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## State employees rally at Cal Poly while bargaining talks take place



California State University staff, frustrated with the lack of pay increases over the past three years, is pushing its union to meet with the CSU to discuss contract amendments



COURTESY PHOTOS

150 CSU employees gathered in front of the Administration Building on Tuesday to show support for their bargaining team. The CSU Employees Union (CSUEU) held contract negotiations with the CSU involving pay increases and parking rates.

Erick Smith  
MUSTANG DAILY

Shirts proclaiming "raises, rights and respect" were donned by roughly 150 members from the Cal Poly Chapter of the California State University Employees Union on Tuesday as bargaining talks between the CSUEU and the California State University were held at Cal Poly.

The talks between the two sides on Tuesday and Wednesday centered on economic issues, mainly an increase in pay for the state's 15,000 employees and a control on the cost of staff parking rates.

Currently, the proposal brought forward by the CSU is a 2.1 percent pay increase which totals an increase of \$630 for an employee making \$30,000 per year. On the

other hand, representatives from two groups went into another round of talks which have been taking place for nearly three years with the newest financial proposal presented in February by the CSUEU.

"The university was really slow to respond to our initial proposal. It took them four months this spring to counter our economic proposal," Gantt said. "That sort of delayed the starting point to get the dynamic going and now they do appear

to be bargaining in earnest by considering our proposal." Gantt, serving his second two-year term as CSUEU president, represents the following four state employee groups: health support, operations support-grounds keeping and janitorial staff, clerical and administrative staff and technical staff. He said he was pleased with the turnout of the union members and called it "energizing" as some of supporters came from state universities other than Cal Poly to support the talks.

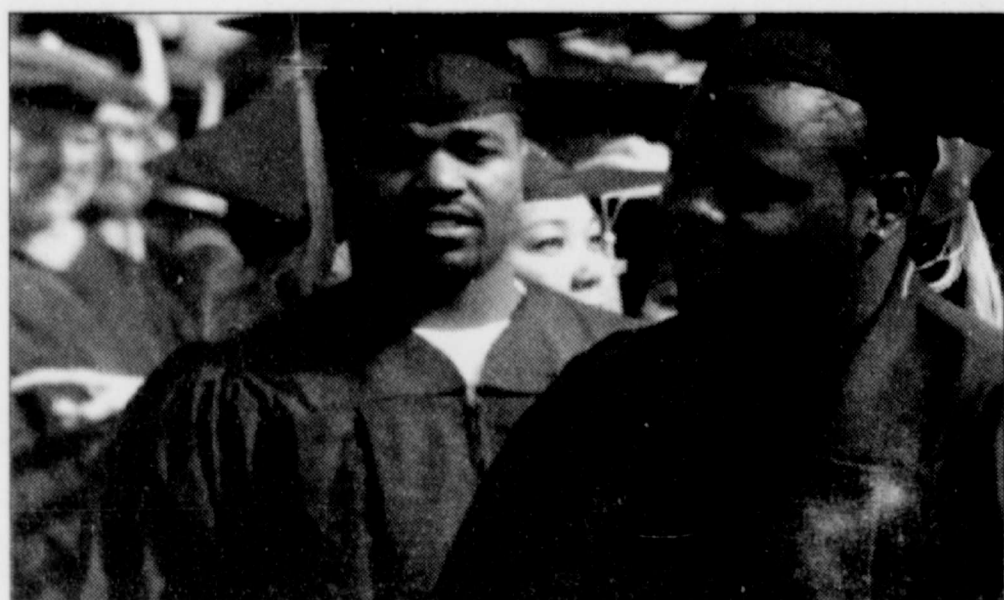
Similar rallies have been held at other CSU schools, as recently as July 13, when state bargaining officials met with CSUEU representatives at California State University Dominguez Hills. During the talks, roughly 100

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## Poly in top 100 nationally to graduate minority students



COURTESY PHOTO

Cal Poly, along with 14 other CSU schools, is among the top 100 universities to graduate minority students.

Christopher Gunn  
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly has been named one of the top 100 universities in the nation in awarding undergraduate degrees to minorities, according to July's issue of the magazine "Black Issues in Higher Education."

Cal Poly was ranked 60th and was grouped with 14 other California State Universities that made it to the magazine's annual "Top 100" list.

The list, compiled by "Black Issues in Higher Education," comprises the top universities nationwide in terms of conferring degrees upon minority students. The list is compiled from information supplied by the United States

Department of Education.

"It's encouraging that we're getting results," Interim Provost Robert Detweiler said. "We ought to be encouraged that we are contributing."

In terms of universities awarding undergraduate degrees in agriculture, Cal Poly was highly ranked receiving a ranking of No. 5 in degrees to all minorities.

In correlation to the No. 5 ranking, Cal Poly was also named No. 2 in degrees awarded to Native Americans, No. 3 in degrees awarded to Hispanic students and No. 4 in degrees awarded to Asian Americans in the same category.

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FROM THE EDITOR

## Mustang Daily admits plagiarism

The Summer Mustang learned early last week that it had published articles that contained plagiarized content.

The reporter responsible for the stories is no longer on the reporting staff.

An article scheduled to run in last Thursday's edition was examined by the news editor and found to not meet the standards of the newspaper.

Under further investigation, the Summer Mustang editorial staff found five articles that contained lifted passages from other unattributed sources, each from the same reporter. The articles began running in the Mustang Daily during spring quarter.

Of the five articles, three ran in the first four editions of the Summer Mustang. A majority of the used content came from a variety of movie reviews.

The Mustang Daily holds its employees to the highest value of standards. Before the start of each quarter, reporters are presented with the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics and asked to sign the code as a legal and ethical contract. That code clearly states in a byline that reporters should "Never Plagiarize." Another byline reads "Identify sources whenever feasible. The public is entitled to as much information as possible on sources' reliability."

Plagiarism is defined by Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary as "stealing and passing off the ideas or words of another as one's own or to use another's production without crediting the source."

As a professional publication, the Mustang Daily does not tolerate plagiarism. Readers can be assured the problem has been dealt with fully and swiftly.

