Faculty housing may become a reality

By Meghan Nowakowski
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly faculty and staff housing project may be one step closer to a reality.

The California State University Trustee has released a "Supplement to the Final EIR," which provides a more detailed analysis on the proposed project. Judge Douglas Hilton decided Dec. 13, 2002, that the original Environmental Impact Report (EIR) needed more analysis regarding certain specified environmental concerns.

The proposed area for the project, known as Site H-8, is located at Highland Drive and Highway 1. A group called Neighbors North of Foothill had raised concerns about the initial environmental analysis.

Bob Ambach, managing director for the Cal Poly Housing Corp., said the Housing Corp. has taken every measure Hilton requested.

"We are pretty confident that everything will work out," Ambach said. "They gave us four areas that needed to be re-evaluated and we did that."

Wastewater was one of the concerns brought forward. The final EIR stated that cumulative wastewater impacts would not be significant, provided a planned expansion of the wastewater treatment plant took place.

Traffic was also an issue. The judge found the EIR did not clearly state that the final analysis included projected cumulative traffic from the proposed site.

Another concern was air quality. The final EIR needed to better explain why a carbon monoxide "hot spot" analysis was not necessary.

The Cal Poly Housing Corp. had to send environmentalists back to the site to gain a more detailed report of the problems listed. This new report became the "supplement" section to the final EIR.

Local residents living close to Site H-8 have mixed emotions about the housing project.

"I'm not too worried about the traffic," agricultural business senior Gino Fumia said. "If this is what we needed to do to keep the cost of living down for the professors, then I am all for it."

Social science senior Courtney Preston said she hasn't decided if she thinks the project is a good idea.

"I know that it will be good for teachers, but the traffic in that area is going to skyrocket," Preston said. "Many of my adult neighbors are not looking forward to cramming more people into this area."

see HOUSING, page 2

P painted black for history

The Society of Black Engineers painted the P black in recognition of Black History Month. About eight of SBE's 43 members climbed the hill Monday in an effort to show Cal Poly that there is an active black community on campus.

By Andrea Svoboda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Something old, something new, something borrowed — and some advice too.

 Couples planning to walk down the aisle need a little more than luck to ensure a smoothly run wedding. To fend off stress, couples might not have to look any further than the Cal Poly campus.

Tuffy Gonzales, owner of All Traditions wedding consultants, will teach the course "Planning Your Wonderful Wedding," a Cal Poly Continuing Education class on how to organize a wedding, March 8. This will be the first time the class is offered at Cal Poly, but Gonzales has taught it before at the adult school in San Luis Obispo and at Cuesta College.

Gonzales said she keeps the information general so it will be interesting to everyone in the class.

Although the class is lecture-based, discussion is encouraged, Gonzales said. Everyone babbles in with their own stories, she said, such as when and where they are getting married.

Margo Carrasco, marketing director of Cal Poly Continuing Education, said because the holidays are a popular season for engagements, the class is very pertinent.

see SPEAKER, page 7

Course takes students down the aisle
Authority on Mesoamerica visits

By Stacey Domíng
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A Harvard professor will come to campus today to speak about diversity and Mesoamerican culture.

David L. Carrasco, professor of the study of Latin America at Harvard Divinity, will give two presentations on behalf of the Cal Poly Ethnic Studies Department.

Some say Carrasco is one of the most prominent scholars in his field.

The lecture will begin at 11 a.m. in the business building, room 213.

"It was said that he is the leading living authority on Mesoamerica and Aztec studies, not too many people would argue," said social science department chair Patrick McKim.

Carrasco's first discussion, "Aztec Moments and Chichen-Itza: Reflections on the Indian," will be at 3 p.m. in Wachter 213.

This will be the first time the class is offered at Cal Poly, but Gonzales has taught it before at the adult school in San Luis Obispo and at Cuesta College.

Gonzales said she keeps the information general so it will be interesting to everyone in the class.

Although the class is lecture-based, discussion is encouraged, Gonzales said. Everyone babbles in with their own stories, she said, such as when and where they are getting married.

