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Phoenix death may be linked to drugs

Coroner's report to come

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Rising Hollywood star River Phoenix lay dying on the sidewalk while his brother pleaded with a fire department dispatcher to send help for the actor, who collapsed outside a West Hollywood nightclub.

The 23-year-old actor was writhing on the sidewalk flopping around like "a fish out of water," one witness said, as his brother screamed into the phone: "He's dying!"

Less than an hour later, Phoenix was dead.

"You must get here, please, you must get here, please," Joaquin "Leaf" Phoenix, 19, told the dispatcher. "I'm thinking he had Valium or something."

An autopsy was completed by noon Monday and it was inconclusive, said coroner's spokesman Scott Carrier. Results of blood and chemical tests won't be available for weeks, he said.

But a blood workup at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where Phoenix died just before 2 a.m. Sunday, detected cocaine and Valium, a hospital source requesting anonymity told the TV news magazine "Hard Copy."

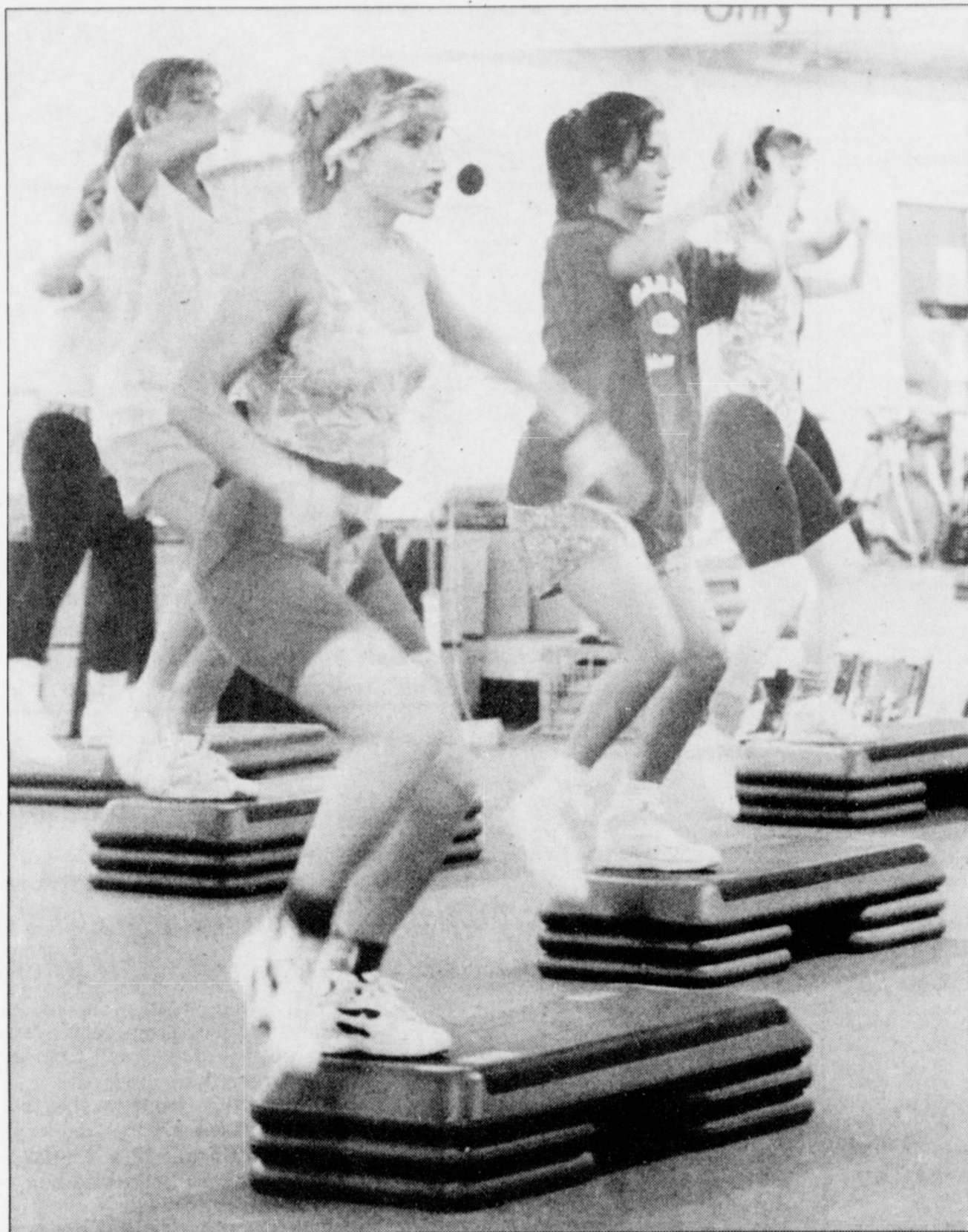
Paramedics were told the actor had been taking drugs, said county fire Capt. Ray Ribar.

The child star of "Stand by Me," who played a young Indiana Jones and gained an Oscar nomination for "Running on Empty," collapsed on Halloween after partying at actor Johnny Depp's trendy Viper Room nightclub.

In addition to his brother, Phoenix had been at the club with actress Samantha Mathis.

"After eight minutes of

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Some students, such as these shown working out at Calendar Girl in San Luis Obispo, prefer local gyms to the new Rec Center / Daily photo by Elaine Taylor

Sweating it out

Local gyms find ways to cope with competition from new Rec Center; students say they like having a workout choice

By Erika Eichler
Daily Staff Writer

While the opening of the new Cal Poly Rec Center may have caused concern among local gym owners this summer, some of them now say the Rec Center has been little competition and quite positive for their businesses.

Although Rec Sports officials say the Rec Center sees more than 2,000 students each day, local gym owners and managers say those numbers don't scare them.

Gold's Gym is one example of a gym that's benefited from the Rec Center's opening, according to manager Dan Foubert.

Foubert said customers are happier because there are fewer people crowding in for workouts.

"With Cal Poly opening the Rec Center," he said, "it helped the traffic flow."

