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Retired Cal Poly physics professor Arthur Rosen was home alone at the 400 block of Lemon Street when a lone male walked through Rosen’s unlocked door around 1:45 p.m.

The suspect displayed a handgun and demanded money from Rosen, according to Capt. Daniel Blake of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

Rosen gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of cash and then the suspect struck Rosen in the head and fled in an unknown direction, according to police.

Rosen was treated at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center for non-life-threatening facial injuries. The robber is described as a Hispanic male in his early 20s, slender, and wearing light-colored clothing, according to Lt. Bill Powell of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

He was also wearing a white baseball cap with some sort of scarf or bandana.

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dying her hair, and no January time for her.

"I missed my sugar and caffeine," Himle said.
"I also lost contact with some friends. When my
friends wanted to go to parties or go hiking or rock
climbing, I couldn't go. I won't have that full college
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Himle moved out of the apartment she shared with Brown and in
with her parents in Atascadero. She said her mother provides "tremendous support."

"I waited three months to tell my mom that I was
pregnant," Himle said. "She was ecstatic; she thought
she couldn't have grandchildren. She also already
knew because she heard a message the doctor left
on the answering machine, and after I told her, she
brought out some baby clothes."

Currently, Himle is still working part time while
her mom babysits Lilli and Brown works full time.

Himle said that she will take a leave from her work
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California raises tax on sweetened alcoholic drinks

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SACRAMENTO — California regulators voted Tuesday to raise taxes on flavored malt beverages, responding to arguments that the sweetened drinks contribute to underage drinking.

The state Board of Equalization voted 3-2 to tax such drinks as Mike's Hard Lemonade and Zima as distilled spirits instead of as beer, which has a lower tax rate. That will increase the tax on those items from 6 cents per gallon to $1.39 per gallon, starting in July 2006, if the board can get the regulations in place by then.

Tax board Chair Betty Yee said she accepted the appeals from youth groups and The Marin Institute, an alcohol industry watchdog group which argued that the so-called "alko-cups" are flavored, packaged and marketed to appeal to young people.

"I think the overarching policy concern here was this is one element in dealing with underage drinking," she said in a telephone interview after the vote. The packaging and marketing are designed to "make it look like you're drinking something hip," she said.

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Richard III, played by Alan Benson, attempts to woo Lady Anne, played by Corrine Wieben, in a scene from the Central Coast Shakespeare Festival’s production of “Richard III.” Wieben will leave you craving more of the poisonous Richard. The deformed “hunchbacked toad” known as Richard III is a ruthless schemer who knows exactly how to charm his way to what he wants. With no sense of remorse, Richard slays anyone who threatens his secret plan. Richard has his eye on one thing only: becoming king.

Benson, an actor and director with more than 20 years of experience in the business, captures the true essence of his character in such a way that he makes viewers into dueling fans.

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About Nothing," I couldn’t resist," she said. “Now with her lead role in “Richard III,” Wieben has taken on a change in character. “I am used to playing strong characters, but Lady Anne is both vulnerable and naïve," she said.

“When we first see Lady Anne in the play … she has lost all of those dear to her and she is beyond repair; Richard, who has murdered Lady Anne’s husband, appears to her as both a nightmare and a life-preserver,” Wieben said.

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Fashion by Sarah Jessica Parker? Bite me.

Brooke Robertson

BITTEN Sarah Jessica Parker, a line of affordable clothing and accessories designed by the actress, launched June 7 to a horde of screaming and crying SJP fans.

The line is sold exclusively at national clothing chain Steve & Barry’s, with all BITTEN apparel costing $19.95 or less.

The idea behind the line and the pricing comes from Parker’s manifesto on the BITTEN Web site: “It is every woman’s inalienable right to have a pulled-together, stylish, confident wardrobe with enough money left over to live.”

More than two months after the line’s arrival, I visited Steve & Barry’s in Santa Maria with a mission: create an outfit that was oh-so-”Carrie.”

