The SLOprah Effect

A recent segment may increase local tourism, but some argue this would be bad for America’s Happiest Town

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In November, San Luis Obispo was named the happiest town in America. Months later, on Jan. 26, Oprah Winfrey featured a segment on San Luis Obispo on her TV show. Now, students and San Luis Obispo residents can’t help but talk about their happy town.

For so long we’ve tried to share the story of San Luis Obispo,” said Lindsey Miller, marketing director at the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce. “And this really puts us on the map. It’s really special.”

San Luis Obispo was originally featured in “Thrive,” a book by Dan Buettner that studied the happiness of the town. Buettner attributed the town’s happiness to its clean environment, welcoming downtown area and being joyful rather than sad.

Buettner was originally drawn to San Luis Obispo by Gallup polls on well-being, which measure emotional health in the nation. In a five-year span, the town ranked highest in emotional health for three years.

Oprah picked up on San Luis Obispo’s attractions and sent correspondent Jenny McCarthy to create a three-minute segment in which she interviewed mayor Jan Marx, rode the streets of San Luis Obispo with a member of Cal Poly’s Wheelmen and dined creole-style with locals.

Since the airing of the segment, San Luis Obispo’s tourism website has seen a nearly 800 percent increase in traffic, a phenomenon now referred to as the “Oprah Effect.” Miller said this is the kind of publicity the town needed.

Buettner’s hope is to increase tourism and make San Luis Obispo a destination.

“My hope now is that people will go a little further north than Santa Barbara and a little further south than Monterey,” she said.

Along with the segment on “The Oprah Show,” Buettner and San Luis Obispo have been featured in Parade magazine, or Today’s Travel, “Good Morning America” and “Diners, Drive-ins and Dives.” Miller said Buettner also recorded a segment with Dr. Oz.

Some worry this “Oprah Effect” will attract more tourists and take away from the hometown vibe of San Luis Obispo. However, most Cal Poly students aren’t concerned with this kind of dramatic shift.

Political science sophomore Brianna Berry said it’s important for San Luis Obispo to welcome any increase in tourism in order to prove that it really is the happiest place in America.

“Would the happiest place in America be disappointed about tourists?” she said. “I don’t think so.”

An increase in tourism could potentially help the local economy. Social sciences sophomore Connie Ng said an increase in tourism could only mean good things for local businesses.

“If the tourists come through when school is out, it can only be beneficial for the merchants around town,” she said. “Because when students are gone, San Luis Obispo is kind of a ghost town.”

However, English freshman Liam Hedelina said part of the reason San Luis Obispo is such a happy town is that it really is the happiest place in America.

“People won’t be disappointed about tourists,” she said. “They’ll be excited.”

Members of Cal Poly’s PolySat program have worked on the P-POD’s design and construction in some form since 2003.

Toaster-sized launcher to pop out NASA satellites

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Cal Poly students will mark their first mission with NASA when their satellite launcher is sent to space out of Vandenberg Air Force Base on Feb. 23.

The Poly Picosatellite Orbital Deployer (P-POD), will hitch a ride on a multi-million dollar government satellite.

“For NASA to put trust in Cal Poly and our team of engineers on this launch is tremendous,” said Roland Coelho, the research associate with the CubeSat program at Cal Poly.

The CubeSat Program is a collaboration of more than 40 universities, high schools and private firms that are developing the small, two-pound satellites.

At 4 inches tall and 4 inches wide, CubeSats are designed to be a cost-effective, risk-tolerant form of testing satellite-to-satellite communication and new technologies, Coelho said.

Cal Poly has never before participated in a NASA-sponsored launch. The biggest hurdle for the team was to receive NASA’s permission to be a part of the mission, Coelho said.

NASA’s missions are too expensive to risk interference from a university’s project, he said.

The P-POD is a toaster-sized box that launches smaller satellites, or CubeSats, into orbit using a spring trigger. The box is 1-foot-5 inches tall with tracks on all four corners to load and secure the satellites. The P-POD can launch three CubeSats at once.

Like a dart gun, the satellites are enclosed in the box until a trigger is activated to release the door and use the spring to launch them into space.

Cal Poly students created the deployment system to allow more
Students think Cal Poly gets the gold for going green

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Responsibility for the environment is a task that will soon be left to college students, and the movement to become more environmentally conscious and active is hard to ignore. As a university with a large agricultural program, it is no surprise there are groups and programs on campus to support this movement.

Cal Poly students, faculty and staff polled say the university does a good job of addressing the issue of the environment, but campus leaders say some students have a much more direct interest in the issue than others.

"I tell my classes, "The world is run by the people who show up," environmental management and protection professor Rich Thompson said. "One person really can make a difference.""

Sam Gross said students at Cal Poly should make an effort to learn more about the things they do that have an impact on the environment.

"It's the personal choices and little things that make a difference," Gross said. "The general public on campus doesn't know as much as the people who are really interested." Gross said students should be aware of the effect they have on the environment, and students would benefit from an environmental class requirement.

