**Flippin’ out**

By Jonny Jatcus
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee spent an hour Tuesday discussing the meaning of three words: survey, poll and referendum.

The committee decided, after much debate, to change the student fee referendum, planned for spring quarter, to a survey.

The committee decided to change the name to avoid confusing students. Several committee members felt calling the vote a "poll" would solicit a larger student response than labeling the same set of questions a "referendum."

Usually a referendum consists of a yes-no vote, which the committee thought would not be as useful in evaluating student support.

"A traditional yes-no vote doesn't accommodate for levels of support," said George Stanton, Director of the Assessment and Testing Center on campus, the committee will take both the random survey and the student poll into consideration when evaluating student opinion, from strongly support to no support.

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**Why the stigma?**

By Brian Johnson
Daily Staff Writer

It has long been rumored that Cal Poly students are uninterested in social or political issues. It may seem odd, considering there are more than 400 clubs on campus, many of them with social and political themes. But the stigma remains.

Part of the reason may be because of the university's name.

John Culver, political science department chair, gave the advice to the Young Democrats club, said he thinks that because Cal Poly is a polytechnic university and not a liberal arts collage, there is an impression that students are just concerned with careers and not social issues. But he doesn't buy into it.

"I don't think our students are any more apathetic than any other campus in general," Culver said.

Instead, Culver said he believes a general lack of enthusiasm for social and political issues plague many campuses. He attributed part of the problem to the workload students have.

"On a quarterly system calendar, it makes it hard for students to pay attention to anything else but classes," Culver said. "Cramming so much in leaves little room for anything else."

Molly Adams, assistant director of Campus Crusade for Christ at Cal Poly, agrees.

"I think the demands that college and work take, just to stay afloat, are pretty high," Adams said. "I think the amount of time prevents students from being effectively involved in many things."

ASi President Steve McShane said he thinks it has to do with what students know about the campus.

"I think, generally, students are uninformed of the opportunities and resources made available to them for success, personal development and positive feeling of the university; the only things are the things," Adams said. "They have opinions about how and taxes and..."
SLO Mardi Gras parade ready to roll Saturday

By Jenny Jactus
Daily Trible Writer

There will be nearly 20,000 people lining Marsh Street on Saturday eagerly awaiting the 19th annual Mardi Gras parade.

According to Joe Somsel, Mardi Gras Parade Monitor, the San Luis Obispo Mardi Gras is the biggest celebration west of New Orleans, and volunteers to help with grand event are in high demand.

"Cal Poly provides the bulk of our volunteers," said Somsel, a business graduate student. "We have about 51 people from the football team and 25 from (women's) soccer signed up to help."

He said there are also volunteers from several Cal Poly fraternities and other campus organizations, as well as non-student volunteers from community service organizations.

Allison Murphy, a member of the women's soccer team, said this is the team's second year helping out at the parade.

"It's a way for us to be involved with the community," she said.

Murphy, a social science junior, said this year they will most likely work along the parade route like they did last year.

"We make sure people don't go into the street during the parade, so nobody gets hurt," she said.

Volunteers will help with crowd and traffic control. They will also work in the parade staging area, lining the street along the parade route and guiding the floats at the end of the route.

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The one thing that may be missing from this year's parade is the thousands of colorful bead necklaces that participants normally throw into the crowd if a shipment of them doesn't show up on time.

"We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our shipment of beads," Somsel said. "We are calling just about every hour to make sure that they show in time for the parade."

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By Teresa Hunt
Associated Press

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"Let's work together to meet these goals: Every 8-year-old must be reading at grade level by every 12-year-old must be able to log on to the Internet; every 18-year-old must be able to go to college and every adult American must be able to keep on learning," he said.

In calling for national education standards, the president said the federal government would require students to be measured by the tests. That will be up to individual states and school districts - although Washington will pay for preparing the exams and administering them the first time, in the spring of 1999.

