Garden Grille sees changes

Liza Manion

Garden Grille will be no more starting in fall 2008. To replace it will be 19 Market Place. The whole purpose of the Garden Grille was to serve as an interim dining place, said Alan Cushman, director of campus dining. The Garden Grille has barely been around for one year, opening last fall for the first day of classes. But before the grand opening, there was old faithful Lighthouse.

With the opening of the Garden Grille, students were very pleased, and the numbers greatly increased. But there have been recent rumors that the Garden Grille doesn't grill anymore, that they have resorted to pre-made food and discontinued the cooked-to-order phenomenon.

This rumor is likely caused by "express pasta," a new addition to the pasta section. With numerous complaints that pasta took too long, this feature was added for students to choose from.

As for 19 Market Place, many more changes will be made. There will be several different food areas for students to choose from.

One area, a pizza and Mediterranean section, will offer "margarita-style pizza" with thin crust cooked in a brick oven.

"Nothing like Backstage," Cushman said. Another section will feature salads and soups with anticipated organic-farmed greens from Cal Poly.

There will also be a grill area with a rotisserie and other grilling options.

All of the stations will be placed in the center of the dining area, near where the garbage is now, for what Cushman calls "exhibition cooking."

"Each area (will) have a unique feel to it with its own color scheme," he said.

The goal is to create a dining room with multiple environments, Cushman said.

Sophomore Bret Netzer said there were long lines for pasta last year.

"Express pasta" offers certain pasta dishes prepared throughout the day for people on-the-go. The pasta is still fresh, cooked five to 10 minutes maximum before it's served, said Cushman.

"I come here when I'm treated to a meal," Netzer said of Garden Grille, where pasta is his favorite dish.

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in moderation. The campaign is actually presented as a one-quarter option for business students enrolled in the otherwise two-quarter-long senior project course, BUS 464 applied senior project. Professor Mitch Wolf oversees students' progress in the project. The idea for the campaign originated when studies explored the idea that "most people tend to want to do what their peers do," Wolf said. Most people "overestimated how much their friends (were) drinking," Wolf also said that "(if) you tell people the facts, they will be in all likelihood model their behavior after what is really happening."

The program is now in its fourth year, using grant funds from Coors Brewing Co. and Cal Poly. In order to organize the campaign more effectively, the business students have also joined forces this year with students in AGB 400, agriculture business marketing planning.

The program information throughout the year is facilitated by rotating responsibilities every quarter between the business and agribusiness students.

Currently, under the guidance of Marianne McGarry Wolf, the agribusiness students are implementing events that were planned during the campaign the year before. Public opinion is crucial to the success of the campaign, so these students will also conduct surveys of about 500 students and, in this way, analyze the data to gauge the level of alcohol awareness in the student body. After their findings are summarized, they will advise the next group of students taking on the following year's campaign.

During the upcoming winter and spring quarters, students in the business senior project class will continue to execute the marketing events planned, and conduct another batch of surveys to further measure alcohol awareness. They will also cement the plan for the 2007-08 school year.

This year's campaign focuses on using a designated driver, because during the past few years, all behaviors associated with irresponsible drinking except this one have decreased.

Business senior Brittany Shehi participated in last year's campaign. Her group used many different methods to get their message across, including press releases sent to local media, ads in the Mustang Daily and even hosting a Pub Night at Marty's Bar and Grill downtown. The flyers were a particularly crucial part of the effort.

"Having our flyers around campus reminded students and faculty about the election. When polls closed, he won by 104."

Derek Kiess, who ran last year for the Norato Unified School District Board, delivered fliers four weeks before election. Where polls closed, he was down 13 votes. After last-minute absentee ballots were tallied, he won by 104.

"I was delighted but not surprised," he said. "People came up to me the week after the election in the grocery store and said they hadn't mailed the absentee ballot."

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March from a survey sent to about 80,000 households.

"We ask questions about how much they earned in the previous calendar year," he said.

Although the table shows the earnings gap between college and high school graduates has decreased slightly from the previous year, this information was not stated in the official report. The Census Bureau was unable to comment on any economic changes that this year's data might show.

"We are basically in the business of collecting and publishing the data," Bergman said. "We don't have any expertise to update data users on their own." He added that economists professor William Johnson said the income gap has generally been increasing since the 1970s. "The trend from the last 20 or 25 years has been for it to be widening, or at least not shrinking," he said.

