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Entering the Ring

Today comfort will be sacrificed. Cal Poly students will be late to class, will get lost while trying to park and will be forced to wait patiently outside classrooms as crowds of parents and wide-eyed prospective students sift through the hallways territorially claimed by Poly students.

But that doesn’t matter. This is your weekend. All of the booths, specially printed club T-shirts and strawberry ice cream are for you: prospective Poly students.

This glimpse of Poly life, as laden with optimism and fun as the springtime air is thick with pollen, is your chance to decide. Next year will you be one of the students impatiently waiting to get into a class blocked by Poly Rep tours? Will you be behind the booth? On the tractors? Sitting over an open book on the fourth floor of Kennedy Library?

Only you can answer these questions. Whether your choice is Poly or another university there will be forces inherent to the new experience waiting to mold you, be it a professor directing your thoughts and beliefs or a roommate who rejects your lifestyle. How you react to these forces will determine how you will be perceived. The easy solution is to conform to the status quo and accept the stereotypes waiting for you on the other side of your decisions.

At Poly, you’ll see the Abercrombie-clad frat guy, the socially-unaware engineer and the lifted trucks of ag students. There are stereotypes that go along with every department and major, but with each stereotype comes the opportunity to break it. As a future Cal Poly student, you will become what defines these stereotypes. You have the responsibility of breaking them and creating a new reality for Cal Poly.

Stereotypes should not be honored, but the power of perception must be recognized. Your image, or how you present yourself to others, can get you hired or fired, can open doors or shut them.

The choices you make as an undergrad can impact not only your own life but also your trade or field of employment. You have the opportunity to change the world, and this won’t happen by basing who you are on the status quo.

Years ago, as we clumsily clamored up the stairs of Yosemite and Fremont Halls, with our lives packed away in moving boxes, we were oblivious to the changes before us. We were two among floors of freshman women, part of a pack moving at sunset down the sidewalks of the dorms to the Lighthouse. We faced the stereotypes of being young college women, of being animal science and journalism students. Starting with those early and formative dorm days, we pieced together identities that will propel us into life after college, just as it may be to you someday. Cal Poly is not just a name, the P is not just a letter; it is a symbol of all that we overcame and all that we became at Cal Poly.

Signed,
Abby Kingdom, managing editor
Andra Coberly, editor in chief
Cal Poly, SLO opens their doors

Christine Jolin
March 2, 2004

On any average weekend, Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo seem to have a normal, college community atmosphere. But this weekend, the city and campus will cater to the needs of an extra 40,000 people.

Friday through Sunday, the university will play host to the annual Open House and Poly Royal production "Spotlight: Cal Poly.

In addition to the weekend event, there will also be a Thursday night Farmers Market Preview put on by the committee members of Open House. Open House committee chair Rob Stornetta said:

"The Admitted Students' Preview Day on Friday gives students a welcome from Cal Poly President Warren Baker and other speakers, a chance to visit college deans and faculty or take a tour of the campus and attend Casino Night. The coordinators for this event anticipate 10,000 students and parents will attend.

The Cal Poly Showcase on Saturday, which is open to the public, begins with the Poly Royal Parade running through campus along Perimeter Road. The parade ends at Kennedy Library, where demonstrations and concession booths from more than 200 clubs will be stationed by 10:30 a.m. Such clubs include Poly Cinema, the ASI Craft Center, the Cal Poly Dance Team, the Nose Float Club, the Interfraternity Council and many more. "This year, the parade will be bigger than in the past, and we've added more booths for students to have the opportunity to check out additional clubs," Stornetta said. "It's the Saturday that draws most of the visitors into San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly." Saturday will also feature the West Coast Tractor Pull. The event, established in 1971, showcases modified farm tractors and pick-ups pulling a weight-transfer sled. It is held at the Rodeo Arena off Mt. Bishop Road at 1 p.m.

Sunday's Open House Golf Classic at the Avila Beach Golf Resort is available for play by all levels of players. Teams are encouraged to wear a costume that represents the spirit of their team and community. Following the tournament will be a lunch and awards ceremony.

Because of the crowds, the San Luis Obispo Police Department will be on full force this weekend, hoping not to have a recurrence of this year's Mardi Gras and past Poly Royal events. "We definitely going to have extra police officers on the streets," said Sgt. John Bleckner. "We are also staffing heavily at night in case of any potential problems or big parties that need to be broken up.

Cal Poly's Open House will also feature the 66th annual Poly Royal Rodeo. This event has grown to be the largest college rodeo in the United States. Inter-collegiate cowboys and cowgirls from across the West will compete in events such as bull-riding, saddle-borne riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling, barrel racing, team roping, breakaway roping and calf roping. They compete for silver buckles and all-around saddles, as well as cash prizes.

Performances will be open to all audiences at 4:30 p.m. Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $5 for students, senior citizens and children ages 5 and under and $8 for adults. Tickets may be purchased at the gate of the Cal Poly Rodeo Arena or the Athletics Ticket Office the day of the event. Cal Poly Rodeo tickets are the ticket to a greater extent and to a greater level and a positive atmosphere comes from it.

"We try to show off the best of Cal Poly, and it takes a lot of planning," said Rob Stornetta, Open House Committee Chair and ag-business sophomore. "I've put in 30-hour weeks lately, but it's definitely worth it. Open House really demonstrates the high level of student involvement on campus; the majority of students here are actively involved in clubs, often several of them, and the clubs help highlight what they do.

Prior to Open House, the campus is groomed and tidied by maintenance workers and committee members. Stornetta said flowers are planted throughout the campus and extra landscaping is done. Early Saturday morning, before the sun has risen, Open House committee members comb the campus and remove old fliers, sandwich boards and non-academic pamphlets.

"In a way to keep campus clean," Stornetta said. "We keep the events around school still present and minimize objects that will get in the way of foot traffic.

Efficient pedestrian routes will prove critical this weekend, as about 50,000 visitors are estimated to arrive. University Police will monitor traffic to minimize congestion in town and on campus when thousands of cars stream out the two Cal Poly exits, which Chief Tony Aeilts likens to "getting a gallon of water out of a milk jug.

"There isn't just one thing to manage this weekend," Aeilts said. "There is the central campus activity, there is the rodeo, there are two, three, four other activities simultaneously occurring. Our job is to connect the dots. This is a good event because people on campus work together as a greater extent and to a greater level and a positive atmosphere comes from it.

Added Sgt. Lori Hashim, "We enjoy working during Open House. We're some of the first people visitors see and talk to when they arrive. It's important to be professional and set a good example because students appreciate it and parents are set at ease." After Open House, the equally intense cleanup procedures begin. The Open House committee elects its chain from existing participants and directors are delegated. The cycle repeats for the event that is laborious, but appreciated greatly, by Cal Poly students.

"The student and staff organizers do a wonderful job and the university is lucky they put it together so well," said ASI Executive Vice President and journalism senior Olga Berdial, who will act as a member of committees on the main event stage. "It is personally one of my favorite events every year and a chance to present our college to the public. We get to show how unique and exciting we are, and that's an awesome thing!"
Open House brings the bling

Devin Kingdon
Weekly Observer

Once a year, thousands of prospective students and their parents flock to Cal Poly's Open House festivities to get a glimpse at the campus and its surroundings. It is here that they pour their money into the local economy.

According to a report entitled "The Economic Impact of California Polytechnic State University on the City and County of San Luis Obispo," Open House visitors bring in more than $3.9 million each year. The report estimates that there are about 9,000 visitors on the Friday of Open House, and 30,000 more are expected to come Saturday. Expenditures estimated in these figures include a place to stay, food, gas, souvenirs and miscellaneous items.

“We are all full for Open House weekend,” corporate sales manager for Embassy Suites Karley Pope said. "We generally see about a 13 percent increase this specific weekend compared to a regular weekend. Open House is a great opportunity for us because if we please the parents of new students, hopefully we'll be able to keep their business for the next four to five years while their kids finish school.”

The Garden Street Inn is also full Open House weekend but doesn't anticipate any drastic changes like bigger hotels in the area.

“We usually are pretty booked on weekends in general,” innkeeper Candi Maher said. "Larger hotels in San Luis Obispo tend to see a larger impact from big events like Open House and graduation. However, during this time our guests tend to be made up of more parents, which means more students eating breakfast with us here.”

In the report, 11 of the same hotels and motels were contacted three separate times to determine average room prices, including high-demand dates like graduation weekend. The averages used were $120 for normal visits and $150 for high-demand visits. To achieve the estimated numbers, the report assumed about 70 percent of the visitors stayed in hotels and spent $50 on miscellaneous items such as food.

The increased expenditures by visitors in surrounding hotels were also echoed by retail stores.

"The number of consumers in our store almost doubles during Open House weekend," Hands Gallery employee Amy Robinson said. "We put an extra person in the gallery to help keep up with customer demand. Our store is really popular with tourists and we want to leave a positive lasting impression with them for when they come back to visit their kids at Poly.”

Central Coast Surfboards employee Greg Benson resonated this feeling as well.

“We have a lot more families coming into the store and buying their kids stuff,” Benson said. "There is definitely a noticeable difference between normal weekends, but for us it's not really comparable to the huge increases in sales we see during graduation.”

In comparison, according to the report, Open House actually brings in around $500,000 more than commencement. Cal Poly’s other two major events, Week of Welcome and Summer Advising, bring in $205,000 and $172,500 respectively. Restaurants in San Luis Obispo, along with their hotel and retail counterparts, also see increases in business.

"An event like Open House attracts people to San Luis, which always helps business," Woodward's Pizzza general manager Jeff Latzanchi said. "Open House brings a good portion of possible students and their families to town. Not only do they want to see the campus but also the actual city and what it has to offer. The events on Saturday take away from our lunch crowd a little, but the huge increases at night more than make up for it. Any event that doesn’t require helicopters and bean bag bullets like Mardi Gras is great for us.”

Visitor spending, including estimates on intermittent visitors and expenses caused by employees recruiting, totals more than $17 million.
Choosing a college not as hard as it seems

Ashley Wolf
MUSTANG DAILY

For some students, choosing a college is like trying to pick out the queen of hearts in a deck of cards. How do you know which one is the right choice for a winning hand? It can be a confusing and stressful process to decide on where to go for higher education and to know that you made the right decision for yourself.

Numerous high school students only have their parents, friends and Web sites to go off of when making a decision, but here are some guidelines and suggestions from the experts and those who have gone through this process before you.

First, you must decide what you want out of college. Do you want a small, medium or large student body at the school you choose to attend? Does the level of athletics matter to you? Do you want a private or a public school? Do you want the option to live on-campus all four years? Do you want something close to home? Do you want a specific major or will you go undeclared? These are all facts that college-bound students need to consider. Be picky, and imagine what you would consider to be the perfect school for you.

"I would suggest creating a simple pros and cons list," said Jennifer Kelly, Cal Poly admissions officer. "Know early on what the top thing you are looking for is, whether it be safety or a specific major, so you know where to primarily focus your energy."

After you have a direction toward what you are looking for, start researching in your high school's counseling office or on the Internet for possibilities. There should be an array of information about schools in California and out-of-state schools. Talk to a counselor about the things you know you want, and they can help find a college/university that fits your desires.

Once you've taken all of the above into consideration, start visiting the campuses you are interested in. Numerous college students believe that this is the most important part when choosing a college.

"With my experience, people get so caught up in the education aspect of choosing a college that they don't realize how much college is an adjustment period," vocal music junior Nicole Lysborn said. "You are moving away from home, living in close quarters and discovering your individuality. You need to make sure that the place you are applying to is a place that you can see yourself being comfortable in, that you can see yourself as part of that community."

Kelly agrees that the geographical location of the college and the local community can be one of the most important factors when deciding on a university.

"You need to decide whether you want to live in a big city or in a small city like San Luis Obispo," Kelly said. "Some of the UC and private schools in large cities may have more prestige, but they also have class sizes of 500 students that you don't really see here at Cal Poly."

Weather, traffic and the distance from home or the beach are all things to take into consideration. There are a lot of questions, and it is a very time-consuming process, but being prepared and knowing what you want will keep the stresses at a minimum.

When you visit Cal Poly, take the time to talk to students and explore our campus. For most students, you just know what university is for you by spending a day in its environment.
On the road to becoming Trump

Carrie McGourty
MUTUING DAILY

The life of a student in the Oseta College of Business includes hours of studying, a Friday free from class and usually a job waiting after graduation.

The major sounds like the perfect college education experience, but students say being a business student involves tough work and personal growth.

"You're going to be challenged, but that's what you're here for," said Mario Migliore, a business junior with a double emphasis in marketing and finance.

Cal Poly business graduates are highly regarded in the industry and top accounting and business firms come to the university as one of their prime recruitment targets, said Mary Beth Armstrong, chair of the accounting department.

"Cal Poly graduates are very well regarded," said John Farich, who was recruited by Wells Fargo after he graduated from the business college in 2003 with an emphasis in marketing.

"People know we can get specialized, so companies come to recruit on campus," he said.

Business students at Cal Poly have the option of exploring accounting, economics, finance, industrial technology, management and marketing as part of their emphasis.

Farich said demands are not as high as an engineering student, but the workload is still pretty tough.

It's a challenge," said Allison Finger, a business senior with an emphasis in marketing. "You learn as much as you would in any other major.