The Daily staff takes pride in the product it produces for its readers each day. It is necessary to inform the readers of our newspaper policies, decision-making and problems. Truth is the foundation of any media's credibility.

A detailed report of the discovered violations occur on page two in the "correction" section. An investigation into further plagiarized content continues.

For now, the Daily will implement see Articles, page 2



## Graduation

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"It is also discouraging that there aren't more colleges graduating minority students," Detweiler said.

According to the Cal Poly 2003-04 fact book on enrollment summary statistics, while there were 4,416 minority students enrolled during the 2003-2004 academic year, only 1 percent of Cal Poly's total enrollment was African-American. That is 166 African-American students in a total college year average enrollment of 18,246 students.

Increasing diversity within the Cal Poly community is still a challenge particularly with African American students, according to Detweiler.

In reference to the percentage of enrolled African American students at Cal Poly and the 60th overall national ranking, "It's kind of discouraging for America, it's a nice reflection on Cal Poly," Detweiler said.

Despite the lack of African-American students enrolled in the university, Detweiler acknowledged that for a polytechnic university it is encouraging that Cal Poly is among the nations leaders for Hispanic and

Black engineers.

"Both Cal Poly and the nation still must do more to encourage the success of minorities," he said.

The next step for Cal Poly is to continue its efforts in improving diversity according to Assistant Vice President for Admission, Recruitment and Financial Aid Jim Maraviglia.

Maraviglia, described as the man charged with increasing diversity at the Cal Poly, relayed his office's efforts in increasing Cal Poly's diversity.

"We do different things within targeted recruitment," Maraviglia said. "We have adapted 42 different partnerships with high schools in California."

Through targeted recruiting, Maraviglia hoped to improve the chances of minorities throughout California to get into Cal Poly as well as the CSU system.

"Our role is to increase the number of eligible applicants," Maraviglia said. "Less than 5 percent of black graduates coming out of high school are CSU eligible."

"The nation should be doing its best to get all ethnic groups through higher education," Detweiler said.

## Articles

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a fact spot-checking system as to further discourage such actions. Reporters will log the sources they use and contact information for those sources and turn this information in to the editors after each published article. Each staff member has met to discuss proper sourcing, plagiarism and the ethical code that must be respected to give you, the reader, a reliable, trustworthy news source.

It is the newspapers' decision not to identify the reporter's name for the following reasons:

- It would not recognize the shared fault of the copy-editing, editorial process and institution.

- The reporter's identity is a privacy matter.

It is with sincerity that the Mustang Daily apologizes to its readers and promises that every hierarchy of the organization remains committed to journalism honesty and excellence.

-Dan Watson, editor in chief, and Kristen Oato, managing editor

## MUSTANG DAILY CORRECTIONS

Three stories that ran in the Summer Mustang contained passages copied from sources that were unattributed and reported as original work. The plagiarized work is documented below.

On the front page of the July 7 - July 13 edition, a story titled "Barbershop quartet to represent Poly in Nationals" contained:

- Two paragraphs taken directly from the Men-so Forte Web site [www.harmonize.com/menso-forte/](http://www.harmonize.com/menso-forte/)

On an Arts and Entertainment page of the June 30 - July 6 edition, a story titled "July Fourth do's and don'ts" contained:

- A paragraph taken directly from an eHow Web site titled "How to Plan the Perfect Fourth of July Weekend."

- A paragraph taken directly from an eHow Web site titled "Don't Be Blinded by the Dangers of Fireworks."

- A paragraph taken directly from an article on the internetautoguide.com Web site titled "3rd and 4th of July prove to be lethal for Florida Drivers."

On July 14 - July 20, 2005, a movie review on "Fantastic Four" appeared in the Arts and Entertainment section and contained plagiarized work from the following sources:

- A Dustin's Review on "Fantastic Four" by Dustin Putman for themovieboy

- A movie review on "Fantastic Four" by Kevin Carr for CheyenneNetwork

- A Reel Film Review on "Fantastic Four" by David Nusair

## Rally

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union members came and rallied while they supported their bargaining team.

As of Tuesday afternoon, Gantt said there were no other talks scheduled, but the two sides would try to establish future meeting dates.

"In the good years they didn't give us raises and in the bad they blamed the budget," Anderson said. "We know they have the money and they've had the money. They need to step up to the plate and give us respect."

When he referenced the negotiations, Gantt called the situation an unfolding story and he hoped his talks with the CSU representatives would yield higher wages for the union members.

"It appears the budget in the CSU has been better then it has been in a couple years and we need to try and get the raises for the employees we represent," Gantt said.

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## STATE NEWS

**SANTA ANA** — Gene-o Platt spent 3 1/2 years and thousands of dollars sprucing up Civil War veterans' graves in a war against decay.

Turns out, he was on the wrong side.

The Orange County Cemetery District has ordered that the marble headstones he refurbished at the Santa Ana Cemetery must be

stripped of the white sealant and gold paint he covered them with.

Applying sealer to marble can cause the stone to deteriorate from the inside out because moisture in the rock can't escape, said Fred Oakley, a conservator with the Association of Gravestone Studies in Massachusetts.

"It's heartbreaking," said Platt, a Santa Ana resident and former Air Force radar technician who worked

on about 180 graves.

The Veterans Administration, which owns Civil War tombstones, bars sealer from its monuments and uses black rather than gold paint for the lettering, said Mike Nacincik, a spokesman for the VA's National Cemetery Administration.

**LOS ANGELES** — The driver of a commuter van headed toward NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory

when it plunged off a highway in December and killed three people will not face charges, prosecutors said Wednesday.

The California Highway Patrol has concluded that driver Juan Javier Bautista fell asleep at the wheel moments before the van veered off the mountainside highway on Dec. 8 and plunged 240 feet into a ravine.

—Associated Press

## OTHER NEWS

**NEW YORK** — A woman upset that she bought the video game "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" for her 14-year-old grandson without knowing it contained hidden, sexually explicit scenes sued the manufacturer Wednesday on behalf of consumers nationwide.

