New business dean to start position in fall

By Katherine Hays
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

William Boynton, who is retiring this fall, will oversee the Fisher Graduate School of Business and the Monterey Institute of International Studies, will actively take over the position this fall. He was chosen from the seven academic areas and nearly 2,500 students that make up the College of Business.

William Pendergast says that there are many reasons why he chose to come to Cal Poly.

"I was really impressed by the students, they are very bright and enthusiastic," he said. He also said the faculty and Cal Poly's "knee's down" philosophy played a role in his choice.

Pendergast has many ideas he hopes to implement upon his arrival on campus this fall. He says he'd like to build open communication with the other colleges on campus to possibly create a program of integration between business management and other areas.

"For example, a lot of engineering majors graduate and then realize they're lacking the management skills necessary to move up the career ladder," he said. Pendergast realizes this idea is in the earliest stages of development, and he hesitates to prejudge the program before he gets to work. In the short term, he just wants to talk to people about what they think needs administering are for hepatitis A and B, tetanus, polio, measles and typhoid. Newkirk strongly suggests that students receive the recommended vaccinations.

"You can get really sick and some people can die from these diseases," she said. She also said that there are Web sites that provide the latest information on outbreaks of diseases abroad. Newkirk recommends the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site. After a destination is typed in, it will report any outbreaks in that region. Recently there have been reports of meningococcal disease (a bacterial infection that leads to meningitis) in Saudi Arabia, hantavirus (which has a 40 to 60 percent fatality rate and causes death within 48 hours) in Panama, and diphtheria (a bacterial disease that affects the tonsils and nose) in the states of the former Soviet Union.

Newkirk strongly suggests that students receive the recommended vaccinations. "You can get really sick and some people can die from these diseases," she said. She also said that traveling students should get medications at the Health Center or elsewhere to prevent malaria. Barbara Schwenkob, immunization coordinator at the San Luis Obispo Public Health Department said some of the most common travel vaccines they administer are for hepatitis A and B, tetanus, polio and typhoid.

The Health Center provides these immunizations as well. The only ones Cal Poly doesn't provide are for yellow fever and chikungunya. Proof of the yellow fever vaccination is required for travelers who go to places such as Africa.

Most countries do not require proof of vaccinations, but why take the chance? At the county health department centers, the prices for shots vary.

Summer travel immunizations a must

By Alicia Kagel
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

For students planning to travel abroad this summer, it would be a good idea to look into any necessary immunizations. The San Luis Obispo Public Health Department and the Cal Poly Health Center both provide low-cost immunizations to students.

Travel itineraries and how up-to-date people are on their routine vaccines determines what shots they will need. "Most of Europe is completely clean and you don't need vaccines to travel there," said Barbara Newkirk, a nurse at the Health Center. She said it's the developing countries students have to worry about.
**NEWLY APPOINTED AG REPS WILL RECruit, ENCOURAGE STUDENTS**

By Shannon Akins

**SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER**

The College of Agriculture has 15 more Ag Ambassadors in a revised version of Poly Reps. Chosen in May, they will serve for the 2000-01 school year.

The Ag Ambassadors are students who travel throughout California and the western United States to encourage high school and community college students to pursue higher education, and to promote agriculture as a career choice. They also discuss Cal Poly’s College of Agriculture and the opportunities it offers.

Elevven years ago, Ag Ambassadors were developed for public relations and to recruit advisers, said Sabol. However, it is not about recruiting specifically for Cal Poly’s benefit.

“We don’t care where they go to college,” said Mike Madonna, treasurer and agricultural engineering senior. “We just want them to continue (their education).”

Every year 30 new Ag Ambassadors are selected. They travel to the top feeder community college to hold conferences. They also provide tours of the Cal Poly campus.

“Last spring students from Denmark, Switzerland and Norway came to visit Cal Poly’s ag department for three days,” Sabol said.

Sharing ideas, Sabol says, is the main objective of the agriculture conferences. It’s not about competing with other colleges, he said.

