A professor's dream school

By Shannon Akins

Clubs raise money for faculty building.

with seven classrooms, a library and a faculty building.

Fresh Choice restaurant in downtown San Luis Obispo is throwing the event that begins at 4:30 p.m. Twenty percent of whatever spent will go toward the project.

The three clubs are the hosts for the fund-raiser, which will help make civil and environmental engineering professor Harapanahalli Mallareddy's dream of building a school in his home village in India a reality.

"He's working so hard for this," said Dina Cadena, a civil engineer senior and member of the three clubs involved. "He's teaching this summer and putting whatever he earns toward the school." His personal experiences of growing up in poverty — where he had to walk two miles to a nearby village to attend school — inspired the cause. He said helping children in his homeland achieve a better education is his driving force.

"There are 165 students in seven different grades in this village who must walk miles to go to school," Mallareddy said.

He said he will name the school after his mother in remembrance of the woman who made sacrifices to ensure her son would have a better life.

The school is still in the planning stage, and Mallareddy said he plans to start the foundation this summer. It's expected to be finished by the end of 2003. He estimates that the project will cost about $400,000.

Because of Mallareddy's contributions, he has been included in the sixth edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

A teacher must be nominated by former students who have previously made the National Dean's List or who have been cited for academic excellence. It's an honor approximately 2.5 percent of teachers in the United States achieve each year.

The Fresh Choice folks, posted around campus, must be shown to the cashier in order for the donations to be made.

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The festivities will begin on Monday with the Presidential Debate at 6:30 p.m. in Hostler Auditorium. Two students will act as Gore and Bush.

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Students and faculty, many of whom are from the music department, are scheduled to perform. English professor James Cushing and his band, the Jimm Cushing Paradiso, will rock out from 4 to 5 p.m.

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By Monica McHugh

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Imagine a professor volunteering to be his personal house cleaner or car washer. It sounds too good to be true. Good news — it's not.

In an effort to raise money for the College of Liberal Arts, professors and their services are being auctioned.

"It's a good way for students and faculty to interact," Lord said.

The auction will be held today at BackStage Pizza from 11 a.m. to noon. Money raised will go toward the College of Liberal Arts. Since April 10 to 14 is Liberal Arts Week, the student council will be hosting a variety of events all week.

The grand prize is a $320 gift certificate to Aida's University Bistro.

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Seminar focuses on Internet gambling

LAS VEGAS (AP) — What is the future of gambling on the Internet? Industry leaders will take a look at the subject Thursday in a special seminar on the Internet and its legalities, benefits and drawbacks of Internet gambling.

The informational seminar is sponsored by the Nevada Gaming Commission. Brian Sandalow, the commission's chairman, said discussing the Internet is timely.

"I'm enough of a realist to acknowledge Internet gaming is here to stay," Sandalow said. "We should know how it works.

The kickoff session will explain how the Internet works. Anthony Cabot, a Las Vegas gaming attorney and Internet gaming law expert with Friedman, Florsheim & Sarnoff, will join Tony Fontaine of Station Casinos to describe the Internet and its technology.

Fernando DiCarlo of Gametronics will follow with a demonstration of Internet gambling. Eugene Christiansen of Christiansen Capital Advisors will discuss the Internet gambling industry and its future.

A fourth session will feature a panel discussion debating the pros and cons of Internet gaming. Frank Catania, former director of the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement, and Sue Schneider, president of the International Gaming Council, will speak in favor of online wagering.

California man crosses country in golf cart

(LUWIRE) CARRONDALE, Ill. — Two years ago, George Bombardier passed through Carbondale during a trip he made across the United States in his golf cart. Now he plans to make the cross-country adventure again.

Bombardier, 59, is a retired teacher and inventor from San Bernadino, Calif. In 1998, he made the trip from Bloomington, Calif., to Fairfield, Conn., in a 1995 Club Car golf cart to see his children for the Fourth of July.

He said the makers of the golf cart said it was impossible to make a trip across the nation in a golf cart, so he wanted to prove them wrong. However, this year, Bombardier said he is doing it because he feels like it.

Bombardier is not sure if he will pass through Carbondale again. He said it depends on the weather. Weather is especially important to Bombardier because of problems he had last time including an incident where he woke up in Kansas to see a tornado.

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"The golf cart is the world's smallest mobile home," Bombardier said.

After Bombardier reached his destination, he decided to go ahead and drive the golf cart home after a quick stop in Augusta, Ga, to show the manufacturers of the cart his accomplishment. Bombardier said they gave him a tour of the plant, tuned up the cart, gave him a free meal, some clothes and a case of bottled water.

