Alternative funding is urged for rec facility

By KRIS REHER

A solution to the funding problem for a recreation facility may be in sight, FORWARD Committee Chair Dave Hampton said. The committee, responsible for the research and development of a recreation facility, has continued to examine alternative ways of funding such a project. Hampton said that although a proposed recreation facility was voted down last spring, results of a survey done Winter Quarter revealed there was much interest from students wanting a new facility.

The FORWARD Committee will be conducting a phone survey of 400 students this month. The survey will find out what students want is to know is what exactly do students want in a rec facility. Hampton said that they want more racquetball courts, something for concerts or more swimming pools.

A variety of funding alternatives are being discussed, Hampton said. "We've heard of all kinds of different things, such as students paying $10 a quarter until the facility is paid for, then later paying $20 a quarter for the rest of the facility's cost," Hampton said. "We had a meeting with the Chancellor's Office and they said a graduated increase payment was OK."

After the results of the survey are in, the FORWARD Committee plans to have a public hearing for students to voice their opinion on such ideas. The committee students want, how much are they willing to pay for it, and the parking problem associated with installing a recreation facility.

The committee plans to have a referendum next fall for students to vote on. "If the referendum passes in the fall, the facility could be open in the fall of 1985."

Bike, Walk and Bus Week

By KEVIN CANNON

This week has been set aside as Bike, Walk and Bus Week by the Administrative Commission of Associated Students Incorporated. The first time a week has been designated to promote alternative modes of transportation.

The commission of 25 students hopes to call attention to ways of solving the parking problem. They plan to do this by encouraging students, faculty and staff to use methods other than automobiles to get to Cal Poly.

"The purpose of the week is to get students to try new ways of getting to school for one week," said Assistant Commissioner Courtney Canterbury. Hopefully they will realize that it's not bad and continue to use the alternative form of transportation.

"I think the commission should do more advertising, they should use more places to promote the idea," said a student.

The problem of parking on campus has been an issue before the Senate several times this year," said Chairman Scott Delaney. The Senate hopes to encourage alternative methods of dealing with the problem by encouraging people to bike, walk, or use the bus.

On Thursday Cal Poly students, faculty and staff who show valid ASI or university identification cards may ride free on any SLO Transit bus route.

Canterbury said, "Students don't really realize that we have an excellent bus system and they are not using it to its full potential."

The transit partnership will be the determining factor for judging the success of the week.

The commission will work together with transit officials to try to come up with special rates and routes if the event is successful.

The Administrative Commission will also have a table set up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Union Plaza where students can sign up for a prize drawing which will be held at 2. The prizes include water bottles, hiking gloves and helmets.

The design class is developing plans for the Ice Cream Parlour. The motif will be that of an old fashioned ice cream parlor with tables and under the stairwell outside the Ice Cream Parlour the students can sign up for a prize drawing which will be held at 2. The prizes include water bottles, hiking gloves and helmets.

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The design class will present projects before the board, which will choose the most suitable design. Carlson said projects will be submitted before June. If the renovation plans go through, construction will take place in the summer with the hopes of it being ready for fall.

Students favor pub on campus

Survey shows wide support

By THOMAS WILLIAMS

Alcohol abuse is a controversial issue that affects college and university students across the nation. Cal Poly is no exception. This is the first article in a three part series examining these topics: campus pubs, student alcohol abuse and educational programs and services to help prevent the abuse.

Cal Poly remains the only dry campus in the California State University system that is a community college. Although drinking is legal and mean-

ing alcohol consumption is not allowed anywhere on campus without a permit. However, survey conducted by a student senator shows that Cal Poly students are in favor of alcohol on campus.

Earl Ruby, an electrical engineering sophomore student senator, polled Cal Poly students on the issue of alcohol on campus. Of the 150 students polled, 63 percent have been at Cal Poly for two years or more. Most of these students considered themselves non-drinker.

47 percent said they were light drinkers and only 4.5 percent admitted they were heavy drinkers.

The results showed 67 percent of the students surveyed were in favor of having a pub on campus. Fifty-eight percent were also in favor of allowing alcohol in the dorms behind closed doors and 61 percent were in favor of serving alcohol at outdoor sporting events like football games or rodeos.