Farich and Migliore said a business student can expect to study 16 to 20 hours a week. The benefit of business classes is that they rarely fall on a Friday, leaving most students with a three-day weekend, Finger said.

Outside of the classrooms, students say there are tremendous resources available to them to get involved in professional student organizations and to network with industry professionals.

"The job fairs are awesome," Migliore said. "You never feel like you're a hamster on a wheel because you see opportunity and you're progressing to that goal!"

In addition to recruiters on campus, there are business fraternities that encourage professionalism and contacts in the business industry, Finger said.

"Most of the business majors are involved in professional fraternities," Finger said. "I'm around business people, and I get a sense of professionalism!"

Migliore said he has benefited from the fact that the college tries to bring in international professors to give them a worldwide sense of business.

The OSETA College of Business has alliances with foreign institutions around the globe to exchange faculty from countries such as Australia, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Japan, Mexico and Thailand.

Students say there are some disadvantages to the business major. Class availability is problematic, and some professors in upper-division classes lack enthusiasm for their teaching, Migliore said.

However, computer labs are rarely impacted for student use, and the college's classrooms have up-to-date instructional technology, said Migliore. Most of the professors use Blackboard — an online teaching and organizational resource — as a supplement to their class increasing communication and interactions with their students.

Cal Poly has been named "Top Western Regional Comprehensive University," for the last seven years in U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges." The OSETA College of Business was identified by the "Executive Forum" as one of the four best business schools emerging on the national scene.

Some successful alumni include Joe Vergara, a co-founder of Jamba Juice, Tom Spengler, CEO of Grinics Inc., and Terrl Rasa, director of operations for National Hospitality, said Leslie McKinley, director of alumni relations for the OSETA.

"Business students are hard working and are ready to hit the ground running after they graduate," Armstrong said.

An engineer's life for you? Nicole Angeloni
MUTUING DAILY

Many think that they're stuck in the library all day, buried in books, calculators and pocket protectors, but engineering students at Cal Poly only play into some of the preconceived stereotypes.

With nationally renowned engineering departments, it makes one wonder what a day in the life of a Cal Poly engineering student is like.

"I'm at school about 10 to 12 hours per day, five days a week," civil engineering junior Christopher Hall said. "You just start getting used to being on campus all the time, and you stake out your favorite places to study and do homework until your next class.

Homework, group projects and exams are a large part of college life at Cal Poly, engineering majors included.

"I spend about 30 to 40 hours a week working on projects and homework outside of the class," aeronautical engineering junior Carl Claussen said. "The work that I do outside of the classroom is basically a full-time job in and of itself!"

One stereotype that does hold true for engineering students is that they feel they spend a lot more money on books than most other majors on campus.

With books by their side, engineering students enroll in general education, support and major courses.

"Major courses should definitely be what is most fun to any student,'" Hall said. "Incoming engineering students should be careful, though, because a lot of the support classes that they are required to take are 'weeders' courses — they're designed to distinguish between the student that is going to work and the one who won't."

"Weeder" courses or not, most engineering students are lucky if they have any day of the week off from classes, especially Friday.

"I've only had one quarter that I've not had at least one Friday class," Claussen said. "Everyone, except engineering students, seems to always have Fridays off. It's just something we have to live with, I guess."

Despite all of the hard work, engineering students at Cal Poly are regarded as high achievers and usually go on to have successful careers in their selected majors.

"It's not easy, but an education of this caliber is what I was seeking," Hall said. "Once I graduate, I'm going to be able to put on my resume that I graduated from one of the best engineering schools in the nation."
Justin Popov
MUSTANG DAILY

Just after midnight a drifter strolls by Dexter Lawn and notices lights. He thinks about the poor custodian who must work at this hour. To his surprise the window reveals a small group of students, not employees, each hunched over a drafting table working diligently: architects.

Architecture students are unlike any other group on campus. They can be identified by their T-squares and often have bags under their eyes. Some may seem surprisingly old for a student, after all, architecture is a five-year program, which, in all likelihood, means it will take seven.

Architecture students must, like many, suffer through their calculus and physics classes. These are often very difficult for students who are accustomed to cruising through coursework in high school. Suggestions for passing: office hours, office hours and office hours.

Other students tend to have a difficult time expressing themselves in their drawings, especially those who did not have the opportunity to take graphic design or other art classes in high school. While those without a history in the arts may be at a disadvantage they certainly are not hopeless. "The first year of classes does a good job at prepping just about any level of student," said Karl Johnson, architecture junior and College of Architecture and Environmental Design ambassador.

Johnson suggests that incoming students could ease the transition by sketching things and trying to look at objects graphically before they begin at Cal Poly.

After getting through the initial hardships, students can expect a very flexible program where they can branch out to a computer intensive track or choose to concentrate on more traditional methods. The majority of students choose to spend some time away from Cal Poly studying at places like San Francisco or Florence, Italy. Regardless of the path taken, Cal Poly provides a good introduction to the lifelong learning process of an architect.

Students enjoy one of the best values in architecture education in the country with a dedicated faculty and small lab class sizes, architecture associate professor Michael Lucas said. Architecture students constantly hear Cal Poly's No. 1 cliché: learn by doing, as many of their classes are lab based and keep the students busy throughout the night. "People really take things into their own hands, I don't think that they notice the passage of time," Lucas said. "They are self directed. We would not see this commitment if we had scantron tests."

During Open House weekend, newly admitted CAED students are encouraged to visit the Design Village in Poly Canyon and attend the Hearst Lecture Series at the business-building rotunda at 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

For architecture students, long nights in labs is just a reality. Most labs become second homes to many architecture students.

LISTEN UP!

Mustang Daily wishes you good luck on mid terms, safe travels and deep relaxation during your weekend.

Only 57 days left until summer
COSAM I am; are you?

Ji Jun

For the last two years, Cal Poly's College of Science and Math has implemented a plan to get its students to spend more time learning outside of the classroom. Instead of regimenting what they've learned from professors, students are expected to leave the classroom confines and experience their respective majors through a hands-on experimental approach.

The "25 to 35" program, which will be presented at Open House to incoming students, is designed to get students to spend two hours out of class for every one hour spent inside. That makes for a 25 to 35 hour work week for students.

"Four-year college institutions are very different from high school," COSAM Dean Philip S. Bailey said. In a memo he authored to the other deans, Bailey notes that two-thirds of Cal Poly's students graduate on a six-year rate. With the new plan, that rate would change.

"I would say that we are a very student-success oriented college," Bailey said. The new program was implemented to make sure students get the experience they need to make it in the real world.

Microbiology freshman Krystal White said despite taking prep courses in high school, college is the real challenge.

"Everything goes so fast here," she said. "Take advantage of (supplemental instruction) classes, office hours, and read ahead."

Graduate student Gianfranco Pellegrini, who majored in physics at Cal Poly, wants to tell incoming freshmen, "Get it done!"

Asked how, Pellegrini said with a laugh, "Beg, borrow, steal; get out of here as fast as you can."

Despite the emphasis on work, Pellegrini sees a lot of benefits of being a COSAM student. After all, he returned here for graduate school.

"I left for four years," he said, mentioning a break when he was an undergraduate student. "(The college has) doubled and is a lot more competitive. The students are a lot better than the ones before."

And although students majoring in science and math are deemed by others to be the geeks of the university, Pellegrini said they're actually "some of the most creative people you'll meet."

"Cal Poly's good for self-motivated people who know what they want."

No longer the 'aggie' stereotype

Ashley Wolf

MUSTANG DAILY

The aggies, Wranglers, big belt buckles, cowboy boots and hats, roping tractors and driving big trucks. People could come up with an array of stereotypes for agricultural students, but what does it really mean to be an aggie at Cal Poly?

College of Agriculture offers 17 majors and 11 minors from animal science to horticulture science. Cal Poly has more than 3,000 agricultural students, the fourth-largest agricultural program in the nation.

The word "aggie" brings to most minds the previous stereotypes, but some feel that it leaves out a wide variety of students who are in the agriculture department, but who grow up in cities and didn't even know what Wranglers were when they first came to Cal Poly.

"I would prefer not to use the term 'aggie' to describe the student of agriculture," COSAM Dean David Wehner said. "There are so many majors that don't deal with production agriculture, and I feel that the term 'aggie' leaves out our students in nutrition and recreation administration."

Agribusiness senior John Lewis agreed.

"I do like the exact opposite of what someone might call the 'aggie' stereotype," Lewis said. "I wear sandals everywhere!"

The college's class sizes run from small to average. A perk of being an agricultural student is frequent class time spent outdoors.

However, the quick downfall to outdoor classes is that students usually have to go to class during straight from the crop fields or dairy parlors.

"It was tough getting used to going to a general education class with wool on your clothes and crap on your shoes after my Systems of Sheep Production class freshman year," agricultural science junior Harmony Quinones-Nevman said. "It's great to have an excuse to be dirty, but you get a little self-conscious when students are looking back at you and you have to explain yourself."

Agriculture students are often given flack about having easier classes than other majors, but many students don't realize how many labs agriculture students have to take, including numerous chemistry and biology classes.

"So try taking three labs a quarter and then you can tell me how easy agriculture is," earth science junior Francesco Antozzone said. "Soil science is a requirement for almost all agriculture majors, and it's said to be one of the hardest classes at Cal Poly."

Agriculture students are somewhat mysterious when it comes to what they are going to pursue after college. Business majors are assumed to work in a large corporation a few years down the line, and engineers are supposed to start working in the technology field, but what is someone in the agriculture department going to become, a farmer?

"Our students can end up working for high-end food corporations like SunSmart and Frito Lay," Wehner said. "The current CFO of Apple computers is an agribusiness graduate. Agriculture students are all over the board with career opportunities and fields."

Agribusiness junior Carson Britz said he thinks the reputation of graduating from Cal Poly is a big step in getting your foot in the door in the business of agriculture.

"Cal Poly has an excellent reputation, not only for a great education, but we are considered well prepared," Britz said.
CLA — ugly duckling or worker bee

Erica Drummond  
MUSTANG DAILY

While business, architecture and engineering students scramble home to hit the books after class, the average College of Liberal Arts student can be found sunbathing, playing Frisbee on Dexter Lawn, or starting up a rousing game of ping pong. Right...

Wrong ... Usually wrong. The CLA student is typically stereotyped as being laid back. However, many CLA students object to being branded so quickly. "I think other students forget what comes out of the College of Liberal Arts," graphic communications sophomore Stacey Lai said. "Because of liberal arts students, we have a television station, an art gallery, the Mustang Daily and tons of theater and music performances — Liberal arts students really work hard and they should never be assumed." Most majors within CLA have clubs or programs like the ones Lai mentioned to allow students to become more involved with the major.

From the Poli-Sci Club to Sigma Tau Delta (the National English Honor Society) to the Cal Poly Teachers' Society, CLA students have a wide variety of opportunities to meet people and become more engaged in their major.

Since CLA students commonly have more elective classes and fewer courses focusing on their major, they can be teased about having too much free time for clubs and other activities. Wendy Spradlin, adviser for the CLA, feels that taunts like these give her students the wrong impression of CLA students.

"The acquisition of knowledge will never hurt you," Spradlin said. "While other students may be in a time-pressure mode, the advice students and faculty give about what classes to take can vary. "I think that students should focus on taking their major classes first and then focus on general education courses." Lai said. "I've found that the major courses are harder to get into so it's best to get them out of the way ... but I've heard other students say just the opposite. I think it depends on your major."

Lai added that it's helpful to take some GE courses at a junior college. With so many opportunities open for CLA students, it's possible that they could emerge from the cloud of stereotypes this year, forcing people to think twice before scoffing at the girl sunbathing on Dexter Lawn. She just might be an engineer.
Moving to a new town can be a very exciting time. Everything seems invigorating and fresh. There are new places to visit and new people to meet. Things seem so perfect for those first few days...then reality sets in. You realize the burgers from the local burger joint aren’t as fresh as they should be, that the barber shop on Main Street overcharges and the coffee shop that your house really does smell like mold. While letdowns do happen, local gems can be discovered — places you come back to even years after you leave. Your favorite, special spot that only you seem to know about. Everyone has one, and here are some of ours.

From day spas to coffee shops, everyone has a favorite spot.

As far as I am concerned, nothing beats a good massage except maybe a facial. It is amazing how one can go to spa, have a treatment and leave feeling like there isn’t a worry in the world. It also amazes me how the smell of lavender and the piped-in sounds of crashing waves can make one forget the hefty price tag that accompanies this new found sense of relaxation. Another thing I love about spa treatments are the products they use. Sweet-smelling potions and lotions have always fascinated me. I am all for anything that promises my pores will look smaller, my face will appear clearer and I won’t have to worry about my own features. It is true that these things can be found a few blocks away.

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weekly entertainment guide

Editor favorites of San Luis Obispo

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New shopping centers will give more selection

San Luis Obispo has often been referred to as small, cute, quaint and many other words that mark it as a unique town on the California central coast. It has wind-swept beaches, the ocean, mountains to hike, and the biggest attraction of all is the university. It is safe to say that even though San Luis Obispo is known for being such a lovely place, it is definitely not known for the shopping. That is about to change.

