Mayoral, City Council forum starts week of Poly activism

Candidates debate housing, campus crime and greenbelt issues

By Rachel Brady
DAILY STAFF WRITER

San Luis Obispo Mayoral and City Council candidates gathered at a forum in the University Union Plaza on Monday where the main topics focused on campus housing problems, campus crime and Measure O.

Each candidate was given the opportunity to give a five-minute speech explaining their background, views and plans for San Luis Obispo, if voted into office.

Mayoral incumbent and Cal Poly professor Allen Settle spoke about his plans for Cal Poly. He talked about improving housing, continuing the bus-transit system and internship programs and keeping a positive image of the fraternity/sorority system in the community.

He also encouraged students to go see him in his office on campus.

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San Luis Obispo is CHANCE TO REPUBLICAN HERE

Civil engineering senior Dan Bolton and ag business senior John Henson have helped increase registered voters on campus in an effort to get students to the polls. / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

You're close to the students and I want you to come see me," Settle said.

Settle's opponent, Lark Jurevsk, took a different approach with his speech, focusing on his trust in God.

"My life has been much more abundant since I have followed a spirit rather than following laws," Jurevsk said.

City Council incumbent Kathy Smith commented that she believed her main asset to the council has been her ability to cover many issues.

"I bring balance to the council," Smith said. "I represent both the business community and the environment community."

Lance Parker, a city council candidate, said he felt a connection to the students.

"I am the youngest candidate running," he said. "Some of your concerns are my concerns."

Incumbent Dave Romero based his speech on the accomplishments of his past. He said that if you like what San Luis Obispo is now, then you like what he has done.

City Council candidate Pat Veesart said he has learned a lot since his defeat two years ago.

"I've worked hard in the last two years to make my vision a reality," he said.

Rick Jacksonow of New Times then asked the candidates two questions about Cal Poly's housing and crime problems. They were each given three minutes.

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Downtown rally raises awareness for Prop. 215

Daryn Smith checks out one of the many displays at the hemp rally that raised awareness of the plant, as well as the Medical Marijuana Initiative. / Daily photo by Maureen McDowell

The Cannabis Buyers Club in San Francisco is a medical marijuana supply group that recently made headlines when it was raided by state drug agents against the wishes of San Francisco police and civil leaders.

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Professional surfers from around the state came to compete in the CCS/Hofline sponsored contest at Morro Rock. See Sports for the complete story. / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

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By Jessica Yamada
DAILY STAFF WRITER

More than three-quarters of a million Californians signed their names to get it on November's ballot and approximately 200 people gathered in front of the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo to find out more about it.

What's got some people's interest nipped in the bud is Proposition 215. The Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Initiative would ensure seriously ill patients the right to obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes.

Hemp for Victory, a citizen action group, held its fifth annual hemp rally and teach-in Sunday.

The group educates people about the medicinal, industrial and inspirational uses of marijuana and encourages reform of marijuana laws.

"Help me change the world, register and vote for 215," said speaker Dennis Peron, founder of the San Francisco Cannabis Buyers Club and head of Californians for Compassionate Use.

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Cal Poly students are finding themselves lost when it comes to housing. They are having to sleep on friends' couches, floors or worse. Some are even having to fork out the money to crash at a motel.

Slowly, they are finding themselves to be...

Homeless in college

By Shoshana Hebshi, Daily Staff Writer

Imagine a student's room. A bed just right, a desk organized to his or her liking, textbooks in line to start school, decorations reflecting someone's personality. It's privacy and a getaway, something to use as a base and as a stabilization—a place to call home.

Now take this space away, leaving little or none available. No more room to organize and personalize. No more place to call your own. A sense of displacement, confusion and emptiness closes in.

Imagine sleeping on friends' couches or living in a motel and trying to find another place to live. "There were a lot of times when I was really stressed out," he said.

And enrollment will continue to increase by 1 percent each year until 1999, unless more funding is needed for buildings. According to Cal Poly President Warren Baker, a target for 275 full-time equivalent students was made for all four quarters. Full time equivalent means how many part time students it takes to make one full time student.

In this case, 836 Cal Poly students have made up the 275 equivalent.

"You wake everyday for housing, it's pretty stressful," Arnold said. "It kind of interrupts the schedule and trying to do some work, but I still need a place to live. My stuff is at about two or three people's houses right now."

