CSU students lobby at capital, meet legislators

By Whitney Kobrin
VOLUNTEER STAFF WRITER

A group of 21 Cal Poly students left San Luis Obispo on March 1 for a trip to Sacramento, where they lobbied on behalf of the student body.

Veronica Shippy, vice president of Statewide Affairs, assured students that the second lobby trip at the state capital was both successful and promising. Shippy said the turnout was impressive because representatives from 21 out of the 23 California State University campuses were in attendance. With a total of 21 students, Shippy said Cal Poly led the largest group at the gathering, which was all paid for by President Warren Baker.

"President Baker thinks that students are much better representatives for themselves than administrators," Shippy said.

The trip included a day for workshops on the state budget, multicultural issues, and other student leadership issues. Shippy said. The Cal Poly lobby group was well prepared, because it had completed training in proper lobbying etiquette, budget information, knowledge of bond measures and basic government.

Lobbying took place on the morning of March 4. Cal Poly was the only school that booked its own meetings with legislators and prepared on their own for the meetings.

Shippy said Cal Poly lobbyists met with 15 state legislators, while other schools met with a maximum of five legislators. This left Cal Poly only two meetings short of one-fifth of all the state legislators. Cal Poly lobbyists accomplished this many meetings by dividing their large group into smaller teams of four to five students, Shippy said. Each group met with at least three legislators.

ASI President Angie Hacker said the lobby trip allowed Cal Poly students to express their ideas about what education means, and to discuss some of the problems at Cal Poly. The ideals of the lobby trip included placing the bond measure that would allocate funds to CSU campuses for building more facilities on the November ballot. It is not placed on the November ballot, the CSU system will have to wait until March of 2004 before the bond is voted on. Students also asked legislators not to raise state fees.

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By Malia Spencer
VOLUNTEER STAFF WRITER

Marina Sterner, a chemistry senior, left, and Meredith Rogers, a nutritional science senior, pose in front of their old house. The two recently won a suit against their old landlord in small claims court.

They have a reason to be happy. After many years of living in a two-bedroom apartment, they recently won a suit against their old landlord in small claims court.

"We are very happy," said破碎的句子

This case is just one of the many victories that have been won by CSU students in the past year. The purpose of these victories is to educate fellow men about sexual assault.

"Real Men" help prevent sexual violence by educating fellow men

By Renée Shadforth
VOLUNTEER STAFF WRITER

 Rape and sexual assault are crimes almost exclusively perpetrated by males. That's not surprising. More startling is the fact that one in four women are sexually assaulted during their college careers, and four out of five of those women are abused by someone they know.

 Perhaps what is most shocking is that a man can be more effective than a woman in educating other males about sexual assault.

 "The guys who need the education usually don't want to listen to women in the first place," said Samuel Kuo, an architectural engineering sophomore and Real Men volunteer.

 Real Men is a program sponsored by Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource Program (SAFER) to help men understand the realities of assault from a male perspective. Men are more effective, especially when talking to other males, because there is a camaraderie among them that makes the topic of sexual assault more comfortable, Myers said. Because these crimes don't usually affect them directly, the added, most men don't think about being part of the educational process.

 Ken Brown, an industrial and manufacturing engineering professor and Real Men volunteer, said all men have a reason to do what they can to prevent rape.

 "The one thing all of us have in common is a mother," he said. "Many of us have sisters. Many of us have wives or girlfriends. I don't want this to happen to someone I care about."

 Many people are drawn to the program after becoming aware of the issue. Kuo got involved with Real Men after he attended one of the group's presentations. The volunteers showed a video about a male police officer who was jumped in an alley and raped.

 "It really got to me," he said. "I've never thought it could happen to a man. After watching the video, I understood how a woman could feel."

 Kuo is also concerned for the victim's family and friends. Sometimes those close to the victim are hurt just as much as the victim, because they don't understand exactly what happened, he said.

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"I don't give the presentation in uniform," he said. "If I wore it, I think some people would be intimidated and wouldn't ask questions. I'm not there to bully them around. I'm there to educate."

