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Welcome to the annual “Best For” edition of the Mustang Daily!

As the staff has for the past seven years, the Mustang Daily collected student surveys during the fall and winter quarters, asking students to choose their local favorite spots in categories ranging from Best Sorority and Fraternity to Best Place to Get a Facial to Best Beer Selection. The goal of the Mustang Daily’s “Best For” edition is to feature local business that best suit students' needs. Hundreds of surveys were turned in this year, allowing students the freedom to give their input on their favorite spots both in town and around San Luis Obispo.

As is done every year, two public relations classes wrote all of the content, Central Coast Perspectives manager Krista Scarbrough took all of the photos seen in this issue. The complete list of winners can be found in this issue and around town in the stores where Mustang Daily plaques have been placed.

— Leticia Rodriguez, editor-in-chief
— Patrick Leiva, managing editor
Vallarta's Mexican Food and Cantina
Best Margarita

Rush Manbert

Cal Poly students selected Vallarta's Mexican Food and Cantina as the best place for a margarita in San Luis Obispo. The restaurant, located at 1761 Monterey St., is known for offering a free margarita to anyone celebrating a 21st birthday.

It's not just the deal that gave Vallarta's the win, however. With many competitors serving up margaritas, Vallarta's drink stands out because of its impressive size.

It is not uncommon to see a group of colds sharing one of the massive goblets. The staff is quick to offer extra straws so that everyone can join.

The restaurant offers casual Mexican dining with water service and a full bar. With its great value, it's no wonder why Vallarta's margaritas were selected above the rest.

Emily Morelli

Near rows of gleaming bikes and ear-splitting walls, great customers of Cal Poly's favorite local bike shop, Foothill Cyclery. It has been a local favorite for more than 20 years, and the store's popularity is due to store growth.

It is not uncommon to see a loyal customer, Nate Lewis, a loyal customer, shop, and an opportunity came up to buy it," owner Josh Cohen said.

"It was a small, very welcoming shop, and an opportunity came up to buy it," owner Josh Cohen said. "It's doubled in volume since then.

Cohen came to San Luis Obispo in the '90s to attend Cal Poly. He became involved with the Cal Poly Whirlwheels, which his shop now sponsors. Cohen and the experience of his mechanical and the friendly, service-oriented staff are a big part of the store's success.

"People are loyal customers would agree.

"I like the maintenance reliability of the word they do and the amount of time and quality they put into repairs," Lewis said. The store's head mechanic has been part of the company for 20 years, and the other mechanic for 12 years. The store ensures that most repairs are done within 24 hours or less.

Although the speed and reliability of the repairs enhance the store's popularity, the most important factor to the local fame is the friendly service.

"It's all about getting people to enjoy riding," Cohen said. "Making only to make the quick back is detrimental to a business. Make service your priority and make sure your focus is on riders enjoying their bikes and you'll grow your own market. Our focus is on service and good bike sales."
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Cal Poly
Best Local Wine

Timothy Miller

Wine and viticulture students fulfill Cal Poly’s educational philosophy “learn by doing” through grape growing, harvesting and winemaking. The grapes used to make Cal Poly wine come from six acres managed by Cal Poly students and other local vineyards.

Cal Poly wine can be bought online, as well as at the Cal Poly Downtown store and Central Coast Wines.

Six different Cal Poly wines from the 2007 and 2008 vintages are now offered. They range from Chardonnay to Red Dessert Wines, from $14 to $28. The Cal Poly wines can also be tried at the Cal Poly Wine Festival, which will showcase more than 100 wineries from the area. It will also raise money for the Cal Poly wine and viticulture program.

Costco
Best Place to Get Spoiled By Your Parents
Best Place to Buy a Mattress
Best Eye Doctor
Best Tire Shop
Best Gas Station

Lindsey Pillow

At Costco, a $50 annual membership offers members a plethora of items in bulk for reasonable prices. Costco is popular among Cal Poly students for many reasons.

“Of course you want your parents to take you shopping at Costco when they come visit. You get so much stuff for a reasonable price,” recent Cal Poly graduate Haley Nagle said.

Costco’s gas station also offers cheaper prices than surrounding gas stations.

The tire shop sells tires for reasonable prices, and includes a lifetime maintenance service for all tires purchased. The lifetime service includes inflation pressure checks, balancing, rotations and free flat repairs.

Basic eye exams cost $49 and a contact exam runs at $85. The optical department not only provides testing, but also has a full eyeglass department to find the perfect pair of lenses.

Although you have to be a member to receive the perks, one does not need to be a member to purchase alcoholic beverages from the store.

The Graduate
Best Dance Spot

Lindsey Pillow

Voted the Best Place to Dance by Cal Poly students in San Luis Obispo, The Graduate is a restaurant by day and a dance club by night.

The “Grad,” as it is referred to by locals, is unique in that it is the only nightclub-style environment that allows guests as young as 18.

The Grad also hosts “Minor Madness” nights, in which guests ages 13 to 18 are invited to dance the night away from 8 p.m. to midnight in an alcohol-free environment.

The Graduate hosts a variety of concerts, which have included E-40, Andre Nickatina and Tech N9ne. Every Wednesday is Wild Wednesday and is hosted by DJ JoJo Lopez from Wild 106.1 FM.

There is usually a cover charge that ranges in price depending on the event.

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Emily Devine

A good haircut can be the perfect accessory to any outfit. It can bring about a newfound confidence, reveal a hidden face or transform an out-of-date look. With seasoned employees that have a knack for precision and good conversation, University Barber in San Luis Obispo has been cutting hair in the community since 1956.

While the barbershop primarily does haircuts, they can also help with other hair-related needs. They currently have five barbers on staff, and many have been working there for decades. Owner John Phillips purchased the shop when he was 21 years old, and has been there ever since. The walls of the shop are covered in historical pictures of San Luis Obispo, representing the time that has passed since the shop opened its doors to the public.

There is typically a drastic age difference between clients sitting in neighboring chairs. Young boys and old men alike seek out University Barber to get their haircut. While a barbershop and a salon perform similar services, cosmetologists and barbers are not trained in the same way.

"All the Cal Poly and Cuesta guys get their hair cut here," said barber Richard Beaumos. "We're all barbers here," said Beaumos. "We all have experience cutting hair and we have friendly service."
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Slo Donut Company

Best New Business

Margaret Pack

Slo Donut Company, also known as "SLO DO CO," was voted "Best New Business" by Cal Poly students. Its owners aimed to emphasize uniqueness at the donut shop when it officially opened Sept. 30. Owner Jacob Pickering was excited to win the title especially because his shop SLO Donut Company has put in to stand out, he said.

"We try to throw ourselves out there as a different type of donut shop," Pickering said.

And from the unconventional interior design, to the artwork that's for sale on the walls to the types of donuts offered, SLO DO CO is doing just that.

"The three top flavors are the bacon maple bar, the chocolate chip pillow and the peanut butter and jelly donut," Pickering said.

Donuts with cereal toppings are also extremely popular, he said, but of course, traditional donuts are always available as well.

Not only are the flavors original, but SLO DO CO also gives customers the opportunity to create their own donut at the "donut design center" — complete with various icings and toppings.

The donut shop is always open and is equipped with free wi-fi, which makes it an ideal place for students to study late and munch on baked goods.

Edi Hasha is a San Luis Obispo resident and enjoys the free wi-fi because he can get online at any time of day and speak with his family who live overseas, he said.

"It's family owned so it's very community driven," Hasha said.

"They really fit to everyone's needs." Animal sciences junior Sireen Johal said she studies at SLO DO CO for something different.

"It's a cool atmosphere," she said. "We're constantly interacting with students," Pickering said.

"We just have fun with it."

Agricultural business senior Jeff Shah tried to win the contest for his family who live overseas, he said.

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Customers are able to sample wines, beers and specialty foods. There are often appearances by winemakers who showcase wines to the public.

BevMo

Best Keg Deal

Wesley Murphy

There are plenty of places to stop in San Luis Obispo to buy that special bottle of wine for a loved one or a keg for the party on Saturday night. However, nestled in the Irish Hills shopping center in San Luis Obispo sits BevMo — a 10,000 square foot store stocked full of all alcoholic beverages.

BevMo was founded in January 1994 and opened six stores in the San Francisco Bay Area during that year. Other products such as specialty foods, snacks, cigars, glassware and related bar and wine accessories are also sold at BevMo.

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Dollar Tree

Best Party Supply Store

Hillary Preece

Dollar Tree is a one-stop shop for bulk party supplies to fit any theme. Cal Poly students seem to agree, voting Dollar Tree the Best Party Supply Store in San Luis Obispo.

