Farmland depression moves to California

By Ron Nielsen

As with the 49ers and the Oklahoma farmers of past generations, the agricultural depression in the United States has come west to California.

The specter of defaulted loans, forced farm sales and families leaving the land that has haunted this country's breadbasket for the past five years has reached into California's Central Valley. Public auctions to dispose of farmland ranging from one acre to 640 acres will be held in November, changing the face of California's largest non-defense industry and contributing to the economic troubles of farm lending institutions and the country's second largest financial corporation.

SUMAT (Supporters of Mustang Athletic Teams) was formed about two years ago in the state. Some California farmers have faced the potential loss of their land.

SUMAT was formed about two years ago when plans were being made to cut back the athletic program. SUMAT started a hunt for Cal Poly alumni throughout the state to ask for support and to start more Mustang Booster clubs, according to Athletic Director Ken Walker, executive president on the SUMAT staff.

There are pockets of people throughout the state who have never been asked to give. Walker said that when contacted, some people say, "Gee, I wish I had known, I've been here for about 15 years..."

"Now that this year SUMAT has a good chance of reaching its goal of $150,000, they would like to take the pledge record to Baker and say, 'See, I told you so,'" said Walker.

Although Mustang Booster clubs are usually alumni, the local chapter is made up of a lot of people in the community who enjoy being involved with the university. Larry Voss, executive assistant to the president, said the local chapter has been around since 1948, long before SUMAT was formed.

Voss said that the local Mustang Booster club has "really carried the ball for supporting the athletic program and scholarships."

The Booster club has a kind of reporting relationship with SUMAT; they report how much they have raised, hand over the money, and then go back to more fund-raising. SUMAT then turns the money over to the university.

"I come up with a budget on how to spend the money, and then discuss it with SUMAT, informing them how all their money will be distributed," said Walker. "They don't really have a say, but it's just good sense to let them know where it's all going."

SUMAT is made up of a board of directors, local Mustang Booster representatives, and an executive staff. Ideally, SUMAT wanted people with a background in every sport.

Although the Mustang Boosters raise most of the money for athletics, in the future there may be a membership fee of more than $1,000 to sit on the board of SUMAT, so it, too, will become a legitimate fund-raiser.

Some California farmers have faced the potential loss of their land.
The daily shower: a burning issue

No one player wins or loses a football game

Editor — As an avid football fan, I am thoroughly dismayed by the Daily's coverage of the football game against Hayward Saturday night. The sub-headline read, "Gonzales misses long field goal with 11 seconds to go, ensures Pioneer win." The Daily has no right to mislead its readers by blaming Art Gonzales for the loss.

Football is a team sport and there are a full 60 minutes that make up the game — not just the last 11 seconds. In no way should any one player be singled out. I think the Daily used poor taste in printing the headline. To all Mustang players, you gave your fans an evening's worth of fun. And for Art Gonzales, let's get 'em next game.

ANGIE ALFRED

Call for student vote on fate of bowling alley

Editor — There is no excuse for having closed down the bowling alley before obtaining approval for a replacement facility. The Chancellor's Office has not yet approved the proposed fitness center and offices, and if the project goes over $200,000 the approval of the California State University Board of Trustees will be needed.

There is a new petition drive for a positive measure to be submitted directly to the students to decide whether the bowling alley is to be reopened or replaced.

Deconstruction of a $250,000 investment and spending $200,000 on facilities which are already available on campus is ridiculous. The bowling alley could be a source of revenue for the University Union, but a weight room, aerobics room and offices will lose money.

KENNETH M. WILSON

letters to the editor

SDI is the problem

Was anybody surprised at the outcome of the summit? President Reagan said he and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev are "closer than ever before to agreements that would lead to a safer world without nuclear weapons?"

They perhaps are closer, but they are still miles apart.

The big stumbling block is the Strategic Defense Initiative, the space-based missile defense system known as "Star Wars." An arms accord cannot be reached until the United States ceases all but laboratory research into "Star Wars" technology for 10 years, which is what Gorbachev proposed.

This is not a popular idea in the U.S. Many Americans argue that SDI is a defensive system, not an offensive system. While true in theory, the fact is "Star Wars" technology may enable the U.S. to wipe out entire cities, which is hardly a defensive strategy. Furthermore, even if the technology was used for only defensive purposes, how can the U.S. logically expect Gorbachev to agree to what would be a distinct disadvantage if there was a nuclear war?

