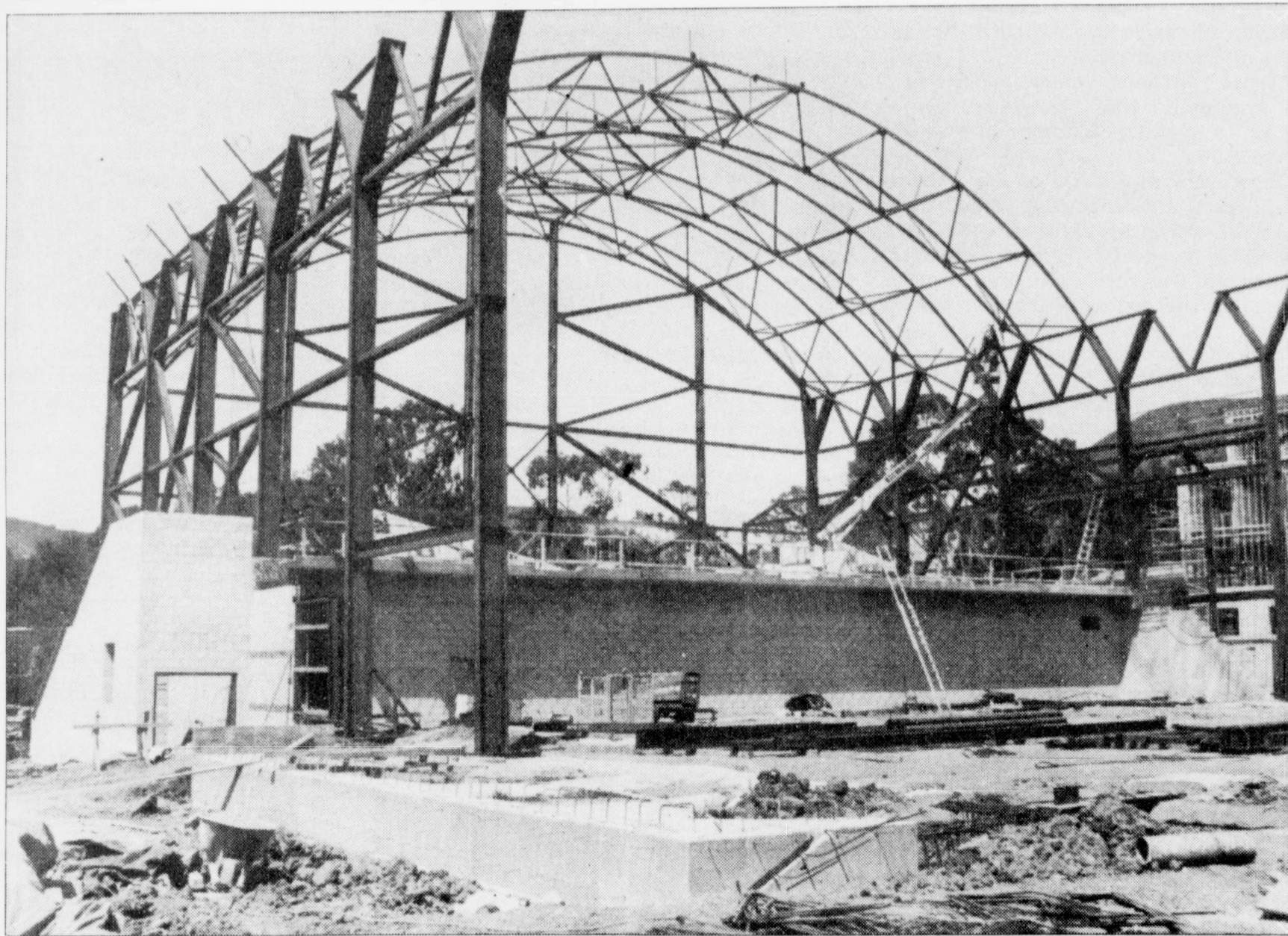


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The Rec Sports center is being built faster than originally projected. The center should be completed in 16 months, rather than the proposed 20 months, said Rick Johnson, Rec Sports coordinator. The center, scheduled to open in January of 1993, will cost close to \$15 million, Johnson said. Students will fund 58 percent of the project.

Students may change plea in fraud case

By John Hubbell
Staff Writer

Two Cal Poly students facing felony credit card fraud charges are scheduled to be arraigned on fraud charges this morning — again.

Robert Schwartz and Stephen Sun, who were to be sentenced Monday, may reverse their guilty pleas today and plead innocent.

Federal and local investigators allege Schwartz and Sun masterminded a yearlong, multi-thousand-dollar shopping spree by electronically manipulating stolen credit cards using unsophisticated computer hardware.

The two are alleged to have made several lavish purchases on the stolen cards while living in their Sierra Madre dorm rooms during the 1990-1991 academic year.

Schwartz, a 19-year-old ornamental horticulture sophomore and Sun, a 20-year-old math sophomore, each pleaded guilty to one count of credit card fraud last month and were scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Christopher G. Money Monday morning.

Weeks ago, San Luis Obispo Deputy District Attorney Matt Kerrigan recommended to Money that Schwartz and Sun be placed on probation for three years. Kerrigan also asked that the two be required to pay restitution and be prohibited from using computer equipment during probation.

After Money met in chambers with lawyers Melvin de la Motte (representing Sun) and Jeff Stein (standing in for Schwartz's lawyer), a new arraignment was set for today at 8:30 a.m. in Division C of

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Science and math kicks off showcase event

By Cynthia Nelson
Staff Writer

The School of Science and Math student council will offer educational opportunities, career possibilities and entertainment during its Science and Math Days.

The SOSAM student council invites everyone to come and hear experts in related fields and enjoy such things as hamburgers, root beer floats and a magic show.

Lectures will be given on topics such as forensic chemistry, DNA and AIDS tonight, Wednesday night and Thursday night. Entertainment, food stands, showcases and other fund-raising events will begin on Friday and conclude on Saturday.

SOSAM student council is putting on Science and Math Days to showcase its faculty, students and facilities to incoming students and their parents, said Dave Outwater, SOSAM's student council chair. This exposure was lost when Poly Royal was canceled, Outwater said.