Bombardier said he pushed himself too hard on his last trip by not allowing himself enough sleep. This time he wants to take more breaks.

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Students who want to work independently to prepare for the competency test can visit a CSU Web site, webl.essayeval.org, for a Diagnostic Writing Service (DWS). The DWS allows students to write an essay just as they would in an EPT test. A university EPT reader will use the scoring rubric of the EPT test to provide the student with a specific diagnosis of their writing skills. According to the English skills office, most students raise their competence levels within two quarters. But if after a year a student hasn't passed the course, he or she will be required to return to a community college in order to improve basic skills needed for college.

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get the message. The universities will report to schools about students' progress after their first year in college. This information will help schools evaluate programs they have created to prepare college-bound students.

"The whole system needs rethink­ ing," Harrington said.

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The inside skinny on fad diets

By Shannon Atkins

In a society obsessed with being thin, many people feel pressured to fit the model image set by our culture. The problem isn't so much that people want to be thin. The problem is that they try to lose weight without taking into account their body type and their individual body's needs. Nutritionists say fad diets that guarantee you'll lose weight quickly are the most dangerous and unhealthy. Unfortunately, people look to fad diets for a quick fix without considering the consequences.

Nutritionists say that when you go on a fad diet and you're losing weight quickly, you aren't actually losing fat, you're losing water and lean muscle mass.

"When people start these diets, they lose a lot of weight because they become dehydrated," said peer health counselor and nutritional science senior Kristy Long.

"If you gain the weight back, you may feel like a failure," said Swadener. "But you're not the failure, the diet is." Another aspect to keep in mind when considering fad diets is their effects on your mind as well as your body. Fad diets are not designed to be long-term solutions for weight loss, said Swadener. If you want the peace of mind of having a healthy body and mind, your first step should be to talk to a professional who can listen to your goals and advise you on how to improve your exercise and eating habits.

"They (fad diets) want you to fail so you'll come back," Swadener said. "It's a cycle."

If you have questions about fad diets or nutrition, ask a member of the Cal Poly nutrition team. They are located downstairs in the Health Center, and they're free. Personal trainers are also available for consultation in the Rec Center.

Shop smart: Buy organic products

If a food is organically grown or produced, that product is fresh and lacks synthetic fertilizers or pesticides said in growing it. Organic farmers do not use pesticides. They employ manure, compost and other organic wastes. Organic livestock and poultry are raised without antibiotics or hormones.

When farmers label their food as organic, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) must certify the product. The USDA requires that the food must have at least 50 percent of its ingredients produced organically. The food cannot contain any added preservatives, such as nitrates, nitrites, or sulfites.

To find organic foods, shop at local farmers' markets such as Trader Joe's and New Frontiers. Conventional supermarkets are also beginning to carry more organic foods. For the freshest organically grown produce, livestock and poultry, buy from the local farmers markets. There are farmers markets every day of the week somewhere in San Luis Obispo County. By shopping at a local farmers market, you actively support the local community of organic farmers and you're also buying food that's FRESH. But remember, when you buy organic produce, it may not last as long as super-market fruits and vegetables because organic foods are not genetically engineered or otherwise altered to extend shelf life.

Organic food is a healthier and safer choice because of its pesticide-free nature, which could protect you from future diseases associated with pesticides.

The organic market has exploded in the past decade, and lower prices are beginning to reflect popular market demand. One other thing to remember: Organic fruits and vegetables may not always look as picture-perfect as their bio-engineered peers, but they taste just the same (or even better) and ensure clean fields and water supplies for a healthy future for all of us.

* To find a local listing of all the farmers markets, check out the directory in the New Times.

Katy Kinninger is a nutritional science senior who writes a weekly column for your body.

Students get in shape with Rec Center training, events

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“Gas Out” sends silly message to oil tycoons

I drive a car that was built in the ’60s. It has vinyl seats, chrome bumpers and a V-8 engine. In the ’60s, there was no such thing as unleaded fuel, which means my car was intended to run on gas that was over 100-octane. Today, the best I can do to feed this 12-mile-per-gallon beast is put 92-octane in its cavernous gas tank.

Maybe you haven’t been in the gas station lately, or maybe you’re one of those kids whose parents still pay for your gas, so you don’t know what fuel you use. This idea that all of the big oil tycoons, sitting in some smoke-filled chamber in their luxury chairs, would be thwarted by our solidarity and our ability to get 72 hours without forking over our money to them, and would lower gas prices back to an acceptable level.