"Raising standards will not be easy and some of our children will not be able to meet them at first," the president said. "The point is not to put our children down but to lift them up. Good tests will show us who needs help, what changes in teaching make to which and which schools run." Clinton declared, "I pledge to take this call to the people of our country so that together we can create American education, like America itself, the envy of the world."

Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma, the only black Republican in Congress, was selected by House SpeakerNewt Gingrich to present the traditional Republican response following Clinton's nationally broadcast address.

In his prepared remarks, Watts strung the traditional GOP themes of returning power to local communities, family values and balancing the federal budget.
VATICAN CITY - The flu forced Pope John Paul II to cancel his general audience Wednesday and cut back on activities planned for the next few days.

"Influenza has also entered the pope's house," John Paul announced from his window over­ looking St. Peter's Square. "And it has also reached me," he said, wearing a red cape over his white vestments and appearing in good spirits.

He said doctors told him to stay inside. "I have to, therefore, be limited to saying hello to you from the window of my office," he

thousands of pilgrims standing in the rain.

The 76-year-old pope stood at the window for eight minutes and issued greetings in four languages, then sang the "Lord's Prayer," which is the way he always closes his general audi­ ences.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said John Paul's flu was not serious and that it was going around the Vatican, as well as Rome. Doctors advised him to stay in bed for several days, the Vatican said.

The Vatican announced the pope's ailment only a half-hour before the audience was to start, and several thousand people already lined up to see him.

"They are very sorry because they saved money for a long time to see the pope. They are sorry he is ill and they pray for his health," said Zito Rischebaum, 60, group leader for 120 Spanish pilgrims.

Meetings with the prime min­ ister of Spain and the foreign min­ ister of Australia later this week also were canceled.

The pope has been slowed by a series of ailments in recent years. On Oct. 8, doctors removed his inflamed appendix, a condition blamed for a persistent intestinal illness.

Opposition seeks concessions from Milosevic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia - Warning that the state will do what it must to defend itself, a hard-line party led by Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic's wife demanded Wednesday that the opposition immediately end its protests.

On the 78th straight day of marches, students and opposition supporters vowed to continue pressing for democracy. A day ear­ lier, they had forced Milosevic to concede that his Socialist Party had lost elections in Belgrade and 13 other cities.

Some 12,000 people showed up for the daily rally by the opposi­ tion Zajedno coalition Wednesday, a small crowd compared to the 50,000 who appeared Tuesday to hear the opposition announce Milosevic's about-face.

Earlier Wednesday, 20,000 stu­ dents marched through the city center, demanding that the Belgrade University rector be fired and those responsible for election fraud and police violence be punished.

The Yugoslav United Left, headed by Milosevic's wife Mirjana Markovic, warned obliquely of more police action if the protests did not stop.

"We demand that the opposi­ tion stop all protests," said party spokesman Aleksandar Vulin. "If they continue forever ... then you must expect the state to defend itself!"

"Nothing can be solved in the streets," Vulin told reporters. He urged the opposition to return to parliament, which it has boycot­ ted since live television broad­ casts of the sessions were prohib­ ited more than a year ago.

Vulin also suggested that Milosevic's acceptance of opposi­ tion election victories should open the way for improving Yugoslav's ties with foreign gov­ ernments. Serbia is the dominant republic in the Yugoslav federa­ tion.

"We expect the international community to appreciate this ges­ ture by President Milosevic and the fact that the authorities in this country are ready for compro­ mise," he said.

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I found myself writing a commentary then, concerning this trial. Ever since the new editorial of this campus not to bring you information collectively and story about the original staggering headline and story about the original O.J. Simpson case verdict. Moreover, why did everyone care?

Everyone still seems to care. WHY?

Not now I'm the editor of the paper, and decided not to wait for the verdict, and not to run a story about the trial.

You already knew it anyway, or you would hear about it somewhere else. Frankly, I didn't care. I find myself writing this time, once again, because of the media's and the public's obsession with this trial.

While putting the final touches on Wednesday's Daily, we turned the radio on and tuned into an ABC news broadcast. I was hoping to find Clinton's State of the Union address. What I got instead was a legal verdict on the murder trial of O.J. Simpson live on network television that night.