Real Men spend most of the presentation discussing acquaintance rape, since it is the most prevalent form of sexual assault. Carballo said only 20 percent of these rapes are reported.

Eighty percent of all men and women involved in acquaintance rape were drinking or using drugs prior to the assault.

"College and drinking are synonymous. Men and women have to be aware of what's going on. When you drink, your judgment is clouded," Carballo said. "We tell guys, don't take advantage of someone else. How would you feel if someone took advantage of your sister or girlfriend? Ten minutes of pleasure, for a guy, can affect a girl for the rest of her life."

It is a matter of consideration of other people, he said. Brown said he takes a rapist's actions more personally.

"I view rape as an embarrassment to me, as a male," he said. "It humiliates me that men, in general, can act in such a way. It's time for guys to stop looking at females and only thinking about a bra size. We're equals."

Contact Real Men and SAFER at 756-2282.

Correction:
The story in Tuesday's paper about a possible new wine major identified it as debuting as early as next fall. In fact, the major may not happen for at least another two or three years.

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Shippy said an awards ceremony took place for Sen. Bruce McPherson, who was named legislator of the year by Cal Poly.

"He was very touched to be awarded by the students because Cal Poly is his alma mater," Shippy said.

Hacker said McPherson was eager to talk to students and answer their questions, which Shippy said is one of the reasons that he was qualified for the award. He has asked the CSU system and UC system not to raise the state student fees, and has visited Cal Poly three times in the last six months, showing a dedication to the students, Shippy said.

Hacker added that, "It is notable that he is a Republican who was elected in the very Democratic area of Santa Cruz."

Hacker said the lobby trip took place the day before the primary elections, so it was a very busy time at the Capital.

Christina Doerr, board of director's representative for the Ortega College of Business, said most legislators were sympathetic to the needs and views of students, and she came away from her first lobby trip with a positive sense about the future of the issues on which they lobbied.

"The trip went really well," Doerr said. "It was great to meet senators and vote for them the next day."

Hacker said the trip was successful on two levels: It was a great learning experience for students because they got an idea of the bigger issues of state government, and the lobby group was able to accomplish what they set out to achieve, she said.

"I feel really good about what we accomplished on behalf of the students of Cal Poly," Hacker said.

Shippy said she is in the process of planning the next lobby trip to take place in April. At least three more trips will be made before the May revision of the California budget, she said.

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WASHINGTON — The United States and Russia are likely to develop and sign a legally binding document that would outline their mutual pledge to cut long-range nuclear weapons by two-thirds, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Wednesday.

As a news conference held after two days of meetings with Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov, Rumsfeld said that President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin have agreed that "they would like to have something that would go beyond their two presidencies."

Ivanov said that he wants such a document to be ready by May so that it may be signed during a meeting with Putin and Bush in Russia.

Rumsfeld reassured Russian officials that the world and the United States do not see Russia as a potential target for nuclear weapons.

There were suspicions of a potential threat after the disclosure of a document last weekend from the internal U.S. nuclear review that named Russia and six other countries as possible dangers.

"I can say that the review says nothing about targeting any country with any weapon," Rumsfeld said. "The United States targets no country on a day-to-day basis."

The number of U.S. nuclear weapons is now less than 10,000, Secretary of State Colin Powell said. A decade ago, there were 20,000 in the arsenal. Bush plans to continue to reduce the total long-range U.S. nuclear warheads to between 1,700 and 2,200 over the next 10 years.

— Associated Press

CDC says lab worker infected with anthrax

ATLANTA — For the first time this year, someone has been infected by the anthrax bacteria, U.S. health experts said Wednesday. The victim is a Texas laboratory worker who had been testing specimens that were collected during last year's anthrax outbreak.

The unidentified man is infected with the cutaneous, or skin, form of anthrax, which is less serious than the respiratory form, the CDC said.

A spokesman for the CDC said that it is still unclear how the worker contracted the anthrax, but he is expected to make a full recovery.

The CDC said that there are no indications that any of the other workers in the lab had been exposed to the bacteria.

