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So many places to go, people to see in SLO

By Luke Darling
SUMMER WELCOME STAFF WRITER

Welcome to San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly and college life. It's going to be a bumpy ride, but Mustang Daily is here to make it just a little easier.

What follows is a guide to life in the residence halls, through the hallways and walkways of campus and on the waves and in the streets of the Central Coast.

So you're new to the Central Coast and the San Luis Obispo community. Maybe you feel lost and confused about places to eat, drink or simply relax and escape.

Finding the hidden treasures of San Luis Obispo and its surroundings is not difficult but it just takes some time getting acquainted with your surroundings.

**Farmers Market:**

A local staple and favorite for 20 years, Farmers Market keeps students and residents swarming downtown for tri-tip sandwiches and ribs.

Students know it's near the end of a long school week and time for Farmers Market when the sweet hickory smoke of barbecue fills the air on Thursday evening. Produce vendors and merchants line the streets of downtown San Luis Obispo ready to sell items and fresh goods. Farmers Market is a weekly tradition.

"What's not to like about eating pork ribs curbside in the middle of downtown?" said Peter Tennetti, construction management sophomore.

**North Coast:**

From the peaceful coast of Big Sur and the elephant-seal-filled beaches of San Simeon to the overlooking views of Hearst Castle, the crowdless nature of the northern Central Coast is a draw for many people.

Big Sur offers dozens of camp­sites along the coast, and with a quick drive it can be an easy and fun weekend camping excursion.

For information on camp­sites and directions contact the California State Parks Department.

At times, weekend activities can be hard to fit into a schedule filled with classes, tests and jobs. An easy way to take a quick getaway and see PLACES, page 8

Warren Witten gives his wife Lisa some tomato advice while working at Farmers Market. The Wittens, who sell tomatoes and peppers, are among the many vendors at the Thursday night event.

News from other colleges

**RAs shift role as colleges see real-world problems**

By Steve Giegerich
AT EDUCATION WRITER

LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J. — A residence hall assistant 34 years ago, Jack Collins recalls the training requirements imposed by his small Ohio college as being minimal at best.

"Basically, you just showed up," said Collins, the president of the Association of College and University Housing Officers International.

Thirty years later, when David Errigo decided to become a resident assistant, Rider University schooled him in mental health awareness, diversity, recognizing the signs of alcohol abuse and getting tutoring for academically challenged students, among other things.

To prepare Errigo for residence hall stewardship, Rider — a small independent university located between Philadelphia and New York — also required his presence at two extensive training classes. He received credit during the school year as well as an intensive mandatory refresher course each summer.

"The role today has evolved into dealing with some pretty serious and complicated problems that students bring with them," said Collins, who is also director of housing at the University of Illinois, where the RA training program has also moved beyond mere fire safety and evacuation — still the most important role played by resident assistants.

"RAs act as supervisors and advisers see RA, page 11

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still enjoy the beautiful and empty coast north of San Simeon is to take a drive up to one of the many beaches. All one needs to do is drive slow, look for a turnoff and find a trail. There are countless unmarked trails that lead to a secluded beach adventure.

**Hearst Castle:**
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**Kayaking:**
California residents are lucky in many ways: great weather, beautiful surroundings and an enormous body of water right next door. One of the best ways to get a taste of the wild Pacific Ocean, if you are not a surfer or ocean fanatic, is kayaking. With the safety and comfort of the small plastic craft, you can experience the beauty of the ocean from a different perspective.

"Avila Beach is great because you have a little more to battle with before you can get out, start moving around because of the breaking waves."

*Dana Byron*
Nutrition junior

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Big Sur has some of the most beautiful coastline in California and is a only an hour and a half north of San Luis Obispo.

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person can explore all the wildlife and beauty of Central Coast waters. “Avila Beach is great because you have a little more to battle with before you can get out and start moving around because of the breaking waves,” said Dana Byron, nutrition junior.

This activity is offered throughout the year in Morro Bay and Avila Beach. Morro Bay is best suited for beginners because of the protected harbor. Kayak rental businesses, tours and lessons line the waterfront area of the Embarcadero area in Morro Bay, with the best time being in the spring and summer, when the weather warms up.

**Hiking/Mountain Biking:**

Countless trails for hiking and mountain biking surround the Cal Poly campus and San Luis Obispo community. Just steps away from the dorms are the wide-open trails and hills of Poly Canyon.

Bishop’s Peak is the most popular hiking excursion for students and community residents, as it provides a great workout without the claustrophobic feeling of the Rec Center. The trail entrance is located just off Foothill Boulevard. The total hike takes anywhere from an hour to two hours, depending on the pace.

**South Coast:**

A great getaway for the weekend is the waterfront of Pismo Beach. From the tourist areas of the Pismo Pier and Splash Café to the wide-open expanses of the Pismo and Oceano dunes, the area is a great way to breathe in the fresh ocean air.

A three-mile stretch of state beach just south of Pismo Beach is open for off-roading. Any vehicle can traverse the beach because the sand is so hard-packed. A day permit for the beach to drive out to the water costs four dollars, and is valid from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Finding something to do in a small community like San Luis Obispo might, at first, seem like a challenge. After one explores the Central Coast, it becomes obvious that it is anything but boring.

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in the dormitories, solving problems and keeping order.

"RAs are the front-line people out there who, on a day-to-day basis, are asked to address a series of problems, challenges and issues that those of us who were RAs 20, 30 and 40 years ago never dreamed about," Collins said. Although he is better trained and more aware that real students bring real-world problems to campus, Errigo's daily routine as one of 54 assistants assigned to Rider's 10 on-campus dormitories is not significantly different from Collins' tenure as an RA.

"It's like we signed up to be their friends," he said of the students in his freshmen residence hall. "Most of the time what we do is listen."

Aside from homestick laments about pets and loved ones left behind, the RAs say their ears are primarily bent by student complaints about roommates. Rather than assign an assistant to each floor, Rider scatters the advisers throughout its four dorms. To prepare them for the more serious situations, Rider's Director of Residence Life Cindy Threatt's staff uses role-playing to help RAs identify the difference between the student distraught over academic failure or a broken romance and the student intent on doing harm to himself or others.

"When it comes to extreme mental health problems, Threatt said, the student is usually not to resolve matters on their own.

"We stress that it's a sign of competency to refer" significant problems to the school's professional staff, she said. While Collins acknowledges that college student depression and binge drinking were not unknown when he served as an RA, schools today are now "more open and honest" about those issues.

To promote trust between assistants and residents, Rider also advises reporting violations of the school's prohibition of underage drinking on campus to the proper authorities.

"We encourage them to let us be the heavies," Threatt said. Under most circumstances, however, Rider RAs are on their own. Which often means providing a master key to a locked-out student at 4:30 a.m.

What's toughest, the RAs say, is standing in as parents for students barely younger than they are.

"You can't get away from it, it's 24/7," said junior Megan Botscheller, a second-year RA.

Senior Jason Wooden, in his third year as a residence assistant, said his worst days were the hours spent counseling distraught students after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

"He said it was difficult "because we had to take care of the residents, but at the same time we had to take care of ourselves."

Despite long hours and what often seems to be a constant assault on his privacy, Wooden said the benefits extend beyond $6,700 per year salary. Wooden said the benefits extend beyond $6,700 per year stipend that includes tuition reimbursement, scholarships, housing compensation and the best perk of all — a dorm room of one's own.
Exploring the cuisine of SLO, Central Coast

By Stephanie Ikel
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

College is full of choices: choosing who to date, what classes to take, where to live and what to do after college. Yet one of the most vital decisions is what to eat. When Vista Grande and the Lighthouse start to lose their appeal, this guide will help point out dining choices off campus.

Close to Home
For the first year of college, not every student has a car. The following restaurants are within biking, skating and even walking distance from campus.

Cuesta College sophomore Tabi Stewart makes a chipotle beef sandwich at High Street Deli.

News from other colleges
UCLA and UC Berkeley among top dozen in research spending

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Research spending at University of California campuses in Los Angeles and Berkeley ranked among the top dozen nationwide, according to the National Science Foundation.

The University of California, Los Angeles jumped from the No. 4 to the No. 2 spot, with total research expenditures of $693.8 million, while the University of California, Berkeley fell from 7th largest research budget to 12th with a total of $446.3 million in 2001.

A University of California official attributed the shifts to accounting changes.

The Arlington, Va.-based foundation ranked college research and development expenditures in newly released information.

Schools are usually compared by money spent on research instead of research dollars received because of the complicated nature of grants, many of which are doled out over several years.

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Business junior Davey Jones chugs a beer in the bar at Firestone Grill on Higuera Street.

Money Matters

Being a student does come with some drawbacks. The major one is shallow pockets. Having to pay for books, clothes and trips home leaves little left to buy food for the stomach. Food can get expensive, but there are some delicious places to eat that won’t break the bank.

Kona’s Deli is a popular sandwich place with big, tasty subs for a hearty appetite. At Kona’s, a meal can easily be ordered for less than $7. They are open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. They are located at 972 Foothill Blvd.

Taco Bell is exactly cheap and perfect for late night cravings. Sometimes a little Taco Bell is just what the stomach ordered. A meal can be purchased for about $4. Taco Bell keeps its doors open until 4 a.m. Thursday through Saturday, 1 a.m. on Sunday and 3 a.m. Monday through Wednesday. It is located off Santa Rosa Street.

Parents coming into town? Mustang Daily suggests you have them treat you to dinner at Apple Farm, P. McIntock’s or Tahoe Joe’s. They are open through Wednesday and until 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. It’s located on the Grand Avenue side of campus at 1930 Monterey St. just before the freeway on-ramp to 101 North. The location makes it easy to walk to campus. It’s located on the freeway side away from campus.

Sandi’s Liquor Deli is even closer to campus. It’s located on the Grand Avenue side of campus at 1930 Monterey St. just before the freeway on-ramp to 101 North. The location makes it easy to walk down, grab a sandwich and then grab a snack for the walk back.

A few other restaurants that are relatively close to school are: Nacci’s, located at 785 Foothill Blvd., in the Albertson’s shopping center. Try the raspberry salad. Tiki Hut, which offers rice and noodle bowls, at 594 California Blvd. Beware, they only take cash.

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Denny’s is a necessity in every college town. Although it is a bit of a drive, it has the added bonus of being open 24-hours. There are two in San Luis Obispo: one at 1460 Calle Joaquin Rd. and the other at 228 Madonna Rd.

Firestone Grill at 1201 Higuera St. is also open relatively late. They close at 11 p.m. on the weekends. Their fries, burgers and tubes are highly recommended. If you want something a little lighter, the salads are a good choice.

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With one quick phone call they deliver to any dorm lobby — no bikes or running shoes needed. The pizzas specials are less than $10 and they are open until 12 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday and 1 a.m. Thursday through Saturday.

► Looking for a night on the town? Mustang Daily suggests Frog and Peach Pub, Blue Mother’s Tavern and San Luis Obispo Brewery. See page 47 for under-21 fun.

San Luis Obispo High School senior Cody Morris heads into Carl’s Jr., which is just one of the any local fast food restaurants that is not equipped with a drive-thru. In 1982, San Luis Obispo passed a zoning ordinance that forbids drive-thrus within the city limits.

► Can’t find a drive-thru in San Luis Obispo? Mustang Daily suggests you head to Atascadero or Santa Maria for all your fast food needs. Santa Maria, south of San Luis Obispo, has In and Out, and Wendy’s. Head north to Atascadero for In and Out, McDonald’s and Burger King.

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For those who love the freedom of flying, the San Luis Obispo Airport is host to a hands-on flight training school, Victory Aviators, offering an introductory flight for under $50.

With the expert assistance of co-owner Adam Verdin, I found out for myself what it is like to maneuver 1,800 feet above freeway traffic — making my way from the airport past my workplace in Pismo Beach in mere seconds.

"Our ultimate goal is to teach our students how to be completely self-sufficient, to deal with any problem that could arise," Verdin said. "The actual flying of the airplane is one of the easiest things to do. It's not rocket science."

About 25 to 30 percent of the clientele are Cal Poly students, Verdin said. Flight instructors at Victory Aviators said college students are extremely receptive to learning instructions and learn with ease. Wanda Strassburg, an employee at the San Luis Obispo Airport since the 1960s, said Victory Aviators uses the time-tested Jeppesen flight instruction technique, a system developed by an airmail pilot, which teaches instructors to offer classes with an emphasis on safety.

The flights are offered in single-engine, two-person Cessna 152s. The tight fit is well worth the thrill of navigating down the magnificently cosiest things to do. It's not rocket science.