As a professor, Thompson said he sees small groups of students who are passionate about environmental issues, but the campus as a whole is generally complacent.

He said the biggest environmental problems develop in areas of poverty, and in a community like Cal Poly where the majority of students are from relatively wealthy families, there is not as much involvement or exposure to these issues.

"Inside the Cal Poly campus, it's like a cocoon for students — they have to get outside to see what the real world is really like," Thompson said.

Until students are personally confronted with environmental issues, Thompson said they aren't as interested to involve themselves.

"As faculty we do as much as we can to get people interested, and the administration puts a voice to our efforts," Thompson said. "If there was some sort of requirement for students in every major to attend a governmental or political meeting, they could see what the real issues are."

The Sierra Student Coalition is an organization that works to show students a view of the environment and the politics surrounding the issue outside the classroom. President and environmental management and protection junior Victoria Carranza said most people on campus are interested in getting involved. She said Cal Poly students would benefit from some required research into environmental issues.

"You can't expect people to seek out an issue they aren't interested in," Carranza said. "But you don't have to make it your life — it's just about thinking differently. There's a difference between being an 'environmentalist' and wanting a better future."

Center for Sustainability director Hunter Francis said more people

Do you think Cal Poly does a good job addressing:

THE ENVIRONMENT?  Yes 79%  No 21%

194 students and faculty  52 students and faculty

Happiest

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happy place because of the tight-knit community that is the 45,000 person town.

"If there are more tourists, we'll lose that," he said. "And I don't want that."

Not only do students feel optimistic about San Luis Obispo's economy, but about the future of the town as a whole.

English freshman Paige Isaacson said increased media attention would increase San Luis Obispo's diversity.

"We live in a pretty homogeneous town," she said. "Maybe all this will inspire people of different backgrounds to come to San Luis Obispo and diversify our campus."

Aside from controversy of the

"Opah Effica," many Cal Poly students feel proud of their town, and the recent hype has reassured them that they made the right decision in attending the university.

"When I saw the segment on Oprah, it just made me feel more confident that I'm in a great place," Berry said. "It makes a lot of sense that they picked SLO."

While many sing praises to San Luis Obispo's new fame, Ng questions the validity of the recognition.

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Environmental management and protection senior
Satellites

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missions a less expensive method of aerospace research. Students have been involved in the satellite-building program on campus, PolySat, since it began in 1999. A partnership among Cal Poly, Montana State University, University of Colorado and the Kentucky Space Consortium developed the CubeSats for the upcoming launch.

The P-PODs that will be used on this mission are the result of a body of research and development that began at Cal Poly in 2003. Almost 20 P-PODs have been launched so far, said Ryan Nugent, lead systems engineer for the Cal Poly CubeSat Program. The Vandenberg mission will be the seventh P-Pod launch in the world. Out of the seven, only one failed due to a satellite malfunction in a 2006 Russian launch.

Cal Poly's design stands apart from similar devices from aerospace corporations because of its frequent visits in space, Nugent said.

"Only ours is flight proven," he said. Since the CubeSat Program is entirely student-run, P-PODs are tested on campus. Aerospace engineers conduct technical research for the mission using Cal Poly facilities in areas including thermodynamics and vacuum conditions. The program puts degrees like Coelho's to work in the industry.

"Cal Poly is unique among other institutions for its satellite testing facilities," Coelho said.

Bob Twigg, a Stanford professor, and Jordi Puig-Suari, a Cal Poly aerospace engineering professor, developed the idea for CubeSats more than 10 years ago, and the program has since been expanded to institutions all over the world. The Vandenberg launch, however, will be the first launch of the P-Pod that Cal Poly students will be able to watch.

The P-PODs that will accompany NASA's satellite are the third revision of the original design, said Nugent, who is directing the improvement.

"We are currently revising the P-Pod to be more flexible for CubeSats," Nugent said.

More than 100 developers are building versions of CubeSats in more than 30 countries. The result is a large variation among sizes, weights and materials. By creating a standard for CubeSats to meet in order to be compatible with the P-POD, more companies will have the opportunity to enter space.

"Cal Poly is creating a model for CubeSat makers to follow in order to reduce the technical challenges for unique satellites. Coelho's research is targeted at giving more companies the opportunity to reach space by designing a more flexible deployment system. A company's satellite must be compatible with its launcher in order to be sent into orbit."

"Essentially, if you fit in the box you will fly," Coelho said.

Companies pay Cal Poly for the use of P-PODs in each launch. A single CubeSat usually costs $40,000 to be launched from the P-Pod, said Stephanie Wong, integration engineer for the PolySat program. The money is used for improving and building more, she said.

The funding generated from P-PODs help provide current students and those who have graduated an opportunity to continue working on the project.

"Project managers at NASA always wanted to do something like this to give students a chance to get to space," Coelho said.
ASI Column

ASI President Starelli along with Kevin McDade and Nick Dindia wrote the State of the Students column.