So, why isn't alcohol allowed on campus?

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Voss said the policy is the main reason for there being no pub on campus, but it isn't the only one. "When the issue of a campus pub is raised, there are many more factors involved than just the president's approval, he said. "You need to consider where the pub would be, who would fund it and who would license it."

Voss said that a number of things must happen before there would be a pub at Cal Poly. First, a proposal must come from a recognized student group and be submitted to the president for consideration. The president would then examine the proposal to determine its feasibility and must give his final approval before work can be started.

However, things don't always run so smoothly. The proposal is subject to criticism, debate and discussion before the president approves the design and construction. The plan is then put to a vote of the student body. "It's a remote possibility," he said.

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Walk, bike or bus it

It's a dreary, foggy morning and it doesn't look like it's going to be a particularly pleasant day. You roll out of bed, glance outside and make a quick decision — it's going to be the car today. No matter what.

Never mind that you live only three blocks from school. You're bound and determined to travel the American way — by automobile.

It's a common knowledge that people in this country have a love affair with the automobile, and use this mode of transportation far too often.

That's why Bike, Walk and Bus Week, which is sponsored by the Administrative Commission of the ASI, is such a good idea.

Cal Poly students, faculty and staff are encouraged this week to use methods other than automobiles to get to school.

The excessive use of cars brings with it a large number of problems including pollution and a lack of parking spaces. It also promotes lumpy, unfit bodies due to a lack of exercise.

On Thursday, students, faculty and staff may ride for free on any SLO Transit bus.

We encourage students to take advantage of this free offer.

Or, if you live close enough to campus, why not try walking or riding your bike?

You never know — it might become a permanent habit.

Letters

Mother's Day: pro-choice plea

Editor

Most of us consider Mother's Day a time to celebrate motherhood and to honor the women who choose to bear and raise children. Some people have a different idea.

Anti-abortionists are trying to turn Mother's Day into a day of threats, intimidation and terror for women who dare to make their own decisions regarding whether and when to have children. If you drive by a reproductive health clinic on a Saturday, you may well see them — chanting, screaming, hollering, threatening and even assaulting women. In our county, they have tucked their literature under their windshield wipers of cars parked along the streets. Their message is inappropriately placed in places of business and administration.

These anti-abortionists often couch their views as a concern over the right of a woman to decide what is best for herself and her family. The attitude is particularly offensive on Mother's Day, when we should be honoring women.

The responsible and compassionate thing for the anti-abortionists to do would be to stay home, grieve for their own mothers on Mother's Day, rather than harassing women at clinics or elsewhere.

Dorothy Smith

Liberal media is criticized

Editor

In response to Theo Devine's rebuttal to my letter, I will say that my remarks were not "unjustifiable" nor "over-dramatized," yet were entirely warranted under the circumstances.

You see, Devine's original letter was a product of the liberal media of this country by his own admission, and that was my very point. He stated that he saw a figure flashed on my TV screen just before an advertisement during a newscast. It is a shame that such a powerful media source as television should present us with incorrect data.

The fact remains that the left-wing media in this country continually employs desperate appeals to emotion and a blatant disregard for the truth, and living behind these views in order to formulate an opinion.

Devine's defense spending in this case. He verified my figures as correct, and my letter compelled him to determine this for himself without relying on the media for his "facts," thus making my statements warranted.

It becomes incumbent upon each individual to rely on their own knowledge and judgment to formulate opinions, as Devine has done as a result of my letter, and not on sources that deliberately misinform for their own goals. If my letter offended him, I and sorry. At least be caused enough to learn the truth. I will gladly defend my statements toward the "powerful media source" that lied to you, that propaganda machine called television.

Bryan D. Burk

Reader defends pro-life stance

Editor

I would like to make another statement about the abortion issue. After attending the recent abortion debate and the Phil Keagy concert, which was to promote anti-abortion laws, I am moved to say some things which have been in my mind.

First, I would like to be "pro-choice." I believe that the reasons for my previous convictions were not based on sound evidence. I hope to open some minds of those of you who might be aware about what posture to take.