At Calendar Girl on Foothill Boulevard, the Rec Center's opening could be linked to fewer new memberships — especially from dorm residents who can now work out on campus.

"A lot of new members from the dorms that would usually join aren't coming here because the Rec Center is closer and because of the cost," said Calendar Girl manager Meg Swearingen.

Swearingen said new membership prices had to be increased to make up for fewer new members, but added those who already belonged to the gym before the Rec

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Baker looks at new job

Flying to Nebraska
Wednesday for interview

By Marla R. Van Schuyver
Daily Managing Editor

Cal Poly President Warren Baker has been named as one of four finalists for the top university administrator job in Nebraska.

If chosen as president of the University of Nebraska, Baker would be the four-campus, 52,000-student university system's top administrator and would oversee chancellors from each of those campuses.

Baker confirmed Monday that he was notified of his status as a finalist and plans to travel to Nebraska on Wednesday to "explore" the university and the job.

Baker said he did not apply for the position, but was nominated. He was unsure who nominated him, but thought it happened through one of the higher education associations with which he is affiliated.

"I get nominations probably two or three times a year," he said.

Baker said he will consider the job, but had no immediate plans to leave Cal Poly.

"I have to explore the way the university functions," he said. "I haven't been there to explore it."

While budget shortfalls have plagued California for several years and Baker has sometimes been criticized for his part in on-campus budget-cutting, Baker said he has not seriously considered leaving the campus.

"I have no great desire to leave Cal Poly," he said. "I am very optimistic of California's higher education recovery and see excellent support coming in the future."

University of Nebraska has one campus in Lincoln, two in Omaha — including a medical school — and one in Kearney.

Princeton Review calls Poly dorms 'dungeons'

Recent student opinion poll rates campus life an 'A' despite views on residence halls

By Tracy Brant Colvin
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly may have dorm rooms resembling dungeons, but at least it rates an "A" for campus life.

This is the way Cal Poly was described in a book recently published by the Princeton Review.

The book, The Princeton Review Student Access Guide—The Best 286 Colleges, is compiled annually by students from campuses across the nation.

In an anonymous survey conducted last spring, Poly students rated them-

selves in the top 20 in five of the 61 categories.

In one of those categories, however, students rated the dorm rooms 7th worst in the nation. They rated the students in their university 8th happiest of the 286 colleges surveyed.

Cal Poly was dubbed one of the most homogeneous student bodies — being primarily white — but rated "good" in race and class relations.

The survey also included a section of "What's Hot" and "What's Not."

Hot items on campus include con-

servative politics, helpful professors, location, the student newspaper and beer, the book's authors said.

What's not so hot? A homogeneous student body, lack of interaction by different ethnic groups and expensive cost of living ranked high on the list.

Responses were provided by more than 100 randomly selected Cal Poly students. They were asked to rate the campus on topics ranging from academics and admissions to quality of life.

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WEEK 7
NOV. 2 TO NOV. 8

25 school days remaining in fall quarter.

Today's weather: Mostly sunny; variable winds to 15 mph.

Monday high/low: 84/47 **Expected high/low:** 82/48

TODAY

- Academic Senate meeting, 3 p.m. — U. U. 220
- Physics department presents Dr. Al Trivelpiece, Director of Oakridge National Laboratory, 11 a.m. — Science E26 / 756-2448
- Deadline to reserve seats at San Luis Obispo Public Safety Recognition Luncheon, Pacific Suites Hotel, noon — Nov. 5 / reservations: 781-2670

WEDNESDAY

- ASI Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. — U.U. 220
- Historian and filmmaker Dr. Rolf Steininger speaks on "Germany After Unification," 7:30 p.m. — Nov. 3, Business building, room 213

THURSDAY

- International Film Festival; Fremont, Mission and Palm theaters — Nov. 4-7 info: 781-2777
- Homecoming Kickoff Celebration, 11 a.m. — U.U. Plaza

FRIDAY

- First day for continuing and former student CAPTURE registration for winter quarter
- Last day to petition withdrawal from class
- Last day to express intention to repeat class
- Rec Sports Grass Volleyball Doubles Tournament sign-ups, Rec Center front desk at 3 p.m. / 756-1366

WEEKEND

- Homecoming Saturday events:
 - "Polywood USA" Parade, 11 a.m. — Higuera Street, downtown
 - Eighth Annual Laugh Olympics, 2 p.m. — Dexter Lawn
 - Alumni Tailgate BBQ, 5 p.m. — Three-acre Park (behind Business)
 - Homecoming Football; vs. Cal State Northridge, 7 p.m.
- Robert Johnston, local geologist, speaks on ozone depletion and global warming (sponsored by League of Women Voters); Laguna Jr. High, 9:30 a.m. — Saturday / 543-2220
- "Telescopes Demystified," demonstration of various telescopes and accessories, 737 Higuera, 7:30 p.m. — Saturday / 541-6755
- Performance of musical works by local composer Walter Mourant, general admission: \$10, senior and student: \$8; Cuesta College Interact Theater, 8 p.m. — Saturday / 546-3131
- Sierra Club 7-mile hike at Trout Creek — Saturday / 549-0532
- Sierra Club 10-mile hike on Morro Bay sand spit — Saturday / 928-3598
- ARTernatives "Mad Hatters' Ball" and silent auction, tickets available at Big Music, Audio Ecstasy and Photo Ad — Saturday / 544-8346
- Alpha Phi Omega invites clubs to "Come Water the Trees," El Chorro Park, 10 a.m. — Sunday / 541-0221
- Sierra Club Singles 10-mile hike to Vicente Flats — Sunday / 466-7655
- Sierra Club 25-mile bike ride. Pismo Beach to Port San Luis — Sunday info: 929-3647

MONDAY

- ASI Finance Committee meeting, 8 p.m. — U.U. 219
- "Women's Rights in Islam," sponsored by Ethnic Studies program, 11 a.m. — U.U. 220

