LEED design topic for forum

By Kendra Hodges  MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

An open forum for students, staff and faculty on green building, sustainability practices and leadership in Energy and Environmental Design on Tuesday will take place at 6 p.m. in building 5, room 105. Students will have a chance to talk with guest speakers who will be participating in the first Central Coast Greenbuild conference held Wednesday and Thursday at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo.

The Central Coast Greenbuild 2004 Conference and Expo aims to bridge the gap between environmental construction and development. Local developers, construction, government planners and designers are the target of economic and sustainability education. The message will be through workshops, panels and exhibits to stimulate the sustainability's feasibility.

The conference includes talks on LEED credits, the conditions alternatives, green building material selection, government initiatives, integrated design, the truth about straw bales, LEED specifications, navigation through construction and LEED success stories. From Cal Poly professors, private design groups, nonprofits, local government agencies.

Mountainbrook Community Church, which is in the current process of developing the first commercial green building in the area, will host the two-day conference. Construction manager for Mountainbrook's new facility and church member Lori Atwater formulated the conference after seeing the value of going green and the importance it has in the community.

"I asked myself, how can I do this (build the church) in a purposeful way that would reach our community," Atwater said. One way Atwater realized was to "show people in our environmental community we care about our environment."

The Mountainbrook project is the first church to pursue LEED see GREENBUILD, page 2

Students manage, invest university money

By Meghan Reerslev  MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Check into the play money; 20 finance students are using Cal Poly Foundation and Orfalea College of Business funds to test their knowledge of stock edge of stocks and investment with the Student Managed Portfolio Project.

This senior project allows students to synthesize past finance knowledge with portfolio experience, creating a true "learn-by-doing" atmosphere that is rare for business degree programs to offer, finance associate professor and project advisor Larry Gorman said. "This project makes Cal Poly students look substantially different than the kid from Berkeley or Stanford who didn't get to participate in a project like this," he said.

SMFP started in 1992 when John Lindvall, a business professor who recently retired, approached the Foundation for funding of the project. The Foundation supplied $200,000 for students to invest. The Orfalea College of Business later kicked in a lesser amount of money. Gorman said the seed money is repaid, and students currently work to maintain the profits of the two portfolios.

The Foundation portfolio is currently worth $467,200, and the College of Business portfolio is worth $195,200. Each portfolio contains a diverse range of stocks, with companies such as Fima Insurance, Johnson & Johnson and Microsoft.

Students participating in SMFP enroll in the class for two consecutive terms. Gorman said roughly 20 students apply per term but only 10 are accepted. The class teaches all students but finance majors are usually the ones who are interested in the pre-requisites.

The success of the class was used in 2001 when the see PORTFOLIO

Primary voting today

By Spencer Marley  MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With decisions for local, state and national candidates filling the minds of most students, the ever-intangible propositions often go by the wayside.

In addition to primary candidates, Californians will have the opportunity today to cast votes on a variety of propositions dealing with the dismal deficit. As of last year, the California deficit almost met that of all other states combined.

The most relevant issue to California State University students is the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act, or Proposition 55. The bond will delegate $1.23 billion dollars to the renovation of older schools and to the construction of new classrooms at public universities. CSU campuses will receive $690 million in aid. The idea is to eliminate overcrowding in CSU. University of California campuses will receive $330 million in aid.

The California Proposition 56 allows legislation to approve or uphold Proposition 55. Proposition 56 will have a 55 percent vote instead of the two-thirds majority that is currently required, also known as a supersee ELECTIONS, page 2

Running to remember survivors

By Amy Kocot  MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Running for your life has taken on a new meaning with Wednesday's Run to Remember, a 5K night-time buddy run that starts at 7 p.m. on the Health Center lawn.

The event will raise money for Take Back the Night and April's ReMember Week, which are designed to raise awareness for survivors of sexual assault and violence.

The week's events allow a safe space for survivors to share their personal stories and remember those who have been affected by sexual assault. Events during the week include self-defense classes, dating awareness workshops and a runway show.

"The special week put on every year by the Women's Center is usually funded, but this year due to budget cuts, an event was needed to raise the money," said psychology major and junior and event organizer Becca Swanson. "Each year we are allotted a certain amount of money for ReMember Week, but last year we cleared the whole budget.