Cal Poly's enrollment jumped from 10,233 last fall to 10,961 this fall. Senior Institutional Research Associate Elaine Ramos-Doyle reported that part of the increase resulted from the Poly Plan and from the State.

"We expected to increase our enrollment by 1 percent by the Governor," she said.

"You look everyday for houses, it's pretty stressful," Arnold sleeps on a couch in the garage where Omweg is living. He's hoping a lease will start for him in early October.

"Once we get moved in and get everything established, it will be good," he said. "It kind of interrupts the school and trying to do some work, but I still need a place to live. My stuff is at about two or three people's houses right now."

Cal Poly Housing had a room for him in early October.

"It (housing shortage) probably impacted returning students, more than the incoming freshmen, who came in town in June and July thanking that they would find housing," Allen said.

"Freshmen were out on the market earlier this year, and I think that made a big difference in certain housing communities such as Mustang Village, Stenner Glen, and Valencia Apartments."

"Mustang Village's General Manager, Patricia Denczk, said that the complex, which appeals greatly to second year students coming out of the dorms, has been full since May and has had a waiting list since then.

Mustang Village has sent out letters to tenants encouraging them to take on extra roommates. They've had three responses so far.

This coming year we will limit the private accommodations to accommodate at least 178 more people," Denczk said.

Tenants living in studio apartments are being offered a deal if they decided to share a room. Denczk said a studio costs $400 per month, and shared is $220 each—$40 extra to take care of added utilities and wear and tear.

With the offer, the incoming tenant pays $220 and the original tenant pays $240. Last April, Mustang Village won't allow sharable units to go unshared.

"We started renting in January and expect to be filled by April," Denczk said. Building more units has not been discussed.

Woodside apartments located on North Santa Rosa Ave. tends to attract many second year students from the dorms.

All units have been rented since mid-July. A total of 272 Cal Poly students live there, 25 of which are freshmen along with a few transfer students.

"We're still receiving calls," General Manager Karen Gouze said. "Many people were looking after we were already full."

Stenner Glen, a popular alternative to the dorms for first year students has been full since the third of July. According to General Manager Mike Holt, this was the fastest it has ever filled up.

Of 550 residents, 46 percent are Cal Poly students and nearly 350 of those are freshmen.

Stenner Glen changed a building that housed Cuesta students to house more Cal Poly students. Next year Holt says they will probably be limiting or not allowing single rooms to be available.

Manderly Property Services had a busy summer.

For the first time ever, Rental Department Manager Ruth Smith said that they had no

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State seeks more school teachers

By Jenny Justes
Daily Staff Writer

California will need over 20,000 new elementary school teachers this year as a result of the state's new class size reduction program, which will mean greater employment opportunities for Cal Poly students.

The Senate Bill 1777, authored by Senator Jack O'Connell, will produce $771 million for a class-size reduction program and another $200 million for supplying additional classrooms.

Through the program the state legislature intends to provide enough money to reduce all kindergarten through third-grade classrooms to a 20-to-1 student-teacher ratio. The previous requirement for class size was no more than 30 students.

Already as a result of this program, which was approved by Gov. Pete Wilson in July, school districts throughout the state have been scrambling to hire more teachers for additional, smaller classes.

In San Luis Obispo county alone nearly 100 new teachers have been or will be hired this year, said Rick Minnis, personnel director for the county Office of Education.

Minnis said the legislature granted money for first and second grades, with an option to include kindergarten and third grade in the reduction program.

For Cal Poly students this program may translate into the availability of more teaching jobs throughout the state. The program may even increase the number of teachers California schools produce annually. According to Susan Roper, director of the University Center for Teacher Education, California schools traditionally produce 7,000 to 8,000 teachers a year.

She added that last year the center had about 150 students receive multiple subject credentials allowing them to teach kindergarten through eighth grade.

Roper said almost all of the students who received credentials in 1995-96 have found jobs due, in part, to the class size reduction program.

Roper has been in constant contact with county schools since the bill passed in June. She said the schools have been telling her that they need the center to prepare more teachers.

"Unless I get more money for more faculty," Roper said, "we can't expand the program. We plan to put in a request to the Cal Poly Plan." The California State University system has already responded to this widespread demand by intensifying efforts to recruit students interested in teaching, offering more evening and part-time teacher training programs and increasing the number of teacher internship credential programs.