They teach us in journalism classes about news values. There are seven things that constitute a "newsworthy" event. These are: timeliness, impact, prominence, proximity, onefold, the unusual and currency.

The Simpson case is all of these things — the newshound's dream, right?

Wrong! It has been my nightmare. I think it has been an embarrassment to my future profession and to those of you who follow it so diligently.

Therefore, we use our power as the newspaper of this campus not to bring you information concerning this trial. Ever since the new editorial started this year, we have banned O.J.

Are you upset that we've been withholding the news from you? Have we kept you from your right to know? We think there have been other stories over the past year or more that have been more important than this case.

Now it's finally over. Analysis will continue for a week or more. We will bring you none of it. Book deals will be made, celebrations will voice their opinions about it, movie contracts will be made, etc. It is my duty to see that the letters "O.J." don't seep onto the pages of this newspaper.

I'm sick of it, I'm sick of people's interest in it, and I refuse to believe that Tuesday night's verdict is more important than the president's speech, which was occurring at the same time the verdict was being read.

How many of you were paying attention to the verdict as it was given? How many of you were watching the president's speech?

Well, we weren't watching him speak either, but the point is that we didn't have a choice. At least it's over, and now maybe journalists will get back to following important news: you know, the stuff that may actually have an impact on you.

Steve Enders is the Daily's editor in chief.

Editor

I agree with the letter written by Casey Lane in Monday's edition of the Mustang Daily. I personally did not read the Tribune article that Lane refers to but I have always disliked Coach Schneider and his style of coaching. For instance, the team has pretty good height but Schneider rarely uses it. It's almost like he doesn't know what to do with the players who don't shoot the three. I can think of numerous times when Dennis Levengood has been open under the basket and a teammate and shoots and misses the three but it isn't in the play to pass it under the basket.

I am not saying that we don't need players like Ben Larson and Mike Wozniak on the team who can shoot threes but let's not forget about the rest of the team.

Schneider also seems more interested in how many fans are at the game and how loud they are, instead of in his team's performance. An example is when he goes on the court during timeouts, waving his arms up and down to get the crowd louder. In my opinion, that is just not the coach's job.

Maybe if Schneider thinks we should "sign better players," we should find a better coach. Isn't Schneider the person who signed most of the guys on the team? When the team loses a game, the fault is not completely within the players. It is the fault of a coach who does not use the players he has.

Coach Schneider has brought a lot of good players to Cal Poly but now we need a real coach who can turn them into excellent players.

Becky Haine

Letters to the Editor

Don't believe all that you read in the Telegram-Tribune. You inaccurately reported the results of the California Collegiate Wrestling Invitational, exactly as the Telegram-Tribune did.

We have a son, a sophomore at 190, won an individual title as well. It meant a lot to him, and it must be frustrating to not have it recognized in the community by first the Telegram-Tribune and then the Daily.

You should have made a story out of this exciting outcome over the weekend, but instead opted for the easy way out by waiting for the results to be published in the Telegram-Tribune, then simply publishing them in a sports brief. The laziness of not even obtaining the results yourself, by hopping across the street to the sports information office, permitted the mistake to be repeated in another publication.

Phones are also convenient tools for gathering results from the coach or the sports information office.

I think Scott deserves some recognition. His match was incredible!

Martha Blackwell

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Mustang Daily received the information printed in the wrestling brief from San Francisco State's sports information office. We regret the error and congratulate Scott on his win.

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We live in a name-calling soci­ety. This land is ours and just lis­tened with childish name-callers.

"You're a bigot." "What?" Because you're conserva­ative.

"What's wrong with being a conserva­tive?"

"Oh, the narrow-mindedness." I'll get you Greetings, bulls! Name-calling has taken the place of discussion today. It has become a sick kind of moral smoothness.

"I'm better than you. Why? I'm open­minded!"

But who really is narrow-minded? If you called me narrow-minded on the basis of my beliefs, you would not be narrow-minded yourself. Wouldn't you be acting in prejudice against me, and what I believe? Not being open-minded toward my point of view, why, by gum, he forgot me. You. To that point of view. If you're a name-caller, you can do nothing about it.