Four years ago, there were plenty of stores to shop in and get any brand of clothing you needed. Now, downtown seems to be full of countless boutiques and markets where a shopper can purchase anything from expensive designer jeans to imported rare cheeses. There are only a few corporate stores and the rest are locally owned which makes it hard to find something specific or something found in a magazine.

The best of all this shopping is that downtown is the place to get square. San Luis Obispo Downtown Association said the new businesses, downtown is the place to get square. San Luis Obispo Downtown Association said the new businesses.

If San Luis Obispo is to get any kind of shopping or corporate businesses, downtown is the place to get them. According to Mulholland, "this project sits on the last prime spot of undeveloped real estate downtown." Unlike the proposed Dalidio Project, this is a project that is still in the process of getting approved. It is a 650,000 sq. ft. plan to put shops on the edge of town. It is being proposed to be built on the land right by the post office on Madonna Road. The project is going to be a huge deal because it is prime agricultural land and would draw people away from downtown and away from the businesses there, Mulholland says. Even though Mulholland voted against the Copeland's Project from the beginning, she said it is not going to change the reputation of San Luis Obispo or be detrimental to the city. She voted against the project because of other reasons such as the city owned the land and did not even put a fight for it. In her opinion, they just gave it to the Copeland brothers and some of the building plans do not make sense to her.

Another part of San Luis Obispo that draws in shoppers and retailers is Farmers' Market every Thursday night in the downtown area. To be a booth at Farmers', a vendor has to be non-profit or a business within the downtown district. This new shopping structure is within those boundaries. However, Leslie Lee from the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association said the new businesses probably will not participate in Farmers' Market.

"They would be eligible but I couldn't see these huge corporate stores coming out to Farmers' because they are national chains and so corporate," Lee said. "I don't think Pottery Barn would have a booth." There is plenty of space at the market and they are open for the stores to use the Copeland's Project but their participation in Farmers' Market will not be determined until the building is open.
N.E.R.D. breaks mold with ‘70s flavor in new CD "Fly or Die"

Steve Hill

Pharrell Williams, it seems, is everywhere. Jay-Z videos, Snoop Dogg videos. His own videos. I think I even saw him in a Heineken ad recently.

What this all boils down to is that Williams is a busy man. Not too busy, though, to release the second album from N.E.R.D., his side project that completely deviates from the work of his day job as half of the super-producing duo The Neptunes.

Along with his Neptunes teammate Chad Hugo, with added help from Shae Haley, Williams croons his way along a 1970s-style ride with N.E.R.D.'s "Fly or Die," the follow-up to 2002's critically-acclaimed but slow-selling "In Search Of..."

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But following this format for the rest of the album is exactly what the band doesn't do, giving a symbolic "— you" to the industry that has been so kind to them in Top 40 production hits. In fact, the next track, "Breakout," has a distinct flavor inherent in any Neptunes production. Without sounding blasph­emous, there are many elements on this album that put it next to the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart Club Band.;" true, it is not pure genius like the Fab Four's, but the experimental elements abound on tracks like "Drill Sergeant" and "Maybe" mark a fearlessness that the Beatles similarly possessed.

So, while it may not go down in history, N.E.R.D.'s "Fly or Die" is a defining album. It isn't pop, and it isn't rock. It is just in-between, breaking barriers. Sounds like some­thing from the Neptunes.
Handbook offers tips to survive college life

Brian Koser

Ah, college. The parties, the hangovers, the naps in the library, the walks in the park... and the occasional class. In a new book, "Worst Case Scenario Survival Handbook: College," the authors attempt to inform the reader of their work and a disclaimer mixed with humor and warnings about the situations. The book is basically 167 pages of lists and others for information, the authors suggest children's furniture to give the appearance of a normal environment. The handbook offers tips to survive college life and how to deal with unfavorable situations. For a small room, the authors suggest children's furniture to give the appearance of a normal environment. For a large room, the handbook has a few ideas on how to make it look small so a student can clean in under five minutes. There is even a tip on how to put together a makeshift beanbag out of dirty clothing. Chapter three, "Extracurricular Survival Skills," is mostly alcohol-related and has 10 methods on how to do things without the typical opener. Avoiding embarrassment, hook-ups, dating, and dirty dishes on his bed if he does not want to clean up after himself is suggested. For premunition roommates, the authors say to work out codes on when it would be a bad time to come home while offering tips for how to quiet squeaky beds. If the parents decide to stop by for a surprise visit, the handbook has a few ideas on how to stall them so a student can clean in under five minutes. There is even a tip on how to put together a makeshift beanbag out of dirty clothing.

The Worst Case Scenario Survival Handbook: College costs $14.95 and is set to be released next month. "The Worst Case Scenario Survival Handbook: College" is from the authors Fabionar and Jennifer Worick, the handbook has been well reviewed. Whether it is a party school or a serious university, helpful tips on what days are best to visit the campus, how to find the right course for an individual's particular needs. Whether it is a party school or a serious university, helpful tips on what days are best to visit the campus, and how to assess the attitudes of students are addressed. The handbook is edited well, with the exception of a few punctuation inconsistencies that want to "sound intelligent," get confused between "further" and "farther." Some of the suggestions are a bit scandalous in my opinion, and involve a little mechachry instead of being honest. Yet there are enough good ideas and tips to outweigh the shaftines. It is important to get involved in cultural clubs for three different reasons, Fabionar said. "It is important to meet as many people as you can. If the student is from the same cultural background, the clubs provide a way to feel comfortable with others who are like you, and it is great to learn from each experience through each other and have fun." If the traditional fraternity or sorority isn't appealing, there are Asian and Latino Greek organizations that can serve as an alternative. Nu Alpha Kappa, Lambda Phi Epsilon, Zeta Chi Epsilon, Omicron Xi Delta, Lambda Thera Phi are some of the cultural fraternities. Electrical engineering junior Ramon Noble, a member of Omega Xi Delta, praised the multicultural fraternities for the opportunities they provide. Nancy Mina

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While it may not be obvious on the surface, if you look hard enough, there is cultural diversity on this campus. There are more than 30 multicultural groups at Cal Poly. Mark Fabionar, coordinating director of the Multicultural Center, said these multicultural organizations are essential to campus life. "It is important to get involved in cultural clubs for three different reasons," Fabionar said. "It is important to meet as many people as you can. If the student is from the same cultural background, the clubs provide a way to feel comfortable with others who are like you, and it is great to learn from each experience through each other and have fun." If the traditional fraternity or sorority isn't appealing, there are Asian and Latino Greek organizations that can serve as an alternative. Nu Alpha Kappa, Lambda Phi Epsilon, Zeta Chi Epsilon, Omicron Xi Delta, Lambda Thera Phi are some of the cultural fraternities. Electrical engineering junior Ramon Noble, a member of Omega Xi Delta, praised the multicultural fraternities for the opportunities they provide. Nancy Mina
It's a long way out of town if you want to rock and roll. The San Luis Obispo music scene is an active microcosm of indie and experimental music appropriate for the large-ly collegiate population, but it can be difficult to find. The search for good alternative culture within such small confines can seem like digging for fire already half-extinguished, but it is possible with ears turned the right direction.

The general atmosphere of the Cal Poly campus and the surrounding town is as laid-back as the Central California stereotype suggests. In a climate that usually begs for sandals and absent sleeves, the music is a reflection of the sedate attitude. Indie bands with smooth vocals, chiming guitars and obligatory All-Star lace-ups are the most numerous acts in town and also the most popular with the young, carefully coiffed downtown scenesters. Such bands perform regularly in venues such as The Dwelling, an upstart sandwich grill, and Linnaea's, San Luis Obispo's chief coffeehouse and "look, I'm being intellectual" study hub.

Indie music, for its eccentricity and overt emotionalism, is generally as rock-and-roll as the town gets — but not as punk, fortunately, as local promoter Numbskull Productions frequently hosts respectively rambunctious bands with both 21-and-over and all-ages shows. Past acts included the Mad Caddies, the NOFX PunkVoter Tour and Good Riddance, each of which prompted cyclonic mosh pits within minutes.

On Cal Poly turf, entertainment is provided primarily by the student government, Associated Students Inc., and the campus radio station, KCPR. ASI hosts weekly concerts every Thursday for the popular UU Hour and occasionally sponsors stops on more mainstream tours, such as the recent Roomsey/Michelle Branch gala. More formal acts, including musicals and guest speakers — even a French acrobatic circus — are featured in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center, hailed as one of the three best concert halls in the country.

The more avant-garde KCPR provides 24-hour radio with student DJs/hosts and caters to eclectic tastes just under the radar. Every musical style is represented in both regular and specially themed shows, from rockabilly to opera, and supplemented with the quirky personalities of their hosts. KCPR, credited by the College Music Journal as one of the top 50 college stations nationwide, is also a steady provider of local shows and brings much of what they play to town.

"There's no lack of local bands, but it just depends what people are into," said Lindsey Gronmiller, booking director for KCPR and theater arts senior. "People can be closed-minded to new kinds of music; they're into the whole bar band thing, which we have in town, or they're all into the indie rock, which is where KCPR comes in handy. Just keep up on events, or go see bands that you wouldn't usually see. Don't expect for bands to be the next big thing, but enjoy what they offer."

In a school as routinely criticized as Cal Poly for lack of diversity, the music that serves as its soundtrack can seem just as homogeneous; however, just as a lack of ethnic diversity is not indicative of other student variances, the San Luis Obispo scene boasts its own hybrid of styles and the search for it can be a rewarding one. Resident Tim Smith, a recent transplant from Idaho, agrees.

"There's a loyal atmosphere here, and I'm just glad there is a scene," Smith said. "It's fun, it's cheap, and it's still changing. We could do worse."
Spit tobacco is addictive, deadly and disgusting. The spit tobacco industry uses rodeos to promote their product that kills when used as directed. To market their product to young adults, they sponsor the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA), doling out money to college rodeo competitors.

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studying biology at first, and I couldn’t do it,” agriculture systems management junior Melanie Gameng said. “And I wanted to do something with my college life and not be a potato. I wanted to find a home away from home and something to keep me here at Poly.”

Being a part of a sorority or fraternity can be very time consuming and isn’t for everyone. For first-generation college students, academic organizations provide a support network. The Society of Black Engineers and Scientists is an academically-focused club that offers social events as well.

“We try to maintain an academic atmosphere while in the process of trying to maintain a family atmosphere,” said NSBE treasurer Sonnia Ntseo, a biology junior. “Students have a chance to meet students who are in the same boat they are in terms of not seeing people who look like you on a regular basis.”

Everyone needs a break from academics and should enjoy their college years. Clubs such as American Indian Student Association, Chinese Cultural Club and Filipno Cultural Exchange have events throughout the year to promote different cultures. PCE is also open to students outside Cal Poly.

“PCE is the largest Asian-oriented club on campus, with over 100 members,” said Cuesta College student Simone Kaeli. “We have different dance groups, choir and events that everyone can participate in. It’s good to preserve your culture and learn new cultures.”

Most multicultural clubs are available to help students with academics and provide social networks. But MEXA, Movimiento Estudiantil Xicano De Aztlan, is a politically active group that fights against injustices of Chicano and Latino students and members of the community.

“Most clubs on campus are academic or socially focused,” civil engineering junior Eric Lim said. “We, on the other hand, began in 1969 along with the civil rights movement to provide political activism and education. For example, we had a panel on affirmative action and we fight for workers’ rights. We also have higher education recruitment tours for Chicanos.”

There are many more clubs on campus that students can get involved in. Stop by the Multicultural Center in the University Union for information about other multicultural clubs.

We asked:
Do you have any regrets about college?

“I wish I met more of a variety of people. Other than that I wouldn’t have done anything differently.”

“Choosing a small non-athletic school. I wish I had gone to a bigger college. Also, not getting more involved on campus. I should have been doing more from day one.”

“I would have tried harder to see what I was actually worth instead of skating through almost every class.”

“No really. Maybe if I didn’t have a girl the whole time.”

“Taking hard classes my full quarter of my first year.”

“No managing my time and taking too many classes.”

“I regret not meeting people in the dorms.”

“I regret not really looking at the available fraternities. I’d probably just be more open to the opportunity.”

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**Budget Buzz**

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$99.1 billion budget plan in mid-Emary Wong

“Larry Kelley, Cal Poly’s vice president for administration and finance, in a public statement. “If we do not control spending today, we will put every program at risk tomorrow.”

Schwarzenegger said in his prepared remarks in January.

If the cuts are implemented as proposed, the CSU may be forced to reduce enrollment by 20,600 students.

While a stable fee policy has garnered the support of CSU officials, they warn that steep fee increases at the graduate level might discourage aspiring teachers from enrolling in programs that lead to teaching credentials. This will in turn hurt the state’s school districts as a whole.

Imposing higher fees on college students was a means for Schwarzenegger to avoid including any new taxes in his plan.

Full-time undergraduate tuition at Cal Poly has jumped 75 percent in the last decade. During the 1993-94 fiscal year, tuition was $1,979; in 2003-04 it was $3,459.

If the proposed increases pass, tuition will have jumped more than 50 percent in just over a decade.

Kelley said flexibility in budget reduction areas would be encouraged to ensure continued quality and support of Cal Poly students.

“If (Kelley) is too soon to know the specific impact on Cal Poly, but we anticipate having numbers from the CSU by early February,” he said in the statement.

