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CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY SAN LUIS OBISPO

## Rideshare: another way to get there

By Mike Munson  
Mustang Daily

"There are alternatives to drive-alone commuting." This is the message of San Luis Obispo Regional Rideshare Week at Cal Poly and throughout the county.

Rideshare Week, which kicked off on Monday, is a program dedicated to cutting traffic congestion and air pollution by reducing the number of single-occupant vehicles on county roads and highways. The San Luis Obispo program is one of 14 regional Rideshare authorities throughout the state. It works toward its goal by promoting alternatives such as: carpooling, taking the bus, biking and walking.

According to Tom Fulks, Rideshare coordinator for the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, Cal Poly's students, faculty and staff are major contributors to the region's traffic and air pollution problems.

"Cal Poly is the number one trip generator in San Luis Obispo County," Fulks said, who also praised the school for its aggressive actions in trying to limit its traffic impact.

Paulsen, Cal Poly's Commuter Services Coordinator, heads students awareness of alternatives to searching for parking every morning. She stressed that Rideshare Week is not just about carpooling; it promotes any form of transportation other than driving alone.

"I would just like to see people, who have never tried it, give up their car once a week," Paulsen said. "You don't even have to give up your car if you put somebody else in it."

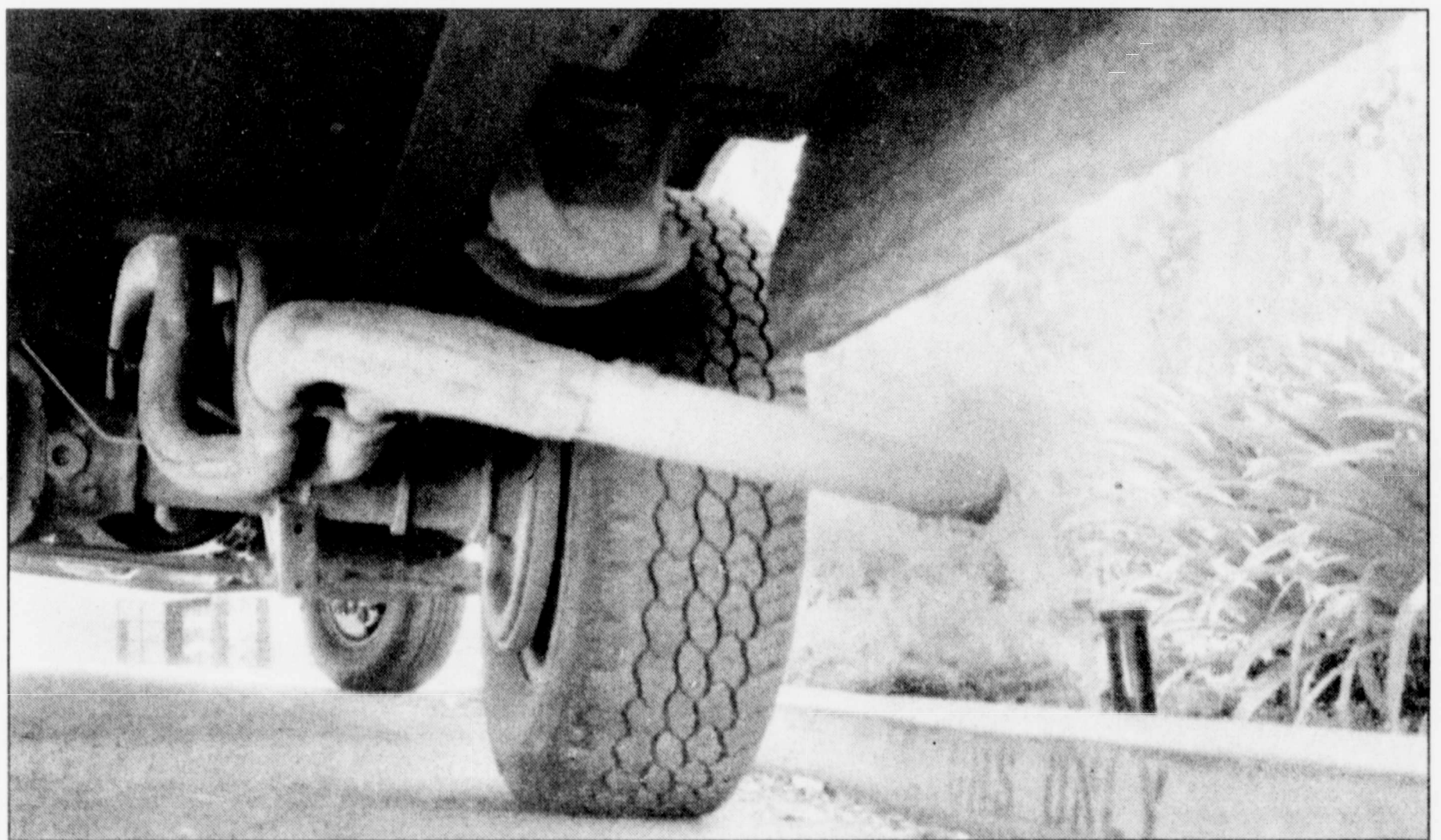
Paulsen set up a booth in the University Union Plaza asking students to fill out a form where they pledge to try alternative forms of transportation. The pledges, which will be part of a drawing for prizes such as a mountain bike and a pair of walking shoes, are also available at the Public Safety office and all department offices.

Paulsen believes if she can get people to ride the bus or share a ride with a friend just once they will discover the benefits. She also pointed out that if people give up their car one day of the school week they are cutting down 20 percent on the air pollution they create.

Rain Toledo, an English senior, decided to make the pledge out of necessity after her car blew its transmission. She said she will now try using the bus and getting rides from friends.

"I think it takes the heat out of having to drive and

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Dawn Kalmar/Mustang Daily

**ABOVE:** SLO County air quality specialist Jim Pickens says the county has exceeded state and federal environmental regulations. He says Cal Poly is a part of the problem. **BELOW:** Busing and other mass transit can lower air pollution levels. Buses are free for students, faculty and staff.

## Something in the air

### Summer pollution worst in SLO County history

By Steve Noone  
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly students and staff are partly responsible for the worst air quality ever recorded in San Luis Obispo this summer, according to a county air quality official.

"We have exceeded state ozone regulations more than 20 times, and federal regulations more than a dozen times," said Jim Pickens, Air Quality Specialist for the San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District.

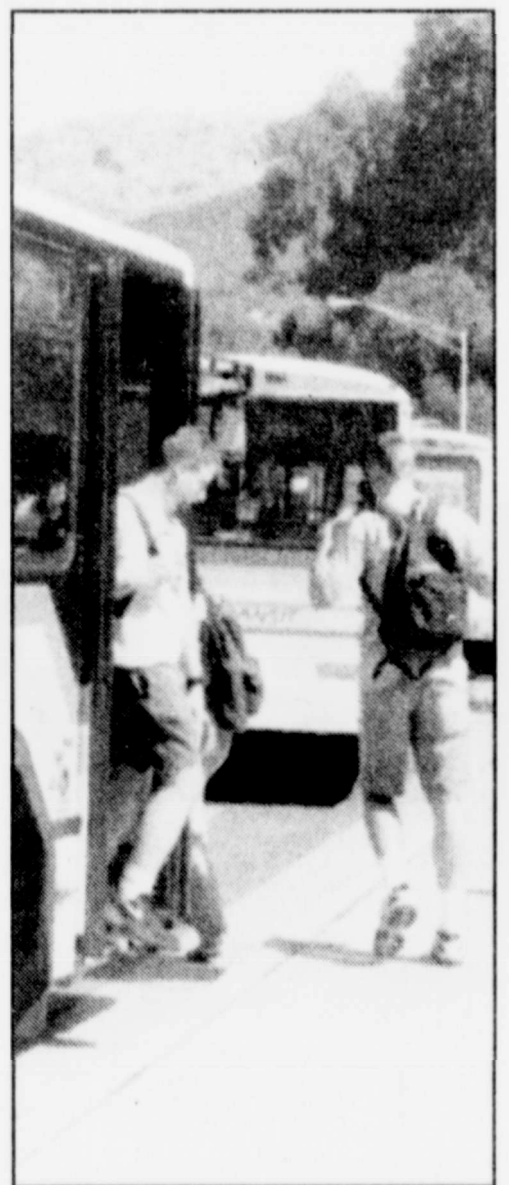
"Do we have an air quality problem in San Luis Obispo? Yes. Is Cal Poly part of the problem? Yes," Pickens said. "Cal Poly is the most popular destination in San Luis, but it's a regional problem and it's going to take a regional solution."

More than 15,000 students faculty and staff commute to campus each weekday, and many are unaware of the alternatives to driving Cal Poly offers.

"The university has been helpful and cooperative in their efforts to reduce the number of cars. They fund a free and a reduced-price bus system for students and staff, and have a vanpool for faculty," Pickens said.

Cal Poly is also increasing the resources available for people who bike to campus with the addition of storage lockers for bicycles. Commuter Services Coordinator Jacquie Paulsen said the university is encouraging alternative means of

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## Cal Poly students work hard in community

By Louise Attard  
Mustang Daily

Student Community Services is about helping students help others.

"There are people who need to be loved, cared for and shown compassion in this world, and that's where we come in," said Season Conlan, president of Student Community Services.

Student Community Services held its orientation day last Wednesday in

*"There are people who need to be loved, cared for and shown compassion in this world, and that's where we come in."*

— Season Conlan  
Student Community Services president

Chumash Auditorium. Each of the nine directors, who hoped to get Cal Poly programs were put on display by the students to volunteer some of their time

and help others in the community.

Paulo Younse and Joel Henderson, both mechanical engineering sophomores, are the new directors of Beyond Shelter. Beyond Shelter is a community service program that aims to improve the lives of the homeless. Younse and Henderson plan to work with Youth Education on the home-work club and trick-or-treating for canned goods with Poly Pals. The vol-

unteers also work with the homeless shelter in San Luis Obispo and organize feedings about once a month.

Younse admits that before volunteering he had never been to a homeless shelter or talked to homeless people.

"It's interesting finding out that they're just like us, they've just had some times that have been bad in their life," he said. "By going to the

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## POLLUTION

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transportation.