Five people died and 13 others became infected with anthrax during last year's outbreak.

— Reuters

House passes immigrant bill

WASHINGTON — Tens of thousands of Mexicans now living illegally in the United States may be allowed to obtain visas without having to return to Mexico to file an application, if a bill that was passed by the House is approved by Congress. The Bush administration strongly supports the measure, and said that Congress must swiftly approve the measure as a gesture of goodwill toward Mexico.

President Bush plans to meet with Mexican President Vicente Fox next week during a visit to Mexico.

Many employers support the bill, and lobbied for an extension of the law permitting immigrants to obtain visas in this country. If immigration working here were forced to leave the United States, many businesses would be severely disrupted, immigration lawyers said.

The House approved the bill by a vote of 275 to 137 — just one vote more than the required two-thirds majority.

The bill would temporarily extend a provision of federal law that allows certain non-citizens to apply for immigrant visas, or "green cards," while residing in the United States. More than 50,000 undocumented immigrants were eligible for legal status under a previous extension of Section 245(h), but the White House said that 20,000 did not meet the deadline for the program, which ended April 30, 2001. The new deadline would be Nov. 30.

— The New York Times

International Briefs

United Nations

UNITED NATIONS — The United States won approval for a U.N. Security Council resolution that endorsed the idea of a Palestinian state for the first time, and demanded an immediate cease-fire. The resolution does not represent a change in U.S. policy.

The council quickly passed the resolution with a vote of 14-0, but was surprised that the United States made the move. Washington had been blocking similar measures for years, which it felt were biased against its ally, Israel.

The vote came after Israeli forces took control of the key West Bank city of Ramallah and several refugee camps, in an attempt to fend off Palestinian militants. The takeover is the largest Israeli military operation in two decades.

Israel's U.N. Ambassador Yehuda Lancry said the balanced resolution was "rare and remarkable," and said his government would appreciate the cease-fire. Israelis and Palestinians still must negotiate the agreements.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte insisted that the U.N. resolution does not represent a change in U.S. policy.

— Associated Press

Africa

CAIRO, Egypt — A woman claiming to be one of the wives of Osama bin Laden has been interviewed by the Saudi magazine "Al-Majalla." The woman is identified in the magazine only as "A.S.,” the initials of bin Laden's fourth and youngest wife, Anial al-Sadah. Al-Sadah is believed to be a 19-year-old Yemeni.

The woman said that she believes bin Laden is still alive and is still in Afghanistan, but has no proof.

"I feel inside me that he is still alive and, if he were dead, the whole world would know because the death of Osama cannot be concealed," she was quoted as saying.

After the United States began bombing in Afghanistan in October, she said that they moved into the mountains and lived in a cave for two months.

She said that the family then moved again and were taken to Pakistan by one of bin Laden's sons and some tribesmen. They were handed over to authorities there.

The woman also said that bin Laden took tranquilizing drugs and suffered from kidney ailments. She said that bin Laden became enraged when she asked him if he was responsible for the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

The story was published along with a picture of her identification card. The picture and essential details were obscured in order to protect the woman's identity.

Some are skeptical of the woman's report.

"You would not expect an ordinary wife to say these things about her husband, let alone a wife of bin Laden," said a Saudi dissident living in London.

— Associated Press

Europe

LONDON — The act of gum-chewing could make people smarter, according to British research.

In a joint study carried out by the Universities of Northumbria and the Cognitive Research Unit, chewing gum was found to have a positive effect on cognitive tasks such as thinking and memory.

"The results were extremely clear and we specifically found that chew­ing gum targeted memory," said Andrew Scholtof the university's Humanities and Cognitive Science Unit. "People recalled more words and performed better in tests on working memory."

The type of gum does not have an effect. It is the repetitive chewing motion that makes the difference.

— Reuters

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- Library (entrance)
Making a ‘connection’ with childhood

By Andrea Corder
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

When John Hood was a little boy, he covered the walls of his bedroom with objects taken from the beach.