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**An education out of reach**

**Michelle Locke**

**OAKLAND — Maharishi Adams would like to go to college, but what he’s getting is a lesson in Catch-22 logic.**

He wants to get a better job and make more money. But for that he needs money to pay for classes, costs that will go up under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s proposed budget.

“It’s really bad, especially for people who don’t have family to support them,” said Adams, a certified nursing assistant who says he can’t afford to pay the higher prices of college classes. “You’re just kind of stuck.”

In his budget released in mid-January, Schwarzenegger proposed raising undergraduate student fees 10 percent and graduate fees by 40 percent at the University of California and Cal State University systems.

His budget also reduces the amount of financial aid available to middle-income students.

Administration officials say the cuts are necessary given California’s multibillion-dollar deficit. They point out that higher education is still an affordable, affordable education for Californians.”

Outreach programs link campuses and low-performing public schools in an effort to prepare disadvantaged students for college. The programs have existed for years, some going back to the 1970s, but drew more attention after UC dropped affirmative action admissions in 1999.

While outreach programs can’t target specific races, they are serving low-performing schools which generally have high percentages of black and Hispanic students, two groups under-represented at UC.

State outreach funding reached a peak of about $184 million in 2004, following the economic boom of the 1990s, but has decreased.
College campuses get more conservative

Leah Mori  
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College campuses have seen a shift to the right as students are becoming more political and more conservative. According to a USA Today survey, 60 percent of college freshmen believe it is "essential or very important" to keep up with politics. In addition, the gap between the amount of liberals and conservatives is steadily decreasing. Twenty-four percent of students say they are conservatives.

Leah Mori, conservative.

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"They are both a huge asset to us," Hinkle said.

An issue that conservative students face is biased opinions in the classroom. More liberal-minded professors have been accused of pushing their political beliefs on their students.

When faced with the issue, students and staff react in different ways.

"I respond with the facts and let them know that they're wrong," Hinkle said. "I respond with the facts and let them know that they're wrong," said Laura Freberg. "I think it's important that students get a balanced education. It's important that teachers don't force their political views on students."

Hinkle said he has become more conservative while attending Cal Poly because he has been forced to argue his beliefs in the classroom.

As a professor, Freberg handles the situations differently. She said students have alerted her to situations with professors and she speaks to the professors.

General Freberg said the professor is unaware that they have pushed their beliefs on their students and will fix the problem.

Other complaints involve students being told their beliefs are wrong.

"As a professor you have to respect where your students are coming from," Freberg said. "We're not here to tell students what to think, we're here to tell students to think."

A main goal of the club is to encourage students to vote in elections. Students generally are slammed because they are not involved in the political process, Freberg said.

The club has been the only group to speak about conservative issues on campus. They have planned events and brought guest speakers, such as Ben Stein, to campus.

The Cal Poly College Republicans meet every other week to get to know fellow members, plan social events, discuss political plans they are involved in and other political events that are going on in the community.

Conservatives come out

Cal Poly College Republicans have tripled their membership since 2001, with 2,000 new members in 2002.

The number of College Republican chapters has gone from 409 to 4,488 since 2001.

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Two colleges — one degree
Brian Koser
MUSTANG DAILY
The Orfalea College of Business and the graphic communication department are using team work to extend opportunities to students.
Together, the colleges will offer a master of business administration degree program with an emphasis in document systems management next fall.
"(This program) prepares graduate students to understand the dynamics of the document industry while effectively identifying and integrating change into critical business processes to provide the highest possible value to the customer," graphic communication department head Harvey Levenson said.
Levenson sites the expansion of traditional print and non-print imaging techniques as a good reason to be familiar with the ever-changing needs of businesses.
"With today's business world comes the need for new and sophisticated management practices to lead companies in the face of rapidly changing technologies... this unique program aims to fill this need," Levenson said.
Director of graduate programs for the Orfalea College of Business Ram Krishnan agrees the new program is an exciting opportunity for students.
"The Cal Poly MBA builds on the rich tradition of learn by doing, close student-faculty interaction, teamwork and a focus on a career development," he said.
The first year of the program involves students taking a core of MBA courses in quantitative analysis, finance, organizational behavior, economics, information systems and marketing. First year students will also take production and operations management, organizational design and international business classes.
Throughout the second year students will take courses that are more major-specific including industry segments, processes and products, document publishing systems, new technologies, digital content management, document, pricing, costing and estimating, digital document media and imaging systems management. An internship and faculty-directed research courses are also included.
The program is open to any student who fills the MBA requirements and takes the area-of-emphasis courses.

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Some students who would have not been accepted students who actually enrolled. The architecture department director Allan Cooper said the rankings will not make a great impact on Cal Poly, partially because it does not charge tuition. Cooper said, "It will obviously help our graduates, if they needed the help in the first place." Benedict echoed this sentiment, adding, "It obviously makes our graduates feel better and add pride about the program that they came from."

Benedict said the rankings do not greatly influence future employment because most firms weigh portfolio material more heavily than the program from which the employee graduated. Other programs in the CAED feel the ripple of effects from various rankings of the architecture department. Architectural engineering department head Abe Lynn said the major influence felt in the department is enrollment.

ARCHITECTURE DEPT RANKED
Third in nation

The Cal Poly architecture department ranked No. 3 in the nation among Bachelor of Architecture degree programs and the best bachelor's programs west of the Mississippi by the architecture and engineering journal DesignIntelligence. The program placed second for the best value in architecture education in the nation. "We are able to defray the student's cost in small programs are best," College of Architecture and Environmental Design Dean Thomas Jones said in a press release. "Cal Poly's architecture program is among the nation's largest, and at the same time we have a proven record of high-quality learning with extraordinarily low fees."

National rankings give the department prominence but do not always make a major impact. The architecture department's associate director William Benedict said one of the few differences is freshmen enrollment. "The show rate was higher this year than in the past," Benedict said. "We usually take in 120 new students, and we had 140 students show up."

Show rates are the number of accepted students who actually enroll at Cal Poly. Departments determine a percentage of students who will enroll based on past figures. Benedict said if the show rate continues to increase, the department will accept fewer students.

Ranks influence enrollment by prompting students and parents to visit Cal Poly. Benedict said he has met parents and students who would not have visited campus if the architecture department had not ranked high. DesignIntelligence's best bachelor's program ranking was released in its November 2003 issue and was determined by a survey mailed to more than 1,000 United States architecture firms. Employers determined the excellence of schools by the work quality of employees who graduated from architecture schools. Cal Poly was out-ranked by the University of Cincinnati and Cornell University.

The best value was based on survey rankings and five other criteria including tuition. Cooper Union scored one point higher than Cal Poly, partially because it does not charge tuition. Cal Poly scored the highest scores given for survey ranking, selections, resources, and quality of its dean, faculty and students.

Architecture department director Allan Cooper said the rankings will not make a great impact on Cal Poly because DesignIntelligence is a trade journal that the mass public does not read, but it could make a difference for graduates seeking work.

"(The rankings) validate what has already been known on the West Coast, which is the fact that our graduates are employable," Cooper said. "It will obviously help our graduates, if they needed the help in the first place."

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Levenson said this is not a new major but rather courses that allow business students to get better acquainted to the document systems management world. "A number of students have been coming in asking about the program ... if they want a good grounding, they can take the courses," he said.

Founded in 1946, the Cal Poly's graphic communication department is one of the largest in the nation with approximately 33,000 square feet of modern laboratories and more than 2,500 alumni working in virtually all sectors of the industry. This is the first partnership between the graphic communications department and the Orfalea College of Business.
Making a Difference

Poly produces teacher majority

Diverse specialties assist the program at the Cal Poly University Center for Teacher Education

Randi Block
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's University Center for Teacher Education is contributing to the California State University system's ranking as the producer of the majority of certified teachers in the state.

The CSU system produced more than a quarter more teachers from 2001-02 than three years earlier. Also, the system ranks at the top for recruiting diverse students to their programs, as well as ones that are competent in multicultural classrooms.

Cal Poly's program is the smallest college-level academic unit, with 125 students graduating multiple subject and 100 at the secondary level. Since it is a center and not a college, the center pulls on efforts of teachers with different specialties to assist with the program.

"I'm really happy with what the center symbolizes," Associate Dean Carl Prow n said.

Being that it is most commonly a fifth year program within the CSU campuses, Brown said this brings many extra advantages to the students. One such advantage is that the students have a stronger background in their subject matter having a bachelor's degree. At other schools in the state, students begin during their first year at college, so they have not mastered their specialty.

"This gives the students a lot of time to gain confidence in what they are doing," Brown said.

Another component of the student's success is their amount of experience with diverse classrooms. Students must complete at least one quarter of student teaching at a school with a multicultural population. This means at least 15 percent of the population is a minority. They are also encouraged to spend time with English language learners and special education students as well.

Brown said in this area student teachers will travel to Paso Robles and Santa Maria to complete this requirement.

A recent study also determined that 96 percent of the graduates of the CSU teaching programs from 1999-2000 taught for at least one full school year. Thirty percent of those taught in urban or inner-city schools, 24 percent each in small towns and large cities and 22 percent in upper class areas.

It is the mastery of teaching that students receive from the CSU campuses that allow them to be successful in any environment. "Our students are able to combine a strong subject matter background, teaching strategies, the ability to work with students of minorities and the desire to help their potential," Brown said.

That's why they are successful."
Grads can’t find high-tech jobs

Steve Giegerich
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Even to rule the high-tech tide, Andrew Zhou double-majored in computer science and finance when he arrived at Rutgers University in 2000.

As graduation approaches, Zhou is pinning his hopes on finance and dropping the idea he once had that computer know-how guaranteed him a job.

"Four years ago, it seemed like an awesome major," Zhou said as he waited to speak with a recruiter for a telecommunications management firm at Rutgers’ annual career day.

"Now, nobody wants to get in because all the jobs are going to India."

While there are hopeful signs outside the technology sector, outsourcing of computer programming and customer service jobs to China, India and other countries with cheaper labor costs have dimmed prospects for seniors like Zhou, said Richard White, director of career services at Rutgers.

A recent report from Forrester Research projected that as many as 3.3 million American white collar tech jobs will go overseas workers by 2015.

"Jobs that used to be available for U.S. citizens are being diverted overseas where the quality is equal or better at a fraction of the cost," White said.

The fallout from outsourcing and stagnant U.S. technology market means that seniors at San Jose State University — in the heart of Silicon Valley — face yet another "very tight" job market, said career center director Cberyl Allmen-Vinnedge.

"Entry level positions just aren't out there now," agreed Jordon Korinke, an industrial technology senior.

A January graduate with a degree in information technology from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Wilson is counting on contacts made during an internship with a pharmaceutical company to help him get a job.

Experts say the best sectors for seniors to find employment are in finance, health care, advertising and government. And a jump in the number of campus recruiters visiting some campuses is giving students reason for hope.

"Very likely because I'll start networking now."

Sally Larson, industrial engineering junior

"Poor at best."

Jordon Korinke, industrial technology senior

According to Cal Poly’s 2002-03 Graduate Status Report, the median salaries of graduates who responded were:

**Civil Engineering** — $48,174
**Computer Engineering** — $58,350
**Computer Science** — $54,000
**Electrical Engineering** — $50,607
**Industrial Engineering** — $50,000
**Mechanical Engineering** — $50,000
Petty theft at Poly

Brian Koser
 Mustang Daily

Researching a project for an English class, a student leaves his backpack at a table to make the trip upstairs easier. Coming back a minute later with the table to make the trip upstairs easier.

Looking back a minute later with the table to make the trip upstairs easier.

A student leaves his backpack at a backpack gone.

marker stun, he begins to worry. His beloved backpack sits under the table, mention all of his books and class notes. Taking one more look, his beloved backpack sits under the table, unhurt.

He was lucky.

Eighty-five percent of crime at Cal Poly is petty theft, and the aforementioned hypothetical illustrates one of the most commonly stolen items: backpacks. University Police Department communications director Fred Mills said more than $75,000 worth of property was stolen in 2003.

Backpacks and bicycles are taken the most stealing about $53,000 in value. Mills said. Roughly $20,000 in losses were accumulated as a result of car-related theft — other stealing parts off a car or taking what was inside.

The types of belongings that thieves ended up with were mainly electronics — computers, laptops, cell phones, CD players, etc. — and are estimated at $18,000, according to available figures.

"It's our sense that a good portion of those thefts are matters of opportunity...if something is left out there for the taking, it will be," Mills said. He suggested using lockers in building 19 as a room to protect valuables and keeping an eye on belongings.

UPD detective John Edds said the tendency for students to feel at home while on campus is both a blessing and a curse.

"This (school and area) is a good place to be. Even though there may not be many criminals here, there are still those who are weakened by temptation," he said. "We need to hear in mind that we are responsible for our property.

Edds said students who ride bicycles to school should use the racks instead of other objects such as trees and poles.

"Every year, we have a great deal of bikes go missing, and campuses are often targeted because there is a large percentage of bikes in a concentrated area," he said.

Edds said inexpensive locks can be broken easily with hammers, blunt objects or sometimes by hand. He suggests students use the designated racks and high-quality locks to help reduce the chance of theft.

UPD officials said if students were to take the proper precautions, theft would decrease dramatically.

"It only takes a moment for someone to walk away with something. The few extra moments it takes to properly secure something are worth the inconvenience," he said.