It may be easier to understand Gorbachev's position if we were to consider what the situation would be like if he and Reagan's roles were reversed. Can you imagine Reagan, or any other president for that matter, agreeing to an arms accord which would allow the Soviets to proceed with SDI? It would be political suicide.

Quite simply, the U.S. must shelve intentions to deploy "Star Wars" technology.

The complaint has piled up like autumn leaves. The cause of the problem depends on which campus bureaucrat you talk to, and I've talked to several. Most of them blame the solar collectors installed on the South Mountain dorms last year, and the lack of thorough plumbing modifications involved therein. They insist there were no complaints before the solar collectors were installed.

I must not have been screaming loud enough. I am told that the solar collectors made the water just a bit too hot (about 180 degrees in one instance, according to Plant Operations scuttlebutt). After numerous complaints and near first degree burns, some magical valves were installed that have since corrected the problem.

Yes, but why was I burned in Trinity in January 1984, long before the solar collectors arrived? And why are the students of those same South Mountain dorms in addition to Sierra Madre (no solar) who talked to last weekend still describing their morning showers with four letter words?

One resident director told me the problem had been corrected with the new valves. But the students in her dorm told me some all too familiar horror stories.

"When I hear the toilet," said one, "I just jump." Another student told me about a particularly malicious individual who flushed all the toilets almost simultaneously in order to inflict as much pain as possible upon his guilty neighbors. Other students have told me of suites where toilet users agree to shout warnings such as "Fore! duck!" and "Look out!!" before blasting their colleagues.

Talking to one girl reminded me of the dreaded direct hit. This occurs when you are rinsing your scalp, or even worse, your sex organs, when the the toilet is flushed. On one occasion my scalp was left stinging for two days. Afterward, I developed the reflexes of a sprinter swiftly leaping out of the shower at the first hint of the toilet's roar.

As anyone who has actually taken one of these showers can attest, the problem is not the hot water. The problem is the cold water. It is possible to dilute the hot water in the shower with as much cold as you like. But the "Flushomatic" valves on the toilets create massive, instantaneous pressure drops in the cold water, and the hapless student under the shower head gets a brisk blast of unheated hot water.

The Housing Department has attempted to correct the problem by lowering the temperature of the hot water, but this has on occasion resulted in cold showers as the hot runs out.

The only real solution will require somehow correcting the lid-blower plumbing. Alas, but there is no point in speculating on a solution like this. No doubt it is expensive, and would require a miracle of legislation (or litigation). Besides, why end such a proud campus tradition?

Jeff Kelly is a mechanical engineering student.

Down to earth

Jeff Kelly

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BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed 

They certainly don’t read newspapers.
Congress agrees on immigration

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate conference, after five hours of private horse trading, agreed yesterday to a sweeping immigration bill aimed at reducing the rush of illegal aliens into the United States.

As dozens of lobbyists were relegated to the corridors outside the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing room, the lawmakers found agreement on employer sanctions, civil rights protections for Hispanics, amnesty for illegal aliens with long-term residency, and free legal services for some agricultural workers.

The House dropped a plan to temporarily stop deportation of illegal immigrants from El Salvador and Nicaragua. The Reagan administration threatened to veto the bill if the proposal was retained.

Light earthquakes jar Acapulco

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Two light earthquakes shook the Pacific coast resort of Acapulco on Tuesday, the Tacubaya national seismological station said.

The tremors caused no damages or injuries, the government news agency Notimex reported from Acapulco. It quoted the local Red Cross, fire department and other assistance services.

The tremors measured 3.7 on the open-ended Richter scale and were centered 223 miles southwest of Mexico City off the Guerrero state coast, the seismological station said. They occurred between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (EDT).

Kelly is unrealistic on superpower relations

Editor — The Oct. 8 edition of Jeff Kelly's "Down to Earth" column was anything but that. The reality of superpower relations seemed to escape Kelly as he wrote it.

As two countries with conflicting interests, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. both use spies to get information from each other. While Daniloff may not have been a spy, in the interest of national security the U.S. government would not have told us if he were.

The Soviet people were told by their government that Daniloff was spying, while Zakharov's arrest was merely a set-up. While I would like to believe our government over theirs, I must at least question the integrity of ours.

An example of U.S. intelligence officials holding back the truth (if not outright lying) for the sole purpose of making the U.S.S.R. look bad is one which was included in Kelly's column. He mentions the downing of the Korean Airlines jet, which shocked the Western World. He fails to mention that U.S. administration officials knew within a short time of the incident that the Soviet pilot had actually believed the plane to be an enemy spy plane.