We have it on date. Someone is a liberal. What is that? A tree hug­ger? Yup! Worships 'em daily. Someone is a conservative. What is that? All who are to that one. Why, he's narrow-minded. But really? Have you measured his head? And what is someone who represents corporate America? Why, he's bad. He's evil.

It's become so socially cool to label someone or some group with no basis. Once we've pegged what group the person belongs to, we look for a few beliefs they have to apply the label. He believes law-abiding citizens should have the right to carry concealed weapons, Why, he's not a wacko, he's an extremist!!

But this kind of thinking is flawed because reason is the basis of a person, not belief. Belief is merely what springs out of reason. I believe A because of reason. B because of reason. C because of reason. It's open-minded!

And what is someone who represents a conservative. What is he? We all know he's racist, he's sexist, he's extreme! I believe a conservative views," I would just be a nigger!" right?

There are words on the pages and so on. That is reasoning. So if you are to watch a soccer game and see a player kick the ball, would it be reasonable for you to think, "He hates soccer balls.Obviously not. You would know the reason why the player kicked the ball. For those of you who don't know, it's a sport where kicking the ball is involved. There is no such thing as soccer balls against abusive owners. You can go back to sleep now.

When we come across people with beliefs we don't agree with, we should find out the reasons for their beliefs. But we don't. We have dialogue with the use of cute little names.

If I were to mention a moral or politi­cal issue, and I exposed "skeptical conservayive views," I would just be labeled a "nigger."

There are certain beliefs that I find objectionable, and I find them objectionable not because they are beliefs, but because of the type of people who hold them.

Simpson verdict and to those of you who follow it so diligently.

Our policy: Just say NO-J.

Melissa M. Geisicr, Mark Armstrong, Sandra Naughton, Steve Iiidcrs, Matt Berger.
Low and sweet folk, Celtic, barroom blues

By Adrienne Gross

Animal science senior chooses degree over music, for now

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Animal science junior Rob Bianchi is a country singer. He plays life-inspired, twangy ballads on an acoustic guitar, wears cowboy boots and a big shiny belt buckle and talks with an articulate country accent.

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One of Cambria's finest art galleries has just gotten finer. Cambria that displays a showcase of some of the Central Coast's most spectacular artists and galleries.

According to The Cambrian, the community of Cambria, located 30 miles north of San Luis Obispo, features some of the Central Coast's most spectacular artists and galleries.

The titles of Nechita's "Winning Together," which is dedicated to Special Olympics, "My Torch Shall Guide Me," and "Victorious Spirit." According to the Cambrian, there are 2,000 prints of each piece in a series of six, which will be released throughout the year, available framed or unframed. What Iz Art has the first two, plus some of her other works, from original line drawings priced at $9,000 to artist's proofs offered at $1,700, framed.

Main said that they are honored to have been chosen for this honorable cause. She added that Nechita's works have brought a tremendous amount of people and business into the gallery. "They are absolutely beautiful paintings," Main said. "They send chills down your back. We feel that it is a privilege to have her work in the gallery."

Cambria's featured art galleries

- **Hearts Glass**
  2084 Main Street
  (805) 927-1095

- **Moontunes Gallery**
  4070 Burton Drive
  (800) 424-3827

- **Seago Gallery By The Sea**
  6100 Moontune Beach Drive
  (805) 927-9444

- **The Vault Gallery**
  2280 Main Street
  (805) 927-0000

- **Umboko**
  4070 Burton Drive
  (800) 788-7376

Located in the village of Cambria, this gallery specializes in ethnic and tribal art, drums, masks and Buddhist and Hindu artifacts.
Mardi Gras schedule of events

Thursday:
Farmers' Market hosts a Mardi Gras preview at Higuera and Garden Streets.

