Preparing for an upcoming Chinese Students Association celebration, Maria Ilya, foreground, and Jane Tu practice the Chinese Ribbon Dance. The group will ring in the new year Chinese style on Feb. 9 at the San Luis Obispo Veterans Memorial Building. Planned are a dinner, an ancient Chinese costume fashion show, a variety of traditional dances and the Cal Poly dancing lion team.

Student suing for rodeo injuries

By DEBbie BAll Staff Writer

A student is suing Cal Poly for injuries he sustained during a practice session of the Cal Poly Rodeo Club last April.

Senior political science major Jeff Hunt, has filed a complaint with the San Luis Obispo Superior Court charging Cal Poly, the Rodeo Club, Rodeo Club advisor Ralph Rianada and 3D0 unmanned parties connected with the club with negligence and/or careless disregard.

The charges were filed in regard to an accident last April when a Hereford bull named Red Wine threw Hunt off and trampled him during a rodeo practice at the San Luis Obispo 4-H Club's arena.

In the suit Hunt claims the defendants were negligent because they did not provide adequate supervision in the practice session. Specifically he mentions the absence of clowns to distract the bull and protect the riders, thus allowing the bull to jump onto the riders.

The suit also claims the defendants were negligent because Hunt knew Hunt was an inexperienced bull rider and not capable of controlling the bull, directing a spirited bull.

The complaint states Hunt received four broken ribs, a punctured lung, fractured jaw and bruises about the head and body.

It says Hunt is suing for general damages, medical expenses and legal costs.

Spokesmen from Cal Poly, Don McClellan, public affairs officer and Roger Conway, ASI executive director, said they had not yet seen a copy of the suit and therefore could not offer comment.

Rianada said he had seen the complaint, but said on the advice of council he could not discuss the case at this time.

Engineering departments get grant from Hughes

By MARC MEREDITH

The School of Engineering and Technology was recently the beneficiary of a $12,500 grant from Hughes Aircraft Co. via one of its subsidiaries, the Santa Barbara Research Center in Goleta.

Dean F. Broley, dean of the School of Engineering, said the money was received as a semi-annual installment on Santa Barbara Research Center's ongoing commitment to the school's program for association with industry.

The funds will be used to improve manufacturing processes in Poly's Industrial Engineering and Engineering Technology Departments.

Archie Cheda, an engineering technology instructor, said the portion of the funds his department will receive will be used to purchase the Cincinnati Milacron manufacturing robot that the department displayed during Poly's annual installment on Santa Barbara Research Center's ongoing commitment to the school's program for association with industry.

Students working for the state who learned last week they might not receive their retroactive pay increases until the end of Winter Quarter may get their checks earlier than expected.

Tony Flores, Cal Poly financial aid officer, said the box containing paperwork that will give students an 8.8 percent pay increase retroactive to July 1 finally arrived Thursday at the State Controller's office in Sacramento.

The box had been feared lost in the mail between Cal Poly and Sacramento.

It's still not known exactly when students will receive their checks, said Flores.

"We are hoping by mid-February they will have the checks available," he said.

Before it was discovered that the paperwork was lost it was hoped that students could have received their retroactive increases by Jan 31.

The box had a postmark of Dec. 28, but did not arrive in Sacramento until Jan. 24. Why it took so long to trace its whereabouts is anybody's guess, said Flores.

The box contains checks of the 2,200 Cal Poly students who worked for the state between July and November. Workers in the Cal Poly Payroll Office had to go through the list by hand and charge each hourly rate of pay so the Controller's Office would know how much to pay each student.

Because the end of the month is approaching, Flores said the Controller's Office has to devote its time to issuing monthly paychecks before it can work on the retroactive increases. The office issues paychecks to all state employees.

"They've had a badale for processing the master payroll," Flores said.

"The first of the month the Controller's Office can keep up with the data in the recovered box and send the retroactive payments to students.

