**Jewish culture a way of life for many Poly students**

By Jessie Tameka  Staff Writer

It appeared as if the quaint and casual gathering of young adults was simply a weekend get-together among friends. However, this group had more on their minds than socializing.

The 10th person entered the chapel room, thus the congregation constituted a minyan, which meant an official Jewish assembly. Bordonaro presented the audience with a hypothetical situation: after a liquor store robbery, if a suspect was chosen being chased down, then hit by someone else’s car, the thief could sue that person. Bordonaro said legislation is pending that would make it illegal for a criminal to file suit for a criminal case in situations such as these.

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**Suicide bombings kill 25 in Israel, wound 82**

Now, just three months ahead of May 29 elections, Israelis once again must ask themselves commitment to peace with the Palestinians.

The U.S. embassy identified the dead Americans as Matthew Epting, 21, of West Hartford, Conn., who was studying at a Jewish seminary in Jerusalem, and Sarah Duker, 22, of Teaneck, N.J., who was studying at Hebrew University.

In May, Israelis will have to decide whether to press on with the peace process or to attempt to further radicalize their movement.

**Assemblies on the defensive at Poly**

By Stephen Enders  Staff Writer

Local assemblyman Tom Bordonaro (R) came to Cal Poly Friday afternoon to talk business, but found himself defending his stance on issues such as concealed weapons and campaign contributions.

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The state is in very serious problems. A high unemployment rate of about 8 percent, defense downsizing and high tax rates have all contributed to business moving out-of-state,” Bordonaro said.

Bordonaro added that high business taxes have driven jobs and brainpower out of the state, creating a downward spiral situation here. California, Bordonaro said, is home to the world’s sixth or seventh largest economy.

“We need to give the economy a kick in the pants,” Bordonaro said. “The No. 1 problem here, as far as business is concerned, is tort reform.”

The assemblyman said frivolous lawsuits and “colloquialisms” that drive costs up are the state’s main problem.

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If Bordonaro and a number of other assembly members get their way, other laws will also change. Bordonaro referred to upcoming measures on the November ballot. Propositions 201, 202 and 203.

Prop. 201 is a measure for no-fault insurance, which would allow for insurance companies to reimburse both drivers of an accident, leaving it unnecessary in many situations for parties to settle minor disputes in court.

Bordonaro commented on the environment, saying that both a healthy economy and environment go hand-in-hand.

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**Campus police arrest dorm resident again for attempted rape**

By By Allan Levitt  Staff Writer

A 21-year-old Cal Poly student has been arrested for attempting to rape another student in a dorm room, and is also under suspicion of committing four other sexual assaults.

Robert Matthew Sharp, who has been living in the Santa Lucia residence halls, has been ordered to stay off Cal Poly property except while accompanied by a police officer.

Cal Poly Police Chief Tom Mitchell told the Telegram-Tribune he believes there are more victims — it was a matter of one person reporting which has led to other victims reporting.

Sharp was first noticed by police back in early December when a student living on campus reported that Sharp fondled his feet.

The latest involvement with Sharp was discovered when a student adviser learned of a suspected assault on a female student and that led to an investigation. Mitchell told the Telegram-Tribune, Sharp was questioned at the Cal Poly police station Thursday and after refusing to answer questions, he was arrested.

There was no booked at the San Luis Obispo County Jail with bail set at $25,000. According to jail spokesman, Sharp posted bail late Friday.

The investigation is continuing and additional victims have been brought to the San Luis Obispo County and in his hometown.

Coincidentally, on Thursday at approximately 1:13 a.m., police arrested Morgan Lyle, 19, of San Luis Obispo, on suspicion of prowling. Lyle was allegedly peeking in a woman’s window.

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**Campus police compel to use deadly force in confrontation with rabid skunk near Business Building**

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A grad making a difference

By Val Arnone
Daily Staff Writer

Like most graduates, 22-year-old Shelly Bender was ex¬cited when she graduated from the University of Michigan last year.

When she received her bachelor’s degree in natural sciences, life was good for Bender. Only one dark cloud hovered on her parade. She had to repay student loans that helped her attain her education.