As a child, these objects were Hood’s little treasures. Now, as a father, husband and artist, this collection has become the inspiration for his show, titled “Signs of Conscience” at the San Luis Artine Gallery.

The show, which opened March 1, will run through April 1, and consists of 12 of Hood’s paintings, all of which have been inspired by his childhood in Southern California and the treasures he found.

While nature is the subject of Hood’s paintings, the pieces are not postcard-like landscapes with serene settings of utopian beauty. Instead, they portray the drabness and dirtiness of nature, and how it can depict a scene. Josephine Crayfield, director of the San Luis Artine Gallery, looks at the work as an artist who is not trying to make a pretty picture or please anyone. "Crayfield said, "In a sense, the artist is presenting the things that are typical of nature, and the scene with the shadows along the forms. He's looking at the root of nature — he's using them as a reminder of the simplicity of nature."

With dark, deep colors, shadows, and the objects at Hood’s disposal, he transforms them into pieces of a mystery.

"They are second little objects," Hood said. "But they aren't just there; there's some mystery behind them. It's like they are always going on the other side of the room. I wonder if it is an idea that will come out in the end."

The paintings, which are done with oils and watercolors, show the objects painted simply on the canvas, with a few colors. "I've always been interested in the images of nature," Hood said. "The process of creating a romance and motion-like look that was used in the paintings was more in depth.

"It is all about the emotional depths you could see in his new life."

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Feminist group ‘Mothertongue’ gives final word on women

By Whitney Kobrin

The National Organization for Women (NOW) is hosting an original production that proves there really is “Something About the Women.”

Angie King, coordinator of the San Luis Obispo chapter of NOW, said her organization is inviting members of the community to attend a cost-free world premiere production by Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective on March 21. In honor of Women’s History Month, the production is entitled “Something About the Women” and will be held at the Conference Rockford Chapel in Morro Bay.

Women’s History Month began in 1980 as International Women’s Day in honor of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in 1911, to recognize the heroism of the women who were trapped in the burning building. It also aimed to shed light on the work conditions to which they were subjected. In the 1950s, feminism gained momentum and prompted a congressional declaration that March would be recognized as Women’s History Month.

Rosemary Hathaway, coordinator of the local chapter of Mothertongue, said, “The production is inspired by the history of women, and the strength that women draw from one another.”

Mothertongue is a theater group featuring women who write poetry, stories and songs about women’s lives. The majority of these stories are personal, and are expressed in the form of dramatic dialogue with mild staging depending on the script, Hathaway said. The group reads from notes during the performance rather than committing the production to memory.

In preparation for shows, members meet in script groups to do writing exercises and collaborate on the works. The shows are then performed, Hathaway said. The organization of performances begins six to nine months in advance in order to gather all of the pieces that will be performed.

Mothertongue began in 1976 in San Francisco, but Hathaway founded the Central Coast group when she moved to San Luis Obispo in 1996. There are currently four chapters of Mothertongue, which include locations in Santa Cruz, San Francisco, Santa Rosa and San Luis Obispo. Hathaway said NOW is an organization based in Washington, D.C., and the individual chapters function as the grassroots for the organization, King said. The goal of NOW is to take action to bring women into mainstream society, she said. In 1966, President Kennedy consulted with a group of people regarding the status of women in the United States. The result of these meetings included a measure restricting the segregation of women, King said.

“Women were disappointed by the moderate tone the government took, and began NOW to take action immediately,” she said. Since then, NOW has been at the forefront of issues, including the recognition of rights for lesbians in 1972, and more recently, the safety of women in terms of violence and sexual harassment.

Each year, NOW celebrates Women’s History Month in a different city. In years past, they have held exhibits at local libraries that included memorabilia from the history of women and the accomplishments in history. King said this year, the public is invited to join NOW for the theatrical experience.
New arts scholarship aims to fight injustice

By Amber Hodge
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For art students who have strong feelings about political issues, attending college can be an opportunity not to be missed.