"We want to show what Cal Poly offers as far as science and

math to students that are admitted for next fall," Outwater said.

In addition, the lectures were designed to include students currently enrolled.

"We wanted to encompass every realm of the sciences and math to get everybody involved," Outwater said.

When Poly Royal was canceled, SOSAM's professors were concerned for their school and students, said Karl Van Ummersen, Science and Math Days chairman.

"They wanted something to go back to the educational theme of Poly Royal when it first started," he said.

Therefore, the lecture series was started last year for educational opportunities of SOSAM students. The lectures provide information from Cal Poly professors and other experts from the fields of science and math, Van Ummersen said.

One lecture, Straight Talk On AIDS, will be given by Dr. Donald Smilovitz, Thursday evening's keynote speaker. Smilovitz is an expert on sexually transmitted diseases.

The lecture will be held at 9 p.m. in Fisher Science, room 287, and will cover exactly what the virus is, how it can be contracted and how to avoid it. A question-and-answer session will also be held for this and all lectures.

Before the entertainment and fun starts on the weekend, two other featured speakers will be Lee Coombs, a professor in the chemistry department and Raul Cano, a Cal Poly biology professor.

Tonight, Coombs will discuss forensic chemistry, which involves crime investigation by using DNA fingerprinting, Van Ummersen said.

On Wednesday, Cano will discuss his work of isolating DNA from the dinosaur age while working on Cal Poly's campus. His work has been featured on the television program "Nova."

More information about different lectures and events will be posted on campus. Seminar agendas will be available in the SOSAM's dean's office and in science and math classes.

An information booth will be open on Friday and Saturday

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SCIENCE & MATH DAYS

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

- Forensic Chemistry, 7:30 p.m., Bldg. 52 - E47
- Physical Therapy, 8:30 p.m., Bldg. 52 - B 5
- Human Genome Project, 9 p.m., Bldg. 52 - E 27

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

- Co-op Opportunities, 7 p.m., Sandwich Plant
- Endangered Kangaroo Rat, 7:30 p.m., Sci. North 213
- Ancient DNA Isolation, 9 p.m., Fisher Sci. 230

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

- Lasers: The Light Fantastic, 7 p.m., Fisher Sci. 289
- Chiropractic Careers, 7:30 p.m., Fisher Sci. 287
- Opportunities in Biotechnology, 7:30, Fisher Sci. 286
- Straight Talk on AIDS, 9 p.m., Fisher Sci. 286

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Classroom Visits, Campus Tours, Academic Counseling
- meet in front of Faculty Office Bldg. East

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Magic Shows, Open Houses, Tours, Academic Advising, Math Contest.

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Students involved with Cal Poly's Sustainable Farm are having a field day to show the public what they're all about.

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The editors of Mustang Daily say enough is enough: No more golden handshakes for outgoing university bigwigs.

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WORLD

Japan may postpone plutonium production

TOKYO (AP) — The head of nuclear power development program said Monday that Japan may put off plans to use a special reactor to produce plutonium, the material used in both power plants and nuclear arms.

The statement was the first sign Japan may be moving away from its controversial plans to begin producing and importing tons of the material. Critics contend Japan could build a dangerous stockpile of plutonium.

Takao Ishiwatari, president of the Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Development Corp., said nuclear arms reduction plans by the United States and the former Soviet Union may create a surplus of plutonium and reduce the need for Japan to begin making its own.

"We have to think of what the U.S. is going to do with this weapons material," Ishiwatari told reporters. "Japan should make some contributions in this field."

Ishiwatari, however, reaffirmed his commitment to Japan's plutonium-powered nuclear program. This nation's commercial nuclear industry is the only to rely mainly on

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NATION

Affirmative action program stays intact

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court left intact a San Francisco affirmative action program designed to funnel more public works contracts to companies run by minorities and women.

The court, without comment Monday, rejected arguments that the program discriminates unlawfully against businesses run by white men.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1984 adopted a plan setting aside a portion of public works projects for businesses run by women, blacks, Hispanics and Asians.

The program was replaced in 1989 by one that dropped the set-asides but retained preferential treatment for minorities and women bidding for any city contract worth up to \$10 million.

Businesses run by minorities and women can be awarded such contracts if their bids are within 5 percent of the low bid — and within 10 percent of the low bid if the firm also is locally owned.

The system was challenged by the Associated General Contractors of California, See NATION, page 8

STATE

'Silence of the Lambs' sequel tied up in court

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Less than a month after "The Silence of the Lambs" swept the Academy Awards, two powerful Hollywood players are engaged in a bitter court fight over the film's sequel.

Universal Pictures and producer Dino De Laurentiis both claim they hold negotiation rights to produce a potentially lucrative follow-up to the serial murder thriller.

"The Silence of the Lambs," which won the best picture Oscar, has grossed more than \$180 million to date in theaters and video stores. Jodie Foster won the best actress Oscar for her performance as FBI trainee Clarice Starling; Anthony Hopkins won the best actor Oscar for playing killer Hannibal Lecter.

A sequel would be based on the next Lecter novel written by Thomas Harris. The book is expected to be completed within the next year and a half. Harris wrote "The Silence of the Lambs" and "Red Dragon," the latter made by De Laurentiis into the 1986 movie "Manhunter."



SLO City Council meets tonight, public welcome

The San Luis Obispo City Council will hold its regular public meeting tonight from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the council chambers at City Hall, located at 990 Palm St.

A special public meeting about the State Water Project will be held at 7 p.m. in L.O.O.F. Hall (Odd Fellows Building), located at 520 Dana St.

A copy of the agenda is available at the San Luis Obispo City-County Library.

The meeting will be broadcast on radio by KCPR FM 91.3.

