Lectures address responsibility

By Anastasia Kilham
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The pros and cons of globalization will be debated at an upcoming forum that will consist of a lecture, question and answer session and a marketplace of sustainable opportunities. The event will be held at the Chumash Auditorium at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

"This is a part of education, the education of the heart," Sister Mary Pat White.

The keynote speaker is Marie Dennis, director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns and vice president of Pax Christi International. Pax Christi International is a non-profit, non-governmental international Catholic peace movement and Maryknoll is a Catholic mission movement based in the United States that works in various ways to improve human existence.

Dennis has worked and traveled extensively in a number of third-world countries. She has lived on an organic farm for many years and has been arrested numerous times for nonviolent acts of conscience.

An hour before and after Dennis' lecture, attendees will have an opportunity to browse through the "Marketplace for Responsible Action," which is intended to provide people with ways to choose a more conscientious lifestyle.

The idea is to raise awareness about issues that are increasingly relevant considering the effects of globalization, said Sister Mary Pat White, associate director of the Newman Catholic Center.

"This is a part of education, the education of the heart," she said. "It is important for us to reach beyond our personal needs." The "Marketplace for Responsible Action" will feature displays from organizations, which ultimately strive to achieve better development.

At the marketplace, "people can see direct ways to make a difference," White said.

It will provide detailed information about existing groups that prioritize projects that promote sustainable development.

Representatives from campus and local businesses, including the Cal Poly Sustainable Agriculture Club and Guanyi, will be set up at the market. These two organizations promote agricultural development that can be maintained over time and are essentially non-destructive.

The SUST Club is directly involved in promotion and organization of the Cal Poly organic farm, which produces food for local consumption through its Community Supported Agriculture program.

Terry Hooker, the Cal Poly Organic Farm manager, said that globalization has a direct effect on agriculture, especially in terms of community access to high-quality food. "It is a wonderful thing to be able to live more prosperously, but it all boils down to how we do it," Hooker said.

The lecture and marketplace are intended to inspire a sense of community responsibility along with an outlet for students to take action.

"Cal Poly has some amazing opportunities," Hooker said. "We have the resources and people who are capable of doing wonderful things."
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News

**Exxon case still making progress**

By Rachel D'Oro

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - Roland Mau might be excused for being a bit skeptical about a federal judge's order that Exxon Mobil Corp. pay nearly $7 billion in punitive damages and interest for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Mau, a fisherman whose livelihood was hurt by the spill, and thousands of other Alaskans have waited so long for resolution that this week's ruling seems like just another chapter in a convoluted case, particularly with Exxon planning to appeal.

Plaintiffs, like legal experts, said Thursday that it's long past time to make some real progress although no one expects that to happen soon.

"The mood among fishermen is let's get this thing to the U.S. Supreme Court and get it settled," said Mau, executive director of the United Cook Inlet Drift Association, which represents 550 salmon fishing outfits.

In the ruling issued Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Russell Holland ordered Exxon to pay $4.5 billion in punitive damages to 32,000 fishermen, Alaska Natives and others affected by the nearly 11 million gallon spill in Prince William Sound.

The judge also imposed interest estimated at about $2.25 billion.

Exxon has already spent $3.2 billion on cleanup, settlements and other fees and penalties.

Wednesday's order is the latest ruling in a case that's bounced between the federal court and the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals since Exxon appealed a $5 billion verdict delivered by a federal jury in 1994.

The appellate court, citing the original verdict as excessive, has twice sent the case back to Holland most recently in August after the U.S. Supreme Court found that a $543 million punitive damage award against State Farm Insurance was excessive.

Holland's resulting order sparked hope and frustration among plaintiffs and incredulity among lawyers who specialize in punitive damages litigation.

Among plaintiffs closely watching the case is Gary Kompkoff, chief of the Native village of Tatitlek.

The village is about seven miles from Bligh Reef, where the Exxon Valdez ran aground March 24, 1989.

Plaintiffs argue that Exxon knew that tanker Captain Joe Hazelwood was a relapsed alcoholic but still allowed him to take charge of the vessel.

The crude oil contaminated more than 1,200 miles of shoreline and killed thousands of seabirds and marine populations.