Johnson said the economic benefits of going to college can be summarized by a rate of returns, or how much profit is made.

**College graduates earn an average of $51,554 per year. High school graduates earn an average of $28,645 per year.**

Census data highlights degree advantage

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**State**

**BEAUMONT (AP) —** Firefighters aided by drying winds appeared to be winning the battle Sunday against a 63-square-mile wildfire that killed four of their own and destroyed homes.

The 40,450-acre blaze, which authorities said was set by an arsonist, was 70 percent contained four days after a burnout gusts overtook a U.S. Forest Service crew. Four members were killed and a fifth was left clinging to life with burns over most of his body.

The blaze was still threatening a wilderness area, but fire officials were confident that if they could keep it out of that area they could have it under control by Tuesday night.

**ROHNERT PARK (AP) —** A prostitution sting resulted in a high-speed highway chase in which several cars were damaged before it ended. Two people were arrested on prostitution, pimping and other charges.

Authorities who answered postings on the community Web site Craigslist.org said they arranged for a prostitute to come to a Ramada Hotel. Two women came to the room rented by undercover detectives, where a detective negotiated a price with one of them, said police Sgt. Art Sweeney.

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**National**

**WASHINGTON (AP) —** Republicans on Sunday said a major voter turnout effort would help them stay in power after the Nov. 7 elections, while Democrats claimed momentum as they seek to tap into voter unhappiness over Iraq. Both sides agreed that the war in Iraq was a leading, if not central, issue in the contests to decide control of the House and Senate.

**NEW YORK (AP) —**Thousands of homes and businesses had no electricity Sunday from Maryland to Maine as a storm system battered the region with winds gusting to more than 50 mph, knocking over trees and construction cranes. The storm was blamed for at least two deaths.

Gusts of 70 mph were possible Sunday in northern New York state, the National Weather Service said.

A falling tree killed a motorcyclist in Massachusetts, police said. In New Hampshire, one man was missing after falling off a cruise ship on Lake Winnipesaukee during the storm late Saturday, and one man drowned when his kayak overturned on a rain-swollen river, state officials said.

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**International**

**ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) —** A Nigerian attiier with 104 people on board slammed into the ground moments after takeoff Sunday and aviation authorities said six people survived with the rest feared dead.

It was the third deadly crash of a passenger plane in less than a year in this West African nation known for its notoriously unsafe air industry. Among those killed was the man regarded as the spiritual leader of Nigeria's Muslims and the vultan of Sokoto state, Muhammadu Maccido. He headed the National Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs in Nigeria, and thousands of people gathered at a regional airport to recover his body.

**OAXACA, Mexico (AP) —** Federal police armed with assault rifles and riot shields stormed this normally picturesque tourist destination Sunday, bypassing barricades and touching off fierce street battles as they tried to end five months of protests and violence. Officers in black helmets entered the city from several sides, reinforced by armored vehicles, trucks mounted with high-pressure water cannons and bulldozers. Helicopters hovered overhead.

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Stars of recent movie releases have proved popular costumes this year, like pirate captains and Oktoberfest dresses.

Joshua Krane

Halloween night is only a clay away and the search for the perfect costume is in full swing downtown.

Biology junior Cari Orniston waits in line to enter Costume Capers off of Chorro Street. She plans to dress up as Nancy Spungen, the girlfriend of late Sex Pistols bassist, Sid Vicious. She has already assembled most of her outfit — tight pants, a "sleazy" shirt and a fur shawl — and has come to Costume Capers to pick up a wig. She plans to show off her costume this Friday at a party. "You're allowed to go to your extreme and you're not looked at like you're weird, everyone's weird," Orniston said of Halloween.

Store manager Brandon Farmer said traffic flow is nonstop this time of year at Costume Capers, a densely packed store with everything from boa to political masks hanging from the floor to the ceiling. Farmer said employees have been staying after hours each night until 4 a.m. restocking for the next day. Pirate costumes are the most popular items this year, Farmer said, a by-product of the "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" release this summer. Oktoberfest costumes have been popular items for girls he said, a result of the movie "Beerfest" that also came out this year. And there are always the staples "Star Wars," skeleton, Grim Reaper, devil and angel costumes. Still outside, agriculture business senior Eric Johnson said he isn't sure what he wants to be, but is leaning toward a Superman outfit with a Mark Kent suit over it. He said he plans to hang out at Marti's Bar and Grill and other parties downtown for Halloween. "Everyone dresses up and gets crazy," Johnson said of his favorite part about the holiday. "Inhibitions are lost." A few blocks down in The Creamery, Moai Sue sells Halloween accessories from lobster hats to bowling ball sunglasses. Owner Sue Schinsing said her pirate accessories like hooks, gold teeth, swords and parrots have been the most popular items this year. She also sells wigs and has Polynesian accessories like leis, grass skirts and coconut bras.