According to CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz, the CSU system is the best source for the 40,000 new teachers that will be needed in the next two to four years. Many students anticipating teaching careers appear encouraged by the opportunities resulting from the program.

"They are hiring teachers everywhere," liberal studies senior Amy Watson said. "There are jobs out there for everyone going into teaching."

The program has not only affected the demand for teachers, but also the way new teachers are trained.

Minnis said that it was really important to train teachers to gear the instructional model towards smaller class sizes.

In response to the new precedent that smaller class sizes, Roper said training for those who will be applying for jobs in the classrooms through third grades focus on a number of new, different strategies. The center is working to put together workshops and resources to help teachers with professional development.

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Feminism is not a four-letter word
By Lorri Sulpizio

Feminists: those crazy men-hating women are bitter to the world and will do whatever it takes to overcome. Feminism: the idea that women are way better than men, and should have more privileges and rights accordingly. I'd like to point out that those two statements sound crazy. And they are; they are untrue and reveal an exaggerated stereotype. The problem is there are too many people who actually believe that feminists are evil, and that feminism is only for the men with long hair. A worser problem is that there are many of these people here at Cal Poly. I had a classmate say to me in discussion, "Are feminists mothers? Because I don't think they should be raising our children." He had raised his hand and said this in class out loud during a discussion of the women's rights movement. Not only did he think it, but he actually said it — feminists should not have children.

Is feminism, anyway? Who are feminists? Many people have this hatred and contempt for people who have these ideas of women's superiorities. It's pretty easy to join a scoping team. In fact, you don't even need to join one of our fine bars and meet Prince Charming, your chances are rather slim, unless, of course, you won a bet with Fate. Frankly, most bar guys make me ill. I often think that these guys have some sort of a scoping team (similar to a foot-bot). It's pretty easy to join a scoping team. In fact, you don't even need to join one of our fine bars and meet Prince Charming, your chances are rather slim, unless, of course, you won a bet with Fate. Frankly, most bar guys make me ill. I often think that these guys have some sort of a scoping team (similar to a foot-bot).

There wouldn't dream of approaching a woman with intelligent conversation. It's impossible for them to simply sit down with a woman and have a fun time without thinking of a higher purpose — namely, will she go home with me?

Now, there are plenty of women who would not have a problem with such a question, and indeed, go for the bars for the same reason. And there are plenty of women like me, who go to bars to hang out with friends and have fun — and who would much rather talk to a nice guy who can relax and be honest and sincere than fend off Mr. Swings with the perfectly-styled hair and the little black book tucked in the back pocket. They would find the people who have these ideas of women's superiorities to be a scene. These women do exist; there are women who are very angry about the oppression women have faced, but don't want to stand for it any longer, and feel that they need to be drastic and radical to do something about it. They may shave their heads and never wear skirts or makeup. These "radical" feminists may want to start a separate society of only women. But those aren't the only women who make up the feminist population. There are many women who no longer want to get married, or raising lower wages, not getting a promotion, not being taken seriously, being looked at only for being a body not allowed to play sports, being raped, being taken for granted and being taken advantage of. These are all problems and issues that face feminists, but not all feminism hate men. Not all feminists feel that you need to go against the social norm and reject every traditional aspect of being a woman and threaten any one who disagrees with them. It is wrong to categorize a whole group by the impression you get from a small example. The media has tried to focus on the radical of, every group, causing negative stereotypes to arise. The trick is, to realize how diverse and different we all are and how everyone cannot fit into one category. Cal Poly needs to realize this.

It is not that everyone on campus needs to become an active supporter of women's rights, but everyone should be able to understand the true intent of feminism. You do not have to agree with it or participate, but understand its significance enough to be free of the negative stereotypes. During the WOW club carnival, at the Cal Poly chapter of NOW table there were many new students who came up to talk. There were many other people, however, who looked with horror in their eyes at the literature that was available and at the stickers that were displayed. They were curious enough to want to read the stickers, but stood far enough away, probably for fear of catching something. Then they quickly moved to the next table. Now is a feminist organization focusing on women's rights, but the club goes beyond issues of abortion and equal pay for the sexes. Sure, there are stickers dealing with abortion, gay and lesbian rights and women in the military, but that is not all. There are other issues as well, such as women's rights, opportunity for young women, women in sports, political awareness and diversity awareness. If those people who look at me with horror in their eyes would have taken a quick minute of their time to find out what a feminist organization is actually about, many would have been surprised.