Florence Cohen, 85, of New York, said in the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan that the game's manufacturer, Rockstar Games, and its parent company, New York-based Take Two Interactive Software Inc., engaged in false, misleading and deceptive practices.

She sought unspecified damages on behalf of herself and all consumers nationwide, saying the company should give up its profits from the game for what amounted to false advertising, consumer deception and unfair business practices.

Cohen said in the suit that she bought the game in late 2004 for her grandson when it was rated "M" for mature, for players 17 and older. According to the suit, she directed that it be taken away from her grandson, which was done.

The game was released in October with an "M" rating. After a storm of negative publicity about the hidden scenes, the Entertainment Software Ratings Board, an industry group responsible for rating games, changed the rating to "AO" for adults only.

—Associated Press

## NATIONAL NEWS

**HOUSTON** — NASA grounded future shuttle flights Wednesday because a big chunk of insulating foam flew off Discovery's fuel tank during liftoff — as it did in Columbia's doomed mission — but this time apparently missed the spacecraft. "Until we're ready, we won't go fly again. I don't know when that might be,"

shuttle program manager Bill Parsons told reporters in a briefing Wednesday evening.

**BOWLING GREEN, VA.** — About 300 people, most of them Boy Scouts, were sickened by the heat Wednesday while waiting for President Bush to arrive at a memorial service for four Scout leaders who were killed while pitching a tent beneath a power

line. The president's visit to the Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill was postponed because of severe thunderstorms and strong wind. Instead, Bush is scheduled to visit the gathering Thursday.

**WASHINGTON** — Democrats gave no ground Wednesday on their demands for more of Supreme Court nominee John Roberts' legal documents,

saying the limited release by the White House could delay a vote to put him on the bench. "The Senate will need the White House's full cooperation to expedite the scheduling," said Patrick Leahy of Vermont, who also said he would vote against Roberts if he found the nominee to have an "activist" agenda for the high court.

—Associated Press

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**BIRMINGHAM, UK** — Police stormed a brown-brick duplex Wednesday and used a stun gun to arrest a Somali suspected of being one of four men behind botched attacks in London — a breakthrough that could yield the inside story on terror bombings that set the British capital on edge. Yasin Hassan Omar, 24, was carted to a top-security police station in London, and a key

official called the arrest significant — but warned that until all the bombers were in custody, the threat remained.

**BAGHDAD** — Iraq's prime minister said Wednesday he wants U.S. troops "on their way out" as soon as his government can protect its new democracy. The top American general in the country said he hopes to begin significant withdrawal by next spring. At the same time, in an unannounced visit, Defense Secretary Donald H.

Rumsfeld said Iraqi security forces should take on more tasks now performed by U.S. troops.

**BOMBAY** — India's financial capital was paralyzed Wednesday by the strongest rains ever recorded in the nation, with torrential downpours marooning drivers, snapping communication lines and leaving at least 200 people dead statewide.

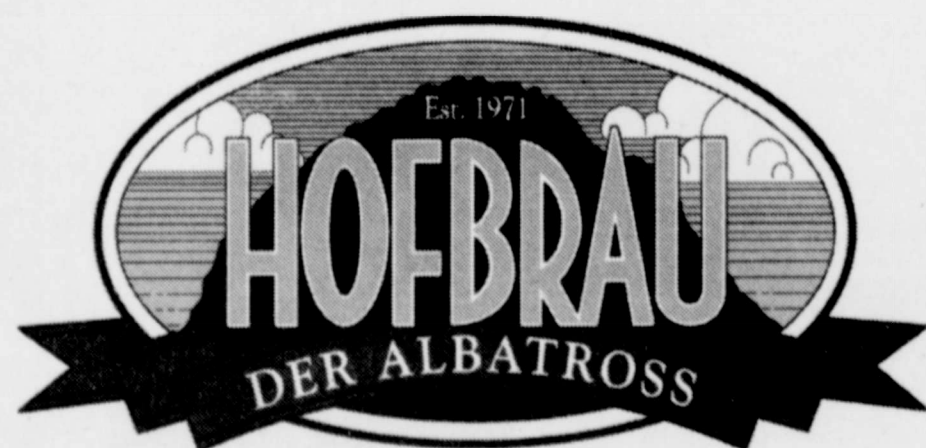
At its worst, the rainfall descended in what looked like a solid wall of water, overwhelming Bombay, a

crowded city long accustomed to monsoon rains.

"Never before in Bombay's history has this happened," said Police Commissioner A.N. Roy. "Our first priority is to rescue people stranded in floods."

"Approximately 200 dead bodies have already been recovered in the state," deputy chief minister R.R. Patil told The Associated Press, saying an additional 100 deaths were feared across Maharashtra state, where Bombay is the capital.

—Associated Press



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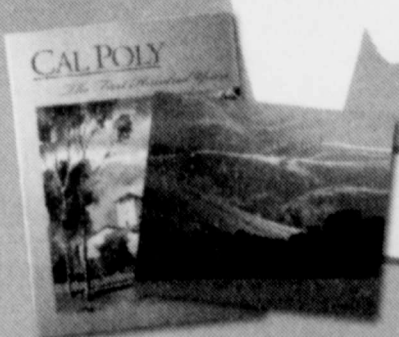
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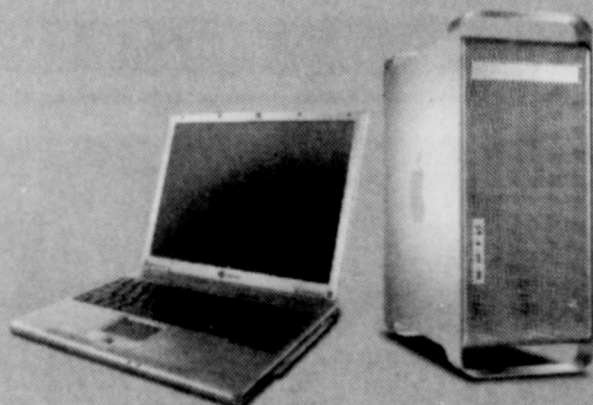
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# Mad hot movie

Karen Velie  
MUSTANG DAILY

Mad Hot Ballroom, the documentary about public school children learning ballroom dancing, may be the feel-good film of the summer.

