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Cheerleaders head for Mid-State Fair

By Randy Halstead Summer Staff Writer

Cal Poly cheerleaders have something to cheer about now that Mid-State Fair has awarded them a tentative fiveyear contract to host a safety camp, showcase and competition.

Georgia Lowder, technical cheerleading coach, said Monday that an agreement had been made for the cheerleading squad to conduct the events on an annual basis depending on this years' outcome.

The events are open to community and high school cheer-leaders ages nine to 19. Over 1,500 cheerleaders are expected to participate, Lowder said.

The safety camp will be conducted on Aug. 11 at Flamson Middle School. The showcase and competition will take place Aug. 12 at the Grandstand Arena.

The squad's increased size and recent successes will allow them to handle the responsibilities of the event, Lowder said.

The squad has grown in popularity in recent years. This year, tryouts drew 170 people from throughout the state, Lowder said.

When the 1994-1995 Captain Cailin Kennedy joined the squad in the fall of 1990, there were only 6 cheerleaders. This year there will be 30 on the squad — 8 men and 22 women.

Although Kennedy graduated in March, she has continued to volunteer about 15 hours per week with the squad. Additionally, Kennedy is employed as a staff assistant at the college of business academic advisement center.

Kennedy said the squad's increased popularity is partially due to the football team being upgraded to Division 1-AA. However, she gives most of the credit to the fact that the squad is now co-ed.

According to Kennedy, co-ed squads are more popular because they can do more stunts than women-only squads.

Although the squad has come a long way, Kennedy said

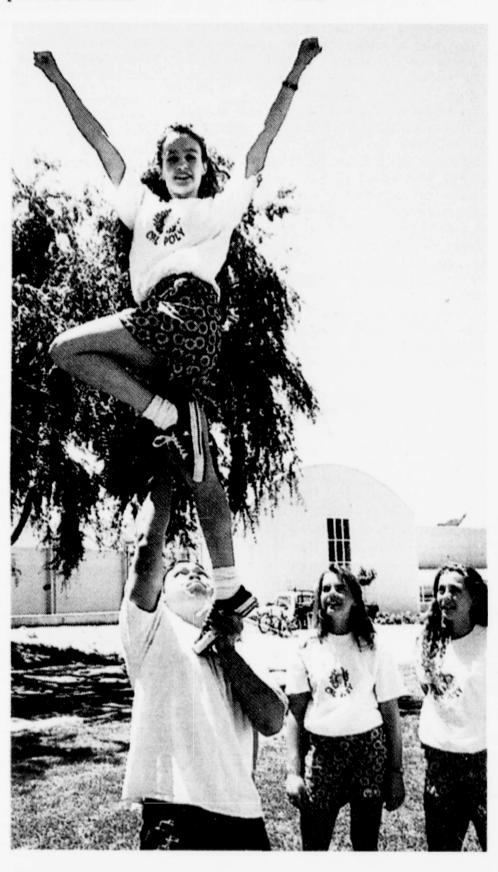
it is still in a building phase.

Lowder sees another reason for the squad's success. She said without Kennedy's efforts, it would be nearly impossible for the squad to be in its current form.

Kennedy said she will be directing the high school competition at the fair.

Lowder said they were able to keep camp prices low because the fair was only charging them a nominal fee for use of the facilities — normally, the fee is \$15,000.

Cal Poly's squad will receive profits and a percentage of concessions from the events, Lowder said.



Agricultural systems management sophomore Randy Kwan lifts business freshman Frankie Rascon / Photo by Lawrence Rodenborn

CSU recommends cutting remedial classes

By Susannah Linwood Summer Staff Writer

Students may graduate quicker if the CSU system implements a new policy for admitting undergraduate students.

To enter a CSU campus by the year 2001, students must be fully prepared for university-level work and not require remedial classes, according to recommendations presented to the CSU Committee of Educational Policy

on July 18.

If enacted, these requirements would guarantee that incoming students have a minimum proficiency in English and mathematics classes for further university study.

"Students are not coming in with the basic skills needed for college level work," said CSU spokeswoman Colleen Bentley-Adler.

Students need more advanced skills so they can begin immediately in their degree classes and not loose time towards graduation, she said

Bentley-Adler also said money is only a small factor for the proposed remedial education changes.

Only about \$10 million is used for remedial classes system-wide, Bentley-Adler said — less than one percent of the total budget.

"That money would be used for other more specialized classes."

Glenn Irvin, associate vice president for academic affairs, said Cal Poly has been moving in the direction of having students fully prepared for university-level work for the last couple of years.

"The number of students (who need remedial classes) is not as

large here compared to other CSUs," Irvin said.

All students have the chance to learn the necessary math skills in high school, but Cal Poly is nonetheless looking at alternative ways to accommodate students in lower level math courses.

Cal Poly is using software to teach these basic skills that reduces institutional costs and improves learning, Irving said.

There are many students who qualify for admission to Cal Poly but speak English as a second language. This makes English proficiency requirements a high priority.

If the recommendations are adopted, students who speak English as a second language would probably go to a com-

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Senate votes to lift Bosnian embargo; Clinton blasts vote

By John Diamond Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a sharp repudiation of President Clinton's foreign policy, the Senate voted decisively Wednesday to lift the arms embargo against Bosnia. Clinton decried the move, warning anew that it could inject American troops into the European conflict.

Following debate charged by fresh reports of rebel Serb attacks, the Senate voted 69-29 to require Clinton to lift the 4-year-old arms embargo that critics say has rendered the Bosnian people defenseless. Republicans and Democrats alike said Bosnia must be allowed to protect itself if the allies lack the will to carry the fight.

"People have a right to defend

themselves," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who sponsored the proposal along with Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn. The United States, Dole declared, would bear the responsibility "if more are killed and more are raped and more little boys are taken off to camps, 12 years old, and more are hanged in trees and more throats are cut because we imposed our will on this little country."

The 69-vote majority was enough to override a promised Clinton veto, as 21 Democrats joined almost all of the Republicans in supporting the measure.

The House voted 318-99 last month to lift the embargo — . See ARMS page 3

Cal Poly gets new financial aid director from Portland State U

By Ryder M. Beery Summer Staff Writer

A new man with 25 years experience has come to the aid of Cal Poly.

John E. Anderson took over as Cal Poly's financial aid director, after leaving Portland State University where he was the financial aid director for 16 years.

Before going to Oregon, Anderson directed the student financial aid department at Marquette University in Wisconsin, was assistant director of student financial aid at the University of Cincinnati and a graduate assistant in financial aid at the University of Northern Colorado.

"I plan to improve the efficiency (of the financial aid department) and give students more personal time with their counselors," Anderson said. "The (Cal Poly financial aid) office is a great office. I am looking only to enhance upon it."

Anderson said he will increase efficiency primarily by making better use of the department's computers to help streamline the application process and reduce processing time.

Euel Kennedy, associate vice president for enrollment support



Anderson

services, expects Anderson's extensive experience to be a real benefit to Cal Poly students.

Anderson's job entails reviewing and establishing financial aid policy.

He is also responsible for planning, managing and evaluating the department's programs.

"(The financial aid department) serves over 8,500 students and disperses just under \$50 million per year," said Cindy Esola, department secretary.

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By Amy Barrett Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — He doesn't know why, but when Thierry Rabdeau was blasted through the doors of the underground train, his pants on fire and shoes blown off, his first impulse was to get back on and find his blood-soaked

The regional RER train had just pulled into the Saint-Michel station when a bomb ripped through it.

It was 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. Rabdeau had just looked at his watch and was preparing to exit the train packed with commuters, mostly headed toward middle-class

"At the precise moment I touched the door handle, the explosion went off. The doors literally blew to bits, and I was blasted out onto the platform," Rabdeau, a young industrial designer, told the newspaper Le Parisien.