Margo Carrasco, marketing director of Cal Poly Continuing Education, said because the holidays are a popular season for engagements, the class is very pertinent.

see SPEAKER, page 7

see WEDDINGS, page 7

Students float away Sunday

By Steve Hill
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Ah, Mardi Gras — generally an event when Cal Poly students cut loose and declare official party time, wreaking havoc on the downtown parade.

One group of Cal Poly students, however, is putting a new spin on the experience.

Manufacturing engineering senior Shaun Thiessen will spearhead a 48-member group, which built its own float and will join the party as it happens.

The effort, Thiessen said, is a positive way to keep the police happy and still have fun.

"We're just a bunch of kids having a good, safe time for Mardi Gras," he said.

Inspired by television advertisements from the San Luis Obispo Police Department, Thiessen and his friends did some research and found out that the parade was about $200 too late for someone who could pay the $200 fee.

"From there, it wasn't a dream," Thiessen said, "but it would be great if it happened."

With all participants in the group (a crew named "$88 Chaplin") donating $10 to the fund, Thiessen had enough money to enter the parade, decorate the float with flames, buy costumes and arm the group with over 4,000 strands of beads.

Manufacturing engineering senior Shaun Thiessen (right) and agriculture senior Chad Gonzales are working on a float for Mardi Gras.

But what will really set the float apart, he said, is the appearance of local reggae band Resination playing as the parade rolls through town.

They're pretty much what we're betting our dollars on," he said.

see FLOAT, page 2

Society of Black Engineers painted the P black in recognition of Black History Month. About eight of SBE's 43 members climbed the hill Monday in an effort to show Cal Poly that there is an active black community on campus.
More than beads, booze and boobs

Gearing up for Mardi Gras

The proposed project on Site H-8 will include 72 one, two and three-bedroom apartments that are only available for faculty and staff to rent.

Ambach said there is an incredible need for affordable housing for the Cal Poly staff.

"I have heard from at least three different department chairs that people get very excited about coming to Cal Poly and interviewing for a position here," Ambach said.

"They apply or are recruited and come through the selection process, and then suddenly they either bring their spouse down here or they start looking at the home pages and they find that they just cannot afford to live here. Unfortunately, we have lost some quality people because of that," Fumia said. Site H-8 will help recruit more great professors to Cal Poly.

"I really hope this works out," Fumia said. "It is a shame that so many professors have not been able to take positions here because of how expensive it is."

Even though another hurdle in the U.S. Secretary of Labor during Clinton's first term process, and then suddenly they either bring their spouse down here or they start looking at the home pages and they find that they just cannot afford to live here. Unfortunately, we have lost some quality people because of that," Fumia said. Site H-8 will help recruit more great professors to Cal Poly.

"I really hope this works out," Fumia said. "It is a shame that so many professors have not been able to take positions here because of how expensive it is."

Even though another hurdle has been crossed, and then suddenly they either bring their spouse down here or they start looking at the home pages and they find that they just cannot afford to live here. Unfortunately, we have lost some quality people because of that," Fumia said. Site H-8 will help recruit more great professors to Cal Poly.

"I really hope this works out," Fumia said. "It is a shame that so many professors have not been able to take positions here because of how expensive it is."

Even though another hurdle in

"We have to go to the board of trustees again, and then back to court," Ambach said. "It is going to take positions here because of how expensive it is."

Even though another hurdle in the long process has been crossed, and then suddenly they either bring their spouse down here or they start looking at the home pages and they find that they just cannot afford to live here. Unfortunately, we have lost some quality people because of that," Fumia said. Site H-8 will help recruit more great professors to Cal Poly.

"I really hope this works out," Fumia said. "It is a shame that so many professors have not been able to take positions here because of how expensive it is."

Even though another hurdle in
Colorado lawmakers debate offering vouchers to state college students

By Jennifer Hamilton
Associated Press Writer

DENVER — Colorado could become the first state in the nation to adopt a voucher-like system that gives public college tuition aid directly to students instead of to institutions.

Under a bill expected to be introduced in the Legislature on Thursday, the state would award each high school student about 66 percent of the average public college tuition, or $4,600 annually, for up to four years.

