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## Poly parties hardy — or at least harder than West Point

Mustang Daily Staff and Wire Report

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The University of California at Santa Barbara is the second best party school in the nation, according to a recent poll by Inside Edge magazine released Monday.

But Cal Poly isn't even part of the same party league, according to the magazine's publishers. The campus scored in the middle of the pack at No. 141 of the 300 schools ranked by the fledgling magazine.

In this survey of the "Best Colleges Ever," Yale, Johns Hopkins and Chicago didn't make the top 10 either — they barely made the top 300.

That's because, as the young editors of the publication for college-age men put it, those schools may excel in academics, but they "rot" when it comes to having fun.

The pollsters emphasize that the best party schools aren't necessarily scholastic zeros; their survey simply

focuses on "the fun factor."

The unscientific poll appears in the national magazine produced by students from Boston-area colleges, including Harvard, which was No. 122 on the list.

Using reports from 50 correspondents nationwide, Inside Edge graded America's 300 largest coed universities on nine criteria ranging from the bar and club scene to sports.

"The things we rate are things that make the schools fun to go to," said publisher Aaron Shapiro, 21, a Harvard senior.

While researchers considered "ease of classes" and "ease of graduation," Shapiro insisted they don't view the top schools as filled with brain-dead party animals.

The top 10, in order, were: Florida State, the University of California at Santa Barbara, Vermont, Rice, Georgetown, Syracuse, Alabama, Penn State, Connecticut and Tulane.

## Poly neighbors want council to toughen parking rules

By Cynthia L. Webb  
Daily Staff Writer

Irate residents tired of having Cal Poly students park in their neighborhoods are expected to ask the San Luis Obispo City Council tonight to beef up parking rules on the streets bordering campus.

Students hoping to avoid the quarterly \$36 fee for on-campus parking often park in neighborhoods on the southeast end of the college.

"The main issue is that we would like to see more cars parked off the street," said area resident Henry Case, a member of Residents for Quality Neighborhoods (RQN). RQN is spearheading the effort to extend hours when parking is restricted to permit-only use in those perimeter areas.

The City Council is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the proposal at 7 p.m.

The group initiated a plan last May to extend the hours of permit parking on the streets southeast of campus. Currently, city permits are required from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on all the streets near campus except Fredericks Street.

RQN wants the hours extended to include 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. They also want Fredericks Street to be added to the restricted district.

Affected areas would include Chaplin and Longview Lanes; Albert and Orange Drive; Grand Avenue from McCollum to Fredericks; Hathaway Avenue from Longview to Bond; Slack Street from Longview to Grand; Kentucky Street from Bond to Hathaway; McCollum Street from Albert to Grand and Bond Street, from Kentucky to Hathaway.

A city permit is already required to park on these streets from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

But San Luis Obispo Police Chief Jim Gardiner said he can't guarantee enforcement because of a shortage of officers if the plan becomes law.

"I don't have the resources to enforce overnight parking," Gardiner said.

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## Picking pumpkins



Clockwise from top: Margaret Bresler, center, with daughters Helen and Ruth of Los Osos chose a pair of pumpkins from the Reis Family Pumpkin Farm at La Familia Ranch for their Halloween celebration. Bottom, Anna Ashbaugh of San Luis Obispo carries her soon-to-be jack-o'-lantern / Daily photos by Cari LaZansky



## Denny jurors say race wasn't a factor in deliberations

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Jurors in the Reginald Denny beating trial reached their decisions — mostly for acquittal — without fear and without prejudice, the forewoman said Monday. But an alternate juror denounced the verdicts and asked that "God have mercy on America."

"It is a sad day in America and the human race when we are ruled by fear of retaliation from a

small group of people rather than what is right or wrong in God's eyes," said the alternate, a white woman in her 30s. Although sequestered, she did not participate in jury deliberations.

The jury forewoman, who is black, said all members of the multiracial jury in the trial of Damian Williams and Henry Watson agreed on her prepared statement. All 11 of her fellow jurors sat in the jury box as she read the state-

ment.

"The verdicts were decided according to the law," she said, "not through intimidation or fear of another riot. Nor were these verdicts based on black vs. white."

Aware that the alternate planned to speak out critically, the forewoman said: "We do not condone what happened at Florence and Normandie (avenues). However, we the jury feel confident that we did the best job possible given the

evidence and the applicable law."

Ironically, the woman whose strong feelings could have changed the outcome of the volatile trial was the only one of six alternates not moved into the jury box.

Five regular jurors were replaced by alternates, chosen by lot, during the trial and deliberations. The final jury included four black, four Hispanic, two Asian and two white members.

## ASI kills club fair after dismal start

By Joy Nieman  
Daily Staff Writer

Many clubs seeking exposure at the homecoming club fair will have to look elsewhere this year.

The club fair created by ASI in 1992 to make up for the loss of Poly Royal was canceled a week and a half ago by ASI President Marquam Piros and his staff. Piros cited lack of student interest and a low return of participating clubs this year as reasons for canceling the event.