Saturday:
10 a.m. - Mardi Gras begins with the Royal Proclamation, music by the Creole Syncopators and street theater with the Studio of the Performing Arts.
10:30 a.m. - Sign up for the children's costume contest.
11 a.m. - Children's costume contest and dancing with the Central Coast School of Dance.
11:30 a.m. - Children's masque parade and Gumbo cook-off judging and sampling.
12 p.m. - Music with Stubby and Friends Band, Garden Street booth decorating contest awards and juggling by Chris and Tavis Beene.
12:30 p.m. - Rollie of a framed 1997 Mardi Gras poster.
1 p.m. - Winners of the Gumbo Cook-off announced and belly dancing.
1:30 p.m. - Music by the California One Quartet.
2 p.m. - Storyteller, African music and dance by Aba Koma and San Luis Steel Drum Band.
3 p.m. - Belly dancing with Mirage and a performance by R.J. King Elvis.
4 p.m. - Garden Street fair closes.
5:30 p.m. - The 19th Annual Mardi Gras Parade.

Brewing up some Gumbo in the spirit of Mardi Gras

By Alon Dunton
Arts Weekly Staff Writer

Just as the Mardi Gras parade rolls through town demonstrating its festive ability, steaming pots of Gumbo will add a traditional taste to the annual festival happening in San Luis Obispo Feb. 8.

Gumbo, a dish born in New Orleans and prepared by Creole gourmets, does not follow a strict recipe. "Gumbo in Louisiana is a way of life. It's the joyful celebration of food available to all of us," Bob Winick, owner and chef of Bon Temps Creole Cafe, said.

The steaming stew parallels William Shakespeare's timeless words, "A rose by any name would smell as sweet." No chef prepares Gumbo like any other chef. Gumbo is totally under the control and desire of the particular cook.

"Everybody who makes it swears theirs is the best," Winick said. Gumbo's acclaim took it from being primarily a family dish to a tasty culinary delight.

"It used to be like a comfort thing mom used to make," Big Sky Cafe-Kitchen Manager Greg Holt said.

Two ingredients consistent throughout all Gumbo production are called okra and file in English, and "Gombo" and "Kombo" if you're in Africa or India. Okra, a slimy green pod, is typically roasted over a small flame and is responsible for giving Gumbo its thick texture. File, also a stew thickener, is powdered, young leaves of sassafras.

Big Sky Cafe, located on Broad Street, produces only one kind of Gumbo, named "Ya-Ya" because it resembles a room full of crowded people all talking at once.

"Ya-Ya means everything together," Holt explained. Big Sky's stew incorporates an array of little ingredients.

"We take the nothing pieces, throw them together. The whole is bigger than the pieces," Holt said.

Big Sky's Gumbo recipe touches upon spirituality and beliefs as detailed by the Rev. Anthony Hemphill. Hanging on the restaurant wall is a description, written by Hemphill, of how Gumbo intertwines with life in general. Gumbo takes advantage of what is common place and available. It uses the extras-ordinary in the ordinary. Each person develops special style of spirituality because of an individual style of Gumbo.

Big Sky's stew takes roughly three hours to cook. The longer cooking period allows for the best flavor release. The main factors involved in Big Sky's soup melee consist of roasting sausage and okra, tomatoes, onions, peppers and celery. Prior to serving, shrimp is added to finish it off. Gumbo differs across the nation.

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The largest parade in the West

By Amy Conley
Arts Weekly Staff Writer

It's hard to imagine being further away from New Orleans, but this weekend the gap will be narrowed as the purple and gold pageantry of Mardi Gras flow down the streets of San Luis Obispo for the 19th year.

Mardi Gras began in San Luis Obispo in 1978 with 200 people at the Savanna Ballroom and a two-block parade. The street wasn't blocked off and there was no police escort.

Don Koberg, his wife and a friend, all from New Orleans, started the celebration of Mardi Gras furthest west in the United States.

"We missed Mardi Gras terribly much and decided to bring it here," Koberg said. And here it is. The party with friends and family, crafts vendors and various bands will keep Garden Street hopping until 4 p.m. At 5:31 p.m. the Mystic Krewe of Karnival will start the parade that goes down Marsh Street from Oso Street. This year the streets will be roped off so everyone can see the floats.

