Revelers unmasked

Police arrest 60 at Mardi Gras

By Teresa Wilson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

While most of the crowd was reveling in the "Doves Wild" card theme at Saturday's 22nd Annual SLO Mardi Gras, several people had Monopoly in mind: Go to jail. Go directly to jail.

From the time the parade started at 5:33 p.m. (and 33 seconds) until 3 a.m. Sunday, police arrested 60 people.

San Luis Obispo Police Lt. Dan Blanke was the law enforcement coordinator for the event.

"During the parade, our primary goal is to keep things safe," Blanke said Friday night. "We don't want to have people climbing over barricades and jumping out of trees."

Blankesaid that the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department would collaborate with city police on security and law enforcement measures for Mardi Gras. More than 60 officers from the two agencies were on hand downtown for this year's festivities.

"We've never had a major problem," Blanke said. "Whenever you have a crowd of this size, from a law enforcement perspective, you're always concerned about a riot situation."

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Police records estimated 35,000 people attended the parade and festivities.

The first event-related arrest was made within the first seven minutes of the start of the parade. A 19-year-old woman was arrested for possession of alcohol and providing false identification to police.

By the parade's end, seven additional arrests had been made. A woman repeatedly exposing her breasts reportedly agitated de­liberately conduct among a group of parade-goers. The group became increasingly rowdy, knocking down a chain-link barricade. A police officer was caught under the barricade and trampled by the crowd.

The injured officer was treated and released from a local hospital.

Capps, Stoker fight for seat

By Amy Lovell
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Two major contenders, incumbent Lois Capps (D) and opponent Michael Stoker (R), will likely meet for the District 22 U.S. Representative seat in November.

Capps is running unopposed in Tuesday's primary, while Stoker is competing against Allen Rowe for the Republican nomination.

Capps, a nurse and educator, focuses on a new and stronger education reform, environment, education, environment, technology and telecommunication issues. Capps said she would continue to fight for the issues important to her constituents, which include Cal Poly students. She encourages students to assert their right to a voice in the political process.

"It is so important that students' voices are heard on Election Day." Capps said. "Voting is the only way to build a strong, vibrant community where they (have) options before them as they enter the workforce."

As an attorney and businesswoman, Stoker concentrates on small business, agriculture and a shift away from federal legislation in response to local issues. Stoker said if he is elected, he will fight for better health care for seniors, and lower taxes.

Stoker also said he will fight for better schools. He supports the Education Flexibility Act of 1999, which gives states and local school districts the funding flexibility to get back to the basics — teachers, textbooks and technology.

"The main difference between me and Capps is that she aligns herself with a group of people who want to give the federal government more control over our educa­tional issues," Stoker said. "I think that our school boards, educators and parents know what's best for our local school district."

Capps has led health care and education reforms for 30 years and was taught at Santa Barbara City College for 10 years. Former Gov. Pete Wilson elected Stoker chairman of the

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Props will ease school, library development

By Jayson Rowley
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

California's schools are getting their share of attention with four propositions on Tuesday's ballots.

Propositions 26, 14, 20 and 17 are based on funding for school development and construction.

Proposition 26 attempts to authorize local voter approval by majority vote, instead of the current two-thirds, for school construction and improve­ment bonds, and taxes of more than 1 percent to raise revenues.

The pro argument on this issue is that it makes it easier for communities to raise local school bond money to invest in schools and help reduce class size. It also guarantees that taxpayers will know exactly how their money will be spent before they vote.

The con argument is that Proposition 26 will raise property taxes.

"Our schools are old," said Patrick Sayne, superintendent of the Paso Robles School District. "We need to have a way to raise money to increase capacity or fix old buildings."

"It's a difficult issue. Nobody wants to be taxed out of their home," Sayne said. "I'm in favor of it, but I see the opposition's point of view."

Proposition 14 provides for a bond issue of $350 million for the construction and renovation of public library facilities.

Proposition 20 would allow 50 percent of any increase in Lottery revenues allocated to public education to be used for K-12 materials.