A packed house at the Palm Theatre cheered and laughed as the children captured their hearts.

"It's the best movie I've seen in years," said Summer Awbrey, 26, of San Luis Obispo. "I loved watching the children dance."

Fifth graders from public schools in New York are taught ballroom dancing as part of their curriculum. The children are preparing

for the city ballroom dancing championship that includes tango, rumba, fox trot, meringue and swing dance competitions.

Director Marilyn Agrelo takes the viewer along as she spends 10 months following the efforts of a diverse group of students from three New York schools: Besenhurst in Brooklyn, Washington Heights and Tribeca in Manhattan.

The children at first appear clumsy and a little squeamish in regards to the opposite sex. As the weeks go by, these children become not only rhythmic dancers, but also "little ladies and gentlemen."

Certain scenes in the movie allude to the behavioral problems these children are already grappling with. Through the efforts of their teachers and dance instructors, they learn to depend on each other and themselves.

The children speak out about their views on the opposite sex, drugs and their futures. They are from a variety of backgrounds with many coming from poor, disadvantaged and single-parent homes.

It's impossible not to root for the children as they compete. After one of the teams is eliminated, the children become distressed and even their teachers are brought to tears.



COURTESY PHOTO

Children from New York are taught the art of ballroom dancing in their public school education.

During the final competition, the children appear as if they were born dancing. I found myself with a lump in my throat as they waited nervously for the results.

Critics have said that the producer did not provide enough information on the children's home lives, but I do not agree. Their family situation should not be the

focus of the movie and the director took the right approach in emphasizing their joy of dancing.

When it comes to heart warming, this charmer is off the charts.

"It's the best movie I've seen in years."

— SUMMER AWBREY  
San Luis Obispo movie-goer



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The young dancers are taught the tango, rumba, fox trot, meringue and swing dance.

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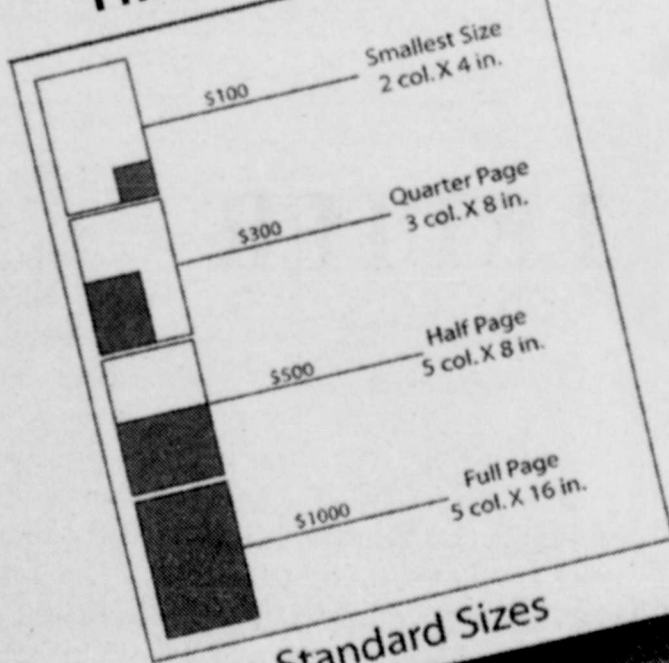
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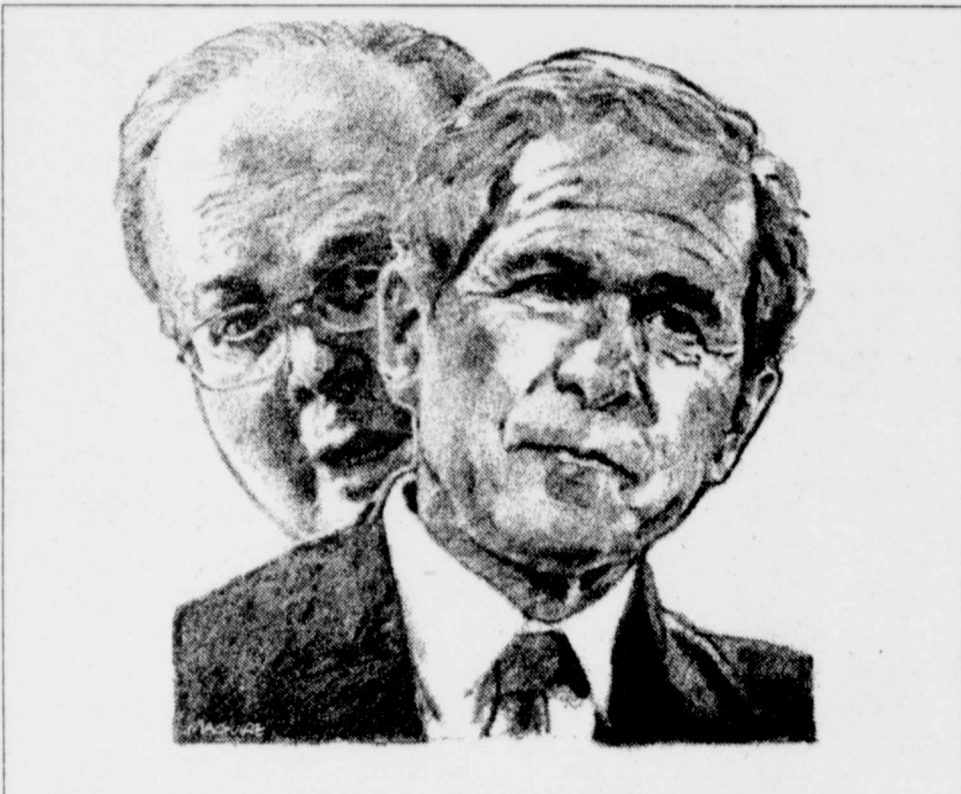


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## COMMENTARY

## Back to the '60s: Starring Bush, Rove and more ...

Adam Kotlarczyk  
NORTHERN STAR (NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

DEKALB, Ill. - Quick, someone unfreeze Austin Powers.