"We have over 2,000 places to park a bike on campus and new lockers for extra security. We have fully subsidi-

dized the city bus since 1985, and offer reduced rate passes on (Central Coast Area Transit) as part of our program to cut back on pollution and congestion," she said.

The week of Oct. 4 is California Rideshare week, and Commuter Services is offering a program to orga-

nize student carpools.

"If everyone could carpool just one more day a week, it would reduce the pollution problem, the parking problem and traffic congestion by 20 percent," Paulsen said.

Students are already much better at leaving their cars home than staff.

A 1997 Commuter Services survey showed 3.2 students get to school for every student car driven, making students more than twice as efficient at commuting than Cal Poly staff.

The figures include people who walk and bike to campus, as well as students living in the residence halls.

"We are very proactive as far as supporting alternative means of transportation," Paulsen said. "We create a lot of traffic at Cal Poly, so we do what we can to help."

Pickens encourages students to reconsider before they decide to drive.

## Promise of free tuition boosts 4th graders' morale

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — The promise of a free University of Arizona education is keeping one South Tucson elementary school class happy and in school.

Last semester, UA President Peter Likins promised 101 third-graders at CE Rose Elementary School free tuition to the University of Arizona if they graduate high school and meet the regular admission requirements.

Although current attendance statistics are unavailable, Principal Avelina Trujillo said the students, now in fourth grade, are coming to class regularly.

"Right now it is a general sense that the students are attending consistently," Trujillo said, adding they have not fully realized the value of free tuition.

"I think they are at such a young age the full impact hasn't hit them yet," she said. "As time goes on, they will have a greater awareness — certainly the parents are aware."

Trujillo said the promise of free tuition will keep families focused on

**"Attitudes have changed greatly."**

— Carmen Hernandez  
guidance counselor

what they have to do at home to keep their children in school.

The fourth graders received a \$100,000 check from Wells Fargo to help fund UA's Outreach program Tuesday at a "Building the Future" update meeting, which provides many southern Arizona children with mentoring, tutoring and other services.

"You have an opportunity to go to the best university," said Terry Zink, senior vice president of Wells Fargo. "I wish you the best of luck."

Zink said the elementary school has a need for UA Outreach help.

"The more that can be done to prevent obstacles the more it will be a repetitive cycle (for future generations to attend college)," Zink said.

"It sets in the parents' minds that 'my kids are going to college,' — that is a powerful thing."

Outreach Director Michael Duran said his challenge is to get the children academically prepared for enrolling at the university.

UA students come to Rose Elementary most days to tutor children in math, science, reading and exam preparation, Duran said.

"Teachers have been really responsive in having college students come in and help," he said.

Rose Elementary administrators have noticed a positive change in their fourth graders.

"Attitudes have changed greatly," guidance counselor Carmen Hernandez said. "There are a lot fewer referrals to the principal. Behavior is overwhelmingly positive."

Jessica Armenta, 9, said she thinks it is "cool" that she will one day be a Wildcat.

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shelter we give them hope ... It's just a good feeling seeing some of the people getting back on their feet."

Student Community Services tries to involve dorm residents by getting their hall to adopt a program. For example in Tanaya Hall, Matt Cechini, a computer engineering freshman, is the EnRICH director for Beyond Shelter. EnRICH directors and volunteers help plan different events and social activities with each of the programs.

Volunteers with the Environmental Council work with environmental organizations in town and on campus. Some of the activities include beach cleaning, trail maintenance and tree plantings. With the help of ECOSLO, the Environmental Council will try to increase the awareness of environmental issues on campus, such as how to better recycle.

Erik Frenzel, an ecology and systematic biology sophomore and director of the Environmental Council, said the program tries to work out the causes and effects of environmental problems.

"We try and address some of the effects of environmental quality. If somebody's going to be throwing out

their garbage in the creek, we're going to pull it out," Frenzel said.

Katrina Whiteaker, also a director of the program, said she went as far as knocking on doors in the dorms to get students to come to orientation day.

"Freshmen need to get involved some way and volunteer work is a good way to meet new people and get connected to the community," Whiteaker said.

Vince Martinez, a business senior, said he finds being the director of Senior Services a fulfilling role.

"I really enjoy being around senior citizens. I really want to contribute to them. I think they contribute a lot to us," he said. "I want to affect lives and make impacts and a way of doing that is getting people together and going out and helping them."

For a couple of hours a week, volunteers with Senior Services provide companionship with senior citizens in homes. A new program called "adopt a grandparent" aims to personalize the relationship volunteers spend with senior citizens.

"Senior citizens don't have a lot to

look forward to. We give them someone to talk to, someone to share their history with ... they really enjoy our energy and it raises their energy," Martinez said. "It's really interesting to hear what they have to say."

Partnerships in Health is a program where volunteers work with the community to serve those disabled or in rehabilitation. Exercise, social activities and assisting physicians and therapists in a hospital or school setting are some of the duties.

Youth Challenge involves volunteers working with adolescents in juvenile halls around the county. The special events program "Into the Streets" is one that does not require a lot of time, but a lot of volunteers. Some of these activities include holiday gift drives and a "paint your heart out" program, where volunteers paint the homes of people in the community.

For more information or to volunteer in a program, Student Community Services is located in the Community Services and Learning Center in the University Union, room 217D.

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## Princeton student earns 13 perfect A.P. test scores

PRINCETON, N.J. (U-WIRE) — Disney World can add Kush Parmar '02's name to its list of Super Bowl quarterbacks, World Series home run hitters and lotto winners who celebrate their success by going to its theme park. Parmar received a score of five on 13 Advanced Placement exams, and he is going to Disney World.

Parmar was chosen as one of two national A.P. scholars to address an audience of educators during the annual National Forum, a three-and-a-half day educational conference in

November, being held at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. this year. According to Doug Lynch, director of the College Board member services, and one of the event's coordinators, the conference is an opportunity for teachers, counselors and College Board members to attend workshops and discuss new and current curriculums.

"As part of the conference we recognize outstanding A.P. scholars in the country. These students tend to be pretty outstanding," he said.

## RIDESHARE

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pay for parking and it cuts down on air pollution," Toledo said.

Fulks said the best way to take a chunk out of single-occupancy drivers at Cal Poly is to raise the price of parking permits.

"It's proven that in any urban core, when you increase the cost of parking, the number of drivers decreases," Fulks said.

He concedes that a parking price increase is probably not an option on campus. Instead, he said Rideshare

focuses on promoting the regions transport options.

Agencies such as SLO Transit and Central Coast Area Transit provide bus service to Cal Poly from Santa Maria and all over the county.

According to Paulsen, traffic reduction will become even more important as the Cuesta Grade goes under construction in coming months.

Rideshare will promote alternative forms of transportation to combat the expected traffic problems.

Rideshare Week wraps up with "Bike for Friday."

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## Turn off the TV; break the addiction to your 'Friends'

**H**i, my name is Jamie, and I'm a recovering TV addict. There was a time when I would spend hours almost every day watching television. I never meant to spend that much time. I would just sit down for a few minutes and next thing I knew, three hours had gone by. What a waste.

Last night I listened for a good 20 minutes as a few of my co-workers pondered the fate of Ross' marriage and Rachel's plane flight to Greece. One waitress was in complete distress because she had missed that week's episode. You know what I'm talking about, don't you? Listen. I kicked the habit, you can too.

Ask yourselves, why have we become spectators in life? Why are we more interested in "Days of our Lives" than in our own lives? What do we really gain from following all these programs so diligently?

I'm convinced that many shows can warp our perception of reality. My best friend has a hard time trusting men, she's also a soap addict. I've noticed that infidelity is a common theme in her favorite show.

My roommate is scared to ever have children. Her fear can be explained in two words: Jerry Springer.

Equally disturbing is the fact that in many homes "family time" is TV time. How much bonding can you do while watching "Party of Five"? You'll learn more about the Salinger family than you will about your own.

The world of electronic narcotics is not limited to television either. Billions of hours are forfeited daily by millions of people playing video games. These games waste away hours yielding no palpable gain and, unlike real life, they offer a reset button. Some people spend more time each day fighting monsters as the "Tomb Raider" than they do conversing with real human beings. What if one day people forget how to be people and only remember how to be virtual action heroes?

Life is so short. There is so much to see and do. Every hour spent watching TV or playing a video game is an alternative life experience forfeited. Maybe technology is raising a generation that prefers the former. What does electronic diversion offer? Entertainment? A fuzzy, faded Polaroid of the entertainment to be found out in the real world.