Based out of Washington, D.C., the Artists' Call for Justice is an annual, student-centered, Internet-based arts awards program that engages post-secondary communication arts students in the creative exploration of justice-related themes, based on the Artists' Call for Justice Web site.

The program is part of The Justice Project, a nonprofit, nonprofit organization created in 2000 by Vietnam War Veterans.

The guidelines are set by what The Justice Project stands for.

"We offer guided design challenges based on current programs that The Justice Project is involved in, and an open category where the student is allowed to pick any topic, that they would like to speak out on," said Cant Walsh, project assistant for the Artists' Call for Justice. "We offer themes for them to consider and provide links where they can do research.*

The death penalty, globalization, landmine issues, societal justice and nuclear threat reduction are very close to The Justice Project.

Artists are also welcome to include a national postcard next to the artwork of 150 words or more describing the motivation behind the art.

"Student artists working in the visual and communication arts are creating phenomenal, transcendent works, which the public rarely gets to see."

Dan Walsh
Artists' Call program director

"Students in graphic design and visual communication classes are working from an idea for their pieces. They create because the surface was not satisfactory until Hood slashed the plaster with a knife and created the look he wanted.

While Hood's attraction to the process of creating the pieces is apparent, his concentration on his work gives the paintings a sense of antiquity, said Crawford.

"It really gives me the feeling of the eternal essence of nature and how it repeats," she said. "It tells me that nature is always the same, from ancient Greece to today. It gives me the feeling of the eternal strength of nature."

Hood, who grew up on the coast of Southern California, moved to Oklahoma to attend college at the University of Oklahoma. Later, he moved from Oklahoma to Italy to do his master's thesis. There, he studied frescos, a style of painting, and restoration techniques. But, it wasn't until 1998 that Hood came back to California.

It was the reconnection with the California coast that gave Hood the idea for his pieces.

"I've gotten back into the routine of going surfing and reconnecting to the things I grew up with," Hood said. "A lot of it is about reestablishing myself as a Californian."

At 35, Hood, his wife, Debra, and his 3-year-old daughter live in Santa Maria where he is a professor of art and design and art history at Allan Hancock College. While is daughter, Eden, is now discovering the treasures that he once found playing on the beach, Hood has shown in his paintings those sacred little objects through the eyes of a child. "I so distinctly remember placing them on my windowsill," he said. "As a kid, they probably ended up in the trash, but now, I look back and I see that window sill as a canvas."
Poly students ‘gotta have their Pops’

By Renée Shadforth

Even though the two groups have not yet rehearsed together, the Cal Poly Wind Orchestras and the Pasadena Young Musicians Orchestra (PYMO) will join forces to perform music inspired by "Lord of the Rings" on Saturday.

"That's scary," said William Johnson, the conductor of the Cal Poly Wind Orchestras. "But, we won't perform it unless it's perfect."

The groups will practice together on Friday and, if necessary, Saturday morning. The performance will be the 20th annual Pops Concert, which, for the past 19 years, has sold out. Johnson said this year should be no exception.

Jason Kneebone, a music junior who plays the bass trombone for Cal Poly Wind Orchestra One, said he is confident the orchestras will mesh.

"We're both very musical and very accomplished groups," he said. "It should be fine."

Spokespeople for the two groups said that the popularity of the "Lord of the Rings" should spark interest in people, and therefore, donations for orchestras performances.

"If we say that we are going to play Mozart, people will stay home and watch the ball game," said Roberta Wilcox, the manager for PYMO. "But if we play 'Lord of the Rings,' everyone will want to come."

Wilcox said that popular music is a surefire way to bring in people, and therefore, donations for PYMO.

PYMO is an 87-member orchestra composed of high school and college students from the Los Angeles area. Last year, Johnson was a guest conductor for PYMO.

"They are probably the best youth orchestra in the western United States," he said.

He added that he could have chosen to perform with an orchestra like the San Luis Obispo Symphony Orchestra, but he wanted to play with a group that matched the age, as well as the ability, of his wind orchestra.