The blast, described by one witness as a fireball, ripped open one car and shattered windows on much of the nine-car train. It tore away heavy white panels along the wall of the tunnel, blackening the concrete and filling the tunnel with black smoke.

After a few seconds, Rabdeau got up and staggered back into the train amid the screams and the moans.

"All the passengers were on the floor, piled on top of each other, spattered with blood," he said. "I don't know how to explain this, but I went back to get my sneaker, (which was) filled with blood. I tore it out of that pile of bodies."

Above ground, on the edge of the Seine river a block from Notre Dame cathedral, the Place Saint-Michel was full of tourists and Parisians in bustling cafes, bookshops and a fountain that is the Latin Quarter's most popular meeting spot.

Witnesses outside said they didn't hear the detonation. They knew nothing of the inferno below until victims began stumbling out into the peaceful, waning daylight, their faces blackened by smoke, stained with blood and tears. Some had bloody hand prints on their clothes from other victims.

"It was like watching people walk out of hell into heaven," said Jacky Oneir, a bookstore security guard. "Everything was normal, then suddenly a disaster came from below.'

Victims relive bomb attack Inmate gets worldwide aid

By Ted Duncombe

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — From South Africa to San Francisco, the cry is gaining momentum: Free Mumia Abu-Jamal from death row.

The ex-journalist, condemned to die for the 1981 slaying of a police officer, has gained a global network of supporters who consider him a victim of a racially biased judicial system.

Prosecutors stand by evidence and witness testimony they believe is iron-clad. That didn't stop protesters from showing up outside a courthouse Wednesday for the start of a hearing to determine whether Abu-Jamal will get a second trial in the shooting of Officer Daniel Faulkner.

The same judge who presided over his original trial will decide if he gets another chance. The hearing is expected to last for weeks; both sides expect Mumia's execution, set for Aug. 17, to be postponed.

Last year, Abu-Jamal gained attention when National Public Radio agreed to broadcast his commentaries from death row, then withdrew the offer amid criticism. His commentaries did air on the Pacifica radio network.

The interest has intensified in the past two weeks with major protests virtually every day. Authorities say protesters often operate under illusions and inaccuracies.

In Berlin, at least 1,000 Abu-Jamal supporters marched through downtown last week. In South Africa, the country's largest black newspaper, The Sowetan, called on the international community to oppose the alleged racism in the case.

A cloth banner on a bridge crossing a Connecticut interstate demanded "Save Mumia." And a half-page advertisement Wednesday in The New York Times purported to tell readers "What You Haven't Read in the Press About Mumia Abu-Jamal."

His supporters carry signs bearing his ethereal, dreadlock-adorned visage, fax press releases about his being disciplined in prison, sell tapes of his commentaries, exchange information on the Internet and hold readings of his book, "Live From Death Row."

The hearing before Common Pleas Judge Albert Sabo, whom Abu-Jamal supporters call a "hangman," started with the judge ordering Pam Africa, a member of the radical group MOVE, to leave the defense table.

Racist gets life for murder

Associated Press

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — The leader of a white supremacist group was sentenced to life in prison for persuading her boyfriend and another man to stab a teenager more than 50 times as part of an initiation rite.

Candy Johnson, 37, of Manteca, was sentenced to two consecutive life terms with the possibility of parole Tuesday for her role in the June 13, 1994, death of Anthony Bratton. Prosecutors said she claimed to be the leader of a group called the Aryan Brotherhood Chapter 666 Devil Worshippers.

Trial evidence showed that Johnson told Julian Sanchez and her boyfriend, Rick Butler, that they would be accepted to the ultimate level of the supremacist group if they killed Bratton, another member.

Johnson was convicted of second-degree murder and was spared a harsher penalty because she stayed in a car when Bratton was killed on a rural road near Manteca. The second sentence was for a conviction of attempting to murder another Manteca man a few days before Bratton was killed.

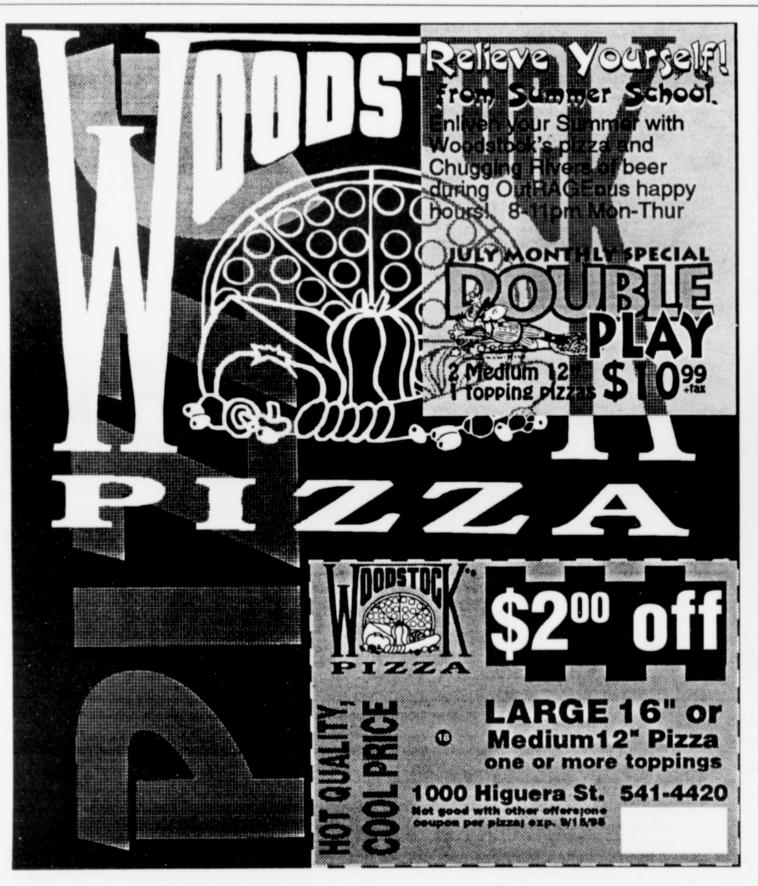
"She's evil and needs to be done away with," Shirley Bratton, the victim's grandmother and legal guardian, said before Johnson was sentenced in San Joaquin County Superior Court.

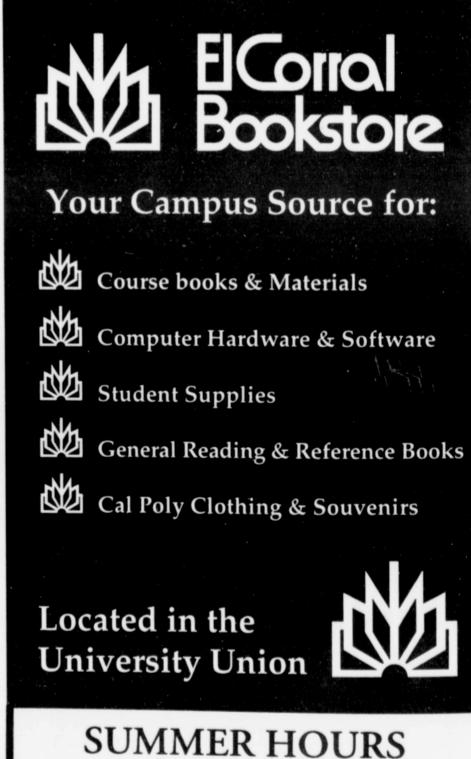
Butler, 20, was convicted of first-degree murder and was sentenced previously to 34 years to life in prison. Sanchez, 24, is scheduled to be tried on Aug. 15.

