has to work every day."

Gilbert participated in barrel racing, goat tying and a modified blind calf roping event during her years of rodeo athletics.

Gilbert addressed the concerns easily to rodeo animals saying people unfamiliar with ranching and farming usually don't understand how well the animals are actually treated. He said that animals are not valuable to the ranchers.

"Horses are my best friends," Gilbert said. "A rancher doesn't abuse his cattle, they're his livelihood." Coach Wilson echoed Gilbert with a tragic story about 600 horses starved to death on a Southwest reservation, the result of not receiving the kind of care ranchers provide routinely for their stock.

"You're not around animals because you enjoy abusing them," Wilson said.

"These kids — they get hanged up," Wilson said. Neck injuries from bull riding, leg trauma from team roping and injuries to knees and ankles are not unusual. The riders wear flack jackets which redistribute the pressure on impact to back, stomach and ribs when assaulted by a 2000-pound animal and tell the ground.

One of Wilson's hardest jobs is picking one women's and one men's team to compete against the 12 other schools in the region.

There are six team events for men, four events for women. Coach Wilson has to choose these teams from a field of dedicated rodeo athletes. The chosen teams work together for the remainder of the year, hoping to earn enough points to compete in the championship performance in Bozeman, Montana.

Each region will send two teams to compete: one men's and one women's team will emerge the national college champion for 1995-96 school year.

Before the glory of making it to finals, however, these athletes exhibit guts and grit on weekend rodeos. Athletes spend weekends on the road and must return to classes on Monday as if they had done their homework. It takes a special kind of courage to overcome these obstacles and maintain the dedication to win those critical points, Coach Wilson pointed out.

Last year's Cal Poly rodeo athletes won both men's and women's West Coast team championships and rode on the national college finals where the men's team ranked third in the nation.

This week, Cal Poly rodeo athletes continue practicing for the next regional rodeos Nov. 4 and 5 at West Hills College in Coalinga, a school with one of the biggest rodeo programs in the United States.

Musical Analysis: Fish gives Kipling's a words new, present day sound

Steve Pilkary
John Gannon Editor

Man: Do you like Kipling?

Woman: I don't know, I've never read him.

It is said that by this joke, author Rudyard Kipling's enemies discredited him in the eyes of the public. But while they might have won in the short run, no one is making songs of their poems today.

Songs from Kipling poems? It is true. Random Factors has released the third album of the joint efforts of Leslie Fish and his Kipling's words, "Our Fathers of Old." This follows "Undergraduate's Horse," released by Off-Centaur Records, now defunct.

Fish is rather an acquired taste, but anyone can appreciate his distinctive guitar work. Her twelve-string guitar, named Monster, dominates the album, sounding like at least three normal guitars.

Some songs like "A General Summary," show Kipling's sage judgment of the tameness of the ages. "And who can doubt the secret kid /Under Cheops' pyramid /Was it the contractor did /Cheops out of several million?" Anyone who has construction done can empathize with King Pharaoh.

"A Servant when He Reighneth" is a parable about Solomon's biblical opinion of the four most dangerous things in the world. "A bandit that is mistress, a fool when he is full of meat, an odious soul when he is full of time, but a servant when he reigneth." Fish has written a traditional folk song with a modern twist.

"The First Chantey" and "Helen All Alone" are the closest Fish has come to loving Kipling. "Chantey" tells the story of a girl and a boy who run away from their tribes and after unforeseen consequences ensue, only divine intervention gets them out of the mess. Does a good job of getting a primitive feel out of Monster and a masculine feel of Kipling's simple voice.

"Helen All Alone" seems based on Greek or Roman mythology, and tells the story of a couple that ran away from the gods for a magic knife to defend his people. The parody is a takeoff on the three little pigs. The pigs have to be fed first, and after they are cut in half, they have to be reborn.

The title track, "Our Fathers of Old," is about crude but courageous medical practices of our ancestors. "Our Fathers of Old" is about women married. Fish sang this song in the 70s, and Fish's voice most astute as she stresses the words. Fish is a master at singing guitar verses before the last verse. It is best during this reprise not to concentrate too much on her guitar work, but rather gather in yourself up for the last verse, which is sure to kick one in the gut.

