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A Cal Poly student died Wednesday after a train struck the back tire of his bike while he was trying to cross the tracks. After the northbound train clipped his tire, Jason Erick Sy fell into a wooden post a few feet away from the tracks.

"He propelled into the post with enough force to knock it down," said California Highway Patrol offi­
cer Chris Black.

A nursing supervisor at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center said Sy died on the emergency room table from massive trauma due to the injury. Sy was an aeronautic engineering freshman from San Jose.

Fiona Tran, a graphic communica­
tions freshman, said she was heading from Steiner Glen to class when she saw the stopped train.

"When we got to the other side, we saw a guy laying on the ground," Tran said. "He had cuts on his face. The chin looked really cut up. His right leg also looked cut and was bleeding from the knee down."

When Tran crossed the tracks, she saw people talking to Sy while he was attempting to move around. About 20 minutes later, an ambulance arrived and took him to Sierra Vista for treatment.

Sy's clothes, blue jeans and a navy long-sleeved shirt, and his bike were taken to the CHP's office in San Luis Obispo.

The investigation is being hand­
dled by the Union Pacific Police under the supervision of Special Agent Terry Masters.

Masters reminded students that crossing the tracks is a violation of the California Penal Code and they can be cited or arrested.

An officer with the Cal Poly Police Department measures the distance Jason Erick Sy's bike traveled after being struck by a train near California Boulevard, Wednesday. Sy, who tried to beat the train across the tracks, was taken to Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center where he later died.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS STILL COMING TO CAL POLY

By Malla Spencer

In the wake of the Sept. 11 terror­

iat attacks, international students and the process by which they receive their visas have come under close govern­

ment scrutiny.

The Visa Entry Reform Act of 2001 was introduced to the Senate on Nov. 1 by co-sponsor Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and John Kyl, R-Ariz. The act is designed to strength­

en counter-terrorism efforts by giving high law enforcement a centralized data­

base, upgrading technologies to pre­

vent fraud and imposing new restric­
tions on student visas, Feinstein said in a press release.

The proposed increase would serve to adjust for inflation and increased costs of the services ASI provides, said Chris Madsen, chair of the ASI board of directors.

The changing makeup of America's workforce

By Lyndsay Lundgren

A look at the issue

Years ago, most women were homemakers, teachers and nurses, not nuclear chemists. Darleane C. Hoffman is an exception to the rule.

"I was actually the only woman in my class," Hoffman said. "I never imagined that it was discrimination, it was just my personal perception of ASI.

"We were a pretty good-sized group, and we were always accepted," she said. "It was great to be part of a large group of women in that field, and we always felt that we were accepted and that we were part of a larger group of women.

ASI fee referendum vote ends today

By Whitney Kobrin

Voting on a proposed Associated Students Inc. fee increase commenced yesterday, and will continue until 4 p.m. today.

Numbers of students who voted on the referendum reached 985 yester­
day, leaving many students with uncast votes.

The proposed ASI fee referendum aims to provide increased funds for ASI events, Poly Escapes, Club Services and student government. Fees have not been increased in this area for more than 10 years, and the proposed increase would serve to adjust for inflation and increased costs of the services ASI provides, said Chris Madsen, chair of the ASI board of directors.

PRO

• Maintain programs in action currently on campus
• Expand student activities on campus
• Club sponsorship and events will be more plentiful with increased funds
• Has not had recent fees increase, despite difficulties caused by inflation

CON

• ASI programs are not used by everyone
• Inflation index attached to the referendum may increase fees unreasonably
• Students perceive imper­
sonal perception of ASI
• Increased student fees

Support the Democratic process on campus by voting between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Fisher Science, University Union, Deeter Lawn, Ag Bridge or the Rec Center.

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out I know what I was doing they got it over it.

Hoffman acknowledges that discrimination was present; however, she never found her sex to be a hindrance to her career. In fact, her sex often earned her attention. "Being a woman certainly got you attention," she said. "Failure or success, at least you were noticed." Even though 35 percent of graduate students at UC Berkeley are women, they are not entering the teaching profession at major research universities. Hoffman said a large number of women are taking positions in the industry and at national laboratories due to difficulties women have in the tenure system at universities. However, the future of women in science is hopeful, Hoffman said.