Kompkoff said that robbery scores of Alaska Natives of critical food sources such as herring, sea lions and ducks are necessary to maintain their subsistence lifestyle.

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**ATASCADERO STATE HOSPITAL**

**Judge orders release of sexual predator**

- **Man is graduate of state's treatment program for sexually violent predators**
  - By Kim Curtis
  - SACRAMENTO - A judge ordered the release Thursday of the second graduate of the state's treatment program for sexually violent predators after housing was found for him in an undisclosed location.
  - Gary Verse, 33, who was convicted in 1992 of sexually assaulting two teen boys and a homeless man, will be released from Atascadero State Hospital by Feb. 5, according to Department of Mental Health spokeswoman Nora Ramos.
  - Verse's lawyer, Ron Boyer, announced Wednesday in court that a consultant he hired had found a place for Verse to live.
  - The judge ordered that no details be entered in the state's worst repeat rapists and child molesters for mandatory treatment.

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**'Redskin' mascot banned**

SACRAMENTO (AP) - At least five California middle and high schools will have to drop "Redskins" as their school mascots if a bill passed Thursday by the state Assembly becomes law.

The Assembly passed the bill 43-29 after a lengthy, passionate debate about Native American-related mascots that are common throughout California and the nation.

If passed by the Senate and signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the ban would begin in January 2006 and make California the first state to issue such a ban for all its public elementary, middle and high schools.

The move was a compromise to pass a bill that originally called to ban eight numbers of mascots for sports teams and school spirit, including Indians, Braves, Chiefs, Apaches, Comanches, Poposos and Warriors.

Schools in Tulare, Orange, Calaveras, Citrus and Chula Vista use "Redskins" as school mascots.

State officials estimate the change will cost schools about $125,000.

"The California Department of Motor Vehicles won't issue this as a personal license plate because it's derogatory," yet we allow California high school students to wear this on their sweat shirts and uniforms," said Assemblywoman Christy Locke, D-Los Angeles, who authored the bill.

The Senate's vote came more than a year Goldberg's first attempt to ban the names at public schools, community colleges and state universities failed in the Assembly.
LOUISVILLE — Amnesty International unveiled a mural Thursday honoring hundreds of missing and murdered women in Juearsa, Mexico, as part of a growing effort to force police to put an end to the crimes.

Organizers hope the mural conceived and painted by graffiti artists will boost interest in a Valentine's Day march in Juarez led by Hollywood activists to protest the slayings.

Jane Fondra, Sally Field and Christine Lahti are among the actresses who have agreed to attend the march south of the border near El Paso, Texas.

The march is co-sponsored by Amnesty International and the nonprofit V-Day Foundation, led by playwright Eve Ensler, author of the "Vagina Monologues." The foundation combats worldwide violence against women.

NORTHGLEN, Colo. — With another year of drought looming, officials charged with managing Colorado's tight water supply met Thursday to find ways to share the increasingly rare commodity.

Meeting at the Colorado Water Congress annual gathering at this Denver suburb are one-time foes who have been forced to work together to find solutions to the "dry water" issue.

Compounding the below-average waterpack and threadless rivers and reservoirs is the fact that Colorado voters this fall rejected a statewide referendum raising $3 billion in bonds for such projects.

WASHINGTON — Relatives of Sept. 11 victims asked Thursday that the deadline for a commission investigating the attacks to produce a final report be extended to next January to limit the influence of election-year politics.

The commission is scheduled to finish its work on May 27. Put panel members this week asked Congress for a two-month extension, citing a need for all available documents about the attack.

The relatives' organization, Voices of Sept. 11, said even more time is necessary.

WASHINGTON — The staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission will recommend that the agency ban mutual fund companies from making special payments to brokers for steering clients toward certain funds, an SEC official said Thursday.

The recommendation goes beyond a recent SEC proposal to require that fund companies disclose such special arrangements to investors because they create a conflict of interest. An investigation by the agency found that the practice was rampant in the mutual fund industry and frequently undisclosed — prompting officials to express outrage.

Investors can be hurt by the practice by being pushed into high-cost or more poorly performing funds because brokers are rewarded for doing so, not because the funds are suitable for the investors.

— Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The commander of U.S. forces in Iraq warned Thursday that Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network was trying to gain a foothold here, citing the arrest of an operative who reported directly to one of the Sept. 11 masterminds.