The only problem with this album is that it is almost from Kipling's own era. It is a century commander begging back to Rome, as he is bound to Britain by 40 years of service. "Here where my deadest are laid, my wife and son Fish's slow guitar work and meandering, vocal play up the sorrow of the lyrics.

Fish's unique style is an acquired taste, in which Kipling unfortunately compares a woman to a cigar. Fish is a maintainer, following her tradition of parodying herself, even before "Our Fathers" came out, Fish had parodied "Song of the Men's Side" as "Song from the Pig's Side" in "Parody on Parody." The original is the tale from Viking mythology about how the god Tyr sold his eye to the blacksmiths of the gods for a magic knife to defend his people. The parody is a takeoff on the three little pigs. The pigs have to be fed first, and after they are cut in half, they have to be reborn.
HALLOWEEN: Film character's costumes are a rising trend among adults

From page B4
Cuesta College student John Adams is a musical theater major who dabbles in monster makeup at Capers.

"Last year, the most popular costumes were Ace Ventura, Mask, Beetlejuice and skeletons," he said.

Halloween costumes aren’t just for the young anymore. While Disney characters and Davey Crockett are still hit with kids, the continuing trend is toward adults.

"A lot of students are into S&M and mistress costumes," Wolf said. "Apparently there will be a lot of scantily-clad people at parties this year, because most of them come in and ask for body paint only, not costumes," he said.

Gangster and flapper costumes are also on the heavy request list from students.

Wolf said he can put together a good gore effect for around $10, even though people who want the ultimate in exotic masks can pay upward from $75 for detailed, blood-and-guts heads and death skulls.

Eleven-year-old Jonathan Ward of Paso Robles said he’d buy the expensive mask if he had the money because it’s "way more scary." Other costumes considered popular standbys are Spiderman, Playboy bunnies and Geisha: Accessorizes people can expect to see on some costumes this Halloween include fright gloves that are "guaranteed to turn your dreams into screams," say manufacturers, Bart Simpson hair, and the Jim Carey lime-green masks.

But not everyone has a person in mind when howling around next Tuesday.

Steve Schmizt, a 25-year-old machinist in San Luis Obispo, bought four bottles of blue body paint to make himself up to be the heart in the newest cartoon series, "X-Man."

Wolf said he’s attending a party up north with friends. "I have to be something dead," he said of his annual themed-oriented parties. "This year I’m dressing as half of the Rosencrantz and Guildenstern duo."

Some people don’t get all the Halloween hype.

Roberto Quintana, a third-year agriculture business exchange student from Baja, said he finds the custom of Halloween costumes fun, but doesn’t understand the celebration.

"I don’t know why you celebrate witches day, yet dress up like Cinderella," he said. "On our Day of the Dead (a holiday celebrated during the first week of December), we honor our relatives and friends who have died with flowers and food placed at their grave sites."

But as a part-time actor and theater buff, he said he appreciates the light-spirited commemoration of Oct. 31 and might even attend a campus party as Jim Carey’s Mask.

Pismo Beach Pier. The event is free and features a juggling show at 2 p.m. followed by a magic show at 3 p.m. and a costume contest of the wackiest to the scariest at 3:30 p.m. A pumpkin-decorating contest begins at 1 p.m. and judging begins at 3:30 p.m. Kids get to take the pumpkin home.

If it rains, the event will move to the Beach Veterans Memorial Building on 230 Locust St.

• Volunteers are needed to help with the Paso Robles Halloween event. Oct. 31 from 6-9 p.m. at Central Park. For information, call Annelyese at 237-2985.
Croatians' fate causes non-Serbs in northern Bosnia.

Associated Press

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Wilson appeals lower court ruling on state affirmative action lawsuit

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Pete

said that action will be taken.

Wilson has been attacking
state affirmative action
programs this year, and made an
end to racial and ethnic
discrimination was a centerpiece of his failed
campaign for the Republican presidential
nomination.

The lawsuit was the last
of those brought by Wilson to
attack affirmative action
programs not required by state or federal
law.

In June, he issued an execu­
tive order suspending all
affirmative action programs not
required by state or federal
law.

The governor had indicated he
would appeal to the state
Supreme Court.

Spokesman Paul Kranhold
said that action will be taken.