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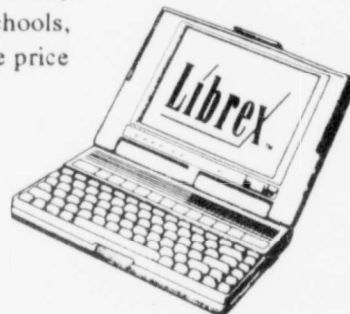


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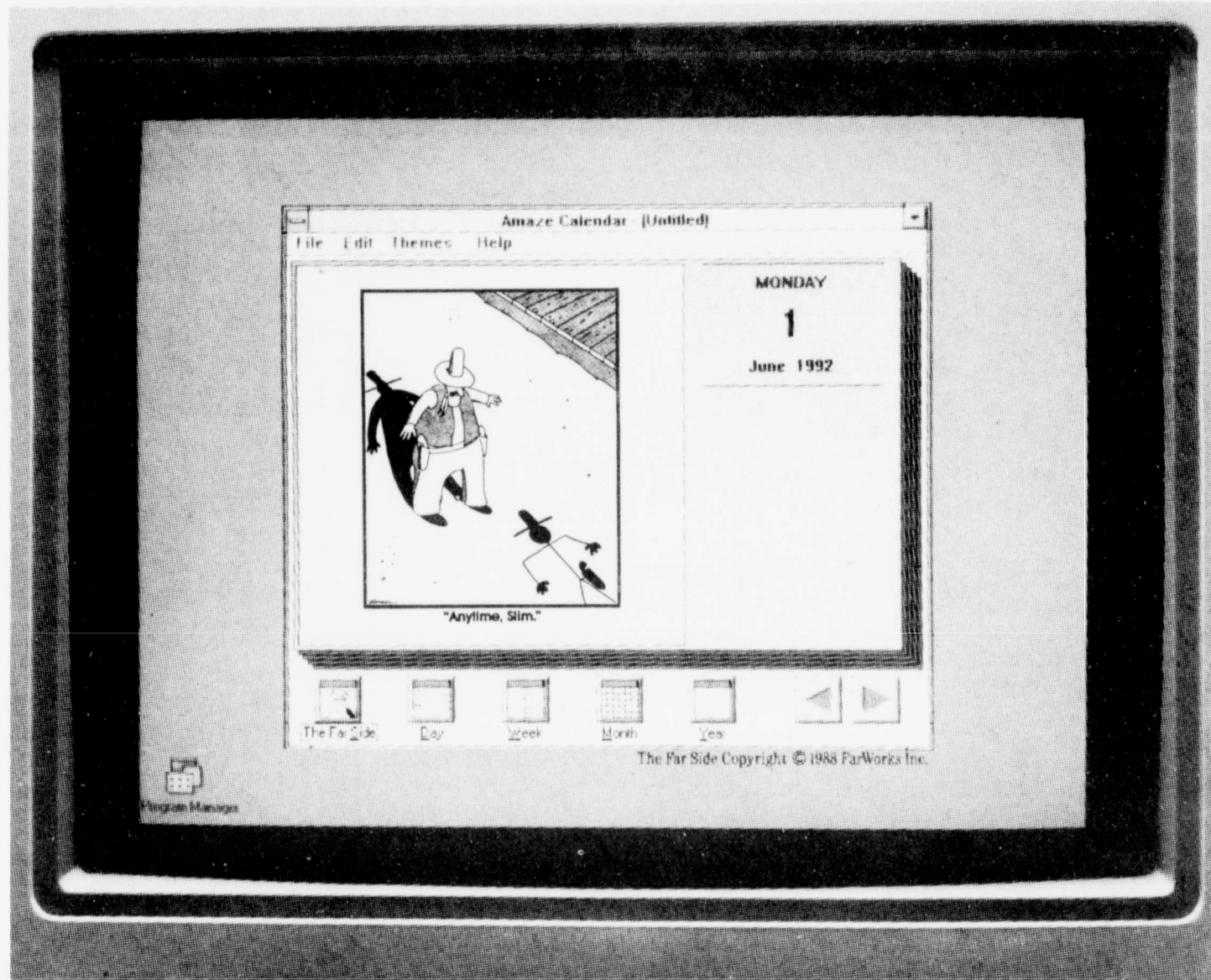
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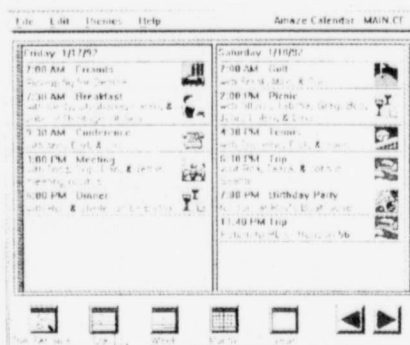
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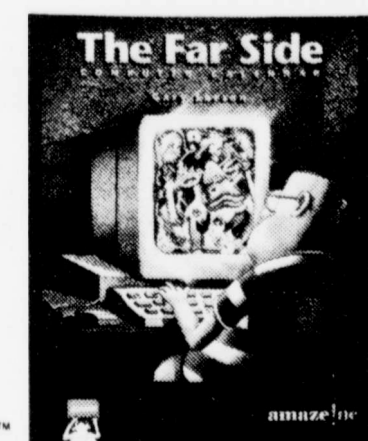
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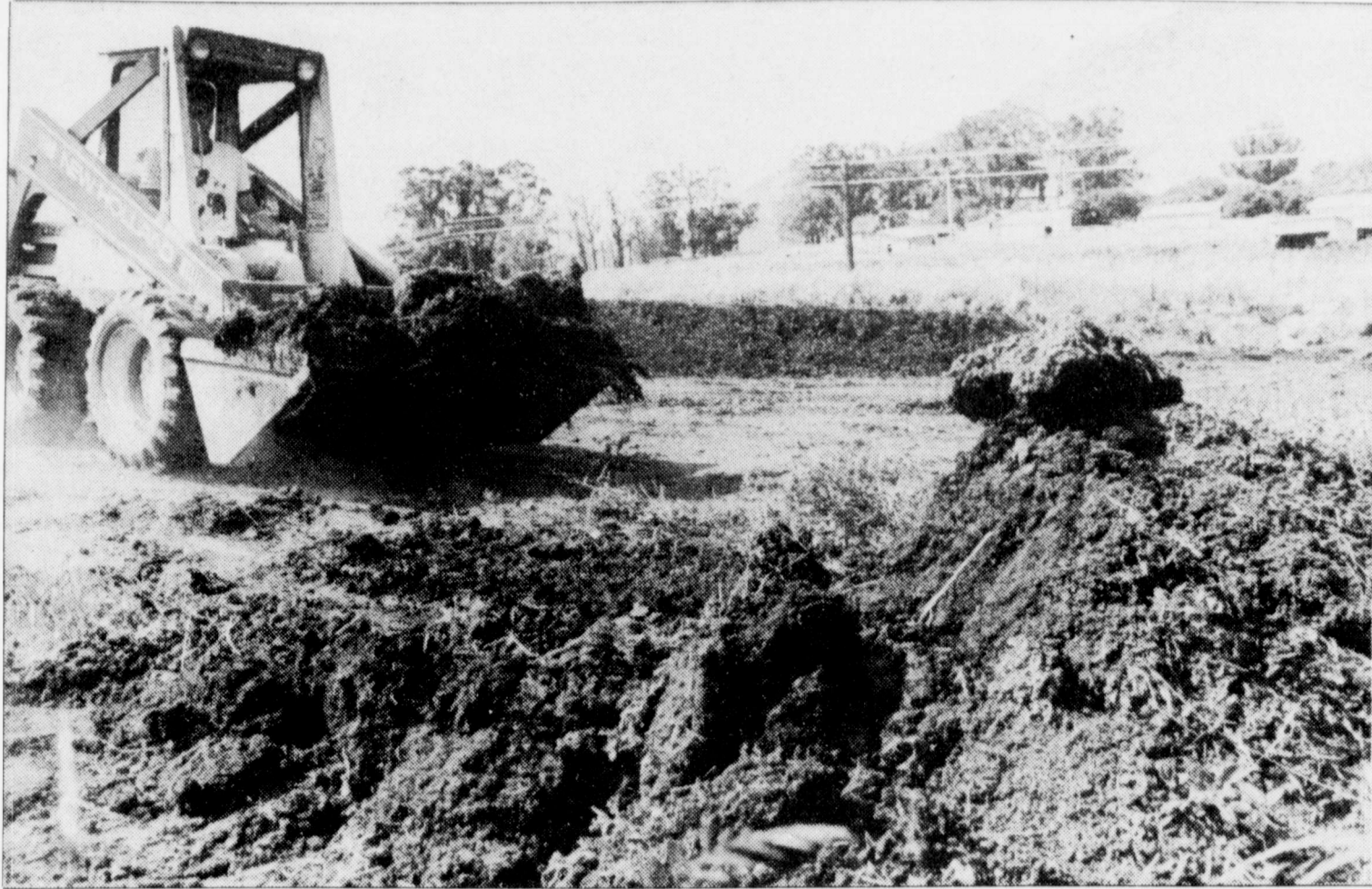