Many women want to keep the laws which allow abortions are convinced that this is a matter of freedom. But, evidence shows that the fetus is a living being. This is not a living being, for the equivalent to our fingernails. Abortion is the destruction of human life. When an abortion is performed, a person is destroyed — hardly the severity of a murderer.

As a woman, I do believe that the philosophy is one of keeping women from their rights. No one has the right to take another human's rights.

Also, I see no freedom in the guilt that one is liable to carry as she proceeds with an abortion. The great number of abortions performed since Roe vs. Wade shows that abortions are done out of more convenience, that is, the instances of pregnancy resulting from either sex and inmost are extremely rare. Many girls ignorantly free themselves from responsibility of a baby, while they must later face the reality of their mistake. Parents, school, career goals, boyfriends and peers pressure young girls into believing that abortion is the answer to an unwanted pregnancy. This is simply not true. One must first realize that justifying this immoral act with the right to choose is a very poor way of clearing a bad conscience.

If pregnancy is truly unwanted, there are other things a woman can do. For example: the Tree of Life in Atascadero is an organization which arranges adoption referrals. I do not think that adoption is an outrageous possibility. If the woman is too young or pressured to carry the child for a full nine months, then it is absolutely not right for her to suffer from hypocrisy since she refuses to admit of the act which resulted in her pregnancy.

I must admit that my argument is really nothing new to the pro-choice people. You have probably heard most of these reasons for abortion regulation before. My intent is to express my own opinion so that other people might be motivated to voice their views. There are many people that are just "riding the fence" and not doing anything about this very important issue. I urge those who are somewhat convinced of the life of these fetuses in the womb to act in saving them from destruction.

And one final notice: I realize that San Luis Obispo has the highest rate of abortion in the state of California. So, many of the girls here on campus have been through an abortion or are thinking about having one. I would like to clarify that by no means do I want to lay guilt trip on any of them. Instead I would like to let them know of the forgiveness that they may receive from Jesus Christ. He is also willing and willing to cleanse and heal anyone who trusts and confesses that acts which may now be causing them to feel guilty and ashamed.

Laurie DeMaris
Tay-sachs testing underway

By KEVIN CANNON
Staff Writer

Testing for Tay-Sachs disease will be available today in Chumash Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sierra Madre lobby from 4 to 7 p.m. The testing is sponsored by Student Community Services, Mu Delta Phi and Beta Beta Beta. There is no charge for the testing and testing is sponsored by Student lobby from 4 to 7 p.m. The testing has been available have coordinator for the event.

Muenig has been showing slide presentations and visiting classrooms throughout the campus to make people aware of the disease. He has visited over 25 classrooms at Cal Poly.

Tay-Sachs disease is a fatal recessive genetic disorder that is preventable by simple testing. It is the first genetic disease that can be prevented.

A blood test will show participants whether or not they carry the gene for Tay-Sachs disease. Updated statistics show that approximately one in 150 people are carriers of the Tay-Sachs gene. The Jewish population has a much higher risk of carrying the gene, about one in 27.

Infants with the Tay-Sachs disease seem normal at birth, but symptoms begin to appear at four to eight months. The symptoms include a progressive loss of developmental achievements, blindness, seizures, and unresponsiveness to parents and the environment. Death occurs between three and four years. There is no available therapy. Muenig said, "Not only is it an incredible mental burden for the family, it is also a financial burden." A Tay-Sachs child must be hospitalized, which costs over $150,000 a year.

A cure for Tay-Sachs disease is unknown at present, but it can be conquered simply by preventing its occurrence through awareness and testing.

Kathy Mallon, program coordinator for the west coast said their efforts over the 12 years the testing has been available have drastically reduced Tay-Sachs disease.

By SUSAN A. ELLIOTT

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Breakfast is Served.

Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.
Saturday from a group of 18 women. Each woman was judged on a dance routine, a game action cheer and crowd communication abilities. Cheerleading adviser Frank Kassak said the final turnout rate was high compared to previous years, even though the original tryout date had to be postponed for two weeks because only 11 people signed up. Kassak said by re-advertising he was able to get more applications.

The cheerleaders will cheer for football games and women's volleyball games both at Cal Poly and away, and they will attend a camp this summer in Santa Barbara to improve their cheerleading skills. Kassak said it is unfortunate that no men tried out this year and added it has always been a problem at Cal Poly to get men to try out for the cheerleading squad.