I like the idea of letting the oil companies know that I think they stink, and I am somehow altered by the thought of millions of Americans actually coming together in agreement on something (OK, maybe thousands — I’m not sure how universal this thing was, anyway). Really, though, our not buying gas for three days won’t be the answer. Why? Because it’s pretty darned unlikely that anyone doesn’t use their cars during the three-day period. It was a Gas Out, not a "stay at home and don’t go to school or work or shopping-out." This means that people bought extra gas before and probably right before the protest to allow them to still drive. The only message that this sent to oil companies was that we are silly.

It seems to me that if we really want to send a clear message to oil companies, we should make a deliberate effort to buy less of their product. This could mean anything from cancelling the number of car trips that we take each day to using alternative modes of transportation. So many of us Americans have been bought up under the assumption that it is our right to be able to drive wherever we want, and at no cost to ourselves or others. The gas station on the corner is telling us otherwise. Let’s take a portion of our dependence upon both our cars and the big oil companies.

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Good parents come in many forms

What makes a good parent? Throughout time, society has claimed that there must be a husband and a wife to make good parents. In today’s society, there are new options in parenting: single motherhood and fatherhood or adoption. But what about the society of gays? They don’t have the option of being a husband or wife, but they’re capable of raising a family just as well as any straight person. They deserve the chance to be parents, to feel the love of a child and hear someone call them "mommy" or "daddy." Gays should have the right to adopt.

Yet in one adoption situation, a man, because of his sexual orientation, lost a child to a molesting foster father. Simply because he is homosexual, one person felt that he wouldn’t make a good father and "it would be unjust to place (the child) in an immoral household." How in the world did this foster father decide that it would be OK to molest the child, but not OK to place her in the care of a gay man?

Adoption issues should include stability, maturity and the possession of the necessary resources and support system needed to raise a child, not sexual orientation.

How does anyone know that heterosexuality is the correct lifestyle? That just what society deemed correct ages ago, and it’s not like society hasn’t ever made mistakes before (i.e., minorities, women, gays).

This particular case took place in Indiana where Republican state representatives actually had the nerve to sponsor a bill banning adoptions by homosexuals. Luckily, it was defeated in the Senate last year. Can you imagine what would’ve happened if it had passed? That bill would have erased all progress that any group ever prejudiced against ever made. Just last month, Californians shot down Proposition 22, an act designed to recognize gay marriages.

Why is society so scared to accept these people into our lives? What about them is so threatening? Why is the idea of giving them a child such a horrible thought?

One person is gay, the other molest children. Who is the better parent? Who is the better person? If we start segregating homosexuals from heterosexuals, what is to stop us from segregating blacks from whites, Jews from Christians, Asians from Hispanics?

If we use someone’s sexual preference to prevent them from adopting a child, then we’ve stolen the opportunity of a lifetime from a child — the opportunity to live. No one should prevent anyone from adopting a child simply because of their sexual orientation, so when they so eagerly want to have the skills and power to do it.

Society must reinvent itself once again. We did it for slavery in the Civil War, we did it for women in the women’s suffrage movement; and we did it for minorities in the civil rights movement. Perhaps now is the time for a gay’s movement.

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Opinion

"There’s a piano in the bathroom, too, Liberace."
Owners don't enjoy rising prices, but stay in business. Just keep that in mind.

"Gas Outs" don't work! The whole concept behind the Gas Out is nonsense. The gas stations couldn't be more apathetic about when you fill up your tank, so long as you don't change your amount of consumption. Fill up on Sunday or don't change your amount of consumption. Fill up your tank, so long as you don't change the flow of money, not the amount, going to gas stations.

There's no message sent, no harm done, only a bunch of consumers looking foolish.

To oppose my opponents, I'll admit that gas prices did drop 19 cents per gallon a month after the previous boycott, but that does more to show the danger and prevalence of the post hoc, proper hoc fallacy than it does to prove the effectiveness of Gas Outs.

What you need to do, if you are serious in your endeavors, is voice your disgust through capitalistic means. You need to coerce gas stations into lowering prices. You need to force competition. You need a selective boycott.

The theory behind selective boycotts is simple: Abstain from a particular brand of gas station, and the said brand will have no choice but to lower its prices in order to entice "lost" consumers back. Consequently, all consumers, conscious of the boycott or not, would then flock to the cheaper, boycotted gas stations, and the remaining gas stations would be dragged into competition. The intent is to incite price wars and bring down overall gas prices. The beauty of selective boycotts is you don't have significant control over the boycotters; you don't need to change the flow of money, not the amount, going to gas stations. But if you have the inclination to intentionally hurt businesses that don't have significant control over the price of their product, such as gas stations. But if you have the inclination and perseverance, then, by all means, implement a selective boycott.