Since the Cal Poly Wind Orchestras are educational groups, Johnson usually chooses pieces that enhance the ability of the students. For the Pops Concerts, he has chosen music that is enjoyable for the audience, as well as a challenge for the students.

In addition to the groups' performance of John de Meij's "Lord of the Rings" Symphony No. 1, the Cal Poly Wind Orchestras will play Symphonic Suite from "Star Wars: Episode I, The Phantom Menace." Then, the Cal Poly Wind Orchestra One will perform the complicated "Year of the Dragon." Kneebone, who has been practicing at least 14 hours per week for the upcoming concert, said that all of the music they will perform is difficult.

"It will be quite an endeavor," he said, referring to the "Lord of the Rings" performance. "Some movements are tedious for brass and can be quite strenuous."

The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra One recently performed at the Sydney Opera House, and the group has also released a CD, "Speech of Angels," which has been distributed internationally. They have received an invitation to perform at Carnegie Hall in April 2003.

But for now, the groups are just focusing on their upcoming performance together.

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The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra and the Pasadena Young Musicians Orchestra will perform music inspired by 'Lord of the Rings' at the 20th annual Cal Poly Pops Concert on Saturday.

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Microchips the answer for national security

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Hijacker visas approved

By Dan Eggen and Mary Beth Sheridan
THE WASHINGTON POST
(WIRE) WASHINGTON - Exactly six months after terrorists Mohammed Atta and Marwan Alshehhi flew two jetliners into the World Trade Center, the Florida flight school that trained the men received paperwork showing that their student visas had been approved.

The two suicide hijackers had applied for the visas through their flight school, Huffman Aviation International, in August 2000. But because of backlog and an antiquated processing system at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, notification of the approval did not arrive at the Venice, Fla., flight school until Monday.

The belated receipt of the documents underscores the chronic problems that continue to plague the beleaguered INS - the target of numerous reform efforts since the Sept. 11 attacks - and prompted howls of outrage Tuesday from Capitol Hill.

"This shows once again the continuing failure of this agency," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., who has co-sponsored legislation to break up the agency. "If you look at the chronology of this, it shows why the INS has to be dismantled and put back together again."

INS and Justice Department officials acknowledged Tuesday that the delayed mailings were embarrassing, but stressed that the change to student visas for Atta and Alshehhi was actually approved last summer. The pair had entered the United States on tourist visas.

In addition, the INS said in a statement, "When the applications were approved, the INS had no information indicating that Atta or Alshehhi had ties to terrorist organizations."

The records received by Huffman, first reported by CNN, show that Atta's visa was approved July 17 and Alshehhi's was approved Aug. 9. The visa approvals came well after the two would-be hijackers had completed their training course at Huffman, which cost $27,300 each and ended in January 2001.

That means it took the INS more than a year to process the visa applications after they were submitted by a Huffman official in August 2000, and several additional months to return the forms to the flight school.

The schools are not required to deny a student visa to a foreign national once the application has been filed, officials said.

INS officials said in a statement Tuesday night that the agency "begins the late arrival of notification to the school," and blamed the delay on an "inaccurate, inaccurate, untimely" and inefficient paper-based processing system.

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When we moved in, he told us the carpet was old and probably needed to be replaced," Sterner said. "And now he wants us to pay for new carpet."

The women also claimed that many of the changes were a result of the landlord's lack of maintenance of the property. They said that he was unresponsive to letters they wrote and that the landlord's lack of maintenance of the property. They said that he was unresponsive to letters they wrote and that the landlord's lack of maintenance were common complaints among Mustang Daily.

The judge found in favor of Sterner, Rogers and Dunn. They were awarded $1,571 of their $1,600 security deposit.

"I was very satisfied," Sterner said. However, the case is not over.

Sterner said that although they won their case, she would do things differently if she could go back. She said she would have documented every incident and recommended that others do the same.

For more information on renters' rights, visit www.housing.calpoly.edu.

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"We sent Robert a letter in response to his claims stating what we thought were fair deductions, but he never responded," Sterner said.

Robert Mueller refused to speak with Mustang Daily.