U.S. military officials have generally played down the role of foreign or al Qaeda fighters, but Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez indicated that idea may be changing with the arrest of Hassan Ghul, a top al Qaeda operative.

Ghul was arrested by U.S.-allied Kurdish forces while trying to enter Iraq from Iran. Officials in Washington reported his arrest Saturday, describing him as a senior recruiter for al Qaeda who reported directly to Khalid Sheihd Mohammed, one of the architects of the Sept. 11 terrorism attacks who was captured in March.

KABUL, Afghanistan — An explosion at a weapons cache in killed seven U.S. soldiers and wounded three more Thursday, in one of the deadliest incidents since U.S. forces deployed in Afghanistan. The U.S. Central Command also said an American soldier was missing.

An Afghan interpreter also was wounded by the blast, near the city of Ghazni, 60 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul. The soldiers were working around a weapons cache when the blast happened.

Command spokesman Capt. Bruce Fitzmier said the cause had yet to be determined in the blast, among the most devastating blows to American troops since they deployed in Afghanistan more than two years ago.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Thirteen Mexican state police have been arrested in the killings of 11 people found buried around a safe house for drug traffickers near the U.S. border, a federal official said Thursday.

Federal Attorney General Rafael Macedo de la Concha also said at least four other officers, including a state commander, were on the run.

The commander, Miguel Angel Lopez, has not shown up for work since Monday, said state police spokesman Mario Cordero.

The officers were arrested in northern Mexico and brought to Mexico City.

The 11 victims apparently were bound, gagged and suffocated or shot by suspected drug traffickers, then buried in shallow graves at a house in Ciudad Juarez in connection to the Vicente Carrillo drug gang.

LONDON — The chief of the BBC stepped down Thursday as the badly rattled broadcaster struggled to respond to harsh criticism from a judge who rejected its report that the government "sewed up" intelligence on Iraq.

The resignation of British Broadcasting Corp. director-general Greg Dyke came amid a series of events that could lead to a $21 million infringement and fine if not the taking of digital data.

"The field it would play would be digital cameras, like flash cards," said Steve Mollett, co-founder of the paper and a former postdoctoral researcher at Princeton.

The technology is based on a newly discovered property of PE1X'T, a common polymer plastic that has long been used as a coating on photographic film, according to the university press release on the research.

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Last Thursday the Senate approved the first federally funded educational voucher program which will enable some poor public school students in Washington, D.C. to attend private schools (a $21 million budget deficit and the recent abrupt resignation of the superintendent. To add to the problem, school officials said this month there will be 271 job cuts, 54% of them teaching positions. All these factors create an unsettling learning environment.

D.C. students continue to perform poorly on national assessment tests. Enrollment in public schools has dropped nearly 16 percent during 1998. During that period, 10,147 students enrolled in 26 nonpublic schools.

The voucher bill that the Senate passed allows parents who recognize a poor education environment to find a better learning alternative for their children. Because taxes fund education, it is unfair that parents should have to pay taxes in addition to tuition for private education.

President Bill Clinton signed the Washington D.C. as a test case. The five-year plan will allocate $13 million to allow poor children to attend private schools. An extra $13 million in federal funds will be given to D.C. public schools.

The Senate's decision to approve the school voucher program is good for education. Other school districts should follow suit.

So many children fall into districts that do not promote adequate learning. If schools receiving government funding to educate the children cannot do this, then that funding needs to be questioned.

Poverty and violence have long been prevalent in the D.C. area and the lack of education adds to it. As of now, 75% of the city's adults read below a ninth-grade level. Education is important as it is the future of our country.

Taxes pay for education. If that education system is not adequate, then parents should have the option to send their child to a private school that can provide a better learning environment.

Rachel Musquiz is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Opinion

Mom and Dad don't always know best

College is the beginning of independence for most young adults. They move out of their parents' house and start making decisions on their own.

Some parents want to eliminate independence from the college experience.

Commentary

The voucher bill that the Senate passed allows parents who recognize a poor education environment to find a better learning alternative for their children.

Groups such as College Parents of America are trying to become more involved in the lives of their college-age children, according to CNN.com. These parents say they are spending so much money on their children's education that they deserve the right to have a grip on their children's future.