"The future of women in science is extremely good," she said. "The more education women receive, the more freedom they will have." The numbers of women in the mechanical engineering field at Cal Poly, both students and faculty, are low, said Mary Cooper, mechanical engineering lecturer.

The percentage of female under graduate mechanical engineering students is about 10 percent. Cooper has seen very little increase in female mechanical engineering students. Even considering the minimal increase, more women will continue to join the field, Cooper said.

"Women as heads of corporations will go up because the field of technology is just getting bigger," she said. "They will be drawn in because of the bigness of technology.

Cooper has experienced very few incidents of what she'd describe as discrimination. Before recent improvements, microphones to the bigger transmitter, listeners could voice their opinions.

"I think we compare to most women in science, but Norway places well," she said, "Japen has very few women in science, but they have more than 50 percent of the work force in the United States. The United States is comparable to other countries when it comes to women in science, Hoffman said. After studying and working in Russia, China, Norway and Japan she learned that women around the world face the same struggles.

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National Briefs

Musicians file brief that supports Napster

LOS ANGELES — Napster received support from a group of recording artists, led by Don Henley of the Eagles, that filed a brief in San Francisco.

The artists, in their brief, said that the public over Stetzer's purchase of the club. "His reaction has been, 'Why am I getting such a hassle out of it? I think he just had enough.'

Stetzer, a respected pioneer of bal­

lion anger, a procedure to repair or replace damaged blood vessels, raised eyebrows at Stanford and else­

where recently with his decision to buy the clubs and use the proceeds to fund his own and other research at the university. — Los Angeles Times

High school students may have to retake SATs

NEW YORK — Answer sheets for a number of Scholastic Assessment Tests that were taken in October have not been received by the College Board, the group that owns the SATs. Officials of the New York-based company suspect that the tests will still be in a post office facili­

ity that is closed for anthrax testing and cleaning.

Students from the United States, as well as in Armenia, Greece, Bulgaria, Liberia, South Africa and Haiti may have to reschedule the test. The College Board said that students can take the test again for free or receive a full refund. Students who took the test on Oct. 15 will be contacted by the College Board.

Officials said that there are always errors that don't make it back to be graded for one reason or another, but never in such high numbers. About 155,000 students took the SAT at 6,900 test centers in October. — Reuters

Red Cross reverses decision, will distribute all of Liberty Fund

WASHINGTON — The American Red Cross announced that 100 percent of the money they received for the Liberty Fund will go toward the victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. They reversed their original decision to keep some of the money for possible future events after receiving criticism from donors and lawmakers. Donors had made it "abundantly clear" that they wanted the donated money to go to the victims of the attacks. The Red Cross expressed that they hope their actions will restore faith and trust in their organization and empower their workers and volunteers.

The Red Cross raised about $541 million for the Liberty Fund. Already, $514 million has been spent. It has been projected that another $275 mil­

lion will be spent before the end of the year.

The controversy has already caused the resignation of the American Red Cross president, Dr. Princely Holmes. The ARC will be making it easier for victims of the tragedies to get help by working with other relief agencies and public officials to create a database that will improve coordination among the groups. — CNN News

International Briefs

Asia

DSIPUR, India — A 2-year-old girl was left dead and children were hospitalized after receiving vitamin A from U.N. humanitarian agency, UNICEF, officials said. The vitamin was administered as part of a drive to prevent blindness in Indian children. The vitamin was given to 321,000 children up to age 6 in the northeastern state of Assam. The hospitalized children are not in serious condition. They experienced symptoms of fever, vomiting and abdomi­nal pain. The 2-year-old girl died two hours after receiving the vitamin. Thousands of other children were brought to hospitals for check-ups after news that symptoms spread.

Police claim that the vitamin A was contaminated; the head of state health services said that the doses given may have been contaminated.

The United Nations is denying allegations, but is looking into the incident and is awaiting the results of tests. In the past year, 35 million Indian children have received doses of vitamin A from the United Nations to prevent blindness.