"I think we all agreed (Johnson) was a manipulator who destroyed peoples' lives," said Maxine Messick, one of two jurors who showed up for the sentencing.

Defense attorney Tony Agbayani said Johnson's mental state was clouded because of drug use. He argued for a new trial, but Judge Michael Garrigan denied that re-

During the sentencing, Agbayani read a statement in which Johnson proclaimed her innocence: "I did not kill or want him to be murdered," she wrote. "I must deal with the pain and loss of him."





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ARMS: The arms ban may be coming to an end

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more than enough votes to override a veto. But because that measure was attached to separate legislation, the House will have to vote again.

On Wednesday, 112 House members signed a bipartisan letter to Clinton calling the administration's Bosnia policy "morally bankrupt and an obvious failure."

Nevertheless, Clinton said he remained hopeful that lawmakers would work with him to resolve the disagreement.

"I do not believe the strong course for the United States and the strong course for the people of Bosnia is to unilaterally life the arms embargo, collapse the U.N. mission and increase the chances of injecting Americans troops there," he said.

If the bill becomes law, it would require Clinton to end U.S. support for the arms ban upon the request of the Bosnian government or within 12 weeks of the withdrawal of U.N.

peacekeepers. The Senate added an amendment requiring Clinton to seek a U.N. Security Council vote to lift the embargo, marking one final attempt to avoid a split with NATO allies. If that failed, a second amendment would require the administration to seek a General Assembly vote. In the event of negative vote there, the United States would unilaterally withdraw from the embargo.

The Senate vote came even as U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali gave his military commanders in Bosnia authority to call in NATO air strikes without first clearing it with him. Dole, who has been sharply critical of what he sees as U.N. timidity in approving strikes, said it wouldn't have changed the outcome had Boutros-Ghali's decision come earlier.

Speaking at an Oval Office photo opportunity, Clinton said the amendments requiring him to seek U.N. agreement before lifting the embargo unilaterally improved the bill. But he said he still favors the current policy of intensifying air strikes and employing a French-British rapid-reaction force on the ground in Bosnia.

"I think the Congress wants something done. I do, too. I do not believe a unilateral lift of the arms embargo is the right way to go," Clinton said. Noting the decision by Boutros-Ghali to turn over approval power for air strikes to ground commanders, Clinton said, "We have made substantial progress. We have a commitment now to a much tougher air posture."

Poly professors hold varied summer jobs

By Steve Chesterman Summer Staff Writer

When that last exam is handed in at the end of spring quarter, most students immediately turn their attention to their summer plans.

But not many give a thought to what their professors will be doing.

Cal Poly instructors are only allowed to teach three quarters a year with most choosing to work in the fall, winter and spring. That leaves the summer quarter to find other hobbies, interests and, for some, jobs.

Alan Howell has been a part-time English professor at Cal Poly for 15 years. Every summer, he puts down his pens and books and picks up a hammer and saw - he buys, renovates, and sells properties.

Though trying to scale back and eventually get out of the trade, Howell sees himself as fully involved with his business.

"I am personally hands-on with the tool belt and electric saw," he said "But I definitely don't do it alone."

Howell often uses student help through the placement center at Cal Poly.

He mainly works in Los Osos but has had several big, multiyear projects in areas such as Santa Barbara and Lake Tahoe.

Since he is only a part-time professor, Howell took up real estate as an alternate means of

"If you have a family and no other source of income, you need to find another source," he

"I don't think of it as a job, but most people would. I certainly don't do it for the money."

Cliff Swanson

Music Department Head

said. "I try to balance the two." Biology professor Douglas Donaldson also balances teaching a full load in the summer while maintaining his love for salmon fishing.

Donaldson sails at least once a week out of Port San Luis on a friend's boat, paying for half of the gas and doing upkeep on the vessel.

"Fishing has been my hobby since I've been a pup," he said. "This has been the best (salmon) run I've ever seen. It's just been phenomenal."

Donaldson also knows his wildlife. For the past 16 years, he has taken the fall quarter off and worked for a big game outfitter in New Mexico. His duties include hunting and fishing, as well as patrolling the area to keep poachers out.

Though excited about this fall in New Mexico, for now Donaldson is content with his salmon fishing.

"You could buy the fish in the store for a whole lot cheaper," he said, "but it doesn't taste nearly as good and that's no fun."

Fun, not work, is how Music Department Head Cliff Swanson describes his summer "job." He spends two weeks every summer as music director and conductor of the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival.

Swanson has been a part of the festival since its beginning 25 years ago.

"I have a big hand in it," he said. "I don't think of it as a job, but most people would. It's part of an extension of my professional life. I certainly don't do it for the money."

Swanson is one of many Cal Poly professors who extend their love of their careers into various community events during the summer season.

Galileo engine test fire set to send it at Jupiter

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) -The spacecraft Galileo was readied Wednesday for a critical engine firing to put it on a new course to Jupiter.

A two-second test firing earlier this week allowed engineers to make sure the engine was prepared for a five-minute, sixsecond burn to deflect the spacecraft off the same path as an atmospheric probe it deployed

The engine firing was scheduled to begin about midnight Wednesday, but because radio signals take 38 minutes to travel to Earth from Galileo's position, confirmation wasn't expected until 12:38 a.m. PDT Thursday.

The engine firing was to set the spacecraft on a path to bring it by Jupiter's volcanic moon Io on Dec. 7. Without the maneuver, Galileo would follow the atmospheric probe's impact trajectory.

Scientists working on the \$1.6

billion project at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory celebrated July 13 when they successfully released the spacecraft's probe for a free-fall that should end with a 75minute trip through the planet's atmosphere on Dec. 7.

On that day, Galileo will receive the probe's last signals as it penetrates the planet's clouds, relaying data on chemical composition, temperature, winds, lightning and temperature until it burns up or is crushed by the planet's atmospheric pressure.

Also on Dec. 7, Galileo's engine will fire even longer to brake the spacecraft and put it into a Jupiter orbit. It will make 11 swings around the planet in the next two years, each time taking a different path.

Galileo was launched in October 1989 aboard the space shuttle Atlantis. It was built and managed by JPL. Its probe is managed by NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif.

Merchants moved downtown for visibility

By Colleen M. Raley Summer Staff Writer

Increased visibility is the key to more business according to local merchants who find themselves making a trade off between stability in old locations and enhanced popularity in new

Near the heart of downtown, at 1001 Higuera, is where these merchants have chosen to relocate, expand or begin anew.

According to Dr. David Shultz of "Keep in Contact Optometry," his new location will probably boost his clientele.

"A corner location on Higuera Street beats a store front in the middle of a block on Marsh Street any day," Shultz said.

Shultz said he seized the chance to relocate when he saw an artist's rendition for the center in a local paper approximately one year ago.

"I was lucky to be one of the first to sign a lease at this location allowing me to get two of the best spots in the center," Shultz said. He added it enabled him to expand his square footage and hopefully his business.

Many other merchants have the same idea in mind. Owner of "Open Air Flowers," Vance Weber talked about the popularity of he new location.

"This a heavy traffic area, especially for students," said Weber. "Thursday nights will probably be busy also with Farmer's Market going on."

However, along with people come parking problems, a nuisance that many merchants and consumers have to deal with downtown. Some are just learning to live with it.

"My motto for the new location is...'Same good service, same bad parking," Shultz said.

Debbie Van Ecke, assistant manager of "Supercuts" seems to believe that people anticipate the parking problem downtown and think people will ride their bikes before they allow it to bother them enough to not come at all.

Another dilemma facing new merchants are construction delays. Construction touch-ups, the

moving process and missized doors have prevented several scheduled openings.

This may be the reason the open shops have not received the influx of business that was expected in the first weeks, Shultz said.