Early in their college careers, students often make mistakes without the guidance of their parents, but this is normal and necessary for growth.

If students are not allowed to branch out and be at least somewhat independent during their college years, they will enter the real world without the skills necessary to survive.

So many lessons during college are not learned in the classroom; they are experiences. Dealing with problems independently, without calling mommy and daddy, is necessary for student's success in the professional world and life in general.

As much as it may be hard for parents, they need to let their children fail.

Parents like this need to get a hobby. The parents who are unable to let go are the ones who have spent their lives being involved in their children's activities. When a son or daughter leaves home, a parent's life is suddenly left with empty spaces. Instead of continuing to define their lives — their joy, their purpose, their fulfillment — through their children, these parents need to find something that they enjoy doing.

Families still need to stay close. But there is a difference between a phone call every now and then and a parent who expects a daily update from their child and visits every other weekend.

These parents do not realize they are hindering their own growth as well as the growth of their child. When their child goes away to college, it may be the first time in almost 20 years that the parents have time to themselves. Instead of continuing to focus their efforts on their grown children, they should begin to do things that make them happy.

Campus issues should be left up to the people on the campus. Many parents think that because they went to college, they know everything about it. What they are forgetting is that times have changed from when they were students. Parents may have good intentions, but they are often not able to decide what is best on their child's campus.

While parental advice can be valuable, it should not be forced upon school policy. Parents need to take a step back and realize that they are there to support their children, not to run their lives.

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“l've been arrested by Disney cops.”
Popular majority is entrusted with an ethical responsibility

E veryone needs to understand that affirmative action is not a case of panacea and reverse discrimination against whites. Affirmative action is essential in order to change the way this system is carried out. White males continue to be the majority in this county. Any majority (in the political sense) automatically enjoys extreme preferential treatment without being a conscious decision.

Commentary

Radical steps must be taken by this majority, along with the rest of society, in order to balance the inherent disadvantage that minority groups in America have. Denying these disadvantages is ridiculous and naive.

It is the responsibility of the majority group given that in a democracy the majority assumes political power to create an even playing field. Regardless, it is not their responsibility because they did not create the inequalities. So, the question at hand should not be: "What is the majority have the responsibility to help minorities?" This is a given.

The more important question should be: "How should we help minorities?"

Affirmative action is usually seen as the moral solution. But, what is the white-male power group to do when the less politically powerful don't want preferential treatment? Is it then morally acceptable to assume they know what is right for minorities, when assistance from the already advanced groups is undesirable?

This assumption maintains stereotypes like the idea that it is normal and best for the minority groups to remain subservient to the power elite. These types of assumptions are often dangerous.

Another question I have is: "What happens when affirmative action is removed?"

Many believe the status of minorities may return to its pre-1964 status to such an extent that the majority can do to help them.

I would propose that instead of putting affirmative efforts into the university and occupational levels, maybe we should start sooner.

Equal opportunity, confidence and self-reliance are best achieved if they are promoted early on in life. Some options are: helping minorities with small children, bringing optimum quality education to schools populated by minority children and providing acceptable childcare to mothers in the workforce. Perhaps these would bring a better, greater, more concrete and long-term solution to the question of helping minorities.

It seems to me that affirmative action at the university and career level is a quick, insistent solution. But, what is the white-male power group to do when the less politically powerful don't want preferred treatment?

Affirmative action is usually seen as the moral solution. But, what is the white-male power group to do when the less politically powerful don't want preferred treatment?

Mustang Daily

Letter to the editor

Protect local coastlines

Editor,

The Board of Supervisors, led by Mike Ryan, maintains that local control is best for this county. They claim that a great deal of coastal protection has occurred in recent years and we don't need the Coastal Commission.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Yes, we have protected a lot of the county's coast in recent years but with the help of the Board of Supervisors, the Coastal Commission.

The Board of Supervisors, led by Mike Ryan, whose actions are said to benefit the public, who do you really think is right for the county, are not friends of our coastline.

Doug Buckmaster is a Cambria resident.

Life enhancing Poly club

Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to share my experiences with my students at Poly and inform everyone of an incredible new opportunity to get involved and meet fellow students, faculty and support groups.

