The Poly floral business
Hands-on experience to turn a profit

By Julie Anne Lauer
Staff Writer

Overlooking campus, beyond the parking lot by the horse unit, is a unique little flower shop and nursery operated by the ornamental horticulture department.

The shop is part of the Ag Enterprise Project and is completely student-run. It is tied in as an instructional facility to teach students as well as to sell their products.

Unit manager Dave Focht said, "Everything that you see here has to have student involvement. We aren't allowed to buy in and then just turn around and re-sell like a regular nursery."

Most flowers are student-grown; if the flowers have been purchased for the shop, students have to do something with them such as create a bouquet or arrangement.

The flower shop and nursery opened in 1970 when the ornamental horticulture unit moved to its present location, said Focht.

The flower shop and nursery are open from 12 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The shop is open year-round except during quarter breaks.

The prices at the flower shop are competitive with those in town. "It's good business ethics," Focht said.

However, because the unit is supported by the nursery and floral industries, the flower shop can offer its services — such as wedding flower arrangements — only to students, faculty and staff. "The flower sales are directed within the college community," Focht said.

This is to keep the unit out of direct competition with its supporters.

Focht said that one of the problems the shop has is reaching potential customers. Because the shop is so far from the center of the campus, not many students know that it is even there. But business has been getting better since the shop began advertising on campus.

Also, the shop is one of the new stops on the WOW group tour of the campus. During the introduction to the area new students are given coupons as incentive to come back and see what the shop has to offer.

The nursery carries landscape plant materials — both trees and shrubs — year-round. And with the seasonal changes, the nursery also carries a variety of bedding plants and color items.

"Thanks to communication"

Ideas for rose float sought

By Julie Anne Lauer
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly rose parade float has only recently finished its Jan. 1 trip down Colorado Boulevard, but preparations are already underway for the 1988 entry.

The Rose Float Committee is conducting a contest to find a design for next year's float. The winner of the contest will receive two tickets to the Rose Bowl game or $100, according to Michelle Miller, publicity chairperson.

The theme for the 1988 Tournament of Roses parade is "Thanks to Communication."

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Applications up; prospects denied

By Donna Taylor
Staff Writer

Cal Poly got a record number of applications for admission this year, but because of enrollment limits, the university turned away many more new students than it could accept.

More than 12,700 hopeful freshmen and transfer students applied for admission to Cal Poly for fall 1987, the largest number ever. However, according to Admissions Officer Dave Snyder, only about 2,800 new undergraduates can be accepted.

"For Cal Poly, that's about 1,100 more applications than last year," said Snyder. "Only San Diego State had more applications in the CSU system, but they have more than twice our population."

According to Roger Swanson, associate vice president of enrollment support services, it's difficult for the university to have to turn down so many prospects.

"Academic Affairs sets a limit each year on how many students we can accept," said Swanson. "And each year we receive a deluge of letters from disappointed parents complaining about their children's denial. But nearly all of our programs are impacted, and we've reached the point where only top students can be admitted."

A limit of 2,815 applicants can be admitted to the university, and a diverse selection process is involved in determining who gets in, said Snyder.

"First we deal with applicants to the impacted schools, like business, engineering and architecture," he said. "For example, 1,356 people applied for 131 spaces in the School of Business.

They are ranked from 1 to 1,356 according to the department's ideal. The first 131 are then accepted."

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Plagiarism subject of A. Senate resolution

By Jerry McKay
Staff Writer

According to the Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology, plagiarism comes from the Greek word plagioma, which means kidnapper or literary thief.

Although jail is rarely imposed for such a crime, the Academic Senate will vote today on a proposed resolution that would, if adopted, set up guidelines for faculty to use in dealing with students accused of plagiarism.

The guidelines, which would be incorporated into the Campus Administrative Manual (CAM), state, "Plagiarism may be considered a form of cheating and subject to the same policy. However, as there may be a fine line between plagiarism and editorship with poor attention to form, some instructor discretion is appropriate... provided there was no obvious intent to deceive."

English professor Linda Halisky said she has not found many cases of blatant plagiarism in her classes, and attributes this to her style of discipline. "I trust the students in my class," she said, but added, "If I do catch them, they're dead ducks."

Halisky said that since she has been teaching, she has had only two cases of blatant plagiarism. She said the type of assignment that is most susceptible to plagiarism is the long-term paper. Halisky suspects plagiarism when a student turns in a paper that is written in a style that is inconsistent with formal, some instructor discretion is appropriate... provided there was no obvious intent to deceive."