Chris Ray is a Cuesta College sophomore whose major is undecided.

"Oh no, this whole time I thought I was an Architecture major!"

Letters to the editor

Re-examine boycotts

Editor,

I can understand the outrage surrounding the recent jump in gas prices, but we need to realize that gas stations — just like consumers — are at the mercy of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Owners don't enjoy rising prices, but they have to keep a profit margin to stay in business. Just keep that in mind.

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Swallows didn't have to be sacrificed

Editor,

Any student who has had a spring class in the Fisher science building has probably seen the cliff swallows nesting there. Each spring, the swallows return en masse to build nests from mud beneath an overhanging roof that may be viewed close up, thanks to a wall of windows. As long as many faculty members can remember, this spring ritual has occurred with the same regularity as daylight saving time. It was with great surprise, then, that I saw the "exclosure" that had been installed across the nesting area this fall. According to Facilities Services employee Doug Underhill, the enclosure was installed at the repeated requests of custodial staff who had to clear the droppings from a carwalk and windows. The windows must be cleaned using a lift to reach the second and third stories.

Underhill said the net was seen as a less damaging alternative to the past practice of poking the nests down. He also added that permission was obtained from the department chairman, and there are other colonies that are left undisturbed in such places as Mort Gym.

What has really been lost then? For starters, the colony was highly visible and easily observable.

Swarms began their observations right in the building they met in. The aerial feats of the birds were a source of joy to many students and faculty. The cliff swallow is believed to return to its birthplace to nest, so this population will be eliminated unless it is adaptable place to nest, so this population will be eliminated unless it is adaptable

The birds had made a home from a building that had undoubtedly displaced other plants and animals. Perhaps what disturbs me most is not any of the aforementioned losses, but the line of reasoning used to make the decision. The birds were displaced as a convenience to those responsible for maintaining the facilities. However, this is their job and they are compensated for it. It seems most pragmatic.

Though tempted, I cannot take credit for this solution, nor do I know whom credit should go. Also, I want reiterate that I am leery of intentionally hurting businesses that don't have significant control over the price of their product, such as gas stations. But if you have the inclination and perseverance, then, by all means, implement a selective boycott.

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Giants open new park tonight

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — With its view of San Francisco Bay beyond the outfield wall, the Giants' new Pacific Bell Park is being compared to the Sydney Opera House in Australia.

"No other team has the site that we've got," said John Cusick, San Francisco's general manager. "The views from the upper deck are spectacular," says team owner Peter Magowan, whose $99 million stadium makes its official debut Tuesday when the Giants play host to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The park affords fans a spectacular glimpse of the San Francisco Bay Bridge and the Oakland hills in the distance. But one Giant great is much more interested in what he'll be able to see on the field.

"Let's care about the view! 'Let's play ball!'" Willie Mays says. "This isn't a condo, it's a ballpark."

The 40,800-seat park, the first privately financed major league baseball stadium in 38 years, has plenty of curious for everyone to see. There's a 9-foot bronze statue of Mays at the stadium's main entrance, a 26-foot mural above the field-level Bleachers and an asymmetrical outfield wall that may drive fielders crazy.

The 20,000-pound mural, built of fiberglass over a frame, is 36 times the size of the actual glove — a 1927 Rawlings — from which it was modeled. It sits 518 feet from home plate, reachable by some of today's power hitters.

The four-fingered mitt was designed by Gerald Howland, who grew up playing cricketer in London. But he quickly learned about the laws of physics between little kids and their baseball gloves, and turned it into the centerpiece of the stadium.

"If all the links of the tower, and I thought of the glove, I don't know if anyone ever thought their glove away," Howland says. "It think it added a lot of warmth to the stadium.

"You can almost believe you're in Candlestick Park, players and fans shared a sold-out opening day with 23,000 fans. In 1989 the Giants played 26 games at Candlestick Park, and most games this season are sellouts.

"We went out to Candlestick and I think the environment, the people got caught up in it and that was their personality. People are going to be in a better mood here," says New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, whose team played an exhibition game at Pac Bell earlier this month.

"With all the resources these companies have and all the promotion you can have, you feel you need that directed focus and ener-

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women's soccer team won the Big West title last year and won an NCAA game.

Obviously, these impressions are more favorable than disparaging about the idea or the fact, isolated softball field. Another benefi-

cit, is that it should create a stronger Cal Poly fan base by reaching the students early.

So next year, softball and baseball must have home games during Open House (a.k.a. Poly Royal) weekend.

While it is nearly impossible to change the schedule now to have home games for this year's Open House, it shouldn't pose a problem next year.