— Reuters

Middle East

KARJIL, Afghanistan — The Taliban are in a state of "collapse" as news of the resignation of the American Red Cross' president, Dr. Paul Rinzier, Howard. The ARC will in making a full recovery. Ken admitted, many of whom have presumably been discharged after making a full recovery. — BBC News

Middle East

VIENNA, Austria — Ministers from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have agreed to cut the production of crude oil by 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd), but only if Russia cuts production as well.

OPEC is desperate to boost the price of crude oil but has insisted on the support of other countries, espe­

ially Russia, Mexico and Norway. But as OPEC's meeting in Vienna drew to a close, the spotlight was firm­

ly on Russia. Kassim oil minister, Adel al­

Subah, said OPEC would not imple­

ment its output cut — equal to 6 per­

cent of output — unless non-OPEC producers cut by 500,000 bpd.

OPEC fears that even if it manages to supply the demand from its members, the mar­

ket will still be flooded by oil from other producers.

That scenario would mean the rev­

ue streams of OPEC members would be substantially lowered despite their own sacrifice.

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guildford.
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In remembrance

New Club 221 exhibit tackles recent tragedies

By Lyndsay Lundgren
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Behind the confines of a chain-link fence, artists labor at creating an expressive image while, from outside the fence, passers-by glance at their fluid movements and brush strokes.

Club 221, the University Union art gallery, currently houses a progressive and interactive art show that focuses on the current events in the United States. It is the first show of its kind at Club 221, allowing visitors to walk through the gallery and watch artists as they create their displays.

"This is such a great opportunity to expose the Cal Poly community to progressive art," said Maureen Goddard, Club 221 student supervisor. "This exhibit sheds light on different aspects of the artistic process."

The 10 featured artists each will create an exhibit that expresses their feelings or reactions to the Sept. 11 tragedy and the current turmoil related to the war and anthrax cases. The works vary from acrylic paintings to collages and pottery. All exhibits are caged behind a chain-link fence that will be removed upon completion of the art on Nov. 17. Each piece will be documented with digital photography and all the progressive photos will be displayed when the works are completed.

Each artist responds differently and thus creates a different piece of art. Art lets the viewer inside the minds of the artists, even more so when the onlookers can watch the artists create their work.

"You get a different perspective talking to the artist than you do just looking at the art," said Evan ApRobert, studio art sophomore. "Lots of people are really curious."

ApRobert and biology senior Justin Tripp are collaborating on an idea that will capture the emotions and memories of America on a free-standing structure. Serving as a monumental time capsule, an old desk tipped on its side will display images and memories of America. Each side will reveal a different artistic style, including painting and collage.

"I try to strike an individual chord with people," apRobert said. "I hope, with the
Famous waffles, tea and coffee drinks

Phillips begins to tell the history of Klatsch, which opened in 1981. Phillips wanted to create a place where people could gather, talk and enjoy the cafe.

The piano now belongs to Phillips and resides in Linnaea's Cafe, tipen to anyone who wants to play. Phillips said, "There's no one here, but she can't bring herself to get rid of it yet.

Phillips graduated from the University of Puget Sound in 1916 as the only other coffee shop in town at the time aside from the Koffee Klinsch, which opened in 1981.

Phillips wanted to create a place where people could gather, talk and have a European sidewalk cafe experience.

"The first people who realized what I was trying to do were the students," Phillips said. "Many students have traveled to Europe and feel the essence of the many European cafes there at Linnaea's.

Phillips was born in 1911 to parents who divorced settlement and put it in new floors. Phillips also cleaned the back yard and made a beautiful outside garden patio, which became a popular hangout for many college students.

"I come here for my beloved mint mochas and the atmosphere," said English junior Molly Taylor. Taylor heard about Linnaea's Cafe from friends who are regulars and has become a regular herself over the past year, especially for breakfast.

"This is the place to have coffee and chat, as well as socialize with other people," said regular Robert Drentham, a graphic design professor.

The tea at Linnaea's is also a favorite of many customers. They have a wide variety of green, black and herbal teas. The tea is unique because they buy it bulk, not in individual tea bags. When a customer orders tea, a scoop is placed in a small, porous bag, which allows for a better-tasting tea, Phillips said.