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IN QUOTES

Half your mistakes in life arise from feeling you ought to think, and thinking where we ought to feel.

—John Collins
The perils of ideological simplicity

FROM THE LEFT

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In his first four years in office the president held no summit meetings with the Soviet leadership. Following the Carter administration's attempts to control the arms buildup with SALT II agreements, Caspar Weinberger almost single-handedly destroyed all that had been accomplished. We have become a nation which exports arms — not democracy.

Washington's concern is security. The solution has been found in a military buildup, not a diplomatic buildup. America's military strength and economic wealth have given us a smug attitude of superiority. We do not deal with other nations as peers deserving of respect. Instead we treat the third world nations as third-class.

The Reagan administration apparently feels that the continued poverty, ill-health, illiteracy and overpopulation in the less developed nations are of their own making. The president's men unwise feel that the Central American conflict is a case of good vs. evil, right vs. wrong.

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Juvenile death penalty considered

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Monday it will decide whether the death penalty is a valid punishment for convicted murderers who committed their crimes before they were 18 years old.

The justices agreed to hear the appeal of Oklahoma death row inmate William Wayne Thompson, convicted of a murder committed when he was 15.

Governors for welfare reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's governors came away from a White House meeting with President Reagan on Monday saying he agreed with low-cost elements of their work-oriented welfare reform proposal but not their call for a national standard for welfare benefits.

The governors, holding their annual winter meeting, are expected to overwhelmingly approve Tuesday a formal policy statement calling for major overhaul of the welfare system. The plan was approved Sunday by the governors' executive committee.

Dark horse announces candidacy

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rep. Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri announced his bid for the presidency on Monday, acknowledging he is unknown to most Americans but insisting that sheer effort will catapult him to the 1988 Democratic nomination.

The moderate Democrat, accompanied by about 20 members of Congress, opened his bid with a call "to make America first again" with a reactivated national government.

The six-term St. Louis-area congressman became the first major Democrat to officially announce for president, with several others to follow suit this spring.

Speaker applauded for his views on conspiracy

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Liberal talk, entitled "Who Slew the Dreamer?" explained many of the different theories about the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. Cohen concluded that King was the object of a conspiracy, one which might have included the Ku Klux Klan and the FBI. More importantly, Cohen revealed how we are all objects of a conspiracy — a conspiracy against peace, justice and equality — perpetrated by the corporate elite.

Martin Luther King Jr., though he dreamed of civil rights for blacks, also dreamed of the nation he loved lifting itself "to a higher destiny, to a new plateau of compassion" through elimination of poverty and war. Why is it that the media and the corporate elite have forgotten the dream? Why is it that the United States, which celebrates Martin Luther King Day, has forgotten the dream?

As an example, NBC is owned by General Electric. Does Tom Brokaw ever target the unpleasant truths about poverty, inequality, government corruption, or U.S. military and nuclear policy? General Electric may "bring the good things to life," but it is also the world's largest provider of nuclear and military equipment.

The need for FAIR has been brought into stark relief in recent years as the mainstream media have become increasingly conservative. Corporate mergers in the media have accelerated, threatening to further limit the spectrum of viewpoints. Well-financed groups such as Accuracy in Media harass the media for being too liberal, targeting those journalists who persist in uncovering unpleasant truths about poverty, inequality, government corruption or U.S. military policy.

Is it simply too liberal to permit balanced coverage of such issues as the arms race, Central America, the environment or civil rights?

These were the questions Cohen posed. These were the issues about which a handful of concerned people told their stories. Is it that virtually everyone has forgotten the dream, or is it that the conspirators have assassinated us too?"
Tuesday, February 24, 1987

**calendar**

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- There will be a London Study Program meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Fisher Science Room 286.
- The Society of Civil Engineers will hold a popsicle stick bridge contest at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the University Union Plaza.
- The University Union Travel Club will hold a presentation on Australia at 6 p.m. Tuesday in University Union Room 220.
- The Financial Aid Office will hold a S.A.A.C. form workshop Tuesday in Santa Lucia residence hall.
- **Tuesday's Women's Week activities:**
  - A panel discussion on "Making Difficult Decisions Amidst Controversy: The Abortion Issue" will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday in University Union Room 220.
  - A speech by Ann Schofield titled "Smart Women, Smart Choices: Female Labor Activists" will be at 10 a.m. in University Union Room 216.
  - Artists Theo Coleman and Mary Whiteford will be available to discuss their exhibition, "Cries and Whispers from Limbo (An Art Exhibit)" at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the first floor, Rear Gallery of the Library.
  - A panel discussion titled "Date Rape II: A problem at Cal Poly?" will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in University Union Room 220.
  - A panel discussion on "The Choice to Return to College: Women Move Out On Their Own" will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in University Union Room 216.
  - A talk by Linda Halisky on "'This Above All ... ': Women & The Dilemma of Choice" will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in University Union Room 219.
  - Cal Poly interns discuss "Government Internships: Trying a Piece of the Action" at 4 p.m. Tuesday in University Union Room 216.
  - Sally Thomas and Rebecca Denison, members of the national nonprofit group Woman to Woman, will talk about "Women's Changing Role in Central America" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Chumash Auditorium. Tickets are $1 at the door.