UPCOMING

- Sheriff's Office annual Christmas Bicycle program — donate bicycles, Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. / 781-4576
- Central Coast Business Women's Forum, Chumash Auditorium — Nov. 10 info: 544-9313
- Local writers Toni Wynn and Carl Wooten read their work, Business 206, 7 p.m. — Nov. 10 / 756-2067
- "The Airmen of Note," jazz ensemble of the U.S. Air Force, performs in the Cuesta College Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. — Nov. 12 / 543-4624
- "Financial and Estate Planning," San Luis Obispo City/County Library, 1 p.m. — Nov. 13 / reserve a seat: 543-2364
- "The Biz: Opportunities in the New Entertainment Universe," full-day seminar, Pacific Suites Hotel, \$75 in advance, \$99 at door — Nov. 13 info: 1-800-223-6786
- League of Women Voters monthly informal meeting / 543-2220
Topic: public policy on reproductive choice
Locations and times:
 - 189 Pier St., Shell Beach; 7:30 p.m., Nov. 17
 - 1427 Bayview Heights, Los Osos, 11 a.m., Nov. 18
 - 944 San Adriano, San Luis Obispo, 9:30 a.m., Nov. 19
- "Be Through with Chew," class to help chewers quit using smokeless tobacco, 600 12th St., Paso Robles, 6:30 p.m. — Nov. 16, 23, 30 and Dec. 7 / 756-5251
- "CENSORED," by playwright Al Schupp, general admission: \$6.50, students: \$5.50; Cal Poly Theatre, 8 p.m. — Nov. 17-20 / 756-1465

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Local Public Safety Protection and Improvement
Legislative Constitutional Amendment.

If approved, a one-half percent increase in the state sales tax would be dedicated to public safety.

Taking a poll position

Seven propositions on ballot in special statewide election include school vouchers, half-cent sales tax for public safety

By Len Arends
Daily Assistant Managing Editor

Knowing most college students have enough problems just keeping their homework straight in their heads, the following information is provided as a primer to today's special statewide election.

Voting hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Holly Driver, a volunteer election clerk, said election officials have no particular advice for what time of day to use it. She said they have no way of predicting when the "rush hour" for voting would be.

Driver said if a voter received an absentee ballot in the mail, they have to use it. Although the absentee ballot can be turned in to any polling location, she said the person will not be allowed to vote there.

Driver said 24,000 absentee ballots have been mailed in San Luis Obispo County and 8,000 of those ballots had been returned as of Thursday.

The following is a summary of the seven propositions on today's ballot. All information was taken from the Special Statewide Election Ballot Pamphlet. Please refer to that document for complete arguments.

Proposition 168 — Low Rent Housing Projects

At present, before work can begin on a low rent housing project, it must be approved by local voters in either a city or county election. Prop. 168 would reverse the burden of proof for such projects, requiring approval in a local election only if a petition objecting to the project is provided within 30 days if a city or county government approves a housing project.

Proposition 169 — Budget Implementation

Every summer, as the budget bill travels through the Legislature in Sacramento, a host of "trailer bills" follow. These secondary measures each call for a single change in California law to allow the measures dictated in the budget bill to be technically legal. Each trailer bill deals with a single point of law because the

California Constitution prohibits any bill except the budget bill from dealing with more than one issue.

Because the items in the trailer bills are necessary to make the budget bill legal, if a trailer bill doesn't pass, the corresponding segment of the budget bill is negated as well, throwing the entire budget bill out of balance.

Prop. 169 would add a constitutional exception for the trailer bills as well, allowing them to be gathered into a single bill that must be approved wholly by the Legislature. The governor may then veto any items within the trailer bill of which he or she doesn't approve, and the Legislature has the option to negate the vetoes individually with a two-thirds majority vote.

Proposition 170 — Property Taxes; Schools; Majority Vote; Development-Fee Limits

The California Constitution prohibits property taxes from exceeding one percent of the value of the property, unless the tax is to be used to pay back bonds issued by the state or local government. Currently, these bonds have to be approved by two-thirds of the voters.

Prop. 170 would decrease the necessary level of voter approval for local bonds to a simple majority, meaning greater than 50 percent of the voters.

When approval of a local bond measure fails on such items as school construction and other public facilities, the expense for the project is often picked up by the state. By making it easier for local bond measures to pass, the burden for paying for public works is shifted from the state to the local economy. The potential cost savings for the state is estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars, according to the legislative analyst.

Proposition 171 — Property Taxation; Transfer of Base Year Value

Prop. 13, passed by California voters in 1978, allowed property owners to be taxed on the value of their home at the time they bought it,

plus an annual adjustment. In an example given in the election pamphlet, this would mean a home bought in 1982 for \$100,000 and worth \$200,000 in 1993 dollars, would only be taxed as though it were worth \$124,000.

If the home were damaged or destroyed in a state-declared disaster, Prop. 50, passed in 1986, allows the owner to by another house worth \$200,000 in the same county — or rebuild a similar house on the same site as the damaged one — and still only be taxed as though the property was worth \$124,000.

Prop. 171 would extend this same courtesy to disaster victims who wish to relocate to another county. If a county chooses to participate, new property owners fleeing a disaster in another county would be taxed at their original Prop. 13 rate. The new residence would have to be acquired or constructed within three years of the disaster.

Proposition 172 — Local Public Safety Protection and Improvement Act of 1993

In the budget battle in Sacramento this summer, county and city governments lost \$2.3 billion in local property taxes to public schools. In an attempt to recoup about 65 percent of this loss, the Legislature offers Prop. 172, a one-half percent increase in state sales tax to take effect, if approved, on Jan. 1, 1994. The tax increase would exactly offset a temporary half percent sales tax which expires on Jan. 1, 1994, allowing a total state sales tax to remain at its present six percent rate.

The money raised from this tax — \$714 million for fiscal year 1993-94 and \$1.5 billion every fiscal year thereafter — would be dedicated to local public safety expenses, such as police, sheriffs, fire prevention, district attorneys and corrections.

If Prop. 172 passes, counties would be eligible to receive a portion of this money only if approved by the board of supervisors or a simple majority of the county's voters.

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Noisy roof construction annoys dorm residents

Renovations on Yosemite, Sierra Madre residence halls expected to be completed by Nov. 19

By Jennifer Morehouse
Daily Staff Writer

Residents of Yosemite Tower Seven aren't sleeping in like they used to.