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After the introductory flight, it costs $60 per lesson. Each lesson lasts about two to three hours. A large part of the lesson consists of training for what to do if something goes wrong, or if conditions are less than ideal. Students aiming for a pilot's license should expect to spend a lot of time in the air. The actual flying of the airplane is one of the easiest things to do. It's not rocket science.

"The students who do the best are those that harbor a love for flying." Learning to fly not only requires time but money as well. To get certified at Victory Aviations costs between $4,500 and $5,000, Verdin said. For individuals between the ages of 15 and 21 who have an itch to fly but do not have the money, a scholarship is available.

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**Veterans speak out about to do and not to do while in college**
- **Antonio Soto**, biology/chemistry sophomore
  - “Don’t worry about trying to find the love of your life in college.” - **Anonymous**
- **Don’t take 7 a.m. classes.** — **Tony Soto**, business sophomore
  - “Find a good adviser.” - **Mike**, biology senior
  - “Get involved in clubs and campus activities as much as you can.” — **Sarah Jones-Smith**, recreation, parks and tourism administration senior
  - **Jill Barton**, kinesiology senior
  - “Don’t change your major.”
  - **Peter Uzzi**, graphic communications senior
  - “Save your money, look into off campus housing early.”
  - **Anonymous**
  - “Find a different place to sleep when your roommate comes back to your dorm room with her boyfriend at 3 a.m.”
  - **Tony Soto**, business sophomore
  - “Just because he wants to hook up with you doesn’t mean he wants to be your boyfriend.” - **Anonymous**
  - “Don’t take too many units your first few quarters, get the feel for it.” — **Drew**, history senior
  - **Wendy Z.,** philosophy senior
  - “Weary your shower shoes.”
  - **Lisa Osborn**, philosophy senior
  - “Make as many friends as you can because the more people you know the more you learn and the more parties you get invited to.” — **Anonymous**
  - “Don’t drink in the dorms.” — **Jason Shapiro**, aerospace engineering sophomore
  - “Lighthouse: avoid at all cost.” — **R. Simms**, mechanical engineering junior
  - “It’s OK to get bad grades, honestly.” — **Anonymous**

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**Dating in SLO**

**Charm of a prince, budget of a pauper**

By Whitney Kellogg

**SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER**

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I know, I know, a flight to the Riviera is out of your league, but a picnic in the sands of Morro Bay isn’t, and a guy who’s thoughtful enough to plan a date around a romantic theme is a rare catch.

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"Be a rock star."
-Anonymous

"Stay on top safety"
-Anonymous

"Professors are approachable and helpful in other hours."
-Mike Hoang, electrical engineering senior

"Have a map with building numbers and names."
-Mike Furry, biochemistry/nitrocellulose junior

"Don't stress, everyone is in the same boat as you."
-Brian Greene,电气工程专业大三

"Relax, don't be in a hurry, you will figure it all out."
-Natalie Alban, psychology junior

"College is only as important as you are willing to make it. If you would rather drink and be free from your parents, you can do that anywhere. Don't waste money if you aren't planning on finishing."
-Lillian Thomson, economics/chemistry senior

"Unlike high school, a C really is the average grade given."
-Monique Fahey, mechanical engineering sophomore

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pale the picnic. I can already taste the tomatoes, mozzarella cheese and mushroom arancini, deli salad. There's focaccia bread with oil and vinegar for dipping and chilled ice tea cools us as we talk. We have the kayak for two hours, but we're still not ready to leave by 6 p.m.

About 30 minutes before sunset, head to Whale Rock above Avila Bay (Driving south on Hwy. 101, exit right onto Avila Beach Drive. Pass the San Luis Bay Drive intersection. Turn left onto Cave Landing Road and follow the road up to the parking lot.) From the vista point, we can see all of Avila Valley and the ocean as the sky turns pink and purple. Sure, we'll have to scare away other couples to find a make-out spot, but the majestic view will be worth fighting for.

Then, ask me to close my eyes while you create some mood lighting with brown paper bags transformed into lanterns. Before the date, cut holes in the sides of the bags. When you fill the bottoms with sand and place a votive candle inside, they'll become soft mini lanterns.

I'll be falling in love when you present the night's dessert: Grilled peaches with whipped topping and honey.

After the sun is gone and we finish our fruit, wind down through the hills back toward home. I'll be so impressed, I'll be tempted to ask you out again before you get the chance. You're a dream come true and definitely worthy of a second look. We'll see about that good-night kiss.

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News from the summer

University Police Department faces shortages in patrolling officers

By Susan Malanche

Remittances and medical injuries mean the University Police Department will face shortages in patrolling officers on campus.

With a campus population of 22,000 students, faculty and staff there are one to three officers on patrol on a daily basis, UPD Sgt. Robert Eckrote said.

"We're lucky if there are three, but a lot of the times we only have one," he said. "Most of the time when we're showing up to calls we're by ourselves.

Currently, UPD staff works on grants to get funds from state, federal or private industries to help employ more patrol officers, Eckrote said.

"With the state budget having problems it comes down to dollars and cents," he said. "I've heard the sense in assisting in crime prevention, said Fred Mills, UPD communications and records coordinator.

When the UPD needs more help they rely heavily on the San Luis Obispo Police Department for assistance, Eckrote said. "It gets difficult," he said. "But with our job it's like fast food. You never know what's going to occur."

Although Cal Poly is considered one of the safest campuses in California, some students may not agree. Senior English major Nejasmich said she could see the lack of patrolling officers to be a problem.

"There's lots of cities with less than 22,000 people and I doubt they only have one person on patrol," Nejasmich said. "This could be a problem with such a great number of people and only one person to help them.

With on-campus housing and a higher student enrollment, more patrolling officers are anticipated. Currently, UPD is trying to fill sergeant and officer positions. Although Cal Poly is generally a safe campus thing do happen and people should be alert of their surroundings, Eckrote said.

"With a small police department students need to take more responsibility for their own safety," he said. "Lock your car, walk in groups and just be aware."

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"Go to your classes."
-Amanda Pire, animal science junior

"Stay away from the fire alarms."
-Anonymous

"You can't go wrong with the frozen yogurt at the Lighthouse."
-Michelle Blanc, animal science junior

"Party on and be excellent to each other."
-Crystal Rock star Myers, mechanical engineering student

"Leaves of three, leave them be."
-Graham Womack, computer science senior

"Liquor before beer, you're in the clean beer before liquor, you'll never be sick."
-Anonymous

"Your professors are not your enemies."
-William Swanson, psychology major

"Sleep is a luxury at college."
-Christina, food science major

"Bring a liter of water with you around campus."
-Anonymous

"Don't put up with bad grades, grade point average matters a lot; Check Poly Ratings."
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Full staff at UPD is 15 officers, three sergeants, one commander and one chief. The department is now short three officers and one sergeant, said Marlene Cramer, UPD business service coordinator.

According to the Bureau of Criminal Statistics, Cal Poly theft crimes increased by almost 25 percent between January 2001 and 2002. Being short of staff makes officers not as visible on campus, and students need to use more common sense in assisting in crime prevention, said Fred Mills, UPD communications and records coordinator.

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Investing in local property may make financing college easier

By Jessica Hoffman
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

After spending nine months in the structured world of the dorms, finding off-campus housing in San Luis Obispo can be a reality check for many students.

"There is a lot of competition because everyone is looking for houses," animal science senior Michelle Blanc said. "Plus, everything is really expensive."

And because housing woes plague everyone in San Luis Obispo County, not only students, some Cal Poly parents choose to purchase property for their children.

Jim Rendlur, an agribusiness graduate, is now a licensed realtor with Century 21 Team Realty in San Luis Obispo.

"There are so many benefits to parents buying a home for their kids to live in while they are at school," said Jim Rendlur. "The kids don't have to scramble to look for a place every year, no ridiculous rent, and it takes a lot of stress off the kids for school. For the parents it's a great investment with the appreciation, a shelter income and it's also a write-off."

With the median home price in San Luis Obispo reaching upward of $400,000, purchasing is not an option for everyone.

"People should keep the house at least two or three years to make back the buying and selling costs," Rendlur said. "I know parents who bought when their children were freshmen, then sold it when they were seniors and more than made back what their children's education costs."

For those looking to purchase but are having trouble finding an affordable house in San Luis Obispo, neighboring cities such as Pismo Beach and Morro Bay offer even more options.

Cuesta College sophomore Joe Krause's family owns a house in Grover Beach. He pays rent to his parents, so when he graduates, he will also be part owner in the house.

"We looked in San Luis but the prices were just too high," Krause said. "You don't get the exact same college experience as living right in San Luis with all the parties, but I like it better. It's much more laid back. I'm right near the beach and I feel more on my own."

Local realtors say that purchasing a home in San Luis Obispo can be beneficial.

Roommate problems can have simple solutions

By Jessica Hoffman
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

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Staying healthy while living on campus

A stack of syrup-drenched waffles, two battered sodas and a king-size candy bar. “That’ll be $6.95,” the V.G.s cafe cashier says as she swipes your meal card.

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Healthy Activities:
- Rec Sports Center (on-campus) is open seven days a week and offers swimming, badminton, downhill skiing and river rafting. Rent a surfboard and wetsuit (starting a $10 per day) and head down to Pismo Beach to catch the waves with the locals.
- Coastal Climbing Center (1160 Laurel Lane) is the world’s first stand-alone climbing wall. With more than 60 rock panels and a massive rock wall, beginner and advanced climbers have plenty of options.
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Rustic wood tables and purple and pink chalkboard menus decorate this homecookin’ whole foods restaurant.

Novo (726 Higuera St.) is an upscale, modern restaurant with a single lunch and dinner menu, including Spanish tapas, or appetizers, with an international flair. New Frontiers Natural Foods and Restaurant (896 Foothill Blvd.) has a full-service deli, a grocery store and a natural beauty products and medicines counter. Natural Foods Co-op (745 Francis St.) is also a natural foods and product distributer and, like New Frontiers, has specialty grains, cereals and nuts in bulk.

Lucy’s Juice (on-campus), Jamba Juice (17 Chorro St. and 880 Marsh St.) and Blazing Blenders Juice Bar (1108 Broad St.) carry protein bars and supplements in addition to their smoothies.

Healthy Activities:
- Rec Sports Center (on-campus) is open seven days a week and offers swimming, badminton, basketball, weightlifting and cardio facilities. Gym membership is free for registered students, but organized exercise and instructional classes cost up to $35 per quarter.
- Poly Escapes (on-campus) has camping and water sport equipment rentals, skill workshops and Escape Route trips, including backpacking, downhill skiing and river rafting. Rent a surfboard and wetsuit (starting at a $10 per day) and head down to Pismo Beach to catch the waves with the locals.
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Cal Poly continues winter enrollment, unlike some CSUs

By Nadea Mina
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

All California State Universities except Cal Poly will be cutting enrollment due to California’s budget crisis. About $15 million is being cut from the CSU system. Under the new budget, CSUs will be losing a total of $345.2 million in 2003-04, according to a press release. As a result, most CSU will not accept winter and spring applicants. Because the Cal Poly Admissions Office planned for an impacted campus, the university will not have to turn its back on winter applicants, admissions Director Jim Maraviglia said.

“(Cal Poly) has always been impacted so there is no real change for us. We have been managing this since the 1980s and our program hasn’t changed.”

Jim Maraviglia
admission director

Although Cal Poly plans to accept transfer students in the winter, spring applicants have never been permitted. Maraviglia said. Last year, only a few hundred transfer students were accepted for winter quarter. About 9,000 out of 25,000 students were accepted for fall 2003, according to the admissions Web site.

Whereas other campuses didn’t have to worry about shutting their doors to students as much, Maraviglia said.

CSU chancellor Charles B. Reed wrote in a memo, “On the basis of admissions already made for fall and winter quarters and fall semester, the system has exceeded its new system target of 335,000 full-time equivalent students. Thus even by taking no new students for spring semester and quarter we will still exceed target.”

Reed said he would give campus presidents the right to choose how they want to manage the enrollment of their campuses. Possible solutions include turning down out of state students or making stricter requirements for transfer students.

An ideal student is one that comes to class, lecture and lab, well-prepared, willing to work hard and with an open mind.

Lorraine Donegan
graphic communication professor

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Aidas n. — The off-camps textbook store that offers an alternative to Cal Poly’s El Corral Bookstore. They buy back textbooks year round.

Crash v. — to attend a class that one is not registered for in hopes that the professor will add them to the class roster. Class crashers must take the form located inside of their schedule to the class. Crashers are sometimes forced to sit through a week of classes before being added to the class.