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Student Sustainable Farm Club holds field day



A student works on a compost pile at the Cal Poly sustainable farm.

STEVE PIERCE/Mustang Daily

By Elizabeth Magill
Staff Writer

Sustainable agriculture, involving new dimensions in food production, is blooming at the Student Sustainable Farm at Cal Poly.

Cal Poly's practice of sustainable agriculture embraces alternatives to conventional and normally accepted forms of agriculture, according to the Agricultural Education magazine.

Mark Rosato, a graduate student in international agriculture development, is a farm manager at the student farm. He recognizes the need for further education about today's farming practices.

To fill that need, the farm is holding an educational field day focusing on changes in agricultural production and marketing. The event will be held at Cal Poly on May 9.

Rosato said people should be educated about proper farm procedures. He said some

managers are misusing chemicals without realizing the long-term effects on the consumers and the land.

"The Environmental Protection Agency has found health problems with chemicals that are still being used on crops," Rosato said.

After the origination of the farm in 1989, a Student Sustainable Farm Club was created in 1990.

Doug Williams is the current faculty adviser for the club. He said that due to consumer health consciousness, there is a growing demand for organic products.

"We need to teach students techniques to grow crops without pesticides," he emphasized.

The crops from the sustainable farm — herbs, garlic, sweet peas, lettuce, artichokes, radishes, turnips and carrots, to name a few — are grown on 1 1/2 acres and sold to farmers markets and to a Cuesta co-op.

The Cuesta co-op is the middleman who transports the crops
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COMMENTARY

Robert Alton Harris' death was a payment for our sins

By Peter Hartlaub

"Guilty as charged. But damn it, it ain't right.

There is someone else controlling me.

Death in the air. Strapped to the electric chair.

This can't be happening to me."

So you're happy about the death of Robert Alton Harris.

So you say he knew full well what he was doing and the blood of two innocent victims are on his hands and his hands alone.

So you think he's just going to cost us a lot of money sitting in jail and should be killed.

So you're rooting for pete wilson to ignore the wishes of people like Mother Theresa and once again bow to the pressure of the same public who made "Home Alone" the top grossing movie of last year.

So you want retribution. An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.

So you're happy about the death of Robert Alton Harris.

Well, you're not alone.

A November Gallup Poll

reported that 87 percent of the United States population supports capital punishment.

Normally, I stay away from the topics of religion and capital punishment. Both are touchy subjects — a sort of literary kryptonite — that any journalist with a weak heart and a phone number listed in the student directory should avoid.

I see a key similarity between Jesus Christ and Robert Alton Harris.

Before you call the Pope and have my baptism revoked, I will make one key concession to this theory. Yes, there's nothing in the Bible that says anything about Jesus killing two young boys and then eating their sandwiches.

Then again, Jesus wasn't born three months prematurely after his father kicked his mother in the stomach when she was pregnant.

Much like Jesus, I believe Harris is a martyr. And much like Jesus, I believe Harris is paying for our sins.

We choose our representatives. Through propositions, we often choose how we are to be taxed. Basically, we choose how our society will be structured.

And if someone can't function in the society that we have chosen, then we, as its creators, deserve some of the blame as well.

When a pit bull is trained to kill and maims a small child, we blame the owners and feel sorry for the animal. Robert Alton Harris is a similar animal with many trainers to blame. His mother, his father and the voting public of California.

I realize that this blame is hard for a lot of people to accept.

A lot of people have put a lot of time, money and energy into killing Robert Alton Harris. His execution acts as some huge catharsis that allows us to justify ourselves. We are good. He is bad. So he should die.