Workers re-roofing the building wake them up mornings at 9 a.m. and keep up the racket until 4 p.m., students said.

Yosemite Tower Seven is only one of three dorm roofs being replaced in the next three weeks, Associate Director of Facility Services Bob Pattee said. He said Yosemite Tower Three and Sierra Madre Tower Five are also scheduled to have their roofs replaced.

Pattee said the roofs on the Cal Poly dorms are routinely replaced every eight to 12 years. He said these particular roofs were starting to leak, but not enough to cause major problems.

Rex Wolf, the architect in charge of the project, said the new roofs one downfall is the noise involved in attaching it.

"The noise goes beyond annoyance," Wolf said, calling it "teeth jarring."

"I can't imagine it not bothering (students)," he said. Some students say it definitely is an annoyance.

"A booming sound wakes you up in the morning," said biological sciences freshman Tonia Sequeira.

Sequeira said the noise is inconvenient, but students were forewarned. She said a flyer was put in the mailboxes of all Yosemite residents, warning them of the noise and telling them exactly when it would be noisy.

Pattee said the replacement roof, composed of a layer of polyvinylchloride sheeting with a 20-year guarantee, will be an improvement over the previous asphalt sheet roof.

Although the noise involved in the project is a problem, Wolf said the mechanical process of attaching the roof is a cleaner process. He said it eliminates dust and fumes from tar or chemicals.

Wolf said he didn't realize how noisy the roofing was going to be.

He said the project was originally planned for last summer, when no students would be

bothered, but due to contract problems the project was postponed until the end of October.

Wolf said he didn't want to wait until next summer to do the project because the insulation in Yosemite Tower Seven has gotten wet from minor leaks.

"Before construction started, I walked on one roof and water squished under my feet," he said.

Civil engineering freshman Amanda Johnson said although she was warned about the noise, she didn't know it would be as loud as it is.

"It is really hard," Johnson said. "They stand up there and drill all morning long. You can't sleep in or come back from class and sleep."

Aside from the noise in the morning, Sequeira said her routine is not disturbed. The

noise doesn't affect her studying because she studies at night.

"I had the idea of putting disposable foam earplugs in everyone's mail box," Wolf said. But he said no one took him seriously.

Wolf said the students residing in Yosemite Tower Seven will be able to sleep in again soon. Construction on the tower was scheduled to end Oct. 28, but took one day longer than planned.

Wolf said the project would be moving on to Yosemite Tower Three yesterday.

Wolf said the project, contracted out to Certified Roofing of Arroyo Grande, will cost \$54,792 to complete. He said the Housing Department has their own funds to pay for the construction.

The re-roofing began Oct. 18 and is scheduled for completion Nov. 19.

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Proposition 173 — California Housing and Jobs Investment Bond Act

In 1982, California voters authorized the sale of \$200 million in general obligation bonds to provide loans for individuals and families having difficulty financing the purchase of a first home. To date, only \$15 million in bonds have been sold.

In a new approach, the state would use the remaining \$185 million in bonds to provide mortgage insurance for those same prospective homebuyers. Prop. 173 would authorize this change of purpose.

The cost to taxpayers if all bonds were sold is estimated by the legislative analyst at about \$300 million, possibly more.

Proposition 174 — Education; Vouchers

This proposition would provide a voucher equaling at least 50 percent of the cost of a child's public education to any parent wishing to send their child to a private school. Initially, such a voucher would cost at least \$2,600. Additionally, vouchers would be provided for all children presently attending private schools, a \$1.8 billion expense.

A private school would be defined as a facility enrolling more than 25 students, and standardized academic testing would be required.

According to the legislative analyst, at least one in five students now attending public school would eventually have to attend private school for the program to break even. If one in three students were to switch, the state could save \$1 billion a year.

RATING: Cal Poly student population is too homogeneous, but prof-student relations are OK

From page 1

Cal Poly received a "B" in the academic rating section — which is comprised of student and administration ratings of hours of study per day, student-teacher ratios, homework completed and access to professors.

The book quoted students as saying the most attractive feature of Cal Poly is professors' commitment to students and

their learning.

In the admissions section, Poly received a "B+" in ease of admission. This section includes statistics from the percent of applicants accepted to test scores of applicants accepted. The book said it is "tough to get admitted."

The quality of campus life section rated highest with an "A." Questions about student happiness, safety, food and dorm

rooms were the context for this section.

Although the book rated Cal Poly high in this section some students called it "unexciting despite an active Greek scene and the relative bounty of free time students enjoy."

Cal Poly has been included in three polls this quarter. An Inside Edge student magazine poll released last week rated Cal Poly

140th out of the top 300 party schools. And a U.S. News and World Report survey in October rated the campus at 11 out of the top 15 schools in the Western United States.

Jeanne Krier, a representative from the Princeton Review, said she has received a lot of feedback from other schools and called the survey "right on the money."

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Journalism is literature in a hurry — Matthew Arnold

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EDITORIALS

Proposed parking restrictions rooted in anti-student sentiment

A proposal that would further restrict parking in the residential areas southeast of campus is being reworked by city staff members and will come before the City Council later this month.

The proposal, formulated by residents and backed by the group Residents for Quality Neighborhoods (RQN), would restrict overnight parking in areas already designated permit-only during the day.

While we sympathize with residents' need to have adequate parking available, we are concerned by the apparent anti-student slant to this proposal and the means by which support for it has been gathered.

One particular concern is the way the backers of this proposal circulated a petition in support of the new parking restrictions.

Students have complained that petitioners misinformed and coerced residents into signing their petition. Also, residents have reported petitioners sent out a letter saying support for the measure would be assumed if residents did not voice opposition to the plan.

Another concern deals with the way permits would be distributed under the plan.

According to the plan submitted to the council, residents could apply for permits only during the first 60 days after the plan was implemented. After that, only current permit-holders would be able to renew.

