Ricky discs are the trade of Cal Poly Magicians

By STEVE JENSEN

Most people a Frisbee-disc is a plastic toy that is fixit tossed around at the a park. But to members of Cal Poly Disc Magicians, it’s a sport.

The Disc Magicians are part of a growing group of people who are devoted to the concept of disc play as a sport, not just playing with the club member Roberts.

"It is an obstacle between the sport is now and the is a growth of disc play," Roberts. He feels that he is the Wham-O lettering Co., makers of the disc-plate that dominates the market. He says that the market the same forces have cornered the market.

There aren’t the only type ic made, but clever ing techniques have given control of disc sales for he being," said Disc Magicians.

The Disc Magicians are in ultimate Frisbee, freestyle, and ultimate Freestyle is an activity in which the obstacles, flying air from player to player, with points being scored by trying major. Frisbee, according to club’s members.

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Matt Roberts, a member of the Cal Poly Disc Magicians Club, demonstrates the fine art of freestyle Frisbee. The Magicians also play Frisbee golf and ultimate Frisbee.

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Rent controls

Irving is a typical Cal Poly student. In addition to shouldering a full load of classes, he works part-time. Irving doesn’t work so that he can afford life’s luxuries, he works to meet his basic needs and to put himself through college.

Irving, and many students like him, walk precariously on a financial tightrope wire; any added financial expense, no matter how slight, threatens to send Joe tumbling off that wire, making college unaffordable.

More and more Cal Poly students on a tight budget are finding themselves in that very predicament in large part because of the rapid increase in home and apartment rental fees, or to put it more bluntly, rent gouging.

Housing in San Luis Obispo is becoming unaffordable at the astonishing rate of 12 percent a year. Rates have skyrocketed for several reasons. Housing is scarce, as is evidenced by the 2 to 3 percent vacancy factor in the city, requiring students to pay more money in order to win the apartment hunting battle.

Beautiful, isolated San Luis is a prime area for speculators to build in, and renters must brunt the difference when speculators sell the complexes to local investors at a profit. The forces of inflation also naturally drive up rent.

But the primary villain in the rent-gouging melodrama is rent controls, or specifically, the lack of rent controls in this county.

San Luis Obispo woefully lacks rent control laws. Indeed, the only important restrictions placed on landlords besides zoning ordinances are state laws. Without these rent control laws, local renters are imprisoned by the whims of the landlords.

There is hope for the renter, however. Voters can decide on the rent control issue directly through the initiative process—a process which unfortunately has not generated enough support in the past.

Cal Poly students are the logical impetus to begin a rent control initiative campaign, because the poor Cal Poly student would most benefit from such legislation.

But a rent control initiative drive has never gained momentum on this campus, probably because Cal Poly students are complacent; they have an apartment or house and thus do not have to worry about rent increases for the moment.

Students, for some strange reason, do not rely on farsight to realize that if they do not fight rising rents now, they will have to face them when they look for housing in the spring. Cal Poly students must wake up from their complacent state and fight increased rents through rent control initiatives. For if students do not act, soon the question will not be if they are willing to dole out a few extra dollars for a nice apartment, but if they can afford to live in an apartment or a house at all.
Poly lady milkers gain ‘hands-on’ experience

BY RAEGRAHAM
Matured Staff Writer

Do you like the idea of spending your summer sleeping in three hour shifts, cleaning barns, lifting 150-pound bales of hay and having cows step on you? It doesn’t sound like the ideal way to spend a summer, but for the residents of Truckee Dorm, it’s a valuable learning experience.

Truckee Dorm reserved for the milkers at Cal Poly’s Foundation Dairy is, for the first time in its history, occupied by all women residents. They are dairy science majors Kim Bennett, 20, Janet Neil, 21, Leanne Barning, 20, and Lori Beaver, 21. They received permission to work and live at the Foundation Dairy from the dairy science department. “When the girls said they wanted to milk this summer, we said fine,” explained Bennett. “When the girls said they wanted to milk this summer, we said fine,” explained Bennett.

“People are pleased that there are no women’s or men’s jobs, just jobs.”

Starky and head herdsman Randy Emmons agreed that the women are doing an excellent job at the dairy. “I feel privileged that they have the confidence in us to let us take care of things up here,” said Neil.

All the women felt that the experience they are getting is invaluable. “I learn more out here than in the classroom. The hard work teaches you to appreciate hard work as well,” said Bennett.

“The main purpose of the Foundation Dairy is for the students to gain ‘hands-on’ experience that they’ll need in the future,” said Bennett.

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“Jolee Miller hooks a calf at the dairy. ‘I feel privileged that they have the confidence in us to let us take care of things up here,’ said Neil.”

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Reporter observes lighter side of GOP convention

BY ELISA WILLIAMS
Managing Staff Writer

Millions of people across the nation sat transfixed in front of their television sets watching the pomp and pageantry of the Republican National Convention in Detroit July 14-17. While they were watching the convention on the tube, I along with 850 other young Republicans, were at the convention learning first-hand about the lighter side of our political process.

With so little major controversy at the convention itself, the media searched for any news angle. A reporter from the Detroit News endured the trip with us to describe the ordeal to Detroit, newspapers from cities like Albuquerque, New Mexico, sent their entire news team of one television reporter to meet us when we stopped for five minutes.

For most on the trip, it was the first taste of being reporters ourselves. We read about our La Junta, Colorado, liquor run in a major newspaper and heard Nancy Reagan give condolences on national TV about the lack of air conditioning on some of our train cars.

On the Sunday before the convention we made 10,000 signs and 20 banners for the convention demonstrations and Reagan's arrival at the Detroit Plaza. Those "spontaneous demonstrations" were planned down to the last hand lettered sign. I will watch the Democrats' demonstrations with more appreciation after that experience.

While on the train and during the sign painting session, the inevitable question continually came up: Who will be Reagan's choice for vice president? The question was very similar to the eternal "Who shot J.R.?"—both in range of choices and lack of inside information.

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