"Originally, this was set up to give clubs an opportunity to promote their organizations and to sell food and make money," Piros said.

Last year, 50 clubs participated in the fair and many lost money, Piros said.

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## WEEK 6

OCT. 26 TO NOV. 1

30 school days remaining in fall quarter.

**Today's weather:** Continued fair skies. Temperatures expected to remain in the 90s all week.

Monday high/low: 91/51 Expected high/low: 93/51

**TODAY**

- Academic Senate meeting, 3 to 5 p.m. — U. U. 220
- Jazz pianist Marcus Roberts performs, 8 p.m. — Cal Poly Theatre, \$6
- Dan Millman book signing for "The Life You Were Born to Live," 7 to 8:30 p.m. — Earthling Bookshop
- United We Stand meeting on NAFTA, 6:30 p.m. — SLO County Library

**WEDNESDAY**

- ASI Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. — U.U. 220

**THURSDAY**

- Pulitzer Prize-winning Los Angeles columnist George Ramos speaks to Society of Professional Journalists on "Political Correctness in the Media: The King and Denny Trials," 11 a.m. — Building 52, Room C-36. Public welcome.
- Native American Student Organization art and craft sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — U.U. Plaza

**FRIDAY**

- Native American Student Organization art and craft sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — U.U. Plaza

**WEEKEND**

- Art and Design Professor Robert Reynolds' paintings and poetry by local writer Glenna Luschei go on exhibit in Cal Poly's University Union Galerie — Saturday
- 12th Annual Great Pumpkin Run, 781-7305 — Saturday
- 11th Annual Halloween Hoopla in Mission Plaza, 2 to 5 p.m. — Saturday
- Anime Club meeting, all newcomers welcome, 4 p.m. — Saturday, Business Building, room 213
- Japanese study group first meeting, noon — Saturday, Business Building, room 114
- Oktoberfest 4-mile Fun Run, Baywood Park. Information 528-0775 — Sunday

**MONDAY**

- ASI Finance Committee meeting, 8 p.m. — U.U. 219

**UPCOMING**

- Sheriff's Office Annual Christmas Bicycle Program donate bicycles, Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. / 781-4576
- International Film Festival, passes now available — Nov. 4-7 / 781-2777
- Cal Poly Homecoming festivities — Nov. 4 - 7
- Historian and filmmaker Dr. Rolf Steininger speaks on "Germany After Unification," 7:30 p.m. — Nov. 3, Business Building, room 213
- Last day to petition to withdraw from class — Nov. 5
- Last day to express intention to repeat class — Nov. 5
- Rec Sports Grass Volleyball Doubles Tournament, sign-up deadline Nov. 5, \$15 per team, info. 756-1366 — event Nov. 6 & 7
- Central Coast Business Women's Forum — Nov. 10 info: 544-9313

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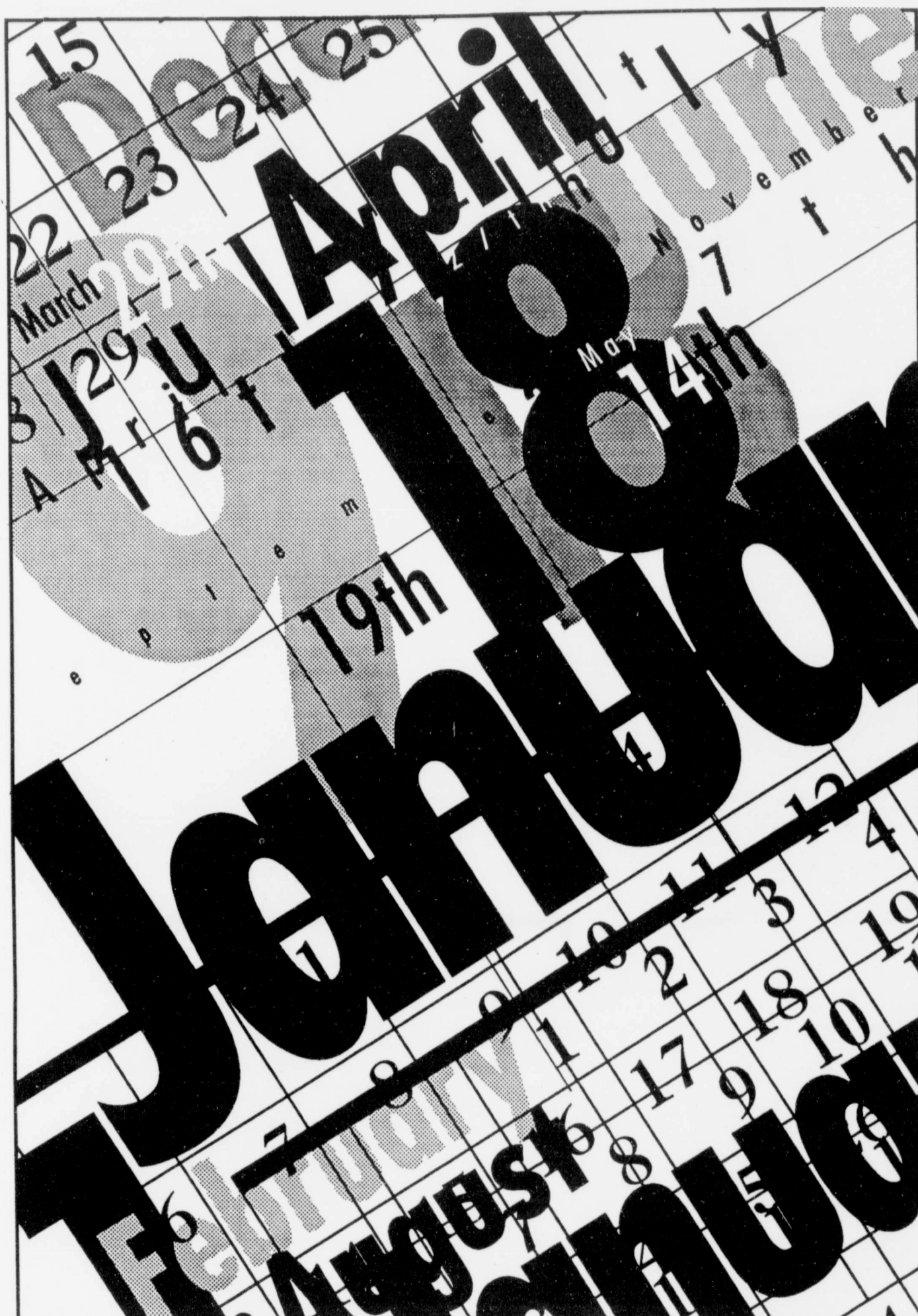
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## SWITCHING SCHEDULES