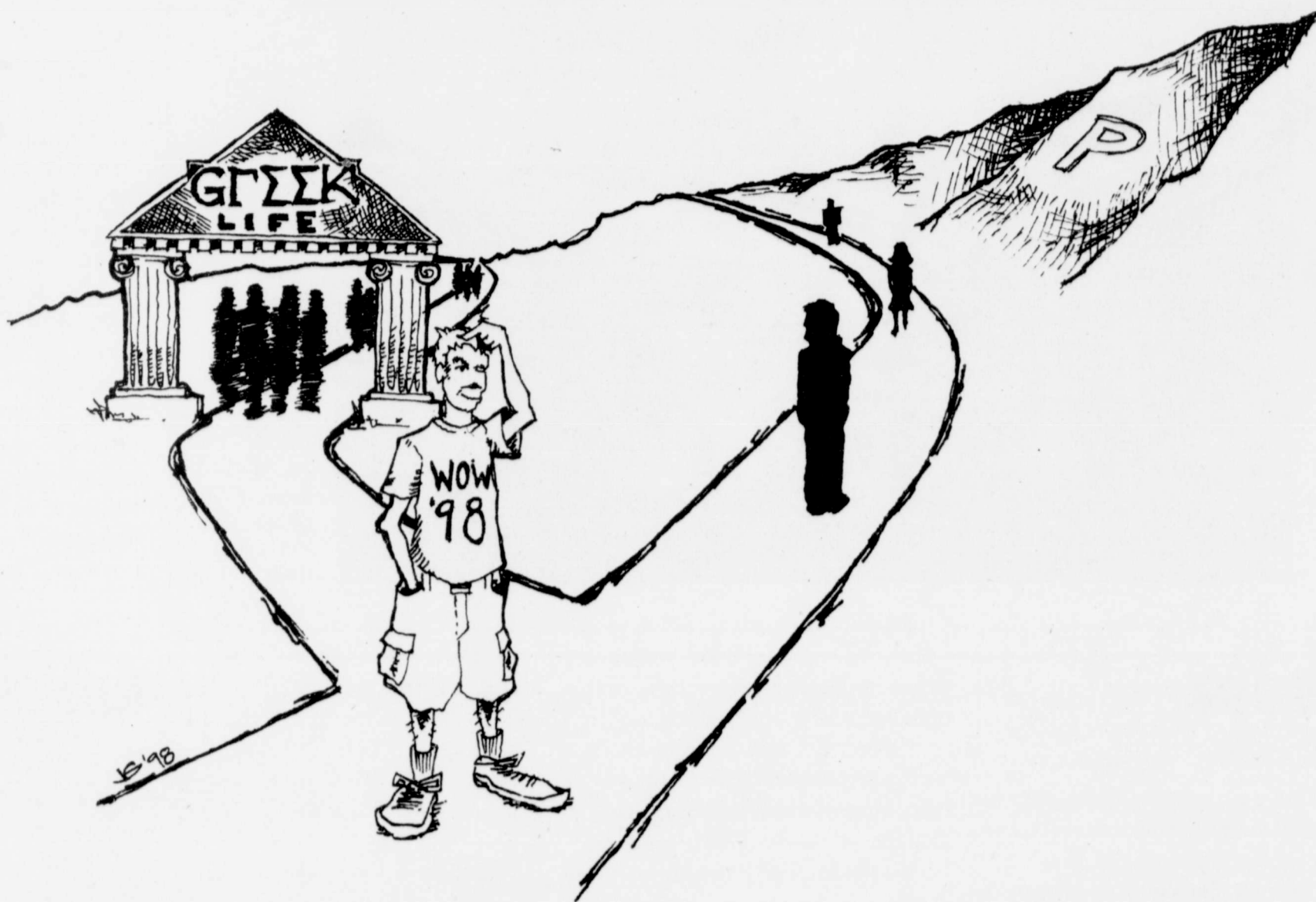
Try this for a week: should you find some spare time on your hands, don't turn on the TV or the Play Station. Instead, go climb Bishop Peak, read a newspaper, or do volunteer work. If you get really bored, study or clean your apartment. I promise you, these activities will add much more to your life than TV or Nintendo. With time, you will find that you can survive missing a few TV shows.

You don't have to go "cold turkey", just watch two or three of your favorite shows.

We can no longer afford to be slaves to these addictions. Electronic drugs are stealing our time and our lives, episode by episode, level by level. Emancipate yourselves; slavery is illegal and time is precious.



**Jamie  
Rudolph**



## Cal Poly needs to start paying to improve our escort service

Cal Poly needs to improve its escort service, and it needs to start planning now. Our safety can't wait.

Right now the escort service is made up of student volunteers. They are the students who have decided to help out our Cal Poly community and become Campus Safety Officers (CSOs).

The problem is these volunteers do not work during one of the most vulnerable times on campus, the first week of the quarter. The reasoning behind this is the CSOs are not sure of their schedules or their classes and therefore are not scheduled to work.

Well guess what? The majority of people on this campus are not sure of their schedules either.

We don't always know what time we are going to get out of class. We don't know if the lights along the path to our destination are going to be on. We might not even know any of the people in our classes well enough to ask them to take us back to our car or dorm.

We do know that the safety of the students and the Cal Poly community deserve to have

an escort service provided for them at all times, and at any cost.

Before this year, we had more than one safe way home. We could go to the Interfraternity Council booth in the library or the University Union and ask one of the fraternity men to escort us. But due to the lack of student knowledge and interest in the service, IFC is no longer continuing it.

But the CSOs are still here and look out for our safety in every dimension of their job. No matter how few people use their service, CSOs will be here. Helping out even one or two scared people is enough.

Making a scared person walk alone because of a scheduling problem is not acceptable, it's not safe, but it has happened. And it has happened recently.

We received a letter from a concerned boyfriend, commenting on the lack of help offered to his girlfriend one late night.

She called campus security only to be told an escort service was not offered during the first week. She had no one else to turn to. Fearful and alone, she made it to her destination. She should have been walked to her car, without having to worry about her safety. Everyone should have that right.

As the only escort service available on campus now, the CSOs need to be available at all times, this includes the first week of

school. If this is not possible maybe we should look somewhere else.

We do not intend to chastise those volunteers for not being available during the first week of school, after all they are volunteers. But something needs to be done. Something that requires, dare we suggest it, Cal Poly to hire and pay someone or some group to protect us when we need it most.

By paying someone to provide this service, the escorts will be forced to make time during their hectic first week, just like every other working student on campus. They will have to create a plan of attack for crashing classes, attending obtained classes, and escorting the scared to their destination.

It may not be pleasant, but it's not that hard, and it's not too much to ask. After all, it's for the safety of our people.

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"We should get a worm scanner."



## Buying and selling textbooks online is the cheapest alternative

**Editor:**

I have been reading article after article about El Corral's little "oops" regarding their now-infamous full-page ads essentially telling Cal Poly students to buy their books from Aida's and sell them to El Corral.

Now, let me offer yet another alternative to the starving student who wishes to save money on textbooks: sell your books to other stu-

dents! There is a website specifically designed for Cal Poly students for this purpose: [www.PolyTown.com](http://www.PolyTown.com). I am sure all of you know the benefits of buying your books from other students, but just in case, let's run through a little example.

Kashi needs a book. Kashi buys her book from Aida's for \$60, uses it for one quarter and decides to sell it back. She has three choices: 1) sell it to Aida's for \$27, 2) sell it to El

Corral for \$30 or 3) sell it to another student for \$45. Obviously she wants to sell it to another student.

Lister needs to buy a book. It's the same book that Kashi is selling. Eureka! Lister buys the book from Kashi for \$45, uses it for a quarter and sells it to Quimby for \$45! Check it out—free book for Lister! Quimby does the same thing as Lister and...you get the picture. Everyone is a winner in this scenario, even Kashi.

You can list your books online for free, set your own price and never wait in a line. And best of all, there's no commitment. If no one buys your book...then I guess you could sell it back (to El Corral). I took 14 units and ended up paying a net of \$17 dollars for my books last quarter.

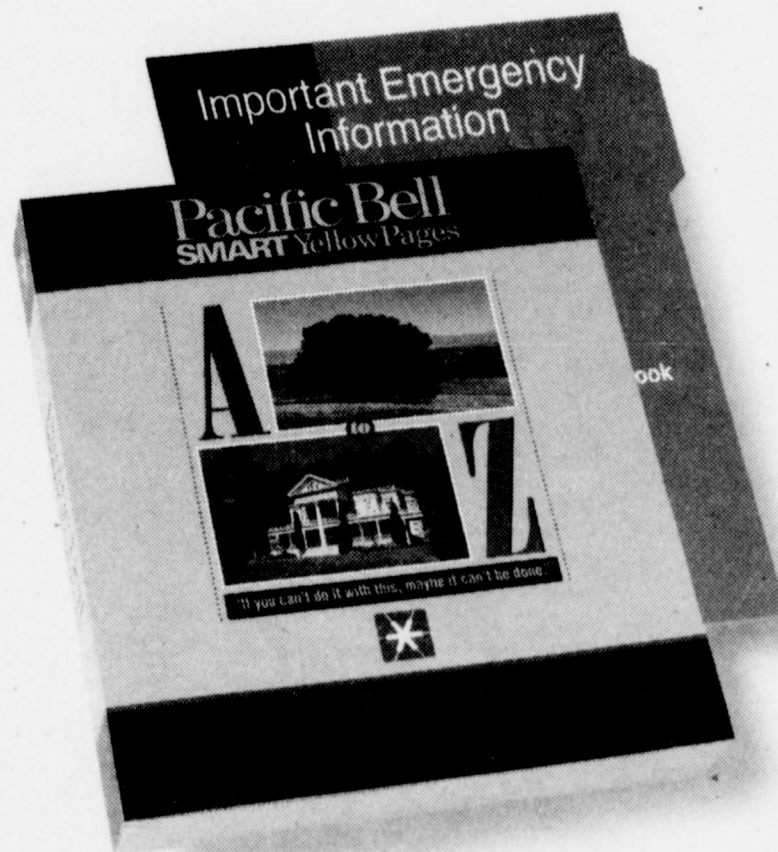
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# Final gubernatorial debate may be canceled

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The last of five planned gubernatorial debates may be canceled because of a scheduling dispute between Dan Lungren and Gray Davis, the campaigns said Wednesday.

Republican Lungren insists on debating during the last two weeks leading up to Election Day, while Democrat Davis won't debate after Oct. 15.

News of the possible cancellation comes just as voters are starting to pay attention to candidates and measures on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The fifth debate was planned for the state's biggest city and television market, Los Angeles, a heavily Democratic region where Davis was leading Lungren 56 percent to 35 percent in a Field Poll released Wednesday. The survey showed Davis ahead

by just 6 percentage points among likely voters statewide.

The next debate will be held in San Francisco. Earlier debates were held in San Diego, Fresno and Sacramento.

Davis has proposed an additional meeting on Tuesday, but Lungren believes back-to-back debates would be pointless.

"Dan Lungren wants to debate in

the last two weeks because he believes as many Californians as possible deserve to hear what the candidates have to say," said Dan Schnur, a GOP consultant working for the Lungren campaign.

"Gray Davis doesn't want to debate in last two weeks because he's afraid that California voters might tune in to see and hear the candidates and what they have to say."

Davis campaign spokesman Michael Bustamante said Davis ruled out a debate after Oct. 15 because he intends to be traveling the state.

He also said the Republican's campaign knew that Davis did not want a debate after Oct. 15. "California is a big state; it's got 33 million people, and we want to continue to travel the state, to do what we've been doing over last few months," he said.