Too many students looked and ran.

The funny thing about this whole situation is that most of you out there are feminists. Ask your self these questions: Do you have a woman who should be able to have a career if she wants to? Is it all right for a woman to want to be a doctor, lawyer, professor and executives? Do you have a woman who shouldn't be able to stay home with his kids while he goes to work? Are women capable of becoming doctors, lawyers, professors and executives? Can a little boy play with a doll while a little girl plays with a car? Realize that there is more to feminism than is shown on TV. Feminists are the people we encounter every day, people who may not stand out, but who believe that equality is worth achieving.

The people who feel threatened by feminism are the ones who don't understand it. Feminism is not the idea of women being men, but for women to overtake men. Feminism is about opportunity. It is about people being people and not letting sex or gender set the rules for people to live by.

Lorri Sulpizio is an English senior and the vice coordinator for Cal Poly's NOW chapter.
You slam on the brakes and pull the wheel hard to the right, the sounds of horns blaring from every direction. OK, that one was too close, way too close. That other driver didn't even look before changing lanes. They call them the express lanes, but you think "extinction lanes" is really more appropriate. Today seems worse than usual. Almost like it's Celebrate psychotropic Driving Month or something and you're in the parade. No matter. You're almost at the restaurant. A very chic, very you-know restaurant that you cannot afford. It is here that you are meeting your well-intentioned friend whose cousin twice-removed is in town. Cousin needs a date. Cousin is just right for you! your friend claims. Sure. That's what your friend said about Dream Date Y last month. The dream ended at the police station. Don't ask. "Sorry," you tell your friend, "I'm booked." Friend laughs. Friend knows you are never booked. An hour later you're cruising for parking. Five blocks. Six. Seven. Eight. Suddenly, you see it. A real, live legal parking space. With...can it be? Time left on the meter. You slow to a stop. Flip your blinker. Stick your arm out the window for good measure. Sure, it's a tricky parallel parking problem, but hey, you're a mathematician. You calculate, then begin the backup. Suddenly out of nowhere, it comes: a cheesy little red sports car zipping into your space, the driver laughing maniacally.

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Greenbelt program featured in debate

By Dave Kelner
Daily Staff Writer

More than 1,500 acres and the use of $1.4 million in city funds will be debated tonight at a public hearing on the city's Greenbelt Program.

In an effort to create open space for recreation and wildlife, and to prevent over-development, the city has proposed a greenbelt encompassing two parcels of land encircling San Luis Obispo.

The Maino family owns the first 75-acre parcel at the base of Cerro San Luis below the Mission Prep M. The property, appraised at $900,000 to $1.2 million, is being offered to the city for $690,000 because the family wants it preserved in open space and available for public use.

The money to buy the land would come from $1.5 million set aside for open space protection in 1990.

City Council Member Kathy Smith favors the acquisition of this land. "I want to protect it. I don't want any houses or any development on that land," she said.

The second parcel is the John Guidetti Ranch, which is used for cattle ranching. This 75,000-acre parcel would not be open for public recreational use. Instead it would be an easement, meaning Guidetti would allow the city to use the land without revoking his ownership.

Through this, the city would buy partial development rights for $450,000 from the owner. These rights would allow the city to regulate and confine development as well as designate the location of future development.

However, Guidetti would not give up his mineral rights, an issue.

FORUM: Housing is limited all around town

From page 7 has held back on growth in San Luis Obispo in order to keep its "small town atmosphere."

"Growth is like riding a bicycle," Romero said. "You have to move ahead or you fall over. You have to have some growth or you're stagnated."

"If we had made it easier to build housing earlier, we wouldn't have the crunch we have now."

TEACHERS: Schools are running out of room

From page 3 development focusing on small class size.

Despite the new challenges the program may cause in training, future teachers seem pleased with the changes.

"It's exciting because the students benefit from the smaller class size," Watson said. "Everyone, parents teachers and students, have been receptive to the idea."

Where these new teachers are going to teach is a problem that many school districts state wide are trying to figure out.

Schools are bringing in portable classrooms and some have even resorted to teaching at remote locations because the crunch for space is so great.