Recently, ACC successfully acquired Sea West Ranch, some 746 acres with more than three miles of coastline. The Trust for Public Lands successfully purchased Estero Bay Properties just north of Cayucos a few years ago, effectively protecting more than four miles of coastline, stopping development.

If the Hearst Ranch conservation negotiations are successful, another 18 or more miles of coastline will be preserved.

The Supervisors, led by Mike Ryan of the Board of Supervisors, who do you really think is right for the county, are not friends of our coastline.

Adam Serafin is a business sophomore.

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W hat is it that makes us pick our presidents? Is it their political beliefs, religious or moral convictions or promises of better schools, balanced budget, etc. Are we influenced by how they speak and their prior political endeavors? These do play a role, but it has become more and more clear that personality has the largest influence on our voting choices.

On the campaign trail, shows of emotion are always deeply scrutinized by the press. A recent article in The New York Times looks at how voters react to presidential candidates who have lost elections.

Commentary

It is the responsibility of the majority group given that in a democracy the majority assumes political power to create an even playing field. In the past.

Way back in 1972, Democratic presidential candidate Edmund Muskie broke down in tears while defending his wife against editorial attacks, a display which many thought lost him the campaign.

Most recently, the media has latched onto Howard Dean's kooky speech after the Iowa caucuses. After finishing a disappointing third, the Democratic candidate seemed awfully excitable and, some say, psychotic. His high-decided speech, given to his supporters to boost morale for the upcoming primary elections across the country, has now been placed to death on every news and comedy show on television. It has even been said that this incident will cost him the Democratic nomination altogether.

Democratic politicians are not the only ones with personality problems. The New York Times also reported President Bush's smirk has been a constant source of concern to his consultants. Bush's lack of a reputation for warmth in face-to-face interactions, was certainly one of the factors keeping him from winning the presidency.

There are still thoughtful people out there who look deeper into prospective candidates than what their emotional signals say about their personalities, it can be hard to focus on the intrinsic information when popular media only show the superficial. Some seriously suspicious news shows spend a bulk of their time debating the personalities of political hopefuls.

Actors winning elections based on their smiles and charm don't help either. Hopefully, many of you would agree acting ability and help when it really comes down to making policies or balancing a budget. Late-night and comedy television shows constantly poke fun at the candidates and their personalities. It is the commercial until the fine print at the end. Even supposedly serious news shows spend a bulk of their time debating the personalities of political hopefuls.

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College students are placed by a variety of stresses: piles of homework, study hours and empty fridges are commonplace. Thankfully, when reading, writing and ‘mathematics become unbearable, students can venture to a number of San Luis Obispo locations to focus on a different set of ‘Rs: relaxing, recreating or just plain getting rowdy.

For sports fans of all ages, Firestone Grill provides a place to convene and a good meal at 1119 Higuera St. The hectic bar area has multiple TV screens that can be seen from almost every angle showing basketball, football and golf for a variety of fans. Firestone’s outside patio is a popular place downtown for socializing and grabbing a bite to eat when indoor tables are full.

“I usually just hang out at home or friend’s house, but when I go out I like to hang out at Firestone’s,” said journalism junior Ben Sheriff. “They have a bunch of TVs there, so you can always find a game on.”

When the weekend is near and homework can be postponed, Farmer’s Market downtown becomes the spot to be. Almost every store on Higuera has a booth in the street on Thursday evenings, offering passersby deals on fresh produce for the season, jewelry and a number of other products from 6 to 9 p.m. It is a great place to meet with friends and get a breath of fresh air after sitting in classrooms all day.

“Farmers’ is a cool place to buy cheap and fresh produce and cut flowers for our room,” psychology junior Monique Deterville said.

San Luis Obispoans looking for somewhere to go any day of the week can head to Linnaea’s Café at 1110 Garden St., which is guaranteed to have an activity for almost any taste.

Waffle night starts at 6:30 p.m. on Monday and is perfect for those who cannot wait until morning to have breakfast. Every Wednesday is open mic night, allowing undiscovered talent to showcase their skills. A variety of bands and performers are always there to entertain, making it a chill place to relax with friends or get some homework done.

Linnaea’s array of salads and fish-based coffees are enjoyable. The sound of trickling water in the outside fountain and the colorful artwork add to the atmosphere.