Swanson said she anticipates up to 220 participants in the 3.1-mile run, and it is open to males and females entering college. The run extends throughout campus and is an initiative designed to encourage night-time runners, especially women, to run with a buddy for safety reasons. Participants in this run, however, are free to run or walk without a buddy.

Swanson said she encourages everyone to participate in this run to show support for female survivors of sexual assault and violence.

"The event has been promoted throughout campus and San Luis Obispo," said Swanson. "We also distributed information throughout the community — in bike shops, high school cross-country see RUN, page 2
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placed second in a national portfo-
lio competition sponsored by the Refining Student Investment Strategy Symposium. The competi-
tion allowed students to showcase
their portfolios, and was judged on
growth, value, and style of manage-
ment. Gorman said a MBA team from
Purdue University edged out Cal Poly's undergraduate students for first place.

The value of the undergraduate
portfolio experience is sensed when
students interview for jobs and start
a career.

"When I was interviewing after
college, (SMPTF) was an easy point
d of conversation," Ivan Bristol, 26, Cal Poly graduate and current vice
president of a Beverly Hills Bank of
America, said. "Everyone was inter-
ested in the project and would ask me
about it.

Bristol said the class prepared
him for his career more than any of
the other business classes he was
decked in during college.

Students currently working on
the project echo Bristol's opinion of
the priceless experience. Finance
senior Jon Ensin said the class
has given him a competitive advantage
because the undergraduates do not have
the real-life practice.

"The course has been that class
has opened my eyes to the world of
finance," Ensin said. "The profits made

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majority. Fetter spoke about the
implications of Proposition 55 if
failed.

"California is in an odd posi-
tion," Fetter said. "Right now the
partisan system allows one party to
block all measures if they have at
least a third of the seats.

He went on to explain that
California is one of three states in
the nation to still follow a super-
majority system, where a majority
issue of applications for hemp and we’re

CPTV will air special live election coverage tonight
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and track teams and neighborhood
running teams.

Those who participate do not have
to be avid runners themselves,
because the main goal of the run is
to encourage support for victims
and offer methods of opening lines
of communication about experi-
ences that usually generate fear.

Propositions 57 and 58 are
joined in rare fashion that prevents
the fund's expenditures will
provide a supportive environment
for women. The goals of such
programs are to help the plant get more

Hemp
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whereas marijuana is grown for THC
content.

Other than fiber, hemp seeds and
cotton are also in products such as
vegetable and snack foods. Oregon
Weedsites hemp as an excellent
source of the essential fatty acid
linoleic, one of Omega 3, Omega 6 and Omega-9,
which are credited with aiding skin
health, joint health, insulin balance and
other functions.

"As far as hemp products go, there
ever was any innovation in it," said
freshman Artie-Afate owner Ali
Jordan-Brown. The store, located in
Hermo Inn, sells various herbs and
has seen many people support the
use of hemp.

"There are a lot of activists with-
out tie-dye shirts and dreadlocks.
Many older people use hemp as an
issue of personal freedom. It is not a
drug," she said.

According to Brown, most hemp
products are "grown outside the
United States, in regions such as
China and Western Europe.

"The rule has always been that the
seeds need to be treated so they can’t
terminate (be able to grow if planted)
.. it does not take much to get hemp
seeds to conform to the law," she
said.

Dominic Shrub, owner of The
Herbal Shop, said he noticed that
his store's sales were not
affected by the ban. "We haven’t
had any hassles. 99.9 percent of the
people we see support hemp," Shrub
said.

Both Brown and Shrub said that
they want to educate people about
hemp and help the plant get more
attention from the mainstream.

"There is so much misinformation
out there that it is difficult to let
people know the truth about hemp," he
said.

"Nutritionally, you can get the
esential fatty acids without having
to eat fish or take flaxseed oil...
industrially, a hemp shirt is four
times stronger than a cotton one.
Even growing hemp produces twice as much crop feed and a faster
recovery time than cotton," Shrub said.

Shrub cites the use of hemp in
our history to argue what he feels is
the absurdity of the ban.

"In 1973, Henry Ford produced a
used car that had hemp panels and even
ran on hemp fuel. In that same year,
hemp was prohibited until World
War II ... Even in that war, George
Bush Sr. was saved by a parachute
made of hemp," he said.