In January, the Ag Ambassadors played host to a conference for 14 different colleges. Purdue University, Texas A & M University and University of Alaska were a few that participated.

Aside from learning and sharing different agriculture ideas and techniques, being an Ag Ambassador is a management experience for students.

Learning leadership and meeting new people are the biggest advantages Madonna said he’s gained from the program.

“We have 600 kindergartners from all over come to one school and we taught them how to plant seedlings,” Madonna said.

Sabol said he couldn’t count the number of Ag Ambassadors that there are.

“Once you’re an Ag Ambassador you will always be one,” Sabol said.

Even if they aren’t active, they’ll always be welcome at events, he added.

**WORKSHOP TEACHES WRITING, MARKETING**

By Cory P. Callewaert

**SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER**

A new creative writing workshop for budding writers is being offered this summer by NightWriters, a local organization dedicated to helping its members with their writing and marketing skills.

“We wanted to give people an opportunity to get started,” said Karen Juran, a NightWriters leader/instructor. “You have to start somewhere.”

“Creative Adventures with the Written Word!” is for teens and adults who seek guidance toward publication. This is NightWriters’ fifth workshop in 10 years.

The workshop provides a non-threatening, non-competitive environment for those who want to experiment with their writing as well as learn the tricks of the trade, said Juran. The instructors are both published writers and experienced teachers.

Morning workshops will meet at Barnes & Noble at 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. An evening class is offered at the SLO County City Library on the second Monday.

The workshop is waiting for a few more participants before it gets started. There will be no charge for at least the first three sessions.

NightWriters will feature a guest speaker, Marcia Preston, at the SLO County City Library on July 10 at 6 p.m. Preston is the editor and publisher of ByLine magazine.

Those interested in the morning sessions can call or e-mail Juran at 528-1403 or juran14@aol.com. For the evening class, those interested can contact Wilma Gore at 782-9982 or by e-mail at must.write@juno.com.

**TEACHERS' CHECKLIST**

Taken from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website: web site: cdc.gov/travel.

1. Carefully follow the information for your destination.
2. Begin the vaccination process early.
3. Find a travel clinic for immunizations.
4. Plan ahead if you are traveling with children or have any other special needs.
5. Learn about safe food and water, insect protection, making travel safe, and other precautions.
6. Prepare for medical emergencies and non-medical emergencies, such as crime and natural disasters.

Travelers’ toll free health hotline number: 877-FYI-TRIP

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Since its implementation in 1997, CSUMentor has saved the CSU system about $35 million by providing a single comprehensive system. It combines the previously separate outreach, pre-admission, admission and financial aid application services, which saves the campuses the cost of providing their own individual systems.

In addition, CSUMentor added new features this year:

- CalStateTEACH: An online application for admission to an 18-month program that combines distance education and face-to-face interaction for working teachers seeking their credentials.
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): CSUMentor is the first system that has been granted permission by the U.S. Department of Education to supply FAFSA with information from its database, making the financial aid application process easier for students.
- Application Redirection: This forwards students’ applications to an alternate-choice campus should the applicant not be admitted to his or her first-choice campus or major.
- CSUMentor provides free e-mail accounts, multimedia capabilities, and student-campus matching assistance. The Web site is not just for high school and undergraduate students; it also features graduate assistance.

In addition, CSUMentor includes an academic planner for potential students, assistance in completing forms, and academic portfolio features that help students make sure they are taking the right courses. Aside from application fees, should a student choose to apply online, the Web site’s services are free. CSUMentor can be viewed at www.csumentor.edu.

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In Bakersfield, class participation and lab experiments help the students and teachers learn about different sources of energy including fossil fuel and solar energy. Today, they will be testing a solar-powered bicycle.

The teachers participating in the workshop are frequently asked to get involved with the students during the lab times. They will receive a professional development credit.

Participants stay at Yosemite Hall and eat free meals at the Lighthouse to let them experience what it is like to be a Cal Poly student.