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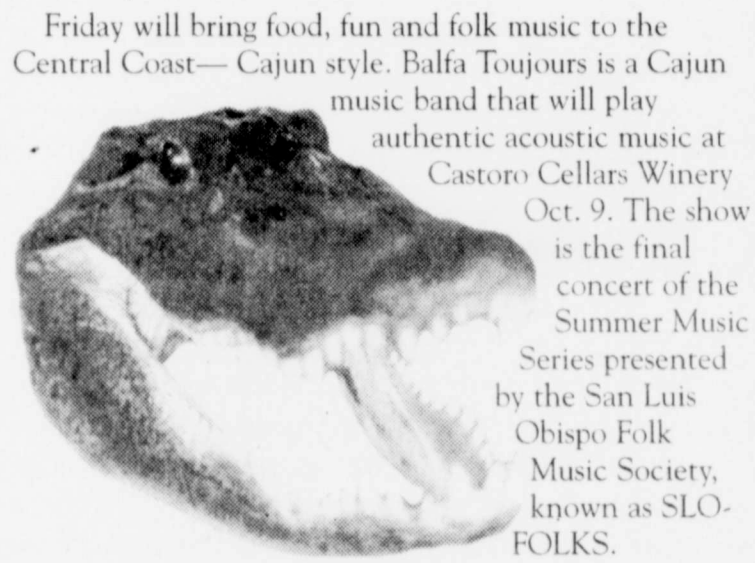


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## CENTRAL COAST GOES CAJUN

### Cajun quartet performs spicy song and dance

By Britt Fekete  
Mustang Daily



Balfa Toujours began playing in Louisiana a number of years ago, then the band toured across the country and Europe.

Christine Balfa leads the group with her vocals, and also plays the triangle. She is the youngest daughter of Dewey Balfa, former member of the famous Cajun band, Balfa Brothers.

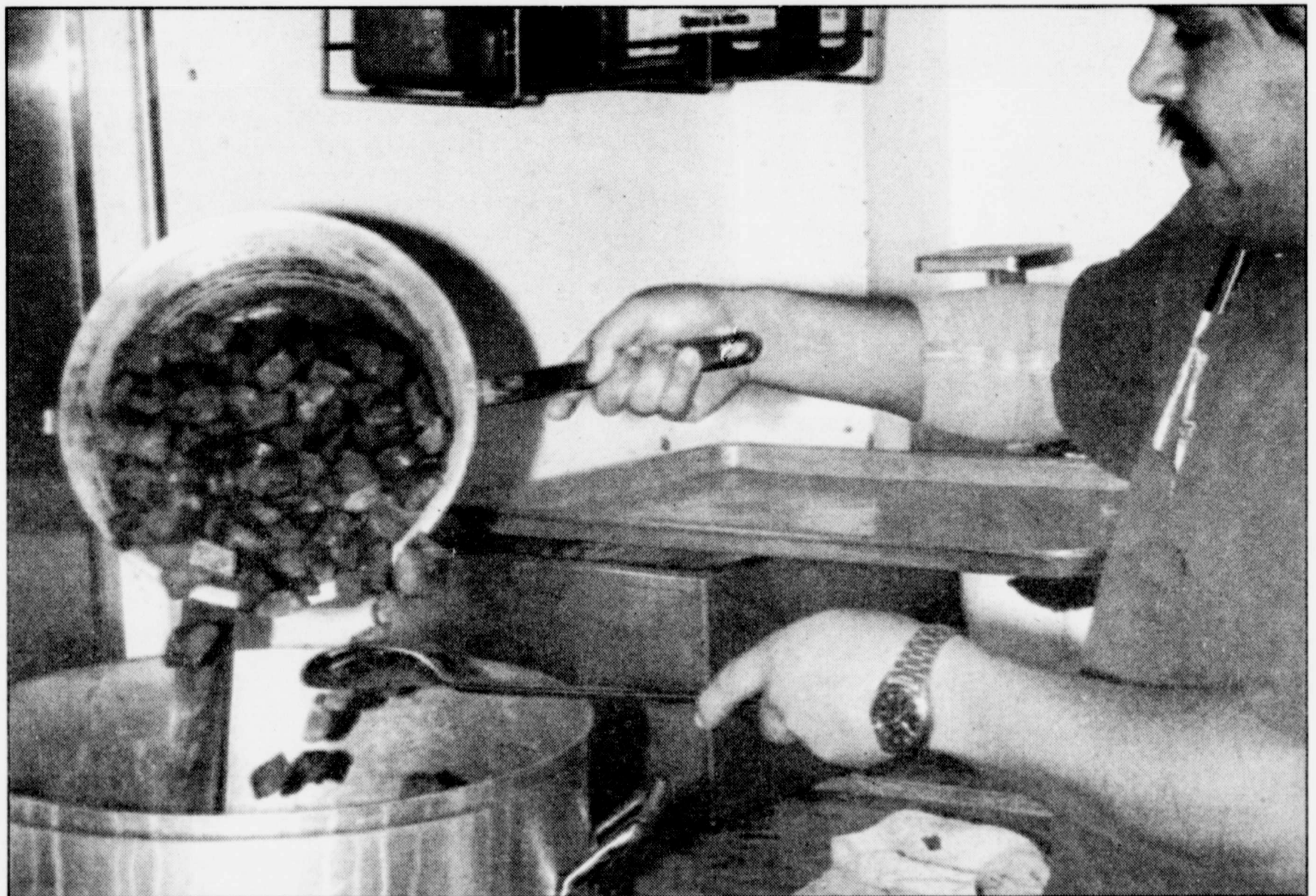
The Balfa Brothers were instrumental in establishing the popularity of the Cajun music style earlier this century. They took their music from the prairies of Mamou, Louisiana to countries throughout the world.

Balfa Toujours means "Balfa Forever," and is meant to demonstrate the spirit of the Balfa Brothers' music living on through a second generation.

The quartet combines the ancient Cajun language with the accordion, rhythm guitar, fiddle and stand-up bass to create songs that are the essence of Cajun music, and reminiscent of the Balfa Brothers.

Cajun is short for Acadian, according to SLOFOLKS Coordinator Jody Ramsland. Ramsland said the Acadians were a group of French immigrants who originally went to Nova Scotia in Canada and were kicked out by the English for being too chummy with the Indians. When they were cast out of Canada, they were sent to many different places. Many of them eventually migrated to Louisiana, and the Cajun culture was established there, Ramsland said.

Ramsland said the music has a driving rhythm and



makes people want to dance.

"It's very happy music," she said. "It makes you think of a barn dance."

Neal Losey, music director for KCBX radio station, said Balfa Toujours is a very traditional group.

"They are very Southern, very Louisiana-sounding and there's nothing like it," Losey said. "It's truly an American form because it combines French and country music, and it's really a music for the people."

The band has received much critical acclaim. According to the Washington Post, "The group preserves the character and quality of the music Dewey Balfa championed, while replenishing the tradition with new songs full of emotion, grace and charm."

"What stands out is the accordion, fiddle and of course, the singing," Ramsland said. "I enjoy the sound of the acoustic instruments playing together."

The outdoor concert will include a dance demonstration from the band where they encourage the audience to participate.

According to Ramsland, dancing is an important part of Louisiana culture and is a part of everyday life. She said

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**ABOVE:** Cajun gumbo is one of the dishes to be served at the Balfa Toujours concert at Castoro Cellars this weekend.

Shoshana Hebshi/  
Mustang Daily file

**LEFT:** The Balfa Toujours are from Louisiana and will play authentic Cajun music.

Courtesy Photo/  
SLOFOLKS



Matt Warren/Mustang Daily

**BAM!** Bon Temps Creole Cafe serves up authentic spicy Cajun dishes.

### Kick it up a notch at Bon Temps Creole Cafe

By Kristin Dohse  
Mustang Daily

It's sure to be a good time for all when San Luis Obispo's Bon Temps Creole Cafe serves up eye-watering eats at the Balfa Toujours Cajun-style music concert on Oct. 9.

Bon Temps, which means "good times," has served authentic Cajun Creole cuisine since 1995.

Bon Temps offers a variety of food including blackened chicken, crawfish, Cajun gumbo, jambalaya, ham hocks, alligator stew, and frog legs on the lunch and dinner menus.

Jambalaya and gumbo are two popular Cajun dishes, but most West Coast dwellers don't know there is a difference between the two.

"Jambalaya is a rice dish sautéed with veggies and Creole sauce, while gumbo is more like a soup with rice in it," explained Phil Lang, co-owner of Bon Temps. "We put seafood in our gumbo as well."

Ham hocks are the meaty thigh area of the pig. Bon Temps employee Victoria Walker said the serving size for ham hocks is quite substantial.

"It makes you feel like Freddy Flinstone when you've got such a huge meaty bone in front of you," Walker said. "It's like something your mom would cook."

Walker said the alligator stew is made with real alligator, which is farm-grown in Louisiana.

Bon Temps server Annette Sasina said the busiest time at the restaurant

is breakfast. Bon Temps serves traditional Creole breakfasts, highlighting foods such as spinach, artichoke hearts, red beans, honey-rum syrup, spicy hash browns and Cajun sausages.

"The breakfasts here are great because they're so out of the ordinary," restaurant patron Christina O'Dell said. "You really have to like your breakfast spicy because it definitely perks up your taste buds."

The restaurant is co-owned by San Luis Obispo residents Lang and Bob Winnick. Lang said he and Winnick got the idea for a Cajun-style restaurant because Winnick had lived in New Orleans for eight years.

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# San Luis Obispo: the last Americana?

By Matt Berger

The romance of a late night amble down the main drag of the city, Higuera Street—a dimly-lit tourist trench with shop windows boasting brand new Beanie Babies and low-priced lava lamps. The ever-fluorescent glow of track lighting in ice cream shops and copy centers. It's the chirps of wide-eyed guys and girls; like World War II sailors docked for the night in a town of lonely women, stumbling through sidewalks and bubble gum alleys on their way home before they set sail and forget the names of the companions they romped with the night before. It is the college town that is mixed up with tourists, locals, and students that reap the benefits of both, but claim to be a class of their own. Where we live is a land that we may never see again in our journey for the future. It is the lost, last Americana with city councils that vote conservatively, buses without graffiti and homeless without the mess. We drink our beer and gawk at the nearby city limits, and rush to trade it in for the hellish benefits of L.A.s and S.E.s. Enjoy it while it lasts because it's only getting worse.

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The night is young for old boozers who have retained their keen eye for the opposite gender. So keen that they hardly notice the rustic renovation that has transformed the Frog and Peach pub over the summer months. The work of some drunk contractor perhaps who was recruited to settle an unattainable bar debt. I'm a woodworker, and I'm not usually one to brag, but I was disturbed with the lousy craftsmanship that we are forced to sit upon as we sip our black and tans. Maybe you don't notice, but I encourage you to look closely at the

paste-up job this drunken contractor traded in for unlimited drinks at the bar. It's a disgrace to the profession. Air bubbles in the varnish, trim that doesn't line up, tables that lose their balance without the help of a waded up coaster. I could have done it better for half the beer.