Unfortunately nothing in life is this easy. Many years ago a California governor by the name of Ronald Reagan cut a lot of funding to mental institutions. This cut was in response to a public demand.

When Harris was a boy, his father would give him and his siblings 30 seconds to hide, telling them he'd kill the first one he found. Not your typical "Cosby Show"-episode existence.

This history, combined with problems at birth, are reasons that Harris' defense gave for sparing his life.

All of these problems could have been helped or avoided if we, as a society, could have created a better environment for people like Harris.

Unfortunately, it is easier to live with ourselves if we blame others for the situations that we create. So we get really angry, turn on the gas and let another man die for our sins.

I was born into a middle-class household with supportive

parents who for the most part left me with little mental scarring. Now I'm a college student.

If I were born in Compton with no job opportunities and one parent who kicked me around, I would probably be dealing crack. And if I were born with fetal alcohol syndrome to a father who would beat me senseless, I just might have killed someone for no other reason but to eat their sandwiches.

We each have our niche to fill in the society we create.

Most of society doesn't understand that you don't have to be innocent to be a victim.

So keep him in prison for life. Chalk him up as a loss in our system and use his situation as a lesson to help improve society. But don't kill him.

There are 167 major religions on this earth (100,000 or more members), most of which have some variation on what happens when you die. Death is something that is above mere politics. Death is something that is above you, me or pete wilson to judge.

If Gallup is accurate, 87 percent of you will feel fulfilled after the death of Robert Alton Harris. You'll live in denial about your role in his death. You'll write me a nasty letter. Figure out some pointless excuse why I'm wrong — how can a guy who quotes Metallica be credible about anything?

But I hope at some point in the next few days the 87 percent of you take a short sabbatical from your fantasy world and take a look at the big picture.

Because you are wrong. Because Robert Alton Harris died for your sins.

"Who made you God to say:
'I'll take your life from you.'
Flash before my eyes.
Now it's time to die."

"Ride the Lightning" — Metallica

HART ATTACKS AND STROKES

Election constructive criticism #1:

In the future, I hope ASI candidates concentrate less on the volume of signs and print more about their ideas, qualifications, etc. This year's campaigns were Orwellian with the amount of mugs being shown around campus.

Election constructive criticism #2:

Precinct voting bites.

I picked up a copy of "SLO Row," that exciting new magazine for fraternities and sororities.

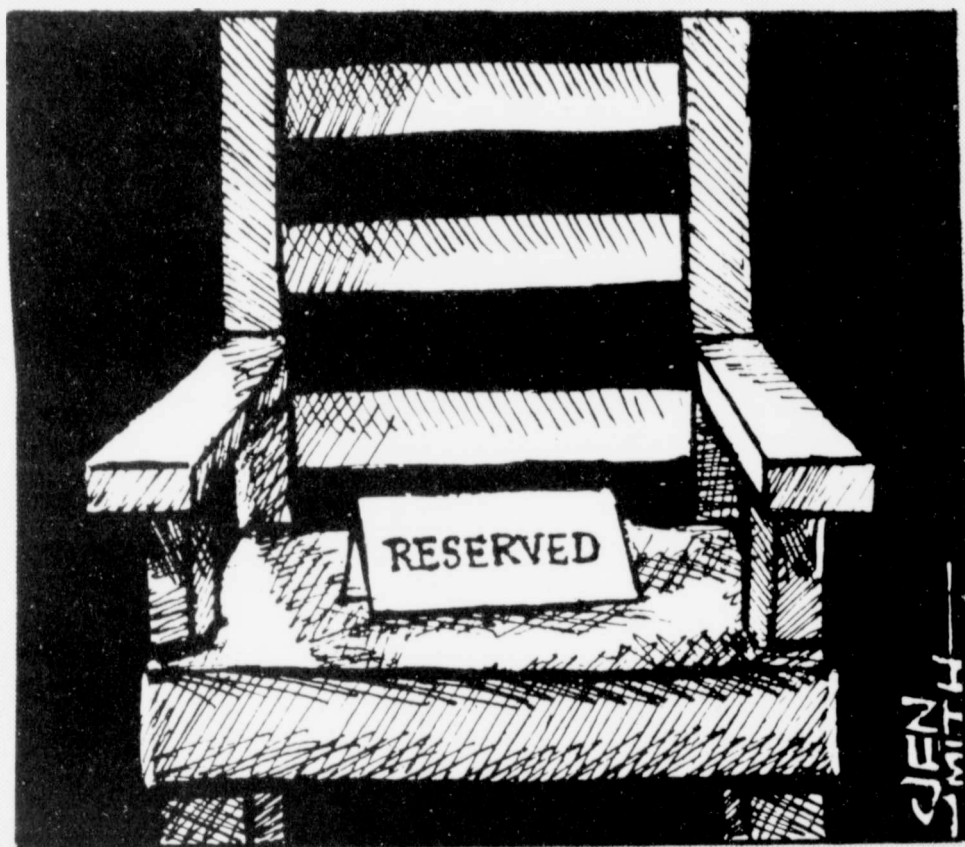
I think the idea of a newspaper by greeks for greeks is a great idea. I'll be the first to admit that after reading Mustang Daily, the general public must get the impression that the greek community is a bunch of Jim Beam-swilling, puppy-kicking, Special Olympics-bashing idiots.

In a forum that should have been emphasizing the positive things that greeks do, however, SLO Row managed to make greeks look like a bunch of beer-swilling, horoscope-reading, bomb threat-calling, sexist idiots.

This is not progress.

Unlike most of the educated public at Cal Poly, I picked up a copy of The Poly Review this month and got a little nervous about what I found. For two guys who write such a plethora of homophobic material, Ted Holz and Dennis Lang sure did spend a lot of space critiquing my posterior.

Peter Hartlaub is a journalism junior and opinion editor for Mustang Daily.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fraternity president responds to article

I would much rather one of my peers arrive home safely than get behind the wheel of a car while under the influence of alcohol and be ticketed or, quite possibly, killed.

This letter is in response to the article titled "Fraternity's purpose in van rental disputed." Sigma Chi fraternity did, indeed, rent vans for the purpose of providing sober rides for participants in Derby Days, the fraternity's largest annual philanthropy.