Dead Week n. — The week before finals. The name is actually a misnomer; it is anything but dead for most students. Prepare for term papers, lab finals and even midterms.
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thing a student can do is eat or
drink during class.

And several professors men-
tioned that the ultimate self-in-
crementing act is when students let their cell
phones ring in the middle of lecture.

But when bad
luck strikes and a student thinks
they're officially on their teacher's hit list, the best remedy is to take
responsibility for their actions, said
electrical engineering professor
Gary Perks said.

Yet, unfortunately, freshman

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telling the other person how you feel can work well." A software
program pairs dorm roommates at Cal Poly.

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roommate situation, but we suggest the roommates
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The Park n. -- An area
located underneath the Dexter
Building (the art and design
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socialize and study. There are
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**Newly approved fees will not cover Poly's shortfall**

**By Micah Paulson**

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

With a stagnant job market and possible delays for financial aid, many students are nervous about the 2003-04 school year with drastic fee hikes and possibly less faculty and staff.

The California State University Board of Trustees approved a $157.33 per quarter fee hike; this will bring the annual state university fee up to $2,046, said Larry Kelley, Cal Poly's vice president of administration and finance.

In addition to the CSU fees each Cal Poly college has campus-based fees. Added to the CSU fees most students at Cal Poly will have to pay $3,513 for the year. University Center for Teacher Education students will pay $2,890.50 and liberal arts students will pay $3,280.50.

Despite the increased fees, Cal Poly still has a $14.4 million shortfall. The shortfall could mean reductions in faculty and staff, though Cal Poly has not announced the termination of any employees.

"Budgets are administered at the division level, but the current projects are for no layoffs for full-time continuing staff or faculty," Kelley said. "Rather, hiring will be frozen, service levels and operating budgets will be reduced, and student enrollment will be minimally affected."

For cash-strapped Cal Poly students a raise in fees could mean more loans, or longer hours spent working rather than studying.

"This is insane. I can't believe they are asking for that much more money," said agribusiness senior Sarah Lee. "You would think the government could find a better way to deal with this money shortage, rather than put an extra burden on students." There is a possibility the legislature may make further reductions to the CSU budget. If the additional cuts proved to be substantial, more fee increases, and reduced faculty and staff will be harder to avoid, Kelley said.

The budget reductions are based on Gov. Gray Davis's January 2003 budget, which directed substantial budget reductions to the CSU as a whole.

The 30 percent fee increase at Cal Poly is not unusual, or particularly harsh, for American colleges. The fees are rising by 39 percent at the University of Washington, and 40 percent at the University of California, according to the Washington Post.

If the budget fiasco is not cleared this month, the California Student Aid Commission might have to wait until after fall quarter begins to give the money for Cal Grants that has already been awarded. "It is highly unlikely that the money won't be given out on time," said John Anderson, director of financial aid at Cal Poly. "I believe the budget will be finished by September and the money will be distributed immediately."

The $524 grant should be expanded to $682 to accommodate the difference in fees students must pay. With the go-ahead of the California Student Aid Commission, Cal Poly will alter the award amount, Anderson said. Even if the budget is not resolved this month, Anderson said students that depend on financial aid should not worry.

"We would find a way to accommodate students who need the money," Anderson said. "Even if we had to borrow more money, we would make sure not to put students in jeopardy."
ResNet, housing authorities seek
curb illegal trend at Cal Poly

By Nadea Mina

While incoming freshman haul their comput­
ers, mp3 players and laptops on campus, officials
from the housing office is discussing how to curb
the illegal use of technology in the resident halls.
Computers across the nation are including work­
shops on Internet piracy and illegal downloading of copy­
righted material.

Cal Poly has not scheduled any such program.

However, the university is not exempt from adhering to a poli­
cy prohibiting downloading copyrighted material, Cal Poly
Information Technology Resources said.

"Federal copyright law applies to all forms of information,
including electronic communications, and viola­
tions are prohibited under this policy," states ITS'&
handbook.

ITS' responsible use policy prohibits users from
sharing copyrighted material through the resi­
dence hall network.

According to the residence hall handbook in
place since 1996, "Illegal reproduction of any
material including, but not limited to, music files,
movie files, software and video, protected by U.S.
copyright law is prohibited."

"(Internet piracy) is this
year's big issue, it was invisible
a year ago," Sheldon Steinbach
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general counsel said.

"We only react if we get a complaint," Schaffer
said.

Students caught illegally downloading on cam­
pus are subject to the residence halls' judicial
process, where they meet with their CS&D and dis­
missers at colleges in New York, New Jersey and
California have been fined $12,000 and $17,000.

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In order to avoid liability, ResNet and the housing office
have cracked down on viola­
tions of downloading copyrighted
material.

"Our new pricing model will enable
U.S. retailers to offer music at a much
more appealing price point in compar­
ison to other entertainment products," said Jim Uris, president of Universal
Music & Video Distribution. "We are

Colleges use software, warnings to stop
student file-swapping

By Alex Veiga

Students arriving for fall classes at col­
geges across the country are facing new
restrictions and stern warnings to discour­
age the swapping of pirated music and
movies over high-speed campus Internet
connections.

Some schools are even using software to
cheque the amount of data that can flow in
or out of a computer when students use
Kazaa and other file-sharing programs.

And in a new approach disclosed

Tuesday, at least a dozen universities are
exploring ways to offer students a fee-based
music service whose fees could be bundled
with room and board costs.

"We're feeling a great deal of pressure as
a result of what the entertainment industry
is doing, and we're stepping up a lot of
activities to reduce it," said Jim Davis,
associate vice chancellor for information
technology at the University of California,
Los Angeles.

Last year, UCLA received dooms of

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confident this pricing approach will
drive music fans back into retail
stores."
If retailers also drop their prices,
Universal’s move would make CDs
more competitive with online ser­
vices, including Apple Computer
Inc.'s popular iTunes Music Store and
It was not immediately clear how
retailers would respond to the move.
Company officials said they had not
discussed the pricing strategy with
retailers, who would be notified for­
tomerly on Thursday.
Kevin Milligan, vice president of
merchandising at Torrance, Calif.-
based record retailer Wherehouse
Entertainment Inc., said he had not
received notice from Universal, but
that in general, the move is good news
for consumers.
"Whether it will ultimately be good
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The Recording Industry Association of America regards file-sharing as theft. Last spring, the RIAA settled lawsuits against four college students who allegedly offered thousands of songs for download on their campus networks. The group is expected to file several hundred more copyright infringement lawsuits this month.

At least 10 universities have been served with subpoenas demanding they help the recording industry identify possible targets of such lawsuits, according to the Electronic Frontier Foundation, an online civil liberties group.

Overall, RIAA President Cary Sherman said he is gratified by the attention copyright violations are getting on campuses.

"There's a world of difference this year than just a year ago in terms of the seriousness that universities are taking this issue," he said in an interview.

In a conference call Tuesday, Sherman said the RIAA has not threatened to sue schools themselves but has instead spent more time persuading them that stopping file-sharing "is the right thing to do."

Many universities also are eager to keep their computer networks unclogged by the transit of huge song and movie files.

**Student Life**

**Swimmer killed in great white attack**

By Luke Darling
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"The chance of survival with a femoral artery laceration is difficult — a person would need medical attention and support within one minute," San Luis Obispo County Fire Chief Mike Harlow said.

The fatal attack, which occurred at 8:23 a.m., prompted the closing of Avila Beach and both Pismo city and state beaches on Aug. 18.

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Poly continues fight to increase diversity

By Micah Paulson
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Despite a low percentage of minority students at Cal Poly, there are many programs and clubs devoted to helping those who might be overwhelmed by a lack of community and campus diversity.

In fall 2000, about 60 percent of Cal Poly students reported their ethnic origin as white, 26 percent chose non-white. The average of the California State University system in fall 2002 was 39 percent white and 43 percent non-white, according to Cal Poly’s Institutional Planning and Analysis.

These numbers could be intimidating to incoming freshmen that are used to a more diverse atmosphere. “Minorities that come to Cal Poly could feel alienated,” said Mark Fabianar, coordinator of multicultural programs and services. “Our goal is to help students with academics, as well as their overall well-being. We do this by helping minority students get involved with the community.”

The Multicultural Center houses the Latino mentoring program and the Allenworth mentoring program to help minority students with academics.

Assistance to minority students is provided all the way through students’ college careers, Fabianar said. According to Cal Poly 2002-03 enrollment statistics, from fall 1997 to fall 2002, Cal Poly’s minority student population dropped from 34.9 percent to 24.9 percent.

A minority of students at Cal Poly, blacks experienced the biggest decline, representing half the number of students admitted in 2002 than were admitted in 1997.

The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to allow colleges and universities to consider race in admissions will not alter any policies in California because of the 1996 Proposition 209 decision, which eliminated affirmative action programs. The decision forces California schools to concentrate on financial status rather than race.

Connections for Academic Success is a Cal Poly program that targets high school students of every race, and helps them prepare for college. Donna Davis, coordinator for Connections for Academic Success, is concerned about how students are affected by a lack of diversity.

“Many, a lack of diversity on campus, or in the community, could come as a culture shock,” Davis said. “Enough students express this feeling for it to be a concern.”

Fraternities and sororities offer another outlet for minorities to find comfort in their surroundings. A few of the 33 fraternities and sororities at Cal Poly are made up of students with similar ethnic backgrounds. About 18 percent of the student population at Cal Poly participates in fraternities and sororities, according to www.cali­fornia­colleges.edu.

To find out about culturally-based clubs and University Union programs, incoming students have the option of participating in Week of Welcome, where they learn about different campus resources.

News from the summer

Affirmative action decision no effect on Calif.

By Micah Paulson
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Despite widespread approval among Cal Poly faculty supporting the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to allow the nation’s colleges and universities to consider race in admissions, Proposition 209 prohibits California institutions from altering admittance policies.

The 1996 decision to eliminate affirmative action programs in California has resurfaced in the debate about the importance of racially diverse classrooms.

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University of Michigan, the court emphasized that race should only be considered as an advantage to minority college applicants, not a dominant factor.

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Connections for Academic Success was created because of students protest ing Proposition 209 at Cal Poly. Funds from Associated Students Inc. are used to help economically challenged students receive the programs they need to compete at college level, Davis said.

"No efforts are being made by the California legislature to overturn Proposition 209. I hope people come to their senses and realize that a diverse university community is key to a good education," said James Maraviglia, assistant professor of Admissions, Recruitment and Financial Aid.

"Hopefully, with the Supreme Court setting the example, California will reconsider Proposition 209," said Warren Baker, president of Connections for Academic Success.

Social norms campaigns seek to highlight positive behavioral trends in a community such as a college in an attempt, in the case of college drinking, to reduce the perception that one must drink heavily to succeed socially at school.

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**Campus Climate**

**Alcohol abuse increases at Cal Poly, campuses nationwide**

By Susan Malanche

No parents, no curfew and lots of parties has led college students to alcohol abuse with problems in social, personal and academic life.

According to a message from Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker concerning student alcohol use, alcohol abuse has increased at Cal Poly over the past decade along with college campuses nationwide. A survey showed an increase in the number of students drinking, the average number of drinks had students had per week and binge drinking, five or more drinks in one sitting.

Drug and alcohol specialist Mary Perella said the last person to realize alcohol has become a problem is usually the drinker.

For students without drinking experience, they don't know what they are doing," Perella said. "They don't have the experience of drinking responsibly."

The cultural belief that all college students drink alcohol has given students a quick and easy way to make social connections, she said. As a drug, alcohol takes the edge off while students are experiencing adjustments, anxiety and meeting new people. Perella has seen many students who have let alcohol dominate their lives.

"For some students facing identity and spiritual crisis when they don't know who they are and what they are like and don't know," she said. "College is a time to figure out who you are and who you like and don't like."

Students have faced academic probation, depression, anxiety and injuries from alcohol abuse. In a 1997 national-wide survey, alcohol was involved in 29 percent of college dropouts and 35 percent of academic failures.

Business senior Amanda Chavez has seen alcohol's negative affects firsthand.

"Having a diverse classroom does help society by forcing people of all races to work with one another. But, at the same time, I would feel silly about obtaining something just because of my Mexican heritage."

Because Cal Poly is unable to consider race in admissions, programs have been created that help the economically challenged.

"By targeting economics rather than race Cal Poly doesn't break the law, and indirectly helps diversify the classroom," said Donna Davis, coordinator of Connections for Academic Success.

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Don't walk alone at night. Keep an eye on your drink. Make sure someone knows where you are. Students have heard these precautions dozens of times, yet many behave like they are protected from danger in a place like San Luis Obispo.