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Linnaea's is also famous for its desserts, such as carrot cake, cheesecake and bundt cake, along with fruit pies and other pastries. Linnaea's Cafe doesn't just serve up great food and drinks — it also features art, photography and many nights filled with acoustic folk music.

All the art is done by local artists because Phillips thinks it is important to support the people who live in the area.

Every Wednesday is Open Mic Night at Linnaea's, which draws a big crowd of Cal Poly students. This night is for people who enjoy playing music and reading poetry.
In Club 221, Paiko's enormous painting hangs from the wall, almost greeting visitors. The image of a man sitting at a desk studying is a symbolic self-portrait of Paiko.

"He's trying to come up with his own beliefs through the process of mental distillation," Paiko said.

After studying alchemy, magic and medieval philosophers, Paiko decided that people just can't place. "Other artists reveal very personal stories in their work. Andy Paiko, studio art senior, pondered the idea of thinking, she said. "If it makes you think different," Schach said, "then it was successful.

The only artist creating pottery is Daniel Wagner, materials engineering senior, liked the idea of the sub-conscious pieces. "It's interesting to see how a piece progresses from start to finish," said Scott Hamilton, mechanical engineering senior. "You can see how a piece can be more than a sum of its parts." Wagner said his piece is in remembrance of Sept. 11.

All artists faced an expense limit of $50, the confines of working in the gallery and the two-week time limit, said Vanessa Vellozzi, assistant student coordinator for Club 221. "The hope is that people will gain respect for time," she said. "People will see what great art can be produced with a time constraint."

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Kristen Margin’s Ticking Elephant sculpture is one of many art pieces on display at her exhibit in the Cuesta College Art Gallery. The show runs from Nov. 2 to Dec. 10.

"I think when you look at the pieces separately they are frightening, and fragile, but collectively they are very impressive," said Kristen Martin, a student of art history.

In the center of the exhibit is a tiny ticking elephant. This is the only piece that is fired and colored. The elephant rotates with a wind-up clock on a_platform base on top of a weathered piece of wood.

Martin’s artwork can be seen at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cuesta College Art Gallery. The hours are Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The show is free.

Kristen Margin's exhibit include the following pieces:
- "Doe," which stands 84 inches by 59 inches by 21 inches. Another piece is similar to movements in a symphony, Martin said. "The pieces are done by a variety of local and outside-the-area artists. Marta and students will be awed by her work because she uses clay and other materials like wood, string, rocks and cloth. The artwork was created if the objects have been dug up from a muddy, cold lake.
- A symphony that was young, Martin said she remembered telling her mother and father she was going to be an artist. She always wanted to be an artist. She began her art career as a painter. Martin has always been interested in color and using colors in an inorganic way, which means using opposite colors in a bright way that don't seem to fit together.
- Her most recent pieces are a body of work based on an article about an unknown Soviet who was put in a labor camp during Stalin's purges. He took it upon himself to write a symphony for a friend. The piece was written in code and is unfinished and untitled. The coded letters were smuggled by the time they got to where they were sent, someone figured out the coded messages. This man was called Demetry, although this was believed to be a false name. The symphony that was very complex.
- Martin took some of his ideas and mixed them with her own. She thought about the works sheuish sounds and created her masterpieces.
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Martin has some big fragile pieces at the exhibit alongside smaller pieces. One piece that stood out at the art gallery, because of its size, is the "Tiny," which stands 84 inches by 90 inches by 21 inches. Another large piece is the "Buck." This piece stands 36 inches by 13 inches by 29 inches.

"While my work involves different sorts of subject matters, different postures and attitudes... the work comes together in a way that is similar to movements in a symphony," Martin said. "The pieces are all different in that they all play off one another and work as separate elements of one big thing.

The objects have to do with objects that look like someone is always about to breakaway cords. These cords connect to all these excellent features. For one, many video game reviewers feel the Xbox is the most "affluent" college student. People define themselves as an "affluent" college student — its price, for example. At $500 the Xbox can play DVDs, but for extra money. In order to play DVDs one needs a remote control that comes separately from the system and costs about $30. This seems like a way for Microsoft to further get into the wallets of consumers. Taking into account the corporation's track record, it is not surprising. After all, how many versions of Windows are there?