There has been a steady flow of walk-in customers as well as scheduled appointments, but we haven't been swamped either," Van Ecke said.

The "Firestone Grill" and "Supercuts" have been open for approximately a week. "Keep in Contact," "Open Air Flowers" and "Advanced Systems Paging" opened Monday.

- CORRECTION

Last week's story about increasing fines for overdue library books misstated late fines for Reserve Room books. The correct fines are \$10 for the first day for daily loans and \$1 dollar per day thereafter to a maximum of \$25 per book plus the recall fee if the book is requested.

Also, a photo printed last week misidentified a climber at the Crux Climbing Gym. The student was actually mechanical engineering senior Hans Lindauer.

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Politics As Usual

By David M. Greenwald

A political storm is brewing on the horizon.

This one figures to be every bit as bitter and ugly as the one last year over Proposition 187, the so-called Save Our State initiative. I'm, of course, talking about the fight over affirmative action.

One side says that these programs give preferential treatment to one race over another, and that the programs have not achieved their objective. The other side says that while the existing programs are by no means perfect and can be improved, we shouldn't turn back twenty years of progress.

We can meet the criteria of the original affirmative action, which is to prevent further discrimination and level the playing field, by giving those who otherwise would have little opportunity to go to college and a chance for employment on their merits.

Let me give you an example of how this would work: Let's say Student A is a white male from San Luis Obispo High School. He has a 3.7 grade point average (GPA) and an S.A.T. score of 1200. Student B is a black male form Compton, he has a 3.0 GPA and and S.A.T. of 1050.

On paper it would look as though Student A is more qualified than Student B. But what do these numbers tell you?

In San Luis Obispo, at one of the best high schools in the state, Student A got a 1200 on the S.A.T. But in Compton, in one of the worst high schools in the country, Student B got a 1050, which is remarkable when you consider the average S.A.T. scores at his high school. While no one can say that a 3.7 is bad, a 3.0 in a school overrun by drugs and gangs, in an environment just not conducive to achieving high grades could be just as good. We don't

And without some way to tell, Student A gets admitted

and Student B is stuck in and unknown future.

Can't we find a way to evaluate which student is more deserving of admission besides these two criteria? I think we can. I won't profess to know what that is, I'm not an expert in this field. But it's the idea that we need to find a different way to evaluate a person's merit that is impor-

Perhaps the GPA and S.A.T. scores can be compared with the averages at their respective schools, and that will give an idea of where the individual stands. It's not perfect, because some classes have a high concentration of remarkable individuals, but at least this can be taken into consideration.

The main point is to go forward and not back. If affirmative action were wiped out, with nothing to replace it, the results could be catastrophic. The amount of minorities in schools and in employment would plummet. We need to encourage those without means to find a way out. Otherwise, we are just asking for trouble down the road.

Twenty years is hardly enough time to redress a couple hundred years of slavery and persecution. This is something neither myself as a white male, nor any other white person can relate to.

Finally, it should be pointed out, that while affirmative action may seem unfair to white males, in no major industry or university is the white underrepresented with respect to their proportion of the population. In fact, just the opposite is true.







COMMENTARY



Those good ol' family values

By

Jason D. Plemons

Well, it's that time of the decade again. The primary season is fast approaching, and political rhetoric is being slung through the air with the greatest of ease.

It's nothing new really. The same conflict that arose in the last election is set to rise in this one. Politicians are squaring off and taking sides on issues ranging from affirmative action to the decay of our "American Morals." Once again, the nation will slowly become polarized on the issue of what is actually the cause of our present

The conservatives will be led by Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, an early favorite for the Republican presidential nomination, and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the outspoken leader of the "Contract with America."

A key point of rhetoric played out the last time Democrats and Republicans battled for the White House was "family values" — a set of principles that are supposedly fading away and the primary cause of our nation's imminent downfall. Clearly, this issue is not dead among conservatives and is still on the lips of those leading the charge to reform America and take back the White House.

Recently, Gingrich launched yet another rhetorical hand grenade favoring a return to "family values." According to an article by political columnist David Broder, "Gingrich, in a speech at the National Press Club summarizing his new book, To Renew America, said: I would argue that the whole collapse of the family, the collapse of the inner city, the emergence of the drug culture, the rise of violent crime . . . are a function of crisis in our civilization. . ."

Well how about that for a news flash?

What the conservatives have done is taken a complicated problem and simplified it into a quick sound bite.

I have yet to figure out exactly what the term "family values" means and how it can relate to a nation that is as culturally diverse as ours. The best I can come up with is that it is a call for Americans to get back to a time when neighbors all knew each other, no one locked their doors or windows at night, and the ideal family was portrayed by television shows like "Father Knows Best" and "Leave it to Beaver."

Unfortunately for people who see this as "The American Family," these families only existed on television. The idea of the perfect American family was created at a time when the nation was high on conformity and disillusioned by the new power of the television medium.

I enjoy talking to my grandparents and listening to them reminisce about the "good ole days." It's equally enjoyable to listen to my mother tell me the horror stories she went through growing up in the "perfect society." Somewhere, between these two, is the truth.

A fact that remains, however, is that the tremendous growth the country went through between 1945 and 1960 had an enormous impact on the American persona. The same generation that saw the Great Depression come and go, emerged victoriously from the world's greatest war

and reveled in an economic growth never seen before in this country.

The Gross National Product went up by about 50 percent from 1945 to 1960. Between 1941 and 1960 the average worker saw earnings quadruple. People were making more money than they knew what to do with. For one of the first times in American history, they had disposable income. Families had money to spend on anything they wanted; the age of consumerism was born. Strip malls appeared; suburbia was created to fill the need of housing, and college in California cost almost nothing.

You could buy a house for \$2,000 to \$3,000 and the average annual salary was close to \$5,000. Think about that for a minute and translate it into today's terms. For roughly half a years' salary you could own a home. Try doing that with today's average income and price of a house.

To put it simply, as far as money goes, these people had it made.

But underneath all of this luxurious growth lurked the roots of the very problems facing us today.

History shows that during the glory days of the 1950s, and even as early as the years of World War II, most of today's problems began.

The divorce rate was already on the rise. People were marrying at a younger age and sometimes for the wrong reasons. Women were not happy being in the kitchen all day. The phrase "latchkey kids" was coined in the '40s, not in the '60s or '90s. Teenage delinquency began its rise in the '40s, although I would agree it is at a new level these days.

The foundations of today's problems were already there, it's just that no one dealt with them because they were distracted by this state of economic bliss.

Also during this time, the nations' fixation with drugs that began in the 1920s, rose up again. Tranquilizers were the answer to every problem, especially for women. And alcohol abuse was increasing at alarming rates. Both are indicators that people were not as happy as they would have you believe.

Not to mention the state of conditions minorities were living in. Granted, time has not seen all racism and discrimination come to an end, but at least some improvements have been made since then — excluding Gov. Wilson's personal assault on affirmative action.

This all goes to show that during a time considered a model for "family values," underneath all that chrome finish there was definitely some rust forming.

Gingrich, of all people, should be aware of these facts.

After all, he taught history at the university level.

So what are the roots of the downfall of America? Who knows, but the loss of "family values" is not an issue. You can't lose something that never existed. Unless of course you want to get into the whole metaphysical/philosophical debate of whether what exists on film exists in reality.

Jason Plemons is a journalism senior who is still seeking those family values.

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Mark Thompson and Brian Phelps of "The Mark and Brian Show" will bring comedy to the Mid-State Fair Aug. 5 / Photo courtesy of the Mid-State Fair.

DJs to bring L.A. comedy, local entertainment to Mid-State fair

By Ryder M. Beery Summer Staff Writer

The 1995 California Mid-State Fair in Paso Robles and KSLY-FM share a common attraction.