Students would be responsible for the remaining cost through student loans, financial aid or grants. The vouchers would be available as a flat fee.

Supporters, including many college and university officials, call the plan more student-friendly because it would allocate state money to students instead of to institutions.

"It says to a lot of students who haven't been aware that they could be participating in higher education that they can and should be moving in that direction," said Peggy Lamm, chairwoman of the Colorado Commission of Higher Education.

The ColoradO Student Association, which opposes the plan, opposes the plan, saying the government shouldn't fund education directly.

"It may be enough of an enticement to those that wouldn't attend college," said spokesman Rob Jones.

A voucher system would change the way where they aren't many new ideas," he said. "We're living in an era where there's more interest in student choice.

Boosting participation rates is also a goal of the voucher proposal, drafted by Colorado State University professor Patricia Schubert. Colorado sends 39 percent of high school graduates to college, ranking the state 27th nationally.

"It's especially terrible among minorities and we need to improve," said Rep. Ken Krause, a Republican sponsor of the bill. "That's one of the big things this bill will change. It will help that dramatically.

University and college leaders who endorse the proposal hope it will allow them more flexibility to raise tuition in the face of declining revenues.

The state slashed 12.8 percent, or $81.3 million, of funding for Gilorado's 28 universities and colleges for 2002-03 under a panel appointed by Gov. Bill Owens.

"Everybody wants more student-friendly because it would allocate state money to students instead of to institutions.

"It says to a lot of students who haven't been aware that they could be participating in higher education that they can and should be moving in that direction," said Peggy Lamm, chairwoman of the Colorado Commission of Higher Education.

The Colorado Student Association, which opposes the plan, opposes the plan, saying the government shouldn't fund education directly.

"It may be enough of an enticement to those that wouldn't attend college," said spokesman Rob Jones.

A voucher system would change the way
Gallagher talks about the big picture

By Steve Hill

Gallagher is waxing philosophical as he drives down a Los Angeles-area freeway. The veteran comedian, now in his 50th year performing, ponders his influence on the art of comedy and society as a whole. "I think every rock 'n' roll band that has a mod pig and throws people out into the audience, it's because of me," he said. "I started to have fun (on the stage) and (in a theater) I think every amusement park that has a splash ride that gets the patron wet owes it to me."

Gallagher was able to bring this fun indoors and to the audiences, he said, because of his attitude to the stage and in a theater. "I don't care, " he said. "Everybody else is so tight-assed. (When I started out) I didn't care."

The 56-year-old comedian will bring this no-holds-barred attitude to the Christopher Cohan Center in the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center Sunday at 7 p.m. While most audiences may know Gallagher for his watermelon-smashing antics, what most people won't see through the laughter is his serious side. A phone conversation with him, though, proves that there is much more to the man than his humor. He will comment from the stage and in a theater. "(Gallagher) is too talented of a person and comedian that I think he can come up with other ways to get the same effects of audience participation. It would be a good challenge for him."

"No matter what which end of the social spectrum the San Luis Obispo crowd will fall on, though, Gallagher can assure one thing: A good time will be had by all. "It's intoxicating, like a six-pack," he said. "Tell the truth. None of my jokes are hysterical or lies."

King of comedy? Gallagher dresses to impress.

Gallagher said. "It's all image and no substance. I tell the truth. None of my jokes are hyperbole or lies."

He said it is his civic duty to bring people together in a humanitarian form of existence, hurling back to the days when simple conversation and interpersonal communication was the highest order of entertainment. "You see, people don't go out in a group anymore," he said. "We used to meet in the center of the village and jump up and down, or talk at night around the fire. There's a tribal part of human existence that isn't satisfied, except at sporting events ... so at my show you get to laugh together. (The show is about) community, a feeling of community and humanity."

Gallagher comedian

Back in the day with Merv Griffin.

Gallagher is waxing philosophical about community and humanity. "But just because he laments the plight of human nature does not mean that he does not plan to make the audience remember his gags. For every show, Gallagher spends $300 on items he will smash as part of his famous "Sledge-o-matic" routine, which he said relates directly to a school like Cal Poly.