In reality, every city has its predators, and college towns are no less likely to attract criminal behavior.

San Luis Obispo came under scrutiny in the mid-1990s when three female students disappeared within a three-year span. The first, Cal Poly student Kristin Smart, 19, was last seen walking back to her dormitory with another student after leaving an off-campus party during Memorial Day weekend 1996. Smart's case was still unsolved in November 1998, when 20-year-old nutrition science junior Rachel Newhouse didn't return home from Tortilla Flats, a local restaurant and bar.

Four months later, police discovered that Cuesta College student Aundria Crawford, 20, had been kidnapped from her Branch Street apartment, where she lived by herself.

The bodies of both Crawford and Newhouse were found buried near the home of Rex Allan Krebs, a 35-year-old Avila Beach man, soon after Crawford disappeared. Smart's disappearance was determined to be unrelated. She has not been found, and no one has been charged in her disappearance.

Statistics from the department for 2002 reveal 295 simple assaults and 109 aggravated assaults, many of which involved alcohol, Bryn said. Aggravated assaults include contact

The Women's Center paints handprints throughout campus, like this one in the architecture building, marking the places where a sexual assault took place.

"The biggest single contributor to sexual assaults, fights, injuries and deaths is the consumption of alcohol," said Rob Bryn, neighborhood services manager in the Operations Division of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

The University Police Department has indefinitely postponed the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) seminars it once offered free to female Cal Poly students and faculty members.

Classes planned for late July and early fall quarter have been cancelled due to uncertainties in the California budget, said UFD Capt. Bill Watton.

No additional classes will be scheduled during the 2003-04 school year unless the department can find outside financial support, he said.

"When funding gets tough, we have to look at where we are putting our dollars," he said.

The UFD began offering the class in 1999 and hosted its last one at the end of winter quarter last year.

RAD instructors from San Bernardino and San Diego volunteered their services to Cal Poly in order to offset program costs, but those trainers became

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such as hitting, kicking, stabbing or using an object as a weapon. Simple assaults are the equivalent of a bar room fight, Bryn said.

Although the figures are low for a population of 44,613, many of the offenses were preventable, he said.

"Alcohol related crimes lead to assault, both sexual and otherwise, lead to alcohol overdoses in residence halls and private residences in the community, car accidents, arrests for false I.D. Alcohol is our number one problem because it leads to everything else," he said.

Alcohol is also a factor in instances of rape.

The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault reports that about 75 percent of men and 55 percent of women involved in acquaintance rapes have been drinking or taking drugs just before the attack.

Acquaintance rape accounts for 80 percent of all rapes that occur, according to the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center of San Luis Obispo County.

Mary Andlig, coordinator of gender and sexuality programs for the Cal Poly Women's Center in the University Union, said it is important for both men and women to be educated about rape and sexual violence.

"I think people always want to give women tips to avoid it," she said. "There are some things women can do to reduce the risk, but men are really the only ones who can prevent it."

The Women's Center provides numerous opportunities for education throughout the year, including PowerPoint presentations for campus clubs and information sessions in the dorms.

The center also sponsors ReMember Week, an event created to raise awareness about violence against women.

One of the main activities during the week is the painting of red handprints in places where sexual assaults have occurred on campus.

The handprints are painted in the nearest visible proximity to the crime and remain for 10 years before being painted over.

At least one handprint has been added each year, including one that was painted last year at the architecture building.

Cal Poly students do have access to several prevention services to avert such crimes.

An escort van runs from dusk to midnight Sunday through Thursday, taking students from the Library, UU and business building to their cars and homes.

During the weekends, students can call Safe Rules at 235-SAFE for transportation from parties or downtown locations.

The service runs Thursday through Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

For students who are unable to avoid becoming crime victims, there are other resources available.

The SARP Center at 11573 Los Osos Valley Road in San Luis Obispo offers a 24-hour crisis and support line (545-8888), advocacy services and counseling for victims of sexual abuse.

Cal Poly also has a 24-hour confidential response system (756-2231) through the Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource Program.

For women who want to know their options after a sexual assault has occurred, the staff of the Women's Center is trained to be the initial point of contact.

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To go Greek or not to go Greek?

By Samantha Weeks
Summer Housing Staff Writer

Kappa what? Omega who?
Freshmen may be asking themselves these questions when they come to Cal Poly.

Deciding to become a brother or sister within the Greek system can be a difficult decision. Knowing if the system is for students or if they should follow in their older siblings’ footsteps should be carefully considered.

Cal Poly offers a medium-sized Greek population in comparison to many other California universities. Although many students picture Greek life to be something like that of “Animal House” or “Old School,” the reality for some Greek organizations can be the opposite.

“The key to choosing a house is finding the right fit for you,” Greek Affairs Coordinator Eddie Dominguez said. “It is important to know that being part of the Greek system is not the answer to everything.”

Dominguez advises students interested in rushing not to be afraid to ask questions and go through the process with a friend. Ask about the cost of dues, what it is like to live in the house, the leadership opportunities, graduation percentages, house philanthropy and what organizations current members belong to outside of the house or Greek community.

There are 23 active fraternities, 10 active sororities. While 9 percent of undergraduates at Cal Poly are in a fraternity or sorority, the rest decided not to go Greek.

Some students choose to remain independent of the system because of annual costs, general lack of interest in the lifestyle or alternate priorities. Dominguez said the Greek system can help individuals develop connections with other students quickly and can make ties to various organizations with relative ease. Knowing one’s comfort with being around others and types of interests can dictate whether Greek life is for them.

Andria Lightle, psychology senior, chose not to go Greek.

“I don’t like organized functions because it seemed to me too much like high school. I am the type of person who would rather do things on my own,” Lightle said. “I did not want the high commitment level. I wanted to concern myself with studying and hobbies on my own schedule rather than participate in exchanges and meetings at inconvenient times.”

There is more than one opportunity to join a fraternity or sorority. The extra time can help students to learn more about the university, the reputation of Greek houses, and themselves.

For questions regarding fraternity and sorority affairs call 756-2476.

To go Greek or not to go Greek?
99 bottles of beer on the wall

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Marchell, Director of Alcohol Policy Initiatives at Gannett: Cornell University Health Services.

In the study, which was published this summer in the Journal of Studies on Alcohol, Dr. Weschsler discusses reasons for the ineffectiveness of the social norms approach in the schools he has studied.

Alcohol has become a part of college life for many students. In some cases, this becomes a problem for those adjusting to college.

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"When I was in the dorms a lot of people got alcohol poisoning," Chavez said. "Freshmen go crazy being away from home for the first time and they don't know what to expect."

Nutrition senior Chris Cox said if students choose to drink they should remember their priorities while in college.

"Stick to the game plan and get your priorities straight," Cox said. "With all the money that's going toward your education it would be a shame to go drink it all away from a bottle."

The negative aspects alcohol has on one's personal life should also be considered after drinking, Peracca said.

"In college there seems to be an acceptance that having feelings of regret, throwing up and sexual activity comes with drinking," Peracca said. "That's what problem drinkers experience, not social drinkers."

The stereotype that alcohol abusers drink every day also fuels the denial students have relating to their alcohol consumption, Peracca said.

"It's the quantity that's become the problem for students, not the frequency," she said.

Counseling services are available in the health center for students with alcohol-related problems. Peracca said she recommends that freshmen take the opportunity to get a good start and have fun exploring and meeting new people in different ways.

"There's so much here to do that doesn't involve alcohol," she said. "It just takes some effort to find what you like and figure out who you are."
Where to go when in need of some tasty waves

> San Luis Obispo is not called a surfing town for nothing

By Luke Darling
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

The swells, created by powerful storms thousands of miles away, weave their way into Central Coast bays, coves and inlets. As they come in contact with shallow bottom contours and reefs, the waves crash and peak for the lucky surfers that get to ride these traveling wave trains. The water provides an escape from work.

"It's about being respectful to the locals and the surfers that have been surfing this beautiful area for years."

Matthew Fleming
San Luis Surfrider Foundation President

School and any other sport that can close up daily life.

Surfing along the Central Coast is different than anywhere else in California for many reasons. The crowds that are common in both Northern and Southern California are virtually non-existent along the stretch of coast from Cambria to Big Sur. However, the amount of breaks within a 10-mile stretch of coast are few and the surfers that enjoy the Northern California coast warm from Ana offshore winds can sometimes spend a lot of time finding and traveling spots to surf.

The chance to be close to the ocean and to enjoy surfing is an opportunity that many Cal Poly students may not have had before. It can give students a chance to connect with a culture and sport that has been around for centuries.

There are numerous places in the San Luis Obispo area that are great for people who want to try the sport.

"A lot of people flock to Pismo Pier and Morro Rock because there, for the most part, easy, slow breaking waves," said San Luis Surfrider Foundation president Matthew Fleming. "The beaches and sandbars that stretch from Morro Bay to Cayucos can also be good for people starting out."

Beginners and even experienced surfers need to be conscious of the water conditions. Just throwing oneself into the water and thinking everything is OK because it looked easy on "Blue Crush" or "The North Shore" the night before is not the best idea. The main rule is that for every foot of wave you should spend 10 minutes watching," Fleming said. "People just starting out need to be conscious of where the waves are. Breaking, what is the current is doing. And many times the best place to surf is not where everyone is sitting."

Along with learning about the ocean and its waters, it is equally important for beginners to learn about the interaction between other surfers and the breaks that are heavily localized. "As beginning surfers expand out there are a few spots in this area that people should be wary of and should really only check out when they feel their surfing is of a good standard," Fleming said. "It's about being respectful to the locals and the surfers that have been surfing this beautiful area for years and not just through their college years."

Students and tourists alike flock to the Central Coast because of its many prime surfing spots.

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Where to go when in need of some tasty waves

> Team unfazed by loss of four players to graduation

By Susan Malanche
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

Even with the loss of four graduating seniors, the Cal Poly women's volleyball team is confident in starting the new season.

Head coach Steve Schlack said he is optimistic about the team, even with the loss of four players. Schlack said he is optimistic about the team, even with the loss of four players to graduation.

"I like who and what our capabilities are," Schlack said. "We've got a lot of opportunities for growth and as the season wears on we'll become a more solid team." Last year the women's volleyball team finished third in the Big West Conference and made it to the NCAA tournament. Even with the loss of a few starters from last year, opposing teams may be surprised when these women take the court.

"I think we're going to surprise people," Schlack said. "Our goals are set very high and we hope to accomplish just as much last year, if not more."

The women's volleyball team is younger this year with great outside hitters. If they can put everything together, they should do pretty well, Duncan said.

Sophomore outside hitter Kayla Mulder is one younger player returning for another year on the court. She has adjusted to the different dynamics in college athletics.

"When I'm on the court my job is everything," Mulder said. "All of us have to be an all-American player to be out there."

Teamwork, one of the team's strengths, should keep the squad going, Mulder said. "We work well together," she said. "We make sure we push and encourage each other at the same time."

The women's volleyball team will face rival UCSB in their first Big West Conference match of the season at home on Sept. 20.
Football looking to improve on last season

By Stephanie Ikel
WOMEN'S STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

Another season under head coach Rich Ellerson is what separates this year's Cal Poly football team from last season's 3-8 squad. That difference is what gives the players the confidence that 2003 will be a banner year.

> They beat UTEP 34-13 on Sept. 6
> It was Poly's second-ever win versus an F4A squad

"We are more confident," strong tackle Ben Cobian said. "A few years ago we had new coaches and now we have all gotten used to it. I feel we have caught on to each other."

The players reported back Aug. 12 and practices officially started Aug. 13. Head coach Rich Ellerson said this year is going to be fun on many levels just the starters," he said.

Ellerson told the players to lift weights, get well and stay healthy in preparation for this season. Spring practice kept the players in the football mindset.

Offensive line coach Gene McKahan is really looking forward to his group stepping up this year. "We are the most athletic group with the most intensity and that is not even just the starters," he said.

Cobian is excited to be back on the field with his fellow players. "I am looking forward to battling people," Cobian said.

Senior Kevin Kline plays both sides of the line. He is the nose guard on defense and guard on the offensive line.

"I am looking forward to performing every snap to the fullest," Kline said.

Players, coaches and fans are particularly looking forward to playing UC Davis, Cal Poly's rival. Linebacker coach David Brown hopes the team will pull out a victory for the seniors.

Cal Poly is unique in its athletic program because of the grade standards set up for the athletes. The players have to balance a full load of classes as well as practices every morning during the season.

"At first it is hard, and you are torn between class and practice, but

"I am looking forward to performing every snap to the fullest." Kevin Kline

Men's soccer hopes to kick losing ways

By Caroline Lindahl
SUMMER STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

The Cal Poly men's soccer team looked all around the world this year for new players to end its losing streak.