This would effectively bar students — who move nearly every year — from obtaining permits. While city staff members have recommended against this 60-day application period, this proposed rule makes it obvious that this plan was aimed directly at students.

There is no place in the democratic process for the type of petition-gathering the backers of this proposal have been accused of doing. There is, however, plenty of room for students to get involved and voice their opinions.

Voting: A political responsibility

Today is election day in California.

While today's election lacks the immediate relevance to students or national scope of last fall's elections, there are still issues up for decision that are important to our community.

Students in San Luis Obispo took a stand last year in asking for more political respect from local government. Today we can exercise our political responsibility to our community by turning out to the polls and voting.

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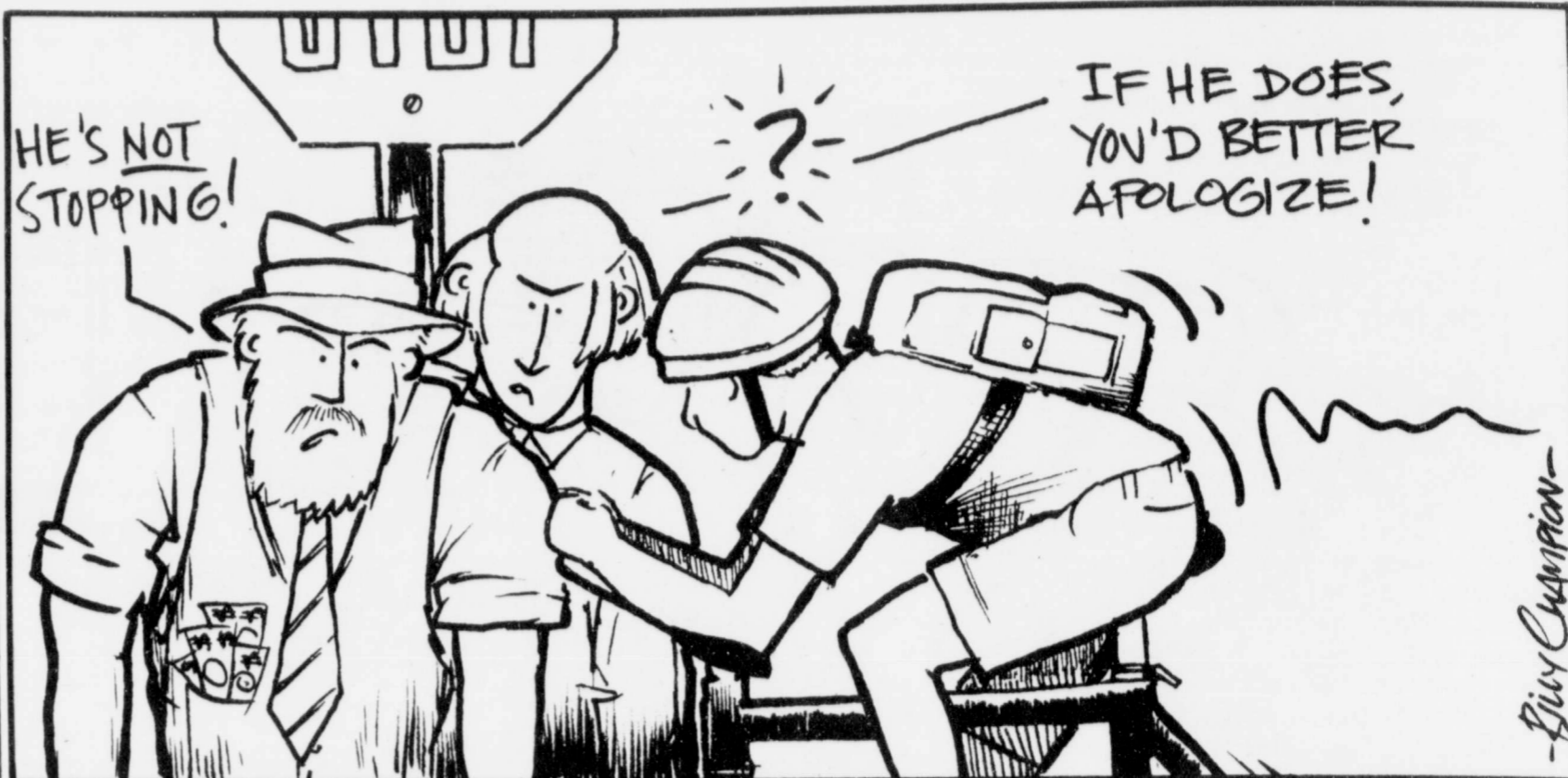
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LETTERS

Authors debate safety of bikers on campus



Jennings issues a challenge

Believe it or not, I am not a bicyclist bigot.

I own a 21-speed mountain bike. It has brakes. I use them. I own a helmet. I wear it. Where there is a bike lane, I use it. I ride on the right side of the road with the flow of traffic. I give hand signals when I change lanes or change directions.

I don't use the pedestrian crosswalk at intersections. I don't ride on the sidewalk. I don't ride in "no bicycles" zones. I don't ride my bike after dark because I don't have lights.

I, too, dislike sharing the road with cars and trucks.

Some of my best friends ride bicycles.

However, my observations continually verify that I and few other cyclists are in a very small minority who observe the California Vehicle Codes and follow good common sense while riding a bicycle.

I'm issuing a challenge: Meet me at the corner of South Perimeter Road and College Avenue at 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Bring 100 \$1 bills with you.

For every bicyclist who runs the stop sign (slow-and-go's don't count), you give me a dollar. For every bicyclist who stops (slow-and-go's count if the cyclist looks both ways), I'll give you a dollar. At 5 p.m. I'll be money ahead.

From 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. I'll give you a dollar for every motorized vehicle that runs the stop sign. You give me a dollar for every motorized vehicle that stops (including slow-and-go's). At 6 p.m., I'll be way ahead.

In fact, I bet my \$100 that I'll have your \$100.

Bicyclists are not bad people. They are difficult to hear, though, when they want special safety lanes and behave as if they have no obligation to obey the rest of the traffic laws.