This information did not reach the U.S. public for many, many months. In regards to Orlov, saying "... the Soviets have released one of their many thousands of dissidents, Yuri Orlov..." is misleading.

Orlov was treated by the Soviet government as a criminal because, according to their law, he was a criminal. Most of the other "dissidents" referred to, however, are not given any special treatment by their government, such as tailing and questioning, because they are not viewed as threats to national security. Most probably would not choose to leave if they could.

Believe me, I am as conservative as Tip O'Neill is liberal, and I would readily bear arms to defend this great nation of ours, but let's not get brain-washed by everything we hear. My advice to Jeff Kelly: lay off the Rambo movies.

WILLIAM HASSENZAHL

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The building service workers, of course.

According to D.K. Philbin, who has been a building service worker at Cal Poly for two years, the service workers have put paper boards in the University Union bathrooms for about five years so that people can "write on the walls without really writing on the walls." Philbin said it's within some peoples' natures to write on the walls, which obviously makes cleaning the bathrooms more difficult.

So one of the managers came up with the idea ofaffixing boards to the bathroom walls, saving a lot of cleaning effort and time. And another service worker said other campuses are following Cal Poly's lead.

"Some clowns think it's a strike for anarchy, though, and they write on the walls anyway," Philbin said. "People have no pride in their campus; just look around at all of the junk in the courtyards," he added. But overall, the workers agree that the boards have discouraged the most destructive kinds of behavior.

Apparently both men and women on campus take advantage of this kind of bathroom talk. But men and women have different ideas and ways of expressing themselves, as evidenced by comparing the men's and women's boards which are taken down and replaced every week or two after they are full.

Opinions on drugs and both heterosexual and homosexual relations often color the walls on the men's side. One author suggests that everybody should shoot smack, not "Commies." Another one suggests that heroin is the ultimate high — much more cost effective than cocaine. On the subject of sexuality, the majority of the messages lean toward heterosexual experiences, suggestions and comments — many being rather lewd and graphic.

Men seem to be a little more creative than the women, with pictures often accompanying their ideas; most are sexually suggestive, others symbolic of issues and groups. Swastikas, Greek letters and symbols related to music are common sights on the boards.

One writer equated what he called Falwellism to stupidity; another writer advocated one freer spirit and criticized another. Another writer attacked what he called Bigfootism as foolishness; another writer wrote about the adventures of Bigfoot and some Hollywood notables: "Bigfoot adopts Vanna White and Eric Estrada and keeps them in an ant farm with UFOs." Whatever that means.

Another writer attacked what he saw as narrow-minded religiosity with: "So only your views are rational? Open your mind..."

Overall, the men seem to talk about the same things. But there was a time when those things were less offensive and even funny, said Philbin. "The men's side is not funny anymore; they used to have a sense of humor and tell a lot of good jokes, but now they're just crude."

On the other side, the women tend to be more philosophical and less preoccupied with things of the sexual nature. "The women tend to talk more about religious things or even Ann Landers types of things," Philbin said. There tends to be a lot of gossip, advice and ideas about relationships, teachers, classes and sorority life. And in reference to anything sexual, women tend to refer to the act as "making love" rather than "making it" or anything else less dignified.

One woman departed on an activist vein, writing: "Do we fear our enemies more than we love our children? Don't promote the arms race by working for defense contractors when you leave Cal Poly. Money isn't everything."

Another woman asked for advice: "I'm in love with two guys — one is a great lover but young and independent; one loves me deeply, has a great job and offers stability — what should I do?"

So whether it's advice, a few laughs, or even profound opinions, then the bathroom walls may be the best place to monitor and contribute to public expression.

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Back to the rat race

Women returning to school after taking some time off find that unique and unexpected problems await them

BY SANDRA COFFEY

There's a brand new group on campus dealing with age-old problems confronted by women who have returned to school, often with husbands and families in tow.

The Women's Re-entry Association held its first meeting last week to acquaint members with one another and to discuss goals and purposes for the following year. The meeting was attended by women ranging in age from late 20s to early 40s. About 25 percent of the women are married, and most have children. They're studying everything from business to architecture and a few are working toward second degrees.

