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## **We're Not Making This Up: Dave Barry Coming to Campus April 7**

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA – Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist and best-selling author Dave Barry is “the funniest man in America,” according to the New York Times.

On Friday, April 7, at 8 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center, Cal Poly Arts presents Dave Barry in a special lecture-style evening that will feature the wry wit that Barry readers have come to expect.

Barry’s publicity bio gives a sampling of the evening SLO fans might expect: “Dave Barry was born in Armonk, New York, in 1947 and has been steadily growing older ever since without ever actually reaching maturity.

He attended public schools, where he distinguished himself by not getting in nearly as much trouble as he would have if the authorities had been aware of everything. He is proud to have been elected 'Class Clown' by the Pleasantville High School class of 1965.

Barry went to Haverford College, where he was an English major and wrote lengthy scholarly papers filled with sentences that even he did not understand.

He graduated in 1969 and eventually got a job with the Daily Local News in West Chester, Pa., where he covered a series of incredibly dull municipal meetings, some of which are still going on.

In 1975, Barry joined Burger Associates, a consulting firm that teaches effective writing to businesspersons. He spent nearly eight years trying to get various businesspersons to stop writing things like 'Enclosed please find the enclosed enclosure,' but he eventually realized that it was hopeless.

In 1983, he took a job at The Miami Herald and he has been there ever since, although he never answers the phone. His syndicated column appears in several hundred newspapers. In 1988, he won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary, pending a recount.

Barry has written a number of short but harmful books, including 'Babies and Other Hazards of Sex' and 'Dave Barry Slept Here: A Sort of History of the United States.'

His books, including 'Dave Barry Turns 50,' 'Dave Barry is from Mars AND Venus,' 'Dave Barry's Book of Bad Songs,' 'Dave Barry in Cyberspace,' and 'Dave Barry's Complete Guide to Guys' have all been hailed by the critics as 'containing a tremendous amount of white space.'

The CBS television series 'Dave's World' was based on two of his books and starred Harry Dean Anderson as a taller version of Barry. That show has been cancelled, but for the time being, (Barry's) life continues.”

It might also be of note that Barry plays lead guitar in a literary rock band called the Rock Bottom Reminders, whose other members include Stephen King, Amy Tan, Ridley Pearson and Mitch Albom. They (apparently) are not musically skilled, but they are extremely loud.

Tickets for the performance range from \$52 - \$64, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088. Order on-line at [www.pacslo.org](http://www.pacslo.org).

The performance is supported in part by funds from the Cal Poly College of Liberal Arts and the California State Lottery. Sponsored by Bert and Candace Forbes, Michael Cannon, MED+STOP Urgent Care Center, Apple Farm Inn, and KCBX 90.1 FM.

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