Chuck Jennings
 Art and design department head

Arndt refutes claims, calls for apology

I'm tired of hearing people blame all cyclists for the careless acts of a few riders.

The latest comes from Chuck Jennings, art and design department head. He rightly blasts the inconsiderate and often dangerous riding habits of many cyclists on campus. Then he suggests that — because this problem exists — we shouldn't be concerned about creating a hazardous condition for cyclists.

He also asserts that 110 percent of cyclists on campus are at fault and are equally guilty of rude and obnoxious behavior. He's wrong, and he owes an apology to all the cyclists who are considerate and law-abiding.

Unfortunately, he isn't alone in this one-sided attitude; many people have lost all perspective toward this versatile tool.

I agree that too many cyclists on this campus are dangerous and inconsiderate; that many abuse the freedom afforded by a bicycle. This behavior stems from the common misperception that a bike is a toy, and therefore rules don't apply when we operate one. The solution lies in educating everyone about the rules that apply to cyclists.

The fact remains that cyclists are given a low priority on this campus. If we did more to encourage responsible bicycling, we might see an improvement in this negligent riding attitude. We might also begin to solve the parking and traffic problems that have begun to plague this campus.

As a start, let's re-install bike racks in the inner core and enforce no-riding areas off the normal roadway. Let's remove the ban on bikes on Inner Perimeter Road and enforce a no-bike-or-car rule during class-change times.

Let's aim for increased accessibility to cyclists at the same time we strive for increased safety for pedestrians on our walkways. And yes, let's enforce traffic laws.

David Arndt
 Physics department

Public Safety head speaks out on bicycle access discussion

Recent letters to the editor regarding bicycle safety and facilities on campus suggest that there is a lack of either available information or effort on the part of some authors to seek information from the sources they criticize.

Public Safety Services is currently working with the Facilities Planning department on a redesign of the Via Carta area between north and south Inner Perimeter Road to eliminate motor vehicle traffic, clarify bicycle and pedestrian travel, and perhaps increase bicycle parking in the area.

We are also taking a look at Highland Drive to see if "regular" bike lanes could be established to mitigate the pedestrian/bicycle congestion near the railroad bridge and the traffic crossing at the Highway 1 intersection.

Unfortunately, there are no funds generated by bicyclists for improvements the way that the parking program generates funding from permit fees for parking improvements.

In the past, (Public Safety) has recommended that funds from parking citations (generated by people who choose to park illegally) be used to purchase and install bicycle-supporting facilities (racks, paths, painting of lanes, etc.).

Unfortunately, there is a limited amount of money

available and there are several other programs competing for the same funding (such as the "free" city bus).

I encourage students concerned about bicycle safety and facilities to share their suggestions with Jacquie Rossi, our new Commuter Services Coordinator. She is available at 756-6680.

I also encourage students to talk to their ASI represen-

"There are no funds generated by bicyclists for improvements the way the parking program generates funding from permit fees..."

tatives and to join with the Cal Poly Wheelmen in their efforts to promote safety, facilities and alternative transportation.

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PHOENIX: Young actor's career ends tragically outside trendy club

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 seizures, arms flopping, his knuckles hitting the sidewalk, his head banging back and forth, his feet flopping up and down, after about eight minutes of that, he finally became still, completely still," witness Ron Davis told "Hard Copy."

Several yards away on a pay telephone, Phoenix's brother was frantically trying to get help. The dramatic four-minute 911 emergency call provided a chilling account of the actor's final minutes alive.

"Where is the guy? ... Please, 'cuz he's dying, please!" the actor's brother told the dispatcher.

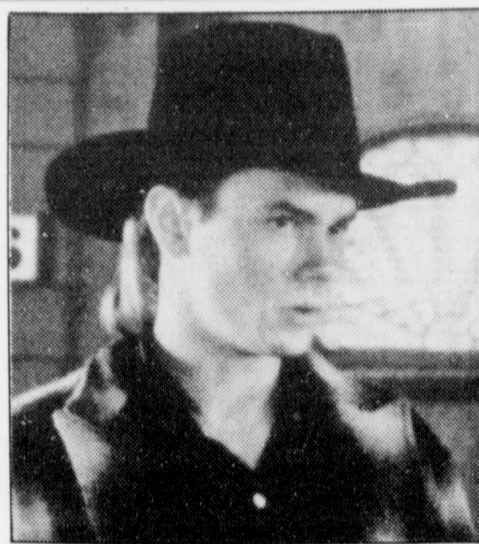
"Where's your brother right now?" the dispatcher asked.

"He's laying on the cement," Leaf said.

"Is he breathing?" asked the dispatcher.

"I don't know. The last I checked they said he was breathing," said the brother, who yelled to a companion. "Is he —ing breathing? I don't know if he's breathing. Please, you got to get over here, where's the ambulance?"

Moments later, a calm Leaf



River Phoenix / Photo Courtesy Paramount Pictures

Phoenix told the dispatcher: "He's not having the seizures anymore. He's just passed out ... He just looks like he's sleeping."

Harrison Ford, who played Phoenix's father in "The Mosquito Coast" (1986) and was the adult Indiana Jones to Phoenix's younger character in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989), said he was "terribly sad."

"He played my son once and I came to love him like a son, and was proud to watch him grow into a man of such talent and in-

tegrity and compassion," Ford said. "We will all miss him."

Phoenix was talented and willing to take risks in his acting, said Phil Alden Robinson, who directed him in last year's "Sneakers."

"There are two rivers flowing through him," he said. "One is the adventurous young man and the other is a very old-fashioned, gentlemanly, kind soul."

The actor's family, gathering in Los Angeles, said in a statement: "His beauty, gentleness, compassion, vulnerability and love is a gift for all eternity."

Phoenix was in the midst of filming the movie "Dark Blood," a Fine Line Features film which was nearly complete. Also starring Judy Davis and Jonathan Pryce, "Dark Blood" began filming on Sept. 21 and had three more weeks of shooting left, said unit publicist Mark Poigachefsky. It wasn't clear if the movie would be completed.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete. Instead of flowers, the family asked that contributions be made to Phoenix's favorite charities, Earth Save in Santa Cruz or Earth Trust in Malibu.