Although “Sex and the City” aficionados, I was almost a bigger fan of Bridgshaw’s fun and unique wardrobe. Bridgshaw was known for her original and eclectic style, which mixed vintage threads with designer pieces and for a strong shoe addiction, specifically to pricey Manolo Blahnik silhouettes.

If BITTEN could re-create a fashionable “Carrie” look with its incredibly affordable pricing, I would be ready to buy out the entire store.

Fortunately for my wallet, the BITTEN line had none of the bright colors, wild patterns and prints that defined Bridgshaw’s enviable wardrobe. Instead, BITTEN featured basic pieces in neutral colors that could blend in at an Old Navy store.

I disappointingly searched through sparse racks of flowing knit shirts, neutral T-shirts, basic swimwear and ballet flats to find top sizes that were way too big and shoe sizes that were way too small. The salesperson said the store had been habitually ransacked since the line’s opening, accounting for the lack of available sizes and colors.

This contributed to my disappointment with the store, but I could see it wasn’t missing anything special. In retrospect, I should have seen it coming.

Steve & Barry’s is a national chain mainly selling men’s casual clothing and sportswear. The company has made a name for itself by offering T-shirts ($6.98) and a well-fitting pair of jeans ($14.95) at low, low prices.

In fact, they could contribute to a great outfit if mixed and matched appropriately, in true Carrie fashion.

Some of the fits were a little awkward, and the sizes seemed to vary from piece to piece, but overall the clothes were well-made and the prices were amazing.

I left the store with a basic blue T-shirt ($6.98) and a well-fitting pair of jeans ($14.95).

For information about the line, visit www.BITTENsjp.com.

Sarah Jessica Parker launched BITTEN, her new line of affordable clothing and accessories, July 7 at Steve & Barry’s. The actress is known for her role as fashionista Carrie Bradshaw in the TV series “Sex and the City” (below).

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Steve & Barry’s is a national chain mostly selling men’s casual clothing and sportswear. The company has made a name for itself by offering T-shirts ($6.98) and a well-fitting pair of jeans ($14.95).

For information about the line, visit www.BITTENsjp.com.

SIREN TEST
SATURDAY
AUGUST 25th

12:00 NOON AND AGAIN AT 12:30PM

On Saturday, August 25, the San Luis Obispo County Early Warning System sirens will be tested. The sirens will sound twice — at noon and again about thirty minutes later. The sirens will sound for 3 to 5 minutes each time.

This is a test and does not require any action on your part. However, if you hear the sirens at any other time, local radio and television stations will broadcast emergency information. During the tests, local stations will be conducting normal programming. In case of an emergency, local stations and other area Emergency Alert System stations will broadcast important information and instructions.

The sirens are designed to prompt you to go indoors and tune your radio or television to a local station for emergency information. They will alert you to any local major emergency.

Remember - Saturday, August 25; it’s only a test.
Megan Priley

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

August 16, 2007

When you get into a good college, we will pay your way through.

That was a common promise that would escape my parents’ lips every so often when I was in high school.

Any time when the subject of college would arise, the stress of college tuition and the price of textbooks, parking passes and housing fees were part of the distant future.

Oh how fast the future changes.

When college came speeding at me at 1,000 miles per hour, I was hit with the reality that my parents’ promises were more like wishful thinking. The truth was, I would be stacked with student loans and pointless credit card debt by the time I was halfway through my college education.

So I got thinking: is a lifestyle of grasping responsibility and maintaining a decent-paying job a must during college, or should students (if plausible) be able to take a free ride and make their college education their No. 1 priority?

There are some negatives and positives to both sides. We’ll start with my very own experience. I work six to seven days a week and attend an average of 14 units of class, all while trying to maintain a social life and a healthy lifestyle, which thanks to the latter is almost nonexistent.

I find myself feeling so stressed that I swear I could possibly have aged 20 years by now. I often find myself wondering if there is a gray hair hiding somewhere.