The group was formed this summer when Paula Steinhart, an English professor, became concerned about the number of "older" students coming in to see her for advice about various problems that don't affect the majority of the students on campus. "Every quarter I have one or two older women who have been in my classes and say, 'Gee I'm having a hard time — I can't get this stuff together — I don't have enough child care — I don't think I'm going to make it — and I don't have enough money, and I don't know anybody my age,' " Steinhart said. She explained that all she could do was sit back and offer moral support but that now she can tell them of a place where they can meet people just like themselves, who have chosen to go back to school after being away and are "a little lonesome and a lot afraid."

Laurie Barton, an engineering major and secretary of the Re-entry Association, said she shared many of the same problems that other members of the group have. Barton is a single mother with two children, and it's taken her six years to make it to senior status. "The first quarter I came here I spent the first two-and-a-half months in tears. I had to deal with professors who didn't care that I had two children at home. I had to deal with other students and the competition. I felt out of place. I'm older than they are and I have responsibilities that they didn't have. If I would have had something like this, I think it would have made a real difference."

The president of the Women's Re-entry Association, Beverly Reed, outlined some of the areas that are of major concern to the group. "The supportive networks, political awareness, and educational and career development are the areas that we felt were lacking here at Cal Poly and we need help with," said Reed. These three areas include individual problems with campus child care, financial aid, employment opportunities and counseling referrals.

Reed explained some of the dilemmas encountered by group members. "One of the first of these is housing references; Cal Poly doesn't have family housing. It is extremely hard for single parents and families to find housing in this area. Childcare is another thing. The Cal Poly Children's Center has a waiting list of some 200 students waiting to get in. This needs to be expanded. There is a real need for child care. It is expensive, about $200 a month just for care for my son," she said.

Steinhart said she hopes some small loans or grants can be made available to members of the group to take care of problems or to buy books. She said an emergency fund may also be possible in which members of the group may borrow money without having to pay it back. Steinhart said money will come from groups and individuals who adopt their cause and from donations.

Steinhart said an issue that bothers her is that Cal Poly is the only state college without a women's studies program or a women's resource center. Because there is not a resource center on campus, women have access to the Women's Resource Center located on Marsh Street.

"We have the resources to have these things, but they're not being used," Steinhart said.

Because re-entry groups are usually same-sex groups, Steinhart said she feels there is also a need for a men's re-entry group. She said that re-entry men and women differ in that men's problems are less financial and more emotional, while women's are more often financial. She said she hopes a faculty member will start a re-entry group for men. "Re-entry men are not taken care of properly. It's a shame Cal Poly is lacking; we hope to set an example," Steinhart said.

Willie Coleman, the assistant director at the Activities Planning Center, said she felt the formation of a re-entry group was a byproduct of Women's Week, which has been held on campus for the past four years. Coleman said it was past due for a re-entry group to be formed.

Steinhart closed her speech at the meeting with a statement about the group's strong intent to help one another attain their goals. "Can you make it? Yes you can. Will you make it? Yes you will. Can we help you? You're damn right, and we're going to do our best to do it."
Holocaust survivor wins Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Elie Wiesel, who survived the Nazi Holocaust to become the voice of its victims and a champion of dignity for all people, was chosen Tuesday to receive the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee praised the naturalized American author as a spiritual leader in an age of violence and hatred.

"Wiesel's commitment, which originated in the sufferings of the Jewish people, has been widened to embrace all oppressed peoples and races," its citation said.

Wiesel, 58, lost his parents and younger sister in Nazi death camps during World War II. He has recorded the suffering of Jews under Hitler and their problems in the Soviet Union today.

"I have devoted my life to a certain cause, the cause of memory, the cause of remembrance, and now I feel that maybe I will have a better opportunity to say the same words — I'm not going to change now — for more people," Wiesel said in New York, where he lives.

"I owe something to the dead. That was their obsession, to be remembered. Anyone who does not remember betrays them again." Wiesel's committee cited.

The committee's statement said: "Elie Wiesel has emerged as one of the most important spiritual leaders and guides in an age when violence, repression and racism continue to characterize the world.

"Wiesel is a messenger to mankind, his message is one of peace, atonement and human dignity. His belief that the forces fighting evil in the world can be victorious is a hard-won belief." Wiesel's work from 1944, when 15,000 Jews deported by Germans and Hungarian fascists from his native town of Sighet in what is now Romania. It was one of the last great deportations in Hitler's extermination of an estimated 6 million Jews.

The boy's mother and younger sister died in the Auschwitz concentration camp and his father died in Buchenwald. He was separated from two older sisters at Auschwitz and did not learn that they survived until after the war.