## THE GREAT CALENDAR DEBATE

*Don't let the quiet deceive you — Cal Poly may soon choose to lose the quarter system.*

By Erika Eichler  
Daily Staff Writer

Though students may not be hearing much about Cal Poly's big calendaring debate, big changes may sit just months away.

While Cal Poly remains one of seven California State University campuses using a quarter calendar, there is building momentum for change here. And a decision could be made soon.

Nowhere is the change being discussed more than in meetings of the Academic Senate's Instruction Committee. And they have a lot to consider.

In spring, their own official faculty survey showed 55 percent in favor of a standard semester system that included summer sessions.

Meanwhile, an unscientific poll conducted in spring by the *Daily* showed a majority of Cal Poly students preferred the current quarter system, which allows four 10-week sessions with 26 vacation days.

And President Warren Baker is promoting "trimesters," a system employed by only two percent of American universities that allows 12 1/2-week terms with 39 vacation days.

While university officials say more research will be conducted, a decision may be made in

spring quarter. And a switch, if implemented, could happen by 1997.

"The committee is in the state of collecting information," said Roger Hunt, an animal science professor and committee member. "But, as with any kind of change, you have to enter it with an open mind and not have any biases."

Cal Poly isn't the first university to recently grapple with changing its calendar.

Michigan State University switched from quarters to semesters fall of 1992. A decision to switch the system there was made in 1990 and research began in 1989.

"It worked out fabulously," said Patrick McConeghy, Associate Dean for the College of Arts and Letters. "There was some concern among students at first, but we passed a fairness doctrine (which) guaranteed students of no disadvantages in terms of tuition or academics."

"This was the guiding principle throughout the process. That settled all kinds of concerns."

The decision was influenced by other state universities in Michigan. Only two of the 14 state universities were on the quarter system, McConeghy said.

"Switching to the semester system made a lot more sense," he said. "This made sharing professors and technology a lot easier."

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### EDITORIAL

#### AIDS Quilt gave community a new perspective on AIDS

Over the weekend, the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt visited Cal Poly. More than 6,500 students and local residents came to experience this extraordinary piece of fabric.

In the colorful patchwork laid out on the floor of the Rec Center, visitors could find a side of AIDS they may have never seen: a side devoted to the lives claimed by AIDS.

The quilt truly celebrates the lives claimed by AIDS — not the suffering, the debate on values, or the grim statistics.

Many students have gotten "AIDS education" to the point of losing touch with the realities of AIDS. This past weekend, students were able to reach out and touch the tragedies of AIDS.

Anyone who saw the quilt would have been touched by the messages sewn into its fabric. People who haven't been touched by an AIDS-related death were able to see the most personal side of the AIDS epidemic.

At the same time, those who have lost friends or relatives to AIDS could find traces of their own tragedies in the squares laid before them.

Tucked away in San Luis Obispo, the Cal Poly community can — and should at times — feel distanced from mainstream social issues. Too often, we are too far away from cultural and social events to appreciate them.

This is why the recent visit by the AIDS Quilt meant so much to Cal Poly and the Central Coast.