The proceeds from Derby Days are donated to the Cleo Wallace Center, a home for mentally and physically disabled children, and the Special Olympics of San Luis Obispo. When the vans were rented, it was made explicitly clear, as stated by Vince Zuanich in the

forementioned article, that the vans were being rented to Sigma Chi Fraternity for use during Derby Days, a philanthropy to benefit Special Olympics.

By stating this clearly, I do not at all agree that Sigma Chi misused the name of Special Olympics. The error, then, must have been on the part of the rental company — not Sigma Chi. Furthermore, when the vans were rented, Sigma Chi paid an extra "damage fee" in the event that any inadvertent damage was done to them.

It is extremely unfortunate that Mustang Daily found it necessary to publish this article. Its publication undermines the outstanding job Pat Bowen did as the chairman of Derby Days this year and discredits our philanthropy program, which is a source of pride for Sigma Chi.

Sigma Chi has been involved

with a number of different philanthropies and volunteer services this year including: assisting with the Cal Poly Homecoming Parade, assisting with the San Luis Obispo Mardi Gras Parade, assisting with an Easter Egg Hunt for children in the area, and assisting with The Great SLO Duck Derby to benefit United Cerebral Palsy of San Luis Obispo County, among others. We have also consistently served as volunteers for the Special Olympics of San Luis Obispo in the last few years and have served Mary Ellen Gibson, its director, in whatever capacity she needs us. Last year we were presented with a letter of commendation from the Special Olympics. As a result of the success of Derby Days this year, we were able to present Mary Ellen Gibson and the Special Olympics with a check of a substantial amount in the name of Sigma Chi Fraternity. Mustang

Daily has not covered our philanthropy program recently, though, and is intent instead to focus on a series of miscommunications without recognizing the good we, or other greek organizations, have done for our community.

To suggest that "Sigma Chi managed to manipulate the noble goals of philanthropy and the Special Olympics organization for their own juvenile, drunken self-interest," is ridiculous and reeks of ignorance. Marc Lea is saying, essentially, that offering sober rides to people who have been drinking is "juvenile, drunken self-interest." I call this social responsibility and maturity. Sigma Chi will continue to offer sober rides at any social function regardless of Marc Lea's opinion. Finally, the lip sync social on Thursday night, April 2, was not only a social event but also an important part of the

competition of Derby Days.

The underlying issue of this article is that a van was rented by Sigma Chi Fraternity and returned late. I do not believe that this issue is one warranted the research done by Mustang Daily, space in the newspaper, nor is it even newsworthy. Most of all, I do not believe this is an issue that deserves any further space in the paper. It does, however, warrant an apology to Marc Lea, and I publicly apologize, on behalf of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, for inconveniencing you, Marc, your organization, and any other patrons of Enterprise Rent-a-Car, by returning a rental car late. Hopefully, the next time a rental car is returned late, Mustang Daily will not deem it necessary to research, write and publish an article about it.

Kevin Guthrie
President
Sigma Chi Fraternity

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COMMENTARY

Commentary showed ignorance about student population

By Brian Woolworth

Bravo! I applaud Ms. McMahon's commentary in the Apriark. Sad but true, it is here in the empty abyss that they will remain.

Unaware of the accomplishments and contributions made by so many of the Cal Poly groups — out of touch themselves, especially with the issues that have an incredible indirect impact on their lives; specifically those surrounding the local political scene. But there is light.

It cannot be found at the end of any tunnel, nor does it entail the hiring of a guide. What is does require is an effort on the part of the lost soul to open his/her eyes.

She says we (inferring "we" to mean our/my generation) need to become better citizens before we involve ourselves in local government. She, speaking as a senior journalism major, says she does "have things in common" with the student population.

On this point I agree, she shares the common of ignorance and tunnel vision propagated by the very institution that is here to expand our thinking. Is our generation experiencing unique growing pains, and if so, are they in the form of raising hell in the community and satisfying our urination fixes at the expense of our neighbors' rhododendrons? Anne, are you saying your generation has the answers and refuses to share, rather preferring to hoard them to themselves?

Well Anne, please help us out, I am curious who enlightened you on "our" generation and wonder if this divine being called herself the tooth fairy? Wake up!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a current president of a Cal Poly fraternity and speaking as a

member of a campus group, I would like to share with Anne some of the concerted efforts we have made to "become better citizens."

The past several years have offered a fruitless experience for my brothers and me. We have tried to work through the proper channels to gain our identity in the eyes of the city. I remember spending the better part of three years searching for a property to purchase that was properly zoned for high-density living. Is this not an effort to become a better citizen?

When our quest finally came to an end, another fruitless endeavor began — gaining concessions from our City Council to operate as a brotherhood/family. What resulted was that we were completely rebuffed and totally denied our right as homeowners. Surely this was an act of good citizenship on the part of the city council!?

A council made up of five good citizens decided (interpreted the law) that we are not allowed to have any more than fifteen people at our house at any given time. This means complete coordination by brothers when parents come to San Luis Obispo to visit our house. It means, in a cynical sense, that of the nine men who live on the premises, only six can have their girlfriends over at any one time.

Furthermore, it means something as American as sitting down to watch the World Series as a brotherhood is completely out of the question. Yes, I suppose we have options, rotating brothers in and out of the house on an hourly basis or arranging our schedules so we do not accidentally violate the city's order. Absurd?

Absolutely. We are frustrated,

and rather that skirt the system, we would prefer to exercise our ability to mobilize as a student coalition.

It is clear to me that I have made an error and have applauded the wrong person. Sorry Anne, I meant to put 'em together for Mr. Kapic and Mr. Taber for their efforts to channel our frustrations into something positive; something that will

benefit both the students and the community.