Proposition 17 deals with lotteries and charitable raffles to allow private, non-profit orga­nizations to con­duct raffles.
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children’s reading and homework centers without raising taxes.

The con viewpoint is that libraries are rarely open when students and working adults want to use them. And because of the increase of Internet use, these new libraries will be outdated in five years.

Proposition 20 would allow 50 percent of any increase in California State Lottery revenues allocated to public education to be used for the sole purpose of purchasing materials for K-12 public schools and community colleges. It would require that schools spend half of any growth in lottery education revenues on textbooks and instructional materials.

The con viewpoint claims that Proposition 26 is a difficult issue. Nobody wants to be taxed out of their home.

Patrick Sayne, Paso Robles School District superintendent, is not able to spend the money on anything else.

Proposition 17 deals with lotteries and charitable raffles. It passed, the proposition would allow private, non-profit organizations to conduct raffles for charitable purposes. It denied, a raffle requiring a payment to enter would remain illegal.

Opposition to the proposition says that there is a chance that scammers will hold fake raffles for personal monetary gain and hurt legitimate fundraisers.

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California Agricultural Labor Relations Board. During this time he earned the reputation of a tough fiscal conservative and a voice for taxpayers, small businesses, law enforcement and senior citizens. He has served on the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, which he said gives him a trustworthy reputation among educators in the San Luis Obispo County School District.

"Basically I’m interested in keeping the power within our county where accessibility and accountability remain high," Stoker said.

During Capps’ time in the 105th Congress, she served on various committees to support aerospace, research and technology, and education issues. Capps is a member of the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Task Force.

Capps cosponsored the School Modernization Act to provide $2.5 billion in interest-free bonds to renovate overcrowded schools, obtained $5.5 million to connect more schools to the Internet and authored the Teacher Technology Training Act to provide computer training to teachers.

Capps voted in favor of the Internet Tax Freedom Act that passed the House in June 1998 to protect Internet commerce.

In terms of the environment, Capps is opposed to new offshore oil development as well as urban sprawl. She favors protecting undeveloped Central Coast land.

Stoker said his experience in business and government and his family and community values have prepared him to lead the 22nd District.

He is pushing for parental consent for abstinence education among minors and the elimination of the marriage penalty tax. He said he stands firmly against affirmative action.

Stoker’s competitor in the primary, Rowe, is an investigator for the District Attorney and lives in Paso Robles.

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Los Osos boardwalk dedicated to family

By Jason Rowley

Monday, March 6, 2000

The San Luis Obispo Parks Department and Small Wild­erness Area Preservation (SWAP) held a dedication ceremony Saturday at the north end of the Elfin Forest.

Mike Ryan, a Cal Poly architecture graduate, had been designing and building the boardwalk in 1995.

His goal was not just to make the boardwalk accessible to people in wheelchairs, but for any­one who had a special need. He also tried to main­tain preservation of the Elfin Forest.

The boardwalk is made of Monterey pine placed on concrete footings and is 4,400 feet long. The boardwalk, which is about 24 inches wide, was Adjunct Professor and is a current Staff Member — and is endorsed by five former ASi presidents; Erika Brown, Adam Taylor, Marquim Piros, David Kapic and Pete Evans.

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Propositions may look good, but dig deeper

We know we can't hold your hand into the voting booth and vote for you on Tuesday. So, the Mustang Daily wants you to know what is really at stake with the more controversial propositions before you vote.

**Proposition 1A**

The proposition grants California's Indian tribes greater independence to operate casinos on tribal lands. These tribes would only need governor and legislative approval to open new casinos.

Supporters, including tribes themselves, believe the initiative is their ticket to self-reliance. However, Indians need to look carefully at their reasoning. Casinos should not be the only way Indians can retain a thriving, independent economy.

The Daily does not agree to the proposition. Vote no on Proposition 1A.

**Proposition 12 and 13**

Propositions 12 and 13 are aimed at protecting drinking water, improving air quality and preserving open spaces.