"A technical college should know that I understand trajectory, ballistics," he said of his ability to soil the stage. "There's a tribal part of human existence that isn't satisfied, except at sporting events ... so at my show, you get to laugh together. (The show is about) community, a feeling of community and humanity."

Gallagher comedian

Back in the day with Merv Griffin.

"I think every rock 'n' roll band that has a mod pig and throws people out into the audience, it's because of me," he said. "I started to have fun (on the stage) and (in a theater) I think every amusement park that has a splash ride that gets the patron wet owes it to me."

Gallagher was able to bring this fun indoors and to the audiences, he said, because of his attitude to the stage and in a theater. "I don't care, " he said. "Everybody else is so tight-assed. (When I started out) I didn't care."

The 56-year-old comedian will bring this no-holds-barred attitude to the Christopher Cohan Center in the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center Sunday at 7 p.m. While most audiences may know Gallagher for his watermelon-smashing antics, what most people won't see through the laughter is his serious side. A phone conversation with him, though, proves that there is much more to the man than his humor. He will comment from the stage and in a theater. "(Gallagher) is too talented of a person and comedian that I think he can come up with other ways to get the same effects of audience participation. It would be a good challenge for him."

"No matter which end of the social spectrum the San Luis Obispo crowd will fall on, though, Gallagher can assure one thing: A good time will be had by all. "It's intoxicating, like a six-pack," he said. "Tell the truth. None of my jokes are hysterical or lies."

Gallagher comedian

Back in the day with Merv Griffin.

"I think every rock 'n' roll band that has a mod pig and throws people out into the audience, it's because of me," he said. "I started to have fun (on the stage) and (in a theater) I think every amusement park that has a splash ride that gets the patron wet owes it to me."

Gallagher was able to bring this fun indoors and to the audiences, he said, because of his attitude to the stage and in a theater. "I don't care, " he said. "Everybody else is so tight-assed. (When I started out) I didn't care."

The 56-year-old comedian will bring this no-holds-barred attitude to the Christopher Cohan Center in the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center Sunday at 7 p.m. While most audiences may know Gallagher for his watermelon-smashing antics, what most people won't see through the laughter is his serious side. A phone conversation with him, though, proves that there is much more to the man than his humor. He will comment from the stage and in a theater. "(Gallagher) is too talented of a person and comedian that I think he can come up with other ways to get the same effects of audience participation. It would be a good challenge for him."

"No matter which end of the social spectrum the San Luis Obispo crowd will fall on, though, Gallagher can assure one thing: A good time will be had by all. "It's intoxicating, like a six-pack," he said. "Tell the truth. None of my jokes are hysterical or lies."

Gallagher comedian

Back in the day with Merv Griffin.

"I think every rock 'n' roll band that has a mod pig and throws people out into the audience, it's because of me," he said. "I started to have fun (on the stage) and (in a theater) I think every amusement park that has a splash ride that gets the patron wet owes it to me."

Gallagher was able to bring this fun indoors and to the audiences, he said, because of his attitude to the stage and in a theater. "I don't care, " he said. "Everybody else is so tight-assed. (When I started out) I didn't care."

The 56-year-old comedian will bring this no-holds-barred attitude to the Christopher Cohan Center in the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center Sunday at 7 p.m. While most audiences may know Gallagher for his watermelon-smashing antics, what most people won't see through the laughter is his serious side. A phone conversation with him, though, proves that there is much more to the man than his humor. He will comment from the stage and in a theater. "(Gallagher) is too talented of a person and comedian that I think he can come up with other ways to get the same effects of audience participation. It would be a good challenge for him."

"No matter which end of the social spectrum the San Luis Obispo crowd will fall on, though, Gallagher can assure one thing: A good time will be had by all. "It's intoxicating, like a six-pack," he said. "Tell the truth. None of my jokes are hysterical or lies."

Gallagher comedian

Back in the day with Merv Griffin.

"I think every rock 'n' roll band that has a mod pig and throws people out into the audience, it's because of me," he said. "I started to have fun (on the stage) and (in a theater) I think every amusement park that has a splash ride that gets the patron wet owes it to me."