Repaying student loans is an unpleasant reality for most students. Bender decided to make the best of her situation by joining the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC).

“Do we what the Peace Corps does, but do it here in the United States,” she said.

NCCC is a network of national service programs created by Congress and the Clinton Administration under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

The program is open to people between the ages of 18 and 24. It provides its members with meals, housing, uniforms, a $6,000 living allowance, and a $4,725 education award in exchange for 10 months of service in the corps. The education award can be applied to future tuition costs or repayment of student loans.

Although the education award was one reason Bender said she joined NCCC, it was not the only reason. She also wanted to give back to her community.

“Is it a really positive experience,” she said. “You get a chance to make a difference in a community and work in a team.”

Traveling is common for NCCC members.

Teams of 10 to 12 members travel to various communities to perform different service projects focused on one of four areas the program targets: public safety, education, environment and human needs.

Recently, a NCCC team based in San Diego visited San Luis Obispo in a five-week project involving a survey on handicapped-accessible facilities in state parks, according to Lisa Breed, the team leader.

Prior to this project, the team was working at four schools in San Diego tutoring and setting up after-school programs, Breed said.

“Our kind of response we have to invent is an attitude change,” Doug Smith, English professor said.

Smith added, “It was obvious to everybody that English professors weren’t using computers.” Smith said.

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Fischer’s only complaint is the limited living allowance, noting that less than what she is used to.

“Is it okay, though,” she said. “The experience overrides the money issue.”

Many people, particularly those in the English department and related fields, have not responded positively to the electronic environment, he said.

“They’ve been reluctant. They’ve been holding back,” Smith said. “The problem is alienation — the feeling that machines are more important than we are ... that machines are running us.”

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“Keep an open mind, be flexible and have a strong desire to work hard and work in a team,” she said. “It’s definitely a challenge, but more rewarding than anything.”

Doug Smith

Technology not just for the sciences

By Kent Spencer
Daily Copy Editor

Rabid skunk killed by university police

By Justin Frederickson
Daily Copy Editor

A rabid skunk on campus was shot and killed by police early Monday, Feb. 19.

At approximately 8:30 a.m., the animal was reported to be near the Business Building. Cal Poly police officers responded, and located the animal near the Architecture Building.

The animal was not acting normal,” said Marilyn Morris, a dispatcher with Cal Poly police. “The officers determined that it was rabid, and terminated it.”

According to a press release, the animal was displaying symptoms indicative of rabies, and the officers shot the animal at the request of the SLO County Animal Regulation Department, which was unable to confine the animal.

Later, an examination revealed that the animal was infected with rabies.

Cal Poly police report this area has been experiencing a high incident of rabies lately and warn Cal Poly students and staff to beware of all animals, wild or domestic, that are acting strangely or are in an area they are not normally seen.

If you see an animal you suspect is rabid on campus, contact Public Safety Services at 576-2281, or call 911.
The actions they took yesterday were not justified under any circumstances.

Warren Christopher
Secretary of State
Censorship and pseudoreasoning

Editor,

I am writing in response to Mr. Mahaffy's letter regarding grading curves. While I will not defend all professors who use them, I do believe that curve grading is not unique to Cal Poly, so it is somewhat useless to assert that it is "Cal Poly's way of evaluating" student performance. Instead of telling everyone else what they cannot view, something which is clearly unenforceable, it would be much easier to secure parental consent forms that allow us to inform parents when their child's use of the Internet or buy new software designed to block such sites from being viewed on their computer.

As far as standardized testing goes though, I agree that there should be a set of subjects that must be covered in each course. If the students do not demand high standards, the faculty will only be réalised with low standards. I would suggest that he go to the department head and ask for the list of topics that each of his classes must cover. Curve grading is not unique to Cal Poly, so it is somewhat useless to assert that it is "Cal Poly's way of evaluating" student performance. Instead of telling everyone else what they cannot view, something which is clearly unenforceable, it would be much easier to secure parental consent forms that allow us to inform parents when their child's use of the Internet or buy new software designed to block such sites from being viewed on their computer.