As you may or may not know, there is a proposed budget cut of $500 million to the California State University (CSU) system for the 2011-12 fiscal year. Although we are not sure when the budget will be passed or how it will directly affect Cal Poly, we, as your student government representatives, are taking matters into our own hands and making our voices known at the local and state level.

Regarding statewide issues, Cal Poly advocates on your behalf. One weekend during every month, two ASI Board of Directors members and myself attend the California State Student Association (CSSA) meetings, which are comprised of the 23 CSU campuses' student leaders. We travel to a different CSU campus in order to advocate on your behalf, as well as a collective whole, since the CSU has approximately 433,000 students. Specifically, we will be hosting the CSSA meetings, which are public meetings, on May 7 and 8.

For the 2010-11 academic year, CSSA has a few main goals on its policy agenda. The goals are to improve student shared governance in the CSU system and to advocate on the state and federal level. CSSA has taken a stance on a number of issues in the form of writing resolutions including, but not limited to: student budget, shared governance on CSU Auxiliary Boards and CSU Executive Personnel Searches, discrimination and violence and textbook affordability. One other specific example relative to shared governance is the current search for the next CSU Student Trustee.

Understandably, there are costs to attending these monthly plenary meetings. Currently, the Cal Poly President's Office funds our attendance, but next year there is a possibility that ASI will pick up the cost in order to retain our status as a voting member. For the past 20 years, Cal Poly has been an on and off member because, at times, CSSA focused on issues that were not always relevant to our campus. A few years ago CSU Chancellor Charles Reed requested that Cal Poly rejoin the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school year, so we joined on a trial basis under the terms that the President's Office would fund it. Now that the trial term is expiring in June, the ASI Board of Directors will make the decision to stay or leave CSSA at the last board meeting of the academic year. The approximate cost per trip is $900, and for the entire year it costs approximately $24,000, which includes a direct split between travel costs and dues.

From our trial term in CSSA, there has been more active involvement between CSSA and Cal Poly. One tangible way was with the ASI Voter Registration Drive that took place in fall 2010. CSSA delegated us, as well as every other CSU, to register 10 percent of our student body — specifically, Cal Poly registered 2,422 students to vote. Our total equaled to approximately 14.25 percent of the student body, the most in the entire CSU system, as well as in ASI history.

Although our voter registration drive was the most successful, we did not see the need to stop there. Currently, we are fulfilling one of my presidential platform points expressed during my campaign: increase local and statewide representation by instituting Lobby Corps.

The ASI Secretaries of Legislative Affairs, Aaron Burguen and Katie Morrow, are organizing the layout and functions of Lobby Corps, a group of students interested in lobbying on behalf of all Cal Poly students on local and statewide issues relating to higher education.

Lobby Corps is working on a campuswide letter-writing campaign regarding budget cuts as part of the March in March efforts to promote the interests of the CSU and Cal Poly. Since the March for Higher Education takes place March 14 at the State Capitol in Sacramento, many students may not be able to attend due to it falling on the first day of finals, but we still want our voices heard.

Additionally, Lobby Corps is reaching out to local and statewide politicians in order to host open forums for these leaders to meet interested students and answer questions.

Lobby Corps welcomes any Cal Poly student to join, so if you want to make an impact for higher education, get involved now. Your voices matter, so make sure it's heard!

Environment

"There are great student groups like the Real Food Coalition and the Employee Poly Coalition, but I've talked to students who wonder if being involved will really make a difference," Francis said. "People start initiatives and then get burned out and there will be a hull for a while, and then new people step in. And then the next year is going to be a year of growth."

Francis said there are successful practices in place on campus, but the staff who run the operations on campus have to remain realistic about what they can do to help the environment. "We have programs like the organic farm that teach people about sustainable practices, but there are a lot of challenges and a lot more that can be done," he said.

Dean of Students Jean DeCosta said as an administrator, she sees a general increase in student awareness about the environment.

"Students are starting to pursue majors in areas that are focused on the environment — I think Cal Poly will become a leader in this field," DeCosta said. Though Francis said he doesn't see the Cal Poly student body as the only one to join, he said this challenge is an opportunity for narrowing ideals into actions. He said an investment of issues like sustainability is something employers are starting to look for, and that will start to drive student interest.

"I think it's something students are interested in," Francis said. "There's a lot going on as far as facilities, like retrofitting, the lighting on campus and programs in the dorms to encourage saving energy."

"The lighting retrofitting project last year encompassed 10 campus buildings and reduced the energy used by 20 percent, according to a sustainability progress report released by Facilities in 2010. Poly Canyon Village is also the California State University (CSU) system's largest Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified project. Between 2008 and 2010 the university invested $1 million in total for energy efficient projects, which saved the university more than $190,000 in annual utility costs.

Francis said interest in environmental issues like sustainability on the Cal Poly campus comes in waves, and he is seeing more interest this year.

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Cal Poly is well-poised to make a difference in this area in the long run."