Immediately after the parade, the Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball and Cajun dinner will start up at the Veterans Hall. The ball has been held there since 1979. Mardi Gras started in New Orleans in 1873. Mardi Gras translates to "Fat Tuesday" in French. It began as the celebration the day before the start of Lent, a period of fasting for Catholic's that starts before Fat Tuesday, is derived from the word "without meat."

According to Koberg, a festival around this time of year dates back to the Greeks and Romans. He said that Mardi Gras derived from the peoples' urge to celebrate before spring, a tradition passed on to the Christians from the Pagan religions. "In the middle of winter, it gets a little dicey," Koberg said. "When Christianity got involved, it got into Lent and Mardi Gras."

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Student volunteers line Marsh Street

By Jenny Justus
Arts Staff Report

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And now, presenting thy king and queen of Mardi Gras festivities this year — Mark and Suzanne Jorgeson.

Mark Jorgeson, a native San Luis Obispoan, is a partner with Financial West Group financial planners, and her worshipfulness, Suzanne Jorgeson, is a division manager with San Luis Obispo County's Department of Social Services. Together, his and her majesty have four son "princes."

The King and Queen will preside over all events leading up to Mardi Gras day Saturday. On Feb. 8 at 10 a.m. the king and queen will issue a royal proclamation declaring the
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SLO Brew battles the tunes of ‘Burns’ plaid-clad trio

By Brad Davis
Daily Staff Writer

People screamed and danced inside a crowded SLO Brew last Friday night to the funky-folk-rockin’ rhythms of the Rugbums.

The crowd occasionally burst into heated repeat-sing-a-long’s which were baited by the band.

An energetic Steve Poltz, the lead singer, belted out uncommercial lyrics throughout the night. One of his more popular songs tells the story of a car-crazy-cannibalistic hitchhiker named Joe.

Every so often, Poltz’s eyes would roll back into his head as he and his group put a spellbound crowd into ecstasy. The drummer, Stinky, banged away wildly with a cigarette hanging from his mouth. He periodically boasted odd facial expressions as he sank deeper and deeper into rhythm. And the newest addition to the group, bass guitarist John Castro, added to the band’s outrageous ensemble with soul-laced finger-picking.

As a very cutting-edge group, it has the capacity and drive to invent songs while on stage. At this show it didn’t, but at the September SLO Brew show, the musicians wrote a song mid-performance. In that song, Poltz sang the story of a carnivorous-cannibalistic hitchhiker named Joe.

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BIANCHI
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really, he has never attended a sin- 
gle lesson.

"Because I write a lot of my own stuff, I always thought that as soon as 
you have a coach you're opening 
yourself up to say, 'Mold me into 
what you want," Bianchi said. "I 
want to write my own songs. I don't 
want to be molded into anybody 
else's ideal."

Goals for his growing talent in 
country music include forming his 
own band and selling his music in 
Nashville, Tenn., after he graduates 
from Cal Poly.

"If Nashville doesn't work, then 
I've got an animal science degree 
to fall back on. I can pretty much do 
anything that has to do with ani-
mals," Bianchi said.

Bianchi said he irritated people 
when he started singing, but he kept 
on practicing until his voice got bet-
ter.

"My mom told me I sounded like 
crap, but she said, 'If you want to 
just keep practicing," Bianchi said.

During winter break, Bianchi 
and his father played together pro-
fessionally for the first time.

Bianchi thinks his singing style 
matches that of country star George 
Strait. Although many his songs are 
original works, a few of Strait's 
pieces are mixed into the show. 
Bianchi said he admires the power 
and pure sound of Strait's voice that 
one can hear in developing voice.

Bianchi's fondest memory was 
his first show at McLintocks when * 
50 of his Alpha Gamma Rho frater-
ality brothers showed up to support 
him.