It's not that I have a strange affinity for crushed velvet, hipster euphemisms or poor oral hygiene. It's just that every time I pick up a newspaper, I see more stories that parallel those of Austin's day. And who better to help us cope with these problems than the World's best-known secret agent?

Start with the obvious. Now, like then, we're engaged in a guerilla war that doesn't seem to be making progress and has no end in sight. Those on the political right cringe at the Iraq-Vietnam analogy, and they're right — to a point. Iraq and Vietnam are, so far, wars on a different scale. But it's hard to ignore some of the similarities. And it shouldn't take another black wall in Washington before we start to learn from our past.

Perhaps the most notable — and damnable — of these similarities was the commitment of the brave men and women of our military without a strategy for getting them out. I'll never forget a classroom discussion I was involved in during the weeks preceding the invasion of Iraq. Many in the class were already against the war, but some supported it. A heated, but civil, discussion took place. The professor, himself a Marine combat veteran in Vietnam, listened silently to both sides until they finished. When he finally spoke, he softly asked one simple question: "How will we get the troops out?" The class fell silent. If he asked the same question again today, more than two years later, he would still have no answer.

But a war to spread democracy is not the only echo of the Vietnam era resonating today. In a White House controversy that makes you long for the good old days of cigars and stained dresses, the Bush administration is caught up in a scandal that would make Woodward and Bernstein drool.

The simple version goes like this: Before the war, a U.S. diplomat goes to Africa to investigate evidence that Iraq is trying to acquire materials needed to make nuclear weapons. He learns that Iraq is not, that the evidence is forged, and reports back. Yet somehow, the administration — including President Bush himself — continues to use this "evidence" to build a case with the American people and the world for invading Iraq to rid it of nuclear weapons.

The diplomat, feeling that his efforts have been misrepresented to Americans, publishes an opinion piece in the New York Times stating his case. The Bush administration retaliates by leaking to the media that the diplomat's wife is a CIA operative. Exposing the identity of an America spy is, shall we say, not smiled upon in many circles.

Before I start getting letters from incensed history majors, I should say I know Watergate was a little after Austin Powers' time. But who better to deal with a spy controversy than the International Man of Mystery himself? So someone hit the "thaw" button on the cryofreezer.

That would be groovy, baby.

## STAFF EDITORIAL

# The truth can never be too hot to handle

Truth is our greatest defense, our best ally and the backbone of any good newspaper's design.

Truth is infallible, it's complete, it's always right and most important to the media, it's credibility. This week, our vulnerability increases, along with our shame, in an attempt to preserve credibility.

"An error doesn't become a mistake until you refuse to correct it," once said the often-quoted Orlando Battista.

In the realization that we ran a number of articles containing copied work, we have reported the errors on the front and second pages. It was an error for us to run the work, it was a poor decision on the reporter's part to put us in that position.

Plagiarism is a word a newspaper never wants to use and most tiptoe around it. "There was a regrettable lapse in reporting," or "paragraphs and sentences were borrowed," or even as the New York Times once put it, a report was "improperly dependent" on The Boston Globe.

It's known as the profession's cardinal sin, newspapers' version of gambling on baseball.

But, in today's age, it's sadly more common. Accessibility to information via the internet has increased, and with it the convenience of 'cutting and pasting.' The speed of news has increased mostly due to the growth of broadcast and electronic media.

Pressure to compete with corporate-run entities creates a greater need

for editor's to 'get the scoop.'

As a result, a greater strain on the reporter and editor has matured from: The quicker demand of deadline, the need for more facts and deeper content and the search for a unique voice that might lasso the reader's scanning eyes.

But carelessness, deadline, writer's block, guideline confusion or the

Obviously, this is an editorial we hoped never to write. But in an ironic way, it works.

This is the space we present to you. It strips us of secrecy, and reveals our flaws, decision-making and opinions.

In the middle of this embarrassing situation, we prove our continuing dedication to informing the Cal Poly campus of the facts. This editorial is the first of many. Some might denounce rules and regulations, some might address student concerns and some might reveal the parts that run the machine.

Hopefully, it can create a greater understanding between us. News can be cold. It's the facts, and nothing but them. Opinion is strictly banned unless set apart by "commentary," and for good reason. But not here. This is your page to express your opinions and to read ours.

Michael Gartner, a Pulitzer Prize winner and editor of The Daily Tribune in Iowa, was quoted as saying in a Poynter Web site article, "You've got to have facts. In an article, you use them to inform. In an editorial, you use facts to persuade."

The fact is, we messed up. But, with a continuing dedication to journalistic integrity, an open-door policy and the quality of our future product, we intend to persuade you to trust us.

And that is the truth.

- Mustang Daily editorial staff

*Carelessness, deadline, writer's block, guideline confusion or the panic of potential failure can never trump truth. Plagiarism is a deception, a lie and turn from the truth.*

panic of potential failure can never trump truth. Plagiarism is a deception, a lie and a turn from the truth. It's stealing and it's never justified.

Most code of ethics briefly mention plagiarism. Unfortunately, there are gray areas that need to be better defined, such as proper citing and paraphrasing rules.

But, in many cases, excuses lose ears when common sense comes to play. In our case, the later was paramount in accessing guilt.

It would be unfair to go without commending the news editor, managing editor and editorial staff as a whole for discovering the problem. Plagiarism is typically stealthy and unassuming. In this case, under this staff, it took no more than three published stories to catch and deal with the situation.

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## Hiking

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Jones-Marino said. "You can hike through a variety of terrains."

The trail is open to mountain bikers. Watch out for poison oak while enjoying this easy to strenuous hike.

"You can make this hike as short or as long as you like," said Jodee Bennett, docent for Natural San Luis.

Mountain bikers are welcome on this 1-mile easy trail around the lake. There is plenty of shade and a cool breeze is common.

### Go there ...

From U.S. Highway 101, take Madonna Road west. Turn right on Dalidio Drive and head into Laguna Lake Park.

### Lemon Grove

Imagine passing by large clusters of

Luis.