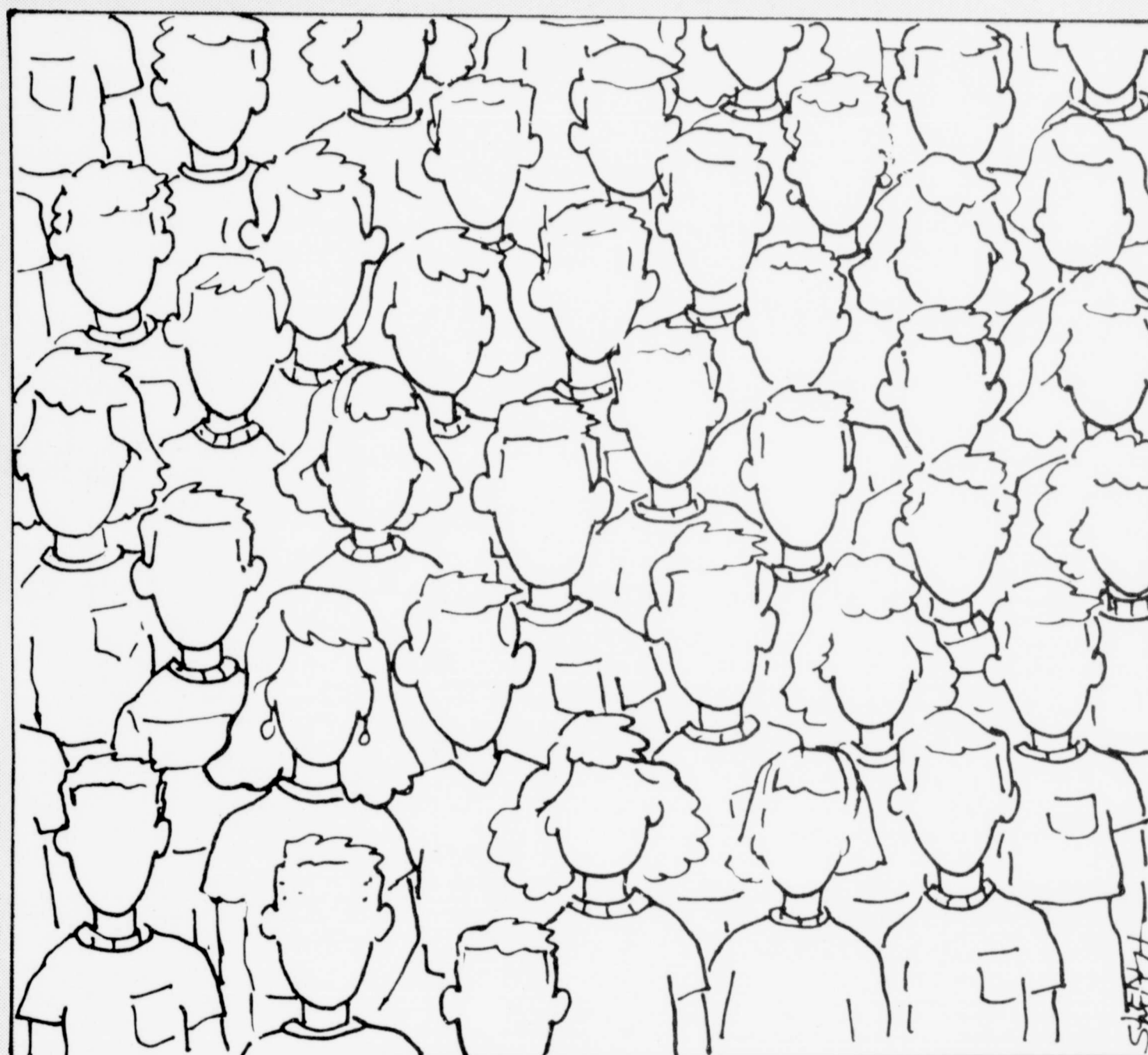
I understand how Ms. McMahon got confused and turned around. It is an easy thing to do when you possess little knowledge on an issue or are easily confused by simple identities like trust and respect.

I agree wholeheartedly with you Anne, that yes indeed "Cal Poly students have a way to go

before they can regain the trust and respect of their neighbors." It is evident to me that you either fail to understand or just neglect to acknowledge that trust and respect are not two unilateral concepts.

Instead they are reciprocal when used in conjunction; you must give trust and respect to gain trust and respect.

Brian Woolworth is a business senior.



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Submissions to the opinion page or inquiries about Mustang Daily can be made at the Mustang Daily office, Graphic Arts room 226.

Mustang Daily Policies

Correction

- In the Friday, April 17 Mustang Daily, a front page headline said that polySCOPE is seeking students to run for mayor. PolySCOPE is currently seeking students to run for the San Luis Obispo City Council. Deadline is April 24.

- In the same issue, a photograph of softball shortstop Rhonda Gavert was identified as Julie Rome.

- Mustang Daily apologizes for the errors.

EDITORIAL

'Golden handshakes' cost too much

The Issue: The high pensions that administrators in state-funded schools have been receiving upon retirement.

On Oct. 1, David P. Gardner will receive a \$1.4 million bonus in addition to \$80,000 per year.

One might think that Gardner is the hot new first baseman for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

That is not the case.

Gardner is an employee of the California higher education system. Gardner is the president of the University of California and his "contract" is the latest in a trend of "golden handshakes" (expensive pensions) being given to state education employees upon retirement.

To the Cal Poly community, Gardner's gift may seem familiar.

On Sept. 28, 1991, Doug Gerard, Cal Poly's former executive dean of Facilities Administration, retired from his post. His salary as an active Cal Poly dean was \$85,752. His annual pension, paid for by the California State University retirement fund, is about \$90,000.

The UC and CSU are taking unprecedented cuts to their budgets. While the need to take care of employees is important, California public higher education cannot afford excess. Gerard and Gardner are receiving benefits well above a comfortable standard of living.

According to the personnel department at Cal Poly, retirees' pensions are paid out by a sliding scale based on a complex formula. Employees turn in an application to the state Public Employee Retirement System.

While figures were unavailable for more "typical" employees (like faculty and custodians), the Gardner and Gerard cases show that high-level administrators are taking exorbitant amounts from state schools in this time of need.

This view is shared by several state legislators and UC regents, one of whom called Gardner's deal "grossly excessive."

Retirees deserve a handshake, but as the entire education system suffers, ones made of gold are too expensive to spare.

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The open-to-the-public field day is being held to complement the farm's activities.