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SACRAMENTO (MCT) — For the second time in less than two years, California prison officials caught Charles Manson, mastermind of one of the most notorious killings sprees in U.S. history, possessing phones. Thornton declined cause there is no law in California was charged with violating prison

GUARDS at Corcoran State Prison found the phone on Jan. 6, according to prison spokes woman Terry Thornton. Manson was charged with violating prison rules, but not with a crime, because there is no law in California that prohibits inmates from possessing phones. Thornton declined to provide any details about where Manson got the phone, or who he called, and said the case is still under investigation.

Manson called people in California, New Jersey and Florida with an LG flip phone found under his prison bunk in March 2009, Thornton said.

Thirty days were added to his sentence for the first offense, officials said.

PLACERVILLE (MCT) — The principal at Louisiana Schnell Elementary School in Placerville, east of El Dorado County, died Wednesday in his office on campus.

Sam LaCara, 50, died at Marshall Hospital from a single gunshot wound, said Placerville Police Chief George Nielsen.

A bomb squad has been identified as John Luebbers, 43, a custodian at the school. Luebbers has been arrested.

The shooting was reported to emergency personnel at about 10:40 a.m. Wednesday.

The school district asked that parents not pick up students at the school. LaBriers has been moved by itself and fell to the ground.

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The dog would have been dead on delivery, said police spokesman Sgt. William Palmer.

The woman, Stacey Champion, declined to tell police why she decided to mail the puppy, Dodge said.

Champion paid $22 to send the black poodle-Schnauzer mix puppy to Georgia via priority mail, said Thompson Ojoyeyi, supervisor at the Loring Station post office.

National

PHILADELPHIA (MCT) — Herbert and Catherine Schabbe, the Philadelphia couple who practiced faith-healing as their 2-year-old son died of bacterial pneumonia, will not be going to prison.

They will, however, be taking their seven surviving children to a doctor from now on.

Although the Schabbes, convicted in December of involuntary manslaughter, will have to commit what their church considers a sin, medical care is an integral part of the 10-year probation imposed Wednesday by Common Pleas Court Judge Carolyn Engle Temin.

The Schabbes must schedule follow-up visits and must seek medical care if the children even get a cold, Hoof said.

MINNESOTA (MCT) — A postal worker was stoned when a package moved by itself and fell to the floor. Then came the sounds of children's laughter.

Within minutes, she unwrapped a tightly sealed box and rescued a 4-month-old puppy that a Minneapolis woman tried to mail to Georgia.

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International

YEMEN (MCT) — Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh vowed Wednesday to step down from office before 2013 elections and remove his son as his likely successor, an apparent concession to opposition groups ahead of a day of planned protests in the capital, Sana.

Saleh announced that he would "freeze" proposed constitutional amendments that would make him Yemen's president for life and postpone April parliamentary elections that have been widely dismissed as rigged in the government's favor.

"No to hereditary rule and no to life presidency," Saleh told parliament, according to the official Saba news agency.

Analysts said the concessions would fail to satiate a boisterous opposition movement inspired by anti-government uprisings in Tunisia and Egypt. Saleh made a similar statement in 2006 about not getting a cold. Hoof said.

EGYPT (MCT) — The Internet is apparently available again in Egypt after the country cut access to the Web for about a week amid mass unrest.

After a long stretch of inactivity, RIPE NCC, which tracks Web traffic, recorded a sudden lurch in traffic, recorded a sudden lurch in Egyptian Internet use starting just after 11 a.m. Thursday in Cairo.

A similar tracking organization, the RENESYS Group, wrote in a blog post that access was restored to websites such as the Egyptian Stock Exchange, Commercial International Bank of Egypt and the U.S. Embassy in Cairo.

The group also said that Facebook and Twitter were back up inside the country.

Many of the initial protests against Egypt's government were organized online, through Facebook groups and other social networking sites.

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PG&E begins investigation to find proof California pipelines are safe

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Confirming worries about the disorganized state of its pipeline records, utility Pacific Gas & Electric Company on Tuesday said it has launched a massive effort to find documents that can prove it has set safe gas-pressure limits for its pipes following the Sept. 9 San Bruno gas-line explosion that killed eight people and destroyed 38 homes.

Acting under orders from the California Public Utilities Commission, PG&E said it has nearly 300 people poring through the records 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, has leased space for the search effort and has initially identified 1.25 million documents it is scanning into an electronic database. But the company’s initial report on the document search didn’t say how many miles of pipes may lack adequate paperwork.

Regulators ordered the utility to find the files after learning its records for the San Bruno pipeline were inaccurate. Depending on what PG&E finds by March 15, when its final report is due to the commission, some experts have said the company may have to conduct extensive new tests on hundreds of miles of its urban gas lines at a cost well into the hundreds of millions of dollars.

The size of the records-hunting exercise surprised Richard Kuprewicz, a Washington state pipeline safety expert, who said paperwork needed to establish a utility’s maximum pressure should all fit into a large filing cabinet.

“It’s just not that complicated,” Kuprewicz said. “Why are they making this such a difficult problem? But in a prepared statement, Kirk Johnson, PG&E’s vice president of gas engineering and operations, said finding the records is “vital both to regaining public confidence and to ensuring that we and the industry learn the right lessons from the San Bruno tragedy and act on them appropriately.”