Shrub welcomes visitors to his
store, but he agrees that hemp and
its uses.

Overall, he said he is happy with
the decision from the last
decade. "Banishing hemp doesn’t make
any sense at all because there are
too many benefits ... there are literally
thousands of applications for hemp and we’re
just trying to show people the
correct information," he said.

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National Roundup

SAN FRANCISCO — A Catholic charitable organization must include birth control coverage in its health care plan for workers even though the nonprofit is morally opposed to contraception, the California Supreme Court ruled Monday.

The 6-1 ruling could reach far beyond the 183 full-time charity employees and affect thousands of workers at Catholic hospitals and other church-backed institutions throughout the state.

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REDWOOD CITY — Just days before jury selection is set to begin, attorneys in Scott Peterson's double-murder trial continue to haggle over what evidence jurors will be allowed to hear.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi has already ruled on key motions in the case, excluding a decision to allow prosecution to use evidence police gathered with electronic devices used to track Peterson after his wife disappeared. The admissibility of Peterson's phone conversations that police intercepted is still up in the air. That will be up to the judge when hearings resume Monday, though court will begin with the judge outlining two defense witnesses behind closed doors.

Peterson is charged in the deaths of his pregnant wife, Laci, and their unborn son.

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EAGLE, Colo. — Kobe Bryant's defense team leveled another blast at the woman accusing him of rape Monday, saying for the first time she had sex with someone else the night before her alleged assault.

The accusation was made in a court filing that says the 19-year-old woman's sexual history must be admitted as evidence to preserve Bryant's right to a fair trial.

The same arguments were expected to be made behind closed doors today riding in the car had minor injuries.

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BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union on Monday started imposing millions of dollars in sanctions on American goods but said it would stop the measure immediately if the U.S. Congress repeals its export tax break legislation.

The U.S. legislation was ruled illegal by the World Trade Organization and the European Union wants to impose sanctions.

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TOKYO — Thousands marked the 50th anniversary Monday of a U.S. nuclear test in the Pacific that exposed Japanese fishermen to radiation, laying flowers at the grave of one of the victims and staging a protest against atomic weapons.

About 2,100 marchers carrying photographs of Aiko Shibayama, who died six months after the March 1, 1954, bombing, walked a mile through the streets in Tokyo to a ceremony at his grave, police said.

Many of the marchers, including Japanese anti-nuclear activists and representatives from the United States and the Marshall Islands, laid red roses, Shibayama's favorite flower, at officials at the temple where his tomb is located.

PORT-OF-PRINCE, Haiti — Rebels rolled into the capital Monday and were met by hundreds of residents dancing in the streets and cheering the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

A 40-year-old woman who was a passenger in the car was killed. The hoy riding in the car had minor injuries.

Students Win with Campus Express Club

By Tonya Strickland
CAMPUS DINING STAFF WRITER

When Nathaniel Jakus, Cindy Chih and Austin Lumbard decided to add value to their Campus Express Club memberships this quarter, they became quite thankful. The decision not only gave them discounts, but deals and flexibility when spending on campus, but it also automatically entered them in a contest where they won scholarships ranging from tuition to text book credit.

"I am grateful for how this helps me in my life," said Jakus, first place winner. He received a $582 reimbursement check for Winter Quarter's instant tuition. Jakus said he made a personal agreement with himself to use his winnings wisely.

The winners did nothing out of the ordinary to win the contest, all they did was open or add value to their Campus Express Club during January. Campus Express Club is the campus value program, accessed through the PolYCard (campus ID) and is open to all Cal Poly students, faculty and staff. Join, add value or check your balance at www.cpfoundation.org/express.

After adding value to their Campus Express Club membership, they used their PolYCard to purchase food and school supplies at restaurants on campus, the Campus Market, El Corral Bookstore, most vending machines, the Health Center, for printing at Open Access labs or copies at Pony Prints in the library.

"I totally thought it was a mistake at first," said Chih, second place winner, "I just happened to use my card a couple of times for printing."

— Associated Press
PENN, Theron walk away from annual awards with Best Actor and Actress awards

By David Germain

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LOS ANGELES — They slew beasts, toppled tyrants and destroyed a ring of ultimate evil, becoming lords of the Academy Awards for their troubles.