Three judges selected Clarisio Gaetano, Janice Kossak, Suzie Crowe, Suzanne Fiore, Cathy Roche, Grace Peters, Kelly Moore and Tammy Shanke for the squad. Gaetano, Fiore and Shenker were also on the squad last year.

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Engineers’ bike team takes national first

By BRUCE PINKLETON

For the second year in a row, Cal Poly’s American Society of Mechanical Engineers bike team won a national bicycling competition held last weekend in Santa Barbara.

A total of 8 universities competed in the contest which included competition in long distance racing, short distance sprinting and overall vehicle design.

Each “bicycle” is designed like a tricycle. The vehicle has three wheels and, in most cases, the rider nearly lies on his back when racing. The whole machine is covered by a lightweight fairing to reduce wind resistance.

The ASME bike was designed by Cal Poly students and is basically the same bike that was raced last year. A new racing bike is currently being designed by the team.

At the competition, the events were scored individually and then the total points were combined to determine an overall winner.

The sprint races, consisting of a 200-meter race, were held Saturday at the Point Mugu Naval Air Station. Senior mechanical engineering major Doyle Dixon rode for Cal Poly and took second with a speed of 45.06 miles per hour. California State University at Chico won the event with a speed of 46.01 miles per hour.

“The problem with the sprints was that it was foggy and we had trouble with our speed,” said Eric Zentner, a member of the bike team. Cal Poly still holds the national collegiate speed record of 47.29 mph per hour for human powered vehicles set at Cal Poly last year, said Zentner.

The distance race was held Sunday at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Cal Poly won second in that race, and also, which consisted of 15 laps through a 1.5 mile course for a total of 22.5 miles. Louisiana State University took the top distance honors.

“I was leading for 86 percent of the race and then the brakes locked on,” said Zentner. After a quick repair stop, Cal Poly was able to finish third in second place.

Cal Poly also won first in a distance race for women, which was held for the first time this year. Senior mechanical engineering major Maria Park raced for Cal Poly. The race did not count in Cal Poly’s total point score because not every school had an entry.

In the overall design contest Cal Poly took fourth place which when combined with the other scores, was enough to give the team a first place overall finish.

Other members of the bike team include Mark Janicki, a sophomore electronic engineering major from San Jose, Russ Miller, a junior mechanical engineering major also from San Jose and Rob McCline, a Cal Poly graduate who is currently working in the San Diego area.

“Poly did an exceptional job,” said mechanical engineering professor John Clendenen. “They all had a hand in it—it was a good performance.”

The next race the bike team hopes to compete in is the World Speed Championships sponsored by the International Human Powered Vehicle Association next October in Indianapolis, Ind.

Commencement plans made for disabled

By DAWN YOSHITAKE

Disabled students or visitors planning attending Spring Commencement should contact the Disabled Student Services as soon as possible to arrange special seating and parking.

DSS Assistant Coordinator Beth Currier said, “We try to have commencement as accessible as possible...we do need advance notice if there are special needs.

Disabled students and visitors attending the June 15 ceremony will need to contact DSS by June 10 to get handicap passes, but regular graduation tickets will still be required.

Parking passes and seating tickets for disabled visitors also need to be requested in advance, and they will provide transportation from the parking lot to the stadium.

“It (trams) can’t take people from the stadium to designated areas. It can only go from the parking lot to the stadium and back,” said Currier.

She also added, “If disabled visitors can’t get up the stadium stairs, they will be allowed to have one attendant with them. But the whole family will not be allowed to sit with them on the lower level.”

The DDS office has a limited number of wheelchairs, crutches and walkers to lend, so it is recommended students and visitors bring their own, said Currier.

Four wheelchairs will be stationed at the parking lot, which is located next to the stadium.

DSS Coordinator Harriet Blackmon said she is concerned about the hot conditions in the stadium and the length of the ceremony should be considered before inviting guests.

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Air Staff Spring ’85

Air Staff headline writer

Deadline for the contest is May 31 and the logo and motto will be used to publicize the October 1985 event.