We can thank the drunkard for saving a few lives though. One reason the Frog underwent its changes was to lower the growing premium on its insurance bill. No longer do you have to limbo under dart games to get outside. One too many darts to the eye and the insurance companies come down on you, I suppose. And, we can all be thankful for the new latrines as the old ones bid their last flush and collapse into the fiery inferno of toilet hell.

Despite the changes, you need not worry about any new fangled ambiance. The lighting is still bad, and the stench of stale beer and lofting human odors linger comfortably close by.

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The city bus is a microcosm of the entire world as we know it. From the bus driver's personalized dash board, to the sweaty guy next to you who talks too much, it is possible to see the world in a free-fare from bus stop to bus stop.

As our honest city has managed to remain the cleanest, safest, most unsoiled home to a breed of people who swear they can keep the world's best secret, it has also managed to undermine the degrading role of public transportation established by years of pollution and frightening, offensive driving tactics. The city that we all call "slow," famous for its bikini bars and not its topless bars, has outdone itself once again. Since when do bus drivers stop for pedestrians?

Where I grew up you were lucky if the guy next to you on the bus didn't pass out on your shoulder, cuddling and drooling like a newborn baby.

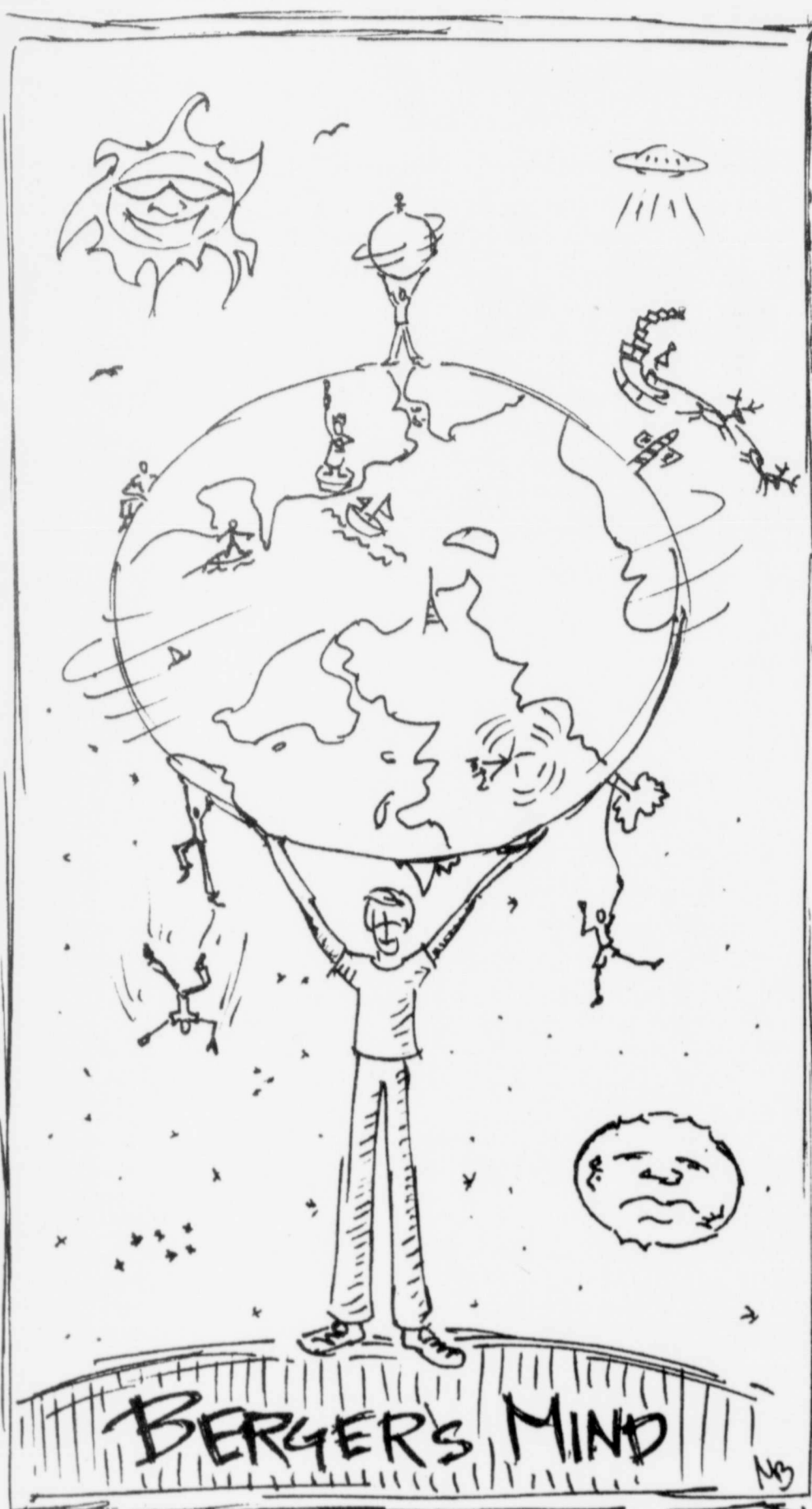
Where's the graffiti, the drunken hobo asleep in the back of the bus, getting the most out of his dollar fare, the sticky plastic seats and the garbage. Where are the clouds of black smoke coughing out of dirty, black exhaust pipes. If only we could do one thing wrong in this town. Public transit may have been our last chance to pollute.

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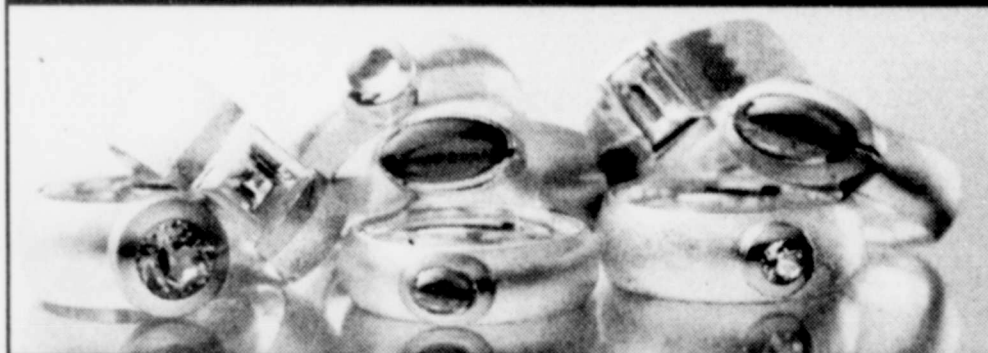
And if the bus is a microcosm of our world, the new movie "Antz" illustrates what the world philosophers and governments have striven to attain for centuries. Ants have a good thing going; Karl Marx and entire societies have modeled their visions after the ant colonies only to be beaten by capitalism and the west. If only humans had ten times our strength, we, the proletariat, could raid the kitchens and garbage cans of the conglomerate and take back the land we have lost to the Clinton scandals and Rupert Murdochs of the world.

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There still is the "Real World" in the eyes of MTV's spoiled, under-aged executives. What number are they on, 15? I have a good feeling that it's not the real world anymore. So I have an idea—one that will bring the five perfect strangers living under one roof back to their roots. MTV in the former Soviet Union presents: "Real World Kremlin." Shack 'em all up in a one bedroom flat, give them a potato farm to manage, some mangy, post-communistic clothes. Make them work day and night for bags of flour and stand in line for moldy bread. That's the real world you'd see.



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Louisiana culture and is a part of everyday life. She said everyone learns to dance at a young age in Louisiana which allows them to master the quick steps and rapid swinging style. Both young and old take part in dances.

"It's rare (in Louisiana) to see a bar without a dance floor. The dancing is fascinating to watch," Ramsland said.

"The dancing is usually with couples and involves a lot of physical contact. It's a very graceful form of dance and it's really neat to watch."

**"They are very Southern, very Louisiana-sounding and there's nothing like it. It's truly an American form."**

— Neal Losey  
KCBX Music Director

Castoro Cellars is located in Templeton, at the corner of Hwy. 46 and Bethel Road. The gate opens at 6 p.m. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$12, while children under 12 are free.

Bon Temps Creole Cafe will serve

authentic Cajun food at an extra charge.

Advance tickets are available at Castoro Cellars tasting room. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door. For reservations call Castoro Cellars at 238-0725.

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# Concert to showcase local talent

SLO Unplugged to present local bands in cappuccino-free environment

By Jen Stevenson  
Mustang Daily

Unity Christ Church will be filled with a joyful noise this weekend, but it won't be coming from a gospel choir.

A diverse lineup of 18 local musicians and bands will gather there Saturday and Sunday nights for the fifth annual SLO Unplugged concert, to play an eclectic blend of music.

Producer Ronnie Simons of Mr. Entertainment Productions created SLO Unplugged five years ago to bring together and showcase local talent. Simons said he thinks this year will be the best show yet.

"Everybody on the bill is different, everyone has their own style and uniqueness and sound," Simons said. "Everyone will really complement each other."

Saturday night will feature a blend of folk and adult contemporary music, with local artist Jill Knight returning from promoting her new album to headline the show. Joining Knight are local musicians BellaDonna, Bob and Wendy, Carol Lowell, Craig Nuttycombe, Inga Swearingen, Joseph Jenkins, Louie Ortega, Peter Yelda, and Richard Green.

Many names on the bill may seem familiar to Cal Poly students. All of the artists play locally, many at well-known venues such as Cisco's or Mother's Tavern in and some are even directly affiliated with Cal Poly.

Richard Green has played his self-described mixture of folk jazz and pop at Backstage Pizza on campus for several years. This is Green's fifth year playing in SLO Unplugged, and he is excited about the concert.

"It's a good opportunity to play for a good crowd and do your original material. It's fun," Green said. "It's always an inspiration. It makes me focus."

Green said his wife, brother and several friends will be joining him on stage this year, playing different instruments and singing along with him.