### Go there ...

Take Higuera Street to the U.S. Highway 101 south entrance at Marsh Street and turn on the south bound entrance. Turn right on Fernandez Road just before the ramp goes on to the highway. The parking lot is on the right.

### Poly Canyon Loop

Not far from the world of lectures and labs sits the Poly Canyon Loop trail head.

Horses and mountain bikers are welcome on this 8.2-mile moderate to strenuous hike. Bug spray is recommended.

"It's a really nice trail with a creek and horses," said business major Paul Barbata. "You get a place to run that is not a track or a street."

This is one of many trails that explore the Poly Canyon area. A map of campus trails is available in the Mott Physical Education Building.

### Go there ...

From Grand Avenue, turn right on Perimeter Road and then turn right onto Poly Canyon Road. The trail-head is an old farm road to the right.

### Bishop's Peak

Be prepared for a workout from the climb to the top of Bishop Peak. This strenuous narrow trail is a 4.4-mile roundtrip.

At elevations reaching 1,559 feet, Bishop Peak is the tallest of the Nine Sisters, a volcanic range that stretches from Morro Bay to San Luis Obispo.

Watch out for poison oak and slippery trails. Climbing on the rocks at the summit can be dangerous.

### Go there ...

Take Los Osos Valley Road to Patricia Drive and turn right. After passing Patricia Court, park on your left.

### Guided Excursions

A docent with Natural San Luis will guide a hike through Irish Hills on Aug. 13. A hike through Reservoir Canyon is planned for Sept. 24.

Natural San Luis hikes leave at 9 a.m. For more information call 544-1777

A park ranger will lead an Irish Hills hike on Aug. 14. A South Hills hike is planned for Sept. 18.

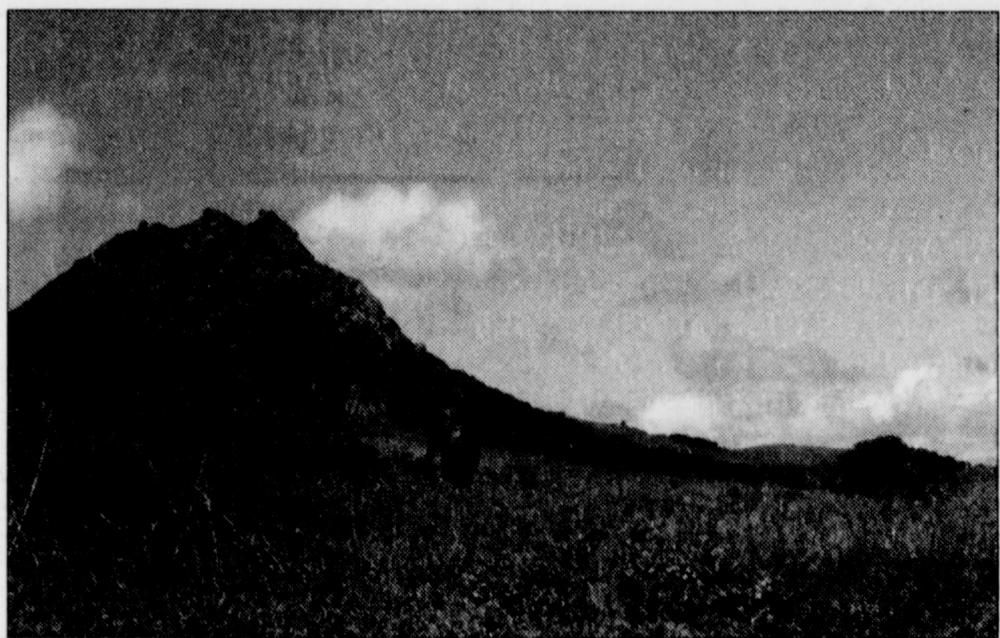
San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation ranger hikes leave at 1

p.m. For more information call 781-7301.

Trails, creeks and opened spaces are maintained by stewards. Rangers take volunteers out from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On Aug. 14 a work party is planned for the Reservoir Canyon Trail and on Sept. 10 stewards will work on the Irish Hills Trail. For more information call 781-7301.

"Our open spaces and trails are precious resources in our community and should be protected," said Pam Heatherington, former director of the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo.



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The Lemon Grove, pictured above, provides an easy escape to the sanctuary of 100-year-old lemon trees.

From Los Osos Valley Road, turn to the west on Perfumo Canyon Road. After you cross over Perfumo Creek the parking lot will be to your left.

### Laguna Lake Open Space

Pack the binoculars - the Laguna Lake open space is a natural habitat for numerous bird species and a stopping place for many migratory birds.

This is a favorite hunting ground for red shoulder hawks, red tail hawks and kestrels. Scores of mockingbirds, meadowlarks and blue jays nest in the area.

prickly pear cactus, through a shady thicket of oak trees to find a 100-year old-grove of lemon trees laden with fruit.

This 2.2-mile easy hike is open to mountain bikers. Watch out for poison oak and cactus.

A portion of the trail is an old carriage road that winds through a eucalyptus grove. During the late 1800's, the grove was a popular makeout spot.

Imagine views of Morro Bay, Pismo Beach and Avila Beach. For a moderate to strenuous hike, take the upper trail to the top of Cerro San

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**60 Vivid red**

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34 Poll conclusion?  
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38 Ancient fertility goddess  
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40 Coleridge character  
42 Lowered oneself  
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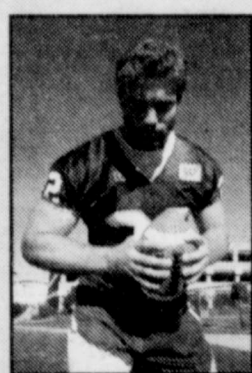


## THE SPORTS BAR

Summer embers are beginning to heat up as both the NL West and the AL West draw closer to the postseason. With the month of August on us, the question becomes who will falter and who will sky rocket in the final months before the baseball post season?