Mechanical engineering senior Erik Fredericks said he agrees coffee shops are an ideal place to go any time of the week.

“I love to do outdoor things,” Fredericks said, “but sometimes it’s nice to stay inside and grab a bite and a cup of coffee and talk with friends.”

When relaxation seems overrated and a little bumping and grinding feels right, SLO Brewing Co. at 1119 Garden St. is an option for people of all ages.

SLO Brew offers a variety of themed dance nights, including the new monthly Soul Invasion, Thursday’s-Coyote Ugly Night, and deep jazz nights with different DJs almost every other night.

The upstairs pool hall and restaurant is fun for hungry kids and pool hall junkies. Whether with a group of friends or just a date, a fun time will be had with a tasty burger and a pool stick in hand.

When the weather is nice and that August sun is obviously starting to fade, the beach is a guaranteed fun and crowded place to get cheap food and some relaxation.

San Luis Obispo residents are lucky to be just 10 minutes from any beach, including Pismo, Avila and Morro. Pismo Beach’s Pomeroy Street is the heart of downtown with Sylph Café, Pismo Surf Shop and the well-walked pier that overlooks Pismo waves.

On the other hand, Avila Beach is a long strip of open beach, has a small park for children and restaurants that are in walking distance from the beach. While Avila Beach waves are calmer, Morro Bay is home to an agreeably great surf spot, The Rock. For those who prefer to stay out of the water, a stretch of beach is there to relax on.

So if either the night’s assigned reading leaves just enough time to grab a waffle and a cup of coffee, or the perfect 74-degree weather makes staying inside impossible, San Luis Obispo provides a number of choices.

**Mustang memories**

**Kendra Hodges**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

Before most of us were in diapers, Cal Poly students from years past had their share of glory days painting the town red, drinking too much and doing the things Cal Poly students do.

Here is a look at Poly’s post, at the things alumni did in their hay-day and how it is similar they are to what we do today.

“There used to be three Cork ‘n Bottles,” said journalism department chair George Ramos, 1969 Cal Poly graduate. “We would go there to get our kegs.”

Wild house parties were big then, but the downtown scene was definitely not neglected.

“We would go to The Obispo a lot and then head over to McCarthy’s afterward,” Ramos said. “McCarthy’s was a big deal then.”

The Obispo was an old vaudeville theater renovated into a dance hall. The place was a common attraction to San Luis Obispo residents until it burned-down in 1975, after a fire broke out at Cheap Thrills across the street. The Obispo was located where the parking lot is on Monterey and Osos Streets.

Next to The Obispo was Sully’s, which also burned down. “Sully’s, McCarthy’s and Bull’s were known as Drunks’ Triangle,” said Cheryl Roe of the San Luis Obispo County Historical Society. “Students would go to one bar and then move on to the next before they had a chance of getting kicked out for being too intoxicated.”

Bull’s Tavern has had the longest longevity of all the downtown bars. Bull’s opened its doors in 1936 as a watering hole for local businessmen, said Dan Conners, owner of Bull’s and McCarthy’s and former linebacker for the Oakland Raiders.

Then there was Powell’s Mustang which was near the train track overpass on Monterey Street. It had cheap food and good beer and was the town billboard before SLO Brewing Co. moved in the area.

“At Powell’s, we would play pool for a quarter a game, and they had 15 kegs on tap of rarity beers,” said Steven Snide, 1973 architecture graduate. “It was sad to see it, and so many other good places, go out of business. Powell’s, the Obispo, Farley’s and Scrabby’s and Lloyd’s Hamburgers were all my favorites.”

Farley’s Jr. was a family-style 24-hour restaurant at the corner of March and Morro where the Downtown Center is now located. The meals were cheap — coffee and a generous slice of great pie were only 35 cents in the early 1970s.
Football fans prepare for Super Bowl Sunday, the greatest pseudo-holiday of them all, is approaching fast. This means that grills will be warm, the beer will be cold and televisions will be tuned into the world championship of professional football. Millions worldwide watch Super Bowl XXXVIII, each person will do their best to make sure they can view the game in the best possible environment.