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I spent the later part of Sunday night walking around downtown with an old friend who was visiting from Los Angeles. We stopped at Linnaco's Cafe for tea, and then spent a half-hour meandering throughout Higuera Street, around downtown with an old friend who was looking after the interests of the community's small businesses and salvaging this town's standing as a haven from the chokehold of corporate chains. It's a factor that we can't afford to overlook.

The dawn of the 21st century and the infusion of corporate America threaten to erode San Luis Obispo's character in exchange for sales tax revenue, added convenience and the privilege for our city to look like, well, every other city. These threats come from many of the usual suspects on the retail scene - Costco, Macy's and Target, to name a few - that have seen San Luis Obispo as the next critical battle in the fight to win the wallets of citizens looking for a place to buy anything from the latest Tommy Hilfiger fashions to bulk cereal. Local heavyweights, such as developer Alex Madonna, have long sought to bring these corporate icons to the pastoral lands of San Luis Obispo. However, he has been met with staunch opposition from a city council intent on preserving the feel of the community. His small businesses and salvaging this town's standing as a haven from the chokehold of corporate chains - an effort for which they should be applauded.

Residents, on the other hand, may find the prospect of losing local businesses more appealing than the creation of 200 retail outlets or large stores of restaurant-style mameus. However, it is essential to realize that the decision to allow these retail establishments into our community affects more than the empty time slots in our schedule. It will alter our way of life.

There are two standard arguments against the proliferation of these retail establishments. The first is that of economic harm to small businesses. Common sense, though some economists may disagree, holds that the presence of corporate stores capable of selling products at prices below that of small-time competitors will erode the city's local base of small mom and pop stores.

In addition to this economic downfall, the addition of massive stores can also have a negative impact on the unique character of San Luis Obispo. Think about it. Every other city in this state (and, for that matter, this county) is marred by a landscape of corporate logos and vast parking lots. The archetypal Anytown, U.S.A. - once a veritable oasis of America's rural past - has been transformed to Everytown, U.S.A. - a generic city saturated with Starbucks, Macy's, and vast parking lots. The archetypal Anytown, U.S.A. - once a veritable oasis of America's rural past - has been transformed to Everytown, U.S.A. - a generic city saturated with Starbucks, Macy's, and vast parking lots.

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The second argument is that of corporate convenience. Corporate icons to the pasture lands of San Luis Obispo are just as open for those who want in as for those who want out. Those who talk to bin Laden when he wants all Americans will also talk to bin Laden when he wants those lost lives and show pride and respect for our brave and courageous postal workers, mail clerks and elves who put their lives on the line every day in order to deliver the message. (Our mail, this is meant to alleviate fear through satire.)

Brian Takeuchi is a landscape architecture freshman.

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In some fields, only upper-management positions are dominated by men, and even those are balancing out with time. Women represent only 34 percent of newsroom supervisors of daily newspapers, however 49 percent of reporters are women, according to the American Society of Newspaper Editors Newsroom Census for 2001. Many women journalists chose to remain in reporting positions rather than rise through the ranks to keep their power, said Jane Cliftord, family editor for the San Diego Union-Tribune.

"In newspapers, women don't always want to be promoted from a reporter to an editor," Cliftord said. "That's not necessarily what you want because you can make bigger waves as a woman reporting."

Early in Cliftord's journalism career, editors always gave the good stories to men. There were fewer women journalists then as well. In the early 1970's, the financial paper Cliftord worked for only had three female reporters out of 15; she said. Before she took the job, the paper had a policy of not hiring women.

"In the beginning there was that feeling that you had to work harder than the men," she said.

Even today there is still a touch of discrimination in the newsroom, Cliftord said. Depending on who women reporters wrote for, they may face baby-boomer era chauvinism, she said. While the numbers of male and female reporters may be balancing out, the upper echelons remain male-dominated, Cliftord said.