“It’s great,” said Matt Swan, 18, who will be a freshman at Cal Poly in the fall. “It’s a good way to get to know the campus.”

The workshop is not just an educational experience, but also a chance to learn about engineering campuses. Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo have to offer. A trip to Farmers Market allows participants to experience part of San Luis Obispo’s culture.

The workshop is becoming very popular, Mehrazadeh said. Last year there were 45 participants, and this year there was a waiting list, he said.

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range from $10 to $55 for administration fees. The Health Center costs up to $50, but administration fees are free for enrolled or continuing students. Spring graduates are still able to receive these benefits for the summer quarter, but they must pay a $10 fee since they are no longer students.

Newkirk said that students ask what immunizations they may need for traveling so they can be vaccinated in plenty of time before they leave.

Students can call and check in with their local health department center to make an appointment. The San Luis Obispo center provides clinic two to three times a week.

The Cal Poly and county health centers offer all immunizations and services at a low cost to students.

Students can call the Cal Poly Health Center at 756-1211 or the San Luis Obispo Public Health Department at 781-9500 for more information.
By Sarah Doub
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

If you’re looking for something to do this Fourth of July, you won’t have to look far. Many cities have an entire day full of free activities planned for the community to enjoy, from fireworks at the beach to family-oriented celebrations.

Pismo Beach, Morro Bay and Cambria all have festivities planned for the holiday inshore. Entertainment begins at Pismo Beach at 2 p.m. Local artists such as Val Selbst and the Bo Digger Band will perform music on the pier. The Patriot Voices from Vandenberg Air Force Base will sing the national anthem. There will be plenty of food and entertainment, including clowns, art and face painting. Fireworks will begin at 9 p.m. They can be watched in person or by satellite.

The activities in Morro Bay begin at 3 p.m. There will be a variety of activities, including the Boogie Band. "Uncle Sam" will be the master of ceremonies and the Coast Guard will perform its popular fly by. Fireworks and watermelon will be provided. More snacks will be available from food booths. There will be games for all ages and music performed by bands such as Rhythm and Blues and the Guitar Wizard. The trolley will provide transportation to and from all the usual stops in Morro Bay to the park.

The fireworks will begin at 9 p.m. by the internationally known Pyro Spectaculars, who have put on fireworks for the Olympics and Paralympic Games.

The American Legion will host the festivities in Cambria at Shamel Park. Youth football competitions will kick off at the events at 10:30 a.m. Kids games will follow at 11 a.m., and the Fricotnodos Princesses will be introduced at noon. The Otter Music Company, Glenn Lockwood, Survival and the Boogie Machine will perform music. Food and retail vendors will also be available, and the fireworks will be held on the beach at 9 p.m. If you’re not packed to like a sardine at the beach on the Fourth, you can enjoy daytime activities at any of the local parks.

San Luis Obispo will host "An Old Fashioned Fourth of July Family Day in the Park" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Santa Rosa Park. Some of the activities will include pigeons, creek walks, face painting and science demonstrations. Live entertainment will be performed by the SLO County Band and a service will begin at 10 a.m. The Skate Park will be open and food will be available from the vendors.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) will host a Fourth of July celebration at City Park in Paso Robles. It will begin with a fly-by from Estrella Air Force Base. The special speaker will be "Abraham Lincoln. A petting zoo, magic show, games, dance groups and singer will be just some of the entertainment offered. The activities will last until 6 p.m. Robert Peterson of the VFW said the purpose of the event is "to get kids away from shooting off fireworks at home and instigating themselves, and to educate others as to what Independence Day is all about.

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By Alicia Kage
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's human-powered vehicle places third in nation

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to be done, he said. "I think Cal Poly would do well with a program that marries technology and global business," he said.

His experience is in international management, and he has spent an extensive amount of time working overseas.

"We're living in a global economy, and the European market is on the rise," he said. "It seems as though there are few programs at Cal Poly to address this changing market."