While these are clearly worthy issues, spending more than $5 billion in tax dollars is ridiculous, especially when there is no direct accountability for how the money is spent. Vote no on Propositions 12 and 13.

**Proposition 21**

On the surface, this proposition appeals to voters because it increases punishment for juvenile criminals. However, by the time we vote, the candidate pool will have already been determined by the first few state primaries and the media.

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Letters to the editor

Blakely a big man on Cal Poly campus

Editor,

Supervisor candidate David Blakely has been subjected to some pretty tough treatment in his own turf. First, there was Mr. Tamas Simon’s illegally posted and libelous broadsides in most of our classrooms.
Then there were the letters stimulated by Supervisor Mike Ryan’s use of North County developer and publisher Mr. David Weyrieb’s funding to cultivate certain student groups.
These letters imply that Mike, not David, is really tuned in to the needs of our university and its students.
Nothing could be further from the truth.

Dave is a graduate of Cal Poly. He has taught social science classes here and instructs both faculty and staff in making the most of user support services for their computers.

David is part of a three-generation family on the Central Coast.
Everett Blakely, David’s father, trained on the Stearman PT-13 biplane for Allan Hancock’s College of Aeronautics before serving as a pilot in the 8th Army Air Corps in the bombing runs over Germany. He is an authentic hero.

David was my student in the early 1970s. He did a marvelous job in creating a “living history” activity for Poly Range.

David went on to teach at Atascadero Junior High School. I was always so proud of him when a new student at Poly would say that Mr. Blakely said that they had to take my classes.

David ran and won two terms as 5th District Supervisor. I believe that the country is terribly fortunate that he did. I’m biased, but I can see ample historical evidence for his being on the short list of “most capable county leaders of the 20th century.”

During the early 1990s, David worked closely with then-Cal Poly Vice President and Provost Bob Koo in reconciling issues between the university and the county.

Today’s students and faculty are reaping many of the benefits of David’s collaborative efforts.

David’s role as 5th District Supervisor was to make county government accessible to all of its constituents. He spent immeasurable hours listening and trying to reconcile problems great and small in an equitable manner.

I urge voters to take a good look at his historical record before casting their votes.

Dan Krieger is a Cal Poly history professor.

Prop. 22 won’t change some existing laws

Editor,

My two cents. Opponents of Proposition 22 have used misleading information to sway public opinion. Most notably is their claim that, if the proposition is passed, parents would not be allowed visitation rights in event of hospitalization — this is simply not true. California Code of regulation, section 70707 explicitly prohibits restriction of hospital visitation rights on the basis of sexual orientation. To reiterate, someone who is living with the person hospitalized cannot be denied visitation rights independent of the passage or failure of Proposition 22.

Oh, yeah, I also want to mention that a comment referencing the bill creator as a justification for a vote is fool-hearted. The bill stands on its own merit and principle; therefore, it is independent of the person who proposes it. The use of the hominem approach (attack the person not his argument) is shameful and inappropriate when evaluating claims.

Max Roth is a computer engineering junior.

Simons’s rants clog Mustang Daily

Editor,

I would like to respond to Mr. Nolan’s letter on May 3, regarding the “liberal bias” of our media as proposed by Mr. Simon (March 21). For the past couple of months, I have happily opened the Mustang Daily to read Mr. Nolan’s insightful and informative sports articles. I must admit that I did not agree with many of his points and opinions, but his latest article, though not dealing with athletics, is worthy of much praise. It is about time someone has spoken the truth about Tamas Simon and his anti-everything except what he thinks is right conservatism. Mr. Simon blasts everything and everyone who stands for something he does not believe in.

It is certainly not a crime in this country to disagree or to go against the norm, but Mr. Simon does not engage in thoughtful debates to gather support for his cause — rather he chooses to bash others and slings mud at his opponents. His continuous rants and raves are clogging up the pages of the Daily, a media output which is no place for partisan hashing.