However, despite how much more pressure I feel taking on my own responsibilities, I believe it is what has better prepared me for the shock of life to the latter is almost nonexistent.

Sure, if I were able to be worry-free and hand over my bills to my parents, I would have more time to go out, relax and spend my time making sure every bit of my homework is done just right.

But would I learn the proper responsibility needed for the moment I get thrust into this “real world” everyone warns me about?

College provides the essential education we need for surviving against all odds; taking on your own responsibilities such as paying bills, learning to cook for yourself and filling up your own gas tank teaches us lessons entirely unlike anything else can.

Even with something as minor as a cell phone payment, we can take away valuable lessons.

When we wake up to find our cell phone no longer turns on because it has been shut down due to a late payment or perhaps a nonexistent one, we will learn how to fix the issue on our own without the help of our parents.

They cannot hold our hands through life forever, right?

There are lessons that only growing through life can teach us. I say take them on when you feel best ready. For me, college was a good place to start.

Now I am not saying jump right in and drown yourself in all the anxiety due to responsibility, but do advise taking baby steps.

Start with a part-time, easy-going job, make time for a social life, and take fun, interesting classes. With proper planning and organization, a balanced life is possible.

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Baseball

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couldn't gut out of the first inning Tuesday, allowing four runs in two-thirds of an inning with two strikes.
Brian Lee was pulled with two outs, a walk, and a run, and allowed two hits in three innings.

The Mustangs completed a three-game sweep by winning 3-2 on Saturday.

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Thoelich also pitched for the San Francisco Mustangs in the West Division, with a 2-3 record and two saves in 13 innings with two earned runs.

Several other Mustangs also stayed close to home, playing for the Blues, San Luis Obispo Batters, Santa Barbara Foresters or Santa Maria Indians.

Following for the Mustangs (31-15) were Kyle Carlson and newcomer J.J. Thompson. Carlson hit .321 with 10 home runs and seven stolen bases in nine attempts. He was 5-for-5 in stolen bases, Thompson had a .300 average with 10 doubles, a home run and seven RBA.

From the Mustangs' roster was southpaw Derrick Sato, who had no record and an ERA of 6.75 with 14 strikeouts in 12 innings. The Foresters were 45-3 and attempted to defend their 2006 NBC Semi-Pro World Series championship but settled for a fourth-place finish in 2007.

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Practice begins for Poly football

Aug. 8 marked the first day of practice. The team went to full-pad contact on Sunday and double practice Tuesday.

Cal Poly's first day of double practice sessions drew mixed reviews from seventh-year Mustang head coach Rich Ellerson.

"This morning we spent a lot of time on special teams and got a lot installed," said Ellerson, 41-27 in his previous six seasons at the helm. "But it was a lot of talking and standing. You don't get a lot done.

"But it was good to get out in full pads and get into action," Ellerson added. "Because of that, the practice environment changed. Everything is in and now we get to see ourselves growing from practice to practice. We've got to keep improving day-to-day."

The first two practice sessions last Wednesday and Thursday were helmet, jersey and shorts only. For the practice sessions on Friday and Saturday, helmet, shoulder pads, jersey and shorts were allowed. The first full-pad contact practice was held Sunday. The Mustangs had Monday off before the first double-practice day Tuesday.

Double-practice sessions also are scheduled for Aug. 16, 18, 20 and 22 at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Single-practice sessions on the remaining days of preseason camp will be held at 2 p.m. Preseason camp ends Aug. 23 with a 2 p.m. scrimmage at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

All practices are open to the public.

Ellerson's biggest concern to date is finding players to fill gaps in case of injury.

"We have to develop people who have the most chance to be in the starting lineup," Ellerson said. "I have to be able to overcome nicks and bangs. There is a lot of drop-off between the starters and reserves right now.

"It's really a mixed blessing," Ellerson added. "We have some really good players at their positions, so a drop-off at some positions may be a blessing at other positions."

Ellerson likes what he sees with the incoming players.