In 1987, the quilt was started in San Francisco as a memorial to the lives ended by AIDS. Over the years, the quilt has come to be a teaching tool of the most personal kind.

The Daily would like to thank the people responsible for bringing this powerful quilt to San Luis Obispo. In particular, Suzanne Fritz of the Cal Poly Housing Department should be recognized for her work in bringing the quilt here.

The staff at Rec Sports and the 300 volunteers who worked at the quilt should also be praised for their service in helping facilitate the presentation of the quilt.

This recent exhibition was an important event for the community of San Luis Obispo; a time when Cal Poly was able to use its resources — including the new Rec Center — to reach out and bring the community together.

We look forward to continued activities at Cal Poly that will enrich the students and unite the community in such a profound way.

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### LETTERS

#### 'Endangered' bicyclists endanger pedestrians

Re: "New turnout dangerous to bicyclists," Letters, 10/22

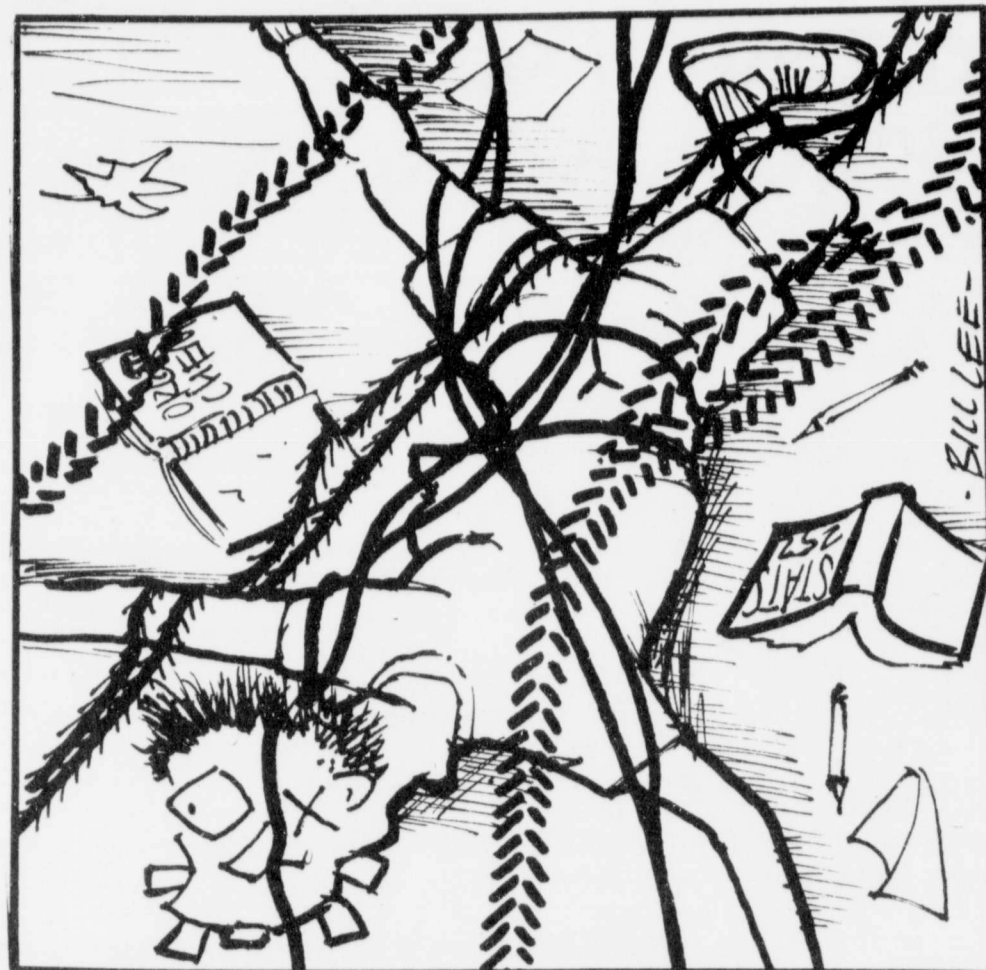
I can't take it anymore. Every time I read or hear another cry from "endangered bicyclists" about how "safe accessibility" for bicyclists is a "low priority" on this campus or how dangerous the streets of San Luis Obispo are for innocent bicyclists, I want to make a video. And it wouldn't be difficult.

Every spring my Art 133 design class looks at one of the most dangerous sidewalks on campus as part of a problem-solving exercise. It's the sidewalk that circumvents the northwest corner of the architecture building. This sidewalk has two very narrow blind corners, and a sign says "No bicycles."

If I take my class for just five minutes of observation any time during a weekday I can count on at least one bicyclist to demonstrate how dangerous that sidewalk is for pedestrians.

Walk across the inner campus from the U.U. to the library any time during the week — even during the busiest pedestrian traffic — and you will see numerous bicyclists dangerously weaving through pedestrians in violation of the "no bicycle" zones.