"The first time I played with 
Monte Mills I was scared to death. I 
didn't know what to expect, because 
I'd never really played with a decent 
band. I was relieved when AGR guys 
who don't normally go to McLintocks 
showed up. There were about 50 
AGR's just supporting me. . . .sink or 
swim," Bianchi said.

"He's actually pretty 
good," said 
mechanical engineering major 
Brandon Shollenbargar.

Bianchi is humble about his tal-
tent and the attention it draws. He 
believes that how you perform 
depends on the audience.

"The only way to know you're 
good is if they ask you back, and I've 
ever been turned away," Bianchi 
said.
STAR WARS

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had to be shown on two screens, instead of the one originally planned, to accommodate the number of people who wanted to see it then.

The merchandise tie-in has proven to be a gold mine. Locally, merchandise aimed at both children and adults, is being snapped up.

“There’s a lot of enthusiasm for the release of Star Wars,” Jane McCullough, the manager of the downtown Barnes and Noble said, “The books are selling very well.”

In fact, “Star Wars” merchandise want to be there when it happens.”

Foltz said, “When Stinky drums, some people think he’s on acid.”

“Stirring...Twinkies — Songs for Eight bucks at Boo Boo’s, Liquid Cuds and Bolt Isle, and the show is for ages 18 and over.

GUMBO

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roasts, and basic ingredients,” Holt said.

Holt explained that his Gumbo is healthier than other creations because he drains the grease from the sausage before mixing it into the stew.

The Ban Tempos Creole Cafe adds Brown Roux, a special ingredient native to Louisiana, which is baked for six hours. Brown Roux acts as a flavoring agent, giving Gumbo a unique texture and flavor.

Everybody will be creating unique mixes of Gumbo for the Gumbo Cook-off on Garden Street on Feb. 8. The former King and Queen of Mardi Gras will taste and select the best three Gumbo creations.

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RUGBURNS

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playing classical guitar in a folk duo, which has a noticeable influence on the band’s story-telling practice. The Rugburns were born and played its first show in 1982.

“We played a lot of pubs,” Polsi said. “They were always more home-looking — better than store-bought grits.”

Polsi said he creates song lyrics with “Sugar... I’m not going to make you listen to the whole song, just parts of it.”

In regard to Polsi’s lyrical invention process, Stinky said, “You don’t

WANT TO BE THERE WHEN IT HAPPENS.”

Foltz said, “I made (the group) come up to my room and stay with me.”

Bassist Castro said he’s had a great experience playing with the Rugburns.

“No one plays music as good as my mate’s,” he said.

Even if Castro was being slightly self-promoting, his statement was pretty close to the truth.

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parties normally throw into the crowd if a shipment of them doesn’t show up on time.

“We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our shipment of heads,” Samuel said. “We are calling just about every hour to make sure that they show in time for the parade.”

The Mardi Gras celebration will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, with the King and Queen of Mardi Gras, Mark and Suzanne Jorgenson, declaring the Garden Street Fair open.

The portion of Garden Street between Marah and Higuera streets will be closed to traffic, and will be host to a variety of special events, including a children’s costume contest and the annual Gumbo Cook-Off. The celebration will end with the annual Masked Ball at the San Luis Obispo Veterans Hall directly following the parade.

According to Samuel the parade and Mardi Gras celebration are organized by the Mystic Krewe of Marah, a secret society that has been putting on the event for the last 19 years.

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 retour of the Jedi” due out two weeks later on March 7, the force is definitely still with us.

According to Som.sel the parade has been selling “very well” for the past 20 years.

A local fork and growers Mazzio will take its “super phat” sound to Oas Sands on Saturday, Feb. 8 after Mardi Gras. For tickets and an ID will you in.

The San Luis Obispo chapter of STAR WARS will be at a booth at the Mardi Gras celebration, which will end with the Creole King and Queen of Mardi Gras sitting on the stage.

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"It's too bad. (Madonna) made it worse by asking these people to come here and bully the council. He may have done more harm than good," Smith said.

Madonna denied the charge. "Frankly, I didn't know half the people that were up there," Madonna said. "I think everybody was there because they wanted to be there."