He said he believes an outsider's perspective is a good thing for students that aren't easily identifiable from the inside. One thing he believes is that an ever-changing curriculum is needed to keep up.

"This is the time when people are interested in entrepreneurship and electronic business, and Cal Poly doesn't offer classes in these fields," he said.

Pendergast was the dean at the Monterey campus from 1994. In 1998 he was named the International Business Dean of the Year by the National Association of International Business. From 1991 to 1994 he served as the dean of the Czechoslovak Management Center in Prague in the Czech Republic. From 1984 to 1994 Pendergast won the associate dean for international programs at Boston University. He has also spent several years leading programs in Belgium and Germany.

Pendergast received his bachelor's degree in philosophy and French at the University of Notre Dame in 1966. He then went on to earn his master's degree in 1968 and his doctorate in international affairs at Columbia University in 1971.

Study shows minorities less likely than whites to get into law schools

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas - Minorities are less likely to gain admission to law schools than whites, according to a new released Monday "Testing for the Public," said the LSAT Educational Research Organization.

The study, which examined the admissions decisions at approximately 173 law schools between 1994 and 1998, concluded that 32 percent of whites who applied were admitted, compared to 46 percent of African Americans who had the same grade point average.

Conducted by William C. Kidder, the study will be published this month in the Yale Journal of Law and Feminism and the Texas Journal of Women and Law.

The results are not surprising when using the Law School Admission Test as a major consideration in law school admissions. Minorities score lower on the LSAT than whites because the test itself is biased, the organization said.

Attorney David White, director of Testing for the Public, said the LSAT is biased. He for two years cited a study conducted by Joshua Aronson, a University of Texas Austin associate professor, and Claude Steele, a psychology professor at Stanford University, which shows that minority test-takers face pressure from stereotype.

Minorities are expected to fare poor- would allow him to see things in the program that market needs an ever-changing curriculum."

Pendergast added, "Because of the stereotype can lower test scores. White said. Second, White said the method in which the test is created is biased as well, that questions are pretested and those that favor majority are selected to be on the test.

Michael Sharlot, dean of the University of Texas School of Law, said the LSAT is a better indicator of law school performance than GPA. "The [LSAT] is the one unifying examination and measurement for law school admission," Sharlot said.

"I don't know that there are many people who can tell very much that an 'A' in basket weaving from Ohl Kosh is different from an 'A' in biology from Oxford," Sharlot said. "Because of the extraordinary diversity in majors... the LSAT helps in giving a standardized measurement of the kinds of abilities that in fact correlate well with performance in law school."

Sharlot said the law school considers many things when it reviews an application. Many personal characteristics including non-academic considerations and special circumstances are taken into account, he said.

However, Sharlot said it is unlikely the LSAT will be disregarded. "I don't think that we or any law school that I know of is going to give up some weight to the LSAT," he said.

For more information, visit www.StudentUniversity.com.

College crime stats to be made public on Internet

(U-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa - A new University of Iowa College of Education database will give students one more tool to help them in making their decisions about where to go to college.

The Internet database, to be presented to Congress in December, will list crime statistics of colleges and universities across the nation and in August. Submitting campus crime information is nothing new for colleges. However, Colleges and Universities have been required to make campus crime statistics available to the public since the Clery Law was enacted in 1990.

The law was named for Jeanne Clery, a freshman at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, who was assaulted and killed in her dorm room in 1986. Her parents filed a lawsuit against the law because they were unaware of previous crimes on the Lehigh campus.

In 1998, the Clery Law was revised; the Department of Education now gives the data to Congress. The Department of Education will begin to compile the statistics in August. They will be available in December.
Celebrate and revere this Fourth of July

Once upon a time, men fought and died on the battlefields in honor of liberty, freedom and justice for all. It began with a declaration of independence from the British monarch on July 4, 1776. July 4 is the proudest day in American history. It was the day that democracy was born. It was the day that the United States of America became a free country that answers only to its people.