It's midnight. Behind Sierra Madre someone suspiciously sneaks near the bike racks. The bolt cutter comes out, the lock is broken and the sneak makes off with a fancy 10-speed.

bike theft

Several students ride their bikes to class. To guard against theft, it is important that they lock up their bikes while in class.

John Pierson
 Mustang Daily

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Bike theft on campus is up this academic year. Between 10 and 12 bikes were stolen in the first two months of fall quarter.

"It's difficult to tell how much worse theft is," said University Police Department Cruiser Bill Watson.

"Year to year, we'll see some big upswings in theft when people come over from the valley," he said, "but we don't know if that's what's happening or if this has been a rash of local thefts.

Watson also said stolen bicycles have been taken from all over campus; there is no central location were theft is more prevalent.

Agribusiness freshman Jason Dienst lives on campus and keeps his bike in his dorm.

"I have a Trek $900, and it costs $3,000." Dienst said. "I'd leave a $50 to $100 bike in the racks but not my bike. My bike is for going on long rides. I don't ride in class"

One way to keep a bike safer is to keep it in a bike locker and not a rack. Watson said access and consumer services has gotten funding to install more bike lockers on campus but did not know how many units will be added.

Debbie Anderson of ACS was unavailable for comment.

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McKern said he could not reveal the names or disciplinary actions faced by students in that incident but said the investigation into Keira’s site “may play out the same way.” Consequences for violating the code of ethics can range from probation to expulsion.

Keira, who has a steady boyfriend taking the pictures that appear on the site, said she launched the site about three weeks ago upon his suggestion. She said it helps her pay for college and family expenses. “It kind of helps pay for school and living next year,” Keira said. “My mom and dad are divorced, and my mom has had a lot of medical problems and hasn’t been able to work. Money helps pay for everything like family things — money-wise, it makes very good money.”

Keira said her parents know about the site and have come to accept her career. “It’s one of those things — they were shocked at first but realized I’m doing it for money and things that will help me through school,” she said.

As word of the site spread around campus, Keira has become something of a minor celebrity. “I’ve had e-mails and messages and things like that, but nothing bad orunker-wise,” she said. “Just like, ‘Hey I liked (the site) or I’m an IU student. Give me a call and they leave numbers. I’ve had people call and ask if they can take pictures with me.”

It is against university policy to host a site on the network for commercial use, but Chief Information Security and Policy Officer Mark Bruhn confirmed the site does not use a university IP address.

“If a site like that is on an IU network device, whoever is maintaining that site will be asked to take it down,” Bruhn said.

Reaction to the site was mixed in Briscoe-Shoemaker, where some pictures were taken.

“If it’s keeping her in school, I don’t think people should judge her just because she’s using porn to provide funds,” sophomore Endy Obianozie said. “We’re all adults. Everyone knows what porn is. I think she has the right to do what she wants.”

Sophomore Val Glysson said she was surprised about the site, but not surprised the pictures were taken in Briscoe because “there’s a lot of freshmen here and not a lot of supervision.”

But Glysson fears more pornographic activity on campus could give the school a bad reputation.

“I don’t think there should be pictures of people doing things like porn on university property,” she said. “I think it gives the university a bad name.”

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because they are under the same laws as a news filming crew.

"If there is any sexual touching involved we look at IDs and confirm they are valid with a scanner or through a 24-hour investigator hotline," Horn said.

The women receive a T-shirt and hat in compensation. According to Horn there is a mixture of levels of sobriety in the participants.

"There are a variety of reasons why they do it," he said. "Many are away from home for the first time and they feel a sense of liberation. But mainly it's because they want their 15 minutes of fame."

People in a party atmosphere think it's fun and it reflects the situation, like what happens at spring break, he said.

"It's all about how you look at nudity," Horn said. "The videos will not sell as well in Europe because nudity isn't seen as controversial."

Tiombe Preston, a counseling service specialist for the Sexual Assault Crisis Agency of Long Beach and licensed marriage and family therapist, said the video is a reflection of the rape culture in the United States.

"Rape culture comes from violence and sex being so intertwined that violence toward women is seen as a norm," said Preston, who considers herself a feminine therapist.

She explained that U.S. society's gender roles are based on males being aggressors while women are seen as the object of men's sexual aggression.

"The videos are a symptom of the larger problems of a rape culture," she said. "The creators believe the audience is young men and so they show the objectification of women."

The women earn acceptance from the group because they add to the titillation of the male viewers, Preston said.

"It reinforces stereotypical gender roles — if you're not sexy or not wanted then you are nothing," she said. "And if the men try going against the gender role and say this isn't right, they feel the backlash from their peers."

"The women's choice to participate is influenced by wanting to gain societal approval by acting out the rape culture gender roles," Preston said.

"Unfortunately some women think baring their breasts is freeing — it's their body, their choice," she said. "But these decisions are greatly impacted from other factors like intoxication."

Jennifer Reed from CSULB's women's studies department said placing body parts in a post-feminist choice.

"This is a culture that was created in a thorough feminine consciousness, but doesn't take politics of gender seriously," she said.

Matt Rodgers, a third year physics major at UCLA agreed that the only reason women are participating is because the camera is there.

"Flashing people just for the sake of flashing people is liberating," he said. "It's a story. Do you remember the time I flashed that guy down in Westwood?"
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Sigma Chi loses UCLA sponsorship

Shaun Bishop
Date: Tues, 12 California, Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — University of California, Los Angeles revoked its sponsorship of fraternity Sigma Chi last week, disassociating one of the campus’s largest Greek houses.

Berke Nelson, director of the Center for Student Programming, declined to comment on the university’s reasons for ceasing to recognize the fraternity, but noted that it is being taken “with serious thought and investigation.”

Other administrative officials contacted also declined to comment, citing instructions from Nelson.

Outgoing house president T.J. Marston said the group still will be recognized by the international organization Sigma Chi and said he was not being affiliated with UCLA will not affect the fraternity on a day-to-day basis.

“Whether or not we’re UCLA Sigma Chi or Sigma Chi doesn’t really affect us much,” Marston said.

One effect of the revocation Marston specifically noted is not being allowed to compete against other fraternities in sporting events organized by the Interfraternity Council, the governing body for the 20 fraternities at UCLA.

Mike Hanna, president of the Interfraternity Council, declined to comment on Sigma Chi’s situation.

Marston said the house won’t miss some of the other privileges granted to them as a recognized body, but said, “Obviously we’d rather not have a better relationship with the university.”

Marston also said the group had been working with UCLA officials for some time, and that it had been given terms it must abide by and changes it needs to make to be reinstated into the UCLA Greek system.

Declaring to maintain the specific conditions stipulated by the university, Marston said current plans call for the house to be reevaluated by fall.

“We’re very confident with the path our house is taking and improvements we’re going through,” Marston said.

Last quarter, the UCLA administration placed sanctions on 11 campus sororities in response to an anonymous complaint about a philanthropy event hosted by Sigma Chi, restricting social events for all of sorority row.

The complaint centered around Derby Days, the fraternity’s annual weekend series of philanthropy events.

During spring 2003, the events included a sorority “keg-off,” in which teams from sororities competed to finish kegs of beer.

University policy dictates fraternities and sororities must be in compliance with federal, state and local laws as well as the UCLA Student Alcohol Policy, which prohibits, among other things, using alcohol as the primary focus of an event and participating in drinking games.

To remove the restrictions this quarter, the sororities made an agreement with the university that required 98 percent of the membership of each sorority to pass a social policy test reviewing responsible and university policy governing the Greek system.

Each house was also required to complete a community service project.

Elen Archibald, sorority adviser in the Center for Student Programming, said all houses fulfilled the necessary requirements and that the restrictions on all those affected were lifted.

Rush events — during which alcohol holds events to attract new members — for all fraternities took place last week, but it remains unclear how Sigma Chi’s disassociation with the university will affect the house’s future.

Marston said dealing with the house’s loss of affiliation with the university while simultaneously hosting rush has been challenging, but he said he is confident the house will retain its presence at UCLA, with or without the university’s recognition.

“Yes we’re not hiding,” he said.

Berkeley police: Hazing not involved in student’s intoxication

Nate Tabak
Date: Tues, 12 California (UC Berkeley)

BERKELEY, Calif. — A female University of California, Berkeley student suspected of being the victim of hazing-related alcohol poisoning last week had in fact suffered an adverse reaction to a combination of alcohol and a medication, police said last week.

After interviewing the 19-year-old woman and making inquiries into the greek community, detectives felt confident that she was not hazed, said UC police Lt. Mitch Celano.

“If all checked out,” Celano said, “She was not pledging and not a member of a sorority.”

Police found the student early April 2 at the intersection of Dwight Way and Prospect Street, after responding to reports of a woman vomiting on the sidewalk.

The intoxicated student was only able to respond to officers’ questions by nodding or shaking her head.

From her responses, police gathered that she had come from a sorority she was in the process of pledging.

The officers, who are “very cognizant of alcohol-related incidents,” suspected her intoxication was linked to a pledging process and documented it as a hazing case, Celano said.

The student was treated at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center and released.

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WASHINGTON — Both President Bush and Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) consider college students an important constituency in this year's presidential election, and are reaching out to students by working on such issues as rising tuition and helping disadvantaged students.

Kerry's campaign promises several initiatives, including a "Service for College" program where four-year students can earn the equivalent of their state university's tuition in exchange for two years of community service.

"Kerry has spoken out a lot about the rising tuition costs at colleges," Kerry spokesman Day Vega said. "He wants a plan that gives students options to lower the cost of their education."

Vega said that Kerry's goals include programs to increase student retention. According to Kerry's campaign Web site, students are more likely to stay in college if they are better prepared in high school and if colleges have support services.

"Black and Hispanic students have large dropout rates," Vega said. "Kerry will push for a better counseling and support services to help students in college."

Kerry also supports a program that will allow students to transfer credits from colleges more easily.

"When students transfer, sometimes they are forced to repeat courses," Vega said. "This initiative will encourage colleges and universities to better target their services."

Vega said the Bush administration is not helping college students. "In the past three years, they have not taken time to propose concrete policies to lower tuition or help students for college," he said. "Now they have left students in a lurch in a tough job market."

Bush's campaign also makes promises to college students, such as increasing funding to historically black colleges and Hispanic-serving institutions and increasing federal Pell grants by up to $1,000 for some students.

"We think the president has a strong record when it comes to education," Bush campaign spokeswoman Sharon Castillo said. "His policies make education more affordable."

Bush has an initiative called "Jobs for the 21st Century," which is designed to give people work skills.

"The president is also focusing on such issues as national security and the economy," Castillo said. "The youth vote is going to be very important." Castillo said. "Young voters play a key role this year."

American University students have different views about the candidates. Prashant Srinia, a junior in the School of International Service, said that he's leaning toward Kerry. "I don't trust President Bush," Srinia said. "I think the policies he's making are not doing enough to bring more people to the middle class."

"I think if more students voted, we'd have more money in grants to go to school," he added. "We'd be able to influence the decisions that are made."

Chris Heller, a junior in the College of Arts and Sciences, does not think the candidates have focused on college issues in their campaigns. Heller said that the international situation is the most important issue to him.

"Whoever has the best policies for combating terrorism has my vote," he said.
in hopes that more flexibility will mean higher student achievement.

More than 170,000 students are enrolled in California's 471 charter schools.

Bill supporters said getting universities involved with charter schools would encourage elementary and high school students to continue their education, would let colleges share their expertise with K-12 students and would strengthen oversight of the alternative public schools.

The California Teachers Association, the state's largest teacher union, opposed Bates' bill, as did the California School Boards Association.

Public schools and both charter and traditional schools can partner with universities and colleges, opponents said, so there was no need for the legislation.

Currently, the law allows the 1,000 California school districts to start charter schools. If a local school district rejects an application, the charter school founders can apply to the state Board of Education.

The school district gets a 3 percent cut of the per-pupil funds given to charter schools to pay for oversight and administration.

The Legislative Analyst's Office said in a report earlier this year that many districts don't have the expertise to oversee their charter schools adequately, which can lead to fiscal mismanagement and lax academic achievement.

School districts also often view charter schools as competition and are hesitant to authorize them, charter school advocates say.

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — The economy, as well as increased use of technology in other fields, has discouraged undergraduates from pursuing majors in computer science.

The Computer Research Association has completed its annual Taulbee Survey, which gathers information on doctorate-granting university programs in North America. According to the CRA, there was a 23 percent drop in newly enrolled computer science majors in 2003, with a 3 percent drop in bachelor of science recipients in 2003.

Some have said the decline in enrollment is because of the outsourcing of computer science jobs to other countries.

"A broader answer is the overall job climate of the information technology field. The depressed economic climate has been felt here," said Professor Stu Zweben, chair of the Ohio State University Department of Computer Science and Engineering and chair for the Computer Research Associations 2002-2003 Taulbee survey.

Zweben said the IT field saw a rate of high growth in the 1990s, so no one expected a decline. He said students expected to get rich quick, but now students are getting scared.

"The job market is not the only factor. There are a number of alternative programs in the computing field, like media technology or other types of web services, that are in the broad IT sector but are not in the computer science program," Zweben said. "Some of these are more attractive to students, and they were not available five years ago."

Zweben said a third factor contributing to the decline is the barriers and restrictions placed on computer science departments to make them more competitive during the 1990s, when the IT field doubled in a two-year period. These barriers can be relaxed as the economy continues to pull out of recession, he said.