- Sports editor Chris Gunn

## Player of the week



Jordan Beck

Recent Cal Poly middle linebacker and draftee Beck enters training camp this week with the Falcons. He is expected to start on special teams

### Baseball Standings

AL West	W	L	GB
Los Angeles	59	40	-
Oakland	54	45	5.0
Texas	49	49	9.5
Seattle	43	55	15.5

### NL West

San Diego	50	49	-
Arizona	48	53	3.0
Los Angeles	45	54	5.0
San Francisco	42	56	7.5
Colorado	35	63	14.5

\* Correct as of 7/27

### SLO Blues games:

Admission	
Students/Seniors	\$4
General	\$6
Kids	Free

July 28  
at Mont. Bay Sox 6:05 P.M.  
July 29  
Selinas Packers 7:05 P.M.  
July 30  
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July 31  
MSLB All-Stars 7:05 P.M.  
Aug. 4-15  
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Wichita, Kansas

# HIKE LIKE A PRO

Karen Velie  
MUSTANG DAILY

Though a hiker is not exactly traveling far, local hikes provide a quick escape into the outdoors. Not far from campus there are waterfalls, canyons, swimming holes and shady groves of towering trees.

Head out with a friend or attend a free guided excursion. Rangers and docents point out the different varieties of flora and fauna and provide a brief history of the open space.

### Little Falls and Big Falls

For wilderness lovers nothing beats the allure of a secluded trail, especially when woodlands, waterfalls and wading holes are included. Look for salamanders and turtles in the swimming holes that line the creek.

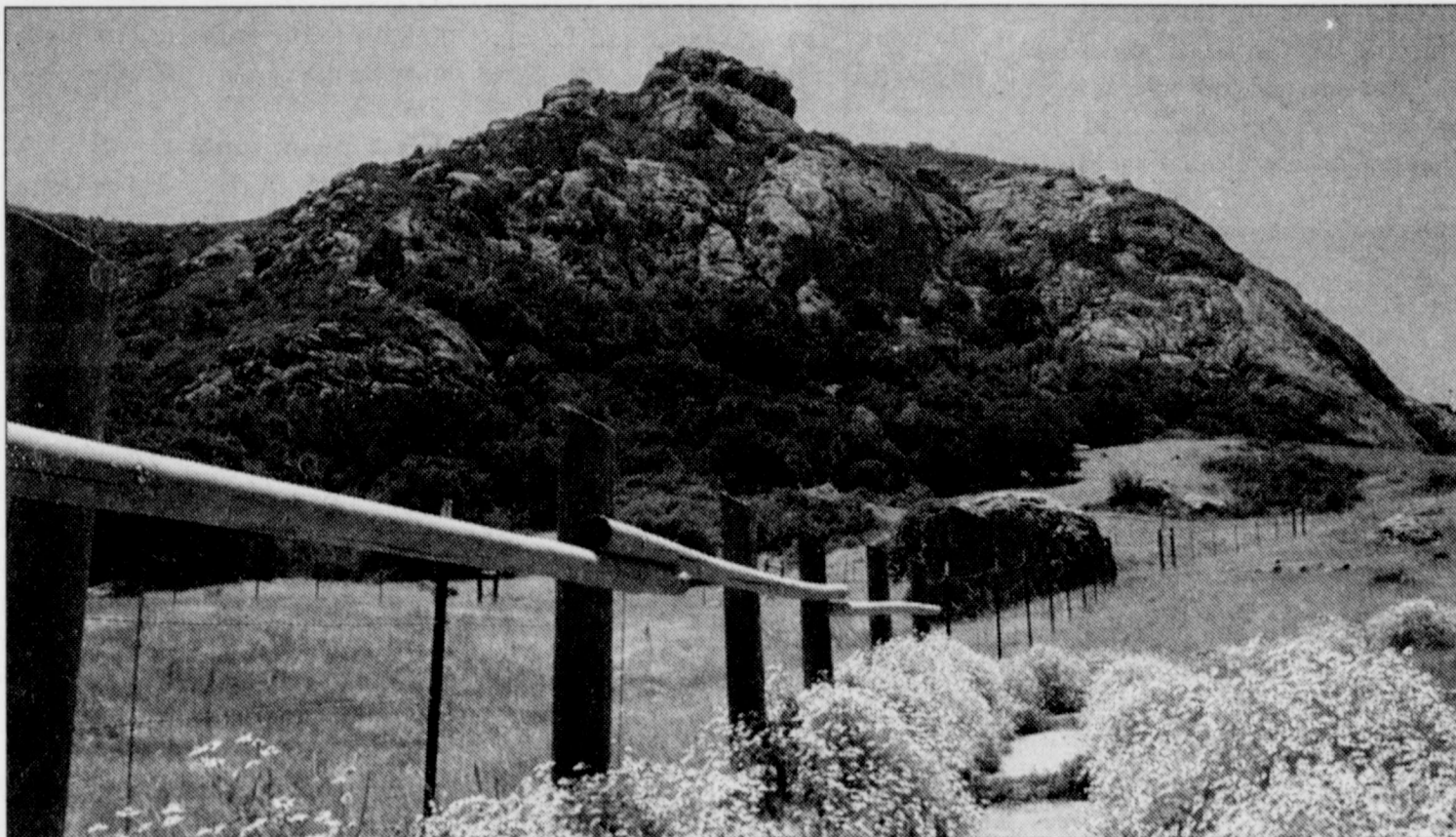
The Little Falls Trail is a strenuous 5.4-mile adventure. After climbing through a wooded canyon, hikers are treated to a small but stunning waterfall.

The Big Falls Trail is a strenuous 6-mile hike past two waterfalls. For a shorter hike, go to the lower falls for a swim.

Watch out for poison oak and stinging nettle. Long pants and bug spray are recommended.

### Go there ...

From Cal Poly, it's about an hour drive to the trailhead. Take Huasna Road. In Arroyo Grande, go east two



COURTESY PHOTO

The scenic views from the top of Bishops Peak Natural Reserve provide panoramic views of the city, the surrounding area and, on clear days, the ocean.

miles and bear left on Lopez Drive. Turn left on Lopez Canyon Road, after the road turns to a dirt drive, continue 1.5 miles to the Little Falls trail head. Drive an additional two miles to find the Big Fall's trailhead.