Both Currier, assistant coordinator of the Disabled Student Services, said, “This is new. This is the first competition we’ve had for the logo and motto. Gift certificates will be awarded to the three finalists and the winner will be announced at the guest at Awareness Day activities.

Forms can be picked up at the Disabled Student Services office the University Union Room 103.

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half of the students can't enjoy it!"

However, according to Voss, the average age of students at Cal Poly is 22, making the majority of them eligible to enjoy a pub on campus.

Pam Sheppel, health educator for the Health Center, said the addition of a pub would add something to Cal Poly, "but we don't feel those tending toward alcohol abuse would have easier access to alcohol. "It's hard to justify alcohol and school," she said. "It's like having a bar at work."

However, Jake Jacobson, director of food and beverage at Cal State Northridge, disagrees. Jacobson said he had been nothing but a positive influence since it has been restricted there when there was no age limit, but said there were problems at first when there were no restrictions.

The Pub at Cal State Northridge is a wet campus and I cope with alcohol than at out of the door until the student is a responsible for protecting the bartender's discretion. Jacobson said.

There has been no pressure by students since it has been restricted there when there was no age limit, but said there were problems at first when there were no restrictions.

Jacobson said. "I think it's a good thing to have a campus pub. I think we're responsible for protecting students, whether or not the students are Campus would create a problem if the majority of them eligible to enjoy a pub on campus. "The school will be cut off and won't be let in," Jacobson said.

ALCOHOL ON CAMPUS: STUDENT SURVEY

The results of this poll revealed that at Cal Poly, the only completely "dry" campus in the CSU system, students are in favor of having alcohol permitted on campus. Of the 470 students who responded to the survey, 63 percent were over 21 and 75 percent have been at Cal Poly for two years or more. Twelve and a half percent considered themselves non-drinkers, 47 percent thought they were light drinkers, and 43 percent admitted to being heavy drinkers. The results of the survey were:

Are you in favor of alcohol in the dorms behind closed doors?

- yes — 63%
- no — 37%

Are you in favor of alcohol in the dorms with open doors?

- yes — 86%
- no — 14%

Are you in favor of serving alcohol at football games and other campus events?

- yes — 82%
- no — 18%

Are you in favor of a campus pub?

- yes — 61%
- no — 39%

The survey was conducted by Earl Ruby, an electrical engineering junior and student senator.

Applications now being accepted for Mustang Daily Editor 1985-86

Interested people should drop off applications in the current editor's box, Mustang Daily, Graphic Arts Room 226. Applications will be accepted until 3 p.m. Monday, May 13. Questions, call Rita at 546-1143.
Exploring nature at Lopez

by MARC MEREDITH

Staff Writer

The second annual Lopez Nature Festival provided the opportunity for participants to learn more about the plant and animal life of the Central Coast while enjoying the sun last weekend.

The festival, which began Saturday at 8 a.m. and ran through Sunday evening, highlighted not only the flora and fauna in and around Lopez Lake, but also reviewed the history of the man-made lake and the canyon it fills.

Sponsored by San Luis Obispo County, the festival was centered in one of Lopez Lake's more shaded camp grounds, Campobello, adjacent to the marina and general store.

Two dozen naturalists and resource experts presented tours, demonstrations and talks on topics such as wildflowers, wildlife, astronomy, archeology and native plants.

Specialty tours were offered, for a fee, to further explore the Lopez Recreation Area. Early morning canoe trips were made both Saturday and Sunday to observe wildlife on the primitive Lopez Arm. On the Saturday canoe trip a black bear was sighted.

A two and half mile hike was also offered both days for a fee of two dollars. This hike, which began with a boat trip to the trailhead, afforded an excellent opportunity to observe the many wildflowers in bloom this time of year, as well as the many species of birds, including red-tail hawks, and deer. Scenic views of the lake and surrounding land formations were also abundant along the trail.

Other tours included a nature boat tour, a photo walk led by professional photographer George Lepp, an "all about lake" hike and a "going bugs" walk for the amateur entomologist.

Throughout the weekend a photography display of nature photos was available for viewing, a wildflower display was set-up by the California Native Plant Society and baby oak trees were given-out free by the park personnel running the festival.