Mark Thompson and Brian Phelps, of "The Mark and Brian Show," are coming to the fair Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.

The free show on the Lucky/Pepsi Headliner Stage, will have audiences laughing at their comical antics and stunts.

"The Mark and Brian Show" is broadcast live weekday mornings from their home station in Los Angeles, 95.5 KLOS.

The show is currently syndicated in 15 cities in the U.S., including San Luis Obispo, San Francisco, Portland, Tucson, Albuquerque and Hawaii.

The duo has won numerous awards, including radio industry's highest honor — The National Association of Broadcaster's Marconi Award for "Air Personalities of the Year in a Major Market" in 1991. They have had four subsequent nominations, including this year.

"The Mark and Brian Show" came to the Central Coast in March, 1994, explained Dave Christopher, operations manager/program director.

"The show took KSIY-FM from eighth place to first place in the ratings book," Christopher said. "The show is totally different from anything else you hear on morning shows."

"A lot of people on the Central Coast are from Los Angeles and San Francisco and were already aware of Mark and Brian on KLOS," he added.

Men and women of all ages are all tuning in to the program, Christopher said.

"The Mark and Brian Show" is based on friendship. "We still make each other laugh," said Phelps. "That's core. This show is all about the relationship of two guys, two buds, having a great time together."

Mark and Brian's Mid-State
Fair appearance is one amidst
several special attractions, competitions and displays.

This year's fair, "50 Years of Country Pride," kicks off with a cattle drive through town from the Paso Robles GMC dealership to the fairgrounds. The herd will knock down the ribbon at the fair's South Gate entrance for the opening on Aug. 1.

The fair has a Grandstand lineup including John Michael Montgomery, the Beach Boys, Alan Jackson and Boyz II Men.

Several entertainers will perform on the free stages; Eddie Money, the Oakridge Boys and Smokin' Armadillos to name a few.

Scheduled for Aug. 8 is Jeff Foxworthy, who made his mark with his "You might be a redneck if ..." routine.

The fair is also presenting the "Buckin' Bull Blowout," a PRCA championship rodeo and a truck and tractor pull.

Wine tasting, reverse bungee jumping, wild cow milking, rock climbing, and a talent show are some activities open to public participation.

Several contests will also be open to the public, including nail driving, a fashion show, zucchini on wheels and floral arrangement.

The fair offers a carnival for the thrill-seekers and several exhibit tents for the bargainseekers.

The 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America (FFA) will demonstrate their finished livestock projects on Aug. 12 at the Junior Livestock Auction, featuring market lambs, hogs, steers, rabbits and poultry.

"The fair, with total attendance last year at 340,776 people, is expected to draw the same numbers this year," said Maria Centrella, public relations and advertising spokeswoman.

"The only change this year is that we have one less day of name entertainers on the Grandstand and one more day of bull riding," Centrella said.

The Mid-State fair runs from Aug. 1 – 13 and special discounts on admission, carnival and show tickets are available through local merchants.

See Canyon offers fruit, cider, rustic scenery

By Heather McLaughlia Summer Staff Writer

Apple season is here again and buried between the hills along See Canyon Road are orchards filled with ripening fruit.

Many people have never experienced the wonderful drive along the woodsy, windy strip of land that connects the city of San Luis Obispo to San Luis Bay Drive. Along the scenic stretch one can see fruit trees, oaks, longhorn steer, Morro Rock and rustic little apple stands.

Apple growers in See Canyon are very proud of their crops. They claim to grow the best apples in the world and customers must agree as some travel from all over the state just to buy their fruit from See Canyon.

The first farm off of San Luis Bay Drive is the See Canyon Fruit Ranch.

Brett Schulman has lived in the canyon for 18 years and tends to many orchards in the area including the See Canyon Fruit Ranch. The ranch, established in 1894, has 100-yearold trees that are still producing fruit.

"See Canyon grows a worldclass apple," Schulman said. "It can grow any apple to perfection."

According to local growers, the canyon has the best climate for growing apples because of its contrasting temperatures throughout the year.

"Apples like a hot day in the summer and a cool night," Schulman said. "This helps them get their color and crispness."

The canyon's high ridges protect the crops from the coastal fog and allow a limited amount of sun to reach the fruit, resulting in warm but mild days. This

"microclimate" and sandy soil provides the conditions for growing successful harvests.

See Canyon Fruit Ranch is open every day and besides selling various types of apples, they sell plums, peaches, pears, nectarines, pumpkins and homemade apple cider — all grown and produced within the canyon.

The ranch's cider is fresh squeezed and the blend of sweet and tart apples produces a more flavorful juice than the average cider.

Although he rarely sees the sunset from within the crevices, Schulman enjoys living and working in the canyon because "it's so close to town, but it's a whole world different."

See Canyon fruits are also sold to areas in Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Santa Barbara, Scolari's market, and at San Luis' Farmer's Market.

A little further down the narrow, shady road is Gopher Glen Apple Farm. The farm is open everyday through November and offers customers a variety of apples and fresh pressed cider.

Donna Minter is the manager of the stand, and she also feels the canyon bares the best apples in the state — no, the world.

She attributes the success to not only the microclimate, but also to the natural mineral water that runs below their orchards, watering the trees.

"That has a lot to do with making our apples taste better," Minter said.

The most popular apples sold at Gopher Glen are the Gala, Gravenstein, and a Japanesesweet apple called the Tohoku.

"The Gravenstein is great for cooking," Minter said, "especially for applesauce."

Gopher Glen apples are strictly fresh with nothing but nature's skin as protective wrapping. Hundreds of varieties are grown on the farm, but only 40-45 make it to the stand.

Experimenting and crossbreeding result in new types of apples brought to market, and sometimes there are trees with eight or ten varieties growing on its branches.

Gopher Glen also sells frosh cider, pressed on site from their chilled apples. The juice is unheated, unfiltered and without preservatives.

Minter looks forward to another busy summer at the farm, when the tiny roads and dirt lots are packed with customers hungry for the seasonal fruit.

"We have thousands of people that come out here," Minter said.

There are 70-80 acres planted with fruit trees throughout See Canyon. The apple season usually lasts from late July through October with different varieties coming in each day.

Neither See Canyon Fruit Ranch nor Gopher Glen Apple Farm store their apples. Therefore, they are fresh from the trees and certain varieties must be caught in their season.

Other apple farms are sprinkled throughout the canyon. See Canyon Road eventually turns into Prefumo Canyon Road which winds up through the oaks and hills, sometimes turning into a rugged, dirt path. From atop the ridges is a breathtaking view of Morro Rock and a wonderful spot to watch sunsets.

The trip through the canyon, about 13-miles long, can be an apple lover's paradise and a relaxing summer drive.

Shakespeare festival provides comedy, bugs and skillful acting

By Heather McLaughlin Summer Staff Writer

From under the stars and among the sounds of crickets chirping and horses neighing rang the sounds of Shakespeare throughout Cal Poly's hills last weekend.

"Artemis-A Theatre Company" kicked off this year's "Shakespeare Festival" with its presentation of "The Taming of the Shrew."

This Shakespearean comedy takes place in Renaissance Italy where three suitors – Gremio, Hortensio and Lucentio – are enchanted by young Bianca. But, before Bianca can marry, her father insists that her elder sister, Katherine, who has the reputation of a "shrew," must be wed.

A shrew, according to Webster, is a nagging, eviltempered woman, and Katherine fits this description perfectly.

Petruchio, the man who eventually takes on the task of "taming the shrew," hopes to "wive it wealthily." After one encounter with Katherine, he convinces her father that they are in love, and carries her off to begin her domestication.