The bargain chain, located in the Marigold Center on Broad St. and in the Madonna Plaza shopping center on Madonna Rd., are well organized, clean and brightly lit stores dedicated to selling every party's needs.

The choosing may be tough with the stores' wide selection of colors, brands and products, but prices never exceed one dollar.

According to the website, Dollar Tree is good for "Everything you need for every day, every holiday, every occasion."

In these tough economic times and for poor college students, Dollar Tree provides the perfect and necessary supplies to execute a coordinated and decorated event.

Business senior Christine Travis shops at Dollar Tree because of the cheap prices and large selection.

"This has been a busy month for birthdays, so buying cheap party supplies and materials is the only way I can still afford cute presents for all my friends," Travis said.

Operating at a $1 price point seems to instantly attract customers looking for decorative party supplies and décor—and lots of it.

"The overall vibe of a themed party is a lot more exciting and people are more into it and have a better time," construction management senior Phillip Ost said.

Whether Cal Poly students plan birthday parties or house parties, they have chosen Dollar Tree as the best place in town for supplies and decorations.

JASON LEROUX

Best SLO Dentist

Rush Manbert

Dr. Jason Leroux, DDS practices dentistry at Palm Dental care on the corner of Palm and Toro streets. His commitment to students is what lead them to choose him as the Best SLO Dentist.

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Edna Valley Vineyard
Best Local Winery

Emily Morelli

Edna Valley Vineyard, Cal Poly's favorite local winery is known for more than its Chardonnay.

Its unique location adds to its allure. The winery sits in a more remote area of San Luis Obispo, off of Biddle Ranch Road.

From the tasting room, a tantalizing view of the valleys and hills framing San Luis Obispo awaits customers who come to sip the jeweled fruit of the land before them.

Yet, with the plethora of local wineries competing for the community's favor, how did Edna Valley Vineyard gain the number one position?

Winemaker Josh Baker has worked at Edna Valley since 2003 and believes Cal Poly students are key to the winery's success.

"[We've] tried hard to establish a good rapport with Cal Poly," Baker said. When Cal Poly added a wine and viticulture major in 2005, Edna Valley Winery began offering internships and barreling jobs exclusively to those students.

It has become a goal of the winery to give students real, educational experience in the winemaking process. Baker said the company's winemaking practices are what ultimately drew him to join the Edna Valley family.

Edna Valley's winemaking process starts from the ground up, allowing the winemakers to be involved in every step of production. Edna Valley Vineyard offers 24 varieties of wine, including its flagship variety, Pinot Noir and Shiraz. Every variety is perfected with top-tier winemaking techniques, according to Baker.

The winery also highly values close relationships with local charities, including the San Luis Obispo Women's Shelter, Toys for Tots and Adopt-a-highway.

Claire Raymond

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Ethnic studies senior Jenny Brooks agrees.

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Movie going can sometimes be expensive, but for students who are trying to save some green, the Fremont has some deals.

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Janelle Young

Cal Poly students once again voted the Robert E. Kennedy Library the Best On-Campus Study Spot. The library has won this award every year and it is clear why Cal Poly students enjoy studying here. The five-story library is always filled with Cal Poly students working diligently. The library's quiet atmosphere and helpful tools are exactly what students need to get their work done.

Landscape architecture junior Brad Ashmore said he prefers to study at the library because he can do his work without being distracted.

"When he is at the library he knows 'it's time to get down to business and study,'" he said.

Anna Gold, the Associate Dean for Public Services, said that the school has worked hard to make the library a sociable and convenient place to study. The library has made several dramatic changes to accommodate students' needs in the past few years.

Now, library staff provides food and cafes. Poly Connect Lab provides tri-pods, video cameras, and kindles. Rapid reference to databases for research. LibRas help students with library resources, while technicians provide assistance in the 24-hour room. And the glass collaboration rooms provide quiet rooms for groups to meet.

Gold said they are always working on ways to improve the library. Currently, the Student Library Advisory Council (SLAC) is working on adding more electrical outlets for students with laptops. SLAC recognizes that finding an outlet can be difficult, and they are working to fix that. SLAC is also developing a mapping system of the library to show students where there are available computers.

**Farmers’ Market**

Best Central Coast Event

Nicole Welch

What makes a great event? Does it need a lively atmosphere? How about entertainment? And what about a prime location? How about all three? Farmers’ Market offers these characteristics and more. Voted Best Central Coast Event, Cal Poly students agree that you will not be disappointed.

Every Thursday night Higuera Street is lined with local produce vendors, food stands, political booths, and clothes and trinkets to purchase. One will also find a variety of performers, from singers to jugglers. Admission is free, but the fun is priceless.

History senior and avid Farmers’ Market attendee David Fox said he is never disappointed on Thursdays.

"It’s a fun time when people can get together with their friends. It’s a great atmosphere, there are really fun performances to watch and it’s free," Fox said.

Fox also enjoys buying local produce.

"When you buy produce you are supporting local farmers. Something that is really important to me," Fox said.

Wine and viticulture junior Janey Cowan shares in these feelings.

"As far as the Farmers Market itself, it has a great selection of fresh produce," Cowan said. "There are always lots of students, visitors, and fun," Cowan said.

Cowan said Farmers’ Market comes equipped with the "three Fs"—free, fresh and fun.

Farmers’ Market is a great escape for Cal Poly students at the end of a busy school week. No matter if it is Fall, Winter, or Spring quarter, hundreds of Cal Poly students make their way down to Higuera Street to wind down in a fun, engaging and upbeat atmosphere.

**Avila Beach Golf Resort**

Best Golf Course

Margaret Pack

With its close proximity to campus, views of Avila beach, and frequent use by the Cal Poly golf team, it is no surprise that the 18-hole, par 71 golf course at Avila Beach Golf Resort was voted Best Golf Course.

Trevor Guthrie is a business administration junior on the Cal Poly men’s golf team and said that the golf team frequently uses Avila Beach Golf Resort to practice.

"We practice there at least once a week," Guthrie said. "I’ve probably been to the course about 20 or 30 times."

Guthrie said the putting greens at Avila Beach Golf Resort attract the golf team for practices.

"They have a really good putting green there, so we always go there and work on our short game," Guthrie said.

"The overall condition of the course is always pretty pristine," Guthrie said. The course’s proximity to Cal Poly is another plus. "It’s always convenient," Guthrie said. "If we just have an hour before class or something we can just go out in the morning and practice."

The service is known to be especially accommodating when the golf team is there for practice, Guthrie said.

"They’re all nice out there and really professional," he said. Avila Beach Golf Resort isn’t just liked by those playing professionally; locals who spend their weekends at the course rave about it as well.

Jeff Gomez is a San Luis Obispo resident who frequently plays golf at the Avila Beach Golf Resort, and he likes many aspects of the course, he said.

**Avila Beach**

Best First Date Location/Best Beach

Janelle Young

At Avila Beach you could bathe in the sun, scope out the shops nearby, watch the sunset from the pier, eat at an ocean view restaurant, and finish the night at the nearby hot springs. You could also go fishing, kayaking, boating, hiking, golfing, or wine tasting if you desire.

Ryan Hernandez, an avid skin boarder, said he likes Avila because "the waves are not too big for skimming" and at night you can "have a nice bonfire with your friends."

His brother, Jesse Hernandez, said he took his girlfriend there for their first date because the Old Port Beach in Avila is perfect for both of their dogs. Avila has basketball courts next to the beach and beach volleyball nets. There is also a Fish and Farmers’ Market on Friday afternoon from 4 to 8 p.m.

Ryan and Jesse said the best part of Avila Beach is the fire pits. They said they use them often to roast marshmallows and cook hotdogs with friends.

No matter if it is night or day, you can walk along the beach or around the town of Avila and find something fun and exciting to do.

**Bank of America**

Best Financial Institution

Joyce Tar

College students know the difficulties of being broke and living on Top Ramen every night of the week and the importance of managing money. Perhaps that is why Bank of America was voted Best Financial Institution.

Bank of America offers financial planning specifically for college students, like tax-advantaged savings, flexibility and professional investment management.

"I’ve had Bank of America’s checking account for years during high school, but right before I came to Poly, I got the student savings plan. I have had my pitfalls of course, but overall, it’s helped me a lot with savings as I’m not too much in debt after graduating," mechanical engineering senior Steve Clark said.

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Mission San Luis Obispo
Best Place to Worship

Laura Tuoby

Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, located in Mission Plaza, is not only a place of worship for many members of the San Luis Obispo community, but an amazing piece of Californian history. It is the fifth mission founded in California. The current building was built 21 years after Father Junipero Serra founded it in September 1772. It was restored in 1933, and now stands as the most popular place of worship for Cal Poly students.