"The popular themes change every year. You never know what's coming," she said. "One year it's French maids, the next year it's whatever." Schinsing said the unpredictability of Halloween is what makes it different from any other holiday.

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Linda Murray said the store's pirate costume has also been a top seller this year. Bumblebees, ladybugs, cops and firefighters are also popular items, Murray said. There's even a Hugh Hefner costume for men. Fanny Wrappers also helps its customers put together their own costumes. Past customers have made "The Matrix" costumes out of the store's corsets, linge...
I imagine going to Bull's one afternoon and slamming $30 on the counter and having all the alcohol your blood circulation levels could handle. This is essentially what a wine festival is and Saturday's Wine and Style event at the Madonna Inn proved to be no exception. Not only did you get to walk away with a special "commemorative" glass to mark the event, which you may have a hard time remembering happening, but you also got (in most cases) an unlimited wine tasting.

As I arrived at the Wine and Style Festival, they gave me a small little wine glass and sent me on my way to taste as many of the vendors' wines as possible. Once I had my fill, I went outside to eat and had my pick of Oasis, Art's Café and some crepe place. It really couldn't have gotten any better!

The admission price of most wineries will be free if you attend the Saturday event but don't let that stop you. Wineries are charging between $5 and $10 for admission to their Open House. Look at it this way — it always costs money to taste, but this weekend, they are taking out new vintages, live bands, and in a lot of cases, all you can eat appetizers. I look forward to seeing you tasting this weekend, my wine minions.

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I have been to wineries where there are 14 different wines on the menu and they pour every single one. This is no different at wine festivals, in fact, they try to roll out the carpet and give more samples during these functions. So take your tastings and multiply that number by the amount of wineries present (in this case 26) and you have landed yourself in a metaphorical drunk tank.

Two weekends ago, Paso Robles wineries sponsored the unrolling of Crush, an open house for all of the

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POLITICAL COLUMN

Mercenaries too prevalent in Iraq

O ut of the most disturbing trends emerging from the Iraq war is America's growing reliance on the private sector to help get the job done. While there is nothing new about the military's use of private contractors, the Iraqi conflict has taken this privatization of war to an unprecedented level as there are now more than 90,000 private contractors working in Iraq. Many of these workers provide logistical support for the military, building bases, supplying food, water and electricity; however, 35,000 of these contractors go beyond simple logistics and provide actual military support to U.S. interests and companies. This means that there are 35,000 mercenaries roaming the streets of Iraq that is three times the amount of British troops. While I understand the benefits from such "Private Security Forces," their presence has become more of a liability than an asset for the U.S.

Some might disagree with the mercenary label given to these contractors, but when one considers that these men get paid three times the amount our soldiers do, and are not guaranteed prisoner of war status under the Geneva Conventions, one can't help but deem them mercenaries.

Labels aside, the most troubling thing about using these hired guns is that virtually no laws currently exist to govern their behavior. Unlike our soldiers in Iraq, these military contractors do not operate under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. And because of Paul Bremer's Coalition Provisional Authority Order 17, they are granted full immunity from Iraq's laws. According to Peter Singer, author of "Corporate Warriors," because these mercenaries aren't held accountable under U.S. or Iraqi law, hardly any of them has been prosecuted for crimes committed on the job.

This lack of regulation allows military contractors to be very aggressive in their operations which ultimately burns the overall U.S. effort to win the "hearts and minds" in Iraq.

One instance where contractors hurt the counterinsurgency effort was when Blackwater contractors were hired to protect Ambassador Bremer for a year. Former Col. Thomas Hamme claims that while Blackwater contractors did their job in protecting Bremer, their aggressive tactics were actually counterproductive to the war. "Each time they [Blackwater] went out they had to offend locals, forcing them to the side of the road and at times running vehicles off the road, making enemies each time. Their interests are fundamentally different than ours. You (U.S. Army) may lose an ambassador in an insurgency — that's a fact, but you have other ambassadors. If Blackwater loses an ambassador they're out of business."