And now, more than 200 years later, how do we, as Americans, celebrate this day? We get drunk and light fireworks.

Not that there’s anything wrong with having a barbecue and tossing back a few brewskies, but it just seems like a misguided way of celebrating a noble holiday. Although, in a roundabout way, Americans still celebrate those honorable aspirations of our founding fathers.

We are liberated for the day. The majority of us will be released from the shackles of school and work in honor of independence.

We have the freedom to drink lots of good American beer for, for the less patriotic, imports from the rest of the world. Check out the supermarket circulars this weekend. There is sure to be 20-packs going for $10.99 plus California redemption value in honor of the day.

Then there is justice for those of us who prefer to celebrate in a quieter manner. Law enforcement agencies will be readily available to deal with rampant party-quirs. A simple phone call and the neighbors become quiet.

However, limits come with the choice to celebrate a day of honor with booz and burgers.

We are not at liberty to defer fireworks off wherever we may please. Some Amos Grunde residents can, but the governing bodies of San Luis Obispo, Morro Bay and Los Osos will most likely be putting up their “Fireworks Prohibited” signs.

If we are under the age of 21, we do not have the aforementioned liberty to drink beer or whiskey or wine or any other alcoholic beverage, for that matter.

In fact, underage drinking is one of the major areas for justice to play its hand on the Fourth. Along with those who may receive tickets for minor in possession, there will be others who will receive them for drink in public, shooting off fireworks in areas of prohibition and the ever-popular underage drinking.

It can be upsetting to be stuck behind the hubbub of the holiday, try to take a little time and remember why we are getting the day off. It is, after all, a day of great honor in the history of America and democracy. Oh, and be careful with that beer and fireworks combination!

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Senior citizenry in a mere 50 years

SLO’s ‘best place to retire’ status unnecessarily frightens Poly students

I hope you have patience and like to drive slowly, because San Luis Obispo is about to be flooded with senior citizens. That’s right. Big-car driving, looking through-the-steering-wheel, curb-hunting senior citizens are going to invade San Luis Obispo and there is no way to stop it.

Money magazine has named San Luis Obispo as one of the best places to retire. It cites things like the moderate weather, the small-town feel and the availability of health care.

Look around and see how many more new retirement buildings have been, or are being, built in San Luis Obispo. You will see none. That equals a lot of old people and a lot of problems for college students.

College students and senior citizens just don’t mesh. College students want to live fast and carefree. Senior citizens want to live slow and full of worry. College students like to party, while senior citizens like to sleep.

The elderly seem to have trouble bearing everything but your party a block away. So pull over your L.D., because you’ll probably receive a ticket for that “get together” you had last weekend. Where should you send your thank-you card? Take a guess.

One major problem is that San Luis Obispo caters to the older population. The 10 p.m. noise curfew makes it hard to party in this so-called “college town.”

Senior citizens seem to complain too much, bother too many people and get in the way of good-of-fashioned college fun.

Why is it that college students think this way? Why do these stereotypes fill you with contempt?

The answer is that college students fear the elderly. Deep down in the backs of our minds, the knowledge that aging is inevitable plagues the college psyche.

You too will get old and you too will drive slowly. You too will be made fun of by some immature college student. Deal with it.

Here you are at the start of your life. You can taste your freedom. Responsibilities don’t wait until you get older. You too will get old and you too will drive slowly. You too will be made fun of. Deal with it.

You too will get old and you too will drive slowly. You too will be made fun of by some immature college student. Deal with it.

It feels really good.

No one wants to see that he or she will eventually end up a little shorter and a little slower with fewer functioning faculties. But it is going to happen, and it is not something to get infuriated about. It’s a part of life.

College is fun and then you have a career that you will hopefully enjoy. Marriage is great, as are kids. If you can have fun for most of your life, why can’t you enjoy the end of it?