The Old Mission Parish has made a big impact in the college community here in San Luis Obispo, which is apparent with its many faithful followers.

Pastor Russell Brown has taken note of their large following in the four years he has worked with the mission.

"There is a noticeable student presence at all of our masses and they have been a big part of our parish and mission. We really do miss the students when they are gone over the summer or during breaks, it feels like a piece of our parish is missing," Brown said.

"The mission offers eight weekly masses and one Spanish mass.

"It is great how many types of services the mission of San Luis Obispo offers. I just attended a friend's wedding there last spring and the church ended up being a great place for the ceremony and special day," computer science graduate Jared Hagemann said.

The mission has a much stronger presence in the community that goes beyond just its weekly masses. With a mission school thrift store, gift shop and museum, youth ministry and old mission cemetery.

Members of the parish staff and ministries help run and carry out these various functions while still maintaining to make the church's vision a daily reality, "To be a Eucharistic community striving to live out the gospel of Jesus Christ guided by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Golf Course

"I come to this golf course because of the temperature," Gomez said. "It's always a couple of degrees warmer. And you can actually get some views."

Gomez said that the golf course in Morro Bay also provides views, but that he prefers Avila Beach Golf Resort because of its affordability.

"The location is great, but really it's the price point," he said. "It's the least in the county (for what you get)."

Avila Beach Golf Resort also provides golf lessons with a variety of programs and skill levels, a full service restaurant with catering options, Mulligan's Bar and Grill, a pro shop and a venue for concerts and other events.

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Best Flower Shop

Caitlin Schmidt

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Poly Plant Shop delivers on campus — something for students to keep in mind with Valentine’s Day just around the corner. Bergman said that students often utilize the on-campus delivery service. Separate organizations sometimes order flowers from Poly Plant Shop and have them delivered on-campus for special events.

Poly Plant Shop also offers flower “subscriptions” to students who live on campus and would like to regularly receive arrangements for their dorm or our apartment.

Poly Plant Shop truly embodies Cal Poly’s “learn by doing” philosophy. Student employees put together the shop’s arrangements and sell the products to customers.

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SLO CAB
Best Taxi Service

Claire Raymond

For those Cal Poly students without their own vehicles, who are tired of taking the bus, or are just looking for alternative forms of transportation after a fun night out on the town, SLO Cab Co. is at your service.

There is also nothing “slow” about SLO Cab, according to hospitality senior Tricia Harris who has used the taxi service on multiple occasions.

“The taxi cab drivers always have a good time and provide endless entertainment on the rides home. They’re fast too, they call you when the cab fare will be in advance. You know how much cab fare will be in advance.

We have purchased new vehicles, inspected and upgraded them with new features including wheelchair accessible cars for the disabled who need handicapped accessible cab. We also have upgraded to a computerized dispatch room so it’s much more ef­

The cab company is also imple­

mementing a new website, SLOyel­
lowcab.com, on which students can electronically place an order and the system will automatically print a de­

The cab fare will be in advance.

SLO Cab Co. is the largest fleet of cars in San Luis Obispo, with the lowest rate in the entire county ($3 per mile) because their rates are regu­larly reviewed by the city.

“Our service just doesn’t end there. We are trying to do a few things in return to the community to truly be number one,” Babaeian said.

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**Best For**

**Verizon Wireless**

**Best Cell Phone Service**

Caitlin Schmidt

Verizon Wireless was once again voted Best Cell Service provider for Cal Poly students.

"Students like Modern Languages and Literature senior Amy Baldini appreciate the reliability of Verizon's coverage areas and the company's excellent customer service. "I've had some friends with other service providers that complain that they don't get reception in certain areas around San Luis Obispo or in certain dorms or apartment complexes," Baldini said. "But I have never had any problems with Verizon."

Verizon Wireless is often praised for its exemplary customer service. "The Verizon store in San Luis Obispo is no exception."

"One time I forgot my charger at home and I went to Verizon Wireless on Mill Street and they charged my phone for me," Baldini said. "So I give their customer service a thumbs up."

With Verizon Wireless' mobile to mobile calling Verizon customers can call other Verizon customers for free. "Most of the people I call have Verizon, which is really nice," Baldini said.

For contracts that have other service providers, Verizon users with the popular "Family Share Plan" can select ten additional numbers to call from your plan.

"My family uses Verizon Wireless friends and family service to call relatives and friends that don't use Verizon," Baldini said.

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**Best Buy**

**Best Place to Buy Electronics**

Katelyn Smith

When one thinks of Best Buy, one usually thinks technology. Students at Cal Poly think superior technology. Need a new phone? Need a new computer? Just come into the SLO Best Buy and be ready to be treated to a great buying experience.

Manager Mathew Jordan said employees at Best Buy are experts when it comes to technology. "It's an honor, obviously, that people are coming here and want to spend money," Jordan said. "We love to talk about the new stuff that is coming out and the new technology."

"It shows that we are the place to go in the community," Jordan said.

Best Buy may be a major corporation, but our local SLO Best Buy wants to be a key part of the community and your first choice when deciding where to buy your technology. If you are in need of some technology help, or simply want to spend some money on new technology, think of Best Buy as your local technological support.

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**Boo Boo Records**

**Best Place to Buy Music**

Nicole Welch

Boo Boo Records in downtown San Luis Obispo has all the makings of a great music shop. What sets Boo Boo Records apart from other places to buy music in San Luis Obispo can be summed up in three characteristics said Boo Boo employee Fred Friedman. "I think there's probably three things. Customer service, something we really believe in. The second thing is our selection. We have a really great selection here at Boo Boo Records. And third, the prices, we have really fair prices," Friedman said.

These are three things that Cal Poly students cannot ignore. "I think (students) looking for music in San Luis Obispo has all the makings of a good music shop," Friedman said.

"You can pretty much guarantee you will find what you want to find. A lot of artists like Alexi Murdoch or people that you wouldn't normally find at Best Buy or a place like that, you can find them," VanMuyden said. "I love to talk about the new stuff that is coming out and the new technology." Jordan and his staff are pleased to win an award from Cal Poly.

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Boo Boo has been in business for 35 years and the atmosphere inside the shop reveals an atmosphere of seasoned professionals. "It's a cool music store with the decorations they got, all the posters, the back room often transforms into a stage for small, intimate concerts. "It's a cool little store with the decorations they got, all the posters, just the vibe. It just feels like a very classic music kind of store with what they have going on. It's a retro, vintage music store," VanMuyden said.
Ashley Johnson

Although Chi Omega is one of the newest sororities at Cal Poly, it has grown into a recognizable force in the community.

Members have developed "Six Purposes" to help provide opportunity for personal development and growth, including friendship, high standards of personnel, scholarship, participation in campus activities, career development, and community service.

Chi Omega's roots started in 1985 at Arkansas University and was established at Cal Poly in 2008. More than 250 women participated in the first recruitment and 126 bids were offered to initiate Chi Omega on campus. Journalism freshman and Chi Omega sister Sydney Ray said the girls all get along and it's a great experience.

"I had always known I wanted to be in [a sorority]," I wanted excited about rushing but after I found Chi Omega I knew that's where I wanted to be. Ever since I've joined I've had a blast," Ray said.

Industrial engineering student and Chi Omega sister Allison Heymann said Chi Omega is set apart from the rest because the members focus on improving every aspect of their group.

"I think that Chi O does a lot more small-minded things, like the pancake dinner. I see it as a big group of really different personalities that all like getting together to have fun," Heymann said.

Philanthropy is also a big part of this sorority's focus. They will be hosting a community event called "The Chi O Casino" on February 11 to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"We want to go to the casino," Ray said. "And I've heard it's a lot of fun and it's a really good cause."

Chi Omega has also participated in past events like Relay For Life and Greek Week.

Laura Tuohy

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Laura Tuohy

San Luis Obispo has a large college presence and many local businesses cater to this dominant demographic. One major commonality that college students share is their love for music.

Wild 106.1 has been able to provide the perfect mix of tunes.

Wild 106.1 plays hits from today's most popular artists and airs the most popular songs of today. They took over the 106.1FM station in the fall of 1999 and moved away from playing smooth jazz to a more mainstream type of music, which has made it popular among the college demographic ever since.

You can always count on Wild 106.1 to be airing all the latest music, featuring new artists, and playing the most popular music of today.

The reason why I enjoy listening to Wild 106.1 is because they keep up with all of the newest music that has come out and that is most popular among all my friends," food science senior (>>co Wata.se said."

Wild 106.1 also features several local DJ's on their station as well as more famous DJ's like Ryan Seacrest. Wild 106.1 gets involved with the local community by hosting various events and contests throughout the year.

They frequently put on several contests through their station where listeners can call in and win different prizes including anything from gift certificates to free concert tickets. They also put on mixers and collaborate with local clubs to host events that they advertise on their website.