I have seen bicyclists hit pedestrians in the "no bicycles" zones and never look back. One faculty member has a broken arm from one such poor "endangered" bicyclist incident.



I challenge anyone to watch for an hour at the corner of Via Carta and South Perimeter and count the number of bicyclists who will actually stop for that stop sign. Then try the same at the corner of Broad Street and Lincoln Avenue. If you see one bicyclist stop for anything less than an 18-wheeler, I'll give you my car to drive for a week!

So I say to bicyclists — and that includes me: Save yourselves!

Do you stop for stop signs — all of them? Do you ride single-file on the right side of the road? Do you ride in zones restricted to pedestrians? Do you cut across traffic lanes in the opposite direction of the flow of traffic? Do you wear a helmet? Do you ride at night with no lights?

Do you know that the California Vehicle Codes consider a bicycle a "vehicle" subject to the same regulations as a motor vehicle? Do you know that if you hit and injure a pedestrian in a "no bicycles" zone you are liable?

Show me 10 bicyclists going downhill

approaching a stop sign, and I'll show you 11 of them who won't even slow down!

Where's my video camera?

By the way, I brake for bicyclists no matter what they are doing.

Chuck Jennings  
Art and design department head

#### Kudos to Bakers for withstanding 'barrage' of attacks

Re: "Bakers want to spruce up Poly entrance," Mustang Daily 10/18

Kudos to Carly Baker and her husband for withstanding yet another barrage of unwarranted attacks.

It is quite apparent that the initial article appearing in the Oct. 18 edition of the Daily was written in such a manner as to continue the archaic students-against-administrators mentality.

As a result, students wrote letters — as if on cue — to hurl insults at some perceived common enemy.

This entire episode has been a complete farce, from the illustration depicting Carly Baker as the queen bitch to the rumors of a phantom wine cellar.

The Crandall way entrance to Cal Poly is long overdue for improvements and a sound wall or comparable substitute is necessary because children making excessive sounds will interrupt meetings.

Sherman Michael P. Jhanise  
City and regional planning senior

#### Computer-based class: don't kill a new idea

Re: "If a teacher lectures to a computer and no one is there to listen," Letters 10/18

Professor Lewis states — regarding professor Matthew Orth's proposed computer-based English class: "It is imprudent to embark on such a perilous journey along the information highway."

I do not understand what is so perilous about his journey. At least I see no peril for students, excluding the convenience of not having a set time to go to class.

It seems to me that professor Lewis' objections are rooted more in fear of something new than in concern for our university. Perhaps this is the same fear people once felt for computers.

Professor Orth should be commended by the faculty and student body for being willing to take a risk. It is teachers such as professor Orth that have put Cal Poly on the leading edge. It is time once again for Cal Poly to set a new standard in education.

I believe we should be careful, but not of this "perilous journey down the information highway."

I believe we should be careful of killing new ideas before they are tested. The best way to destroy creativity is to attempt to limit change.

Tim Johnson  
Computer science freshman

#### Baker's letter didn't answer questions behind sound wall controversy

Re: "Mrs. Baker replies," Letters 10/22

Aside from the fact that Mrs. Baker feels she was misquoted and offended she really did not say much about the Children's Center. I still don't know what her views are on the subject.

What is this work that needs to be done about the children's privacy. Maybe a sound wall so they aren't disturbed by Mrs. Baker's luncheons?

By the way, didn't the Daily run a picture of Mr. Baker in his wine cellar? I guess Mrs. Baker should first ask her husband for the key before she asks us students — who are obviously making this whole thing up.

Timothy N. Gilbert  
Aeronautical engineering senior

#### Parking meeting tonight at 7 p.m.

Parking around the Cal Poly campus has grown increasingly more difficult to find in this past year.

The new parking policy at Cal Poly puts an undue burden on those who attend classes or meetings after 5 p.m.

Also, the City of San Luis Obispo has been reported to be revising the parking structure around the south perimeter; so that from Slack to Hathway streets all parking on both sides of the street would be regulated by city permit.

Now is the time for an agreement on parking in which students, faculty, staff and residents of surrounding neighborhoods can enjoy accessible parking while maintaining the integrity of the area surrounding the campus.

Instead of concerning itself with the absurd problem of noise at the Children's Center, President Baker should cooperate with the city on increasing the availability, efficiency and feasibility of parking.

You, the citizen, can become involved by airing your grievances and suggestions at the parking hearing, which will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the San Luis Obispo City Council Chambers.