“If it’s true that PG&E’s check on its records was prompted by the National Transportation Safety Board’s finding that PG&E files had inaccurately described the San Bruno pipeline segment that burst as “seamless,” investigators have found the segment had a welded lengthwise seam, which they said could have made it more vulnerable to failure.

More records, the NTSB has disclosed the pipe was riddled with welding defects.

Some experts have estimated that up to 30 percent of the 1,800 miles of PG&E’s urban transmission gas lines may lack proper documentation for their pressure limits.

That could result in the state ordering pressure tests of those lines, a procedure that is typically done with water that can be expensive and time consuming.

But Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif, expressed dissatisfaction over a comment PG&E made in its report that under federal rules “not all of these lines require a pressure test” to determine their maximum pressure.

“In sharp contrast to these weaker federal rules,” Speier said, “the PUC’s January directive will require testing if testing documents are not found. This is an important distinction. If PG&E can’t find testing records, the public should be assured that pressure testing will occur under the PUC directive.”

PG&E also announced that a survey of its pipes in response to the San Bruno blast found 59 leaks requiring immediate action. But the company said consultants it hired had determined its five-year average of leaks per 1,800 miles of pipelines was “well below the national average” and that the company reports more leaks than is required.

Asked to respond to both reports, CPUC spokeswoman Terrie Prosper said the state agency is “reviewing the information PG&E submitted to us to determine the next steps.”

In a related development, an advisory notice the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration sent other pipeline operations after PG&E’s records were revealed to be inaccurate triggered critical replies this week from two major industry groups.

The American Gas Association, which represents operators of pipes within state borders, and the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, representing companies operating across state lines, both characterized the federal agency’s advisory as broad, confusing and contrary in some ways to existing federal regulations.

The pipeline administrator sent the advisory to ensure that all major pipeline companies do what PG&E is doing, prove from their records that the maximum pressure they have set for their gas pipes is safe.

But in a letter Tuesday, Christina Sames, the American Gas Association’s vice president for operations and engineering, said the federal pipeline administration misinterpreted what the NTSB had recommended.

She said the NTSB merely wanted pipeline operators to use the established procedures for verifying that they’ve set their pressure limits properly and those procedures don’t “refer to an endless search of records.”

She also complained that many of the records the federal agency asked operators to review, such as the soil characteristics for the areas where their pipes are buried, “are not relevant” to setting such pressure limits.

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Spandex-clad AIGA delivers love with Valentine's Grams

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The American Institute of Graphic Arts' (AIGA) Valentine's Day Grams are back.

The second annual valentines are available for purchase in the University Union (UU) Plaza and outside Campus Market until Feb. 9.

Each Valentine Gram includes a handmade origami flower, a rose and a card, which are delivered by two "cherubs" — men dressed in red spandex unitards and tighty-whities with wings. The cherubs will ride anywhere on campus on their tandem bike to deliver the valentines.

A flower and card cost $10, but the valentine can be upgraded to a bouquet of three flowers for $12.

The event is the product of a joke brought up at an AIGA meeting, said art and design graduate Sara Hamling.

"It sounded fun to put on an event that wasn't just the boring candy and flowers," she said. "We're mixing it up."

Former president of AIGA and art and design graduate Adam Wir-dack said the project emerged out of a need for money that turned into a creative, silly idea that got everyone excited.

"It sounds weird, but I really wasn't embarrassed," he said. "You can't be afraid if you came up with the idea."

Wirdack and current AIGA President Brice Tuttle said that despite the inherent humiliation in riding around campus in unitards, they see AIGA, page 10
Rocky Horror Picture Show hits SLO Little Theatre

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When people say they're going to see the Rocky Horror Picture Show, they're not just going to sit down with a bucket of popcorn to watch a movie.

This Saturday, actors will perform the cult classic film at the San Luis Obispo Little Theatre. However, this showing, put on by Big Purple Onion Productions — San Luis Obispo's Rocky Horror Picture Show actors brigade — includes a live acting squad that acts out the film.

And the experience isn't complete without audience participation. This means over-the-top costumes, cues to yell things like...

"Shirt" and "Great Scott!" and dances such as the hip-thrusting "Time Warp."

The 1975 film, which falls somewhere between the lines of parody, science fiction, comedy and musical, was actually a bust when it was first released, said Kevin Harris, San Luis Obispo Little Theatre's managing artistic director.

"The movie itself, when it came out, it was a total bomb," Harris said. "No one liked it — it got the worst reviews ever."

However, some picked up on the film — not for any particular reason than its odd quirks.

"Some theaters started showing midnight showings of it where people were basically making fun of it," Harris said.

And somewhere along the way, the late-night critiques transformed into something bigger — the beginning of a huge cult following.

San Luis Obispo itself has its own group of Rocky fans. Harris said the number of confirmed attenders on the Facebook page has hit over 400 — which is not feasible considering the film is being shown at the "little" theater. But it's still a good sign.