In an all-around predictable evening at the Oscars, the bragging rights of "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" hosted the fantasy genre to a new artistic high Sunday, earning a record-tying 11 awards, taking best picture and sweeping each of its categories.

Television ratings for the show rebounded, up 17 percent from last year in Nielsen Media Research's overnight measurement of the nation's 55 largest markets. Last year, when "Chicago" won best picture, viewership was at an all-time low because of the Iraq war.

When final ratings are in, the Oscars should have a viewership of about 43.5 million, estimated Larry Hyams, AMC research chief. That should put the show on par with 2002 (41.8 million) and 2001 (42.9 million).

"Anyone you get a 17 percent gain versus a year ago, you have to be pleased," Hyams said.

Peter Jackson, who shepherded J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle-earth saga to the screen, won the best director Oscar and shared the adapted screenplay award with his two co-writers.

"I think that the fact that we had Hobbits and trolls and wizards and everything else made it hard for people to take it seriously," Jackson said backstage. "I appreciate that the academy and viewers took it seriously."

Tolkien's themes — "forgiveness, courage, faith, friendship" — are "themes that go straight to the heart," Jackson said.

All four acting front-runners won, each claiming their first Oscar. Sean Penn took the best-actor prize as a vengeful father in "Mystic River," and Charlize Theron won for best actress as serial killer Aileen Wuornos in "Monster."

Supporting-performance Oscars went to Tim Robbins as a man emotionally hamstrung by childhood trauma in "Mystic River" and Renee Zellweger as a hardly Confidentielle survivor in "Cold Mountain."

Theron joked that since everyone in New Zealand — where "Lord of the Rings" was shot — had been thanked, she had to thank everyone in her home country, South Africa.

"And my mom," said Theron, who gained 30 pounds for "Monster" and was unrecognizable behind dark contact lenses and unflattering makeup.

"You have sacrificed so much for me to be able to live here and make my dreams come true, and there are no words to describe how much I love you. And I'm not going to cry."

Penn — who has been dismissive of awards in the past but graciously accepted after skipping the Oscars the three previous times he was nominated — was taken by surprise when the audience gave him a standing ovation.

"I did arguably feel I was there to debunk the notion that it was a popularity contest," Penn said backstage. "But they took that away from me in the room."

Sofia Coppola's Oscar victory for original screenplay for "Lost in Translation" made her family the second clan of three-generation Oscar winners, joining Walter, John and Anjelica Huston. Her father is five-time winner Francis Ford Coppola, who was an executive producer on "Lost in Translation," and her grand-father, Carmine Coppola, won for musical score on "The Godfather Part II."

"I never thought my dad would be watching me get one," Coppola said. "So it's just a thrill."

Oscar voters saved the best for last on "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, showering the final installment with prizes after parts 1 and 2 won only technical or music awards.

"There's a 7-year-old kid in me that used to make films in my parents' back garden, and I never dreamt I'd be here," Jackson, 42, said backstage alongside some of his "Lord of the Rings" collaborators.

"Return of the King" also won for song, musical score, visual effects, editing, makeup, art direction, costume design and sound mixing.

Composer Howard Shore took his second Oscar for writing "Lord of the Rings" music, having won two years ago on "Fellowship of the Ring."

"Into the West," the wistful tune of farewell from "Return of the King," won the best-song Oscar. The song was written by Fran Walsh, the film's co-screenwriter; Shore; and Annie Lennox, who sings the tune.

Only a handful of fantasy films have been nominated for the top Oscar — "Fellowship of the Ring" and "Two Towers" among them — but none had won until now.

Jackson's trilogy has proven to be box office gold, with global ticket sales of $2.8 billion for the three films. "Return of the King" has topped $1 billion alone, the No. 2 box-office draw behind "Titanic" at $1.8 billion.

Jackson labored for seven years to adapt Tolkien's trilogy — first convincing Hollywood bankers to stake him to the tune of $300 million, then marshaling a cast and crew of 2,000 to shoot the three films and land them in theaters just a year apart.

The result was a 3 1/2-hour saga that seamlessly blended live action and computer animation. Real actors credibly shared the screen with flying hearts, hurling trolls and walking, talking "tree shepherds."