Mike Rockenstein  
Political science senior



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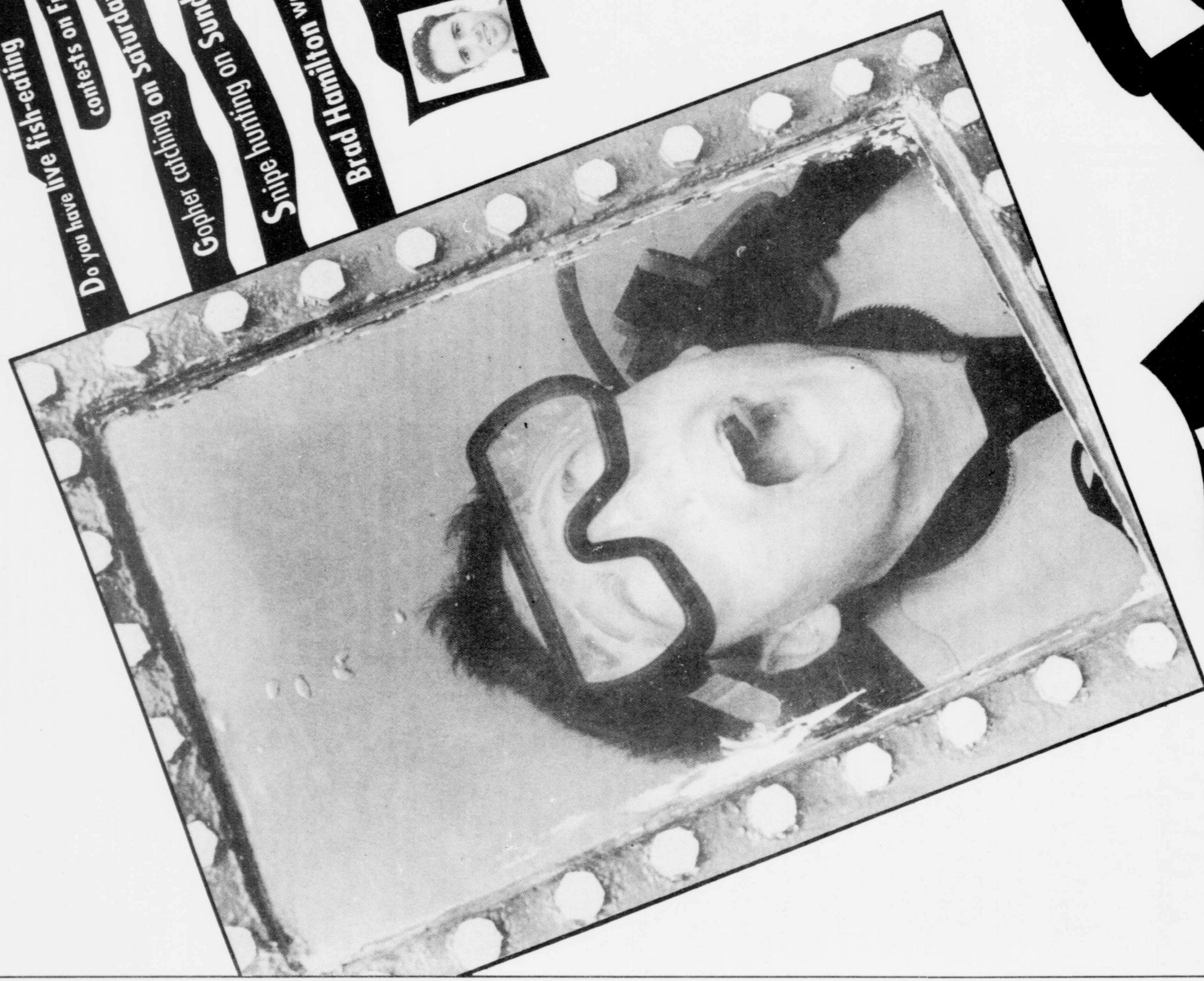
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### AGENDA: Cal Poly may decide in spring on switching to a new calendar

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Before a decision was made, a transition team researched other universities and colleges around the country, McConeghy said. One of the negative points found was the issue of class choice, McConeghy said. "Students have one-third fewer choices in terms of classes," he said.

And there is certainly momentum for switching. In 1992 alone, 107 American colleges and universities made calendar changes.

According to education experts, 61 percent of U.S. institutions used the semester system in 1992. Twenty-three percent used the quarter system, and two percent were using the trimester system. California was ranked as the having the highest number of institutions on the trimester system with 18. Florida was second with 10.

Last spring, Cal Poly's Ad Hoc Committee to Study the Calendaring System voted that a switch to semesters would be the best move for Cal Poly. They said a modified quarter system would be the next best choice, followed by a trimester system.

Regardless of their conclusions, the committee found faculty members had an immense amount of comments regarding the issue.

"Many of the faculty (in favor of changing to) semester were expressing concern with the pace of the quarter system," he said, "(including) the amount of record keeping and the quick pace of exams."

"There was also a feeling that the semester system provided a better educational experience, and that the pace allowed for

better retention of ideas.

"(Those advocating) the quarter system focused on the diversity of courses. The feeling among the faculty was that the quarter system encouraged students to be more aware of scheduling. It forced students to do good time management."