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I have been very fortunate in the previous years, for I have been taught by the core of faculty that have worked so hard to build the reputation of Cal Poly to what it is. The standards of some faculty are far below what we should expect at Cal Poly. I have had labs where students were expected simply to copy the professor's handouts changing only a few specified numbers. These classes were excellent exercise in typing, but few understood and none were expected to know what they were doing. I have been forced to take classes knowing that the instructor consistently gives high grades thus setting low standards. After paying more to get less, whether it is easier tests, shorter classes, or less of an education.

Let's grow up as students and stop rewarding "bad teaching." Just because an instructor gives you an A does not mean you have a debt to repay him. Give him what he deserves as he should have done for you. We do have a say in what happens in this school. Think about the next evaluation you fill out and make intelligent decisions about the fate of our school because it is Cal Poly that will represent you for the rest of your life.

Dustin Froula is a physics junior.

Approchement of knowledge...

Editor,

Jon Paul Mahaffy, president of the Objectivist Club, exemplifies the premise of his commentary "Ensuring mediocrity - curving grades." Jon doesn't seem to group that he is aware that a fraction of what is to be gained from a college education. Employers know this, professors know this, and it becomes very apparent to most students as well. Jon's proposal of standardized testing for objective knowledge is mediocre at best.

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Paying more to get less

by Dustin Froula

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BASEBALL

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BORDONARO: Pesticide legislation a hot topic

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lature and is now being held in the Capitol. The law has recently stirred up some controversy. Opponents claim it will create a gun-toting society, and will increase gun deaths in California. A number of other states, including Texas and Missouri, are currently testing similar gun laws.

"People have a constitutional right to protect themselves," Bordonaro had said.

Bordonaro was also asked about the Cal Poly Plan. He responded that the plan is a "good way to go." He was then asked about receiving campaign funding from various chemical manufacturers, including Dow Chemicals, a manufacturer of methyl bromide.

Methyl bromide — a pesticide used mainly on strawberries — has received attention lately, as groups like the United Farm Workers, which is working on continually subsidize organic farmers. They depict it as the "good law."

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Bordonaro avoided the campaign contribution question, saying his campaign is legitimate and supported by many constituents.

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The poll was taken Feb. 14-20 by the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office, as subcommittees in both houses begin the long budget process.

The latest constitutional amendment is before the Assembly Rules Committee on Monday. The author is a Republican freshman. Assemblyman Jim Morrissey of Santa Ana. His coauthors are 18 fellow Republican Assembly members, two very conservative GOP senators and Hayden.

Smith's students created a World Wide Web page with step-by-step explanations of the disease. Some students at Cal Poly support the idea of a flat tax.
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“All of the elements were in place to make it the perfect Cinderella story,” said junior guard Shunta Corright after Saturday's game against Southern Utah.

Yet Southern Utah's Mark Schweigert turned the Mustangs' final American West Conference game into a pumpkin long before midnight by sinking a last-second three at triple overtime to beat the Mustangs 85-84 on Saturday.

The fairy-tale season ended at home without the "happily ever after" part.

"We blew the game," said Cal Poly Head Coach Jeff Schneider after the emotional 55 minutes.

The game brought out 3,510 screaming fans spilling out of the stands, Mott Gym's first sold-out crowd ever, to see the most-improved team in the nation and the American West Conference preseason favorite go head-to-head with Cal Poly.

Instead, the game showed how a team can be slowly beaten by a line in the court.

The Mustangs came out flat from the tipoff, shooting 35 percent in the first half, and bringing the team to the three-point line.

Late in the first half, Schneider had to take his coat off early, after he snagged a technical foul for yelling at the referees who failed to call a foul after Corright was pushed out of bounds.

The second half brought more of the same flat play for both teams, until a three by junior guard Colin Bryant put Cal Poly ahead for the first time since the game's 0-2 at the beginning of the game.

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Northridge sweeps Cal Poly's baseball team

Northridge sweeps Cal Poly's baseball team by Greg Manish

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Guard Shunta Corright sent Cal Poly into double overtime Saturday after sinking both of his free-throws against Southern Utah / Daily photo by Dawn Kahler

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