"I think the fact that I've ever done in my life, but ever since I was a kid, I wanted to be a filmmaker, so what better film to work on, than "The Lord of the Rings," said Jackson, whose next project is a "King Kong" remake. "It was a privilege every day. It nearly killed me, but right now it feels absolutely fine."
By Frazier Moore

NEW YORK — The game may be history, but a month after Janet Jackson's Super Bowl peep show there's still no final score for what happened at halftime.

Sure, shock jock Howard Stern has been banished from a half-dozen radio stations. V-chips, the "viewer discretion technology" that flipped big in the 1990s, are getting a new push. And bona fide "live" television may be living on borrowed time, a casualty of taped delays imposed by newly cautious broadcasters.

What's next, if anything, for Nipplegate? For many viewers, the halftime show on CBS was, at best, an instance of colossal carelessness that reflected years of media malpractice.

TV programmers routinely misjudging and ill-serving their audience. Would this flash point (or is it flash point?) spark the network bosses to mend their ways, and maybe even earn themselves a bit of audience goodwill?

They're certainly getting strong encouragement. Lawmakers are breathing down the broadcasters' necks, threatening fines and even slapping them around during hearings on Capitol Hill.

For example, Mel Karmazin, president of CBS owner Viacom Inc., got an earful from Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M., who, her voice shaking, said, "You know what you were doing. You knew that shock and indecency creates a buzz that moves market share and lines your pockets."

But David Milch (who in the past has taken heat for charges of raciness on "NYPD Blue," the police drama he created and for many years wrote) dismisses any Washington backlash as a game, a Punch and Judy Show.

"A politician doesn't want to (mess) too much with the media beast," Milch declared, "because his success or failure depends on how the beast treats him."

"But he also knows that the electorate expects him to occasionally go up and smack the beast, then beat his chest. The beast goes 'oww, owww,' then looks at him and winks."

Elsewhere in Washington, prospects for meaningful change seem even more dubious.

Though FCC chairman Michael Powell has vowed to crack down on "obscenity on the airwaves, such a mission would seem at cross purposes with the public interest," Milch declared, "because his reign of media giants, , , , , , , , , will be met with which this radio leviathan professes for meaningful change seem even more dubious."

What's next, if anything, for Nipplegate? for the FCC's - tion, "public interest" on the public airwaves, such a mission would seem at cross purposes with the public interest, especially after the current uproar, legislators say, may just be catching on to that connection."

But will a heightened understanding lead to heightened resolve to do something about it? Well, that's another story.

So while media bigwigs are being cited like never before as a factor in the media's descent into lewdness, stymied. How will Comcast, the nation's largest cable provider, fare in its campaign to acquire The Walt Disney Co., which owns ABC, ESPN, movie studios, theme parks and much more? Will the powers-that-be approve a merger of these two mammoths?

The only certainty is that, for the moment, Washington is wearing the media's and media outlets are acting courteously.

Example: The tougher program guidelines unveiled last week by Clear Channel Communications, with which this radio behemoth probably scored points among lawmakers as well as the public, especially after hearing Stern.

On the other hand, just how big a loss for Clear Channel was expunging a radio host aired on only six of its 1,200 stations, as it scrambles to remuise favor from its regulators? A cost-benefit ratio might well find Stern to be less valuable as a ratings draw than as a sacrificial lamb. Hollow gestures and diversionary tactics — look for these in part of the game that Milch is talking about. If history serves, it's not a game the public is favored to win.

By Frazier Moore

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While this article does require me to tear apart my own little bit of University of California, Santa Cruz students ripping apart a friend who I don't agree with. I still have the same amount of contempt for liberals as the aforementioned students have for real racists.

Morons on the right:
The only place to start is at the top. The president has alienated a lot of people on the right by pushing the recent Medicare bill and the immigration bill through Congress. He knows the gay marriage amendment is never going to pass, he is simply trying to cover his conservative base before the election. When the religious zealots in the Republican party get involved in politics, I always have to question why they aren't real conservatives by my standards. My political ideology is guided by the one principle: Government isn't the solution, government is the problem. A smaller, less intrusive government is the issue.