If you haven’t figured this out yet Mr. Simon, the intellect of the reader of this paper is equal to if not greater than your own. We are capable of sifting through the facts and lies to get at the truth. We do not want to see senseless rambling, we want to see thoughtful, factual articles. Thank you Mr. Nolan for voicing the opinion of many Mustang Daily readers.

Tony Gaeta is a political science junior who loves Bill Bradley, the Lakers, and is anti-Proposition 22.
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Cal Poly overcame a tough start in the first game of the doubleheader. Temple first baseman Robert Costinota hit a grand slam in the fourth off Teller Finch, who had come in to relieve Smith, who took the earned runs. Finch settled down to hold Temple to one more run, allowing the Mustangs to mount a comeback.

“We got lucky,” Price said. “They had a little trouble throwing strikes in the game, we put some balls in play, and a couple guys clutched up for us.”

The team took advantage of some sloppy defensive work by the Owls in the eighth and ninth innings to pull out the win. With two on and two out in the eighth, Cante reached on an error by Temple shortstop Cap Piekemblo to load up the bases. The next batter, Osbue, doubled to left center and scored the tying run. From the corner, Williams two-run home run brought the game to a close.

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remaining tied the game at 89. The Mustangs closed strong, down 94-92, but that was all the scoring Cal Poly could string together. The 49ers' Ante Lewis hit a big 3-pointer from just inside the three-point line to take the lead, two free throws then the next down the key. Wozniak missed a pair of shots, and all the Mustangs were left to do was foul the 49ers. Free throws by Ron Johnson and Mate Milos (23 points, eight rebounds) eliminated the Mustangs' playoff hopes.

It also ended Wozniak's Cal Poly career. The school's all-time leading scorer also finished seventh on the Big West list. For Wozniak and his family, standing at center court while the public address announcer paid tribute to the senior, Head coach Jeff Schneider gave Wozniak a framed photo of the senior, and all the balls were T-shirts with Wozniak's number 22 on them.

“Everything before the game was wonderful,” said Wozniak, who also is No. 1 in Cal Poly career 3-pointers made and games played. He also finished second in Big West career 3-pointers made. “Having my family there, was pretty emotional, and the crowd has watched me for four years. I mean, that's a long time, and I kind of miss playing behind me so that was huge. I really enjoyed everything tonight. I've just tried to enjoy every moment this year, and I have some wonderful memories to look back upon.”

Schneider was pleased the team played well with Wozniak's career coming to an end.

“He was dominating. He had a great fastball and a really good slider. It was a very impressive performance because they really hit him the first game.”

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**Tournament hopes fall short for Poly**

By Joe Nolan

Mike Wozniak's career and the Mustangs season both came to an end Saturday, when the visiting Long Beach State 49ers defeated Cal Poly, 10-2.

The Mustangs (10-18, 5-11) finished in fifth place in the Big West Conference Tournament, one game behind Pacific for the final playoff spot. Had the Mustangs won, they would have had the tiebreaker over Pacific based on their win over Long Beach State (23-4, 15-1), a higher ranked common opponent. The Mustangs defeated Pac-75-66 Thursday night.

**Cal Poly sweeps Temple**

By Chris Arns

Mustangs miss Big West tournament again

Failing to make it to Reno for the Big West Conference Tournament, especially after falling short last year, was disappointing for Chris Bjorklund, who said the team really wanted Wozniak to play in the postseason.

"Obviously, we will have other years, but this was his last, and we really wanted to come out and give it our best shot," Bjorklund said. "And we played about as good we could."

The Mustangs trailed by 18 points early in the second half, but a pair of Wozniak free throws with 3:40 left in the game cut the deficit to 11.

Jennifer Sorosky and the Mustangs are on their way to Reno.

**Sports Trivia**

Yesterday's Answer:

Philadelphia 76ers head coach Larry Brown led Kansas to an NCAA basketball title.

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Today's Question:

Who was the Los Angeles Dodgers first manager?