“We are going to have people over at our house,” business administration senior Mike Wand said. “We will get beer, snacks and one of those big party sandwiches from Togo’s.”

Though the Super Bowl is the most-watched football game every year, this season’s matchup does draw away from the game’s annual flair. The Carolina Panthers are a relatively new team (just 10 years old) that hasn’t had a chance to make a name for itself. The New England Patriots are the best team on the losing end of a 21-point blowout.

Mike Wand business administration senior Mike Wand said, “I am looking forward to the commercials because they are really creative.”

The Super Bowl remains one of the most expensive shows on television for advertising. Year after year, large firms spend millions of dollars to grab the attention of the audience.

“I am looking forward to the game and the commercials,” recreation administration junior Keith Orndoff said. “It is funny to see big faceless corporations throw their money away.”

Regardless of who is playing and what next corporate commercial is going to make us laugh, one thing remains clear. Setting up for the game is an essential part of the viewing pleasure. Here are the top five items needed when watching the Super Bowl (in no particular order):

1. A good television. Super Bowl fans will be staring at the tube for hours on end. To make things easier on the eyes, a stable box will suffice, preferably larger than 25 inches. It possible, get in front of a television with those little extra features, like TiVo and high-definition capabilities. If not, one around has a flat panel television. They are the next best thing.

2. Comfortable seating. The Super Bowl itself is about three hours long, and the commercials add about another hour. Needless to say, it is strongly advised that your butt is well-cushioned for the show.

3. Snacks. Food is an integral part of the viewing experience. During the game, people will get hungry. Keeping a healthy supply of garbage-laden edibles will soothe any savage beast, even if the referee makes a bad call.

4. Liquid refreshments. With all of the heart-stopping nourishment, one will need a tasty beverage to wash it down in. Beer and hard alcohol are the popular choices, but not everyone is 21 or drinks alcohol. Refrigerators include them in what you are doing. Everyone gets a little more room to boogie.

5. Snacks. Another big place for students to go for a good time was the Dark Room, where Bueno Tavola is now located at 1037 E. Broom St.

“The Dark Room was the No. 1 hangout for me, said Dave Wilcox, 1985 journalism graduate. “It was a safe place for 19-year-olds to drink beer and have the fantastic Robot Burger — a guacamole and bacon-topped burger. I recall many nights dancing to live bands. The place was so jammed that a few of us would spill out onto the sidewalk or street to get a little more room to boogie.”

Even with all the hip hangouts, alumni still agree San Luis Obispo now has more places to guzzle down a beer, get your growl on and enjoy the pastrami of boister­ ous souls talking ridiculous nonsense to the person next to you, than ever before.
Hispanics divided on Bush immigration plan

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — At first blush, Hispanics generally approve of President Bush's proposal to create a guest worker program for immigrants now in the country illegally, but opposition grows once they learn the details, according to a national poll released Thursday.

Bush's proposal, which would give non-documented immigrants renewable three-year permits to work in the U.S., was big news in Hispanic communities that would be most affected by the reforms. None of the poll respondents, however, knew of Bush's plan, though nearly two-thirds said it was an election-year attempt to woo a national poll released Thursday.

"The whole Bush generation, starting younger than they were previously, is increasingly important constituencies."

The buzz Bush generated leading up to this month led 42 percent of Hispanics to tell pollsters initially that they supported the plan, with 20 percent opposed and the remainder unsure. That changed to 45-45-45, however, once respondents were informed that most immigrant workers would eventually have to return home.

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Florida-based pollster Sergio Rendixen, who conducted the poll for ethnic news organizations organized as New California Media, said that whether the program ended up being capped at six years or several more wasn't as important as the fact that immigrants would be forced to leave at some point.

He pointed out that 75 percent of respondents preferred an approach that would let undocumented immigrants earn citizenship through work — a pillar of several counterproposals that members of Congress made following Bush's announcement.

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Chinese threatened with abortion merit asylum

SAN FRANCISCO — In a ruling that could enable many more people to qualify for political asylum after receiving population control policies, a federal appeals court said Thursday that a Chinese woman who suffered through repeated forced sterilizations and abortions was not eligible for asylum.

Congress has decided to grant asylum annually to as many as 1,500 victims of forced abortions or sterilizations, as well as anyone persecuted for "other resistance to a coercive population control program.