Another unforeseen cost of the increased use of military contractors is the impact it has on recruitment levels for high level officers. Private security firms are poaching highly trained Special Forces soldiers by offering them salaries that are up to four times what they can earn in the military.

According to a report from the British-American Security Information Council, "American and British Special Forces personnel are resigning in record numbers and taking highly-paid jobs as private security guards in Iraq and Afghanistan."

I will admit there are certain benefits in outsourcing roles to private military contractors because in theory they save taxpayers money. According to Steven Schooner, an expert on government contracting, "It might end up being worth it to pay individuals a tremendous amount of money for a short period of time. Consider, for example, the government isn't going to pay anyone for anything working as a contractor for Iraq."

While this may be true, the fact is that we have hired these private contractors since the beginning of the war, three and a half years ago, and each day these men are making three times the amount our soldiers are making — that doesn't seem very cost-effective. I disagree. You ask the military, the military has become overly dependent on the private sector to make up for a lack of troop strength in Iraq and while regulated military contractors can be helpful and cost effective in short-term conflicts, this has certainly not been the case in Iraq. Instead of spending all this money on private mercenaries, whose allegiance is first to their client and second to their country, we should use that money to better our troops' pay and benefits — after all they are the ones with the right priorities.

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Polly men’s runners take fourth straight Big West title

The Mustangs’ Phillip Reid won the 8K race in 25:45.

SPORTS INFORMATION

The Cal Poly men’s cross country team won its fourth straight Big West Conference championship Saturday at the Farbanks Memorial Cross Country Course. It was the seventh overall Big West title for the men’s team. The No. 30 Mustangs upset No. 15 UC Santa Barbara, which placed second in the championship meet, 29-33. Junior Phillip Reid led the Mustangs to victory by finishing first in the race with a time of 25 minutes, 30 seconds, 35th on the 8K course. Freshman Evan Anderson picked up a fourth-place finish with a time of 26:11, junior Troy Sweer came in fifth with a time of 26:12 and Jameson Mota placed seventh with a time of 26:20. Running near the top five was freshman Joe Garel, who came in 12th at 26:49.

Two other Mustangs had strong showings at the meet — sophomore Jeff Leach took 14th and sophomore Brian Baker came in 16th in 27:10. Leach Anderson also ran for the Mustangs, placing 19th with a time of 27:15. Cal Poly’s Luke Lunnas finished 23rd with a time of 27:23.

The Cal Poly women’s team took fifth. Freshman Isabella Rodriguez finished first (26) in the meet and with Long Beach State (72) and UC Irvine (75) placing second and third, respectively.


Also competing for the Mustangs was freshman Brielle McCary, who placed 47th at 24:58, sophomore Katie Vaughn coming in 57th at 26:07 and senior Megan O’Malley finishing 59th with a time of 26:34.

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With arguably one of the five biggest wins in program history Saturday night, the Cal Poly football team soared back into the playoff picture.

Tristan Aird
SPORTS EDITOR

SAN DIEGO — Kenny Chicoine was a sight for the Poly faithful last time the Cal Poly football team beat a Division-I-A school. Things have come full circle. The senior free safety recovered a crucial fumble with 3 minutes, 2 seconds remaining, leading to Nick Corsone’s game-winning 37-yard field goal in the Mustangs’ stunning 16-14 win over I-A San Diego State on Saturday night in front of 20,074 at Qualcomm Stadium.

It marked the seventh time this season a I-A team has defeated a I-A school and the first time (Cal Poly has done so since a landmark 34-13 win at UTEP in the 2003 season opener. The Mustangs’ only other victory against a I-A school this season was a 38-35 overtime win at New Mexico State in 1997.

“I think that was the start of something great in the Cal Poly football program, to beat a I-A opponent down there,” Chicoine said of the UTEP game. “That was huge for the team just to start understanding that OK, we can start beating national contenders. We started developing that belief system over time that the (I-A) national championship’s not long away.”

Indeed, the I-A postseason looks like a much greater possibility now than it did following Cal Poly’s shocking 29-28 Great West Football Conference loss Oct. 21 at Homecoming to South Dakota State. The sideline for Cal Poly (6-2, 3-1) erupted into a raucous celebration when San Diego State kicker Garrett Palmer’s 48-yard field goal attempt with 32 seconds to go sailed wide left.

After time expired, the Mustangs saluted several hundred Cal Poly fans in attendance by singing the school’s fight song, “Ride High, You Mustangs,” while hugging each other, friends and family members.