Sterner then began reading up on California renters' codes on the Internet and at the California Bar Association. She found a lot of information about renters' rights and lawyers are not allowed. There is a $2,000 filing charge with the Small Claims Office of San Luis Obispo County, and it costs another $5 to have the court serve the party being sued. If one of the parties fails to appear in court, the party forfeits the case.

Sterner, Rogers and Dunn appeared in court on Friday, Oct. 5, and were informed by Mueller that he was going to counter-sue them for $2,000. He also told them that they would soon receive the official paperwork.

The women appeared before Judge Pro Tem Steven B. Seton, who explained that they would first have to exchange evidence with their former landlord and talk with a mediator, but that they could not have his court without going to court.

However, the mediation was unsuccessful and the parties went before Judge Seton. Mueller then told the judge that he needed to reschedule a new court date.

A second court date in November 2001 was scheduled, but Mueller was unable to attend. He filed for an alternate date in December, but Sterner and Rogers were unable to appear because it fell at the beginning of finals week, Sterner said.

All parties finally agreed to meet Jan. 7, 2002.

"The court hearing was quite interesting," Sterner said. "I wasn't sure what to argue, but had decided to stay away from the small issues and concentrate on the big picture."

Cases of this nature usually take 15 minutes to arrive before the judge, Sterner said. She added that they were before the court for one hour.

The decision was received via mail two weeks later, Sterner said. The judge found in favor of Sterner, Rogers and Dunn. They were awarded $715 of their $1,600 security deposit.
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The athletes will attempt to become the first Cal Poly to make it to home All-American honors since 1985. The team has had no All-Americans since 1998. In order to receive that honor, an athlete must place in the top eight at the NCAA Tournament.

Haymon (141 points) returns the tournament on a four-match winning streak. He lost in the first round of the Pac-10 Championships before winning MADNESS
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team's seniors. Some might say that the NRL is more exciting, arguing that in Cinderella stories are just as spectacular as those found every year in college hoops. Football lovers possess a valid point. After all, the last three Super Bowl champs changed direction and made the playoffs the year before they hosted the Lombardi Trophy.

But what if the NFL lacks are the teams that literally come out of nowhere. Sure the Patrons were a huge surprise this year, but weren't they in the Super Bowl just six years ago?

Before Valparaiso's Bryce Drew knocked Mississippi out of the 1998 tournament with a buzzer-beating trey that advanced the team to the Sweet 16, how many people could honestly say that they were familiar with the Volpo basketball program?

Dejected baseball fans might argue that nothing matches up to the Fall Classic. No, 65-team tournament, no Super Bowl, nothing can equal that magnitude to that of the World Series.

Although no sport is more patriotic than baseball, there is something uniquely American about March Madness. Present day college hoops possess a certain kind of rawness to its story. Each year we fall in love with teams that we never knew existed, as they embark on heroic journeys into the tournament.

Unlike baseball, there are no series in college basketball. The importance of one game over another is not as pronounced when the tournament begins, it’s do or die. Win and advance or lose and go home. It’s that simple, but that much more exciting.

For those who remain faithful to the NFL, well, I feel sorry for you. I dare to say it, but the NFL has lost its magic, figuratively and literally. Without guys like Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Charles Barkley, and the Michael Jordan of old, professional basketball just doesn’t seem as important as it once did. The magic that it once contained has gone to the college level and shows up every year. It is something that is advance their season by hitting game-winning buzzer beaters.

As more and more teams guarantee their spot in the NCAA tournament, we can only wonder who will wear the glass slipper this year. Will it be Western Kentucky, the team that advanced to the San Bel Conference final on a last second baseline jumper after a New Mexico State three-pointer put them down by one with 16 seconds left? Or will Florida Atlantic, who will make their first ever appearance in the Big Dance, be the one that takes out a couple highly ranked teams? The bottom line is that we don’t know who the next Cinderella will be. We just know that there will be one, which makes it that much more exciting.

So when you’re filling out your brackets next week, be careful with your $5 tournament pool so that you won’t remember in the fall that a Cinderella will knock off teams. That is what makes it that much more exciting.