Wilson said he was en­
couraged that two of the jus­
tices thought the lawsuit should be heard in the higher court.

"The court's decision in no way
changes the fact that these
five statutes are unconstitution­
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individuals to be considered ac­
ceptable and on the basis of their race or gender," Wilson said.

Wilson had sued to see his
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mission, the California Com­munity Col­
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California, the California State
Treasure, Matt Feng and state
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A settlement in Croatia would
create no damage or injuries.

President Boris Yeltsin on Wed­
nesday. "We feel that the time is
all the citizens in the region.

"We have been under occu­
pation for 28 years and now we are
witnessing history," said Kadoursa Mouss, an Arabat side
in Jenin. "The revolution of
the construction of the Palestinian state has started."

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Earlier Wednesday, Israeli
troops moved out of the Jenin
police station, leaving tables,
chairs, refrigerators and refrig­
erators on trucks as hundreds of elated
Palestinians took a flag from the
front of the just-opened
PLO liaison center, then
dancing cheering around the
on the out-lawed banner.

"This is a moment of joy for
this is our entire people," said Jamal
Anasmat, one of hundreds of young men and boys singing and
cheering and chanting "This is
Palestinian police.

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Palestinians rejoice as Israelis depart

By Hilary Appelman

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If you'd like more information - as well as something to eat & drink - please join us on Oct. 31st from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Sandwich Plant, and sign up for an interview on Nov. 1st.

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The report stated women were underrepresented in 29 positions in the College of Liberal Arts, which includes the psychology department.

"I want to be sure other women are treated fairly," Freberg said.

Gary Epstein, a member of the California Faculty Association's (CFA) grievance committee since the early 80s, said he often receives complaints from the same department.

"There are some departments where I got a lot of business — College of Liberal Arts produces most of our grievances in my experience, but not only for gender discrimination," Epstein said.

Freberg has taken a one-quarter submittal and plans to return winter quarter while she awaits the outcome of her case.

Freberg is seeking promotion and back pay, as well as a study of the salary structure within the psychology department.
Consumers group documents most common home loan scams

By Karin Hart
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Homeowners across California lose hundreds of millions of dollars per year to home loan scams — particularly after earthquakes, floods and fires — according to the report, “Dirty Deeds: Abuses and Fraudulent Practices in California’s Home Equity Market.” Individual figures for Alameda counties were not available.

According to the authors, the most common scams were:

— Home improvement and disaster-related fraud, where door-to-door contractors arrange financing for their own work then either do nothing, perform substandard repairs or fail to finish the job. The homeowner ends up in debt and in danger of foreclosure after contractors, frequently unlicensed, charge inflated prices.

— Foreclosure rescue fraud, where lenders convince homeowners who have fallen behind on their mortgage payments to take out refinance loans, which the already strapped borrower cannot afford. The loan may be presented as a “bailout” but ends up draining the remaining equity out of a house while only delaying the inevitable foreclosure.

— Bill consolidation or refinancing offers, where homeowners with bad credit are targeted for home equity loans that lenders claim will reduce monthly payments on credit cards and other debts through lower interest rates and tax deductions. The artificially low monthly payments are followed by a large final charge called a balloon payment that borrowers cannot afford.

— Unscrupulous lenders go door to door, specifically searching out elderly and low-income homeowners who have a good amount of equity. Using hard-sell tactics, they coax their would-be clients into signing high-interest, high-fee loans that the homeowners cannot afford and designate the house as collateral.

The report suggests consolidating regulatory efforts under one agency, specifically the Department of Corporations, and increasing prosecution by earmarking special funding for real estate fraud investigations by district attorneys.
Rangers capture fugitive in Yosemite

Yosemite National Park, Calif. — A 12-day manhunt in Yosemite National Park ended Wednesday when rangers captured a fugitive suspected of assaulting a female park ranger.

Phil Lund, 56, of San Francisco, was caught in a Tenaya Canyon, a remote area five miles east of Yosemite Valley, said park spokeswoman Lisa Dapprich.

Lund was being held in a holding cell at the park pending an appearance before U.S. Magistrate Hollis G. Best.

"He will be charged with two felony counts — kidnapping and assault with dangerous weapons," Dapprich said. "The maximum penalty is life in prison."