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Study abroad program expands borders to Japan

By Traci Roach
Daily Staff Writer

A group of 10 Cal Poly stu­dents pioneered the first six-week Japan study abroad trip last sum­mer when they attended the Hijashi Nippon International University in Iwaki, located about 200 miles north of Tokyo.

The two-year-old university is set in rural Japan and schools predominantly Japanese stu­dents. However, its founder’s goal is to permanently set up an interna­tional exchange program.

The trip was open to all majors and featured cultural learning experiences such as field trips and open discussion classes.

The program was immensely difficult to plan, said social sci­ence professor John McKinstry who instructed the three Cal Poly classes at the Japanese college.

According to McKinstry, basic details such as airline tickets, vis­iting Japanese lecturers and housing students were difficult to organize. Also rail passes weren’t available in Japan so they had to be purchased in the United States.

Although students said they were treated very well, one felt that there could have been more communication between the two universities.

“It could have been a little bit more organized,” said social sci­ence senior Jeremy Jessup.

Another student had similar concerns.

“It felt like the university didn’t expect us. It seemed like they were surprised we were there,” agriculture business graduate Jerry Steele said. “They didn’t have anything ready.”

The three Cal Poly classes offered were modern world sys­tems, Asian culture and a non­credit modern Japan class.

“We met for an hour every Monday and talked about our field trips,” Steele said.

“A lot of the stuff we learned was hands on,” Jessup said. “You couldn’t really learn (the culture) from behind the desk.”

“The classroom work was informal,” said McKinstry. Rather than taking tests and completing written work, the class visited cultural and historical places.

Students had the option of attending a week long field trip across the country visiting Hiroshima, Tokyo and the ancient capitol of Kyoto. Eight of the 10 students on the trip took part.

According to the trip’s organiz­ers, Pacific Rim, there must be many course hours included, whether it is in the classroom or outside looking at historical sights.

Another concern McKinstry was notified about was the lack of planned events.

“I didn’t plan things because I didn’t think I had to,” McKinstry said. “Since the city was smaller there wasn’t enough to do.”

The social science professor thought the students would inter­act more with the Japanese stu­dents and therefore didn’t fill the daily schedule.

“It’s a new university so there aren’t that many students,” McKinstry said. “They (Japanese students) also were busy with their own schedules.”

The $3,300 overseas trip included everything except food, but according to Jessup there were unexpected costs such as phone bills.

Although it was not necessary for students to know the Japanese language, it was a definite advan­tage, Steele said.

The university is also current­ly looking into developing more internships for business students to learn about Japanese corporate culture.

“We want to set up longer-term study for business, psychology and social science students,” McKinstry said. “Rather than six­weeks we would make it broader for a regular quarter or two.”

While the students were there, Cal Poly President Warren Baker visited to review future program possibilities.

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important factor since his property has been found to have oil reserves valued at more than $1 billion. With present market prices though, extraction of the oil would be impractical.

An upcoming ballot measure will affect future expansion of the greenbelt. Measure O would help fund the project after the initial purchase of the greenbelt.

"It's a great concept but the problem is where is the money going to come from?" said City Council candidate Lance Parker who opposes the measure.

If the measure passes, homeowners would be charged an additional $4.38 per month and apartment owners another $3.26 per unit. This could cause rent increases in San Luis Obispo.

According to council member David Romero, Measure O would simply allow the city to move faster with its open space programs.

City Council candidate Pat Veesart said this measure represents democracy at its finest, since voters are being asked if they want the tax or not.

Mayor Allen Settle is hesitant to give his full support to the measure. Settle discussed what he would do if the measure is passed.

"We will be able to have better preservation of the hillside and have better preservation of open space for agricultural purposes. The downside is you will be having a new tax," Settle said.

Critics of Settle and the city council say the city has not used the money in six years and is eager to spend it during an election year.

Settle says the greenbelt proposal and the election year are coincidental and that it has taken six years to come to a consensus on the property.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. in the city county library.

ACTIVISM: Open forum on Measure O tonight

Candidates showed concern for the issue of crime on Poly's campus, but did not feel that it was a big threat to the safety of the students.

Veesart was impressed with Poly students and did not think that crime should be a big concern.

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Smith asked students not to overreact to the recent crime.

"We have to remember that we are looking at a campus of 17,000 students and two incidents," she said.

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All candidates agreed that housing was a problem at Cal Poly which needed attention. Many had different suggestions on ways to deal with it.