"With the current state of the economy, the increase in job opportunities means companies will be starting to hire, and the IT sector will not produce enough students to fill these necessary jobs," Zweben said.

Some students are pursuing computer science despite the statistics.

"We are becoming a more technologically inclined society," said Filip Peas, a junior in computer information systems and math. "It is a guaranteed field."

Mike Birkmeister, a senior in computer science and engineering, said he believes the field will balance itself out. Four years ago, there was a huge increase in students pursuing computer science majors — predominantly those who were just pursuing it for money.

Now, since there's trouble getting work, not as many students are pursuing the major, Birkmeister said. He said he does not think anything should be changed to adapt to the decreasing numbers because the decline will eventually taper off.

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"I know stories of students pooling together to buy a single book — students just can't afford it anymore," said Merrith Fanchard of the California Student Public Interest Research Group, who helped author the study, "Ripoff 101."

The study found that college students today spend approximately $800 on textbooks every year. On average, textbook publishers keep books on the shelf for 3.5 years before issuing a new one. Meanwhile, over half of faculty members surveyed said the new editions are "rarely to never justified."

The problem, said Connolly, is that once a new edition of a Calculus or language textbook is released and adopted by faculty members, the earlier edition becomes obsolete, forcing students to buy the newer, more expensive version.

"Calculus hasn't changed much since Isaac Newton. The question needs to be asked — do we really need a new edition every few years?" said U.S. Rep. David Wu, an Oregon Democrat, who was the first lawmaker to ask for the investigation last fall following a meeting with students here.

Former Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, the president of the Association of American Publishers, Inc, found the student study "totally one-sided and totally flawed."

Textbook publishers say the student's recommendations, which include a five-year minimum before the release of a new edition, fail to take into account the very nature of academic knowledge.

"Imagine a government textbook that had Bill Clinton as president. Or an accounting textbook that didn't include Enron. Or a biology textbook that didn't have cloning or stem cell research. The world changes so fast," said Jessica Dee Rohlin, spokeswoman for Thomson Learning, the Stamford, Conn.-based textbook giant.

Publishers say that even if the subject is Calculus or art history — and by nature doesn't change as radically as genetics — the revised editions are always different. Student groups allege that only the ordering of the problem sets and the add-on CD-ROM and workbook change from edition to edition.

"We have a revision diary that's on file," said Biscardi, "hoped they will listen to faculty."

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University ranking methods under fire

Cindy Yee
The Chronicle (Duke U.)

DURHAM, N.C. — In a move intended to choke off the media's interest in rankings that are often seen as misleading and unfair, Harvard Business School and the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School announced they would no longer release the names of their applicants to prospective students.

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April Fools' Day joke ends with charges of trespassing, littering, disorderly conduct

Holly Wells

ARIZONA DAILY WIZARD (U. ARIZONA)

TUCCSON, Ariz. — What started off as an April Fools' prank ended with the firing of a University of Arizona resident assistant.

At about 8 a.m. on April Fools' Day, Phillip Chavira and two other students entered the room of another Pima resident assistant and used papered his door and six others in the RA's room about 8 a.m.

"We tin-foiled the contents of their room: her TV, books, shoes," Chavira said.

Chavira received notice Wednesday from Residence Life that he had to resign from his position as an RA at Pima or be fired.

"We wanted to get her back for toilet-papering our doors," Chavira said of the RA who he and the other students placed the joke on.

Jim Van Ardel, director of Residence Life, declined to comment.

The victim of the prank also refused to comment.

Chavira said the RA had toilet-papered his door and six others in his hall about a month before April 1. Afterwards, Chavira and the two students began planning a payback and decided to do it on April Fools' Day.

Peter Reifsteck, a political science sophomore, took part in the joke and said he and the other students entered the RA's room about 8 a.m.

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"We never really thought that we were breaking the law or anything," he said.

Jason Calio, an agriculture and life science freshman, also took part in the joke and said he thought the RA would think it was funny.

Chavira said they were careful about the items they wrapped.

"We didn't wrap any religious artifacts of hers or any personal items," he said. "Our intention was just to be funny."

But Chavira said the RA, who he was on friendly terms with before the incident, was upset Chavira entered her room and touched his things. He said the RA notified the Pima hall director and then called the police.

Chavira said he was not expecting any action taken against him.

"I was just expecting another joke from her," he said.

Reifsteck said when he came back from class on April Fools' Day, he found the Residence Life officials and a UAPD officer waiting for him.

"I'm just glad it wasn't the police," he said.

Reifsteck, Chavira and Calio were told they could face charges of trespassing, littering and disorderly conduct if the RA pressed charges.

Although the RA decided not to press charges, Residence Life officials set up code of conduct meetings for Reifsteck and Calio, while Chavira was asked to resign.

"When the incident happened, I was told that I would have to resign," he said. "A decision was just made. There was no chance for me to appeal."

Chavira said although he has not been given an exact date when he needs to move out, he expects he will have to be gone within a week.

Reifsteck said he and other Pima students who were upset about Chavira's firing started a Web site in hopes of saving Chavira's job.

"The Web site can be accessed at http://www.geocities.com/senphil02."

Calio said he helped Reifsteck tell their story on the Web site.

"I'm just glad that they're going to look into it," he said.

"We're going to be involved," said Sergio Gonzales, UCU-tri executive.

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Sworn to secrecy, said he watched in disbelief as the book author had plagiarized other sources. "I don't want other people to know that the author's story is questioned, he told the editorial page, says John Zakarian, editorial page editor. However, the paper now has a fast-talking about grades anymore."

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The Courant editorial page editor

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Utah has remained fairly high, but is improving. The economy seems to be doing well," he said. "I mean, it hasn't crashed in a while so that is a good sign."

Manpower interviews 16,000 companies to compile its report. Katz said the report is a fairly accurate estimate of the economy. "As far as I know, we are the only forward-looking job survey, and we have been fairly accurate," he said. "These are some things that we can't take into account — you can't plan a 9/11 — but we have been pretty close."

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Other newspapers are reluctant to use the powerful software. At the Macon Telegraph, which fired a reporter for plagiarism in March, editors are discussing how to prevent a repeat occurrence — but such electronic tools aren't being considered, said managing editor Mike McQueen. "We, the editors, trust our writers deeply," he said. "I don't think anybody here would want to challenge our reporters to prove that they are not plagiarizing everything they write. It'll look like a witch hunt." Still, Barrie predicts that iParadigms' commercial clients will eventually outnumber the academics. "The stakes are 100 times greater," he said. "We're not talking about grades anymore."

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Kerry tries to appeal to young voters

Mike Glover
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BOSTON — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Monday renewed his call for a comprehensive commitment to national service by Americans of all ages, telling college students that "changes will start with you" as he proposed to tie for college tuition to national service.

"We cannot and we will not pass America's problems on to your generation. But the fact is, this election is not just about what we're going to do, it's about what you're going to do," Kerry said in remarks prepared for an appearance at the University of New Hampshire.

"With college tuition rising higher this year than ever before, it's time to make four years of college affordable and available to every single young American," Kerry said. "We'll help you pay for school, and we'll help even more if you're willing to serve your country. And together, we'll make 2004 the last year that debar and dollar signs come before degrees and dreams for the future."

While Kerry pledged to "offer a lot to young people," his prepared remarks did not specify the relationship between service and tuition.

"But like no president since John F. Kennedy, I'm going to ask young people to give something back. I'm going to ask you to serve your country to go out to your communities and teach children, be mentors, build homes and protect America," he said.

As it opened a concentrated appeal to younger voters, the Kerry campaign presented statistics it called a "messy index" to show the soaring costs of a college education amid lagging incomes. Other stops on its college tour this week are the University of Rhode Island, the City College of New York and the University of Pittsburgh.

Although Kerry is focusing on the costs of college, his campaign is broadening its economic criticism of President Bush by suggesting that working families have been humbled by stagnant incomes at a time college and health insurance costs have soared.

The study by his campaign said tuition costs at public colleges and universities have soared by 13 percent in the last three years, "the largest increase on record" and reflecting the budget pressures facing cash-strapped states. Private college costs have grown by 5 percent over the same stretch, it said.

Much of the Democratic criticisms of Bush is focused on job losses during his tenure, but Kerry's study argued that more ominous economic trends are at work.

"Less noted, but perhaps even more important," the study said, "is the fact that middle-class families are increasingly being squeezed by the rising cost of health care, college tuition and gasoline." At the same time that wages and incomes are stagnating, personal bankruptcies are at record levels.

Seniors find college-linked towns stimulating

Ron Word
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Like any other prospective home buyers, John and Betty Jean Rife considered location a top priority in their search for a retirement home.

They found their ideal in Oak Hammock, a new retirement community west of the University of Florida. Aside from standard amenities, it offered campus privileges similar to those of university faculty, an assisted-living center, small nursing homes, massage therapy and a computer lab.

Even as boxes sit waiting to be unpacked, 80-year-old John is looking ahead to taking a painting class. His wife wants to learn how to paint.

"So far we are quite impressed," he said.

This year, about 60 retirement communities have sprouted near college campuses to house the growing number of older Americans who are living longer than in the past and looking for a place that will continue to stimulate mind and body. In addition to Florida, the University of Michigan, as well as Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke and Stanford universities are happy to accommodate them.

The Rifes paid a $1,000 deposit in 1999 to reserve a two-bedroom, ground-floor apartment in the neighborhood of single-family homes and apartments. They moved March 29 to the west of Gainesville. It has its own banking center, convenience stores, a drug shop.

"We looked at retirement places pretty much all over the South," Rife said. "We wanted to stay in Florida for tax reasons" and Gainesville is also near their two children, who live in South Florida and Georgia.

University of Michigan alumni Margaret and George DeMuth, both 78, didn't just buy into their community near the campus, they were part of a effort by people that worked to get it off the ground. Since moving into University Commons in Ann Arbor about three years ago, they have found a neighborhood that allows ample opportunity to socialize with other active older people.

"It's a nice mixture of people," George DeMuth said. "We have people active in business or the faculty, or totally retired."

DeMuth, who retired as Michigan professor emeritus of pediatrics and communicable diseases, is taking a course in Chinese history. His wife, who worked in the journalism school, is taking a physical education class. Recital, musical performances and lectures consume much of their leisure time.

Unlike Oak Hammock, University Commons doesn't have any long-term medical care. "We didn't want this to be the last station before death," DeMuth said.

These housing options appeal to aging baby boomers primarily because of the university affiliations, said Marc Freedman, author of "Prime Time: How the Baby Boomers Will Revolutionize Retirement and Transform America."

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ACLU leader says citizens must stand up for rights

By Heather Behrens

AMES, Iowa — Are civil liberties really a free ride, or buying textbooks is not keeping prices high. M. Robbin Smith, director of the Iowa Civil Liberties Union, gave one perspective on the question versus freedom, particularly with the USA Patriot Act.

"In 20 years after the previous edition, a major change in teaching a graduate course using an earlier text, I was told that the book was not available up front," said Smith. "Although not all online textbooks will be free, WaSPaRG says they will be cheaper than print versions because paper, printing and editorial costs account for an average of 32.3 cents of every dollar of a textbook's cost.

"We can and should be both safe and free," Smith said. "Measures of the Patriot Act might undermine our liberty.

The new powers for surveillance are "diverting attention from real problems and real terrorists," she said. One point Smith emphasized was citizens' involvement. She encouraged audience members to write to their Congressional representatives about important issues. She said it was very clear in her experience testify-

ing to Congressional panels that members of both parties in Congress are very responsive to constituents' opinions.

She said constituent pressure played a role in Congress' refusal to expand governmental powers to access more personal information as part of what is called the Total Information Awareness program.

Smith said students should get involved with important issues facing the nation by debating, listening to speakers and trying to open the minds of those who hold different views.

"They can really make a difference by raising their voices and getting involved, hopefully with civil liberties," she said.

In sales material, release new editions of textbooks only when there has been significant new content in the field and make versions of textbooks available online.

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Falls Church, co-chair of Associated Students of Madison's Legislative Affairs Committee, said the effort to reduce textbook prices is an important part of making education more affordable. He said ASM formed a committee comprised of faculty, administration and students who are looking at ways to lower textbook prices and expect to release a report later this year.

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Poly to offer more study abroad options

Emily Wong

Summer quarter class offerings have been cut significantly, leaving many students short on units and pushing back their expected graduation date.

"A summer program provides a great opportunity for students who want to get ahead on course units," said Monica Schechter, associate director for study abroad and CSU International Programs.

International Educational and Program officials said, "Summer programs also allow for additional time for traveling overseas, or for students to return to the U.S. and work for several weeks prior to the fall quarter."

This year, Cal Poly will also offer new countries to students, including the Czech Republic and Ghana, through the school's recent affiliation with the University Studies Abroad Consortium.

"The university's International Education and Programs office is committed to integrating study abroad into all major disciplines across the curriculum," said Monica Schechter, associate director for study abroad and CSU International Programs.

Mustang ASKS

Do you have any regrets about college?

"I wish I met more variety of people, other than that I wouldn't have done anything differently."

"Choosing a small non-athletic school. I wish I had gone to a bigger college. Also, not getting more involved on campus; I should have been doing more from day one."