Inga Swearingen, a 23-year-old Cuesta student whose father Don



teaches architecture at Cal Poly, said she has a mixed style, and is influenced heavily by Joni Mitchell and Ani DeFranco.

"My guitar playing is more folk, but my singing is definitely more jazz," Swearingen said.

Swearingen plays regularly at Linnaea's cafe and Caffè Brio downtown, but this is her first year playing in SLO Unplugged. She said she is looking forward to new contacts with other musicians and playing some new songs she has written.

"I went as an audience member last year and everyone in the audience was so supportive," Swearingen said. "Everyone knows someone there playing. I'm excited to play for people who really want to be there."

Part of what makes the show so unique, Simons said, is that the musicians will not just be performing alone on stage but will also join each other at times.

"You are going to see these acts in a way they never get to play," Simons said. "Jill will be singing, but Bob (from Bob and Wendy) could be playing cello. You see them in a different light, interacting."

"It's a collage of different styles," Simons said. "There's something for everybody."

Bob of Bob and Wendy, who have been a local duo for 12 years and have played in SLO Unplugged every year, will be playing cello with several of the other artists.

"It's a lot of fun because it's really different than any of the other gigs we do," Bob said. "Usually there's always cappuccino machines in the

background and other noise. This show is totally focused on the performers."

Carol Lowell, a chemistry lecturer at Cal Poly, said she is looking forward to performing for the first time in SLO Unplugged. She said the show is especially exciting for her as an artist because it focuses on local musicians' original talent.

"There aren't that many venues locally to play original music," Lowell said.

Sunday's lineup is a mix of blues, jazz, soul and Latin influences, with performers Doc Stolty, Dyre Wolfe,

Guy Budd, Emy Mack, Jim Conroy, Pam and Jeri, Trio Vanguard and headliners Jive-n-Direct.

Damon Castillo, lead vocalist and guitarist of Jive-n-Direct, describes the band's sound as a combination of jazz, rock, funk, and rhythm & blues all put together in pop-song style.

This is the one-and-a-half-year old band's first year doing SLO Unplugged. Simons said the band is headlining because they are "hot" right now, and their first CD "Then When" is selling extremely well. Castillo calls the concert an opportunity to do something different.

"We get to check out everyone else

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Carol Lowell  
Craig NuttyCombe  
Inga Swearingen  
Jill Knight  
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Sun. Oct. 11th 7:30 p.m.  
Blues, Jazz, Soul, Latin

Doc Stolty  
Dyre Wolfe  
Emy Mack  
Guy Budd  
Jim Conroy  
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Trio Vanguard

from around town that we don't usually get a chance to see because we are gigging at the same time," Castillo said.

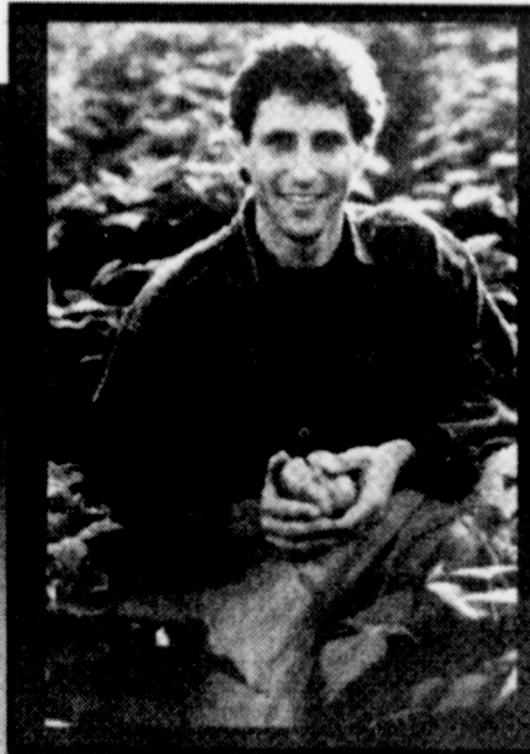
Castillo said the band was playing by the mission when Simons heard them, and invited them to join SLO Unplugged.

Simons got the original idea for SLO Unplugged when he came here five years ago from Los Angeles. He said he used to walk through the mis-

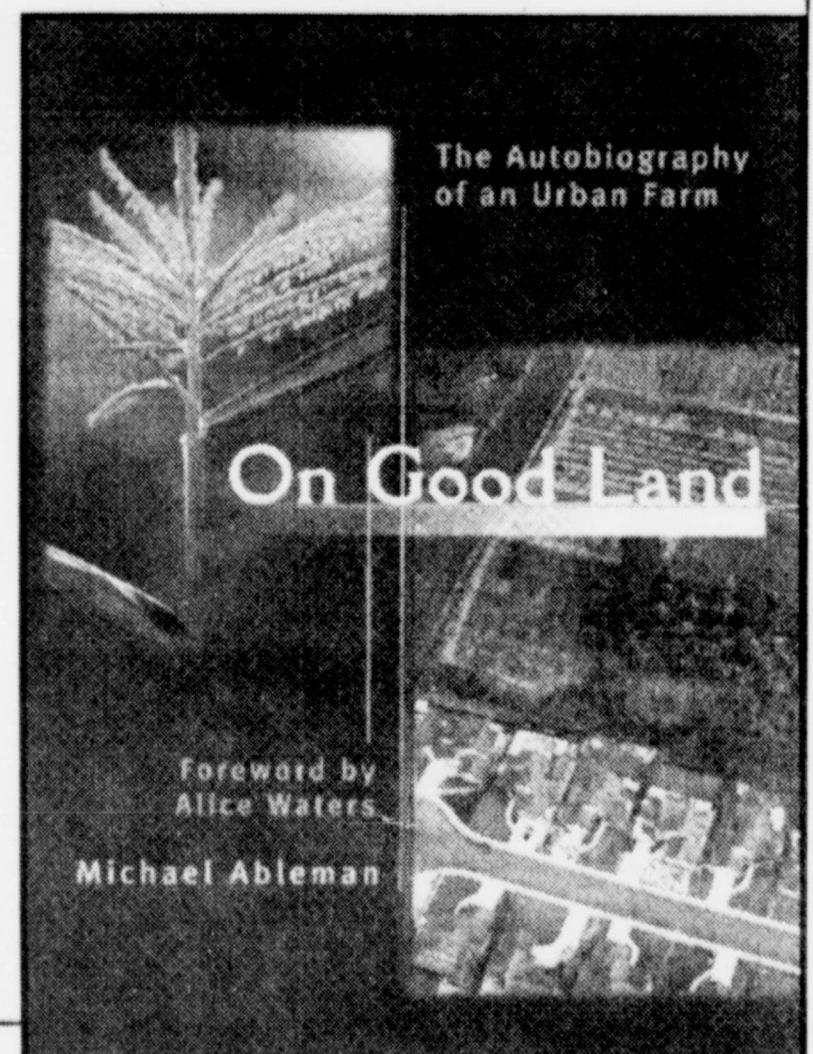
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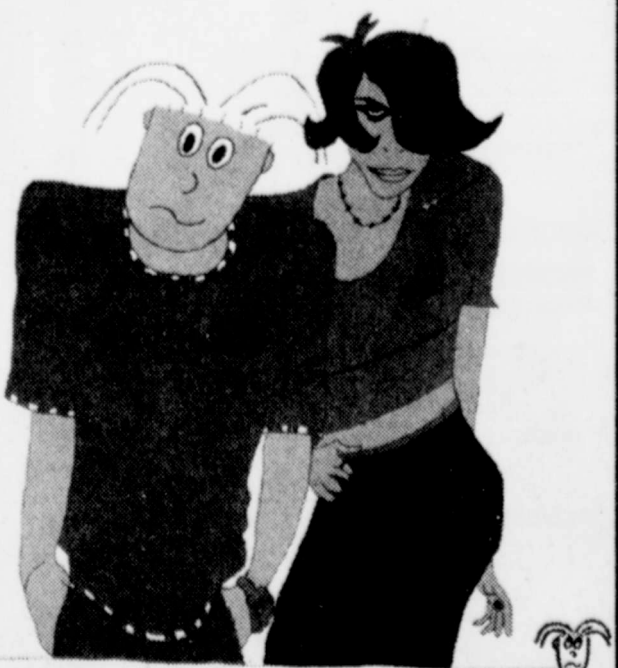
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## CONCERT

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sion plaza by Cisco's and hear the musicians playing there.

"I was walking through hearing these great bands," Simons said, "but it was so noisy, people eating and talking. I was thinking, 'These people are so good they should be on a real stage.'"

This experience inspired Simons to put together the first SLO Unplugged in 1994. Simons' background in music includes being a DJ and producing concerts since his teenage years, he said.

At the time he was house manager at the Forum on Marsh Street and he received permission to put the show on there. The first SLO Unplugged had four acts—Emy Mack, Jill Knight,

Richard Green and Bob and Wendy, Simons said. It was a success

and the rest is San Luis Obispo history.

"We have such an incredible abundance of talent in the area, we are so lucky," Simons said.

Last year a SLO Unplugged album was released that raised almost \$15,000 for the homeless. Simons said a SLO Unplugged II will be released next year. He said anyone interested in contributing music or submitting a cover design for the album can send a CD, cassette, or design to P.O. Box 4732, San Luis Obispo, 93403.

This year the show is back in the Unity Christ Church at 1490 Southwood Drive in San Luis Obispo, after being in the Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly last fall. Simons said he prefers the smaller, more intimate setting of the church, which has housed the concert before.

There is a 260-seat capacity in the

church, Simons said. In the past, the event has sold out. Mike White, owner of Boo Boo Records said tickets haven't sold out yet, but that doesn't mean the tickets won't sell eventually.

"In this community people are usually slow to commit to their weekend. Pre-event sales are not a big indicator of the success of the concert," White said.

SLO Unplugged is an all-ages show and a non-alcoholic event, Simons said.

Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door for the three-hour concert. Advance tickets are available at Boo Boo Records, the Chamber of Commerce and the Unity Christ Church.

The show is being sponsored by K-OTTER, KCBX, Blue Note Music, Central Coast Music, Boo Boo Records, New Times and Spectrum Color Images.

## CAFE

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Winnick, who is originally from New York, worked in several famous Cajun food restaurants in New Orleans, including Commander's Palace, Mr. B's Bistro and Brennan's according to Lang.