"We want to do everything we can here to produce as much as we can to appeal to every single aspect of the community," Harris said. "There's certainly a need and desire for it."

One fan, software engineering sophomore Mark Lerner, who has attended the show once, said he hopes to engage in the same interaction he experienced at a show in Southern California.

"No matter where you go, you always have some of the same traditions," Lerner said. "And just the aspect of having so much fun while you're there really brings a lot of returning viewers."

Aside from the object throwing and yelling, there is one tradition Lerner does want to warn first-time attendees about.

There's also special treats for people that are seeing the Rocky Horror Picture Show for the first time — they're labeled with a giant 'V' on their head or their face," Lerner said.

Lerner said the attenders' fashion is also a big part of the experience.

"When it comes to going to a Rocky Horror Picture Show, it's not really about what you're going to wear, it's what aren't you going to wear," Lerner said. "I'm pretty much going to dress myself in the dark."

The premise of the movie comes down to Janet and Brad, a newly-engaged couple traveling to visit an old college professor. Yet along the way, their car breaks down near a mansion — which is where the quirkiest treasures.

Like Harris, Lerner said the film itself is a side note compared to the experience of the live acting and audience interaction.

"If you see the film dry, there's nothing to it — it's just dry," Lerner said. "But seeing it in the theater setting is really where it's at. The film itself is almost absent."

One major interactive part of the movie is the "Time Warp," a pelvic-thrusting dance performed in the film by the kooky tenants of the mansion.

"They direct the audience how to do this dance, so everyone starts doing it," Lerner said. "And you don't get that feeling anywhere else — it's just hilarity."

Second-time attendee and theatre arts sophomore Caitlin Steinmann, who had seen the film without a professional acting squad, said she hopes to find the classic Rocky traditions present at the Little Theatre.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing the whole thing," Steinmann said. "I hear they're going to have the show and I know that people are going to participate."

Steinmann said she likes the interactive experience, as well as the show's longstanding tradition.

"We hear about it from our parents, and it's fun to think of our parents going to the theater and dressing up," Steinmann said. "I don't know why it got so big, it's just one of those things — people pick up on weird things and then it explodes."

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Rocky Horror

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Since this is the first time the Little Theatre is hosting the live show, Harris hopes for a successful evening so the theater can put on the show in the future. "It's so campy and everything is just completely, completely over the top," Harris said. "It's a good opportunity for people to get together and go a little bit crazy."

Attendees should note the security force that will be present at check-in. This, Harris said, is just to weed out any potential accidents. "Everyone is passed down by professional security just to make sure that they are not bringing booze in," Harris said. "They can't bring water guns in because there's some people that bring in water guns filled with vodka, so there will be a heavy but subtle security force just to make sure that none of that is going to happen."

Tickets are available at the door and at Traditional Tattoo and Costume Capers for $10 for the 8 p.m. showing and $14 for the midnight showing. The 8 p.m. showing is for those 16 and older, and the midnight showing is for those 18 and older unless accompanied by a parent. Midnight attendees must have a valid photo ID.

AIGA

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hardly felt self-conscious on their tandem bike. "We make people laugh," Turtle said. "There's nothing embarrassing about that."

Turtle said the Valentine Gram process includes flowers, chocolates, public embarrassment of the recipient, Marvin Gaye's "Sexual Healing" on repeat and a poem cleverly crafted by the men in red.

"Walking into the business slo was probably the best delivery," Wirdack said. "Thoroughly embarrassing some guy in front of 200 people is pretty unforgettable."

The grams are delivered to students during their class, which Hamling said went over surprisingly well with professors. "Most teachers were really OK with it," she said. "But they were mostly art professors, so they knew what was going on."

One of the main goals for the Valentine Grams this year is to expand outside the art and design department. Last year, art and design students who worked to support their department purchased most of the grams. This year AIGA puts on throughout the year. Since this is the first time the Valentine Grams will go to teachers and workshops that AIGA puts on throughout the year.

Tuttle said he sees the Valentine Grams being very successful this year after the hype of last year.

"We make people laugh. There's nothing embarrassing about that."

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AIGA's goal is to make $600, which would be a 700 percent profit. "They have the potential to make a ton of money this year," Wirdack said.

Tuttle said he can't wait to see how the Grams play out and expand this year, and hopes they can become a well-known tradition on campus.

"This is fun, this is creative — this is something Cal Poly should keep up," he said.

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Anderson Cooper attacked in Cairo

Melissa Maerz
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CNN's Anderson Cooper and his production crew were attacked by a group of demonstrators in Egypt on Wednesday, reporting from Cairo. Cooper said during a phone interview that he was punched in the head multiple times by supporters of President Hosni Mubarak, and the mob also assaulted his crew and destroyed their equipment.

"There's a number of individuals who have come on the pro-Mubarak side today to get into a fight," Cooper said, who added that pro-Mubarak agitators are targeting anyone with a camera. "They're beating up people in the streets. We just heard a long volley of shots. We're seeing more molotov cocktails being thrown, and it's dark now, so it seems even more risky now that night has come."