"I would have tried harder to see what I was actually worth, instead of skating through almost every class."

"I hate everything about this school, it is too small and not culturally diverse."

"Not really ... maybe if I didn't have a girl the whole time."

"Taking hard classes fall quarter of my first year."

"Not managing my time and taking too many classes."

"I regret not meeting people in the dorms."

"I regret not really looking at the available fraternities. I'd probably just be more open to the opportunity."
Meat lab manager Shane Osterthaler slices bacon. The animal science department sells meat to recover some of its costs.

Poly's meat lab sells goods Fridays

Jake Ashley  
student 2007

Students who enjoy firing up the barbecue to start off the weekend are in luck. The Cal Poly Animal Science Department's Friday meat sale is the perfect place to pick up some choice cuts.

For the past year, the Cal Poly meat lab has held a sale on Fridays from noon to 5 p.m. in building 24, room 107H — next to Campus Market. They sell a variety of cuts in hopes of recovering some of the cost accrued by the meat science class. Meat lab manager Shane Osterthaler said the price is right.

"I try to price competitively so that way it covers our cost and possibly make a little bit for upgrading of equipment," Osterthaler said.

The leftover profits also go toward sponsoring students to go to educational conventions.

"Obviously, it costs a lot for us to buy the animal for the educational value," Osterthaler said. "But they never really knew when we were open and we kind of had sporadic advertising here and there."

The lack of a scheduled day wasn't the only inconvenience in the past, though. The lab used to sell only full sides and quarters of beef — a lot of meat for a student to carry and store. Selling smaller cuts not only moves more product, but Osterthaler said it is more cost-effective.

"This way, it gives students or faculty a chance to buy a steak or two steaks or a whole beef," Osterthaler said.

Despite holding the official sale on Fridays, Osterthaler said anyone can stop by throughout the week to buy meat when it is available.

"We do harvesting, which is slaughter, and we do the manufacturing," Bass said.

Manufacturing consists of the cutting, grinding and packaging that go into creating a final, sellable product.

But just how much of a deal is the meat sale?

"I saw lamb loin chops in Costco for $7.99 a pound, and they're $5 a pound here," Osterthaler said.

He also estimated that a T-bone steak sells for $7 or $8 a pound on average, compared with Cal Poly's $5 a pound.

While from quarter-to-quarter the type of meats varies, this term the lab has the goods with the availability of beef, pork and lamb.

For beef lovers, there are cuts as cheap as arm roast all the way up to a porterhouse steak. Pork cuts include ham and bacon, while lamb cuts span from sirloin chops down to stew meats.

Bass, who has been preparing meat for the sale for the past four years, knows a good cut when he sees one.

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Caffeine pills, most popularly used for weight-loss aids and energy boosters, are present in the college atmosphere as a result of late-night study sessions, highly-intensive exam weeks and the never-ending desire to be thinner.

The Food and Drug Administration has recently mandated some changes to the chemical make-up of the metabolism-enhancing capsules.

Ephedra, the main ingredient in what is commonly referred to as a caffeine pill, has been banned by the FDA because of continued health concerns. FDA officials caution users to stop taking any products that contain ephedra.

"There are many health risks to taking too much," head of Cal Poly Medical Services Burt Cochran said. "If a person experiences anxiety, insomnia, an over-active thyroid, an irregular heartbeat or other related symptoms, it probably shouldn't be added to their diet."

The Health Center on campus sees the negative effects of caffeine pills on students.

"We always see a few students that have taken too much caffeine in one form or another," Cochran said. "They come into the Health Center very jittery and sometimes even have heart irregularities."

Although these pills are not considered addictive, they have been pulled off the market as a result of deaths traced back to the drug, including the death of Baltimore Orioles pitcher Steve Bechler in February 2003.

"We pulled all of our ephedra off the shelves almost a year ago," said Patricia Peters, Vitamin World store manager in Pismo Beach. "We get a wide range of shoppers looking for energy-enhancing supplements. People were very willing to try the products that didn't contain ephedra."

Officials at NBTY Inc., Vitamin World's parent company and leading manufacturer and marketer of nutritional supplements, decided to pull products containing ephedra in March 2003 due to continued health concerns.

The ban on ephedra marks the first time that the FDA has blocked the sale of an over-the-counter supplement. Unlike prescribed drugs, dietary supplements do not have to be approved as safe in order to be sold, but the FDA can decide to take them off the market if they prove to be unsafe.

"The herbal people are not dumb," Cochran said. "They will come up with herbal components that are very close in chemical make-up to ephedra. Consumers just need to be careful of the look-alikes because the body could very well have the same reaction if too much is consumed."

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Small town SLO makes big news

Steve Hinkle lawsuit

Steve Hinkle, president of the Cal Poly College Republicans, started a free speech dispute after trying to post a sign for a campus lecture in 2002.

The incident made headlines in national publications, including the Washington Times and FOX News.

Hinkle was charged with disrupting a student meeting when he entered the Cal Poly Multicultural Center to post a flyer advertising a speech by conservative black author Wayne Martin. The student, offended by Hinkle’s interruption, called the University Police.

A student disciplinary hearing was conducted in early 2003, in which Hinkle was found guilty of violating subsection (d) of section 41301 of Title V of the California Code of Regulations, which prohibits obstruction or disruption of the campus education process or other campus function.

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``Cal Poly is going to clear my record and pay for my legal fees,'" Hinkle said. "We are just waiting on a signature."

However, Cal Poly’s legal council Carlos Cordera said he could not comment on the matter and there have been no final decisions made.

Mandi Gras riots

March Gras in San Luis Obispo began in 1979 with one float and a ballroom party. However, this past February it seemed as if San Luis Obispo was trying to rival New Orleans with chaos and debauchery.

With the usual showings of beads, canes, pepper spray-filled balloons and shotgun bean bags on the night of Feb. 21, the Saturday before Fat Tuesday.

There were about 150 police officers on duty in San Luis Obispo on the Saturday night of Mardi Gras weekend — keeping watch over thousands of visitors and students, see News, page 50.
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who had gathered at an intersection near campus. The two groups clashed after the intersection of California and Foothill boulevards was declared an unlawful assembly zone. The crowds began throwing glass bottles at police officers, wounding 10 officers, said Lieutenant Tolley of the San Luis Obispo Police Department. The police used pepper balls and bean bags in an attempt to stop the crowd. Nearly 200 people were arrested during the weekend, mostly on suspicion of public intoxication and failing to disperse during the riot, police said. "We didn't expect a riot to occur," Tolley said, "But we were prepared for it when it happened." By the end of the madness, Marsh Grass cost $800,000 in damages and police enforcement. Six of those arrested were charged with felonies, which included charges of assault on police and car burglary. Twenty-three of the 198 charges of assault on police and car burglary. Twenty-three of the 198 cases of arrest were recently returned to SLOPD for further investigation.

Diversity

Cal Poly has recently made headlines for its lack of enrollment of minority students. An article was written in the Los Angeles Times about the scarcity of minorities, according to the Times article. "There are enough minorities here to hang out with," he said. "I do hope that Cal Poly will try to let more minorities in, though." The Times article also said, Cal Poly's "lack of appeal" to minorities is because of its academic specialties and location. Most of the major disciplines, like engineering and architecture, usually attract fewer minorities. San Luis Obispo may have had its shocking moments, but it still retains its charm and sense of home for many. San Luis Obispo was just ranked the third-best place to live in the nation, just behind Charlottesville, Va., and Santa Fe, N.M., according to "Cities Ranked and Rated," by "The Best Places to Live in the U.S. and Canada.

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Cal Poly may not be as known for its basketball like Duke in baseball like Long Beach State or its football like USC, but students still have the opportunity to cheer for 20 different NCAA Division I teams.

The 2003-04 season has been a strong one for Cal Poly athletics, beginning with the football and women's soccer teams. Football was ranked as high as No. 13 in the Division I-AA poll, while the women's soccer team went 18-2-2 and finished the season as Big West Champions and ranked No. 20 in the nation.

Men's cross country finished No. 13 in the country and issued a dominating performance in the conference championship.

Men's basketball started off the season on a strong note with a pair of road victories over Pac-10 schools Cal and USC. Baseball is currently ranked No. 44 in the country with a 20-13-1 record. About 900 Cal Poly students are involved in collegiate sports. There are other ways for students to get involved.

Most sports are members of the Big West Conference, a mid-major conference. There are often seen at games with printed green faces sitting in the student section. All of these fans have one goal: to unite Cal Poly students together.

"A sporting event is a place where students from all backgrounds can come together and root for the same team," said sophomore Kayla Mulder, a member of Cal Poly's volleyball team.

Coaches agree about the effect sports can have on a campus. "Cal Poly sports bring students from all backgrounds together like no other club or activity can," head basketball coach Kevin Bromley said. He went on to say that sports are a great way to market a school because they bring notoriety to the university.

Sports become so much more than a game after a while. A game is merely amusing.

"A sporting event is a place where you and grandma can enjoy getting a shriek out of the announcers' voice, the chill that runs up your spine with two seconds left and all the world brings on a coach's call. The peaceful vibes of the ballpark, the echoes off the arena (or gym) walls, the gleam of grass on the gridiron. Sports become so much more than a game after a while. A game is merely amusing."

A game is you and grandma playing dominos. Sports is Willis Reed emerging out of the tunnel to the roar of Madison Square Garden fans after receiving a pain-killer shot in order to play Game 7 of the NBA Finals. It's Muhammad Ali standing over Sonny Liston or Pete Rose rounding third base.

It's all that's in the past and for the hope of so much more in the future (i.e. Cubs fans).

Dan Watson is a journalism sophomore and Mustang Daily columnist.
Students encouraged to deal with college stresses in healthy manner

Brian Koser

For the majority of young adults, college is an opportunity for students to discover who they are and what they want to do in life.

Unfortunately, the stresses of collegiate life are not relegated to grades, labs, homework and assignments. Many deal with situations that they have yet to experience, leaving some with doubts and fears about how to handle a variety of pressures.

“We have a new crop of students every year, and the biggest single key for students to get themselves into trouble is alcohol,” said University Police Department communications director Fred Mills.

Mills said the general trend found among college students is the younger the individual, the higher the risk for alcohol-related problems.

“Public intoxication is a larger problem than most people think because there are extremely tragic consequences that students don’t consider,” he said.

Mills said if students choose to consume alcohol, they should also keep in mind that their sense of judgment is greatly impaired, their ability to defend themselves in an assault is affected and their overall ability to protect themselves is vastly decreased.

“Granted, there are programs which offer rides home to students,” he said. “Unfortunately, if a student is too intoxicated, they are far less likely to take the proper steps to get home safely.”

Mills also said “there is no faster way for someone to ruin their entire life than drunken driving.”

Aside from the harm an intoxicated motorist can inflict upon himself, his passengers, property and others involved in the collision, a DUI has expensive monetary consequences.

“The initial fine is $500,” he said. “But after everything is said and done, a person convicted on drunk driving charges will spend closer to $5,000.”

Week of Welcome facilitator Amanda Clements said the WOW program is an excellent opportunity for students to learn about Cal Poly and how to properly deal with situations associated with college life.

“New venues for drugs and alcohol are open to incoming students, whether freshman or transfer students,” Clements said.

“WOW helps students to learn what resources are available to them to avoid potential problems (with drugs and alcohol).”

Clements, who is also a business major, said WOW has a range of topics discussed as part of the program. Stress and depression, alcohol and drugs, body image, diversity, financial issues and sexual awareness are all issues that students have the opportunity to become more informed about.

“For all students, everything is new and there are so many issues that they have not had to deal with,” she said. “WOW tries to address those concerns in a manner beneficial to the first-year or transfer students.”

Teresa George, head of Counseling Services at Cal Poly, said there are resources both on and off campus that students can use when needed.

George said typical problems include issues of being in a new environment, stress from adjusting to a new school and schedule, distant romantic relationships and living with roommates for the first time.

“At first, (these issues) are not major concerns,” she said. “But if they are not addressed, they can become very serious problems that impact the lives of students.”

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When college students set foot on campus during the 1960s and 1970s, political action was a large part of university life. Information sessions, speakers and organized protests defined an era of activism and opposition against the Vietnam War.

Today, political involvement on college campuses is not as big a movement as it was 30 to 40 years ago, but there are many resources available for students to have their voices heard.

"There are clubs from every political angle that there's no excuse to get involved," said Steve Hinkle, industrial technology graduate student and president of Cal Poly College Republicans.

There are numerous ways to get involved politically on campus. Conservative, liberal and progressive clubs at Cal Poly encourage students to stay informed and take a stance for their beliefs.

Associated Students Inc. allows its representatives to take action on issues that affect their peers, said philosophy junior Izy Arkin, an ASI board representative for the College of Liberal Arts.

"There are 17,000 students, and it's really hard to get your voice to be heard," Arkin said. "If you have opinions, and you want them to be heard respectively, ASI is the best way to do that."

Arkin said if ASI takes a stance on an issue, it would really have an effect on the administration's action toward those issues, from subjects ranging from Mardi Gras to schedule changes.

"If ASI writes a resolution, it will most likely pass because the administration will see that we're basing saying that this is how students feel," Arkin said.

For issues outside of the university, such as local politics or the war in Iraq, there are many organized groups on campus that actively promote student activism.