Transcript chronicles brother's frantic call for help

Associated Press

The following is the transcript of the four-minute 911 emergency call made by Joaquin "Leaf" Phoenix, brother of River Phoenix, after the actor collapsed outside a West Hollywood nightclub:

Caller: "It's my brother. He's having seizures at Sunset and Larrabee, please come here."

Dispatcher: "OK, calm down a little bit. What's the address where you need it?"

Caller: "It's Sunset and Larrabee, the Viper Room."

Dispatcher: "OK, what's the address there, you know?"

Caller: (yelling) "What's the address of the —ing club?"

Dispatcher: "Sir, sir, calm down a little bit, OK?"

Caller: "I'm sorry. It's my brother, please come, he's (inaudible)."

Dispatcher: "I understand, OK, calm down."

Caller: "He's on the corner of Sunset and Larrabee, you can't miss it."

Dispatcher: "OK, is this your brother's having a seizure?"

Caller: "Yes."

Dispatcher: "How old is he?"

Caller: "He's 23."

Dispatcher: "Twenty-three? OK, you know what the telephone number is?"

Caller: "You must get here. It's the Viper Room."

Dispatcher: "OK. Viper Room?"

Caller: "8852, 8852 Sunset and Larrabee. Please come."

Dispatcher: "OK, I have paramedics on the way. OK? Sir? Stay on the line with me and calm down a little bit, all right?"

Caller: "I'm calm, but please get here."

Dispatcher: "Calm down! OK, if you can't calm down give the phone to somebody else."

Caller: "No, there's no one else around."

Dispatcher: "OK."

Caller: "I'm fine. I'm fine."

Dispatcher: "Pay attention to me, OK?"

Caller: "Yeah?"

Dispatcher: "I show your address as 8860 Sunset Boulevard."

Caller: "8852."

Dispatcher: "OK, this is the Viper Room?"

Caller: "Yes."

Dispatcher: "You're calling from a pay phone."

Caller: "Yes."

Dispatcher: "You know the number on that pay phone?"

Caller: "855-9910."

Dispatcher: "OK."

Caller: "You must get here, please, you must get here, please."

Dispatcher: "OK, take it easy, OK?"

Caller: "Now I'm thinking he had Valium or something, I don't know. You must get over here please."

Dispatcher: "Slow down a little, OK?"

Caller: "Where is the guy? Where the — are they, you know? Please, 'cuz he's dying, please!"

Dispatcher: "Slow down, OK?"

Caller: "OK what? (crying) What? What? Just get the ambulance over here. There's nothing I can do on the —ing phone."

Dispatcher: "OK, we have help on the way, all right?"

Caller: "I know. I thank you guys."

Dispatcher: "Where's your brother right now?"

Caller: "He's laying on the cement."

Dispatcher: "Is he breathing?"

Caller: "I don't know. The last I checked they said he was breathing. (Then, yelling to someone) Is he —ing breathing? (Then, back to dispatcher) I don't know if he's breathing. Please, you got to get over here, where's the ambulance?"

Dispatcher: "Who's with him right now?"

Caller: "Um, my sister and some people."

Dispatcher: "Pardon me?"

Caller: "My sister and some people."

Dispatcher: "Your sister?"

Caller: "Yeah."

Dispatcher: "OK, how old is your sister?"

Caller: "She's 19, she's 20."

Dispatcher: "OK, can you talk to her from where you are?"

Caller: "She's trying to give him mouth-to-mouth. Please get to him. Please! Please!"

Dispatcher: "Sir, calm down. Tell her not to give mouth-to-

mouth now."

Caller: "(yelling to sister) Don't give him mouth-to-mouth."

Dispatcher: "You only give him mouth-to-mouth if he's not breathing, OK? Is he not breathing? Answer my question, is he breathing?"

Caller: "I checked and honestly I'm 20 (unintelligible). I can't tell."

Dispatcher: "Call over to your sister and ask her to check and see if he's breathing."

Caller: "Hey John, is he breathing? (pause) OK, he's breathing."

Dispatcher: "Then tell her not to give mouth-to-mouth, all right?"

Caller: "OK, she's not giving mouth-to-mouth."

Dispatcher: "Is he still shaking? Is he still having a seizure?"

Caller: "He's not having the seizures anymore. He's just passed out."

Dispatcher: "What's he doing? Just seems like he's sleeping right now?"

Caller: "Yeah. He just looks like he's sleeping. Is that OK?"

Dispatcher: "That's very normal, OK?"

Caller: "Yeah?"

Dispatcher: "That's very normal. Sometimes they do actually go to sleep. If he goes into another seizure, OK, and sometimes they do that, just let him have the seizure. Don't try and restrain him, all right?"

Caller: "What about putting my finger behind his mouth?"

Dispatcher: "Do not put nothing in his mouth."

Caller: "OK."

Dispatcher: "OK. He will not swallow his tongue, believe me. Just let him go ahead and have his seizure. Paramedics are on the way. They should be there shortly. OK?"

Caller: "Thank you so much. You've been very helpful. I'm sorry about being a bitch."

Dispatcher: "OK. No problem."

Caller: "Do I get off now or what?"

Dispatcher: "Yeah. You can go ahead and hang up. Call us back if you need us before the paramedics get there, OK?"

Caller: "They're coming. Bye."

'Poetic Justice' star charged in police shooting

Rapper, actor Tupac Shakur arrested after two off-duty officers are injured

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Rapper Tupac Shakur, who was criticized by former Vice President Dan Quayle for anti-police lyrics in his songs, was arrested Sunday on charges of shooting two off-duty police officers.

Shakur, 22, was being held without bail on two counts of aggravated assault, police said. He also was held on an outstanding charge of simple battery for allegedly slapping a woman last summer when she asked for his autograph, Capt. Herb Carson said.

Clayton County Officer Mark

Whitwell and his brother, Henry County Officer Scott Whitwell, were crossing the street with their wives when they were almost struck by two cars, Carson said.