Gallagher was able to bring this fun indoors and to the audiences, he said, because of his attitude to the stage and in a theater. "I don't care, " he said. "Everybody else is so tight-assed. (When I started out) I didn't care."

The 56-year-old comedian will bring this no-holds-barred attitude to the Christopher Cohan Center in the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center Sunday at 7 p.m. While most audiences may know Gallagher for his watermelon-smashing antics, what most people won't see through the laughter is his serious side. A phone conversation with him, though, proves that there is much more to the man than his humor. He will comment from the stage and in a theater. "(Gallagher) is too talented of a person and comedian that I think he can come up with other ways to get the same effects of audience participation. It would be a good challenge for him."

"No matter which end of the social spectrum the San Luis Obispo crowd will fall on, though, Gallagher can assure one thing: A good time will be had by all. "It's intoxicating, like a six-pack," he said. "Tell the truth. None of my jokes are hysterical or lies."

Gallagher comedian

Back in the day with Merv Griffin.

"I think every rock 'n' roll band that has a mod pig and throws people out into the audience, it's because of me," he said. "I started to have fun (on the stage) and (in a theater) I think every amusement park that has a splash ride that gets the patron wet owes it to me."

Gallagher was able to bring this fun indoors and to the audiences, he said, because of his attitude to the stage and in a theater. "I don't care, " he said. "Everybody else is so tight-assed. (When I started out) I didn't care."

The 56-year-old comedian will bring this no-holds-barred attitude to the Christopher Cohan Center in the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center Sunday at 7 p.m. While most audiences may know Gallagher for his watermelon-smashing antics, what most people won't see through the laughter is his serious side. A phone conversation with him, though, proves that there is much more to the man than his humor. He will comment from the stage and in a theater. "(Gallagher) is too talented of a person and comedian that I think he can come up with other ways to get the same effects of audience participation. It would be a good challenge for him."

"No matter which end of the social spectrum the San Luis Obispo crowd will fall on, though, Gallagher can assure one thing: A good time will be had by all. "It's intoxicating, like a six-pack," he said. "Tell the truth. None of my jokes are hysterical or lies."

Gallagher comedian

Back in the day with Merv Griffin.

"I think every rock 'n' roll band that has a mod pig and throws people out into the audience, it's because of me," he said. "I started to have fun (on the stage) and (in a theater) I think every amusement park that has a splash ride that gets the patron wet owes it to me."

Gallagher was able to bring this fun indoors and to the audiences, he said, because of his attitude to the stage and in a theater. "I don't care, " he said. "Everybody else is so tight-assed. (When I started out) I didn't care."

The 56-year-old comedian will bring this no-holds-barred attitude to the Christopher Cohan Center in the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center Sunday at 7 p.m. While most audiences may know Gallagher for his watermelon-smashing antics, what most people won't see through the laughter is his serious side. A phone conversation with him, though, proves that there is much more to the man than his humor. He will comment from the stage and in a theater. "(Gallagher) is too talented of a person and comedian that I think he can come up with other ways to get the same effects of audience participation. It would be a good challenge for him."

"No matter which end of the social spectrum the San Luis Obispo crowd will fall on, though, Gallagher can assure one thing: A good time will be had by all. "It's intoxicating, like a six-pack," he said. "Tell the truth. None of my jokes are hysterical or lies."

Gallagher comedian

Back in the day with Merv Griffin.
Children find 'Jungle Book 2' fun despite tigers and snakes

By Alexa Ratcliffe

It wouldn't be a Disney film without singing and dancing forest creatures. The crew busts some moves in the jungle.

Kevin Spacey plays David Gale, a man on death row who tells his story through a series of flashbacks.

The film critic, 5-year-old Caroline Burke, asks, "Why would young kids and college kids like this movie?"

"College students will like it because sometimes the (characters) say crazy and funny words," Caroline Burke says.

"I would have to cross the river because I would know that I wasn't supposed to and that it is scary out there and tigers can scratch you," Burke says.