The word in the athletic depart-

dment is, Athletic Director John McCants is already making phone calls to ensure the scheduled Poly fans at Cal Poly for the baseball and softball teams' season openers in the sport facilities.

If this can't inspire interest, nothing

will.

There will be a football scrimmage, and that's about it. After that it's the weekend. But it is only a scrimmage, and not a true representation of what Cal Poly athletics is all about. It would be great to see a good turnout to honor the women's soccer team for winning the Big West — maybe by putting up a plaque in Mustang Stadium (although it will get a trophy later to be put in the Mott Gym dis-

play).

The point is, athletics is going in the right direction; it's just not as obvious as it should be. But when students come in the fall and see the teams winning and a great new facility in place, they'll get a true idea of where Cal Poly sports is heading.

As when that high school senior asks you this weekend, "Do they play softball at Cal Poly?" I sug-

gest you answer, "Not this year, but let me tell you about the brand-new state-of-the-art facility they'll be playing in next year." I know I will.

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Banged-up Dodgers lose Brown for two weeks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Kevin Brown is expected to miss two weeks with a broken pinkie on his pitching hand, reliever Greg Olson has an irritated nerve in his banned up just a week his piricine hand, reliever Oreee two weeks with a broken pinkie on San Francisc> Oiants in the stadi­ num's debut on Tuesday.

Brown and Olson Left fielder Gary Sheffield, w 'ho received a Perth at the national this weekend's tournament need- Congress in Arizona. Team is  headed to

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Raggle-daggled Los Angeles Dodger batters and pitchers are trying to catch up to the rest. Brown has a $105 million contract and is the ace of the Dodgers’ pitching staff, broke the finger on his right hand while attempting to beat Saturday. He said over the weekend he’d try to play through the injury, but Dodgers manager Davey Johnson said that was unlikely.

Brown met with hand specialist Dr. Norman Zemel on Monday in Los Angeles and was told not to pitch in a game for about two weeks. "I will talk to Brownie before I make any determination of what we will do," Johnson said. "Brownie still thinks he can pitch in a week, but that’s not what our medical people think."

Dodgers trainer Stan Johnston said Brown will be allowed to work out with the team and throw a ball on the side. The main reason to keep him out of games is so he doesn’t aggravate the fracture while hitting or fielding. "He will be wearing a splint, but he will be allowed to take it off to play catch to keep his arm in shape," Johnston said. "You don’t use that finger to hold the ball."

Johnson said Olson, who needs rest and possibly an injection for his forearm, "is definitely going to need some down time" and probably will be placed on the disabled list Tuesday.

Reliever Jeff Williams was with the team at Monday’s workout, ready to take Olson’s place on the roster. Also at the workout was Carlos Perez, who was optioned to the minors last Friday but has not yet reported. If Brown goes on the disabled list, Perez could take his place on the staff.

Sheffield spent Sunday on crutch- es after hurting himself while ram- bling on the warming track in Saturday’s game against the Mets. He said he reluctantly accepted the wheelchair ride at the airport.

Nobody’s home for Open House?

Would-be freshmen will invade our campus this weekend for Open House, and their first impression of Cal Poly sports will be … nothing.

While other clubs and campus organizations will have booths and activities for incoming students, all of Cal Poly’s spring sports will be out of town.

The purpose of Open House is to give would-be students some idea of what Cal Poly is all about. The ag­ culture department will have prod­ ucts its students have made, and the general idea is to show off what tal­ ented Cal Poly students can do.

The athletic department will not have that opportunity. Baseball, soft­ ball, track and tennis are all on the road this weekend. (Technically, men’s tennis is at home, but it plays in Avila Beach.)

The funny thing is, this may not be bad thing. Please read on before you think this is a knock on Poli ath­ letics.

Let’s face it. Right now, Cal Poly athletics doesn’t have much to offer. Other than baseball, which has used timely hitting and strong start­ ing pitching to play territorially lately, the rest of the sports aren’t that exci­ ting. The softball team is the loser of 19 of its last 21 games, and plays on a tiny little field in the middle of all the ag land. The track team is always strong, but competes on what is compar­ able to a bad high-school track. Thanks to the parking structure, the men’s and women’s tennis teams have been ousted from campus and really aren’t playing that well, anyway.

So when soon-to-be freshmen walk by the track and tennis courts, maybe they will think those are practice fields. Heck, that’s what I’m going to tell them.

Because the truth is, after this Open House, every other new stu­ dent’s first impression of Cal Poly ath­ letics is going to be, “Have you seen that beautiful baseball stadium and that great softball field in the new sports complex?” and “I heard the

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