### Reservoir Canyon

The site's history dates back to the late 1800's when diversion structures were built along the creek to carry water to a holding reservoir. Along

the two-mile easy-to-moderate trail you can still see remnants of the obsolete water system.

The falls are best after a good rain and are located near the trailhead. Many species of birds and wildlife have been spotted in the area including wild turkey, deer and mountain lion.

The last reported sighting of a mountain lion was last September. If hikers see a mountain lion they are instructed not to run, to look large and be as loud as possible.

"If you run they will go into hunting mode," said Joel Jones-Marino, head maintenance park ranger with San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation.

By climbing to the top of the ridge, a hiker can stretch out the hike to about four miles. Please note that there is some contention about legal access. However, the no trespassing signs do not apply to hikers that stay on the trail and do not disturb junk art or rock art.

The views from the top of the hike are amazing. Adventurers can see all the way from San Luis Obispo to Avila Beach.

### Go there ...

Take U.S. Highway 101 north one mile past Monterey Street. Then take a right on Reservoir Canyon Road,

follow to the parking lot at the end of the road.

### Stairway to Heaven

This rugged trail will satisfy even the serious hiker's backcountry itch.

After crossing over High School Hill, this 7-mile strenuous hike links up with the Reservoir Trail. Hikers can find the remnants of a World War II lookout tower at the top of the hill.

"The really neat thing is that you can hike all the way over to the reservoir from the high school," said Miranda Leonard, environmental health educator with the Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo. "The wild flowers are spectacular."

This trail is not city maintained and loose rocks can be dangerous.

### Go there ...

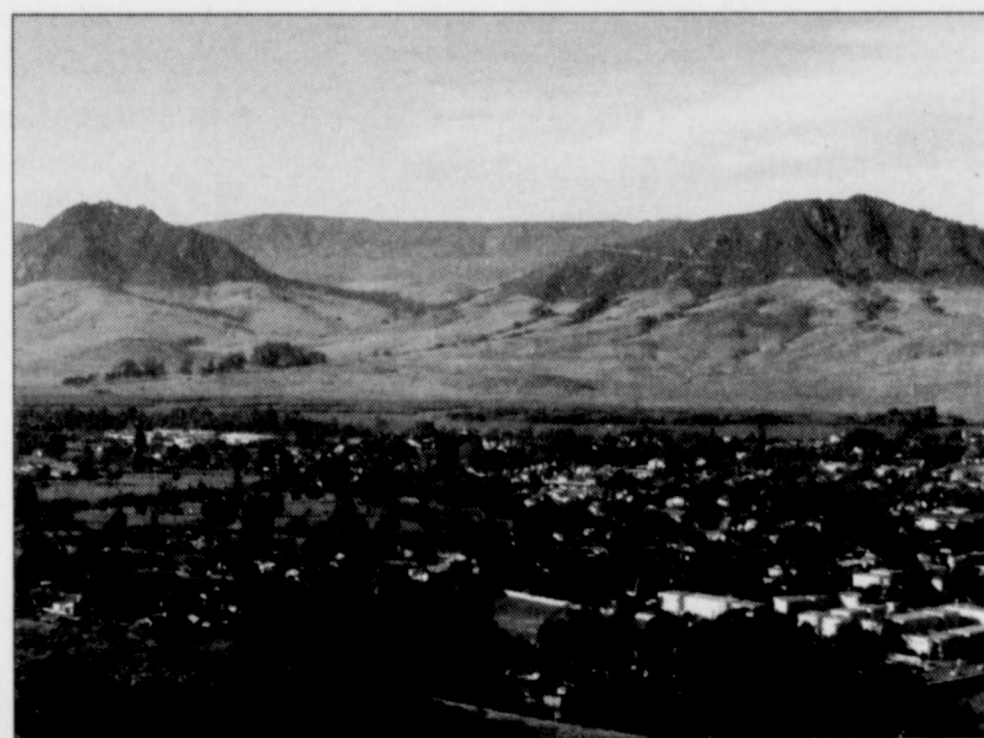
Park your car at San Luis Obispo High School. The trail head is located in back of the ball field that is located behind the adult school.

### Irish Hills Nature Reserve at Perfumo Canyon

In addition to the Perfumo Canyon Trail, miles of other hiking trails and mining roads traverse the Irish Hills open space.

"This is one of my favorite trails,"

see Hiking, page 7



COURTESY PHOTO

The Irish Hills, pictured above, provide a number of hiking trails in San Luis Obispo and mountain bikers are encouraged to ride the trails.

# Championship evades three Poly golfers

Christopher Gunn  
MUSTANG DAILY

Sectional qualifiers for the U.S. Amateur Championship dashed the hopes and aspirations of three Cal Poly Golfers on Monday.

Tavis Bertoni, J.J. Scurich and Colin Peck failed to qualify for the Championship while playing at two different sectional qualifiers.

Bertoni, while playing at Bear Creek Golf Club in Temecula, California, finished 14th place, recording a first-round finish of 76 and a second-round finish of 77 for a total of 153 strokes.

"It wasn't one of my best days out there," Bertoni said. "It's a learning experience. You have to

take the good with the bad."

Bertoni, who began his first round at three under, said that all it took was a few bad holes to take him from three under to two over.

"You can't go and win

every time out," Bertoni said.

Bertoni who played in the championship last

year going into his junior year will have another opportunity to

compete for a shot at the amateur next year.

Scurich missed qualifying during his 36 holes at Pasatiempo golf Club, Santa Cruz, with a first round of 74 and a scorching second round of 69 for a total of 143. He finished 11th overall.

Peck, who was also competing at Pasatiempo, recorded rounds

of 78 and 76 for a 154 total.

"You can't play well every week," coach Scott Cartwright said.

Cartwright also noted that only three players are selected from each sectional tournament and that the competition calls for action in the moment.

"You just have to go out there and play well on that day," Cartwright said. "Some days it's your day and some days it's not your day."

Each section advances three golfers to compete in the U.S. Amateur Championship.

The championship is scheduled for Aug. 22 to Aug. 28 at the merian Golf Club located in Ardmore, Pennsylvania.