Through the taming, Petruchio and Katherine find true love. Meanwhile, Bianca chooses her husband from the suitors, and in the end everything falls together in the town of Padua.

Eric Harrison is exceptional as Petruchio, giving the audience such a believable performance that it was hard to imagine him as anyone else. Harrison at-

tended Cal Institute of the Arts and also works with the Centerpoint Theatre Group and SLO Little Theatre.

Katherine is played by Janet Stipicevich who also does a wonderful job portraying a wild woman but at the same time

Through the taming, Petruchio and Katherine find true love. Mean-while, Bianca chooses her husband from the suitors, and in the end everything falls together in the town of Padua.

remaining elegant and admirable. Between her temper tantrums and fits, Stipicevich captures the audiences hearts as well as Petruchio's.

Another impressive delivery of character was from Dan Wolf who played Gremio, the wealthy, old Italian suitor. Wolf was hysterical and so perfectly imitated the mannerisms of an old Italian man – from his thick accent to a crooked walk – that many members of the audience thought he was a lot older than a recent college graduate.

The only downfalls of the production included the portrayal of Hortensio, the steep ticket price and the multitude of insects.

Hortensio, played by Janet Hayatshai, was the one character in the play who was difficult to accept. Not only did the actor's long hair and feminine mannerisms make her seem unbelievable as the young suitor, but her bright blue costume made it even harder to redirect attention to a more pleasing character.

Although her lisp singled her out from the rest of the cast, her acting didn't compare to the others, and she seemed out of her league in this production.

Tickets for the "Shakespeare Festival" are \$12 for the general public and \$10 for senior citizens and students with identification. The ticket prices for the festival are steep, especially for students. Perhaps a \$7 ticket would make the festival more appealing for Shakespeare's low-budget fans.

The final gripe I had was the bugs. At an outdoor performance, there will obviously be wing, creatures flying, or crawling, about. My advice to future audiences would be large doses of bug repellent. Though they were only a minor distraction, bugs the size of bagels came flying at me, and I spent half the performance covering my mouth with my blanket.

Despite my petty complaints, "The Taming of the Shrew" provided two and a half hours of amusement. For Shakespeare fans, this festival set beneath the stars should be wonderful. Even for the non-Shakespeare fans, like myself, the play is comical and entertaining once you get used to the Shakespearean slang.

Arts Center lacks funds; needs money for seating

By Steve Chesterman Summer Staff Writer

Construction on Cal Poly's new Performing Arts Center is scheduled to be completed next spring, but it may lack the funding needed for finishing touches.

According to Cal Poly Theatre and Program Manager Peter Wilt, group one construction the first phase of construction -

"As time goes on, it becomes increasingly critical to get the money."

> Jim Hoffman CSU Construction Manager

should be completed by April of next year. This consists of construction of the Center and all permanent fixtures on the inside of the building.

The problem, however, lies in the planned construction of

group two.

Jim Hoffman said funding has not been raised to complete this stage which includes items such as seating, audio visual equipment, and draperies.

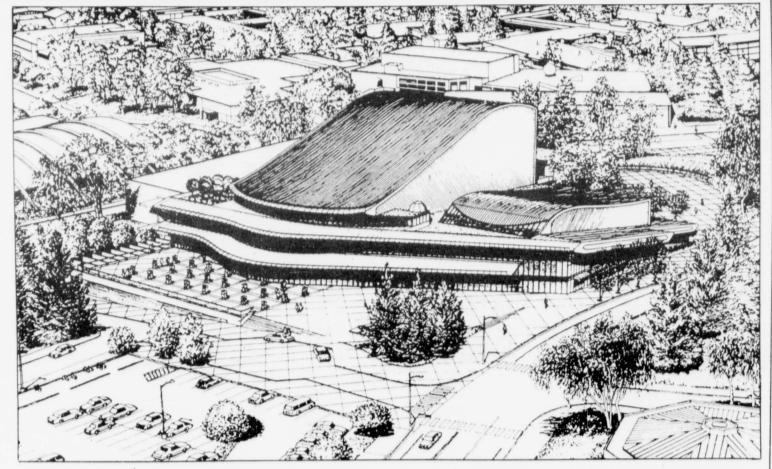
"As time goes on, it becomes increasingly critical to get the (group two) money," he said. He explained that as group one nears completion, the time period to begin work on group two draws nearer, and without the necessary money, construction will be delayed.

Music Department Head Cliff Swanson said a lot of group two money was borrowed to complete group one.

"Now, money has to be raised for group two," he said.

Swanson did say that legally the Center will be able to sell tickets and seat people for performances, but added "In reality, the hall will not be elaborately equipped."

Tanya Kiani, director of development for capital projects, said that no matter what, the CSU Construction Manager Center will open next August.



Architect's rendition of the completed Cal Poly Performing Arts Center scheduled to open its doors early next fall

"It's a \$30 million project and we have \$28 million in hand," she said. "We are reaching out to our alumni and friends for cash donations and in-kind gifts."

Kiani explained that she is looking for alumni who are in industries which can donate materials such as fabric to cover seats and paint for the ceiling.

"We need \$1.2 to \$2 million to complete the Center and make it something we can be proud of,"

Swanson speculated that the soliciting of that money will make or break the Center.

"The extent to which they are successful in raising funds will determine the success of the building," he said.

SLO and Poly athletics join to accommodate Div. 1 fans

By Steve Chesterman Summer Staff Writer

The 1995-96 athletic year aims to bring excitement to fans and financial support to the community, thanks to a partnership between Cal Poly athletics and local businesses.

The San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce is working with Cal Poly and local business leaders to accommodate the large number of fans expected to visit this year from other Division I schools.

The Tourism Council, with the help of City Parks and Recreation Director Paul LeSage, is preparing for some of the bigger football and basketball games by arranging tours of local businesses for visiting fans.

"Teams like Sonoma St. only bring about 40 fans with them, but Montana St. will bring 400 fans who will stay for a couple of days and spend their money," LeSage said.

Chamber President Bill Thoma said the additional tourism expected from Cal Poly athletics will be a big part of the local economy. He explained that Mustang sports will bring dollars into the community which will be spent at hotels, restaurants and retail stores downtown.

"We see a great benefit to the

business community and the community at large," he said. "It really does bolster the economy."

Cal Poly Athletic Director John McCutcheon views the partnership as helping the school's economy as well.

"I think it will be a strong benefit to us and part of an over-

"Teams like Montana State will bring 400 fans (to Cal Poly) who will stay for a couple of days and spend their money.™

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all advancement process for (Cal Poly athletics)," he said.

He added that it will be another way for the university to build ties with the local community.

One way the athletic department has done that is through a special buy-three-get-one-free season ticket offer for Chamber members.

McCutcheon admitted that the new partnership will not drastically improve the local economy overnight but he does expect a noticeable immediate impact.

Con man now preaches anti-fraud

By E. Scott Rockard Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Phoenix businessman Robert Barker reacted predictably when his daughter went sweet on Barry Minkow, the former carpet-cleaning boy wonder whose ZZZZ East was one of the 1980s' most celebrated swindles.

"I got a bruised forehead out of it, from bouncing off the ceiling," Barker recalls. "Don't even mention his name around me!" he told his daughter, Teresa, 22, when she asked to visit Minkow at the Lompoc federal prison

camp last year. But she was adamant. And Paul LeSage Minkow, now an evangelist who says he wants to repay his victims \$26 million, is a singularly persuasive fellow.