It can be upsetting to be stuck behind someone who likes to slow down at every intersection on Shell Beach Road just to look at the ocean. You want to scream, “That’s right, it’s still the ocean, let’s move on!”

But don’t yell or honk, because that’s you in 50 years.

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CYBER EXPRESSION ... EMAIL YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.
Term limits improve California government; more needed

Term limits imposed on the California Legislature have helped make progress by providing fresh ideas and insight to the law-making process. Career politicians are now trying to change this law and extend term limits so they can hold onto power and hold back change.

Proposition 140 was passed in 1990 by 52 percent of California voters. It imposed limits of three two-year terms for the state Assembly and two four-year terms for the state Senate. Recent surveys show that voters overwhelmingly support these term limits over the legislature's new proposal for 12-year limits.

These self-serving legislators obviously pay no attention to the fact that 69 percent of voters say they would vote for the same term limits that were passed in 1990, according to a poll conducted by Diversified Research Inc. on June 6. Not only would this new proposal lengthen term limits, it would allow politicians to serve in the state Senate. Recent surveys show that voters overwhelmingly support this law and extend term limits so they could serve for 12 more years.

Propositions hope that term limits will enable the legislature to take risks and push for ethics reforms. Higher productivity would result because the legislature would be more action-oriented. Studies have shown that less than 5 percent of those seeking reelection have lost to challengers in recent years.

The inevitable outcome of this term limit system in government, as a result of long term limits, needs reform. New faces and different voices will help stir change. Some people would like to stay in office, but the stalemate must end. Members of the state Legislature want to run for mayor or governor, but their term limits prevent them from doing so.

I don't want to see this extension. It is a new millennium and that means it is a time for change. The old legislative structure served its purpose. The staunch old system, which has allowed old men with old ideas to govern for as long as they desire, has got to go.

Longer term limits allow these already in office an unfair advantage when it comes to winning a re-election. They can abuse their position to discourage qualified candidates from running for office. Studies have shown that less than 5 percent of those seeking reelection have lost to challengers in recent years.

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Shutter term limits have helped to increase the number of women and minorities elected to the California Legislature. This helps to give all people and issues a voice, which should be the goal of a true democracy. It gives real people with real world experience a chance to run for office.

Voters believe that members of the state Legislature want to extend term limits because they simply want to stay in power. The staunch old system, which has allowed old men with old ideas to govern for as long as they desire, has got to go.

Alicia Kagel is a journalism senior and a Summer Mustang staff writer.

Opinion

Five-week classes equal great opportunity

Most students put it off until the last possible moment, and, when they finally take the class, their quarter is filled with dread. I Teresa Public Speaking 201.

When I went to class, I thought about giving my first speech, my notes on a quitter and my positive responses to my fellow classmates back yard. Luckily, I didn't have to think about it. Rather than spend a full 10 weeks with my stomach in knots, I opted to take the five-week class this summer.

I have already given my first speech, my midterm is next week and in three weeks, I will be finished.

I firmly believe in the theory of learning by doing and I am a liberal arts student. When it comes time to actually go to class, though, I often would rather be doing something else. My father always mocks my ecstatic mood when a class is canceled; he proclaims that only students pay money and then year to be canceled.

I once read a study that said children who watch more Sesame Street than Mr. Rogers are more likely to watch MTV and have shorter attention spans. I don't know how scientific that generalization is, but it makes a lot of sense. I have a short attention span. I was raised on Sesame Street and later watched MTV. That's why I'm at a school with a quieter system. Yet even here, 12 weeks can be too long.

The children that preferred Mr. Rogers are now more inclined to watch the Weather Channel and nature programs. Those people are probably at semester schools.

Luckily, boredom isn't an option for a five-week class. There is no time to be nervous and you can brag about being efficient because you finished a requirement in half the usual time.

Sarah Doub is a journalism junior and a Summer Mustang staff writer.