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Barbara, but we didn’t have a great experience there,” Fast said. “They fans were just horrible. One of (them) on the sidelines poured beer down one of our player’s shirts. They really had a little bit of animosity toward Santa Barbara.”

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Wrestler heads to national championships

By Andy Fahey
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While most Cal Poly students will be finishing up with finals and gearing up for their spring break trips to the beach next week, Cal Poly junior wrestler David Schenk will leave his sunscreen behind. Instead of catching some rays on a sun-splashed beach, the 197-pounder will be competing for the national championship in Albany, N.Y. The tournament will be held March 21-23. Schenk will be competing in the 197-pound weight division.

Teammates that will be joining Schenk will be senior Cedric Haymon and junior Steve Strange.

UCSB game still meaningful for rugby team

By Barbara Bowden
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With two recent wins securing its place at the Street 16 Tournament next month, the Cal Poly men's rugby team is preparing for a low-pressure game against UC Santa Barbara on Saturday.

While Saturday's game won't affect the Mustangs' second-place standing going into the tournament, coach Charles "Boo" Zanoli said his team isn't about to slack off now.

"We definitely want to end (the season) on a high note," he said. "It's very meaningful game. We can't go into our last league match with a low and start preparing for championship play, so we definitely want to show UCSB all of our skills."

The most valuable skill at the team's disposal is its superior ability to work together as a team, Wing Bear Forbes said that this display has been the driving force behind the team's success this season, and will continue to be a key factor in future games.

More specifically, Zanoli cited scrumhalf Jimmy Hamlin and backup Wes Sabot as vital players needed to ensure yet another victory for the team. The scrumhalf position is an important one, as it serves as a link between the forwards and the backs.

"Our forward pack as a whole has been absolutely dominant against every team we play," Zanoli said. "Even with the two loses we sustained this year our pack did a beautiful job."

The team will also focus on bringing in outside center Brian Barnard, a newcomer to rugby this year. Club President Mike Ranney said that because Santa Barbara's game doesn't mean much on paper, the men have an opportunity to give their second string a chance to start without taking too high of a risk.

"This is kind of a dress rehearsal for our Saturday match in the first game of playoffs, so we're trying to use the same strategy as we would going into that," Zanoli said.

Despite a March 9 win against St. Mary's, the team didn't perform at its full potential and plans to improve its play for an even better match.

"Our halfbacks and centers need to really get the ball moving a lot better than last weekend," Zanoli said. "We were successful, but we were off our ‘A’ game.

Fates described Cal Poly and UCSB as being close competitors and rival due to their similar playing styles.

"In the past, the team has always had a rivalry with Santa Barbara because we are the teams that are the closest together," Fates said. "Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo are two similar towns battling it out."

As a result, Fates said that although every game is important, this one in particular means a lot to every team member.

"Last year we beat them in Santa Barbara in the first game of play-offs, so we're trying to use the same strategy as we would going into that," Zanoli said.

Track and field to host Cal Poly invite

The Cal Poly men's and women's track & field teams will host the 12th annual Cal Poly Invitational this Saturday, March 16, at the Cal Poly campus track. The two-day meet will consist of teams from UC Irvine, Fresno State, Sacramento State, Utah State, Brigham Young University, Wichita State, and the University of Nevada women's team.

While the men's and women's hammer throw will take place on Friday, Mar. 15 at 2 p.m. at the track, the remaining events will begin on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. with the women's pole vault. The running events will begin at 10:15 a.m. with the men's and women's 5,000 meters.

Cal Poly, under the direction of 11th-year head coach Terry Crawford, opened the season at the Stanford Spring Opener back on March 3. The Mustangs are led by returning Big West Conference champions Paulo Carvalho in the men's 5,000 meters, Andrew Badger in the triple jump, Maggie Vessely in the women's 400 meters, Jen DeRegio in the 10,000 meters, Stephanie Brown in the shot put, and Lacy Trevorberg in the discus. Both teams finished third at last year's Big West Conference Championships.