Parker said he wants to design a global village on campus that would be created, run, and lived in by Cal Poly students.

"It would be) done by the students for the students," he said.

Romero showed disappoint in Cal Poly.

"The problem is Cal Poly's lack of moving ahead with on-campus housing," Romero said.

Settle also thought that improvements need to be made.

"I want to see further additional housing on and off campus," he said.

Smith and Romero talked about continuing work on a task force that has worked on the housing problem in years past.

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Surfers descended upon the water around Morro Rock to compete in the first annual Central Coast Surfboards Pro-Am 

Brandi Ferguson July 6, 1993

Morro Bay local Steve Denham, 27, surfed to victory and a $1,000 prize Sunday at Morro Rock's first professional surfing contest.

Denham advanced to the finals of the 1996 Central Coast Surfboards Hotline Wetsuits West Coast Pro-Am after winning his main heat, placing second in the quarterfinals, and dominating in the semifinals.

Competition in the final round was primarily challenged by second place finisher Brandi Collins of Newport Beach.

Denham capitalized on his home-surf advantage early in the final heat by dropping in on the smaller shoreline break, while Collins sat on the outside waiting for the larger set waves.

"I thought I was doing pretty good until I caught that last wave," Denham said. "I felt no good breaker. I had four connectors and then it finally came."

Surf conditions Saturday were described as sloppy but improving coming into Sunday. In the semi-finals, the sun broke through the fog and heated things up north of the "Rock." A slight offshore breeze cleaned up the sets making for impressive maneuvers by the four finalists.

Denham's consistent rides impressed line-up spectators inspiring cheers and applause.

A serious competitor for more than 10 years, and the 1990 Amateur National Champion, Denham limits the last five years of competition have been mainly for fun. Denham pushed the event organizers to use the Morro Rock venue, making it the northernmost competition on the circuit.

Cal Poly business junior Danny Muckley, 21, of Morro Bay, took the victory in the men's competition. Muckley is a member of both Surfboards first annual surfing competition and the West Coast Pro-Am's primary sponsors.

"They can boost the circuit and make it go insane, or they can look at the books and just cut the tour," Denham said.

Event organizer Dave Morgan of Central Coast Surfboards was pleased with the 69 entries at the event, because a larger contest was taking place in Newport Beach the same weekend.

The possibility of hosting the Morro Rock contest next year will be determined by Fox Sports after they acquire Prime Ticket, the West Coast Pro-Am's primary sponsor.

"There have been a lot of people on the beach, and they look like they are having fun. That is what we are here for," Morgan said.

Collins, a professional surfer from Southern California, expressed excitement over the Morro Rock event.

"I think they should have more events up here," Collins said. "It was good to bring some people up here so they can see how really sweet this place is."

Next stop on the West Coast Pro-Am circuit is Seaside reef in Lincoln City.

Local surfer Steve Denham took first place in this weekends Central Coast Surfboards first annual surfing competition / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken get another chance at October glory

By Ben Walker Associated Press

They were young men back then. Cal Ripken and Tony Gwynn. At October glory last came calling.

That was in the early 1980s, when Ripken and Gwynn had a full head of brown hair and Gwynn was considerably less rotund. There were lots of games to be played in their budding careers, lots of awards and honors to be won.

Somehow, after it all accomplished, they never got another chance to but when the whole world was watching, to make the play that baseball fans would talk about for years. Their victorious absences end this week.

The Baltimore Orioles made their first postseason appearance since 1983 — when Ripken caught the last ball of the World Series — when they take on the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday at Camden Yards.

"Being in the playoffs is an added boost of energy," Ripken said. "It's a long season anyway, but this is like a new beginning."

As part of baseball's plan to show every bit of postseason action, three games are set for the first day. Gwynn and the San Diego Padres make their first playoff appearance since 1984 when they visit St. Louis in the late afternoon, and Texas will play at New York in the evening.

"We've got to keep playing the same way we played the last three games," said Gwynn. "St. Louis plays good defense, has good pitching, and they've given us trouble."

"If we don't keep playing like we did in this series, we may be in trouble."

On Wednesday, the World Series champion Atlanta Braves start their best-of-five first-round series in Los Angeles against the wild-card Dodgers.

Gwynn and Cal Ripken were among the few big names who will get another taste at October glory.

Smith has said this is his final year, although he might be reconsidering his retirement.