Demonstrations were also made Saturday and Sunday on a variety of subjects, including native plants on the Central Coast in the wild and in the home garden, a reptile and amphibian show, a birds of prey demonstration and a Chumash Indian and archeology presentation.

Saturday afternoon brought on the sound of Trio Vivos, a classical woodwind group that played music from Bach to contemporary classical music under the oaks. The evening featured a "Wonders of the Spring Sky," a star gazing opportunity presented by Lee Combs and the Central Coast Astronomical Society which allowed participants to view the heavens through provided telescopes.

Liz Carlson, a natural resources management major at Poly and a seasonal employee at Lopez Lake, said that it's hard to judge how many people come through something like the nature festival, but the numbers were smaller than last year and few of the tours filled to capacity.

Carlston said she enjoys working at Lopez and the festival because of all the people she gets to meet and work with.

One such person is Mike di Milo, the Lopez park naturalist and trail guide, who led the Two Waters and Dana Vista two and a half mile hikes and the wildlife canoe trips.

Di Milo, a Cal Poly natural resource management graduate, works with deaf children when he's not working at Lopez. Besides educating the group of 12 he took on Saturday afternoon's hike about the dangers of poison oak, the visual differences between hawks and turkey vultures and the history of the 145 foot deep reservoir called Lopez Lake, di Milo showed them how to say "sticky monkey flower" in sign language.

While the hike was tiring, the view of the lake was spectacular, with all the colors of the wind surfers and Hobie cats skimming across the water.

Among the many exhibits of the Lopez Nature festival was one detailing the wildflowers of the central coast. Other exhibits included birds and reptiles.

A hiking group travelling through fields of wildflowers at the Lopez Nature Festival.
The spectacular view afforded to hikers this weekend high above Lopez Lake on the Duna Vista Trail.

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Catching the rays on those hot summer days may produce bronzed, but not healthy, bodies especially vulnerable to skin cancer.

Jeanie Oswald, a 23-year-old dietetics senior, has naturally darker skin, therefore she is more protected from the sun’s rays. “I tan easily and rarely burn,” she said. Oswald sits in the sun almost every day during the summer, she said. “I’m going to be old and wrinkled while I’m still young.”

Marie Chew, a nurse practitioner at the Health Center said “the emphasis in the past had been that the tan person is a healthy person, but there are no health benefits at all.” She said Health Center officials suggest students protect themselves from harmful ultraviolet rays with the strongest sunscreen available, one with a sun protection factor of 15. “But a lot of students say they don’t want to use 15 because they still want a tan,” she said.

Manufacturers of sunscreen products have adopted a numerical system called sun protection factor to designate the strength of their sunscreen. The numbers range from two to 15 and sometimes greater and designate the number of times longer you can stay out in the sun with this sunscreen on.

Although they spend a lot of time in the sun, some Cal Poly students aren’t aware of the dangers of exposure. Cameron Bauer, a 23-year-old civil engineering senior, said he isn’t aware of all the dangers of the sun. He spends about three days a week in the sun, but his only precautions are using lotions with a low sun protection factor and tanning gradually. “The reason I go out there is because it’s my best studying environment,” he said. “I get more done out there than I would inside.”

Crowded beaches and the number of students in search of sunny tanning locations between classes, suggests that many Cal Poly students put a higher priority on attaining a bronze body than maintaining a healthy one.

By SALLY KINSSELL
Staff Writer

It’s a hot, sunny Friday afternoon and you’re done with classes. You grab your beach chair, towel and ice chest and head for the beach, along with hundreds of other people eager to catch some rays.

Getting that bronze, healthy look has become an obsession with many Cal Poly students, but few of them realize the dangers of subjecting sensitive skin to the sun’s lethal rays.

The dangers of the sun come down to the radiation damage to the skin, said Pam Shreppell, health educator at the Cal Poly Health Center. Damage from the sun is accumulative, said Shreppell.

“It starts when you are a child and you’re playing outside. It all adds up over the years, and it’s permanent damage,” she said. “It gets down into the cell layers and causes changes.” Shreppell added that sometimes the damage can be so severe as to cause a good cell to change into a dangerous one. Ultraviolet radiation from the sun or other sources is the leading cause of skin cancer.