Philosophy prof named new athletic director

By DEBbie BAll

A new athletic director has been named to oversee the 15 team intercollegiate sports program at Cal Poly. Dr. Ken Walker, after 11 years as philosophy prof named new athletic director campus from head of the university's philosophy department in to the athletic director's seat.

Walker, who has also acted as the faculty athletic representative for the past three years, said: "I've always had an interest in sports, and I am looking forward to this new position.

He said he feels Cal Poly has a good reputation for excellent athletic teams. "We might have a few equals in our division," he commented.

But there are no superiors in it's tradition. And there is a thing that affects it now are funds."

Walker said his first job as athletic director is to eliminate the strain placed on the program due to a shortage of funds. "I think the department has to reorganize itself in light of the money situation," he said.

Walker added that he feels all the programs are currently underfunded, and credits the Cal Poly coaching staff for keeping their teams up to par.

"It's amazing what our coaches have been able to accomplish given the budgets they have," he said.

Walker said he is hoping to receive funds for a few needed equipment improvements.

"We have a chance to get our track resurfaced, have the gym floor rewoded and repaired this summer and improve the condition of the football field, if anything, as it should be reported."

Walker said the university also has an outside shot of getting a weight room, which would be paid for by private sources.

On the subject on women's sports, Walker said he feels that anyone who truly enjoys sports will enjoy women's athletics.

He said he realizes the women's teams are suffering from a lack of funding at Cal Poly, but no more than the men's. "In so far as the athletic department is (financially) poor," Walker said, "the women's sports are poor, and so are the men's."

Even though Walker is now in charge of coordinating Cal Poly sports he said he still stress education as the number one priority. "Athletes who come here must realize it is an academic university," Walker said.

And, he continued, 'a vast majority of the athletes at Cal Poly are fine students."

He said many of the other students do not realize how difficult it is to be a star in a multiple team. "A lot of extra time is involved, plus the athletes have to meet NCA guidelines as well as Cal Poly's."

But, he continued, "for the school that is the case, there is no comparison."

Walker, who received his doctorate in philosophy from University of Southern California, added that moving into the athletic spectrum of Cal Poly's campus wasn't a major change, like some may suspect.

Walker first attended USC as an English history major, on a full sports scholarship.

He played shortstop for the Trojans for four years, helping the baseball team amass two PAC-8 championships and one national title.

After graduating, Walker worked as a professional career short and he opted to return for graduate work.

Walker now describes himself as a occasional sport spectator of University of Southern California, practicing his racquetball techniques.

He said he and his wife love the San Luis Obispo area and have no future plans to leave.
Is there a need for Student Senate?  
Have our senators done anything this year to improve the life of students?

We have new student phone books, an add/drop recommendation to President Warren Baker, a new Audio Visual Service and talk of a new Greek row; but all these are the work of ASI president Kevin Creighton and his office.

So what has senate done to help students? Little in the opinion of the Mustang Daily Editorial Board. No creative solutions to problems on campus, not even a recognition or commitment formed on many of the problems faced by students: parking, lack of concerts, the recent use of student generated money to bail out the Athletic Department, parking lot lighting, bike lane.  
It would seem the senators would rather attend a circus; or is the circus a ruse?  
The meeting this Wednesday will probably be cancelled because the senators would rather attend the Chinese Magic Review of Taiwan than take care of the business they were elected to do.  
Too bad the night off isn’t a well deserved break from a quarter and a third of hard work.  
Last quarter the Editorial Board tried to use positive reinforce­ment to get our senators to begin working for their constituents. The administration has acknowledged the senate is a body they listen to as a source of ideas.

It seems this year students are mute.  
Now that senators have vacationed for half the school year, its time they showed students they weren’t senators for more than just a resume booster and a chance to see a circus.  
Hopefully in the next senate meeting, senators will spend as much energy working on solutions as they do debating when they will hand out cookies.  
President Creighton has shown that student leaders can make a difference, hopefully senators will choose to emulate him rather than the circus they may see Wednesday night.