But until Thursday's ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, no federal appellate court had addressed what Congress meant by "other resistance," and immigration judges previously denied asylum to women who hadn't actually undergone a forced abortion or sterilization.

Suk Lee's story sparked a firestorm when an immigration judge determined she was eligible for asylum. "If you keep on doing this, we will take your babies," said Judge Lynne A. Baptiste, who signed the order.

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Two days later, Li was forcibly taken to a birth control office, where two men pinned down Li, kicking and screaming, on a bench during an invasive, 20-minute gynecological exam. "If you keep on doing this, we will take you back any minute we want to give you (another) examination," they told her after finding no signs of pregnancy. Officials also threatened to have her boyfriend sterilized.

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MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly, which opened the 2004 campaign against the first of six NCAA Division I Tournament qualifiers on their schedule and dropped two of the field, including 8-2 from beyond the arc, surpassed the Mustangs 61-57 last weekend.

Game times are 2 p.m. on Friday and 3 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

The Mustangs' will play in Montana for the first time since 1999 when they played a single game on the way to a series at Nevada. Cal Poly has a 24-10 lead in the series against the Gaels, sweeping a three-game series a year ago in the Mountain West Stadium by scores of 9-1, 5-4 in 10 innings and 6-5.

The Mustang pitching rotation for the Saint Mary's series will be junior right-hander Jimmy Shull (1-0, 2.00 ERA) on Friday, junior left-hander Josh Hobson (0-1, 5.27 ERA) on Saturday and sophomore left-hander Josh Mayo and catcher Qiry Taillon, first baseman Brian Byrne (.358 with five home runs and 44 RBIs in 2003) and left-handed pitcher Kevin Tricher (1-4, 7.28 ERA in 2003) and Dane Dohrinich (4-5, 6.30 ERA in 2003) on Sunday.

Cal Poly did not score a run in the final 20 innings of the series, collecting just eight hits. The Toreros won the first two games of the series for the first time since 1995 and Cal Poly pitchers blanked 12 San Diego batters in the series. The Toreros improved their record against Cal Poly to 7-2 over the last three seasons.

Saint Mary's, which is opening its 2004 season this weekend, posted an 18-17-1 record a year ago but has a new coach in Jedd Stroo (Louisiana-Monroe '96), who posted a 162-55 record in six years as a head coach at the junior college level. The Gaels have 23 returning lettermen, including seven starting positions and four pitchers. Top returnees include sophomore infielders Brian Byrne (358 with five home runs and 44 RBIs in 2003) and Gilbert Gil (314, 26 RBIs) along with senior right-handers Kevin Tricher (1-4, 7.28 ERA in 2003) and Dane Dohrinich (4.5-6.30 ERA in 2003).

Cal Poly's batting lineup Friday will be catcher Cory Tallon, first baseman Ben Berglund, second baseman Adam Leinert, left fielder Blaine Blumhardt, third baseman Matt Guilliano, left fielder Renardo Roberts, center fielder Sam Herbert, right fielder Chalen Turje and designated hitter Billy Saul. Also seeing action this weekend will be infielder Josh Mayo and catcher Jon Marshall.
Sports

Mustangs wrestle with injury problems

By Meghan Reerslev

Cal Poly's wrestling team is experiencing first-hand the negative effects of having injured and ill athletes.

"Injuries are something that every team deals with," wrestling head coach John Azevedo said. "But that's the downside of having injured and ill athletes.

Various ailments prevented the athletes from competing. Barrios suffered a brain hemorrhage caused by a concussion received early in December at the Las Vegas Tournament. Azevedo said most concussions affect athletes for a couple of weeks, but Barrios could be out for three months.

"It's tough having to watch every­one wrestle," Barrios said. "I know that if I were competing, I would have had the potential to do well.

Cox recently tore cartilage in his rib, and Basalto sprained his shoulder in practice last week. Azevedo anticipates both athletes wrestling in the conference.

Basketball ends losing ways

By Graham Womack

Forget the disastrous last month for the Cal Poly men's basketball team or that Thursday it faced the top rebounding team in the Big West.

Once again, Shane Schilling had a huge night against the Cal State Fullerton Titans.

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Shane Schilling (F) — 23 points

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