"I love going to events that feature Wild 106.1 music because you know that it's definitely going to be a good time," journalism senior Flora Anderson said.

Hillary Preece

Mustang Daily readers named PETCO the "Best Pet Store" in San Luis Obispo for its pet-friendly stores and helpful services for local animal lovers and their companions. The pet specialty retailer provides grooming, training, photography and vaccinations at the Madonna Road location.

PETCO hosts local pet adoption drives in addition to advocating healthy and happy housing for the store's own wide selection of available pets. Along with a rotating selection of animals, PETCO carries different pet-related items for every need: food, cages, treats, toys, medications and even decorative accessories.

Owners are allowed to let their pets peruse the aisles freely and eat any treats they can reach on the food counter.

Regular PETCO visitors and statistics sophomore Maggie Magnuson cannot own pets under her current housing lease but visits the animals every Saturday anyway.

"I go to PETCO whenever I'm feeling down. The furry little guinea pigs know just how to cheer me up," Magnuson said.

Food science senior Coco Wata.se adopted a goldfish and housecat because of how easily they are to please and love, and how well they get along.

"I got my fish for my cat Grizz's birthday because she will sit and stare at me when I move," Wata.se said.

"Call Poly students agree that for any pet or pick-me-up, PETCO is the best.

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**Emily Devine**

Shopping for jewelry on a budget can be difficult. All That Glitters, a family-owned jewelry store in San Luis Obispo, relieves financial stress by offering jewelry in every price range.

All That Glitters provides customers with several different services and jewelry-related products. Some of their services include in-house repair, custom design, jewelry cleaning, pearl stringing, appraisals and more. In addition to selling jewelry, they also sell watches and bands, loose diamonds and colored stones.

"We have our own jewelers, and do a lot of original designing," said Mac McBumey, a jeweler at the store. "We also have one of the largest wedding ring selections between Los Angeles and San Francisco."

The store prides itself on its excellent service and unique jewelry. They do all repairs on the premise and are one of the largest buyers in the state of jewelry and scrap gold. All That Glitters also specializes in fine gemstones including earrings, rings and bracelets.

All That Glitters has been in business on the central coast for nearly 30 years. The owners are fourth-generation jewelers, whose family has been in the area since 1890.

The store's staff includes gemologists, appraisers and goldsmiths that have a combined 150 years of experience in the jewelry industry.

While they have a wide range of customers, they try to have a good relationship with the college students. Many students stay in the area after graduation and go to All That Glitters for their wedding and jewelry needs.

"All That Glitters is a great place to buy jewelry for the women in your life," said student Marc Ledesma. "They have items that can be purchased on any budget."

The store has a small town atmosphere and is located in the Madonna Plaza shopping center.

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**Lauren Gan**

Yogurt Creations, a self-serve frozen yogurt shop, is a local favorite offering something for everyone. You'll enjoy your favorite dessert in three simple steps: choose a cone or cup, pick your favorite flavor(s), and then your favorite toppings.

"I think what sets us apart from other frozen yogurt places is that we have more toppings to choose from," said manager Stephen Bauer. Customers have the option of making healthy choices while there are over 60 toppings to satisfy a sweet tooth. For the health-conscious: no-sugar added, non-fat, low-fat, non-dairy fruit based sorbets. Toppings include fresh fruit, candies, nuts, flavored syrups, and even cereal to satisfy your sweet tooth.

"We actually cut our fruits whereas other places don't take the time to cut their toppings," sales associate Haley Alonso said.

Yogurt Creations has other locations in Santa Maria, Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, and Paso Robles.

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**Clare Geraghty**

Faces and Alamode opened its doors in 1986 and has since become a local favorite. Voted this year's Best Place to Get a Facial, the salon not only offers skincare services, but also provides clients with hairstyling, massage treatments, makeup application and waxing, as well.

With 25 years of service, Faces and Alamode has evolved with the industry. Store manager Katie Anderson credits this—as well as their talented staff—for the salon's success. "We have a really great variety of people working here, and we are always growing with education," Anderson said. "All of our stylists and estheticians are constantly taking classes and making sure they stay on top of trends."

In addition to the staff, local resident Laura Slaughter points to the salon's relaxed atmosphere as a major reason why she keeps coming back. "I feel really comfortable here," Slaughter said. "The people are very friendly and welcoming, and the staff really does a beautiful job."

Faces and Alamode has also become a go-to salon for journalism senior Emily Devine. She began visiting when she first moved to San Luis Obispo. "I haven't been to another salon since I found out about Faces and Alamode," Devine said. "The people are so knowledgeable and pay great attention to detail. Plus, I always leave
Sylvester's Burgers
Best Central Coast Restaurant
— outside of SLO

Clare Geraghty
Sylvester's Burgers in Los Osos was voted this year's "Best Restaurant Outside of SLO." With 13 on its menu, the restaurant is best known for its "big, hot 'n juicy" burgers, and the special Sylvester's sauce.

"I’ve never had a burger like Sylvester's," Cal Poly student Sarah Arrin said. "Driving 15 minutes to get there is a very small price to pay for it."

Also on the menu are hot dogs, sandwiches, chili and a few vegetarian options.

"I’ve tried a bunch of the stuff here, and everything is amazing," animal sciences student Leah Martin said. "You can’t go wrong with what­ever you order."

Sylvester's has been in the area for more than 20 years and has become a household name on the central coast. "Our restaurant in Los Osos is off the beaten path, and we’ve really become a landmark here for the community," Sylvester's Manager Jim Martinez said. "We pride ourselves on great food and great service."

People can also go to Sylvester's on Saturdays for live music. And for those of legal drinking age, they offer $2 pints on all of their beers on Sunday. Pints of Bud Light are $1 on Mondays.

Sylvester’s is also known for its Beef Bush Bonanza, a contest in which participants race to finish a five-pound burger called the "Big Ones." Because of its success, the Bonanza will now be an annual event, according to the restaurant's Web site.

Sylvester's is located at 1099 San Ynez Ave. in Los Osos. It is open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Barlow, assistant manager at the Star­bucks in the University Union, said the Starbucks on campus is busiest from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is not uncommon to see lines that stretch down the hall dur­ing UU Hour.

"I love having a coffee place right where I study," wine and viticulture senior Alejandra Navarette said. Starbucks has not only found a niche, but enjoys striking success in San Luis Obispo. There are eight Starbucks locations here, four within a mile of Cal Poly.

Despite plenty of other options, Cal Poly students and staff continue to get their fix at Starbucks.

There are other competing busi­nesses on campus, including Julian's in the Robert E. Kennedy Library, Peer's Coffee in Poly Canyon, and Campus Market, but Starbucks kept Cal Poly's vote once again.

The reason?

"Starbucks has the highest qual­ity coffee in the world," said Adam Martens said. "We pride ourselves on great food and great service."

Despite Starbucks' success, the company announced it would introduce a larger size, the 31-ounce Treta. The new option is now available in California.

Tanner's Cove
Best Tanning Salon

Lauren Gan
Tanner’s Cove emphasizes low pric­es, cleanliness, and updated facilities, and making customer needs a top prior­ity.

"I really enjoy working here be­cause I get to interact with different customers," manager Bonnie Cal­bone said.

There are two locations in San Luis Obispo and five in Santa Maria.

Oceano and Pismo Beach. The salons have over 60 tanning beds and Mys­tic Tan spray booths as well.

The Mystic Tan is a consistent sprayed tan that is guaranteed to last up to seven days. If you're interested in something that lasts longer, there's the Powerburn and the Sunburst, which is best described as obtaining a natural look from a pleasant outing at the beach.

"My skin is really fair and sensi­tive. It's nice to be a shade darker and it looks natural. You don't leave looking like that weird orange color that everyone dreads," art and design senior Sara Teiffel said.

The shop also offers to install in-home tanning beds with mainte­nance and re-lamping services.

So if the weather is a little chilly outside and you're looking to even out that bikini tan line you had from over the summer, Tanner's Cove will leave you satisfied with an even, nat­ural-looking tan.

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Sycamore Springs Mineral Resort

Best Place to Get a Massage
Best Place to Pamper Yourself

Alexandra Jacopetti

Rested above hot mineral springs and nestled in more than 100 acres of hills, forests and greenery, the Sycamore Springs Mineral Resort is a local and a tourist favorite.

"I love the location and how the mineral springs are outdoors in the wilderness. It's a great getaway for couples to enjoy some alone time," local resident Rachel Olson said.

This all-inclusive resort includes guestroom accommodations, a full day spa, an award-winning restaurant and bar, yoga and Pilates classes, meditation gardens, and their famous mineral spring spas.