The team signed an offensive player from Germany and recruited seven other players last June to strengthen their squad. The move is designed to offset the Mustangs' fourth-straight losing season and sixth since joining Division I in 1994.

The incoming players are needed to improve on a record-low 14 goals scored throughout the season. That is an average of 0.72 goals per game. Along with coming in last in the Big West Conference, the team was also last in six of eight statistical categories.

Last season ended on a sour note for the Mustangs, who lost seven straight games to finish with a 3-16 record, 1-9 in Big West play. The 16 losses set a new school record, breaking the previous low mark by three games.

"We are coming off of a very poor year record-wise," head coach Wolfgang Gartner said. "This year the roster added some experienced veterans and overall should be a mature team with a more defensive stature than in previous years."

The good news is that the Mustangs only graduated two players and will return 10 starters. Leading the pack is forward Mark Jones, who had the team's six goals. The team added Andreas Abelein from Passau, Germany, Danny Calderon, Jeff Furhing, Joseph Hohn, Vincent Liccaridi, Casey Poston, Matt Robinson and Anthony Santoro.

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"Practices are going fantastic," said fifth-year linebacker Raj Thompson also said the pressure of school and football can get tough. He agrees that it is hard to balance with practice every morning and class afterward.

Even though it can be tough for the players with class, practice and some social life, they always know that their coaches are supporting them 100 percent.

"We are going to do better than in the past because we have the guidance and leadership from the coaches," Kline said.

"The team will be successful. To what degree is difficult to predict." Wolfgang Gartner

Mustangs- (1) The smell of your dorm room after the dirty clothes pile up because your mommy used to do all your laundry (2) The name of the school mascot, Musty the Mustang, who loves his yellow vest but apparently not pants.

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New coach will lead both teams after disappointing seasons

By Sean Martin Mustang Daily Sports Editor

The Cal Poly men’s and women’s cross country teams have been running, but not just to prepare for the upcoming season. The squads are trying to distance themselves from last season’s disappointment.

Disappointment is a relative term, though. The men’s letdown came when they were not extended an invitation to the NCAA Championships. They were ranked 26th in the country at the time and coming off a third-place finish in the West Regional.

The women had to suffer through an entire season of discouragement, including a sixth-place finish in the Big West Conference Championship.

Hiring new head coach Mark Conover should help the teams. Being a Cal Poly assistant for seven years and a former Olympic Trials marathon champion, he will try to make the individual athletes better while creating a positive team environment where athletes can push each other in training, Conover said.

"It helps to know you have good training partners," he said. "There are times where a runner will be feeling good and push the others in practice, and there are times where they will have to be pulled along by their teammates."

The men have two second-place finishes.

The women have finished second and third in the conference.

Kathryn Schlegel said that is the key to a successful cross country team. Conover said Disappointment’s silver lining is that it provides inspiration to its sufferers.

The men’s team will try to get off to a strong start to gain respect and put themselves in a better position than last year to be selected for the national championship, senior Ryan Moorcroft said.

The team will also look to turn last year’s runner-up finish in the Big West Conference in a championship this year.

Newcomers Mario Macias and Phillip Reid will help the team in that pursuit if they do not decide to redshirt, Conover said.

Macias was the state cross country and 10,000 meter champion last year at College of the Sequoias. Reid won last year’s state high school championship in cross country, as well as the mile and 5,000 meters.

The women will have last season’s results in the back of their heads to inspire themselves as they train, Schlegel said.

The team will try its hardest to get back to top form, or "die trying," Conover said.

Schlegel’s response was similar to her coach’s, saying the team is capable of victory and is trying its hardest to attain it.

"If we run to our potential as a team, we can win conference," Schlegel said. "We are putting in a lot of miles to get there."

Schlegel and her veteran experiences will be valuable to the team as they return from a redshirt season, Conover said.

The women stayed local in recruiting, bringing in Rachel Valliere from San Luis Obispo High School and Kristin Browning from Templeton High. They will most likely redshirt because it is difficult to adjust to the distance increase at the college level, Conover said.

Defending conference champion Idaho should be strong again on the women’s side, as well as runner-up UC Santa Barbara and third-place finisher UC Irvine. None of those runners took serious hits, Conover said.

Utah State, the defending men’s conference champion, lost some of its top runners, but could still contend because of their depth. UC Santa Barbara, who finished third behind the Mustangs, also lost their top runner, Conover said.

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Women's soccer looks to stay on top

The Cal Poly women's soccer team hopes to prove Big West conference coaches wrong by continuing its winning ways.

Even though Cal Poly has won four Big West Conference women's soccer championships in seven years, UC Santa Barbara edged the Mustangs in the 2003 preseason poll as voted on by Big West coaches.

Cal Poly posted a 14-7 record a year ago, advancing to the NCAA Division I playoffs. The Mustangs fell 4-0 to Stanford in the opening round.

The Mustangs have six returning starters and 18 lettermen, including three players who earned all-Big West Conference honors in 2002.

Senior goalkeeper Greta Shirdon, a second-team all-Big West selection, compiled a 0.92 goals-against average and 10 shutouts. Her 16 shutouts rank her third all-time in the Big West; she is three shutouts away from moving into a tie for second.

Midfielder Katie Collins and forward Erin Martin, both juniors, were honorable mention all-Big West selections a year ago.

Cal Poly's defense has allowed just 0.93 goals per match over the last three seasons and more of the same is expected this fall under 12th-year head coach Alex Crozier (135-70-13). His defensive-mindedness earned Crozier the 2003 Big W e s t Conference Coach of the Year honor.

Cal Poly was 5-4 in one-goal matches last year while being blanked six times.
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Mustang Daily’s top-10 all-time sports movies

1. Bull Durham — 1988; starring Kevin Costner and Susan Sarandon. The story of longtime minor league Crab Davis, who is coming to the end in his baseball career. While showing a dim-witted pitcher the path to “The Show,” Davis finds himself falling in love with the team group.

2. Field of Dreams — 1989; starring Kevin Costner and Ray Liotta. An Iowa native builds a baseball diamond out of a corn field after hearing a strange voice. The storyline is based on the novel by W.P. Kinsella.


4. Endless Summer — 1966; starring Mike Hynson and Robert August. Surfers follow the summer around the globe in search of the perfect wave. Along the way they learn about themselves and people from different cultures.

5. The Natural — 1984; starring Robert Redford and Robert Duvall. Roy Hobbs is a small-town kid who uses his bat “Wonderboy” to realize his big-league dream. En route he is shot by the mysterious Harriet Bird. He does not make the majors until he is a 35-year-old rookie. At the end, Hobbs is given a chance to forgive the mistakes of his youth.

6. Raging Bull — 1980; starring Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci. Portrays the true trials and tribulations of middleweight boxer Jake La Motta. He hits rock bottom, but unlike other movies, his self-destructive ways prevent him from returning to the top.

7. The Sandlot — 1993; starring Tom Guiry and Mike Vitar. A new kid in town is forced to make friends, and learns the game of baseball in the process.


9. Remember the Titans — 2000; starring Denzel Washington and Will Patton. Coach Herman Boone becomes the first black faculty member at a newly-integrated Virginia school. Boone’s coaching allows the players to overcome their differences and become a powerful team.

10. Tin Cup — 1996; starring Kevin Costner and Rene Russo. Roy McAvoy is a lowly golf pro who has let his immense talent go to waste. He falls in love with the psychologist girlfriend of his hotshot golf rival David Simms. McAvoy decides to use the U.S. Open as a way to win her over and makes an unlikely run at the title.
By Sean Martin
MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS EDITOR

If the Cal Poly men's basketball team wants to make another run at the Big West Conference Tournament title this year, it will have to take a different path to the championship game.

The conference announced July 16 it will adopt a new format for its annual men's and women's basketball tournaments, effective next year.

Cal Poly athletic director John McCutcheon and associate athletic director Alison Cone are in favor of the change because it puts so much emphasis on the regular season.

"(The new tournament) protects the teams that have done well all year," Cone said.

Giving the top teams a shorter path to the title will let the conference ensure it puts its best foot forward at the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament, McCutcheon said. The Big West champion receives an automatic bid to that competition.

"(This format) was an opportunity to move in that direction," he said.

The tournament will open March 10 with the fifth and eighth seeds playing the first game, followed by a contest between the sixth and seventh seeds.

Those winners will face the third and fourth seeds the next day, with the third-seeded team playing the lower-ranked team.

The winners of those games will advance to the semifinals to play the conference's top two teams. The regular season conference champion will play the lowest ranking opponents.

The West Coast Conference currently uses this format to crown its basketball champion.

The decision came after the Big West Council requested an investigation into how to increase fan appeal for the Big West Tournaments. They formed an ad hoc committee composed of council members, the Long Beach State sports information director and a marketing representative from UC Irvine to lead the 14-month investigation.

The committee recommended the new format and the Big West Council approved it.

Cal Poly head women's coach Faith Mimnaugh said one negative aspect is that it takes away the possibility of early-round upsets and the excitement they bring.

She said the change would make the second half of the season more exciting, though, because a team's ranking is much more important than last year.

"(The new layout) will also help the ratings percentage index, or RPI, of the conference's top teams because they will avoid playing the conference's lower-seeded teams in the opening rounds, Big West Conference commissioner Dennis Farrell said.

That index is based heavily on the strength of a team's schedule. The RPI is one of the factors the NCAA uses when seeding teams for its basketball tournament.

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Intramurals are a great way to get involved, exercise and have fun

By Nadea Mina
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

For those athletes who don't have enough time to commit to an intercollegiate sport, there is still hope in intramurals. Intramural sports are a great way to learn, play and have fun. From soccer to volleyball, there is something for everyone. Division I is for those who probably played the sport in high school and are still competitive. Division II is for those who might have been on the team but sat on the bench.

"I play intramurals because it's fun. ...It is a great way to relieve stress, plus I get to meet new people." - Tracee Johnson

Divisions

Intramural sports are divided into three divisions, there is something for coed teams. For those athletes who don't have much time to play, Division III is a non-competitive way to learn the sport and meet new people. Political science senior Tracee Johnson plays Division one soccer to stay in shape.

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The ultimate goal of playing intramural sports is to have fun. But also there is a championship, and the free t-shirt that comes with it, at stake. ASI Rec Sports offers basketball, softball, football and volleyball and soccer in the fall. Signups begin on Sept. 24 at 9 a.m. and spots go fast.

Rec Sports also sponsors many club teams for those looking for more competition. Club teams compete against other schools. Players can compete in water polo, lacrosse, field hockey, badminton, roller hockey, wheelchair, rugby, ultimate Frisbee, snowboarding and ski, men's volleyball and fencing.

Intramural basketball player Kara Leever, a business senior, said an increase would not keep her from playing. "It's a great way to participate in sports without much of a time commitment and still get the experience of playing with a team," she said.

Long noted that the increase would not amount to much for individual team members, but may be a burden for those students who pay the entire cost themselves. General engineering senior Sean Greenwood. "people front the money, they might not get paid back," Greenwood said.

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Four walls and a ceiling becomes a comfortable room

By Genevieve Fussell
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The dorm room — a miserably small, bare cube or one giant opportunity for decor galore? For incoming freshmen who embrace the latter, find your inner decorator and spice up the drab dorm room with a bit of style. The options are endless and a little creativity can even the drabbest room. Marshall’s and Ross are always good for discounts, as is Target. Even the drabbest room. Marshall’s and Ross are always good for discounted bedding, as is Target. Students handy with a needle and thread can personalize their bed by sewing sheets and a duvet cover with their favorite material. Many pillows are beneficial to maximize comfort for visitors. Students who enjoy tapestries can convert them into a lightweight bed cover for a hippie twist. If he or she tires of this arrangement, hang the tapestry on the wall or drape it on the ceiling for flair.

From fine art to shots of scantily clad women, mass produced posters are popular. But try finding old prints or photographs at shops like Decades at 285 Higuera St, in downtown San Luis Obispo. In fact, for thrift shops can provide any number of finds. Although space is tight in the dorms, a vintage chair with comfort cushions is sure to be a hit, as seating is always limited. Not into vintage chairs? The well-known and always loved beanbag chair is also an option. Flea markets, yard sales, garage sale and art and craft stores can be gold mines but require patience. But if you know what you’re looking for and use your imagination, you’ll get more bang for your buck. Unique picture frames, mirrors and other knick-knacks can further personalize a room.