An argument ensued and at least one other car pulled up, and people with guns got out of the car, police said.

"One of the officers pointed a gun toward the group," Carson said. It wasn't clear if the men identified themselves as officers.

A witness told police that Shakur fired at the officers, Carson said.

The Whitwells were in satisfactory condition, said Graddy Memorial Hospital spokesman Emory Baldwin.

Shakur starred in the movie "Poetic Justice" with singer Janet Jackson, and in the 1992 movie "Juice."

Quayle had wanted Shakur's album "2pacalypse Now," which sold more than 400,000 copies, pulled from record stores because of its anti-police lyrics.

Shakur performed Saturday at Clark Atlanta University's homecoming.

Flavor Flav takes rap in shooting

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rap star Flavor Flav, of the million-album selling group Public Enemy, was arrested Monday for allegedly trying to shoot another man in a dispute over a woman, police said.

The rapper, whose real name is William Drayton, was facing charges of attempted murder, possession of a weapon and reckless endangerment following the 9:15 a.m. shooting, said Officer Peter Friscia, a police spokesman.

No injuries were reported. Drayton, 34, was arrested last year for an outstanding warrant on a traffic violation and a family court warrant for allegedly punching his

girlfriend.

Police provided only sketchy details of Monday's incident in the Bronx. Friscia said it stemmed from a dispute over a woman, possibly Drayton's girlfriend.

A police officer on patrol heard a shot near an apartment house, entered the building and was told that Drayton fired the round, Friscia said. A .380-caliber semi-automatic pistol was recovered, the spokesman said.

Members of Public Enemy have raised controversy, especially for one song, "Welcome to the Terrordome," which has been labeled anti-Semitic.

WORKOUT: Local gyms increase prices, marketing strategies to keep pace with new competition

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Center's opening have stayed with Calendar Girl.

"We've probably had as many people renew their memberships, but not as many people get (a) new membership," she said. "Prices have gone up because everything else has gone up — like rent and school."

Swearingen said she was concerned the Cal Poly facility's summer opening would drain customers from her gym at its slowest season. But because the Rec Center opened after the summer started, Calendar Girl stayed steady throughout the season, she said.

Cal Poly students still working out at Calendar Girl say they do so for convenience.

"I think the aerobics classes are better and more convenient to my schedule," said home economics junior Heather Fox. "But I prefer the weights at the Rec Center."

Fox said she has seen a change in the clientele at Calendar Girl.

"I see more adults there now," she said. "It's more of an adult crowd as opposed to last year.

"I still use the Rec Center though. Especially on weekends because Calendar Girl closes early."

Although some Cal Poly students have said they stuck with Calendar Girl for convenience, others said they left because the Rec Center has better equipment.

Speech and communication senior Kursten King has placed her Calendar Girl membership on hold.

"The facilities at the Rec Center are so much better," she said. "And the two aerobics instructors I like at Calendar Girl always have packed classes."

At Kennedy Nautilus Center — one of three gyms in San Luis Obispo — managers said their facility has not been affected by the Rec Center. That's because they market to a specific audience, they said.

"We market to the person who hasn't worked out before, to business people, to baby boomers," said manager Terry O'Farrel.

Kennedy Nautilus member-

ships have doubled since December when they opened their new facility on Osos Street.

"Students come here because they didn't want to work out where there are other students," O'Farrel said.

Food science junior Karma Getty said she prefers the close atmosphere she receives from Kennedy Nautilus.

"It's not like you're working out in front of your peers," she said. "It's people you don't know that well. It's nice to know the Rec Center is there but I'm used to Kennedy Nautilus."

Physical education and kinesiology junior Bonnie Schramm, who works at Kennedy Nautilus, said: "I think a lot of girls are intimidated (by the Rec Center) and see it as a meat market."

However, Rec Center Associate Director Mark Harriman said he has not received any complaints about intimidation.

"We wish to provide recreational opportunities to everyone," Harriman said. "I think we're a welcome environment."

He said he believes that some students go to other gyms because they're familiar with them.

"People develop habits and they stick to those habits," he said.

Cal Poly's Rec Center is open to students, faculty, staff and alumni. Students pay to use the center in their registration fees. Aerobics classes cost an extra \$39 per quarter.

Spouses and Cuesta College students living in the residence halls also are eligible to use the facility. Harriman said more than 300 memberships have been sold to faculty, staff and spouses.

The center also offers racquetball courts and a pool — two items many gyms can't offer.

Frank Scizniak, manager of the Atascadero Fitness and Racquetball Center, said he's seen a tremendous drop in racquetball's popularity since the 1980s. He said he doubts the problems faced by his business have anything to do with the Rec Center.

"People usually work out close to where they live, not to where

they work," Scizniak said. "We're kind of isolated. We deal with Santa Margarita, Paso Robles,

Templeton and Atascadero. We market to everyone because our population is too small to focus on one particular group."

Students asked why they do or do not use the Rec Center named money and convenience as primary reasons. So far, many students using Cal Poly's facility are pleased.

Landscape architecture freshman Kellie Gangwisch lives in the residence halls. She doesn't know any other freshmen who have joined gyms.

"The Rec Center is convenient, it's free, and a lot of freshmen don't have cars," she said.

Soil science junior Betsy Brunswick belonged to Calendar Girl but didn't renew her membership when the Rec Center opened.

"It doesn't cost anything. The Rec Center is bigger and nicer. Not everyone belongs to Calendar Girl but you can come here with your friends," she said.

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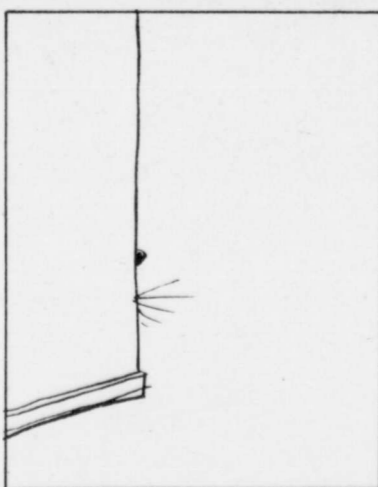
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