"We need to look very carefully about our ability to graduate student in a timely manner," said Kennedy, who serves as director of enrollment support

services. "If we advertise and develop a four-year program, we should be able to get the students through in four years."

A recent article which appeared in The Chronicle of Higher Education summarized and analyzed various systems of universities and colleges in the

United States. The article revealed a connection between increased teaching time and student achievement — something Wilson feels the quarter system neglects.

"I think a lot of the faculty feel we're trying to compress too much into the quarter system," he said.

Agricultural Engineering Department Head Edgar Carnegie, who was a member of the Senate's Calendaring Committee in spring, said there is no preference in calendaring systems for top colleges and universities. Changing the system would not likely change the quality of Cal Poly, he said.

After gathering information, Carnegie concluded calendaring had nothing to do with being a

great university. But various colleges on the university's diverse campus have differing levels of support, opposition or indifference on the issue.

While opinions form, another committee is currently gathering information on the subject. The Instruction Committee of the

Academic Senate is scheduled to have a report of their findings ready by the end of fall quarter, Wilson said. But student opinion is not likely to impact the final decision, he added.

Carnegie, however, believes students might have a large say.

"If I have an optimistic hat on, we need to serve the students," he said. "Those are our customers. But if I have a pessimistic hat on, it won't make a difference because they're transients."

Meanwhile, ASI has not taken a formal stance on the issue, according to President Marquam Piro. The topic is scheduled to be taken up with student and club leaders on Nov. 16.

The debate over just when students attend school here —

likely to be a very public and possibly divisive one — could emerge as a major issue on campus this year. And it's sure to have its distinctly Cal Poly twists. Take the College of Agriculture.

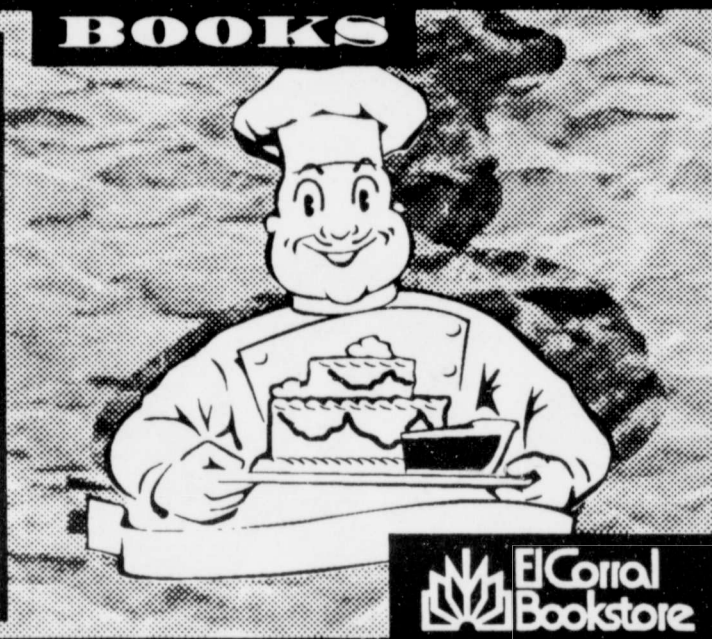
"The agricultural department favors the quarter system because we're locked into a year-round operation," Carnegie said. "We can't lock up our cows and forget them over the summer."

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## CLUB FAIR: ASI dismantles event after several clubs lost money during 1992 inaugural run

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Only 32 clubs attended the meeting required to participate in this year's event, he said. Of the 32, only three were involved with last year's club fair.

But students shouldn't be discouraged at the death of the homecoming fair. Poly Royal is expected to return this spring.

Last year's fair was located on Dexter Lawn and did not draw many people, partly because it was separated from other homecoming activities near Mustang Stadium, Piros said. This year's event, which was planned to be held on either the Dexter or Theatre Lawn, would also have been isolated due to lack of space surrounding the stadium.

Piros said he canceled the event after assessing the situation. He said the return of a revised Poly Royal open house in

the spring did not affect his decision because both programs were considered at same time and independent of one another.

"Our responsibility toward clubs is to make sure they don't lose money," Piros said.

Former ASI President Kristen Burnett said the club fair originated last year partly from the needs for club fund-raising resulting from the loss of Poly Royal.

"The goals last year were to provide extra funds for clubs and to improve student participation in homecoming," she said.

Burnett was instrumental in the fair's creation by going to the administration for approval in summer 1992.

"It was successful in some regards and a learning ex-

perience in others," Burnett said. "Most clubs broke even, some lost money."

Piros said clubs were notified of the fair's cancellation, but club presidents questioned last week said they weren't formally informed of the decision.

Jose Juan Urquiza, president of MEChA, had planned to have a booth at the fair. Although he agreed the turnout wasn't great last year, he was unaware this year's event had been canceled.

"If last year wasn't successful, then they should take another approach this year instead of canceling it," Urquiza said.

Society of Women Engineers President Cynthia Biermann also hoped to participate in the event. She learned the fair was

canceled from a friend.