"College students will like it because it is sometimes they (the characters) say crazy and funny words. They will also like the film because it is hilarious and funny," Burke says.

"I'd have to cross the river because it looked pretty funny. When Baloo walks in, they all say 'Baloo's in the house.'" Burke says.

"Why would young kids and college kids like this movie?"

"College kids will like it because it is funny. College kids will like it because sometimes they say crazy and funny words. They will also like the song 'I Wanna Be Like You' by Smashmouth," Burke says.

The original movie is based on the novel by Rudyard Kipling, which tells the story of a young boy, Mowgli, raised by wolves and then forced to live in the "man village." The movie follows him through his adjustments to his new life and his adventures with friend Baloo, who tries to teach him the "bare necessities of life."

I asked 8-year-old Matthew Burke and 5-year-old Caroline Burke a few questions about the movie that they both agreed was "hilarious.""}

Kevin Spacey plays David Gale, a man on death row who tells his story through a series of flashbacks.

Every time the end of the film seems near, the director throws a curve ball when a heater seems logical.

Leave him and he ultimately lands on death row. Gale reaches rock bottom when he brutally snags a Texas street, bottle of scotch in hand, rambling on about Greek philosophy. The city's bar hoppers and club-drunk are freaked out to say the least, and attempt to ignore him as if he were a bum asking for help. Bloom, who initially believes Gale is anything but innocent, starts to think otherwise when she finds a video tape hanging from the ceiling of his motel room that shows the shocking death of Hartway. The video, however, does not show the murderer. At this point, Bloom puts on her Sherlock Holmes hat and attempts to piece together the murder mystery.

With this, Parker seemed to go a little overboard. Instead of alerting the police, a magazine reporter is expected to do the work of a bona fide detective. That's just one example of the film's distorted images of reality.

Other such questionable aspects included college professors partying with students, students being upset when their philosophy class ended and a rental car breaking down at a crucial point in the movie.

Besides faults with the minor details, "The Life of David Gale" is a success.

Kevin Spacey's portrayal of a man whose life is figuratively sinking into quicksand is impeccable. But maybe that should be no surprise, because Spacey had a similar role in "American Beauty." Linney also delivers a believable role and the same can be said for Winslet. Although she may have overacted at times, the English-born actress flawlessly con­cealed her snobby accent. Parker, an industry stalwart for 25 years, enjoyed success with "Mississippi Burning" in 1998. Parker also directed "Angela's Ashes" in 1999. He put together the film on a relatively low budget. Instead of using special effects, he keeps the audience captivated by maintaining a believable world.

"The Life of David Gale" must have done its job if it entertains, enlightens, maintains interest and, at the same time, leaves you scratching your head.
Letters to the editor

Mardi Gras party will pay the bills

Editor,

This is in response to the e-mail sent to me by Cal Poly concerning Mardi Gras. First off, I would like to thank officers Dan Blanke and Bill Wattin for reminding me that we are under undeniable martial law, and have been since the terrroist flew a plane into a building and took away my own freedoms.

I say this in regard to the latest reality TV moneymaker. Married By America. A woman is going to marry a man she has never seen, based entirely on votes from a television audience. For the sake of ratings and excitement, this network is willing to sacrifice all of the beginning stages of a relationship and all of the prestige and honor that we all have to be married revolved around. This makes all arrangements marrying any marriage between two consenting individuals in a loving relationship moot.

More money or ratings, love should be the basis of a marriage. If marrying complete strangers is acceptable while marrying two people (of the same sex) is denied, I am obviously mistaken.

Amity Armstrong is an English senior.

War is coming, like it or not

Editor,

Much of the famous speech by Patrick Henry in 1775 applies today. He enjoined his reluctant countrymen to fight a war for the future - may we all draw inspirations from his example. "Gentlemen may cry, 'Peace, Peace' — but there is no peace. The war is actually begun!"

While on my way to a Planned Parenthood meeting, I was distracted by the sight of students lying "dead" on Dexter lawn. Now tell me please, from my far-right point of view, what exactly were you trying to convey? Were you trying to symbolically enact the death of 3,000 American lives in the wars of Sept. 11 or were you enacting the needless end to thousands of lives under the oppression of the Iraqi government? Maybe the sit-in was to demonstrate the immediate threat Saddam poses to American civilians with nuclear capability.