Wiesel lived in France and studied literature, philosophy and psychology at the Sorbonne from 1948-1951.

He also worked as a journalist, traveling to Israel to cover the foundation of the Jewish state for the French newspaper L'Arche. He was Paris correspondent for the Tel Aviv newspaper Yedioth Ahronot in 1952, and in 1956 reported for it on the United Nations.

Remaining in the United States, he applied for U.S. citizenship in 1956. The first of his nearly two dozen books, published in Yiddish in Buenos Aires that year, was called "And the World Has Remained Silent."

A condensed version appeared in French as "La Nuit" and was published later in the United States as "Night."


In 1969, he married Marion Erster Rose, also a Holocaust survivor.

President Reagan presented Wiesel with the Congressional Gold Medal of Achievement on April 19, 1985, recognizing his leadership as chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, and work in advancing human rights and contributions to literature.

Reagan was planning to visit a cemetery at Bitburg, West Germany, in which some of the dead were members of the Nazi SS elite guard, and Wiesel said in a plea during the ceremony:

"That place, Mr. President, is not your place. Your place is with the victims of the SS." Earlier this year, Wiesel criticized the United States, Soviet Union and Yugoslavia for not exposing former U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's wartime involvement with the German army in the Balkans.

Wiesel is the third American to win a Nobel award this year.

Each of this year's Nobels is worth a record 2 million Swedish kronor, about $290,000.

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goals is to increase the number of Booster clubs, not only in California but in Hawaii and Alaska also.

"In the '50s and '60s there was a lot of interest in California schools, and a sort of pipeline seemed to have been created from Hawaii to Cal Poly," said Walker.

The Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 1985-1986 for the California Polytechnic State University Foundation has now been completed.

Copies for public information are available in the Foundation Director's Office (Trailer, Truckee, Road) and the Campus Library.
The origins, lore and impact of one of California's best-known and most ornate monuments is examined in a three-part series

BY C. BARKS

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n a fateful letter to architect Julia Morgan, William Randolph Hearst wrote, "... Miss Morgan, we are tired of camping out in the open at the ranch in San Simeon and I would like to build a little something..."

Ironically, the "little something" would turn out to be Hearst Castle, one of the most extravagant homes ever built. Since Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument first opened to the public, Cal Poly students have had the enjoyable task of shuttling friends and relatives up Highway 1 to the castle. The monument is the most popular tourist attraction in the state of California next to Disneyland, according to the State Department of Parks and Recreation.

Driving to the castle from San Luis Obispo takes about 45 minutes. Much of that time is spent passing through land once owned by the Hearst family. Considering the cost of land along the California coast today, it is fascinating to think of George Hearst, William Randolph's father, buying some 30,000 acres of prime land for about 70 cents an acre in 1865.

That acreage was part of a Mexican Land Grant called Piedra Blanca given to Jose del Jesus Pico in 1840. However, California became a state in 1850, and the Act of 1851 put the burden of proof upon the grant holder when attempting to have the land titles confirmed by the U.S. government. Litigation could drag on for years. When Pico was ruined by legal fees and drought, George Hearst purchased most of his holdings.

The present-day Hearst Ranch includes nearly all of Piedra Blanca as it stood in the mid-1800s. It extended from Arroyo del Padre Juan at its lower end, past San Simeon Bay, and nearly up to what is today called Ragged Point. From the coastline inland, it extends up the main slopes of the Santa Lucia Mountains.

Eventually, the Hearst land holdings would total 240,000 acres, an area about half the size of Rhode Island.

George Hearst and his wife Phoebe Apperson Hearst, along with their only child William Randolph, often made extended camping trips to the ranch. Their favorite spot was the very same ridge where the younger Hearst would eventually build the castle. However, back then it was simply "Camp Hill."

The Hearsts would camp out in luxury with a huge main tent for dances and parties, surrounded by smaller guest tents. The campsite resembled a temporary village, with servants, guests, kitchens, and toilet facilities.

As W.R. Hearst grew older, business, politics, and a family of his own kept him away from San Simeon. His father died in 1891, leaving his entire estate to his wife, and the camping trips to the ranch were no more.

Perhaps the idea for building a home on Camp Hill, where he had spent so many happy days, was already beginning to take form in Hearst's head when he wrote to his mother, "I love this ranch. It is wonderful. I love the sea, and I love the mountains and the hollows in the hills, and the shady places in the creeks, and the fine old oaks..."

When Phoebe Hearst died in 1919, she left everything to her son, and the idea became a reality.