The day spa offers massages, facials, body treatments and enhancements. Each spa treatment comes with a complimentary private 30-minute dip in a spring mineral hot tub.

The resort also offers wedding services. The property offers indoor and outdoor wedding ceremonies, receptions, and rehearsal dinners.

The Kilt

Alexandra Jacopetti

The Kilt, an Irish pub and restaurant located on Monterey Street, is often packed with college students and San Luis Obispo residents because of happy hour drink deals. The Kilt's happy hour runs Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m.

During happy hour, The Kilt offers $3 well drinks and margaritas, $4 premium draft beers, and $5 for a glass of house wine. They also offer $6 appetizers.

The Kilt offers a wide array of food, such as corned beef sandwiches, calamari, burgers and salads.

The Kilt also offers late night happy hours from 10 to midnight, Sunday through Thursday. Some days of the week, the pub has additional specials, along with their happy hour prices. Sundays and Wednesdays are Pint Night and on Military Mondays current military servants get half off their bill.

The Health Center

David Hernandez

Evidently, Mustang Daily readers feel healthiest right here on campus. The Health Center has been voted Best San Luis Obispo Doctor.

Readers prefer the convenience of the Health Center's close proximity and low cost.

"We don't charge for almost anything," director of the Health Center Martin Bragg said.

In fact, visits are very affordable because health service fees are already included in a Cal Poly student's tuition.

The Health Center employs three physicians, four nurse practitioners, five physician assistants, and three nurse and medical assistants. It also staffs a dentist every Tuesday, an orthopedic clinic every Thursday, an opthamologist every Friday, and offers regular counseling services.

"We see a lot of patients during midterm and finals," administrative support coordinator Sara Thomson said.

As one might expect, the Health Center also sees a lot of students during winter quarter and allergy seasons.

Many new residents in San Luis Obispo are "surprised by allergies they didn't even know they had," Thomson said.

Students receive discounted prices on certain over-the-counter products like toothbrushes and pain relievers.

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Ashley Johnson

Mo|Tav is one of San Luis Obispo's premier bars downtown, offering 15 beers on tap, a variety of specialty cocktails, appetizers, dinner and weekly events. Previously known as Mother's Tavern, a remodel of the bar was completed last year and now features a bigger dance floor, as well as a VIP lounge upstairs with a private bar and bottle service.

Bartender Kaila Ford said it's the VIP area and large dance floor that sets Mo|Tav apart from the other bars downtown.

"During late night the Flaming Ronbo is our most popular cocktail," Ford said.

Mo|Tav offers a variety of cocktails, in addition to The Flaming Ronbo. Some of the featured specialty drinks include the Peachy Keen, Mom's Mojito, Royal Lemon Drop and Oliver's Twist. They are also known for popular favorites like the AMF and rum and Coke.

Child development senior Nicole Garland said Mo|Tav is one of her favorite bars and usually orders the chocolate cake shot.

"I like going there because of the exciting atmosphere," Garland said. "Everyone I know goes there."

Mo|Tav also hosted the annual Red Bull Barnmasters competition in November. This collegiate event allowed one member from Central Pacific Ski Club, Delta Sigma Phi, and the Cal Poly football team to take over the bar in a head-to-head bartending competition.

Mo|Tav offers a $2 Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. and Monday night karaoke starting at 10 p.m.

The bar frequently features up-and-coming DJs and has hosted artists including LMFAO, Iggy & Hardy, and Low Vs Diamond.

Mo|Tav currently features local DJ Donk every Saturday night and have half price bottle service on Thursdays.

Faces

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a little less stressed out about school."

The salon's skincare treatments include its signature facial, microdermabrasion and peel. It also sells Eminence skincare products, as well as Bumble and Bumble hair care products.

CHINA PEAK

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**Delta Chi**

Best Fraternity

Teri Akahoshi

With a current chapter size of about 110 members, Delta Chi has worked hard to create an organization of brotherhood that is motivated to increase involvement within the community and on campus.

"I think [Delta Chi] is unique in its diversity, I know a lot of houses on campus have general stereotypes put on them, and I haven't been able to find a stereotype of us yet. It's always interesting to hear why guys joined the house, and every reasoning is different as we get new guys," Delta Chi president James Moody said.

"It's just a bunch of diverse people coming together for a cause, everyone is different and yet we all work together to accomplish things," fraternity brother John Corgel said.

The fraternity's annual Sorority Kickball tournament is to take place during Spring quarter in hopes to support and raise money for the Jimmy V. Foundation in the fight against cancer. The foundation is a national charity recognized by all Delta Chi chapters. It sponsors research and treatments for all forms of cancer.

"We look for any outside philanthropies to get involved with and show our support," Corgel said.

The fraternity has a large presence on Cal Poly's campus. Many members in Delta Chi are actively involved with the Interfraternity Council, Associated Students Inc., and many hold positions on the board of directors.

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**Salon Lux**

Best Hair Salon

Amy Davidson

If you're looking for an upscale salon to deliver a professional and unbeatable service, Salon Lux is the place for you.

For the third year in a row, Cal Poly students have voted Salon Lux the best hair salon in San Luis Obispo.

The salon offers hair services such as cuts, color, and highlights, as well as spa services ranging from facials to massages.

Haircuts range from $35 to $65 and include a haircut, blow-dry and style, "I have been to Salon Lux a few times and love it. They have reasonable prices and do a great job with their cuts. They also have great customer service and the head massage is a plus," recreation, parks and tourism administration junior Ali Bickel said.

Unique to the salon are the pricing options available and meaning behind it. Upon being hired, the stylists must go through a training process before being let on their own.

The stylists first begin the internship phase where they assist top stylists for approximately six months.

After the internship, the stylists are put onto the floor, starting at $35 per cut. The price grows once the stylist has built up a clientele and successful visits.

Food science junior Parcel Krikorian said this system works to her benefit because there is a hair stylist to meet each individual's budget.

"No matter what the price is, you will still get a quality cut," Krikorian said.
Urban Outfitters
Best Men's Clothing Store

Tyler Benham

The reasons have spoken: Urban Outfitters is the local favorite for men's clothing. With ever changing deals and markdowns, Urban Outfitters will keep you coming back for more.

"Each department does its monthly markdowns where we discount two items in every department, sometimes we even mark down things that are already on sale," employee Jean Nguyen said.

Along with these regular markdowns Urban Outfitters is always changing up promo items. They currently have specials like $20 for three pairs of socks and $20 for two pairs of men's underwear.

The great deals aren't the only reason Urban Outfitters is the best place in San Luis Obispo to get men's clothing, according to mens manager Kurt Murphy.

"We have a good variety of stuff; anyone could find something here. I love our mens accessories, hats, beanies, shoes, etc. We're also the only shop in town with a good selection of Levi's," Murphy said.

Despite the fact that the Urban Outfitters client base is a majority female, according to Murphy, a guy can find anything he needs there.

"We always try to help you find something for anyone who comes in," Houseware manager Laura Scoppa said.

The dedicated staff at Urban Outfitters won't have you leaving unsatisfied. If you can't find something you like, employees can check other locations for you.

University Union Hour
Best On-Campus Event

Tyler Benham

A new live band every week in Cal Poly's newly remodeled University Union plaza has made UU Hour Cal Poly's best on-campus event. Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon take a break from studying and check out ASI's Convers in the Plaza.

"The UU Hour concerts have been a huge success, last quarter we had over 1,000 people come see Ironie;" ASI musical entertainment supervisor Jacki Iwanski said.

She said the end of the year events have been very popular. "Last year we had over 1,000 people at Cage the Elephant," Iwanski said.

Lucky for Cal Poly students, San Luis Obispo is an easy location for bands traveling the state to stop for a quick show. Melissa Bullock, Iwanski's supervisor at ASI said getting the great bands we are using UU Hour is all about timing. "When a band is playing one night in LA and the next night in San Francisco, we can catch them that morning it's great."

This quarter the Convers in the Plaza series is focusing on local San Luis Obispo bands.

"Starting this week we actually have five shows in a row and they're all local bands, each a different genre," Iwanski said. As Cal Poly's students make up a huge demographic of San Luis Obispo, the UU concerts are a great way to for local bands to get their names out and their music heard. Iwanski and her team are currently working hard to bring us a killer spring line up.

So if midterms, essays, and group projects have you stressed, take a break Thursdays and enjoy a free concert courtesy of ASI.

Forever 21
Best Women's Clothing Store

Amy Davidson

Forever 21’s philosophy booms trendy clothing at an affordable price. It's no wonder why this led Cal Poly students to vote the store the best women's clothing store for the second year in a row.