More than money or ratings, love should be the basis of a marriage. If marrying complete strangers is acceptable while marrying two people (of the same sex) is denied, I am obviously mistaken.

Kelly Turbin is a computer engineering junior.

Letter policy

Mustang Daily reserves the right to edit letters for grammar, profanity and length. Please limit length to 250 words. Letters should include the writer's full name, phone number, major and class standing.

By mail: Letters to the Editor Building 26, Room 226 Cal Poly San Luis Obispo CA 93407 By fax: (805) 756-6794 By e-mail: mustangdaily@calpoly.edu

Attention: Your letter will not be printed unless you submit it in the correct format.

TV show problem in marriage controversy

Editor,

As graduation approaches, everywhere I look I see shiny new diamonds adorning the left hands of dream-eyed girls. Assuming they have found true love, I feel nothing but joy that they have decided to marry the loves of their lives.

But there is a dark cloud over some couples. Those who happen to be of the same sex. Some see homosexuals as the new marriage, and for that reason it is fine, but others do want to have a ceremony to celebrate their love with their families and friends. And just cause of the workers.

In solidarity with our sisters and brothers of fellow, M.E.ChA. de Cal Poly has decided to support the campaign against Taco Bell and the negligent growers. Throughout this week, M.E.ChA. members will wear red bandannas on our left arm (to signify the union of our hearts with those of the farm workers). On Friday, many members will travel to Taco Bell's corporate headquarters in Irvine to join a planned protest against the corporation and in support of the noble and just cause of the workers.

We ask that anyone interested in supporting this campaign also wear a red bandanna on his or her left arm.

Victor Roy is a crop science senior and president of M.E.ChA. de Cal Poly.

The system will be able to search "vast amounts" of data, such as movie rentals to hotel reservations, for patterns that could indicate terrorist activity.

Law enforcement officials have yet to specify what kind of information they will request. They said courts will determine whether the government will be able to seize information, even probable cause.

Eric Cook is a computer science senior.

Christians have freedom of speech too

Editor,

I did not read Jonathan Donoh’s letter, but I support him from what I read in “Christian groups need to stop school preaching” (Feb. 24). If don’t want to believe that Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with your Creator (assuming you believe in a creator), then you have every right not to believe. Free will is a God-given human right.

On the other hand, no one has the right to “shut-up” Christians or insult ANYONE for any reason. I am a Christian, and I don’t “scare” people away from the faith with Christ (I don’t think it works in the long-term anyways) but I don’t stop telling other people about the joy in life I have because of Jesus.

— John Reitz

Maurice Reitz is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Terrorist activity.

The T.I.A. system’s official seal features a pyramid topped with a sphinx and the motto is “Scientia Est Potentia,” which does not mean “science has nuclear capability.”

Smith goes on to list the names, addresses and phone numbers of his house with detailed driving directions of how to get John, ask why he needs our tollxixth records.

Eric Cook is a computer science senior.

Sand kinky? OK, get this ...

The system will be able to search "vast amounts" of data, such as movie rentals to hotel reservations, for patterns that could indicate terrorist activity.

Law enforcement officials have yet to specify what kind of information they will request. They said courts will determine whether the government will be able to seize information, even probable cause.

Eric Cook is a computer science senior.

Christians have freedom of speech too

Editor,

I did not read Jonathan Donoh’s letter, but I support him from what I read in “Christian groups need to stop school preaching” (Feb. 24). If don’t want to believe that Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with your Creator (assuming you believe in a creator), then you have every right not to believe. Free will is a God-given human right.

On the other hand, no one has the right to “shut-up” Christians or insult ANYONE for any reason. I am a Christian, and I don’t “scare” people away from the faith with Christ (I don’t think it works in the long-term anyways) but I don’t stop telling other people about the joy in life I have because of Jesus.

— John Reitz

Maurice Reitz is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Terrorist activity.