Lund, a parolee once sentenced to 13 years in prison for a sexual assault, had previously worked for a park concessionaire. He allegedly pulled a stun gun on a National Park Service worker Oct. 13 after she agreed to give him a ride in her car. He also allegedly tried to handcuff her, but she escaped.

Authorities put up roadblocks and checkpoints around the park, creating a massive traffic backup for several days.

Meanwhile, park officials told visitors to watch out for Lund. "We had posters with a picture and a physical description of Lund posted throughout the park," Dapprich said.

On Tuesday, a visitor told rangers she had spotted someone answering Lund’s description in Tenaya Canyon. Rangers began searching the area at dawn Wednesday, and Lund was taken into custody about noon.

He was then flown by California Highway Patrol to Yosemite Valley.

Dapprich said she did not have details about Lund's condition, or what he was doing in Tenaya Canyon until his arrest.

Seinfeld & Generation X

Humanities 410X is a new 3 unit class which satisfies GE&B area C.3, and meets Winter 1996 quarter MWF from 9-10 am. Values, Media and Culture is concerned with the relationship between great books and popular entertainments, Star Trek and Gulliver's Travels, Friends and Shakespeare, Plato, Playboy and Bikini Lake, Seinfeld and Generation X.

For more information: R. Simon, English dept., 756-2475; Humanities Dept. x1205; or RSimon@cymbal.

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Soccer: Cal Poly boosted up its schedule to improve its NCAA Division-I playoff chances

From page 12

This season, Crozier boosted up the Mustangs’ schedule. Crozier pointed out Washington's top goal po­

t in the last few seconds of Saturday's game, along with for­

ward Michelle Nuesca's header sailing straight into the top right, is a prime example of how unhappy the Mustangs' offense has been.

Tobias said that's how the games goes sometimes.

"Soccer takes a little bit of luck, the ball bounces funny and it just doesn't bounce our way," he said.

Defender Allen Murphy explained how frustrating it has been for Cal Poly since they hadn't been ranked in the

ISAA.

"We are out there constantly trying to prove ourselves," Mor­

bury said.

Recognition is one thing the Mustangs haven't received all season, even when they carried a 9-1-1 record a little over a week ago.

The ISAA isn't the only group that has neglected to recognize the Mustangs.

Forward Kellie Kassis said when the Mustangs were in San Diego to play University of Arizona, Coach San Diego State, people thought this was the team's first year in Division-I play. This is in fact the team's second year.

Kassis said this was frustrating and admitted that lack of recognition has added "a little extra pressure" on the team. She also said the team has gained from this experience.

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tions to just 14 goals in 14 games while its offense has scored 35 goals.

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Crozier said the team as a whole plays defensively the moment the ball is out of their reach.

Cal Poly ended its season last year 14-3-2. Right now at 10-3-1 and with five games left, there is the possibility that they may end its second season in Division I either with the same record or with one more notch in the win's column.

So the big question now is: will the NCAA overlook the women's soccer team this time around?

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- Women's soccer

**NATIONAL BRIEFS**

Hostetler's replacement honored by the AFC

New York (AP) — Vince Evans made his case for 40-year-olds and it won him an AFC Player of the Week honor on Wednesday.

Evans, who started for the injured Jeff Hostetler and completed 23 of 35 passes for 335 yards and two touchdowns in the Oakland Raiders 30-17 victory over Indianapolis on Sunday, was named AFC offensive player of the week.

Others honored were Ken Norton Jr. of San Francisco, Leslie O'Neal of San Diego, Brett Favre of Green Bay, Tamarick Vanover of Kansas City and Kevin Butner of Chicago.

Norton earned NFC defensive player honors by returning two interceptions for the first two touchdowns of his eight-year career in the 49ers' 44-10 rout of St. Louis.

One of his returns was 35 yards, the other 21; he also had nine tackles.

O'Neal earned AFC defensive honors with 3 1/2 sacks in the Chargers' 35-25 win over Seattle.

Favre threw four touchdown passes in the Packers' 38-21 win over Minnesota, finishing 22 for 43 for 295 yards to win the NFC's weekly award.

Vanover won AFC special team honors for the second time in three weeks by returning two kickoffs a total of 82 yards to set up two touchdowns in Kansas City's 27-7 victory over Denver.

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