Although the very first Forever 21 store opened back in 1984, the company had over 1,000 people at Cage the Elephant, last quarter we had over 1,000 people come see Ironie;" ASI said getting the great bands we are using UU Hour is all about timing. "When a band is playing one night in LA and the next night in San Francisco, we can catch them that morning it's great."

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If you are looking for good food in a great outdoor atmosphere, Novo Restaurant and Lounge may be the place for you. Not only is the food incredible, customers have the option to dine next to the creek that runs through downtown San Luis Obispo.

On sunny afternoons, people come to Novo to enjoy the calming scenery of Novo’s outdoor patio. Whether it is relaxing away life’s burdens or simply enjoying nature, “It’s just so peaceful out here. It definitely helps relieve the stress I feel from school. There aren’t too many places where you can sit back, relax, and enjoy a meal outside,” said San Luis Obispo biological sciences student Mortay Mendola.

The service at Novo complements the relaxing scenery. Employee Remy Verdeille said every dish is served with a smile, and any requests are met almost immediately.

“People can go to any restaurant to get good food. We want to make sure our attitude and service mix perfectly with the atmosphere and the food. A good outdoor dining patio shouldn’t be the only difference between us and any other restaurant with good food,” Verdeille said.

Novo is open every day at 11 a.m. for lunch and closes at 10 p.m. on weekdays. It is open early for Sunday brunch at 10 a.m. and open late on Fridays and Saturdays until midnight. Novo is located on Higuera Street across from Mission Plaza.

CiCi Nails

Best Nail Salon

Danika Devincenzi

CiCi Nails, a family-owned and operated business, is known for its quality service and affordable prices. It’s Cal Poly students’ favorite place to go for a quick manicure or pedicure without an appointment.

Students appreciate the staff’s dedication to squeezing customers in, even when it’s a busy day. The staff knows that sanitation of tools and working areas is a priority to ensure the health and safety of their customers, which is why students choose CiCi Nails.

CiCi Nails is located at 1307 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Business hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, Sundays by appointment only.

Lucky Lulu’s

Best Boutique

Danika Devincenzi

Lucky Lulu’s is a gem in downtown San Luis Obispo. With trendy and comfortable clothing at inexpensive prices, it’s no wonder why Cal Poly students voted Lucky Lulu’s the Best Clothing Boutique.

Tucked away in the heart of downtown is the unique and affordable women’s clothing boutique that is the go-to shop for many students. Lucky Lulu offers a variety of comfortable shirts, winter coats and jackets, jeans, purses and more.

Students enjoy shopping at Lucky Lulu’s for affordable accessories including belts, jewelry and scarves. The many discounts make the store a popular destination for students shopping on a budget.

When browsing through the racks at Lucky Lulu’s, one will find an assortment of clothing ranging from comfortable to dressy.

Lucky Lulu’s is located at 691 Higuera Street downtown.

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Psychology student Paulo Figueroa said one of Trader Joe's great attributes is its assortment of different items.

"I walk into the dairy section and get completely lost in how many cheese options I have to choose from. I walk into the wine section and find thirty different bottles of the same type of wine. I love how the choice is up to me. I never have to settle for a sub par product," Figueroa said.

In addition to a wide variety of items, Trader Joe's also offers samples to customers in order for them to make a more informed decision on which items to purchase.

"The samples are clutch," said Figueroa. "I know exactly what I'm taking home with me. I don't have to guess if it's good or not, which is very helpful."

Trader Joe's is located in San Luis Obispo on S. Higuera Street near Tank Farm Road.

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Jayne Crabtree

Customer service is the number one priority at SLO Swim. Owner Shelley Filip's goal is to help her customers get the exact swimsuit they desire. Whether you found a beautiful swimsuit in a catalogue or saw it on Kim Kardashian, Filip will do her best to track it down for you. Employee Sue Balentine said it in this dedication to customers that makes SLO Swim so popular.

"Our customer service is amazing," Balentine said.

SLO Swim has the largest selection of D, DD, E, F and G cups on the central coast. Filip knows that more than the pattern of the fabric, the key to a great bathing suit is the perfect fit.

Fashionistas will be delighted in designer brands such as Luli Fama, L Space, Vix, Beach Bunny, VitaminA/Turk, Becca, ANK, Tigerlily, Betsey Johnson, Summers and Arin Rose — to name a few.

Filip has been in the swimsuit industry for more than twenty years. She began her career in 1984 at the Sea Barn. She then established SLO Swim in 1998.

With a new location downtown, Filip is delighted with the increased foot traffic. Often graduated Cal Poly students will return to their favorite shop for the perfect summer suit.

The specialty swim shop carries more than just swimsuits. Customers will also find a selection of sandals, swim cover-ups, and hats.
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Best Bookstore
Evan Stoecker

Placed in University Union sits the familiar EI Corral Bookstore. It is somewhere that every student gets well acquainted with over the course of his or her scholastic career. Not only is it convenient, it also houses a wide variety of items including textbooks.

Marketing manager Theresa Kaiser said the wide variety of Cal Poly gear attracts customers. "We have a great selection of stuff including spirit items, engineering and architecture supplies, the latest technology, greeting cards, rings and jewelry. It's not just the wide variety, but we also often provide demonstrations and look to keep prices on these items as low as we can," Kaiser said.

Woodstock's Pizza
Best Slice of Pizza
Meg Stonich

Woodstock’s has offered students a popular hangout and Cal Poly’s favorite slice of pizza for more than 30 years. With Wednesday Pint Nights, Trivia Tuesdays and happy hours, Woodstock’s houses a fun atmosphere all week long.

“It’s a great laid-back environment where you can hang out with friends and have a drink for a good price,” said journalism junior Caitlin Schmitt.

What sets Woodstock’s apart from other pizza parlors is its menu. In addition, Woodstock’s respects those mindful of their health by offering fresh salads and recently introduced gluten-free crust.

But what never fails to bring the crowd in is Woodstock’s trademark pies including the SLO Classic, BBQ Bird, the Carnivore, Mediterranean Masterpiece, and Pesto Primavera. And for those with an extra sweet tooth, Woodstock’s offers its infamous cinnamonbread.

Because Woodstock’s is open until 2 a.m. on weekends, it has been a hit especially with local students having those late night munchies. And for beer lovers, Woodstock’s holds happy hours Monday through Thursday nights from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., providing the ideal place to relax and watch the game.

Woodstock’s also offers students discounts and some great birthday deals including free cinnamonbread.

Students have also utilized Woodstock’s as the perfect place to hold a fundraiser.

House of Bread
Best Bakery
Evan Stoecker

Health is a top priority for many college students, but finding foods that suit your budget can be hard to come by.

House of Bread, voted Cal Poly’s Best Bakery, takes pride in making quality, good tasting natural breads.

Head baker Neil Giannini said the quality of the baked goods is what makes House of Bread a local favorite. "It’s the freshness of the bread and the all-natural ingredients that we use," Giannini said. "We use unbleached flour, fresh yeast and pure honey instead of high fructose corn syrup, making it much healthier for you."

According to Giannini, some of their most popular breads include the California Brown Bread, Grandma’s White, and Apple Cinnamon Swirl. House of Bread also carries other baked goods and a full lunch menu with soups, salads and sandwiches.
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Breakfast Buzz
Best Hangover Food, Best Breakfast

Michael Murphy

Did you have one, two or even a few too many last night? Well, if you are a Cal Poly student, you would probably head down to a local breakfast spot to get the right kind of buzzed.

The Breakfast Buzz, located on Santa Rosa St., is Cal Poly's pick this year for Best Hangover Food. With choices from sweet French toast to savory hash browns it's no wonder students head there.

Breakfast Buzz waitress Julia Schmidthues notices many customers come in with hangovers.

"I see them especially on Tuesdays because of the buy one get one free breakfast burrito deal we have," Schmidthues said.

She said the burritos are likely the food of choice for the hungover.

"You know, I do see a lot of people wearing dark sunglasses sort of slouching in their chairs out on the patio. So I guess it's just good, confortable over there. Plus the food is just too good," environmental horticulture science junior Amanda Borges said.

Borges grew up in Templeton about 30 minutes north of San Luis Obispo, and has been heading to Breakfast Buzz for years.

So if you are not too busy looking for your missing tooth, sedating Mike Tyson's tiger or finding the groom you might enjoy a mellow transition back to the real world at the Breakfast Buzz.

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Best Place to Work Out

Teii Akahoshi

It is the countdown to Spring Break and everyone is swarming Cal Poly's Recreation Center to get in shape for bathing suit season. As Winter quarter is quickly fleeting, the Rec Center has become a social event for getting fit.

Conveniently located on campus, the Rec Center idealizes working out by taking advantage of those inconvenient breaks in between classes.