The T.I.A. system’s official seal features a pyramid topped with a sphinx and the motto is “Scientia Est Potentia,” which does not mean “science has nuclear capability.”

Smith goes on to list the names, addresses and phone numbers of his house with detailed driving directions of how to get John, ask why he needs our tollxixth records.

Eric Cook is a computer science senior.

Christians have freedom of speech too

Editor,

I did not read Jonathan Donoh’s letter, but I support him from what I read in “Christian groups need to stop school preaching” (Feb. 24). If don’t want to believe that Jesus is the only way to have a relationship with your Creator (assuming you believe in a creator), then you have every right not to believe. Free will is a God-given human right.

On the other hand, no one has the right to “shut-up” Christians or insult ANYONE for any reason. I am a Christian, and I don’t “scare” people away from the faith with Christ (I don’t think it works in the long-term anyways) but I don’t stop telling other people about the joy in life I have because of Jesus.

— John Reitz

Maurice Reitz is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.
Swine unit grows after donation

BY STACEY DORNING
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

One of the pigs donated by swine farmer and Cal Poly father Ron Sakugawa eats at the Cal Poly Swine Unit.

Thanks to three pigs new to the Cal Poly Swine Unit will get a much-needed boost in population size.

In November, Ron Sakugawa, farmer of animal science sophomore Jaime Sakugawa, helped improve Cal Poly's swine herd. In response to his request, Ron said he would do whatever it took to help because of his enthusiasm for Cal Poly.

"He is so impressed by the agricultural opportunities that Cal Poly has to offer," Jaime said. "It's just a pride of Cal Poly."

The donation was arranged between Ron and Modesto Junior College.

The donation was a much-needed addition to Cal Poly's swine unit.

"We needed to improve the quality of our pigs and build our herd size," he said.

The three donated pigs were gilts, which are swine that have never been bred. Now that they are unmated, the pigs are set to have their first litter when they are a year old.

The swine have a 14- to 16-week gestation and are expected to have at least 10 to 11 pigs in their litters, Gardner said.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Graphic Arts Building, Room 226 Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407 (805) 756-1143
Cal Poly Swimming

**Peterson shatters mark**

- Junior sets Mustang mark in 200 IM and 400 medley relay at Big West

**LONGBEACH** — The Cal Poly men's and women's swim teams competed Wednesday in the first day of the Big West Swimming and Diving Championships at Belmont Plaza in Long Beach. Both the men's and women's teams finished the day in fourth place behind University of the Pacific, UC Santa Barbara and UC Irvine, finishing ahead of CS Northridge.

Ben Palmer led the men's team with a second-place finish in the 200 individual medley with a time of 1:51.05, which is also a personal best. Palmer turned in another personal-best time of 11.36 in the 50 freestyle and was the second leg of the third-place relay team of Jason Tafts, Palmer, Trevor Cardinal and Nick Boorman, which turned in a time of 3:26.73, another season-best time for the Mustangs. Boorman took sixth place in the 50 freestyle with a personal-best time of 22.90. In another season-best finish, Boorman, Palmer, George Olveda and Tufts took fourth place in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:25.17.

For the women, Stacy Peterson broke the school record in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:05.88; the previous record of 2:06.15 was set in 1994. In another school record set on the day, Peterson led Megan LaPlante, Mary Thomas and Marie Westcoat to a third-place finish in the 400 medley relay with a time of 3:53.27. Thomas turned in a 10th-place finish for the Mustangs in the 200 individual medley relay with a time of 2:06.60, while Jen Demers took ninth-place and set a personal record in the 50 freestyle with a time of 24.20.

**Cal Poly Baseball**

**Familiar foes loom for Mustangs**

- Two former Cal Poly coaches now guide Santa Clara University, Mustangs' weekend opponent

**TRIVIA**

- In the movie "Major League," Rudy Ruemer's application to Notre Dame is initially rejected. What does he do to raise his grades?

**STATS**

- Did you know? Sports on other college campuses

- Florida State offers intramural Go-Kart racing.

- Mississippi State has a degree program in sports-turf management.

- The University of Toledo has a school-wide football video game tournament.