How many other 20-year-olds from modest San Fernando Valley backgrounds could have conned talk shows, Wall Street and top accountants into believing ZZZZ Best - built on lies, embezzling, check kiting and mob money - was worth \$240 mil-

Freed last December after 87 months behind bars - more than financial felons Michael Milken, Ivan Boesky and Leona Helmsley combined — he now holds himself up as a lesson in how small compromises spiral into webs of greed and corrup-

Believers include Barker, some victims and his former prosecutor.

"It takes a strong person to sit and look right at you and not turn his head away when you ask the kind of questions an angry father can ask," says Barker, who wound up blessing his daughter's marriage to Minkow.

"He is a man I have come to respect.'

Minkow, 29 and out of a halfway house since April, is one of the busier ex-cons you're likely to meet, including a planned appearance as star speaker Thursday at a bank fraud seminar put on by the FBI's Los Angeles office. Four hundred financial executives are expected to

He earns some money running errands for the lawyer who represented him and meets Christian groups while working on establishing his new business:

"Fraudo Dynamics" seminars and marketing videotapes around the country to help accountants and corporate directors spot scams.

Earnings go to a trust fund audited by an arm of the big accounting firm Coopers & Lybrand that, you can bet, will be on guard this time.

Minkow and his new bride will get enough to live on, with the rest going to his victims. Details have yet to be worked out, but probation officers say Minkow, who once drove a red Ferrari with ZZZZBST plates and had a \$700,000 home, won't be buying new cars or a house

any time soon. All the profits from a book written over three years in prison, "Clean Sweep," already are going toward his \$26 million restitution order.

"Dear Jim," wrote Minkow in a copy of the book for James Asperger, the former head of federal major frauds prosecutions in Los Angeles who convicted him. "Thanks for pointing me in the right direction."

He says his goal is becoming a full-time preacher after repaying his victims over three to five years. He says he has controlled the ego and craving for attention that once led him to crime and to nearly kill himself by taking steroids to pump up his body. He's glad he won't be tempted by touching his earnings himself, he

Not everyone is convinced. "Jim is soft," the judge says of the former top prosecutor. "I've been doing this too long to expect any change. (Minkow) doesn't

know right from wrong - he's an alchemist."

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Poly undecided after UC Regent's vote

By Susannah Linwood Summer Staff Writer

Cal Poly is undecided on its stand towards affirmative action in the wake of the vote by UC Regents to drop the controversial program.

The UC system decided to remove race as an element for admissions, hiring and contracting, and increase its emphasis on the grades of incoming students, according to Terry Colvin, UC spokeswoman.

Jim Maraviglia, director of admissions and recruitment said he doesn't see any problem with the criteria Cal Poly uses for admissions.

"It's working very well," he said.

Admissions uses a point system based primarily on academic criteria. The top 60 percent of incoming students are admitted using these criteria alone.

The remaining spaces are filled after bonus points are distributed to applicants who did not make the first cut. Bonus points are awarded to students with qualities desirable to Cal Poly including gender, community college transfer status,

military veteran status, and race/ethnicity.

He added there is a highquality student body and entering freshman have an average grade point average of 3.54 and an average SAT score of 1180.

"UC's decision could affect us in some of our categories," Maraviglia said. "The campus

"I think that the university should not use criteria based on the person's heritage and background towards admissions."

> Eric Muran business senior

will decide if they want to continue using this process. I anticipate it will definitely cause discussion on how we do business."

CSU spokeswoman Colleen Bentley-Adler said the CSU system is pretty diverse with a student body that is 53 percent white and 47 percent ethnic minority. "We'll continue to maintain that diversity because we admit so many community college transfers and freshman who represent a population that is already diverse."

She said the UC's decision will not affect the CSU system as a whole because its schools use a completely different set of admissions criteria.

"We admit students based on scores, grade point average and completion of the 15-course pattern."

Maraviglia said, however, that Cal Poly uses a more rigorous admissions process and will look at what the UC is doing. It will then be up to the faculty to decide if they want to make changes.

Business senior Eric Muran said everyone should strive to be their best, and make their own accomplishments based solely on their performance.

"I think that the university should not use criteria based on the person's heritage and background towards admissions, but based instead on the persons overall skill, ability and accomplishments," he said.

CLEARING THE WAY



The walkway between the University Union and the Administration building was torn up Wednesday / Photo by Lawrence Rodenborn

ASI Outings leaders get adventure, income

Michael Kaufman Summer Staff Writer

Students who enjoy the great outdoors will soon have the opportunity to earn some spare change while on their adventures.

The ASI Outings Committee, which operates through the Escape Route in the University Union, is now hiring students to lead adventures that were led strictly by volunteers for the past 28 years.

According to Ryan Gregory, ASI Outings chairperson, the new leaders will have their trips paid for, and receive payment for their guidance on the expeditions.

The money to pay the guides

will come from the cost of the trip for participating students. Training costs for future guides will come from a revolving ASI account.

"The students can't make a huge commitment without some form of payment," said U.U. Program Director Darren Connor. "It's not as easy as it was when I volunteered as a student. Tuition was not \$700 a quarter."

Gregory explained that student involvement can be a beneficial learning experience for tour leaders.

"The students are receiving an education above and beyond that of a traditional classroom setting and are also learning essential leadership qualities," he said.

Rafting, rock climbing, kayaking, back packing and ice climbing are just a few of the many activities ASI Outings engages in during the school year.

Trips were scheduled once a week in the past, but Gregory believes an increase in trips is inevitable because the leaders will now be paid and more student leaders will want to take part in the activities.

ASI Outings Committee meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in U.U. 219. Applications are being accepted in the Business Office of the U.U. in room

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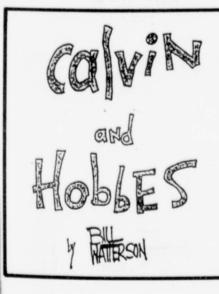
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Anderson has taken a pro-active position on issues of student educational financing.

Through involvement at the institutional, state and federal levels, Anderson plans to lobby for more money for student aid.

"The state and federal government think of higher education as a private good that only benefits the students," Anderson said. "I am fighting that issue."

According to Anderson, students are graduating with such a large indebtedness that they are unable to do many things that a college graduate looks forward to buying a car, traveling or furthering their education.

"We have to be politically active at both the state and federal

levels to let people know that an investment in student aid is a good, sound investment," Anderson said.

Kennedy agreed. "(Anderson) will be working with the financial aid office staff and the administration to seek out new, more efficient means by which to deliver student aid dollars."

"I plan to spend the next few months compiling statistics on the demographics (of students) to determine what they need," Anderson said.

There are many scholarships available within the private sector, Anderson explained. However, research needs to be done to find them for the stu-

REMEDIAL: Redefining eligibility for admission

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munity college first, Irvin said.

The recommendations to alleviate the need for remedial classes are:

 developing a new eligibility standard to determine the math and English readiness of its entering students

 exploring a competency-based admission process

 working with the education community to determine the exact basic skills high school graduates should possess.

The bulletin also cited better communication with K-12 schools and the community colleges as a solution to the inadequate preparation problem.

These recommendations are only informational at this time. A final draft will go to the board in January of next year for a deciding vote.

State legislators agree on welfare, education

By Doug Willis Associated Press

SACRAMENTO (AP) - Gov. Pete Wilson and legislative leaders announced their agreement Wednesday on a \$56 billion state budget compromise that would cut welfare grants while increasing funds for local schools.

Wilson and the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Legislature said they will convene both the Senate and Assembly on Saturday to vote on the proposal. But they declined to predict whether they had the required two-thirds majorities among rank-and-file legislators needed to approve their compromise.

"There is a puff of white smoke. We have an agreement."

Gov. Pete Wilson

Later, about 50 persons protesting budget cuts for the disabled staged a loud demonstration in the Capitol corridor in front of the governor's office, chanting "Shame, shame shame. Pete Wilson, we know your name."