Letter to the editor

Declare independence Editor

How often have you found yourself complaining about the present conditions in our country? Complaining consumes the time and energy of all of us at least once throughout the day. Time and energy that we can not afford to waste. We need to pay attention to our inner world in which we can declare independence from the chaos of modern day society.

Our country broke away from tyranny on July 4, 1776. Today we are drawn into the negativity of present-day society and we must break the connections. I may live in the United States, but I do not have to accept the morality and customs set by big business, media and misguided legislators. They have all contributed to creating a social environment that has radically departed from the sound ethical and spiritual fundamentals of our founding fathers.

I still believe in God and prayer. I still believe in the truth and practicability of the traditional home, where a man and a woman raise their children to be decent, fearless and mature human beings. I still listen to music that has spiritually redeeming values, music that doesn't talk about destroying and/or disrespecting conditions of modern-day society.

I don't have to go downhill because the other fellow is. The United States of America is the greatest country in the world. It functions on truth and the strength of man to follow that truth.

We live in a land of opportunity. And now, the opportunity to climb out of the ashes of society gone asleep to spiritual realities is available. We can ascend to a saner way of life by moving forward against the tyranny on July 4, 1776. Today we have the ability to ascend to a saner way of life. We can start over again to rebuild our country through their inner excellence.

Most of us can agree that today, things are less than what they can be. We can start over again to re-establish what makes a society great. A strong inner world.

Go do your own thing, quietly and undramatically, and venture toward tranquility at last. The founding fathers who desired to leave their mark in the world and in three weeks, 1 will be finished.

Patrick Manion is a resident of San Luis Obispo.

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Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and others declared an inner independence from the corruption around them. We celebrate the founding of our country through their inner excellence.

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Keeping up with the computerized world that most of its fans are involved in, the band Rancid is previewing its latest album on the Internet.

The band is launching a series of four free MP3s and exclusive, self-directed interviews. The free songs and interviews give fans a chance to hear the music and learn about the new album before its actual release date. The new album, "It’s Quite Alright," will be released Aug. 1 on Hel!cat Records.

At www.rancidrancid.com, Rancid fans can do all of this and listen to Rancid’s radio. The interviews and music are updated often and two songs from the new album can be downloaded. The Web site also has a link for fans to purchase merchandise such as apparel, music, collectible items and accessories.

"Rancid is a pillar of punk rock at large," said civil engineering senior Bob Rock, program director for 91.3 FM KCPR.

"Epitaph (Hellcat Records) uses the Web for everything, so I think it is very fitting for Rancid to launch its album on the Internet."

Brandon Rock
KCPR program director

The concert began in 1994 to appeal to the youths of America with music ranging from punk to ska, sports exhibitions, food and a variety of booths. Vans sponsors the tour with the hope of uniting the youths of America with culture to youth.

 Benefit to help fund cinema programs in Santa Barbara

Celebrities, filmmakers and Santa Barbara residents will take time out this weekend to enjoy Santa Barbara International Film Festival’s (SBIFE) second annual benefit, Opening Night at the Copacabana. The fundraiser will begin Saturday night at Bella Vista, a Santa Barbara polo field. It will feature both silent and live auctions, cocktails, wine tasting, dinner and dancing.

The live auction offers donated prizes such as a walk-on part in a television soap opera and different trips around the world while the silent auction will give guests the chance to bid on movie-inspired packages that combine vacations and other prizes. For example, "Beaches" offers a trip for two to Hawaii accompanied by dinner on the beach. After the auctions and dinner, guests can dance to music from the Santa Barbara Latin group Paperto.

Money raised will support the SBIFE as well as other programs the festival offers throughout the year. This includes Kids’ Fest, a showing of several children's films for free to local families. The SBIFE also sponsors the Family Film Festival, the Cinema Society and a teen mentor program that gives 12 high school students the chance to write a script and produce a movie over the course of a year with guidance from local film-makers.

The International Film Festival is a weekly event held every March in Santa Barbara that celebrates the world of cinema by showcasing independent films from the United States and abroad.