Hearst thought first only to build a rustic bungalow when he approached Julia Morgan, an architect who had worked for him before, in 1919. However, that idea was discarded in favor of...
CASTLE

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something more elaborate.

Julia Morgan has been recognized as the most accom-
plished woman in the history of American architecture. In
Taylor Coffman’s book “Hearst
Castle,” he wrote, “Known both
as a versatile problem-solver and
as an unselfish ‘client’s archi-

tect’, Morgan was a wise

choice on Hearst’s part, as the
complexities of the San Simeon
job would continually prove.”

Morgan was the first woman to
receive a degree in engineering
from the University of California,
as well as the first woman to
earn an architectural degree from
Ecole de Beaux Arts in Paris.

Hearst was living in New York
when he hired Morgan, and she

lived in San Francisco. As a
result, they corresponded fre-
quently, allowing Hearst to re-
main involved, as they planned
what they would do.

In 1920, actual construction
began on the hill. Hearst was 57
years old, and Morgan was 48.

Continual building and
rebuilding would occur until
1937. During the 1930s, the building
of Hearst Castle was the largest
private construction job in the
state, providing work for hun-
dreds of San Luis Obispo County
residents during the Great
Depression.

The work force averaged about
80 to 90 men, sometimes dipping
to 25, or rising to 125, depending
on the money available and the
supplies on hand. In a letter from
Morgan to Hearst, she wrote, “It
was necessary to provide board,
lodging and transportation in
order to get men in any of the
trades, crafts, or even plain
labor. The cost of temporary
shacks, tents, bedding, kitchen
dining outfits, etc. has been
heavy, but these are an asset...

The camp is run on somewhat
less than a dollar a day per man,
which is a good record as there
are no complaints as to food. The
chef says he is the most impor-
tant man on the mountain ...”

All building supplies were
brought by steamer from San
Francisco, and then by cart or
truck up the rough road to the
hilltop.

Hearst and Morgan also faced
problems because of the isolation
of the construction site. She
wrote, “San Simeon was actually
more isolated in 1920 than it had
been years earlier. After the
Southern Pacific rails linked San
Luis Obispo with the rest of
California, the use of San Simeon
Bay had fallen off sharply.”

Making use of the coast road up
through Morro Bay and Cambria
was also not practical, par-
ticularly during the rainy season.

To make matters worse, the
isolation also made it difficult to
attract and keep an adequate
labor force. According to
Morgan, in a letter to Hearst,
“They all agreed that the living
conditions, money, and food were
all right, but they didn’t like
feeling so far away from things.”

Eventually, however, the three
guest houses, La Casa del Mar,
La Casa del Monte, and La Casa
del Sol — named for their respec-
tive views — were finished, and
in 1925 Hearst moved into the
main house, La Casa Grande. In
1921, Hearst’s wife Millicent
renamed Camp Hill Las
Estrellas. However, when the
Hearsts learned that a ranch
owner was hoping to sell land
near the hilltop, they purchased
500 acres of land, christening it
La Cuesta Encantada, meaning
The Enchanted Hill.

The massive collection of art-
work that lends Hearst Castle
the air of a museum is of in-
calculable value today. In the
1920s, Hearst actively followed
the art market. Coffman wrote,
“A mighty inheritance along
with the need to amass a bounty
of decorative objects drove him
to collect on a level rivaling the
great art dealers of the period.”

From 1920 to 1930, several
freight cars each year filled with
statues, paintings, and other art
objects were sent out to the
estate. So many pieces were sent,
in fact, that not all of them were
ever unpacked.

By 1930, La Cuesta Encantada
had become Hearst’s most fre-
quented address. In 1924, he and
his wife had separated, and he
had begun a relationship with
actress Marion Davies which
would continue for the rest of his
life. Additionally, Hearst had
become very involved with the
motion picture industry. As a
result, stars such as Clark Gable,
Cary Grant, Dick Powell and
many others were guests at the
castle. It is this era of Hearst
Castle history that most fasci-
nates visitors to the monument
today: the parties, the gossip and
stories of Hollywood in its gold-
enage.

Financial difficulties eventual-
ly forced Hearst to put several of
the projects at the castle on hold.
By 1937, construction had ceased.
However, it did resume briefly
in late 1945. Unfortunately, in
1947 Hearst’s heart suffered a
severe fibrillation. Warned by
doctors that the castle was too
far away from adequate medical
facilities, Hearst and Davies
moved to Beverly Hills, where he
lived for four years until his
death in 1951 at the age of 88.