Cooper said the violence marked a turning point for the protests in Cairo's Tahrir Square. "For the past eight days, it's been anti-Mubarak demonstrators and we haven't seen weaponry demonstrated by protesters," he said. "But starting early this morning, a large group of pro-Mubarak protesters were gathering under my live shot location and starting to throw rocks. They've been out in large groups today. It's definitely been a change of tactics that we've seen on the streets."

This isn't the first time Cooper has become part of the story he's covering. While reporting in Haiti early last year, he carried an injured boy away from a chaotic looting scene. Asked if he believes it's important to draw the line between journalism and first-person reporting, he said getting involved in the story wasn't his choice. "There wasn't any action that I took in any way to get involved," he said. "I would definitely prefer to keep myself out of being punched in the head."

"To me, the story today is not me being attacked, it's the melee that continues," he added. "This is a stunning development, and it's not clear what kind of impact it's going to have. Is it going to enrage people who've been standing on the sidelines to see these anti-Mubarak protesters attacked in such an organized way, with the Egyptian military standing by not doing anything to intervene? Perhaps. Will it scare people? Maybe it will have that effect. We don't know."
No more leaks: WikiLeaks diminishing

Doyle McManus is a columnist for The Los Angeles Times.

Is the era of WikiLeaks over?

It's been less than a year since the underground organization made its first big splash with the release of thousands of U.S. military files from Afghanistan. And it's been only two months since WikiLeaks began releasing documents from its trove of 251,287 U.S. diplomatic cables.

But with fewer than 5,000 cables released, the newspapers that were given access to the database have found that it has already reached the point of diminishing returns. Journalists working on the project say they (naturally) published the most interesting stuff first; what remains, apparently, is mostly a vast collection of diplomatic trivia.

And what of WikiLeaks itself? The organization is in tatters; its early successes have prompted both new competition and new controls on leaks.

As WikiLeaks founder, the mercurial-cyber-militant Julian Assange faces criminal investigations in Sweden and the United States, some of his lieutenants — alienated by Assange's domineering ways — have split to form a new, competing leak site, Depositions.

The aim would be to facilitate tips on government secrets. WikiLeaks' readers from doing what Pfc. Bradley Manning (based in Iraq), allegedly did for WikiLeaks: download secret government data and share it on the Internet.

Meanwhile, the U.S. government has taken steps to prevent others from doing what Pfc. Bradley Manning did for WikiLeaks — downloading secret government data and sharing it. But as usual, officials' efforts have been met with skepticism by journalists and others who claim the information is in the public interest.

"Bradley Manning could not do today what he did a year ago," an official said.

Leaks will continue with or without WikiLeaks, but that's nothing new. As John Adams, America's second president, lamented: "How can a government go on, publishing all of its negotiations with foreign nations, I know not."

The question is, now that we've survived WikiLeaks, what have we learned?

The WikiLeaks documents contained a few blockbusters. These were not the Pentagon Papers. What they primarily showed was that American diplomats told the truth most of the time, that their perceptions of foreign leaders were more acerbic and interesting than anyone knew, and that many of them are quite good writers.

We learned that it's a nasty world out there. We learned that Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi may be making money from private business deals with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. We learned that Arab leaders are desperately afraid of the growing power of Iran, just as U.S. officials have been claiming for years. We learned that China's government employs thousands of computer hackers to try to read everyone else's e-mails.

We also learned that we still need journalists to decipher what raw information means. It's telling that of the millions of diplomatic communications that China's government employs to keep secrets isn't a technology that makes communication easier but makes leaking easier too.

The worst news on this subject came in leaks offered by Delta Secretaries Robert M. Gates last year, in sum: he said: Get used to it. Bury your government in the world knows the United States government leaks like a sieve, and it has for a long time," Gates said.

"Is this embarrassing? Yes. Is it awkward? Yes. Consequences for my foreign policy? I think fairly modest."

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— Doyle McManus
Los Angeles Times columnist
Comcast's acquisition: an attempt for mediadominance

Edward Wasserman is Knight professor of journalism ethics at Washington and Lee University.

Although NBC has looked lately with its dithering over Jay Leno and its limp prime-time lineup, up, it is still a TV giant. Comcast is getting ready for the opening of its new newscast ("NBC Nightly News"), morning newscast ("The Today Show"), and Sunday talk show ("Meet the Press"), as well as the leading TV business news source (CNBC), and MSNBC, the cable channel partnered with MSNBC.

So this deal is big, the biggest mashup of media distribution and cable systems in years, and it is rare to see such an obvious opportunity to take control of one of those subjects, like love of flag, where our normal frantic pseudo-local political turf is far more common ground. They all say something. And the media themselves, with obvi­ously low interest is, after all, to believe the story is too obscure or too complicated for their G-rated audience.

That’s fine for Comcast. For the rest of us, not so fine. For starters, the deal will cost us. A study con­cluded that consumers will pay $2.4 billion more for cable service over the next nine years. Who pays for this? Comcast is looking to raise its basic-package rates ("Get some"), which will control, and the knock-on effect those increases will have on cable rates industrywide.