Editors

The Asinine circus

Students question ‘excuse of lack of funds’

Editor:

There seems to be a problem between what the university professors believe is the main goal of courses, and the actual concern for the quality of education and opportunities therein. An outstanding example of such a contradiction was the number of students who turned away from English 310 this quarter. English 310 or Corporate Communications is a popular and valuable class for students to take before entering the real world, yet alone the fact that it is a graduation requirement for many majors. However, this winter more than 350 students, many of which graduating seniors like myself, were turned away from this “oh so important class.”

The English Department likes to use a lack of funds as an excuse for being unable to provide an adequate number of sections of English 310. However, there were insufficient funds to cover the cost of one section and the English Department has not been able to make this public. In fact, this is just another example of the ineptness of those individuals to allocate those funds in recognition of legitimate student concerns about the quality and usefulness of their education. The English Department’s answer to this self created problem was a cancellation of two of the eight sections of Corporate Communications. I ask, can any one department screw up so badly as to have its most popular class so grossly mismanaged?

The worst of the matter is this is not the first time such things have happened, and the English Department is not the only guilty party. However, if students had anything to say about it, it may be the last! Ever since Corporate Communications has been offered, students have had similar disappointments. Can you imagine the sentiment of anxiety that many alumni feel because of similar experiences? I sure can, I feel the same way right now. After trying to add three sections of English 310 I had to settle for a substitute class 218. Fortunately I am on an old curriculum which allows me to make eight changes but what about the other graduating seniors, etc. who must have heard with the same sentiment.

I think it’s time that someone finally stood up to those responsible for such blatant misuses of authority and discretion. I am tired of being treated as if my objective of receiving the best education possible is no longer important. The time to act is now! Let’s not let the petty concern of narrow minded individuals continue to frustrate both our university and the student’s desires.

We are ready to take this fight as far as we have to even if it means seeking the help of the courts and the legislature, in order to keep future students from experiencing such degrading outbreaks.

James R. McCow Spokesman for Students
A new computer search class has been offered by the library for Winter and Spring Quarters. "We are proposing to provide students with the opportunity to learn about computer searches and eventually perform their own search on a topic of their own selection," said Ilene Rockman, associate librarian and coordinator for the class.

Rockman suggested that students with a senior project would benefit most from the class.

"Many indexes and abstracts in the reference department correspond to data bases," Rockman said. "The library here subscribes to many of these data bases."

The library's data base contains information with citations to journals, technical reports, government documents, and other sources.

Students would need to identify key words and find the appropriate data base for their topic.

"Normally when the librarians provide this service there is a fee assessed," this fee ranges from about $0.10 to $5.00.

The computer search class is the result of a grant written by Rockman and Eileen Pritchard, a science librarian. Rockman said there are no plans to offer the class in this particular format in the future.

In the first five weeks of instruction students will learn the principles of manual searching in the indexes and abstracts and gain instruction in terminal usage and search strategies.

The class is team-taught, with six librarians specializing in topics such as business, engineering, education and agriculture. After the fifth week students will have appointments with subject specialist librarians to formulate search strategies on the computers.

For $35 students can purchase a password into the library's host system and use data base searching through their own personal computers.

The one-unit class will be taught from 2-3 p.m. Thursdays during Spring Quarter. Students do not need any background in computers for the class.

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The article read, the SPC is funded by the taxation of student funds allow, the grants will continue. The check was presented during a campus visit by Kaye D. Cheda said that it's his commitment to the university. "It's part of their commitment to the university," he said.

SUSAN EDMONDSON

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"It's part of their commitment to the university," he said.

A Mustang Daily article which ran on Wednesday January 23rd concerning the Student Planning Commission needs to be clarified.

The club is only taxed if the following apply. The club is only taxed if they hold the fund-raiser on campus. And if the club makes 50 dollars or more profit it is taxed 10 percent at that profit.