San Luis Obispo's Cooperative Extension branch is one of sponsors of the event. The branch works with the University of California to educate the producers and public about agriculture in California.

Billie Knittel, a representative for Cooperative Extension, sees the field day as a necessity for those involved in production agriculture.

"The only way the farmers of the United States will survive well into the future is by sustainable agriculture," she said.

The day's activities will include a tour of the farm as well as demonstrations and speeches.

Subjects of the presentations will include: "Changing Agricultural Regulation" by Rick Landon of the County Agricultural Commissioner's Office; "Underground Look at Agriculture," by Tom Ruehr, a Cal Poly soils science professor; "Nitrate Monitoring in Crops," by Richard Smith, an area farm adviser



STEVE PIERCE/Mustang Daily
 Alan Page examines an artichoke at a Cal Poly field.

from San Benito County; and "Marketing Concerns for Sustainable Agriculture" by Louie Valenzuela, a Central Coast farm adviser.

For more information and a registration form, call Billie Knittel at the Cooperative Extension office at 549-5940.

WORLD

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 plutonium fuel rather than enriched uranium.

Ishiwatari said a \$4.5 billion prototype fast-breeder reactor — which yield more plutonium than they burn — could be refitted to become a power-producing plant rather than for breeding plutonium.

Nuclear experts, however, say fast-breeder reactors have no special use beyond making new plutonium. The plant is scheduled to go into operation this year.

Controlling plutonium has become a key concern of the United Nations since the breakup of the Soviet Union and allegations of secret nuclear weapons programs in Iraq and North Korea.

SOSAM

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 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of Faculty Office Building East.

From there, participants can be directed to classroom visits, campus tours, academic advising as well as food booths and engaging activities such as a petting zoo and a booth to have one's blood pressure checked.

Other events on Saturday will include a math contest as well as open houses and tours for parents and incoming students, Outwater said. These activities will be run by council members and students who volunteered their time.

In addition, there will be a magic show performed several times throughout the day on Saturday by Phil Bailey, dean of Science and Math and his wife Tina Bailey, a chemistry professor.

"It (the magic show) is just great. It is crazy," Outwater said.

On Friday and Saturday, the SOSAM student council will be sharing the grounds with the Agri-View, which will showcase agriculture.

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PLEA

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 San Luis Obispo Municipal Court.

If Schwartz and Sun plead not guilty at the arraignment, a preliminary hearing time will be set.

Previously Schwartz was candid about his involvement in the scheme, saying in January the crimes "were not very hard to do" and explaining the process he used.

Schwartz also said at that time that there was "a whole big ring in L.A. and San Diego" and that he knew of "people who (were) still going on doing it."

Schwartz said he was cooperating with federal investigators by naming others involved.

On Friday, San Diego police said they broke open the Southern California arm of a nationwide credit card scamming network. The participants in that scam ranged in age from 14 to 25. Most participants are said to be based on the East Coast, according to news reports.

But federal fraud investigators in Los Angeles said Monday there is no connection between the San Diego arrests and the ring which Schwartz and Sun are alleged to once have

been part.

It remains unclear whether the university plans to move against Schwartz or Sun, both of whom are still enrolled at Cal Poly.

University Judicial Affairs Director Carl Wallace said Friday he is still awaiting a report from Cal Poly Public Safety on the alleged crime. Monday's developments may slow or further complicate that process.

NATION

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 which said the special preferences amount to unlawful reverse bias.

A federal judge refused to halt the preferential treatment, and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that ruling last December.

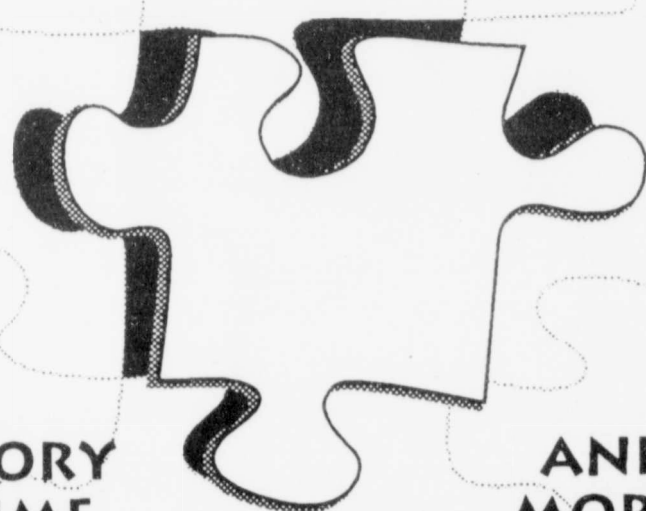
The appeals court, citing principles established in 1989 by the Supreme Court, said the San Francisco program is based on adequate evidence of past discrimination against women and minorities in the construction and building supply business. And, the appeals court said, the program is narrowly tailored to remedy the past bias.

"The city points to numerous individual accounts of discrimination to substantiate its findings that discrimination exists in the city's procurement processes, that an 'old-boy network' still exists and that racial discrimination is still prevalent within the San Francisco construction industry," the appeals court said.

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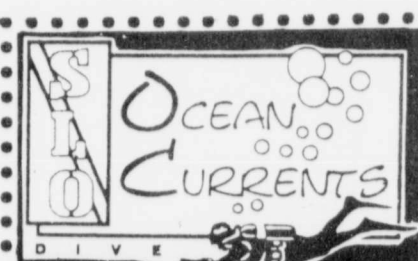
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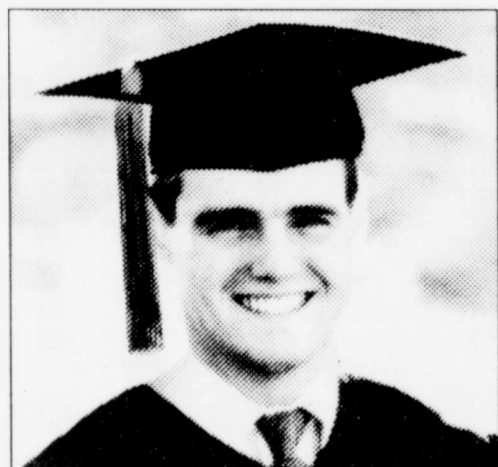
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