Conservatives have campaigned in favor of the past 35 years. Why really cares if gay people want to get married? It's not an issue of national security, they aren't going to raise my taxes and, for the love of God, it is not an affront to the sanctity of marriage. Definition, by definition, is a sacred when performed in a church, because then it is a sacrament. Here we are talking about marriage as a secular institution.

Morons on the left:
I hear one more say that San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom is courting for standing up gay rights in San Francisco, I am going to be equally as courageous and stand up for gun rights in Austin, Texas or Mormon seduction rights in Salt Lake City. I love that arguments the left is putting forth. The utter lack of common sense and meandering understanding of the American people outside of San Francisco is evident when I have conversations like, "in some aspects gay people today are worse off in the south, were, at least some of them are allowed to be married." Making claims that only that alienates people who might be swayed to your cause. The argument that civil unions are akin to marriage is also ridiculous. To quote Dennis Miller, "you can't defeat any arguments when the rice being thrown at your wedding is coming from a box of fine rice.

A more appropriate analogy is that gay people in America are like the bystander in the video: Ehud Barak offered Arafat 95 percent of what he wanted and he turned him down — why do you think well the Palestinians are doing.

Even though every major poll is saying that a vast majority of Americans oppose gay marriage, the polls also say that the same margings support civil unions. A legal definition that bestows the same right and responsibilities as marriage, but just calls it a different name. The American people are willing to give Democrats 95 percent of what they want, but they don't want to do it if the same people on the other side of the aisle are doing it. Why should the same people on the other side of the aisle be doing it?

There should be no significant difference in laws between a "marriage" and "civil union" because both are secular terms that are performed at a court.

When in the world should we see a larger group of people who are gay and answer the question: How do we feel secure about it?

Legal recognition of marriage only seems to lead to more problems and solve none. So let's get rid of it and move on.

Shane Lile is a computer science junior.

Unfair coverage of riot

I am very disappointed to constantly hear a one-sided attack on the "student riots" happening at Cal Poly. It is a completely unfair representation of what was going on. Nothing was ever happening about the police inciting much of the violence. When large officers fully clad in padded suits, masks and shields are armed with tear spray, pepper bullets and angry police dogs break up protests and tear gas into the streets, of course the crowd will be angry. When you throw tear gas into parties and shoot at people, they just might become aggressive.

I had friends who were hit with tear gas bullets (some in the neck and near the eye), bitten by dogs and screamed at by these officers. It was a cruel and unjust thing to treat us. I knew it was hard for the police to control such a crowd, but honestly, I created it. We were just having our one weekend when we traditionally party, we were not monsters who threw heavy objects to the police for fun. Most of us study the other eight months we are here, so it would be nice if the police would have just given us our three days and not treated us like some. Students are such a large percentage of the San Luis Obispo community, and I am outraged that nobody walks up and says: I'm a member of the side of the story should have been told.

Tonya Strickland is a journalism junior.

Letters to the editor

Editor,

To the City of San Luis Obispo: Every week we see the half of our city consist of college students — the most rebellious and non-conformists. We do respond to people telling them what to do, and they will meet anyone who is a type. People are back to doing something productive. Police are doing back to doing something productive. Police are going to stop it. It used to be Poly Rules. When you read the newspapers, you know what the streets erupt into a riot situation? Because police were colleagues doing California Boulevard and harassing people who stopped along the sidewalk.

San Luis Obispo is going to have to least one real party weekend whether the city likes it or not. You are not going to stop it. It used to be Poly Rules. After that, gone are the students. Students found a new place to party — Poly Rules. Let us have our fun once a year.

I know you're scared, but trust me, students don't break into riots on our own. Look at Halloween at University of California, Santa Barbara; it's their big yearly holiday. Everyone KNOWS from San Luis Obispo goes down there for the weekend. The city closes off Old Days Street and thousands of people walk up and down the street without hassle or problem. There are police present, but they are there on the addresses, for the safety of the crowd in case they are needed — not to harass them. Don't make us feel like criminals.

Matthew K. is a computer engineer sophomore.

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**Sports**

**Football team hits field in full gear**

- **Season-opener against Humboldt**
  - State Lumberjacks is six months away
  
  By Meghan Reesler

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  Football season is the last thing on students’ minds, but the Cal Poly football players are already back on the field.