For students who like to get crafty, Beverly Fabrics at 876 Higuera St can be a goldmine for visitors. Christmas lights, lava lamps, hot air balloons, San Luis Obispo’s second hand stores. For thrift shops can provide any number of finds. Although space is tight in the dorms, a vintage chair with comfort cushions is sure to be a hit, as seating is always limited. Not into vintage chairs? The well-known and always loved beanbag chair is also an option. Flea markets, yard sales, garage sale and art and craft stores can be gold mines but require patience. But if you know what you’re looking for and use your imagination, you’ll get more bang for your buck. Unique picture frames, mirrors and other knick-knacks can further personalize a room.
Zen and the art of studying

By Susan Malanche
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Whether studying solo or with friends, San Luis Obispo offers both social and serene scenes for any studying student.

For the student who wants to play it safe, few people have gone wrong in studying at the library. The Robert E. Kennedy Library is easily accessible to students living on campus or to those who just feel like they do. Its weekday hours from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. give time to open the books between classes or take a nap on the fourth floor.

If the sun’s shining, studying outside might seem more desirable to the student who spends all day in stuffy classrooms. Near the library, Dexter Lawn can be seen with students soaking in the sun and a few wise words from Plato.

On the days when the sun is out of sight or the library seems like a long hike from the dorms or your parking spot, the University Union awaits. Grabbing anything with caffeine at Julian’s before hitting the books in a study lounge is a great way to start the day. Its weekday hours from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. will accommodate early birds and night owls alike.

When the UU is too noisy or all the chairs are taken, a short bike or car ride to Cuesta Park off of Grand Avenue will help reclaim one’s solitude. This park at the end of Looma Street is a quiet retreat and safe haven to any student stressing about classes. Downtown’s Mitchell Park and Mission Plaza are two more outdoor and off-campus studying options. Mitchell Park, on the corner of Santa Rosa and Pismo streets, offers a serene setting with tables, park benches and a playground for study breaks.

In the heart of downtown, Mission Plaza provides a similar peaceful setting. Studying alongside the creek is as close as one can get to finding the perfect tranquil atmosphere until hunger kicks in.

Two miles from campus, Bagel Café offers great food and atmosphere that caters to struggling students. Their famous South Beach bagel sandwich or Strawberry Bomb smoothie may just be what students need to keep their energy going. They open at 6:30 a.m. and closing hours vary.

If bagels don’t get you going in the morning, coffee will keep you up at night. Linnean’s Café at 1110 Garden St. is great for studying duos to quiz each other either inside the café or courtyard.

Although the downtown cafés are noisier than study lounges, it may be the off-campus escape students are looking for. Its weekday hours are from 7 a.m. to midnight and sticking around for Monday’s waffle night is

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By Luke Darling
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With just a simple bike and a car ride to the top of Cuesta Grade, anyone who enjoys a good bike ride and tourists with a fun downhill ride to the top of Cuesta Grade, any­

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That's why local mountain bikers have turned to Ultimate Frisbee to get their exercise and have fun outdoors.

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mountain view from the top of Cuesta Grade and into Poly Canyon. The ride is perfect for riders of all levels, suiting both the weekend-warrior beginners and the highly experienced.

"Oh, I'd say it's great for everyone," said Poly Escapes representa­tive Devin Jones. "I've taken both of my younger brothers on the trail ride from the top when they were 10 and they did fine.

The ride is steep and the trail can pick up speed at points, but as long as people ride within their comfort levels it can be easily mastered. It all depends on how fast you go, and who you go with the single track that boists the backside of the Grade there are a number of different clearly marked trails that work their way back into Cal Poly. One takes you into Poly Canyon and another drifts through cattle pastures, the Chumash Challenge and Cal Poly

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Have some fun while you wait for your 21st birthday

By Amy Hessick

In a bit of a challenge to find entertainment for the under-21 crowd in San Luis Obispo. Yet with a little creativity, fun activities can be found for all ages. Here is a rundown of entertainment ideas that won't require an ID.

Beaches
San Luis Obispo County offers many great beaches, most of which are free. Avila Beach is the best for laying out, swimming and meeting the opposite sex. Pismo Beach has more tourism feel, but also has shops, restaurants and the pier nearby for added entertainment. Morro Bay is the most laid-back of the beaches, but also the foggiest. With camping and off-road options, the Oceano Dunes isn't the average beach. Camping on the beach is $6 per day per car (or hopefully 4x4 truck).

Boomers
Boomers is one of those "Family Fun Centers" that has miniature golf, go-karts, an arcade, batting cages and bumper boats. The most inexpensive day to go is "Ten-back Tuesday," where for $10 you get unlimited golf and video games. Boomers is a bit of a drive, located at 2250 N. Preisker Lane in Santa Maria, but is possibly worth the drive if you make a stop at the In-N-Out in Santa Maria for a cheese burger and the cheesey club lighting, and you may just find the special someone you've been looking for. Dance, laugh, dance, and bare it all.

Farmer's Market
Thursday nights, Higuera Street in downtown San Luis Obispo is shut down to cars and taken over by local farmers and merchants. This is a great place to buy fresh produce or a barbecue tri-tip sandwich and is the quintessential "San Luis experience." Farmer's is also a great place to see some of local bands, many of which normally only play at the 21-and-over bars. Farmer's Market begins at 5:30 p.m. on every Thursday.

The Graduate
Located at 990 Industrial Way, the Grad (as it's more commonly referred to) is the Mecca for the 18 to20-year-olds who love to dance, especially on Wednesday nights. Tuesday through Saturday the Grad is open to the 18 and older crowd for a cover charge of $5 for those over 21. Tuesday nights are "Comedy Night," Wednesdays are "College Humor Night," Thursdays are "Country Night," Fridays are "Hot Latin Night" and Saturdays are "Win and Wild." The Grad is a restaurant by day and cover charge for night activities varies. The Grad is located at 1051 Nipomo St.

Linnaea's Café
Linnaea's offers coffee, tea and local artists. It is definitely not a mainstream coffeehouse. Artsy people from San Luis Obispo gather for poetry readings and local musicians. Linnaea's is located at 1110 Garden St. and is open Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. until midnight and Sundays from 7 a.m. until between 3 and 7 p.m.

McPhee's
Located conveniently inside the University Union, McPhee's offers affordable bowling and pool as well as arcade games. It is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 11 p.m. and offers considerable student discounts. Bowling is $1.50 per game before 6 p.m. and $2.25 after 6. Shoe rentals are $1.

Movie Theaters
San Luis Obispo has a movie theater for every taste. The Palm Theater, located at 1617 Palm St., shows independent films and admission prices are $7. Downtown Center Cinemas and the Fremont show current releases and cost $6.50 for students. Downtown Center Cinemas is located at 888 Marsh St. and the Fremont is at 1025 Monterey St. For those over 21, the more nostalgic or budget-conscious, Sunset Drive-In is located at 235 Elks Lane and costs $5 for movies.

Sycamore Mineral Springs
For a romantic evening, visit the hot springs at 1213 Avila Beach Drive. The cost is $20 per hour for the first person and $10 for each additional person.

Tortilla Flats
Another dance club that allows 18 and over on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays, Tortilla Flats plays hip-hop, R&B, and dance music. Tortilla Flats is a restaurant by day and the cover charge for night activities varies. Tortilla Flats is located at 1051 Nipomo St.

Fraternity Parties/Keggers
For under-21 year olds, fraternity parties may become a major part of the after hours social scene. Most fraternities are within walking distance of campus — so no need to drive. Always check with friends, and be careful going back to the resident halls — RA's will be lurking.

No matter what kind of party one is attending, safety is always a priority. Call Safe Ride from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. at 235-SAFE. Rides are only $2.

Mustang Daily's top 5 places to meet people of the opposite sex when you're under 21.

1. Lighthouse — Oh, yeah. Never forget that your very own eating establishment is a bonafide warehouse of eligible college students. While eating check out your surroundings and let the feeding frenzy begin.

2. The Grad — Look past the weird cowboy dancing in the corner and the cheery club lighting, and you may just find the special someone you've been looking for. Dance your way into someone's heart.

3. Class — Take a break from writing notes or listening to lectures, and check out the person sitting next to you. Take advantage of this situation, maybe you two could do a little "studying" together.

4. Online — Welcome to the 21st Century. Online poker isn't the only good use for the box you call a computer. Just make sure the 5'9" busty blonde isn't really a 5'2" balding man.

5. Pirates Cove — This may be a long shot, but you might find someone really "special" at the Central Coast's own nude beach. So suck in your inhibitions, strip to your skivvies and bare it all.
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I am sure most of you have seen the commercial in which a man in an elevator is irresistible to women because of the Axe deodorant body spray he is wearing. The man just stands there, completely oblivious to the fact that the hot woman next to him is turned on by the scent. She gives him all of the tell-tale signs: She runs her eyelashes, runs her fingers through her hair and even runs her fingers through the tell-tale spray he is wearing. The man just walks to the downtown scene. I was instantly kissed on the check and dragged to another bar, where I was instantly turned on by him and he gives her the same treatment.

Of course it would be foolish to think that a body spray will saturate in Axe, to think that the hot woman will become attracted by the scent alone. The Axe Effect is not the only thing that attracts women. The Axe Effect is a hoax, or a gift with purchase. It is a lure to get Axe body spray into stores.

I went downtown on two consecutive nights, one night wearing the spray, and one night with my regular cologne, Hugo Boss.

Night One: With Axe

After the preliminary pre-party at my house, my roommates and I started out on our three-block walk to the downtown scene. I was completely saturated in Axe, to make sure that I still smelled good by the time we entered our first bar. We got about one block away from the house when one of my friends spotted us and offered us a ride. My roommates said we were lucky, but I knew that she was drawn to us by the Axe. While we were in her car, she even commented on how good we smelled.

It must have been the Axe.

Night Two: Axe-less

The beginning of the night was similar to the last. I started off by pre-partying at my house, and then walking downtown. I was pretty sure that my success would be similar to the previous endeavor, but I was mistaken. Not only did I fail to flirt, but the whole bar scene was completely dead. I drank a few beers and waited a while, but nothing happened. I figured that my wearing Axe does not only affect my personal mojo, but downtown’s mojo as well. Amazing. I walked home alone again, but this time was much lonelier than the last.

If you do buy this party-in-a-can, you never know, you might get laid twice on the same elevator ride.

Study

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worth the wait.

Students will have to go the extra mile when downtown cafes are packed. The recently opened Border’s in The Madonna Plaza is another great place to study. The inside cafe is usually quiet and vacant in the afternoons and its larger tables will accommodate group study sessions better than Linda’s or Bugil Café. Its inviting magazine and music collection also helps to unwind, but its weekday hours from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. may be too restrictive for students eager to hit the books. However there is always one place with its doors always open.

It’s hard to find a place in San Luis Obispo open after sunset and that is why God invented Denny’s. Denny’s on Madonna Road is three miles from campus and is the ultimate studying station for students looking for breakfast at 10 p.m. and never-ending coffee refills.

From traditional study lounges to courtyards and cafes, San Luis Obispo offers a variety of study destinations for everyone.
A Lemon Drop is just one of the many drinks available at GiGi's Mediterranean Cafe.

**Sophistication served shaken, not stirred**

By Hillary Schuler-Jones
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

GiGi's Mediterranean Cafe, located at 969 Monterey St., is a far cry from my usual Tuesday at Frog & Peach Pub's Pint Night.

Inspired by the fun and lively atmosphere of Pint Night, we decided to try GiGi's for a change of scenery. The menu is informally divided into two types of drink: fruity and chocolate.

After sipping her concoction for several minutes, Erin determines that the Twisted Cosmo is "the big girl's Ceramicas." Kara compares her Creamsicle. "Kara's Chocolate Martini is so smooth and a bit dry.

Speaking of flirting: GiGi's does not appear to be the type of place that attracts the somewhat sleazy middle-aged men known to haunt other downtown locales. However, if you happen to be with a group of girls who happen to be wearing dresses and sitting with-in sight of the street, the sleazy guys may come find you.

If confronted with this situation, keep your cool until they realize that cheap beer is not on the menu and keep sipping your martini as they slide out the door. Even the Flirtini isn't that powerful.

On a college budget, GiGi's might be more appropriate for happy hour indulgences. However, it may also be an option for those seeking an inexpensive night out with the girls or an intensely romantic date.

Feeling a little lighter than we had when we entered and armed with a few drinks, we continued to soak in our surroundings.

With its intriguing decor, middle-aged crowd and musical selections, GiGi's is not typical of the downtown scene. When we received our tab, we realized that its prices aren't, either; a night at GiGi's will cost $7.50 per drink, plus tip.

The doors, I am focused on one thing: the quest for the perfect martini.