“I think it’s a huge win for a lot of reasons,” said Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson, whose team clinched its fourth straight winning season “It’s a winning season for our senior class. It keeps a lot of our other goals alive.”

San Diego State entered the game with a 13-9 lead in the all-time series, but the two schools had not played each other since 1967.

“There was so much on the line,” Ellerson said. “The fact that it was San Diego State, kind of a traditional foe, someone we haven’t played in a long time but used to play all the time — our fans, our alumni, our former players can all identify with what this thing feels like. That’s all powerful stuff.”

Initially, it looked as if Cal Poly would have a long bus ride home. San Diego State (4-6, 1-2 Mountain West Conference), which left the field to boos on its Homecoming night, took a 14-3 first-quarter lead on a pair of Kevin Craft touchdown passes to Ralul Porter.

But after the first quarter, Cal Poly limited San Diego State to 186 yards from scrimmage. The biggest single reason for the defensive success was senior middle linebacker Kyle Shorwell, who had 12 tackles and four sacks. His four sacks were the most by any Mustang since Cal Poly moved to the I-AA level in 1994.

The Buck Buchanan Award candidate had 11 solo tackles, five tackles for losses of 26 yards and also forced a fumble. As impressive as Kyle Shorwell’s performance was, it was his brother, freshman defensive end Ryan Shorwell, who forced Attyah Henderson’s game-changing, fourth-quarter fumble.

“We got a takeaway, we got a break.” Ellerson said. “I was going to make sure that we gave ourselves a chance to win the game down there. I was not going to return the favor.”

None of the heroes would have been possible without the playmaking of Walter Payton Award candidate sophomore safety Kyle Shorwell, whose brother Ryan was also named for the award.

Noble, a Barstow native who had seven tackles and four yards of loss, said the biggest play of the game was when he recovered a fumble.

“I think we wanted it more than these guys,” Noble said. “When big plays happened, we didn’t get down. I would say the whole fourth quarter we had our feet on their necks. They weren’t able to rebound.”

With help from its swarming double-eagle flex defense, Cal Poly rallied to win in each of its last three victories. Noble had the feeling Cal Poly could build on that success as the team heads up to Chicoine’s fumble recovery.

“Our defense stepped up again,” Noble said. “That’s the most important thing for us to do. If we can hold our own in that big play the whole time. Fortunately, late in the game they did it.”

Freshman defensive end Ryan Shorwell celebrates Saturday night after he forced the game-changing fumble in the fourth quarter of Cal Poly’s 16-14 win over Division-I-A San Diego State at Qualcomm Stadium.

DENIS POUR/SPORTS STAFF

Cal Poly’s Chelsea Hayes (13), Candace Milton (9) and Salah Schonecke (15) battle UC Irvine’s Kristin Kelley (21) Saturday night.

After the first two games, the Anteaters (8-14, 3-5) did just enough to hang around and scrape by. Despite a serious height disadvantage up front, they played excellent defense on Atherstoiie, closing down lanes that had previously been open.

“We have had trouble coming out in the third game, so we came out fired up,” Atherstoiie said. “I don’t know what happened.”

It was the clear momentum was on the side of UC Irvine after the third game, which the Anteaters took 32-30 after the Mustangs rallied to tie the score at 29. Despite being outgained 252 to 109, the Anteaters capitalized on four Cal Poly service errors late in the game.

In the fourth game, the Mustangs gained outset UC Irvine to the tune of 206 to 139, but were unable to overcome sloppy play and seven more service errors. The Anteaters effectively took Atherstoiie out of the game, holding the reigning Big West and National player of the week to a single kill in the frame.

It looked like the Mustangs had finally regained momentum in the decisive fifth game. Cal Poly stormed to a 5-1 lead, taking advantage of a pair of UC Irvine service errors. After it was knotted at 13, UC Irvine’s Trisha White came up with the Anteaters’ lone block of the night to make it 14-13. After another Mustang error, UC Irvine was all even.

The crowd of 1,041 was deated and shocked.

Cal Poly edged UC Irvine in every major category, including hitting percentage (.297 to .144). The only Mustang service errors came against four UC Irvine service errors, which saw the Mustangs commit 18 to the Anteaters’ 12.

After the 14-13, the Mustangs also received superb play from libero Kristin Jackson, who had 26 digs and saved numerous rallies. Setter Chelsea Hayes also turned in a stellar performance, dishing out 61 assists.