The Poly Royal Office does not have hotel and motel information for the Poly Royal weekend, as was incorrectly reported in the San Luis Obispo Daily Times, San Luis Obispo chamber of Commerce, 1309 Chorro St., will have hotel and motel information after Feb. 1.

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ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Suzey Ingersol from Atascadero competes in the first home gymnastic meet at Poly. The meet attracted over 700 fans.
New home does Poly a good turn

By DAN RUTHEMEYER

If Friday night was any indication, the women's gymnastics team has found more fans and a new home as it strutted its stuff before a crowd of 703 in the spacious Main Gym.

A quadrangular meet with Sacramento State, U.C. Davis and San Francisco State was the featured event of the Mustang's first night in their new home. Cal Poly finished a close third out of the four schools that competed.

Sacramento State won the meet with a total score of 166.15, followed by U.C. Davis with 165.85, Cal Poly with 164.95 and San Francisco State with 146.40.

Although the Mustangs didn't win the competition, the total score they received was their highest of the year.

Cal Poly sophomore Jana Lehman finished second in the all-around behind Sacramento State's Karen Atwater. In placing second overall, Lehman finished second in the vault, fourth in the balance beam and fourth in the floor exercise. Her all around score was 34.05.

Atwater's first place total of 35.35 included top performances in the uneven parallel bars and on the balance beam.

Placing third in the all-around was Mimi Comfort of U.C. Davis, who won the vault competition with a score of 8.60 and the floor exercise competition with a sizzling score of 9.0.

Another Cal Poly gymnast, Kristy Brodeur, finished an all-around fourth with a total score of 33.9 while teammate Cathy Pagani finished third in the balance beam competition with a score of 8.75.

Also performing well for the Mustangs was Julie Williams who placed third in the floor exercise with a score of 8.75.

The Lady Mustangs will next compete Thursday, Feb. 7 in Sacramento against Sacramento State and the University of Alaska.

The next time Cal Poly will compete in a home meet will be Friday, Feb. 22 when it host U.C. Santa Barbara and Cal Poly Pomona.

Jana Lehman, the Mustangs' No. 1 gymnast, finished second in the all-around.
Sports

Home luck runs out, men lose two by one

By DAN RUTHEMEYER

Dropping successive games over the weekend, the once hot men's basketball team has turned like warm as it has lost its last four games and seen its conference record dip to 2-4.

The latest losses suffered during the Mustangs' cold spell were both one point defeats at the hands of Chapman College and Cal State Dominguez Hills.

"It's really tough to lose by one point in each game at home because these guys have worked so hard," said head coach Ernie Wheeler.

Coming into the game Poly was 10-0 this year at home, but Thursday night's 65-64 loss to Chapman College was like a recurring nightmare for Wheeler. Chapman was like a hand grenade in the Mustangs' hands, and was fouled on a breakaway layup. After converting on his free throw, Ross had given his team a three point lead.

Trading jump shots and free throws with Chapman, the Mustangs found themselves down by three with 15 seconds remaining when Chico Rivera hit a jump shot to cut the lead to one.

The Mustangs sank six more baskets from the field, but Chapman put in 13 more free throws to gain the victory.

In the first half, the Mustangs made only eight of their 24 shots and found themselves down 31-27 at the intermission. Shooting better in the second half, the Mustangs trimmed Chapman's lead down and took the upper hand five minutes into the half. After exchanging several baskets, the Mustangs called time out with the game tied and 3:10 remaining.

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Helping the Mustangs tie the half time lead was Chico Rivera, who was a perfect five for five from the field, and Jim Van Winden, who had seven first half points. Hatten, who got into foul trouble early, failed to score in the first half.

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The hope of regaining possession, Rivera fooled Chapman's Mike Kelly who went to the line and converted on both of his free throws to give his team a three point advantage.