"I am impressed with the fresh class and newcomers," Ellerson said. "With the exception of maybe one or two players, I don't expect to have to play any of them this year, but I feel real good about them and that's a huge upside."

"I'm also impressed with the way the juniors and seniors came back ready to play," Ellerson said.

Summer leagues conclude

The summer collegiate baseball leagues have finished their 2007 seasons and Cal Poly center fielder Logan Schafer ended his summer with a bang.

At the WASBAI Tournament held in San Luis Obispo Stadium and hosted by the San Luis Obispo Blues, Schafer went 14-for-28 with three doubles, two triples and four stolen bases, leading the Anchorage Bucs to the championship.

Anchorage fell to the Blues 5-1 in the first game of the championship doubleheader last weekend, but bounced back for a 9-6 victory and the title. Schafer was 8-for-10 in the twinbill with a double, a run scored and a stolen base.

He hit .290 for the Bucs (26-25) in the regular season with five doubles, two triples, a pair of home runs and 15 RBI. He was 4-for-7 in stolen bases.

Two other Mustangs played in the Alaskan Baseball League. Outfielder-designated hitter Luke Voder had four doubles, a home run and eight RBI for the Anchorage Glacier Pilots (17-27). He was 9-for-10 in stolen bases.

Pitching for the first-place Mat-Su Miners (24-11) was Jared Eskew, a transfer to Cal Poly from Point Loma Nazarene. Eskew had a 2-1 record and a 1.57 ERA with 28 strikeouts in 34.1 innings.

Four Mustangs competed in the National Baseball Congress Semi-Pro World Series at Wichita, Kansas.

The Maxum Yankees (28-12) won their first three games of the tournament before falling to the El Dorado Kansas Broncos 5-1 and Junction City (Kansas) 8-4 last Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

Steven Fischbach, who pitched seven innings for a win against the Vienna (Virginia) Senators, see Baseball, page 7

Volleyball to start at No. 14 in poll

The Cal Poly volleyball team picked up a No. 14 ranking in the CSTV/AVCA Top 25 Coaches Poll Tuesday. The Mustangs finished last season with a No. 17 ranking following a loss to California in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

The team started practice for the season on July 8 and will open its season against Kansas State at the Shocker Volleyball Classic in Wichita on Aug. 24.

Mustangs, Gauchos take No. 2 spot in poll

The Cal Poly women's soccer team was picked in a tie at No. 2 with rival UC Santa Barbara in a Big West Conference preseason coaches poll.

Long Beach State topped the poll with 77 votes.

Cal Poly and Santa Barbara received 71 votes.

The women's soccer team will compete in a scrimmage on Saturday and it will kick off the regular season at home against Dayton on Aug. 31.

Former Mustangs see NFL preseason action

Former Cal Poly linebacker Kyle Shertwell, a free-agent signee of the Oakland Raiders, picked up a tackle in Oakland's 27-23 win over Arizona on Saturday.

Former Mustang corner- back Courtney Brown, who was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the seventh round of the NFL draft, made two tackles in the Cowboys' first preseason game against Indianapolis on Aug. 9.

The Cowboys won the game 23-10.

Linebacker Chris Gocong started in the Philadelphia Eagles' first preseason game against the Baltimore Ravens Monday. The Eagles lost the game 29-3 but Gocong made one tackle.

Fellow linebacker Jordan Beck, who was drafted by Atlanta in the 2005 draft, picked up two tackles in the team's 31-16 loss last Friday to the Jets. Beck holds the all-time career tackles record at Cal Poly (449).

Men's soccer voted 5th in preseason poll

The Cal Poly men's soccer team was ranked No. 5 in the Big West coaches preseason poll, which was released Aug. 8.

Defending national champions UC Santa Barbara topped the list in the poll.

Above: Juniors Matt Brennan, left, and Jonathan Dally are the top candidates for quarterback. Below: James Noble sports Kyle Shertwell's old practice jersey on Aug. 8, the first day of Cal Poly football practice.