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Students can go take a hike — literally

By Cathy Ayers
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San Luis Obispo’s hilly terrain presents residents with many hiking opportunities. Whether looking for a challenging hike or just a beautiful scenery, there are many trails in the immediate area to explore.

Montaña de Oro State Park is a great place to go hiking. People looking for a leisurely walk to the beach can take one of the trails that run from the road down to the beach and back up. However, those interested in a more challenging route that involves the reward of beautiful views of Morro Rock and Hollister Peak should try the Valencia Peak trail, a four-mile round trip hike.

The terrain can be slightly slippery in certain places, and there are spots where the trail gets a bit narrow, so don’t take this hike on a windy day or after a rainstorm. Although the trail gets a bit narrow, so be it. It takes a moderate pace, with breaks to look at the scenery, it will take a couple of hours to complete. This trail also has several different loops to their trail, all easily defined. These hikes all offer views of Morro Bay and Morro Rock and are just slightly more difficult to walk than a flat trail. These are perfect for the inexperienced hiker because of their easy footing and short distance (each loop is approximately two miles long).

More experienced hikers may combine these loops to create a 10 to 12 mile hike. You can access this trail by taking Los Osos Valley Road to South Bay Boulevard. The trail is about half way down South Bay Road and Highway 1.

Maps of many trails can be obtained through city visitor’s center.

The Laguna Lake trail offers an easy stroll through a lakeside setting. The trail is about a mile and a half long, running next to the lake and then out into a natural area. The route is entirely flat, so it makes a nice jogging path as well. At the end of the Laguna trail, another trail leads up into the hills, for a more rigorous workout.

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Freshmen deal with separation anxiety

By Jackie Dullan
Daily News (Bal. Suny University)

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind. — One word reverberated through the minds of many freshmen as they arrived on campus last week: "Finally."

But some of those students who awaited the freedom of college spent their days alone in their rooms moping and waxing to return home.

Those students are the victims of separation anxiety.

"I experienced homesickness just at the thought of starting college because I'm very close to my mom and friends and I was afraid to leave them," said freshman Amy Mayhew.

Several differential factors can cause separation anxiety, such as homesickness and a feeling of inferiority in a new atmosphere.

While many students experience apprehension similar to college because I'm very close to my setting high expectations for myself, while others students embrace the college experience by setting high expectations for themselves.

Many faculty and advisers encourage students to set goals for themselves in order to create a sense of stability.

But high expectations cause stress and pressure.

"Some of my homesickness was related to the fact that I set too many expectations for myself," McGarvey said. "I expected to meet new friends that would last a lifetime and I expected to excel academically, and I expected it all to happen right away."

Although separation anxiety and the transition to college life is often difficult, it's not hopeless.

Different methods exist to ease stress and sadness.

For example, Kelly Hedinger, a resident adviser suggests getting involved in campus activities.

"If you do not get involved in campus activities and instead sit in your dorm room missing someone or something, it will only make the transition to college life much more difficult."

Kelly Hedinger
Resident Adviser

Discrepancy between SAT, ACT math scores raise questions about readiness

By Steve Giegerich
Associated Press

First, the maker of America's second-most popular college entrance exam releases this year's test scores and declares incoming freshmen largely unprepared for math and science classes.

A week later, results from the nation's No. 1 test show math scores at a 35-year high.

Something doesn't add up.

In the wake of the annual release of ACT and SAT test scores, educators are still disagreeing about what to make of the results. One testing critic calls the discrepancy a result of marketing efforts aimed at setting the two exams apart.

"These are businesses in a nonprof-it form," said Robert Schaeffer of FairTest, an organization that advocates balanced standardized exams.

The new ACT scores for the high school class of 2003 were identical in math and science to the year before, 20.6 and 18, respectively, on a 36-point scale. In the last five years, math and science scores have dropped slightly on the test, taken by nearly 1.2 million of last year's high school graduates.

Researchers for the ACT analyzed this year's results and concluded that just 26 percent of test-takers were ready to handle college coursework in science and 40 percent in math.

Meanwhile, the SAT math scores were the best since at least 1967: 519 on a scale with a top score of 800.

Since the 1999 exam, math scores are up eight points.

Some educators say the number of students enrolled in remedial math and science courses at four-year schools support the ACT's conclusions.

Michael Kirst, a Stanford University education professor, said the ACT's position is compatible with the study he co-authored earlier this year. It also found that many freshmen are not prepared for college math and science, despite gains in achievement scores.

But Andrew Porter, the director of the Learning Sciences Institute at Vanderbilt University, maintains that SAT scores do, in fact, represent an upward trend in math and science proficiency.

"To have scores higher than 35 years ago and to be testing a larger and more diverse student body than was tested 35 years ago is pretty damn impressive whether they're ready for college or not," Porter said.

Porter and other educators noted that the assessments of the SAT and ACT reflect the differences between the exams and the students who take the tests.

Although most universities are willing to factor either or both tests into the admissions process, the SAT is generally the primary exam taken by students on the two counts, educators noted. It also figures more prominently in the admissions procedures at elite colleges and universities. The ACT is popular in the middle of the country, where it is the standard used by many public institutions.

Headquartered in Iowa City, Iowa, the nonprofit ACT based its findings on whether students referred to "students presenting benchmarks in the math and science sections of the exams."

It also gave students a questionnaire about their class work, which found fewer than half took three years of science and four years of math classes.

"I don't believe it's a perception," said Cyndle Schemer, the ACT's vice president of development. "I think we have here is a real issue supported by remedial course work that supports our data."

The New York-based College Board, the nonprofit association that administers the SAT, credited the boost in math scores on that test to increased enrollment in "rigorous" college preparatory math and science classes. The number of students taking precalculus has jumped by 12 percent since 1991, it said.

Schaeffer, the testing reformer, said the ACT-SAT difference boils down to promotion of products.

To appeal to the public and the media, each test-maker stresses what's new about its annual findings.

"They are businesses and they are involved in a fight for market share in the same way that Ford promotes the unique aspects its products and Chevy promotes its products," he said.
Universities starting to schedule more Friday classes

By Jeff Sickelco

Cornell University

(U-WIRE)ITHACA, NY. — In planning out their course futures, few students can deny the allure of working in a class-free Friday with a little scheduling fun. According to an article published in the Wall Street Journal last week, students could soon be spending their Thursday nights hitting the books rather than the bars.

Around the country, colleges are trimming down on three-day weekends by balking up their Friday schedules, a day which has often seen classes go sparsely attended or not held at all.

For now, however, students at Cornell university who like their Fridays light and easy can breathe a sigh of relief — the University has no plans for a Friday-scheduling frenzy.

"We don't find an increasing scheduling of courses on Friday, not at Cornell," says Dotsevi Sogah, chair of the Educational Policy Committee at Cornell. "Wednesday," Sogah says. "On Thursday night as part of their weekend socializing time, just like Friday and Saturday nights," resulting in an increase in calls to the public safety department, thus creating an "adverse effect on social conditions."

While the effect of a three-day weekend on social conditions is probably a matter still up for contentious debate, it appears that more schools are beginning to trim down on three-day weekends at Cornell.

David Cronheim may be a freshman, but he's wasted no time in picking up the college lifestyle. While the effect of a three-day weekend on social conditions is probably a matter still up for contentious debate, it appears that more schools are beginning to trim down three-day weekends at Cornell.

Cronheim attended his first lecture at Cornell last week.

"I felt the first day in my head was an absolute buzz," Cronheim says. "It's pretty tough to do that," junior Sean Dranagan said regarding the elusive Friday off. "A lot of classes are scheduled Monday, Wednesday and Friday, so it's kind of difficult to avoid those.

Besides, says Dranagan, "I think Friday is a perfectly good day of the week. Why shouldn't you have classes on Friday?"

"It's pretty nice to have a Friday off you give a little extra break so you can have a good time on the weekend," Cronheim says. "It means you can go out and party on Friday night."

Despite the hopes of many students, long weekends at Cornell are still the rare exception rather than the rule.

"It's not high school. Having a free day on Friday gives you a little extra break so you can have a good time on the weekend," Cronheim says. "It means you can go out and party on Friday night."

The hours from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., when attention spans are at their

"In terms of the largest number of classes scheduled, they peak on Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday we see less."

By Lindsey Tanner

Assosciate Press

CHICAGO — A study found that nearly a third of white teenage girls in the United States have used tanning booths at least three times, suggesting an alarming number of teens are ignoring the dangers of skin cancer for the sake of sporting a good tan.

Twenty-eight percent of those girls and 7 percent of boys reported using tanning booths three or more times, the nationally representative study found. Forty-seven percent of girls aged 18 and 19 reported use that frequent.

"Teenagers may think they look good now, but the sad part is that by the time they reach 60, their skin will look like a leather bag and they'll be paring a dermatologist to try to reverse the damage," said Dr. Ted Dal, director of dermaticology at Nassau University Medical Center in New York, who was not involved in the study.

The study and an accompanying editorial appear in the September issue of Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, published Monday.

The Case Western Reserve University researchers analyzed data from 6,903 white teens who answered questions in a separate national survey on adolescent health in 1996.

Indoor tanning was most popular in the Midwest, where sunny weather is limited, and the South, where heat and humidity might make outdoor tanning uncomfortable.

The study's lead author, Case Western researcher Catherine Demko, said there's evidence that indoor tanning might contribute to the risk for malignant melanoma, the most serious kind of skin cancer.

Indoor tanning also were more likely to smoke, drink or use marijuana than older adolescents, the researchers said.

"Tan skin beahs a healthy vampire glow every time," said Dr. Robert Dellavalle, a Denver dermatologist.

He wrote an accompanying editorial proposing a $20 tax per tanning session for kids under 18, which he said might help curb demand and increase funds for more skin cancer awareness campaigns.

"Since youth represents an especially critical period during which UV radiation increases skin cancer risk, altering tanning behavior of minors is a prime target of skin cancer prevention efforts," Dellavalle said.

Many teens are attracted to tanning booths because salons promote them as being safer than natural sunlight, which isn't true, Daly said.

"An occasional visit to the tanning booth might not be so bad, but teens should not go on a weekly basis or over the long-term," he said.

Magda Spiskas, 18, a student at Harper College in suburban Chicago, said she used to go to tanning booths every few weeks — not because she thought it was safe but because "it's the fashion right now."

She said she stopped recently because it dried out her skin and because she worried about skin cancer.

Teresa Frey, 19, a Northwestern University student who used to frequent tanning salons frequently when she was a high school cheerleader, but stopped when she quit cheerleading and no longer thought it was necessary to tan.

She also worried about a family history of skin cancer.

"I live in Oregon, so there's not much sun to be had," said Frey, of Portland. "I was just kind of the thing that everyone on the team did, so I did it too."

"The Indoor Tanning Association, which represents owners of tanning booths and salons, criticized the study and editorial and disputed any connection between deadly skin cancer and tanning beds.
## 2003 Fall Sports Scoreboard

### Football
**Head Coach:** Rich Ellerson  
**2002 Record:** 3-8

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*All Times Pacific
**Homecoming Game**

### Volleyball
**Head Coach:** Steve Schlick  
**2002 Record:** 15-13, 13-5 Big West

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**Dec. 4-7 NCAA First/Second Rounds**
**Dec. 11-14 NCAA Regional Semis/Finals**
**Dec. 18-20 NCAA Finals**
Reunion Arena, Dallas  
*Big West Conference match*

### Men’s Soccer
**Head Coach:** Wolfgang Gartner  
**2002 Record:** 3-16, 1-9 Big West

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**Dec. 18-20 NCAA Finals**
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### Women’s Soccer
**Head Coach:** Alex Crozier  
**2002 Record:** 14-7, 8-1 Big West

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### Men’s Golf
**Head Coach:** Scott Cartwright

- **Date:** Opponent  
- **Sept. 25-26** Oregon State Invitational (Trysting Tree GC, Corvallis, OR)  
- **Oct. 20-21** Countrywide/Northridge Invitational (Wood Ranch CC, Simi Valley)  
- **Oct. 27-28** Santa Clara Invitational (Silver Creek CC, San Jose)  
- **Nov. 6-7** Del Walker 49er Classic (Virginia CC, Long Beach)

### Women’s Golf
**Head Coach:** Scott Cartwright

- **Date:** Opponent  
- **Sept. 25-26** Inland Empire Gonzaga (Downriver GC, Spokane, WA)  
- **Sept. 26-29** Lady Vandal (University of Idaho GC, Moscow, ID)  
- **Oct. 20-21** San Diego State Aztec Invitational (Audubon GC, San Diego)  
- **Nov. 3-4** Cal Poly Invitational (BlackLake GC, Nipomo)

### Cross Country
**Head Coach:** Mark Conover

- **Date:** Opponent  
- **Aug. 30** at Santa Clara Invitational
- **Sept. 6** at UCSB Open
- **Sept. 13** Idle
- **Sept. 20** at UC Riverside Invitational
- **Sept. 27** at Stanford Invitational
- **Sept. 29** at Griak Invitational (Minneapolis)
- **Oct. 4** Idle
- **Oct. 11** Idle

**Oct. 18** CAL POLY INVITATIONAL  
Pre-National Invite (Cedar Falls, IA)

- **Nov. 1** Big West Conf. Championships (Hosted by CS Northridge)
- **Nov. 8** Idle
- **Nov. 15** NCAA West Regional (Portland, OR)
- **Nov. 24** NCAA Nationals (Cedar Falls, IA)
Thousands of students may lose Federal Pell grants

By Jennifer Wells
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(U-WIRE) KENT, Ohio — Budget officials at the Department of Education estimate that 84,000 students nationwide could lose their Federal Pell Grant eligibility for the 2004-05 award year.