"It is most important for filmmakers who normally don't get heard or have a chance to show their work.

Rhea Lewis
festival administrative director

The 2000 Vans Warped Tour is centered around a theme of sensory vibrations. The festival appeals to the youths of America with music ranging from punk to ska, sports exhibitions, food and a variety of booths. Vans sponsors the tour with the hope of uniting young people with different interests.

The concert began in 1994 with low ticket sales and unknown bands. It has grown to become one of the biggest summer festivals of the year.

This year’s extreme sports exhibition will feature daredevils Steve Caballero and Mike Frazier, as well as BMX bicyclists Rick Thorne and Leigh Ramsdell.

There will also be an alternative rock showcase with music from Weezer, Green Day, Papa Roach and the Mighty Mighty Bosstones. The band listings vary from date to date, so check the Web site to stay updated at www.warpedtour.com. The tour will stop in two California cities, Anchorage and San Francisco.

The Anchorage show is June 29 and 30 at the Cow Palace. The tour will arrive in San Francisco for a July 1 show at Pier 30 and 11.

Regretted choices: sentiment of film...and movie-goers?

By Sarah Doub
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The movie "Me Myself I" is popular.

Its main character makes fun of magazines that put pressure on women to "have it all," marry the perfect man, have the perfect kids and maintain the perfect career.

In the first part of "Me Myself I," the main character of Pamela, played by Rachel Griffiths, bemoans the fact that she pursued her career and didn’t say "yes" to the proposals of the love of her life. She gets so depressed that she contemplates committing suicide by dropping a hair dryer into her bath. Coincidentally, the electricity shuts off just when the grooming implement plunges into the bubbles.

Next, she gets hit by a car and has the chance to live the life she would have had with her old boyfriend, by some strange sort of cosmic phenomenon.

Then in the last 10 minutes of the movie suddenly turn so imperfectly perfect that if you don’t look away every few minutes, you might go into sugar-shock.

This plot sound familiar? If so, that’s because it is reminiscent of the 1998 movie "Sliding Doors," except it doesn’t have Owen Wilson taking a British accent. Also, "Sliding Doors" didn’t leave me with the same feeling that if you don’t get married by age 25 you will be doomed to a meaningless life as a prune. This depressing image is accompanied by the impression that marriage will be your own personal hell and that divorce is inevitable.

Fortunately, the prevalence of "death by hair dryer" is fleeting because I know plenty of happily married couples and have witnessed my own parents’ ideal marriage that commenced after my mother turned 25.

If you have any major life decisions still to make, specifically involving career or marriage, I recommend that you don’t see this movie.

This film does have its humorous parts and the acting is good enough. And, if your past decisions have been made with minimal feelings of regret, "Me Myself I" will probably be enjoyable.

I suggest for those people that you go see the movie at the Palm Theater and then read "Good Housekeeping" from cover to cover.

By Keri Christoffels
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Rancid uses the Internet to debut its latest album, along with MP3s and band-related merchandise.

By Jana Larsen
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Vans Warped Tour 2000 brings alternative culture to youth

By Patty Green
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Six Mustangs play summer baseball for Blues

By Nikki Wilson

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Cal Poly athletes have to juggle school, jobs, a social life and family as well as their sports. Six student-athletes do all this and play on the local, semi-professional baseball team, the San Luis Obispo Blues.

Drew Ecklund, Phil Thompson, Jason Kelly, Mitch Caryel, Tyler Fitch, Jason Kelly, and David Krich all play for the Cal Poly baseball team during its season. Beginning in May, they travel the state and play with the American League's (AAA) Level for the San Luis Obispo Blues.

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Since the rebirth of the team, the Blues have maintained winning seasons, excluding its 1994 season. Coburn and Golden both agreed the outlook for this season is good, with the Santa Barbara Foresters and the Santa Maria Indians as their toughest competition.

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Local youngsters learn at camp

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Young has good shot to make XFL

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Mustangs headed to big leagues

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