Twenty-three of the demonstrators were cited for disturbing the peace and released, but none was jailed.

Some of the stiffest opposition to the budget came from Assembly Democrats, who have been especially critical of the proposed cuts in welfare grants.

"People are very cranky," Assemblywoman Debra Bowen, D-Marina del Rey, said of the reaction of Assembly Democrats to a

budget briefing.

"There is no deal," said Assemblyman John Burton, D-San Francisco. "You're looking at taking food out of the mouths of widows and children, taking food out of the mouths of the aged, blind and disabled."

"I'm not voting for it. It's not a good budget," said Assemblyman Phil Isenberg, D-Sacramento.

Republicans were much more

enthusiastic about the proposal, although several GOP lawmakers were threatening to abstain or vote against the plan because it would continue spending tax dollars on abortions for Medi-Cal patients.

Assemblyman Trice Harvey, R-Bakersfield, said some freshmen legislators in both parties are still not ready to accept the compromises both parties are being asked to make in the budget - Republicans on abortion and Democrats on welfare cuts — but he predicted they would come around.

"The new (Republican) members, in particular, are holding out on abortion. You can hold out a while to make a point, but you can't win on it. So I think we're going to get there pretty quick now," Harvey said.

Despite those uncertainties, Wilson and the Legislature's five top Democratic and Republican leaders said after their final closed-door budget negotiating session Wednesday - their 17th in the past month - that they believe they had crafted a compromise that was fair to all par-

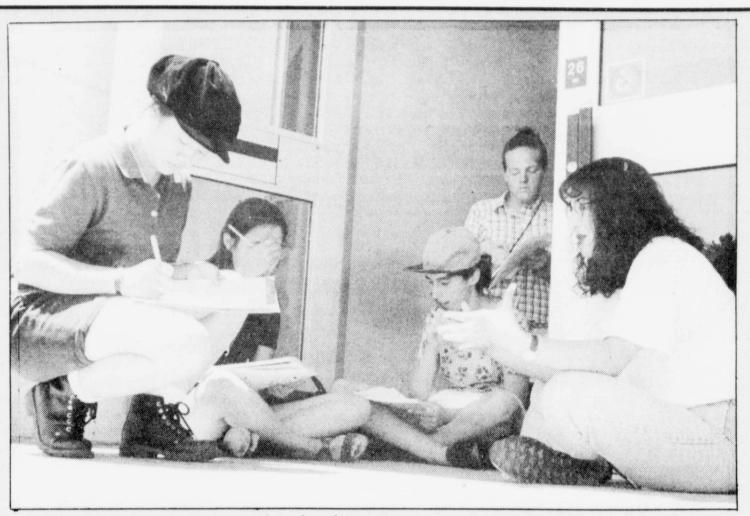
"There is a puff of white smoke. We have an agreement," Wilson announced to an impromptu news conference.

He defended the cuts in health and welfare benefits for the poor as unavoidable because of the competing demands for government services and the state's limited revenues.

"We are trying to fashion a budget that is difficult. The constraints upon us financially are very great," Wilson said.

Senate President Pro Tem Bill Lockyer, D-Hayward, said many senators had serious reservations about the compromise, but added, "Most of the senators ... are probably ready to vote for the budget."

A tentative agreement was announced jointly by Wilson and legislative leaders Tuesday evening. But the continuation of private meetings through Wednesday raised doubts over whether the budget compromise was either firm or complete.



High school journalists report on a mock earthquake scenario as part of a workshop / Photo by Joe Johnston

Top high schoolers attend Poly workshop

By College M. Raley Summer Staff Writer

Cal Poly's education extended to 27 of Southern California's most talented high school journalists for two weeks of intense workshops.

The series began on July 23 and is sponsored by the California Scholastic Press Association.

Media members and communications professionals from Southern California are volunteering their time and knowledge of the field in dedication to the quality of today's media.

According to Los Angeles Times columnist Steve Harvey, the students are not always the only ones who benefit from these workshops.

"It recharges your own batteries as a reporter," Harvey said. "When you stand up to teach the students how to do something, it often reminds you of the rules you have started to stray from yourself."

Harvey, like a large number of faculty taking part in the workshop, was a student himself at these workshops 33 years ago.

The workshops have been in existence for approximately 44 years according to Don

McCaleb, the workshop coordinator. They were created by Ralph Alexander, a one-time Hearst Newspaper reporter, and his wife Millie.

Several alumni of the program vowed to the Alexanders to continue the workshop even after their deaths in 1981.

According to Brian Singer, a student volunteer and counselor from Stanford University, the

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event is extremely important.

"The workshop gives you foundations for virtually every facet needed for journalism," said Singer. "I'm not even a journalism major anymore, but I asked to come back and be a part of the workshop once again."

All of the students taking

part were carefully selected after submitting applications and samples of their work. According to McCaleb, some were interviewed before being chosen to ensure the "cream of the crop."

"The workshop is very intense," said McCaleb. "The students begin at 9 a.m. and go until 10 p.m. almost everyday."

The selected students will undergo practical instruction in a variety of media fields including print journalism, radio and television journalism, public relations, advertising and photography.

Stan Kelton, attorney and workshop instructor, teaches lessons in libel, hoping to prepare the young journalists for the real world.

"This year, the O.J. Simpson Brian Singer trial is making my seminars particularly interesting," said Kelton. "(The students') interest in this area of media is increas

> Participants will have an opportunity to see professional action at work by touring the Telegram Tribune and KSBY. They can then put their own work into action through a four-page newspaper that will be published near the close of the workshop.

Clash looms between Clinton, Congress

By Alon From **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as Congress steams daily through miles of spending bills, Republicans and Democrats are talking of an autumn budget collision between President Clinton and lawmakers featuring vetoes and threats of a forced government shutdown.

It's a belly-to-belly confrontation that many in Washington see as inevitable, fueled by a desire by each party to contrast its priorities with those of the other and by the sheer volume and complexity of the work that remains to be done.

"There are all kinds of land mines out there," says Rep. David Hobson, R-Ohio, a senior member of the House Budget Committee. "I think the fall is a train wreck waiting to happen."

"Right now we're on a collision course," agrees White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta.

In the roughly 25 business days left before the Oct. 1 start of the new fiscal year, the workload Republicans have set for Congress is daunting:

-Pass 13 annual spending bills slashing domestic and foreign aid spending, boosting defense, and easing enforcement of environmental, safety and other laws.

-Revamp Medicare, Medicaid and welfare.

-Carve savings out of farm, veterans, education and other benefits.

—Cut taxes.

-Extend the government's authority to borrow money.

-And balance the budget in seven years.

Sound hard? It gets worse.

GOP lawmakers, some of whom are competing for their party's presidential nomination, disagree among themselves on how to reshape welfare, divide Medicaid funds among states, and cut scores of other programs. And Clinton, who prefers a 10year balanced-budget path with smaller spending and tax cuts, says the Republican agenda would hurt vulnerable Americans to pay for tax cuts for the rich.

The wreck could occur on two

On one will rumble the 13 appropriations bills that must be enacted every year to keep the government functioning. A half dozen or so seem likely to be signed into law by the Oct. 1 start of fiscal 1996.

If a stopgap measure temporarily keeping agencies open is not approved, those departments whose budgets have not been completed will have to send nonessential workers home.

Such disruptions have occurred nine times since 1981, most recently in 1990, but the effects have been minimal and have lasted no more than a few days. This year, Oct. 1 is a Sunday — which means a shutdown could occur on a day when few federal employees would even be

On the other track will be the massive bill cutting taxes and extracting savings out of Medicare, Medicaid, welfare and other benefit programs, the main vehicle with which Republicans hope to balance the budget.