Along with the rows of exercising machines, and weight lifting equipment, Cal Poly's Recreation Center provides workout classes taught by a professionally trained fitness instructors and personal trainers.

Aside from the ongoing renovation set to expand the size of the center, the issue of demand to get into the Rec Center has hardly kept students away. Students' frustration with overcrowding at the Rec Center spurred support for an increase in quarterly student fees to expand the Recreation Center.

"We never really reach capacity because it is hard to keep track, but the evenings definitely get the most packed. Monday evenings are the worst, 4 to 8:30 at night," Rec Center employee Steven Hunt said.

Renovation is to be completed with three fitness rooms, a two-court gym, an exercise space three times the site, an indoor running track, a leisure pool, and more. The refurbished gym is projected to be completed January 2012.
With many restaurants offering meat-filled menus, it can be difficult to find options that cater to the dietary requirements of vegetarians. The Natural Café is one restaurant with abundant options for vegetarians in the San Luis Obispo community.

"There aren't many vegetarian restaurant options in the San Luis Obispo area," Natural Café general manager Devon McKnight said. "We even have lots of food that is gluten-free, so we can tailor our menu to almost any customer's dietary needs."

With a casual atmosphere, affordable prices, and a variety of healthy menu options, many college students in San Luis Obispo visit the Natural Café on lunch breaks, McKnight said.

Ethnic studies senior Jenny Brooks said she especially likes Natural Café for the salads they offer. "All of their salads are so fresh and filling," Brooks said. "I really like the Natural Cobb Salad with the tahini dressing."

The Old Town Salad, which includes mixed greens topped with short grain brown rice, carrots, feta cheese, tomatoes and guacamole, is the Natural Café's most popular salad, according to McKnight. Many people also choose to add tofu to this salad.

With 11 salads ranging in price from $6.75 to $8.50, the Natural Café offers many healthy options that won't break your budget. The restaurant also offers a variety of sandwiches, soups, and full-size entrees.

"Our most popular menu item is probably the Portobello Mushroom Sandwich," McKnight said. With nine locations in southern California, the Natural Café caters to the dietary needs of many people throughout the state.

Joyce Tar

Whether you are donating your unwanted items at the end of the school year or you are in a desperate need for the perfect '80s outfit for Friday night's party, there is a reason why Goodwill was voted San Luis Obispo's Best Thrift Store.

"I'm a frequent shopper there. I have been since freshman year. It's the perfect place to get something for an event party that you won't find elsewhere," agricultural business senior Rebecca Tortorich said.

Goodwill offers an exciting and revitalizing shopping experience for people of all ages.

"Every summer right when school gets out I take a large box of things I no longer need and donate. Most of the stuff is still in good shape, like my old couch, so I figured someone else could probably have better use for the things give away," biomedical engineering graduate student Tyler Franklin said.

Goodwill's mission for 60 years has been to provide education, employment and job training services to people with barriers to employment.
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**Mustang Village**

**Best Off-Campus Housing**

Gracy Wilkins

Within walking distance from school, with 11 different floor plans and the ease of renewing your lease with the click of a button, Mustang Village Apartments dominate the competition, being voted Best Off-Campus Housing 5 years in a row.

Mustang Village residents enjoy fully furnished rooms, year-round housing, roommates, matching services, individual leases, a fitness center, swimming pools, and a brand new café. Accommodating to all budgets and lifestyles, this housing option truly caters to the needs of students.

Mustang Village community manager Kesa Lee recognizes the importance of staying connected with residents and the convenience social media and the housing website provide.

"It’s very interactive and brand new, and it offers a ton of services," Lee said. "People can do everything, even from their iPhone. They can do maintenance requests, they can pay their rent, and they can ask us questions."

**Meathead Movers**

**Best Storage Facility**

Gracy Wilkins

Why haul your stuff back and forth between home and school when you can store it at Meathead Mini Storage? Meathead Movers, known for their professionally trained students-athlete movers, who jog when not carrying items, is San Luis Obispo’s newest storage facility and a Cal Poly favorite.

Brothers and Cal Poly graduates Aaron and Evan Steed started their business in 1997. What began as an easy way to make some extra cash while balancing school and sports has grown to be this year’s Best Storage Facility, offering 700 storage units.

Meathead Mini Storage is open seven days a week and is continually monitored by an extensive surveillance system. President and CEO Aaron knows what keeps students coming back.

"Number one, our prices are fair and customers are going to feel safe and comfortable here. Number two, they’re not going to get a dusty, cobwebby, or dirty unit. Three, we’re here on site and we’re local people."

Meathead Movers know the importance of “protecting what’s worth keeping.”

**James McKiernan**

**Best SLO Lawyer**

Tavia Meredith

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"I believe making every client feel like they are my only client," said McKiernan. Political science senior Ralph Lee has worked for lawyers in town and believes in the importance of reputation.

"Reputation is the most important factor in choosing a lawyer. You want to check their track history and talk to their clients. Most of all you want a lawyer that will listen to you and understand your situation. You want them to be on your side," Lee said. McKiernan is very dedicated to his clients.

**Firestone Grill**

**Best Tri-tip, Best BBQ, Best Wait Staff, Best Burger, Best Sports Bar, Best Restaurant. Period.**

Natalie Stone

Sports bar, restaurant, and arguably the best barbecue in San Luis Obispo, Firestone Grill has done it again.

Being awarded not one, not two, but six Best For awards, Firestone Grill is a downtown and dining favorite.

What draws visitors and locals to this all-American delicacy is the combination of their perfected menu and reasonable prices.

"The consistency and quality of food at Firestone is hard to match," Sprague said. "Everything tastes exactly the same every time you eat here. Prices are good and you get more for your buck."

In a town full of college students who are trying to save money but also want a tasty and hearty meal, Firestone Grill is the place to dine. Lines out the door can be seen daily, filled with hungry visitors and regulars waiting for the taste of goodness that Firestone Grill offers. Thursday and Friday nights, Saturdays, and televised game days are the busiest.

The quality and taste of the food offered at Firestone Grill is what hooks customers and keeps them returning for more.

General engineering junior Chris Cunningham is a regular at Firestone Grill and enjoys eating at the restaurant with friends and family.

"It’s very reasonably priced for the amount of food you get," Cunningham said. "It’s a fun place to go for dinner because you always run into people that you know."

The family-owned business, famous for its fresh food straight off the grill, is the place to dine for customers in search of great taste, great prices and a great time.

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Staples: Best Place to Buy School Supplies

Amber Costa

There's just something about a buying fresh set of school supplies at the beginning of a new quarter that leaves you feeling recharged and mentally prepared for the weeks ahead. It could be as simple as replacing that tattered five-subject notebook with a clean (college-ruled) slate, or adding a new fleet of neon highlighters to the coffee cup on your desk.

Whatever's on the list, students choose Staples when they're shopping for school supplies. Located on Madonna Road, Staples attracts the large student population by offering a wide selection of affordable products and services in an atmosphere where shopping is quick and convenient.

General manager David Cummings has been with the store for eight years and believes that Cal Poly and Staples are "the perfect fit." He said that students can come to Staples to do their back to school shopping and avoid the crowds at the bookstore during the early weeks of the quarter.

Cummings said getting an award from Cal Poly is very important to their business.

"It's a huge honor. We work hard all year long to provide the best service and it feels great to be recognized by a group like that," Cummings said.

According to Cummings, almost half of the staff is made up of students who are currently attending Cal Poly or Cuesta. Team leader and Cal Poly graduate Patrick Perl said that having a staff of students improves their ability to deliver good customer service.

"A majority of our employees are students, most of whom are familiar with Cal Poly and what is required there. They can really relate to our customers," Perl said.

Shin's: Best Sushi

Chelsea Harden

The casual, laid-back atmosphere and inexpensive menu options makes Shin's a hot-spot for the Cal Poly community.

Shin's features unique sushi rolls including the Ninja roll, the Hot Groover Beach Night, and the House Special — a deep fried salmon roll with avocado — among many other menu options, according to assistant manager James Kendall.

"The half-priced rolls are not half-size. We just use basic ingredients in them that keep costs low. The more special rolls are those that are little more expensive," Kendall said.

Overall, the prices at Shin's are cheaper than similar restaurants which contributes to the popularity of this local favorite. Shin's also features a sake bar that opens daily at 11 a.m.

"I think a lot of people think that because it is cheaper, it is lesser quality, but it is not. We buy our ingredients from the same distributors as the other places and our sushi is no half-quality than theirs," Kendall said.

In addition to the low prices, Shin's provides a relaxed atmosphere where customers can unwind and enjoy good food and drinks.

"It's a nice environment. They also do a really cool birthday thing where they turn down all the lights. It would be a good place to go for your birthday," graphic communications major Patrick Perl said.