"Bob and I wanted to open a restaurant and we had several concepts," Lang said. "Based on the location we found and Bob's experience in Louisiana, we decided on Cajun food."

He said the credo of Bon Temps is to provide "Big portions, cheap prices, and friendly waitresses," and delivers on its claim.

The portions are generous, and each meal comes with a full spread of side dishes. Most dinner entrees come with red beans and rice and a corn

*"It makes you feel like Freddy Flinstone when you've got such a huge meaty bone in front of you."*

—Victoria Walker  
Bon Temps employee

muffin. For breakfast, a hearty meal of eggs, hash browns, an English muffin and fruit costs a reasonable \$3.95.

Bon Temps offers breakfasts from \$2.95 to \$6.95. The lunch menu ranges from \$3.95 to \$9.95, and dinners are between \$4.95 and \$12.95.

Bon Temps is located at 1000 Olive St. in the Olive Tree Motel. The restaurant offers indoor and outdoor dining, take-out, and private party facilities.



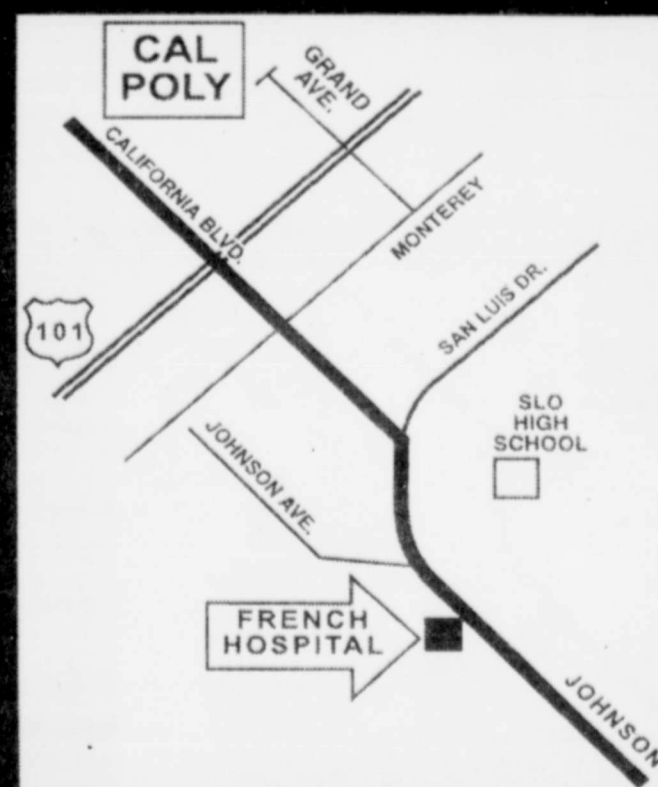
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## Firefighters gain on SoCal fires

BANNING (AP) — Firefighters made big gains Wednesday against two wildfires that blackened swaths of Southern California brushlands and led to two deaths.

"It's been pretty good today," said fire spokesman Iral Evans in Riverside County. "It's been warm, and humidity low, but the winds died down."

The two blazes in the brushy inland region between Los Angeles and Palm Springs erupted Monday and were rapidly spread by strong Santa Ana winds.

The 24,625-acre Mount Edna fire was 75 percent contained, Evans said. Full containment was predicted for 8 a.m. Friday, with full control 24 hours later.

The neighboring Taylor fire, covering 2,160 acres, was 90 percent contained. Full containment was predicted for 8 a.m. today, and full control by 6 p.m. today.

"They've pretty well got a handle on it," Evans said.

A total of 2,000 firefighters were working on the fires.

The Edna fire burned in a path south of the cities of Banning and Beaumont but stalled in The Badlands before reaching Moreno Valley to the west.

A pilot was killed in the crash of an air tanker and there were five minor injuries among firefighters in the battle against the Edna fire. Damage was light despite the fire's

size. Only two unidentified structures burned.

The Taylor fire burned a few miles to the north, between Beaumont and Calimesa.

One firefighter died of a heart attack and there were seven minor injuries at that fire. A house and a mobile home were destroyed, but the only other damage was to the roof of a house and a shed.

In San Diego County, meanwhile, authorities tallied damage from much smaller but destructive fires. Six homes under construction at Rancho Bernardo and three cars burned Tuesday. Damage to the homes was estimated at \$920,000. The cars were worth about \$20,000.

## Rescuers want speed bumps removed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Without traffic cops to discourage speeders, the gated community of Coto de Caza peppered speed bumps around neighborhood streets to dissuade any drivers who think they may be the second coming of Mario Andretti.

Just one problem: Fire engines and ambulances rushing to emergencies are delayed as well, swelling response times that could mean the difference between life and death. Authorities want the bumps bumped, but residents of this exclusive Orange County

enclave say they need them to keep their streets safe and sane.

"Speed bumps are our only tool to control speeding on our streets," said John Zarian, president of the CZ Master Association, which represents about 80 percent of Coto de Caza's 4,100 homeowners.

Orange County's dilemma reflects a growing problem as more cities across the country use so-called traffic-calming devices like bumps, traffic circles and waffled intersections to slow speeders.

"The major trade-off is with public safety," said James E. Moore II, associate professor of urban and regional planning at the University of Southern California. "It improves the environment for the homeowners and slows traffic, ... but every neighborhood at some point is going to have to be accessible to emergency vehicles."

There are more than a dozen areas with speed bumps on the streets in Coto de Caza, about 70 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles.

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has seen from the midfielder, who already has a goal.

"Sandy is more of a play-maker with a lot of potential," said Cozier. "She's still coming into herself."

While Sandy is the play-maker, Gina is the finisher. Last year's Big West Player of the Year is leading the league's top team (6-4-1, 3-0-1). Gina is currently tied for second on the school's all-time goals list with 32 in just her third season.

"She's quiet by nature, but she's very explosive on the field," Cozier said. "She's one of the few players with speed that can control the ball. Very few players have that ability. She's always good for a goal a game."

Gina's father knew at a young age that Gina was head and shoulders above everybody else on the soccer field.

"By age five, I knew she was going to be a lot better than all the other players," said Jorge Ocegüera, who played semi-pro soccer in Mexico before coming to the United States.

Although he's proud of his daughters' achievements on the field, he

"Never in my life did I think I would see the green jersey in my house. It's one of the highlights of my career."

— Jorge Ocegüera  
Gina and Sandy's father

hopes they will not try to make a career out of it because soccer is a very demanding sport. He said being yelled at by coaches and fans, plus being in pain from getting kicked during games are difficult situations he doesn't want his daughters to go through.

"I am still proud of my daughters no matter what they do," he said. "They both compliment each other with their play-making ability and attitudes. This is the first time they actually have played together."

Jorge said he had aspirations of being on the Mexican national team, but never thought that he would get to see one of his daughters actually be selected for the Mexican team.

"Never in my life did I think I would see the green jersey in my house. It's one of the highlights in my life," he said proudly.

Though they respect their father's wishes, Sandy and said they will see how far their soccer careers take them. Gina said there is talk of a women's professional league starting up in the U.S. and is looking forward to trying out for a team.

If there was a sibling rivalry between the two, it only existed while they were children, they said. Sandy remembered Gina beating her

up often.

"When we were younger she would beat the crap out of me for no reason," Sandy said. "So one day I got mad and chucked a book at her and hit her on her face. All I remember after that is running away from her as she approached me like the Terminator," she said.

Fortunately the once-playful Ocegüeras are now beginning to learn to feed off each other's approach to the game of soccer.

"We are two completely different people," Sandy said. "But when it comes down to soccer she is so confident. She knows what she can do. She goes out there and accomplishes her goals and as far as I'm concerned I need to learn to gain that confidence I see in her."

Gina has also picked up some tips from her former wrestling buddy.

"She's so good with dribbling the ball. When she does something impressive I tell myself 'I need to learn what she did.' I sometimes ask her for pointers on how to dribble around people."

Gina is currently living in a house with three other teammates while Sandy is experiencing dorm life. Gina gets a visit from her sister frequently, especially during meal time.

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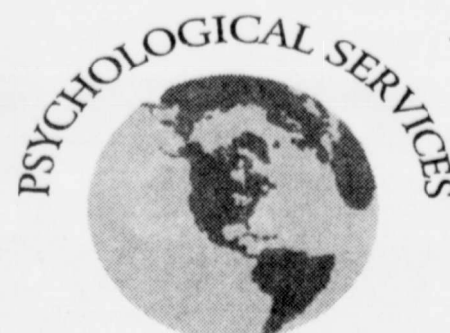
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# Judge says voters can decide N.Y. Yankee Stadium's fate

NEW YORK (AP) — Invoking the vanished ballparks of the city's past, a judge ruled Wednesday that New Yorkers should be allowed to decide the fate of Yankee Stadium.

The decision was a defeat for Mayor Rudolph Giuliani in his fight to ban the November referendum from the ballot box.

"I don't think it's a legal decision," Giuliani said. "It's a political decision."

Unless the city wins on appeal, the ruling means voters will decide next month if they want to spend an estimated \$1 billion to build a new Yankee Stadium on Manhattan's West Side.

In his 15-page decision, state Supreme Court Justice Douglas

McKeon compared building the new stadium to a family buying a new home, and said "each voice in the family must be heard."

"The decision to abandon an athletic stadium involves emotional and economic factors," McKeon said. "Ebbets Field, the Polo Grounds — shouldn't the public have the right to say whether Yankee Stadium meets that same fate?"

Both Ebbets Field and the Polo Grounds were torn down and replaced by housing projects.

Months of name-calling and political wrangling between Giuliani and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, who is running for governor against Republican incumbent George

Pataki, began after Yankees owner George Steinbrenner began talking about moving the team from the Bronx when his lease expires in 2002.

Giuliani, the city's self-described No. 1 Yankees fan, proposed a new state-of-the-art, \$1 billion stadium where warehouses and rail yards now stand.

The push for a Manhattan stadium gained momentum in April after a 500-pound steel joint fell at the 75-year-old Yankee Stadium, forcing it to close temporarily.

The mayor may have liked the idea of moving the Yankees, but the public apparently didn't. Vallone called for the November referendum.

## NBA bargaining to resume

NEW YORK (AP) — Facing the possibility of the first shortened season in NBA history, owners and players resume labor talks today with few expectations of progress.