The Cal Poly Progressive Student Alliance is a campus organization that is "dedicated to peace, environment, social justice, civil rights" and many other issues, said PSA co-director and art and design senior Sabiha Banoa. The club's membership includes a diverse array of students and professors from all majors and individuals not affiliated with Cal Poly.

The PSA organized protests in San Luis Obispo and on campus to demonstrate against U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East. In addition, they hold weekly meetings and sponsor speakers and cultural events to increase awareness of issues among students.

"I can't think of another way I'd be spending my time," Banoa said.

The Cal Poly College Republicans is another group on campus that actively promotes political involvement among its peers. CPCR promotes voter registration, brings political candidates and speakers to campus and sends students to conservative conferences, Hinkle said.

"There are students who will be traveling all over the world once they graduate from Cal Poly, so it's important that we know what's going on," Hinkle said. "Economically, we have an enormous impact on our community, and the attitudes we share will have an effect."

Despite the optimism and hard work of each activist group, increasing student involvement is a challenge.

The U.S. Census reported that 36 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted in the last presidential election, and student activists say college campuses are experiencing a national trend of apathy.

"I think apathy is very much a reality," said Claire Kimball, a student activist and chemistry major at University of California, Berkeley. "I think some of it comes from our feeling of powerlessness and the feeling that what we do doesn't have an effect."

Kimball and many others maintain that the voices of students do have an effect and it's important for beliefs to be heard.

"The danger of apathy is that others make the decisions for you," Hinkle said.

For more information on political clubs on campus, students can refer to the ASI Web site which lists all groups, http://asi.calpoly.edu/uu/clubprograms/.
Women make up 21 percent of physics dept.

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As a high school student, she
excelled at English, music and
physics. But like many female stu-
dents, Jamie Romnes felt pressured
away from physics by teachers and
friends.

"I decided to try physics because
everyone was telling me I couldn't," said Romnes, now a physics senior
and Society of Physics student sena-
tor.

Researchers say the gender ratio is
roughly even in high school physics
but at each step up the academic lad-
der, women become more scarce. It
is referred to as a pipeline that pref-
rentially leaks women.

At Cal Poly, that trend appears to
be stunted. This year women com-
prired more than 21 percent of the
physics student population, which is
an improvement over the national
average of 19 percent. The three
female professors in the department
are nearly 10 percent of the full-time
faculty, which is also higher than the
national average of 8 percent.

"Basically it has been a gift. If we
came out of nowhere," physics
department chair Richard Frankel
said. "We are doing something right,
but we don't know what it is."

if anything, Frankel and other fac-
dulty members attribute it to a domi-
no effect.

"That we have more women
probably encourages women to con-
sider coming here," physics profes-
sor Richard Sennett said.

Most female students said the gen-
der ratio was not a factor when
deciding to come to Cal Poly.

"I didn't even think about it," physics
senior Mary Jo Weeks said.

"I found it harder to study with guys
becaue they become competitive a
lot faster," Weeks said. "The lounge
(H-bar, the physics study room) is
usually mostly guys. It can get gross
or inappropriate due to that. I most-
lly stay away because it inhibits my
studying."

Stevens said it is "just guys being
guys in large groups."

Most of it is jokes or something
being taken out of context," said
physics and math senior Brandon
Seilhan.

"I'm sure a lot of it comes from
people not realizing a female is in the
room," Seilhan said. "Especially since
I realize it is a problem, I try to make
sure I don't offend anyone."

Most students said the male faculty
has been supportive in recognizing
the problem.

"There has been a conscious effort
on the part of authors to be more
inclusive. I try to catch myself in the
way," physics professor Richard
Sennet said.

A large part of the support female
students receive comes from mentor-
ing by female faculty, who can act
as role models of success.

"It's nice to see a woman in that
position," Romnes said.

Nilgun Sungur and Gayle Cook are
the department's only two tenured
women, which meets the national
average of 8 percent. Full-time faculty
member Lizza Demsetz completes the
trio, which boosts the female faculty to
10 percent.

"I'd like to see more women on the
faculty," Weeks said. "It is one of the
major ways the department could
show they wanted things to be equal."

Frankel said he has little control over
undergraduate admissions, but the fac-
dulty-hiring committee tries to give
a "very special, very close reading of
any applications from female applicants,
through the pool of them is very con-
munist.

Even so, the women of the physics
department have garnered the respect
of their colleagues.

"The women at Cal Poly have
shown me that they are capable. Women
can do what men can do in math and
physics and engineering," Weeks said.
"If there's one thing I will take away,
it is how suc-
cessful the women are even though
we are low in numbers."

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Commentary

Critics, cutbacks, cutbacks. That's all we seem to be hearing about lately. The economy is in a crisis. The country is in debt. Mustang Daily still isn't paying. If anyone has any idea on how to installment of services.

And don't even get us started on California. Now that Arnold Schwarzenegger is the governor of our once Golden State, we are faced with many challenges: interpreting an Austrian accent, being whisked away to an exotic island for a photo shoot, end up with a non-friend. The College Board has found an evidence from a field trial in Spring 2002 to look at the relationship between ESL students as well as minority groups do not increase. These students are better on better writing assessments than on verbal measures. The SAT essay will be the best way to access the test-taker's general awareness of language and grammar, not to be general assessment, and to be specific of either technical or specific literacy tests that the College Board.

The questions are open-ended and ask students to take a position on an issue and support it with examples from knowledge learned in the classroom as well as personal experience. Persuasion is a skill put into prac
tice each day when trying to influence others' decisions at home, work, or school. Being able to prove a point and accurately support it is an important attribute everyone should have, which comes in, part, from writing skills. Students in college write what seems like thousands of essays and research papers, in all levels of education, all classes, all of which require certain writing skills. From elementary school through higher education, students learn reading, writing, and arithmetic. Why not test writing on a "scholastic aptitude test"? Soon, other students will need to demonstrate a grasp on writing, and the SAT is the perfect place to prove it.

New SAT has "write" idea

Commentary

Most students loathe going to school on Saturday mornings. However, there are seven Saturdays a year that you won't have to be found on campus. After dragging ourselves out of bed for an 8:30 a.m. class, we have already chapped no. 2 pencils and their trusted calculator, they are ready to spend three hours trying to come up with the right choice questions for the Scholastic Aptitude Test.

The test will change in Spring 2005.

The College Board has made a modification to the SAT to include a writing portion that will extend the total time to three hours and 45 minutes. There has been controversy attached to this decision; however, it will be beneficial to future college goers as well as their prospective college admissions.

Many universities are beginning to add essays to their writing requirements and the SAT essay will aid in the selection process. Admissions officers will be able to see a sample of unpolished writing in a timed setting, knowing that the student is writing with no assistance from teachers or parents. This gives students the opportunity to show colleges their writing abilities.

In addition, the writing sample may be used by universities to place students in composition classes, which can save time and energy by relieving staff from processing and scoring the essays.

Experienced high school teachers and college faculty members who primarily teach English, composition or language arts courses will score the essays. Each essay has two scores from separate scorers who may not have any contact during the scoring process.

This essay will be much like that on the SAT II, which the College Board has decided to do away with. Beginning Jan. 26, test-takers will have to complete the new SAT. The SAT accounts for 59 percent of all college admission. Students interested in attending the College Board Web site. Due to the high percentage of students who take the SAT II, which mandates that all SAT essay were to remain on the SAT II, students will still be required to demonstrate writing proficiency. This will make it easier for students to get into the colleges they want and focus on the other tasks they have to take the SAT II.

The presence of an essay on the test will stress the importance of writing in a student's education.

Other essays on the SAT have been planned, one that should place on writing, in being able to convey thoughts and feelings accurately without reason of misunderstanding.

Despite the argument against the essay for those who may be at a disadvantage from the new writing section, such as those who speak English as a second language or who have physical disabilities, the test will be handled the same way as the SAT II writing test.

Roomie choosing blues

Commentary

What's crazy about college is that there is not so much a housing shortage as there is a housing dilemma, with the dilemma being, "Who is going to be my roommate this year?"

If you are a freshman who spent more time rooming than socializing, you are probably faced also with the question, "Who do I know well enough to ask to be my roommate?"

If you are a sophomore or older, you may be wondering, "Who is going to take that vacant single for next year?"

The simplest solution would be to orient that freshman to the apartment of a couple of upperclassmen who already have a furnished apartment and a lease for the following year. It would be an easier and cheaper arrangement than the lease in camp. The worst is utter hell that lasts a long as you live your college years — but only if you make poor choices.

If I could do it all over again as a first-year student, I would definitely consider moving in with folks who already have a place, for several reasons.

First, it could potentially reduce roommate drama. If you get a couple of fellow freshmen who get along well together and try to build a household from scratch, you will have to worry about which person gets to choose who gets what space, who does what, and who brings what furniture.

You will see crazy amounts of stress within your first month of living together, the most critical month for roommate drama. If you get a couple of upperclassmen, you have a place, for several reasons.

In a pre-organized household, that stress has already passed. When moving in to such a place, all one needs to be concerned with is getting along well with their roommates and in their rules and in their rules.

Second, you could "preview" an apartment before living there. Arrange a pre-arranged, pre-arranged arrangement and see if everyone is happy with the decision. It will be a much smoother transition.

If you are divided between going along with a group of friends you feel comfortable with or choosing a pre-set apartment, I suggest you look around the latter before committing. Besides, there are dozens of places to choose from.

If you have no interest or self-confidence in making a decision, you may find friends you will have a great relationship with, especially if you are new at it.

The greatest pains I have observed in other roommates in the household get along well enough to desire living together next year. That is a problem of fellow freshmen who have caught between two roommates (ideally). You may find a household where everyone is happy with the decision. It will be a much smoother transition.

Speaking from experience, the roommate situation is a one-up. You may find friends you will have a great time living with, but you also can find roommates who are great and cannot get along, but did not move apart. Skip it.

If you are going through a pre-organized household situation, it is important to not only to "shop around" and find the best living environment that best suits your lifestyle and the people who live with you. You may find a roommate who is open-minded and easy to get along with. You may find a roommate who is open-minded and easy to get along with.

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Pledge to keep church and state separate

Commentary

About 60 million school-age children receive the Pledge of Allegiance every day. This is an alarming fact. It can be inferred that many of these students and middle school aged children have little or no concept of the meaning of the oath they are taking day after day, year after year. Pledging allegiance to anything should not be taken lightly.

Beyond the simple irony that children are compelled to pledge their allegiance to the flag of the "land of the free," there is another major problem with the pledge: the words used.

The original Pledge of Allegiance, as it was written by socialist Francis Bellamy in 1892, included no religious reference or God.

The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization, spearheaded a campaign in the early 1950s to add the religious reference to the pledge. In 1954, after President Dwight D. Eisenhower heard a sermon in church on the subject, the addition of the phrase "under God" was approved by the president and Congress.

The addition of the religious reference was intended to separate the United States from the "Godless Communists." The original pledge is still do so to avoid the disdain of their peers.

The document of even one student should be enough to stop the Pledge of Allegiance in schools, at least. The addition of the religious reference in the Pledge of Allegiance is an unconstitutional government promotion of religion that has no place in the classroom, or any other classroom.

Religion does not mix well with government, especially in education, where young minds are developing and being molded by their surroundings.

Although in 1943 the Supreme Court decided that students couldn't be required to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, it is probable that many students who would rather not recite the pledge will still do so to avoid the disdain of their peers.

Religion does not mix well with government, especially in education, where young minds are developing and being molded by their surroundings.

Where states would not tolerate a Pledge of Allegiance that proclaims "one nation under God" they should also reject, under the principle of equal rights, "one nation under God."

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Walk-ons make big impact for Poly sports

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Some may be shocked to learn that not all Cal Poly athletes are the preconceived "big men or women on campus" with the free rides. In fact, the notion is that all athletes ignore class like it's an annoying brother and in the meantime take advantage of free scholarships through the four years. Both concepts are, for the most part, incorrect at Cal Poly and primarily so for the walk-ons where there are no scholarships.

What is a walk-on? It is a player, unlimited or invited, that does not have such a luxury of a scholarship.

The invited is recruited by coaches and evaluated but not given a scholarship usually because of funds and the uninvited walk-on has a more arduous road where he or she decides to go out for the team themselves.

The Cal Poly women's soccer team provides a good example of walk-on success. "They just develop later. They fall through the cracks," Cal Poly coach Alex Crozier said. "We invite that type of person out to tryout."

Before soccer season starts in fall, it's not uncommon to see 40-50 soccer players trying out for the team, many walk-ons looking for a spot. One of those walk-ons in 2002 was one-half of the Mustangs current duo of outstanding goalkeepers Liz Hill and Glenn Jones both agree on their American flag boxers yelling, 'Proud to be an American.'"

"People have to pay their dues," men's basketball player and walk-on Glenn Jones said. "You kind of forget who is and who's not."

A lot of players who could have received scholarships turn them down in order to walk-on at a university such as Cal Poly according to Crozier. "People have to pay their dues," Hill said. "Be open-minded and enjoy getting the chance to play." Hill and Jones both agree on the fact that playing for a scholarship was in the back of their mind but over time they just found enjoyment playing for the team and the ultimate goal of winning.

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Worst: "Waking up in weird places."

Worst: "Getting my first C in math."

Worst: "Physics class."

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Best: "Meeting great friends!"

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