Some speakers also accused the staff of using the EIR to stall the controversial project. "The city staff has taken it upon themselves to decide the property is controversial enough to hide behind an EIR," said Dennis Schmidt, a spokesman for Central Coast Engineering, the firm hired by Madonna to conduct the preliminary EIR.

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Glad to be home  
The Cal Poly Men's Basketball team plays Boise State in a conference matchup tonight at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym. The Mustangs are currently ranked third in the Western Division of the Big West Conference with a 3-5 record (10-11 overall).

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- Women's tennis vs. Cal State Northridge @ Cal Poly, 1:30 p.m.  
- Women's basketball vs. Boise State @ Boise, 7 p.m.

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**CAL POLY SPORTS NOTES**

**The Mustang Band returns to Cal Poly after being on hiatus for four years.**

By Megan Long  
Daily Staff Writer

"The band is back," said David Rackley, advisor of the Mustang Band.  

Fans at basketball games this season already know about this group of 54 students.  

The Mustang Band, composed of brass, wood and percussion instruments, has been a constant presence at both men's and women's basketball games, playing familiar tunes like "Louie, Louie," "YMCA," and Cal Poly's fight song, "Ride High You Mustangs."  

During the fall, you also may have seen them as a marching band in uniform at football games.  

"It's great to have the band at games," said Jeff Schneider, men's basketball coach. "It gives them an excellent college basketball atmosphere."  

Karen Booker, women's basketball coach, is also very appreciative of the Mustang Band.  

"It helps create a home-court advantage and gets the players fired up," Booker said.

In addition to their interest in music, almost all the students in the band have another thing in common: they aren't music majors.  

"A lot of students need music and fine arts for a release," Rackley said, explaining that music provides a balance for many students, especially at a technical school.  

"The satisfaction of our performance is what I enjoy most," said Eric Engstrom, a computer science sophomore who plays the bass drum.

The Mustang Band has existed for about 25 years, but four years ago it faded away. Last year Rackley brought it back, and the band went on to win its fourth game of the season last night against Patten College.  

Cal Poly 19  
Patten College 4

In a make-up game from the rained-out season opener, the Mustangs (4-0) gave all seven pitchers a chance to stand on the mound. Most importantly head coach Rich Price had the chance to play freshman pitcher Jason Porto.  

"My goal is to have him healthy when we start Big West Conference series," Price said.  

With more game experience, Porto is expected to become one of the top pitchers on the staff.

Cal Poly wasted no time putting points on the board scoring one run in the first and two runs in the second giving them the lead, 3-1.

The Mustangs' offense spread their lead to 5-1 when first baseman R.J. Badler and left-fielder John Arnold scored in the bottom of the third inning. But Patten brought the score to 5-4 in the top of the fifth inning with a homerun by catcher Lance Skirvan.

In the bottom of the sixth inning the Mustangs secured their lead. Taber Mazer started the rally with a single. Badler brought in two runs with a triple to the right-field wall. Corey Barnett was also big, coming in to bring in Badler. Marty Camacho added to the Mustangs lead when he hit a home run on the season's overall leadoff. Cal Poly led 12-4 at the end of the inning.

The highlight of the game was Mustangs' catcher Rodney Seed's grand slam over the left field wall in the eighth inning. Scott Kidd had another great game, going 4-4. He is batting .756 after going 10-17 this season. Camacho also went 3-4 with 3 RBIs.

Wesley Faust got the win after pitching two innings, giving up four hits with two strikeouts.

Price was really pleased that the team's energy carried over from this weekend's series against St. Mary's.  

"I was really pleased with the enthusiasm over the weekend," Price said. "We need to keep that up." Price had hoped to play a lot of his back-up players in the game. He succeeded in playing all 26 Mustangs on the team.

Patten College, near Oakland, is in the California Pacific Conference. The Mustangs were confident going into last night's game. They haven't lost a non-division 1 game since Price has been the head coach.

Cal Poly faces the University of San Diego this weekend at home. This is the Toros' first game in the California Pacific Conference in 96 season opener.

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