"We're ready to sit there and talk all day and all night and maybe someone will come up with something," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "Often that's how it happens, but I have no reason to be optimistic."

The bargaining session will be only the second between the sides since the lockout was imposed July 1.

The owners and players have only a couple of days to come up with a deal that will save an 82-game season, and such a breakthrough seems unlikely with the sides far apart on the main economic issues.

"I hope it's going to be substantive," players union director Billy Hunter said. "I'm going to tell David (Stern, the commissioner) what we don't like about their last proposal, and then suggest we really talk about something that's going to create some movement on both sides."

The last time owners and players were together in the same room was Aug. 6, when the players made their

most recent proposal, and the owners responded by walking out of the room.

Two hour-long informal sessions have been held in the last two weeks, with only Stern, Granik, Hunter and union president Patrick Ewing attending.

Both sides now expect the work stoppage to force the cancellation of games. The entire exhibition schedule has already been canceled, and the regular season is due to begin Nov. 3.

"We feel that the NBA is making a lot of money. Everybody, for the most part, is doing financially okay," Ewing said. "So we don't see why they had to lock us out. If you asked David Stern, I don't think he would say that the league as a whole is doing bad."

But Stern and the owners claim as many as half of them are losing money and the league as a whole is much less profitable than it was a few years ago.

The owners are seeking a system with cost certainty, looking to gradually roll back the amount of revenue devoted to player salaries from 57 percent to 48 percent.

The players have offered some concessions, but are unwilling to accept a "hard" salary cap or give up

the "Larry Bird exception" that allows teams to exceed the salary cap to retain their own free agents.

"We're prepared to address their concerns, we really are," Hunter said. "But I'm not going to bid against myself. They have taken an intransigent position in which they are not inclined to respond to anything other than what they are demanding. I'm not prepared to do that, and I would be remiss in my duty if I did that. It's not going to be a concession deal where they make demands and we concede."

Granik said the owners won't be bringing any concessions to the table. He also said the owners would reject any union proposal to play the upcoming season under the old operating system.

"Hunter suggested that two weeks ago, and we told him he couldn't possibly be serious," Granik said. "The whole point of where we are is that we can't live under the old deal — even for one more year or one more day. It's out of the question."

The players have complained that they shouldn't be expected to protect the owners from themselves, but Granik more or less conceded that's what the owners are seeking.

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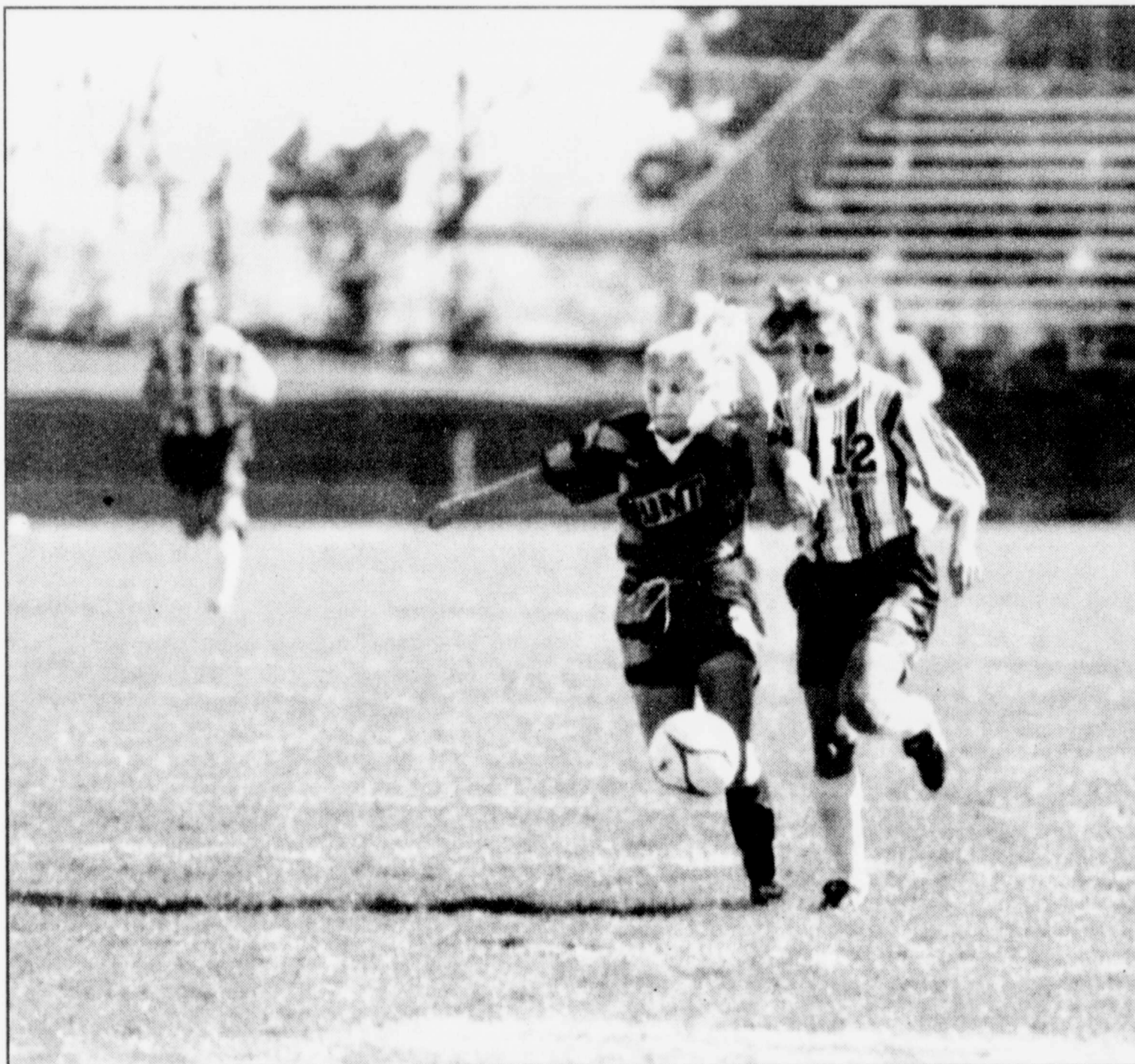
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The hike is due to the private financing for the new stadium. The team is trying to recover the \$130 million it is spending on the 41,000-seat ballpark.



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**AFTER THE BALL:** Last year's Big West Player of the Year, Gina Ocegura, leads the Mustangs with 8 goals this year.

## Sisters have worldly goals

By Jose Garcia  
Mustang Daily

Let's take a ride into the future and fast forward to the summer of 1999.

It's the final game of the women's soccer World Cup and the competitors are the United States and Mexico. Two of the players on the field are siblings and current Mustangs — freshman Sandy and junior Gina Ocegura.

Here's the twist: Sandy, 18, and Gina, 21, are playing for the Mexican team. Their father's dual citizenship enables his daughters to play for his home country.

ESPN, a stadium crowd of 100,000 and millions of viewers worldwide are watching. Even the famous Argentinean broadcaster known for his bombastic, "Goooooaaallll!" call is announcing the game.

Their proud parents are in the stands as the Ocegura sisters hear the national anthems before the game. The pride, the honor, the elation...

"That's about the time I'd start peeing in my pants," said Sandy, laughing at the notion of that happening.

This past summer, Mexican coaches assembled a team for the 1999 World Cup and tapped into the U.S. collegiate ranks for six top-notch players. Gina made the squad as the team's starting sweeper, while Sandy made the 22-woman non-traveling roster. With so many players trying out for the U.S. team, the Oceguras leaped at the opportunity presented to them by the Mexican team.

Gina was also selected to play on



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**BIG SISTER:** Gina and her sister, Sandy, both play for the Mexican national team.

*"She's quiet by nature, but she's very explosive on the field. She's one of the few players with speed that can control the ball. She's always good for a goal a game."*

— Alex Crozier  
women's soccer head coach

a U.S. Olympic development squad but didn't receive much playing time.

"Hopefully I'll prove some people (on the U.S. team) wrong," Gina said. "I consider Mexico like my country because I'm a citizen there now. I just want to play for them like I would for the U.S. I just want to make everybody proud."

Gina and the Mexican squad are going through the qualifying round to qualify for the World Cup. Mexico will have to defeat Argentina twice in the coming

months in order to advance. Gina said she feels confident about her team's chances. The Mexican team already played the United States last summer and lost 9-0. However, the Mexican team was without its college players and some of its other top players.

Before playing in the qualifying matches, the Oceguras will concentrate on achieving other great feats at Cal Poly. Although Sandy is barely into her first season, head coach Alex Crozier is pleased with what he

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Matt King

## Big mistake not drafting Moss; he's pretty good

About six months ago, NFL teams raised questions about selecting Randy Moss because of his questionable character. Bad move; he's good.

Nineteen teams, counting Cincinnati twice, decided to forego drafting Moss because of his past — a history that includes assaulting a fellow student in high school for making a racial slur, testing positive for marijuana, and a domestic dispute with his girlfriend.

Were his actions stupid? Certainly. Should he be allowed a chance to redeem himself? No doubt.

And while many teams ignored and bad-mouthed Moss, the Vikings decided to give him a chance—advantage Minnesota. The 6-foot-5-inch, 210-pound receiver, who nobody wanted, dominates the league like no other rookie receiver ever has. After five games, Moss has 22 receptions for 463 yards and 6 TDs. His touchdowns and reception yards lead the NFL and are first and third, respectively, in NFL history for the first five games.

In college, because of his supernatural talent, broadcasters likened Moss to a college receiver playing against a high school defense. Nothing has changed. Professional defensive backs appear helpless. If Moss isn't outrunning them with his 4.3 speed, he's overpowering them with his colossal size. Simply throw the ball in the air, and he will come down with it.

Of course, Moss can't compare with the Jerry Rices and Cris Carters of the league yet, but he does share one key characteristic with them: he makes big plays and makes them often.

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(Mis)Play of the Week—Seattle Seahawks QB John Friesz leaves the game in the fourth quarter due to a headache. If you want out of the game, John, at least think of an excuse that makes you look somewhat like a man. In a sport filled with serious concussions and career-ending injuries, you walk off the field for a couple of Tylenol. This just in: John Friesz remains questionable for Sunday's game with a severe case of the sniffles.