"Good luck finding women who have power in print," she said. "The mark of women's clout in the newsroom is how many women cover important beats."

Men as the minority

Women aren't the only minorities in the professional work force. In fields such as nursing and elementary education, women outnumber men. According to the National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses 2000, 5.4 percent of registered nurses are men.

Peter Beck compares his life to that of Gaylord Facher's in the movie "Meet the Parents." Beck is one of five male registered nurses at San Luis Obispo General Hospital. "I get asked daily if I am going to become a doctor, just like in the movie," Beck said. "Of course I say no!"

Beck joined the ranks of male nurses after serving as a foreman, or medical personnel, in the navy. He earned his R.N. degree from Cuesta College's nursing program in 1997. Beck wanted to become a nurse because of his compassion for people and his interest in the hands-on profession, he said. Even as a member of the minority male population in nursing, Beck thinks male nurses are treated more fairly than women.

"As a male nurse the population treats you better," he said. "You get less flack from everybody."

Shane Thielke got some locker room flack from fellow jocks in college for wanting to be an elementary school teacher. Thielke is a second grade teacher at Voyager Elementary School in Alexandria, Minn. He represents part of the 13 percent of elementary school teachers that are males, according to the National Education Association for Elementary Teachers.

"The female students thought that it was funny when we took on a nurturing role," Thielke said. "They'd give us a little grief."

After teaching third and fourth grade, Thielke moved to second grade. The younger students are often intimidated by having a male teacher. Some parents have initially shown concern over a male teacher teaching such young students. Thielke said, but most find that their students enjoy the class.

"A lot of students are scared or intimidated," he said. "Generally parents have been supportive."

It has been very rewarding to serve as a role model for many students who don't have fathers at home, he said. At such a young age, many students have not had many male role models.

Working with female teachers has been eye-opening, Thielke said. While most female teachers have treated him with equality in his career, some have asked whom he's trying to impress with his go-getter style.

"I hear about a lot of feminine problems like pregnancy and hot flashes," he said. "I'm not really sure how to respond because I can't relate to them."

During his college years, Thielke and the three other male education students were told they would be offered jobs just because they were men. Now he faces the stereotype that male teachers quickly become lazy after they earn tenure.

"I did face some people with reservations about hiring male teachers because they get lazy," he said. "Latinas is not related to whether you are a male or female."
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"Embassies need to take a stronger, more active role and deny visas, especially if we think it is bad for the country that we think," Andre said.

Cal Poly is the temporary home to 250 international students and this number has been steadily rising since 1997.

Students who wish to study at Cal Poly must go through a number of steps to obtain the proper paperwork. First, Andre said, students must be regularly admitted to the university. After full admittance, Cal Poly issues one of two immigration documents, either an IAP-66, if the student is sponsored by a university exchange, or an I-20, if they will be self-sponsored.

The student then takes their papers to the U.S. embassy in their home country. The embassy looks over the papers and the student's finances, runs any background checks and finally decides whether or not to issue the visa.

"In the past it's been difficult to get a visa from the People's Republic of China, but now it will be more difficult throughout the world," Andre said.

Aqil Khan, computer engineering senior, arrived at Cal Poly from Papua New Guinea in September 1997. Khan was also a British citizen and said that is why he was issued a visa relatively easily.

"I had a Chinese friend in high school who was a year older than me and graduated before me. He had the money and the papers, who wasn't able to get a visa," Khan said.

Khan had to show the U.S. embassy in Papua New Guinea proof that he was not going to stay in the country after graduation from Cal Poly and that he could afford to study in the United States.

"Since I am a British citizen I am part of the European Union, so I showed the embassy that I would look for a job in Europe since the job market is bigger," Khan said.

After the events of Sept. 11, Andre said, she had a few students who were anxious about coming to the United States.

"I assured one Saudi Arabian student that it was safe here and that student is now enrolled for classes," Andre said.

Khan, who is Pakistani and Muslim, said he had any problems with attitude changes in San Luis Obispo.

"I am lucky to be in a college town where people are not as ignorant," Khan said. "Lots of people seem more interested in Islam and ask me questions about my religion."

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