El Nabor: Best Mexican Food

Elizabeth McAninch

Authentic Mexican food is hard to find in San Luis Obispo, but look no further than El Nabor, on the corner of California and Taft streets. El Nabor is a favorite for college students for many reasons.

El Nabor employee Juan Carlos Martinez said it is popular among college students "because we close late and our food is the best and people like to come after the bars and practice their Spanish." Martinez said great customer service is something their business has to offer.

"We always try and be polite, try to do our best for the customers and our salsa is really good," he said.

Late hours and a great atmosphere are what keep students like recreation, parks and tourism administration senior Katie Moore coming back.

"I really like their nachos, they're big and really cheap. I also like how they are open so late. I am a night person so I always like going there to take a study break late at night," Moore said.

El Nabor also offers many other menu choices for all Mexican food lovers, including agricultural science senior Jill Flannery.

"I always get their burritos, but what's really awesome is their salsa bar. They have such a wide variety and they all go really good with anything you can get off the menu," Flannery said.

With a diverse array of authentic Mexican platters, quick and friendly staff, and open until three a.m. it's hard to find a better place for a college student to enjoy a meal.
The Avenue
Best food on campus
Alexandra Canedo

Cal Poly campus dining has taken leaps and bounds the last few years. Dining on campus is no longer seen as daunting with healthier, fresher, and more variety. Yes, with all the new options, one old favorite has still reigned supreme: The Avenue.

The Avenue features Chick-fil-A, Tapangos Mexican food, Fusion Bowl, City Deli Sandwiches, and Snyders. There is also a large salad bar, freshly baked pastries and Seattle's Best coffee. They provide food for all tastes and budgets, so it's understandable why The Avenue is a fan favorite for students like business senior Laura Worsham.

"It's relatively cheap, quick, easy, and they have a lot of variety. They also have a healthy option, which you can't get at some of the other places. I'm on campus a lot so I always go to the Ave," Worsham said.

The Avenue is open Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Avenue accepts Plus Dollars, cash, and all major credit cards.

Taco Bell
Best Bargain Meal/Best Place for Late Night Munchies
Amber Costa

Most college students have experienced the sudden desire for a supplementary meal between dinner and breakfast (far after normal business hours) when inconvenient case of the munchies sets in. Taco Bell, the nation's leading Mexican fast food chain, has cleverly termed it the "Fourthmeal."

The San Luis location on Santa Rosa Street is open until 4 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and typically experiences a heavy after-hours rush from midnight until closing. General Manager Devon Rodarte said the big crowd arrives as the bar scene dies down.

Students enjoy the late hours, but they Taco Bell because of the inexpensive food. While most of the local Mexican restaurants charge anywhere from six to ten dollars for a burrito, students can grab a "$2 Meal Deal" at Taco Bell, complete with an entire, chips and drink.

The California-based chain also offers a value menu with a variety of options ranging from 89 to 99 cents. Rodarte said the best standing bargain is the new "Beefy Crunch Burrito," a popular item for budget-minded students. Other options include the "Cheesy Nachos," "Cinnamon Twists" and the classic "Crunchy Taco."

Economics student Kyle Dos Ramos has always been a fan of the bargains at Taco Bell, but has come to equally appreciate the late night hours in a town where most restaurants close early.

"San Luis Obispo's Taco Bell has the elements that most of the places around here lack, but students need. An affordable menu and late night service," Dos Ramos said.

Panda Express
Best Chinese food
Adrienne Henderson

When it comes to Chinese food, Panda Express is the Cal Poly favorite. Located in the Foothill shopping center, it isn't far from campus making it very convenient for students craving Chinese food. The restaurant recently extended their store hours, now open from 10 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. seven days a week, which is ideal for students like agricultural business senior Eddy Villalobos.

"I love that even if I get out of class super late, they are still open. Plus the amount of food you get for such a low price makes it an obvious choice for me and my roommates," Villalobos said.

The wide variety of options to choose from allows any Panda Express visitor to find something they are blooded to love. It also offers many different combination plates.

"Panda is cheap, quick and satisfies my Chinese craving every time. I always get the two-entree plate so I can have leftovers," business senior Daisy Hurtado said.

There is also another Panda Express on Los Osos Valley Road. So no matter what side of town you may find yourself, there is Panda Express ready to satisfy your Chinese food cravings.

Splash Café: Best seafood
Alison Moore

Oysters from Washington, scallops from Japan, and calamari from Thailand all conveniently offered locally in downtown San Luis Obispo.

With its bright blue and yellow accents, Splash Café is hard to miss.

Location and affordability are Splash's two greatest strengths. The café recognizes that many Cal Poly students are on strict budgets and vow to make delicious food at affordable prices.

Theatre student Max Sopkin enjoys the quality food without the high price tag.

"It's nice to know that Splash offers the same great seafood as high-end seafood restaurants, but their prices won't burn a whole in your pocket," Sopkin said.

One of the best sellers on Splash's menu is the award-winning clam chowder, commonly served in a freshly baked sourdough bread bowl. The grilled salmon and ahi tacos are also very popular.

On Fridays and Saturdays, Splash features specials including crab and tuna melts.
As customers walk through the doors, they can expect to be greeted with smiling faces, said Splash supervisor Heather Berkowitz. "We try hard to greet customers and to be really, really friendly and make them feel welcome and special," Berkowitz said.

Whether it's the smiling faces or the delicious clam chowder, customers can rely on Splash Café for a wonderful experience.
High Street: Best Sandwich

Timothy Miller

It's no surprise that High St. Deli was named best place to get a sandwich—it's a San Luis Obispo staple.

This sandwich stop on High Street stands out in the mostly residential neighborhood, but that's part of the draw.

Cal Poly alumna Veronica Juarez said it is great to see everyone walking to the deli from every direction.

"It's kind of awesome to have a great sandwich shop in your neighborhood," Juarez said. "It's the perfect place to go Saturday morning trying to get rid of that hangover."

Sidney Laza, who has worked at High St. Deli for more than a year, said the deli is known for its relaxed environment and high quality produce.

"(High Street Deli) is a trip from campus. It's not an every day thing, it feels special and you never leave upset. It's worth it," Laza said.

Be sure to take advantage of the daily $2.50 special.

Thai Palace

Best Thai Food

Zach Lantz

Situated in the Court Street alley, Thai Palace provides an escape from the hustle and bustle of downtown.

The recent renovation has changed the atmosphere for a more upscale clientele, however prices have remained the same—providing an affordable night out for college students.

Thai palace serves authentic Thai food, from curry to soup to rice. The hope is to continue to serve the student population by providing quality and delicious Thai food.

"We're glad that the students love our food and service and we hope that they will continue to enjoy our food in the future as well," manager Teerapan Teeratarkul said.

The dim lighting sets the mood for a date, so bring your royal company and prepare for an exotic adventure to an unfamiliar land. You will feast like a king at Thai Palace.

Mama’s Meatball

Best Italian Food

Kate Mesman

Mama’s Meatball is a traditional Italian eatery located in the old creamery building in downtown San Luis Obispo. Owner and chef Nicola Allegretta was born and raised in Southern Italy, but learned to cook foods specific to his home region. His favorite dish to make is the butternut squash ravioli.

Not only does the food taste good, but it's fresh and affordable as well. Small plates of pasta are available for less than $10.

"Everything is homemade, that’s why we can keep our prices low. It's quality food at a good price," Allegretta said.

Affordability is a big draw for students such as English senior Carly Hanrlik.

"The food was really good and the staff was really friendly. It seems understated—but it was really good. It's a nice atmosphere for big groups," Hanrlik said.

Allegretta traveled the world before settling on the central coast. He enjoys San Luis Obispo because the scenery reminds him of Italy. Through his travels he learned to cook all different types of foods.

Although the restaurant is strictly Italian fare, the catering side offers a variety of different ethnic foods. Allegretta even knows how to make some Chinese dishes.

Mama’s Meatball originated in San Luis Obispo in 2002 as a catering business. It expanded to include take-out services and then eventually turned into a full service restaurant. Because of increasing popularity, Mama’s Meatball opened a second location in Oceano.

Mama’s Meatball is open Tuesday through Sunday for lunch and dinner, although it will soon be open on Monday as well. The restaurant accepts reservations and can host private parties and small weddings. It also features live music on Tuesday and Sunday evenings from 6 to 9.

Poly Canyon Village

Best On-Campus Housing

Alexandra Canedo

Spanning approximately 30 acres, Poly Canyon Village on-campus housing features 618 furnished apartments, dining, a community center, a swimming pool, study rooms, a knowledge center and a conference room. Students have everything right at their doorstep and all of it overlooking Cal Poly.

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