In his will, Hearst requested
that the people of California be
allowed to purchase the
property. The Hearst Corporation
first offered the castle to the University
of California, but when it decline-
ed, an attempt was made to sell it.
Eventually, the corporation gave
the hilltop, consisting of the
castle, its contents, and 125
acres of land, to the State of
California.

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RUNNING THE DISTANCE TOGETHER

BY RON NIELSEN, Staff Writer

For one pair of Cal Poly athletes, going an extra mile or two is no problem.

In four years at Cal Poly, Gladees Prieur has developed into one of the leading middle and long distance runners in the country and forms the backbone of the women's cross country and track teams. Her younger brother Christian runs the steeplechase and is an up and coming member of the men's cross country squad.

Both athletes began their long distance travels early in life with a trip from their birthplace in Venezuela to Santa Monica, California. Both became members of the prestigious Santa Monica Track and Field Club when their local schools could not provide a track team as an extracurricular activity.

Track and field first appealed to then-14-year-old Gladees simply because, "I liked running fast," she said. As a young teenager, however, she lacked the necessary discipline and enthusiasm to run long distances. "The coach was lucky to get a good 30 minutes a day from me," she said.

As a high school senior competing for the club in invitational meets against tough competition she developed into an accomplished miler. She brought those talents to Cal Poly in 1981. "I heard they had a good program here," she said. The school lacked the abundance of raw talent and financial resources, she said, but the coaching staff had demonstrated that it could produce improved times and increased caliber in the runners that it had. "That is what a good coach should do," she said.

Women's track and field coach Lance Harter said that because Gladees has raced against top competition for most of her career, she has developed into a national contender. "She is one of the up and coming middle distance runners in the U.S.," he said. "She is also an integral part of our top five runners."

Despite her success in cross country (two years ago she took third in the nation for Division II schools), the 21-year-old prefers the 1500-meter event in track and field. "I've gotten attached to it," she said. As a sophomore and junior she won two NCAA titles in that event.

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Tennis team starts off year with tournament

By Gita Virmani

The Cal Poly men's tennis team began pre-season play at the Inter-Collegiate Tennis Coaches Association Regional Championships at Cal State Hayward Friday through Sunday.

The highlight of the tournament for the Mustangs was Mike Giusto, who reached the singles finals. A returner from last year, Giusto lost to Mauricio Achonda of Cal State Hayward 6-3, 7-6. "I think I played really well," Giusto said. "I was nervous in the first round, but after that I settled down. I played a lot this summer and it showed."

Three other Cal Poly players reached the quarterfinals in singles competition. Jim Ault lost to Anders Pernfors, a Swedish student from West Valley College, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5; Dale Minney lost to Tom Edwards of Hayward 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 and Tim Fresenius lost to Achonda 6-4, 6-2.

Two Mustang doubles teams also reached the quarterinals. Giusto and Steve Vogt lost to Steve Devries and Don Leone, the No. 1 team from UC Berkeley, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3. Devries was ranked No. 1 in Division I last year.

Minney and Ault lost to Shaw LeClercq and Chris Gerety, the No. 1 team from Fresno State, 6-3, 6-1.

The tournament included teams from universities in Northern California and the Pacific Northwest and the winner received a bid to the National Indoor Championships.

The Mustangs will continue pre-season play through fall quarter, with the team participating in three or four more tournaments, said coach Hugh Bream.

He said that because the team practices every day, the players will be prepared for the 1987 season, which takes place during winter and spring quarters.

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chance to concentrate on condi­
tioning," he said. "There is also
time to make any necessary changes and to keep the guys motivated."

Returning players from last year are Bob Zoller, who was Cal Poly's No. 1 player, as well as Minney and Giusto. Two of the new players, Ault and Fresenius, look especially promising, Bream said.

Ault is a transfer student from Grossmont Junior College in San Diego, which won the state junior college championships last year.

Fresenius is a freshman from Palos Verdes, who Bream expects to be ranked between No. 10 and No. 15 in Southern California this year.

"The guys are definitely playing well in practice, but it's too early to assess them fully," Bream said. "I expect them to continue improving since they have all been playing in various tournaments and working hard."

Giusto said he is looking forward to the 1987 season.

"Almost everyone on the team is new," he said. "It will be a real experiment to see how everyone responds to pressure. I'm looking forward to run-ins with Chapman College (Cal Poly's main rival), because they have lots of new players too."