Cheryl Block, a 22-year-old political science major, has been lifeguarding for six years. She said that when the weather is nice during the rest of the year, she stays out in sun three or four times a week. “I take the precautions that I can,” she said. “But if you don’t see the effects it’s hard to believe anything is going to happen to you. Some people are naturally more protected from the sun than others, depending on the amount of melanin in their skin, said Shreppell. Melanin is the brownish pigment in the skin that gives off a tan look.

“Everyone is born with a certain amount of melanin in their skin and exposure to the sun stimulates reproduction and makes the skin look darker,” she said. Melanin is also protective, allowing a naturally darker skinned person more protection from the sun. People who freckle or sunburn easily, however, are especially vulnerable to skin cancer.
Poly softball team to compete in regionals

BY LYNNETTE FREDIANI

The Cal Poly softball team has secured a bid in the regional NCAA Division II playoffs. The Mustangs begin regional competition Friday at Cal State Northridge.

Cal Poly's regional includes Southern California University at Edwardsville and Northridge. Northridge.

Three other three-team contests will be held throughout the country. The regional bid places Cal Poly batters in the top 12 teams in the nation.

Cal Poly earned the regional playoff spot by finishing second in league play behind defending national champion Northridge.

Although Cal Poly dropped two games in the Sacramento State tournament May 2-4, Coach Denni Martindale believes his team is in good shape.

"We're ready for regionals. There are 12 teams vying for the national title now, and we'll look past our performance in Sacramento at regionals," said Martindale. "Our best team will come out."

Cal Poly softballers will compete in the final four national competition at Northridge May 17 if they are victorious at regionals Saturday.

The Mustang hurdlers had a good start in the Sacramento State tournament, downing Sacramento State 3-2 in their first competition.

Sandy Sundberg went 2-for-3. The Mustangs garnered seven hits and four errors in the first contest.

The Mustangs were not so hot in the second game. Chapman College whipped Cal Poly 6-2.

Cal Poly softballers racked up four hits and five errors against Chapman. Catcher Kerri Gorman was 2-for-3.

The UC Davis Aggies were next on the Mustang agenda. Cal Poly overpowered Davis 3-1.

Gorman and Jill Hancock were 2-for-3. Cal Poly was credited with eight hits and four errors.

Mustang softballers dropped their final tournament game to Dominique Hills 5-2. Dominiques Hills defeated Northridge twice in the finals to win the tournament.

Cal Poly scored five hits and three errors in its final contest against Dominique Hills. Lisa "Hoonsie" Hook was 2-for-3.

Freshman Bandie Hill pitched all four games for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs, usually an error-prone ball club, committed 16 errors in the Sacramento State tournament. Martindale searched for a reason.

"The team that played at Sacramento was not indicative of our team," said Martindale. "We had an intense conference season and were looking over the tournament in view of regional and national competition. Consequently, we didn't play good defense."

Senior third baseman Angie Zoll sees the tournament loss in a positive light.

"The tournament was good for us," said Zoll. "It gave us the opportunity to get out all our mistakes and frustrations."

"We will respond very well at regionals," added Zoll. "We're ready for a sharp tournament."

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Mustangs end home year with losing series

Baseball team takes one of three, travels to Stanford for game today

BY JANET HASEROT

A three-game series against Cal State Dominguez Hills this weekend ended the Mustang home appearances with one win and two losses.

Friday the Mustangs lost to the Toros 17-9, accentuating the weak pitching staff inflicting the Mustangs' weakness.

Toro centerfielder Mike Strong enjoyed success as he increased his average by four hits, knocking in three runs.

But the Mustang success story was not as sweet. With the bases loaded...mustang catcher Pat Esponito failed to call time-out extra days of rest after the Kentucky Derby victory on Saturday.

Diaz said during a news conference at Garden State Park, renovated and opened this year for the first time since a 1977 fire.

Owner: Derby champ won’t run Preakness

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Mustang outfielder Monty Waltz gets back safe. The team plays Stanford today, seven the Toro's had earned seven.

Three singles and two walks were too much for Poly as the Toros 11 hits to 10 gave the Mustangs the loss. Their record is 26-29 overall, 11-14 in conference.

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