  Feb. 15 marked the beginning of Cal Poly football’s “spring ball,” a series of 15 team practices and the Green and Gold scrimmage game.

  Team practices run from 7:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Monday through Friday, and Saturdays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. until March 10. The Green and Gold scrimmage will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. in Mustang Stadium.

  NCAA rules allocate a maximum of 15 spring football practices. Assistant football coach Dave Brown said after the formal practices conclude, the athletes will continue conditioning, strength training and practicing their skills with each other without the coaches.

  Schools start football spring training at various times but Brown said the Cal Poly football players are already back for the winter terms. Practice this is the second year the football program has started the spring practices during winter term.

  “We found it to be great starting earlier last year,” Brown said. “If an athlete is injured in winter, they have a longer period to recuperate for the fall season. It also gives an extra start on conditioning.”

  The team has learned to adapt to this year’s wet weather by moving practice into Matt Gym, although some of the practices have been cancelled. Brown said the fields are not safe after a downpour, and the team’s safety must be a priority.

  Brown said spring ball gives the football players a chance to develop football fundamentals and techniques without having to concentrate on upcoming games and competitors.

  “We get to dust off our techniques right now,” freshman red-shirt linebacker Kyle Shortwell said. “This is a way to refocus in between football seasons. It really helps to be able to play football in between the sessions and concentrate on fundamentals instead of our opponents.”

  Team members use spring practices and the scrimmage to highlight their skills and compete for starting positions.

  “It’s very intense right now,” freshman quarterback Chad Simonson said. “A lot of players will be working for their spot and will be going full speed.”

  Shortwell agreed there is a competitive nature during spring ball, but said the athletes never take “cheap shots” against teammates and remember they are team members, not opponents.

  “Anytime we go out there and compete it’s fun,” he said. “It’s kind of weird to compete against each other at first, but in order to get as good as we strive to be, we have to compete against each other in practices.”

  Simonson said the practices are competitive but also a bonding period for teammates and unity amongst the team.

  **SPRING TRAINING**

  **Guerrero’s got bat**

  By Ken Peters

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  TEMPE, Ariz. — After watching Vladimir Guerrero hit yet another ball into the hedge beyond the fence in left-center field, Anaheim coach Ron Roenicke felt compelled to defend his pitching in the batting practice session.

  “Ah, man, it’s your first day and I’m trying to make you look good,” Roenicke shouted from the mound. Guerrero sniffed from the mouth.

  Guerrero didn’t really need any help.

  Showing no signs of the back injury that limited him to 12 games with Montreal last season, Guerrero was swinging the bat smoothly and mostly making solid contact.

  “It feels good. I’ve been working on my back, so everything’s OK,” the 28-year-old Guerrero said through an interpreter.

  Guerrero signed a five-year, $70 million free-agent contract with the Angels in January.

  During the drills, manager Mike Scioscia at one point laughed and yelled at Guerrero, joking and telling him that he was supposed to be doing bunting drills.

  A career .333 hitter who averaged 37 homers over the past six seasons, Guerrero wasn’t bunting much.

  Hitting coach Mickey Hatcher took an immediate liking to the new right fielder.

  “He’s always smiling, lights up the room,” said Hatcher, himself a cheerful sort. “He’s a good, solid person.”

  “And he’s really good,” Hatcher added. “He has a great-looking swing, tremendous burst speed, and when he steps into the box, that’s when his serious side shows.”

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  “I feel I am going to get a lot better protection with Garret Anderson hitting behind me,” Guerrero said. “I haven’t really had a better hitter like him batting behind me.”

  Along with his hitting, Guerrero also is an outstanding defensive player, with one of the best arms in the majors. He considers defense very important.

  “You know you can go 0-for-4 and still help the team win,” he said.

  His new teammates obviously were glad to have Guerrero join them.

  “It’s great to see a guy of his quality in an Angels uniform,” shortstop David Eckstein said.

  **Mock 153-pounder Darrell Vasquez, 149-pounder Matt Cox and 184-pounder Ryan Halsey will wrestle in the final round at 6 p.m.**

  **Wrestling**

  Three Cal Poly wrestlers have advanced to the finals of the Pac-10 Conference Wrestling Championships at Arizona State.

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