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FARMING

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Banks of Sacramento on Nov. 1 and 2 in the largest such multiple-property disposal ever held in California. Bank of America unloaded 17 of 23 reposessed farm properties in a similar auction in September, raising nearly $4 million, 76 percent of the land's appraised value.

On a statewide basis, California, with its diverse mix of fruit, nut, vegetable and livestock operations, has been able to withstand some of the overproduction and low commodity price problems that have devastated the wheat, corn and soybean belts of the East and Midwest. The financial conditions that began in the early 1980s, however, are now affecting California farmers in the same way as their brethren in other parts of the country.

Clay Little, agricultural economics professor, said, "There are as many reasons as there are grains of sand on the beach." He said that the current upheaval in agriculture is the result of both bad business judgment by individual farmers and bad breaks that allowed corporations like the weather, are beyond any one person's control.

Little and agricultural economics professor John Rogalla said the current cycle of agricultural problems is rooted in the low-inflation, expanding foreign markets and rising land values of the 1970s. Farmers of the grain belts were urged by the government to "get out of wheat," and the dollar strengthened, making all exports less desirable to foreign buyers. As a result, the pressures forcing land prices up evaporated and land values across the country dropped to where they are now: 40 percent of 1979 levels.

"Real estate in the 1970s was like pot in the 1960s," Little said. "You find it out works so well you just can't stop doing it. It went hog-wild."

Little added that farmers producing the largest yields in history and foreign markets drying up in the face of grain too expensive to buy, many farmers found their incomes insufficient to meet their loan payments. There have been more mortgage foreclosures in the past three years than since the Great Depression.

Banks, in turn, found themselves with non-performing loans and many of them folded under the weight of bad debt. Bank failures are running 10 times higher than at any time in the past three decades and Bank of America may change hands due to an entire portfolio of bad loans.

"Bankers don't want to foreclose," Rogalla said. "They don't want to be in the farming business."

The business of farming is one that needs available capital to purchase equipment and plan crops on a timely dictated more by the weather than the whims of the loan market. Farmers traditionally have turned to commercial banks for long-term loans (commercial banks hold 20 percent of all farm debt) and to the Farm Credit System for the short-term money necessary to maintain production.

The Farm Credit System is made up of federal land and intermediate credit banks, production credit associations and banks for cooperatives. The system holds 30 percent of all farm debt and is undergoing consolidation in the face of decreased loans. The Farmers Home Administration, which holds 12 percent of all farm debt, is the "lender of last resort" for farmers with insufficient collateral for new farmers.

The auctions taking place in Sacramento and Fresno are the result of these institutions attempting to recover some of the lost investment without depressing land values further by putting the properties on the market all at once. Don Villarejo of the Institute for Rural Studies in Davis said that California's diverse agricultural base has created a situation slightly different from the commodity producers of the Midwest. Oil and insurance companies took advantage of the tax situation to invest in permanent crops such as almonds and grapes for wine and raisins.

In the mid-1970s, for example, the Prudential Insurance Company planted large almond acreages in Kern County and produced yields two to three times those of smaller growers in the northern part of the valley.

The farmer must reply within 14 days or lose the right to mediation. A trained mediator runs an analysis on the farm and the parties have 60 days to work out a settlement. A similar law in Iowa mandates that the farmer and lender have at least one meeting before foreclosure can take place.

Debt restructuring and moratoriums on foreclosures have also been suggested as ways for farmers to recover from periods of bad luck due to weather problems and market conditions completely removed from their control. These suggestions could work in California as alternatives to foreclosure. Rogalla said that farmers will need the ability to produce and if prices were raised, few farmers would be unable to make their payments.

There are no simple solutions to the problems facing agriculture, Rogalla said, but there are some hopeful signs. The recent success of the bull sale at Cal Poly, for example, indicates that the bottom may have been reached.

"Farmers are usually great optimists," he said. "They wouldn't be in this business if they weren't."

Prices were depressed, family growers were unable to sustain four or five years of reduced income and many lost their land to the banks and lending institutions.

Under the tax laws, Villarejo said, the corporation was able to deduct their almond losses from other businesses in their portfolio. The tax revisions just passed by Congress, he said, will eliminate the ability of "farming for a loss" operations to dominate the production picture at the expense of less-capitalized farms.

Other solutions to the problems of agriculture are being tried throughout the grain belt and in the west. In Minnesota, for example, lenders holding a note valued at more than $5,000 must initiate mediation procedures before they can foreclose.

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