This analysis hints at a more ba­sic reality: The same reasons the deal is good business is why it’s bad public policy. When a media company that dominates distribu­tion also becomes a major content producer it acquires enormous power. Indeed, that’s the main business reason for doing the deal.

That power insulates the comp­any from the bracing influence of the marketplace, and gives it huge unfair advantages over rivals, inde­pendents and upstarts, and swells control over what new services are made available, to whom, and for what price.

If you’re Comcast, you can use your cable systems to favor your program networks, and your pro­grams will favor your cable systems.

Look at your leverage: You can help your program networks by consigning their competitors to the Siberia of cable channels so no­body will find them. You can deny competing networks or online ser­vices access to your cable customers altogether. You can withhold your most popular programs from other cable systems to weaken them. You can lean on independent networks to keep off rival cable systems if they want to get on yours. You can strong-arm rival cable systems into carrying even your weakest net­works by packaging them with the popular ones.

Regulatory approval of the deal will cost, more than we care to think about, that is, but real­ities are notoriously difficult to document, let alone undo. Comcast could never really ar­gue that its plan was in the public interest, which it unquestionably is not, so it resorted to wholly ir­relevant valuations.

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I think this campus would do well to have one of these local communities to work with and enable them to focus on their interpretier instead of having to take notes. It also made me more compassionate to the hearing impaired, and realize how hard it is for those students.

If you get fellow students in­volved, it makes the process easier. I was a note taker at Hanchock and totally loved the job. It was great knowing I actually make a difference in someone’s life, and enabled them to focus on their interpretier instead of having to take notes. It also made me more compassionate to the hearing impaired, and realize how hard it is for those students.

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I was very offended by this article. I thought the issue was relevant and important, and I was disappointed with the results. I think the author should have taken more time to understand the issue and present a well-reasoned argument.

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I think that what DeCosta said about diversity and inclusion being important is true. However, as the differ­ences of various ethnicities is an over­simplification of the issue at hand. To fully understand the differences of different cultures and ethnicities, we need to be exposed to the differ­ent cultures but it requires more than just that. Knowledge through curriculum, interactions and study­ing the different cultures will help the students become aware of the differences and unique aspects of differ­ent cultures. Exposure is a step in the right direction but it will require more than just that one step.

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5. Pea
6. Wish granter
7. Twinge
8. Punctuation marks
9. Beagle
10. Bitterness
11. Shows some spirit
12. Mr. Moto's reply
13. Freud's I's
14. St. Francis'
15. Coal deposits
16. Crooked
17. Extremist sect
18. Unstable lepton
19. Rocket housing
20. Horror flicks
21. Stop
22. Blue Grotto
24. So-so grades
25. TV statuette
26. Rustic home
27. Now's partner
28. Core football
29. Most delicious
30. Washstand
31. Brown pigment
32. Peevish
33. Winery process
34. Wish granter
35. Minuscule
36. Twinge
37. Ford or Fielding
38. Updates
39. Disencumber
40. Pure (hyph.)
41. Ground comm
42. Fornment
43. Fertile
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"I think we learned from last year," Hannah said. "We got on a roll and we left off the gas pedal and we went on a five-game skid. We've got to not let up and continue to play hard. I think last year we got ahead of ourselves and thought we had arrived and obviously we hadn't. So we have to be careful of that this year."

Cal Poly began conference play this season with a 69-53 loss to No. 1 Long Beach State, before going on a three-game win-streak over UC Davis and Cal State Fullerton. Each of the three wins was decided by five points or less.

Lewis said it is vital that Cal Poly continues to win close games and concentrate more in the final minutes to stay near the top in the Big West.

"We're glad where we are in the standings right now, but we definitely think we can do better," Lewis said. "Teams that are going to be in the top-half of the conference are going to win the close games and we definitely won a lot of close games so far."

The Mustangs then lost three of their next four matchups, including a one-point, buzzer-beating loss to conference rival UC Santa Barbara. That loss versus the Gauchos dropped the Mustangs from second place to fifth.

Cal Poly will have to prove itself again as it faces each Big West opponent one more time before the conference tournament. The Mustangs will face the Gauchos on the road in another televised match in their last conference game of the season.

Cal Poly will host its next two conference games against UC Davis this Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.
Guard Shawn Lewis ranks second on the team in scoring, averaging 14.1 points and 2.5 assists per game this season.

Walsh bolsters roster with 17 new recruits

Fourteen high school players, two community college transfers and one four-year school transfer have signed national letters of intent to Cal Poly, head coach Tim Walsh said in a press conference Wednesday.

It is the third recruiting class under the Walsh era and next season will be one of the first times a good number of Walsh's recruits will see the playing field. Every year, Walsh has been happy with the talent brought in and this group is no different.

"I am extremely excited with the class that we have," Walsh said. "I think we filled the needs that we identified. I think we were very fortunate with a lot of the young people who said yes."