Additionally, the department estimates the maximum Pell Grant amount will be $270 million less than previous years. About 100,000 students will receive less money next year.

Pell Grants are federal grants for college that students do not have to pay back.

The Department of Education adjusted the formula that determines a family’s expected contribution to college expenses last May. This formula decides how much financial aid a student will receive and how much a family will contribute to college costs.

The incomes, the allowances and the assets of both parents and the student, determine expected family contribution. The formula deducts state and local taxes — deductions vary from state to state.

Families will be expected to contribute more to college expenses because the change in the formula reduced the percentage of deductions in most states. New tax tables will make a family’s income appear higher than it is. Pell Grants are awarded based on need, and with the change some students may now be ineligible to receive them.

Mark Evans, director of student financial aid, said it is too early to speculate how this new change will directly impact Kent State students, but in the past a large amount of students have relied on Pell Grants.

Evans said approximately 10,224 students at all eight Kent State campuses received Pell Grants in the 2002-03 award year. Kent State students received a total of $23.5 million in Pell Grants last year.

In most instances Pell Grants are available to undergraduate students who are determined financially eligible by a standard formula.

By request of Democratic lawmakers, the Congressional Research Service recently released a memorandum describing the possible impact students will notice because of the formula’s change.
Artists fill the streets with color

Residents and tourists observe artwork at a Madonna, an Italian Street Painting Festival, that was held on Sept. 6 and 7 at Mission Plaza.

Students respond to president’s speech

By Brittany Winkowski

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Student response to President Bush’s speech on Sept. 7 varied from issues concerning budget strains to terrorism.

Bush addressed the nation in an attempt to inform the public on conditions in Iraq and Afghanistan and express the need for $87 billion from the government to continue to fight terrorism.

In a short speech, Bush said “not all our friends agreed with our decision (no) to remove Saddam Hussein from power. Yet we cannot let past differences interfere with present duties.”

Sean Misko, president of the Political Science Association, said he appreciated Bush spelling out his plans. “I give the president credit for giving the speech. People in Congress knew he needed to level with the American public on how much this is going to cost and what defense we still need.”

Takeem Morgan, vice president of Undergraduate Student Government, had a different opinion. “One of the top priorities in this country should be education. On Sept. 11 we were not educated on terrorism and we were caught off guard. We need to know more about the people of Afghanistin and Iraq, their lifestyles and religions,” Morgan said.

Music group files 261 copyright lawsuits

By Ted Bridis

WASHINGTON — The music industry’s largest trade group filed 261 copyright lawsuits across the country Sept. 8 against Internet users who trade songs online, an aggressive campaign to discourage piracy through fear of expensive civil penalties or settlements.

The Recording Industry Association of America warned it ultimately may file thousands of cases. Its first round was aimed at what it described as “major offenders” illegally distributing on average more than 1,000 copyrighted music files each.

“Nobody likes playing the heavy,” said RIAA President Cary Sherman, who compared illegal music downloads to shoplifting. “There comes a time when you have to stand up and take appropriate action.”

An estimated 60 million Americans participate in file-sharing networks, using software that makes it simple for computer users to locate and retrieve virtually any song by any artists for free within moments. Internet users broadly acknowledge the practice is illegal, but the practice has flourished in recent years since copyright statutes are among the most popularly flouted laws online.

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SHELBYVILLE, Tenn.  —

Disgraced by what they see as the extinction of the all-male Southern military college, some graduates want to build one of their own. Their focus is based on the way The Citadel and Virginia Military Institute used to be.

There is, they say, before those schools started admitting women, before they stopped saying mealtime prayers, and before the winds of political correctness swept aside many of the reminders of the Confederacy.

"Southern traditions that have been tarnished and almost lost will live again," backers of the planned Southern Military Institute say on their Web site. "The concept of an officer and a Southern gentleman will be the standard, not the exception."

The nonprofit group headed by Michael Guthrie of Madison, Ala., is planning to purchase a 450-acre farm in Tennessee and hopes to open with a first class of about 30 cadets in the fall of 2004.

Backers say it will restore the virtues of military discipline and the legacy of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Confederate symbols, including the first national Confederate flag, are included in the school's promotional materials. Guthrie said blacks are welcome to attend.

"We have been villainized, especially Southern Christians heritage has been villainized as racist," Guthrie said. "I think there are a lot of conservative blacks who would understand the issues that revolved around the Civil War. There will also be people who oppose us. The very reason we are having to start this school — we have become a minority in the country."

Guthrie, an engineer for a defense contractor and a 1977 VMl graduate, is a former member of the League of the South, a group that supports maintaining military discipline and the legacy of conservative blacks who would elect Southern Christian heritage.

"As long as they don't bother me, they can go on about their business," he said.

Beford County Executive Jimmy Woodson said he has not been contacted by the group but said the college would be welcome if it "doesn't pose a threat." He said.

"Private money and private foundations are the only source to maintain our freedom of choice and freedom of education and academic freedom," he said.

The organizers also appear to be close to acquiring the land.

"We have quite a few interested conservative Christian groups, and some school boards have expressed interest," he said.

If all goes as planned, the school would be just outside Shelbyville, a city of about 16,000, 23 percent of whom are black.

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The danger is already significant, and it only grows worse with time. If we know Saddam Hussein has dangerous weapons today -- and we do -- does it make any sense for the world to wait to confront him as he grows even stronger and develops even more dangerous weapons?

"Eleven years ago, in a condition for ending the Persian Gulf War, the Iraqi regime was required to destroy its weapons of mass destruction, to cease all development of such weapons and to stop all support for terrorist groups," Bush said. "The Iraqi regime has violated all of those obligations."

Ritter was previously part of an inspection team in Iraq. According to him, approximately 90 percent of Iraq's chemical and biological weapons were uncovered by 1995, and it was the U.S. government that manipulated the security process mandated by the Security Council. He said not being allowed to do his job was what led to his resignation.

In a May speech, which announced the end of the war, Bush said Saddam Hussein had ties to terrorist groups and seeks or possesses weapons of mass destruction is a grave danger to the civilized world and will be confronted.

"The war in Iraq was a self-fulfilling prophecy," Ritter said. "He (the president) knows there are biological weapons, but where are these, Mr. President?"

More than 200 people traveled to Paducah Tilgham High School to hear Ritter speak at an open forum. After an hour-long speech, about 20 concerned citizens lined up to ask questions they felt needed to be answered by Ritter. According to Ritter, he addressed the questions as honest as he could.

After outlining the ways in which he said the president lied to the entire nation, Ritter took some of the blame. He said we as American citizens are all responsible.

"It is our fault because we forgot what it means to be an American citizen," Ritter said. "Citizenship is when we invest ourselves in our community."

Patriots for Peace sponsored the open exchange of ideas. According to group member Craig Rhodes, those who attended the talk were performing an act of citizenship.

"Too many of us have wrapped ourselves in a cocoon of comfort, but it won't last as long as we turn a blind eye to our nation," Rhodes said.

Patriots for Peace was formed two months before the war began. Rhodes said the group is made up of citizens from all walks of life that have gotten together out of concern for the direction the country has taken. He said Ritter had issues and getting them out into the community is healthy for our democracy and is something not done enough by the media.

The open forum had only one outspoken opponent to Ritter's attacks on the president. Everyone else who asked questions and supported Ritter and what he had to say.

"The president made a decision on Aug. 29, 2002, to go to war in Iraq. And he lied about the reasons Americans are dying today," said Scott Ritter, former U.N. weapons inspector at the open forum.

They shouldn't trust us, we lied to them, humiliated them and belittled them," Ritter said. He said he has served the international community on the war and many other issues, but it is the international community that the U.S. will need to help pay for all the damage.

The cost of maintaining the 148,000 troops in Iraq is $1 billion a week. And according to Ritter, Iraq is costing the United States money that was not budgeted for.

In the president's Monday address he said the U.S. will do whatever is necessary to rebuild Iraq. He said he will submit a request to Congress for $87 billion for ongoing military and intelligence cost and $66 billion which will be needed over the next year for improvements in security and restoration of basic services in Iraq and Afghanistan.

American citizens may have to foot some of the bill in terms of taxes, but Iraqi citizens are paying their price as well.

"Iraq is a sea of chaos, not a sea of democracy," Ritter said. "Ask the people in Iraq the price they paid for the war."
Report: As many as 90,000 forced out of California community colleges by cutbacks

LOS ANGELES — As many as 90,000 students have dropped out of or failed to enroll in California community colleges because of cost-saving class cutbacks, a new report concluded.

The study, released Tuesday, was a statewide assessment of the 108 community colleges by cutbacks. The study was released at a Sacramento study session organized by the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, the Los Angeles Times reported Wednesday.

The report found that enrollment declined to 1.69 million students last spring, down nearly 40,000 from the previous year.

Ferry estimated that an additional 50,000 students who normally would have enrolled for classes also stayed away, based on population trends and growth in the system between 1993 and 2002.

The state’s community colleges offered 164,597 classes in the spring term, down 4.8 percent from a year earlier, according to the report. The average class size was 28.4 students, up from 27.1 in 2002.

“Courses are full, and there are long waiting lists,” he said.

By Martha Mendoza

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Santa Cruz asks Congress to impeach Bush

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — The Santa Cruz City Council has become the first local government in the country to pass a resolution that will call for Congress to look into impeaching President Bush over his handling of the war in Iraq.

“It’s time for us to open up this can of worms,” said councilman Tim Fitzmaurice.

The resolution, approved Tuesday by a 6-1 vote, authorizes Santa Cruz Mayor Emily Reilly to send a letter to House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner asking if Bush has committed any impeachable offenses that could lead to his ouster.

City leaders say Bush violated international treaties by going to war in Iraq, and that the president manipulated public fears to justify the war and undercut Constitutional rights.

The council vote came in packed chambers where supporters of the resolution lined the walls. Some carried signs that read “Honor the Constitution. Impeachment now” and “God bless and keep Bush out of power.”

“I happen to think that what’s going on is a high crime and misdemeanor, but let’s leave it to the U.S. Congress to decide,” said councilman and UC Santa Cruz professor Mike Rotkin.

Such divisive political stands aren’t unusual in the coastal town.

A year ago, Santa Cruz became the first of what would swell to 165 city councils to oppose the war against Iraq. Santa Cruz was also one of more than 100 cities declaring its opposition to the Patriot Act. And in April, the city and county of Santa Cruz sued the Drug Enforcement Administration and Attorney General John Ashcroft, marking the first time a public entity had sued the federal government on behalf of patients who need medical marijuana.

White House spokesman Ken Lisius, responding to Santa Cruz’s current proposal, said Tuesday that the president “welcomes the fact that we live in a democracy and that people are free to make their opinions known.”

Francis Boyle, a University of Illinois law professor who has founded a national “Impeach Bush” campaign, said local city council resolutions can have a significant impact in grass-roots movements. Anti-apartheid resolutions, among others, have sparked policy reforms, he said.

“I think this will take off too, and a lot of cities will give serious consideration to what Santa Cruz has done,” he said in advance of the council meeting.

Arcata, another California coastal community about 350 miles to the north, will be considering a similar resolution calling for impeachment next month.

Mark Premack, an architect by trade and the lone voice of opposition on the Santa Cruz City Council, voted against the resolution.
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We would also like to extend a special thanks to all of you who voted for College Auto in the Best of SLO County Business competition. Thanks to you, once again, your votes elevated our shop to one of the top three in the county. Thank you for understanding and contributing to our mission to become the best auto repair facility in San Luis Obispo. Our continued success is a direct reflection of your support.

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