"I'm really surprised they haven't notified us," Biermann said.

Piros said ASI is still hoping to encourage student involvement in homecoming and has shifted its focus to existing homecoming activities organized by Poly Reps, a student public relations organization which helps coordinate activities.

He also listed alternative ways for clubs to participate in homecoming.

"(Clubs) can get involved through the Laugh Olympics, banner contest and parade, which would give clubs exposure," Piros said. "There's a lot of ways clubs can still get involved and participate in homecoming."

## San Simeon memorial service set for Poly coach

Mustang Daily Staff Report

A memorial service is being planned for Walter Rolsma, Cal Poly's varsity crew coach who was killed Friday in a traffic accident.

The service, which is yet to have a formalized agenda, is scheduled to be held on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at San Simeon Cove, a beachfront area far north of San Luis Obispo.

The service is being scheduled at the request of Rolsma's mother, according to Rec Sports Director Rick Johnson.

## PARKING: Neighbors whose whoms skirt southeast perimeter of campus want the city to tighten restrictions

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An underlying reason for the RQN's move to change existing rules is the apparent unwillingness of campus administrators to deal with parking problems, RQN members said. They feel Cal Poly's current parking fee structure encourages students to park in local neighborhoods.

"It always goes back to the university," said RQN co-chair Ray Nordquist. "They haven't been proactive at all. They are just reactive, or inactive."

RQN members said Cal Poly has poor parking planning.

"A lot of parking was lost with the building of the Children's Center, Rec Center and Foundation building," said RQN co-chair Tom Kay. "Every time they build a structure, it's in existing parking lots. They are a major part of the problem."

RQN members said it is unfair for them to suffer by accommodating students and others who now park on their streets.

But Cal Poly administrators

said they have been cooperative with RQN members.

"We've tried to be responsive," said Frank Lebens, vice president of administration and finance. "And in turn we have compensated the city with subsidizing city buses and adding bike lanes. We are trying to encourage alternative modes of transportation."

Lebens acknowledged there are parking problems.

"The Rec Center was appropriately placed in a central part of campus," he said. "Granted, it did take out parking places."

But to ease the parking crunch, Lebens said, plans are in the works for a parking structure in the southeastern part of campus, to be built in 1994-95.

"The issue has been timing and availability of funds," he said.

But Nordquist said it is difficult to speak with Cal Poly administrators about the matter, and points to a petition signed by

100 area residents as evidence of their frustration.

"We have signatures on about 60 percent of the properties," Case said. "This is what the majority of residents want."

At least one city council member is willing to consider a change in the parking restrictions.

"If that's what the majority of the residents want, then I'm receptive of that," said Councilmember Dave Romero after looking at a staff report on the issue last week.

If the council enacts the plan as proposed, residents in the area will have 60 days to obtain a permit to park on the street. But after the grace period ends, permits will only be renewed to the residents who obtained permits during the initial 60 days.

While sympathizing with the plight of area residents, the staff's recommendation opposed the phase-in plan favored by RQN.

But Romero said he is con-

cerned about the way the regulation will be implemented. City engineer Wayne Peterson shares his concern.

"The problem is new people who move in can't get permits at all," Peterson said. "First off, our policy and ordinance won't allow for this restriction they are asking for."

"If the community at large voted that they don't want cars to park on the street at night, then we could do that," Peterson said. "But there's a problem when we are isolating or singling out a certain class of people, the new people to the neighborhood."

Since students move in and out of the area more than most residents, they would bear the brunt of the changes.

Some students who live in the affected area agree with the proposal.

"I can see where there is a parking problem," said construction management senior Phil De'ack. There are times when emergency vehicles can't get

down the streets, he said.

The concerns of the plan's opponents are shared by others.

"The component won't fly," said Councilmember Allen Settle, referring to the phase-in. "Without that being in there, it would just be a preferential parking district. If it's preference in favor of residents of the neighborhood, not preference in favor of who lives there, then it gets into problems and could be a legal challenge."

But RQN members see the issue in a different light.

"This has been brought up as a possible fairness issue," Case said. "We see this as the other way around. They could just agree to have no parking at all, without a phasing-in period. But we think it's unfair to the renters."

"The accusation is that students would be the first to move. But there are more people over 80 in this neighborhood that, sooner or later, are going to move out."

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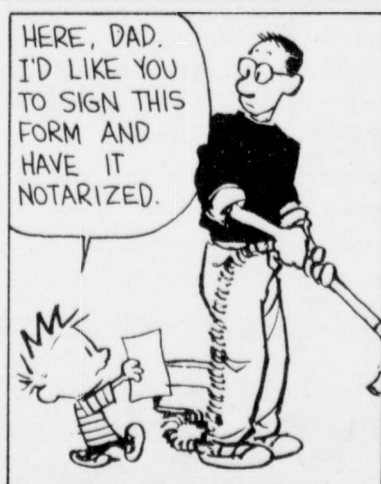
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