Being sure not to foul, Chapman let forward Derrick Roberts score an uncontested basket which cut the lead to one as time expired, giving Chapman a 65-64 victory.

Rivera was the high scorer for the Mustangs, netting a season high 21 points. Also scoring in double figures was Nate Hatten with 10 and James Blevins who added 12.

Saturday's game seemed like it would be a winding of the wheel. The Mustangs of old as they made 57 percent of their shots in the first half and took a 30-23 lead into the locker room with them at halftime.

Helping the Mustangs take the halftime lead was Rivera, who was a perfect five for five from the field, and Jim Van Winden, who had seven first half points. Hatten, who got into foul trouble early, failed to score in the first half.

With 18 seconds to go, Dominguez Hills took the lead again with 3:05 remaining. Dominguez Hills saw it tied up on a jump shot by Hatten with 2:45 to go in the game.

Getting another basket and a foul shot, Dominguez Hills regained the lead with just over two minutes remaining.

Bringing the Mustangs within one point, Hatten hit another basket with two minutes left on the clock. Cal Poly then stopped Dominguez Hills from scoring and Hatten put in his eighth point in the last three minutes to give the Mustangs a one point advantage.

With 18 seconds to go, Dominguez Hills' Kevin Burrell went to the line and sank a pair of free throws to give his team a one point lead. Bringing the ball in for the final shot and a chance at a victory, Rivera fought the aggressive Dominguez Hills defense to get a shot that didn't fall and Cal Poly lost its second one point game in three nights.

"We just had no place to go with the ball," said Wheeler.

Again leading the Mustangs in scoring was Rivera who tossed in six of seven floor shots and two of four free throws for 14 points. Hatten, who scored big in the late part of the game, finished with 10 and James Wells added 12.

"We saw the loss as stemming from the Mustang's inability to finish off Dominguez Hills when they had the chance. We had an 11 point lead but we couldn't bury them," said Wheeler. "We hurt ourselves. If you can't execute your offense, you can't win."
Hoopsters come back
After slow start,
Poly wins in OT
By DAN RUTHEMEYER
The old cliche, "it's better late
than never," was in order Satur-
day night as the Lady Mustangs'
offense came alive in the second
half to give them a 77-76 victory
over Cal State Dominguez Hills.
After shooting a dismal 25
percent from the floor in the first
half, Cal Poly came out in the se-
cond half shooting like an entire-
different team. Making 40
percent of their shots, the
Mustangs were able to neutralize
the strong offense of the Toros
and come away with the victory.
"I'm really pleased with the
way we played in the second
half," said head coach Marilyn
McNeil. "I could have walked
out of the gym because of the
way we played in the first half.''

Showing little offense early on,
take Mustangs didn't score until
tive minutes into the game when
guard Chris Hester put in their
first two points on a breakaway
layup.
Although scoring became more
regular, it wasn't enough to off-
set the potent attack of Dom-
inguez Hills. At halftime the
Mustangs found themselves
down by 13 points, 37-24.
When Cal Poly came out in the
second half, it slowly began its
uphill struggle for the lead.
Knocking off two points at a
time, the Mustangs found
themselves down by only six
with 5:37 remaining.
By the four minute mark Cal Poly
had whittled the Toro's lead
to two and showed signs of tak-
ing over the lead.
When Barbara Blackburn
made a shot off a rebound, the
Mustangs had tied the game at
63 with 1:45 remaining. After
stopping Dominguez Hills at the
opposite end of the floor, Cal Po-
ly marched the ball down the
court and took the lead on a
jump shot by Trish Groo.
Dominguez Hills would not go
quietly, however, as Deborah
Shephard sank a jump shot with
six seconds left to tie the game
at 65.
Following a time out to plot
their strategy, the Mustangs
took a desperation shot that
didn't drop and the game was
sent into overtime.
Leading the Mustangs in scor-
ing was Farmer who had a
game-high 18 points, Groo who
tallied 17 and Geoffrion who
came off the bench to score 16.