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**Wednesday's Women's Week activities:**

- A panel discussion on "A Mind-Body-Spirit Approach to Wellness" will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday in University Union Room 220.
- Nancy Jorgensen will talk about "Students Preparing for Dual Career Marriages" at 10 a.m. Wednesday in University Union Room 216.
- A panel discussion on "Having It All: Does Having a Career Equal Sacrificing Family?" will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in University Union Room 220.
- Films "Killing Me Softly" and "Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman" will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Bishop Lounge.
- A poetry reading by Judy Grahn, author of "Another Mother Tongue," will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in San Luis Lounge as part of the Arts & Humanities Lecture Series.

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**Spring Semester**

**ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS WITH LOCKHEED.**
Poly Choir will join London study program

By Jennifer Manor

Joining the London Study program spring quarter will be a group of students who will not only take the required general education units, but will also tour Great Britain as a choir.

Thirty-four singers from the Cal Poly University Singers, the Cal Poly Men's Chorus and the Cal Poly Women's Chorus will participate in the program as a choir. This is the first time Cal Poly has been represented by a choir group in the London Study Program.

Tom Davies, director of choral activities, got the idea for the choir to tour England when he was accepted as an instructor for the London Study Program. "I thought it a good idea to take a group of students overseas, as a choral ensemble, to represent Cal Poly State University, California," he said.

England is one of the most important countries in the field of choral music, Davies said. "This is an opportunity to hear some great choral singing, and immerse ourselves in the culture of England, Scotland and Wales."

The choir will sing pieces by English composers who worked in cathedrals in the late 16th century, as well as some American compositions. Many of the American pieces will be spirituals.

"The English, I've been told, particularly like American spirituals," said Davies.

The students organized a raffle to help raise money for the trip. Students receive one dollar for each ticket sold, and the money will go toward tuition and traveling expenses.

Cam Read is coordinating the raffle prizes. She said the raffle prizes were donated by parents, friends and San Luis Obispo merchants. "We started off with 5,000 tickets at the beginning of the quarter," Read said. "We originally planned to hold the drawing on Feb. 25, but may hold off. We still have 2,000 more tickets to sell."

Original tour plans included a visit to Europe after completing the London Study Program, Read said. However, the singing group couldn't afford the additional itinerary.

The group does have plans to travel throughout the London area, to Scotland and Wales.

"We'll be singing in various cathedrals like Saint Paul's, Lincoln Cathedral and Canterbury Cathedral," said Read. She said the group is also planning tour dates in Scotland and Wales sometime in May.

Vivian Gregory, president of University Singers, said the best thing about going with the London Study as a choir group member is the chance to live and study in a completely different atmosphere. "There's something mystical about the thought of singing in a place where Bach composed music. Visiting these historical places is one thing but singing in them is something different," said Gregory.

Manager of the University Singers Lori Hammar is also looking forward to studying and singing in London. "It's not only a great educational experience for the members of the choir group, but incredible advertisement for Cal Poly," said Hammar.

She said the singing group has never really performed out of the state, let alone out of the country. "I hope the choir group gets support from all Cal Poly students," said Hammar. "We aren't just singing for ourselves, we're spreading the Cal Poly name around Great Britain."

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Merchants in favor of new mall

By Stacey Myers
Staff Writer

Downtown merchants aren't worried about the expanding Madonna Road shopping area. In fact, they say they're glad to see it.

"Downtown San Luis Obispo is one of the best shopping areas of anywhere on the Central Coast. People used to go all the way to Santa Maria to go to big department stores, but now they don't have to," said Dodie Williams, the director of the downtown Business Improvement Association.

And because shoppers will stay here, said Williams, they'll naturally be drawn to the downtown area.

"Not many downtowns have beautiful creeks running through them, with places for eating and shopping right on the creek," said Williams.

Madonna Road Plaza currently has 45 stores in operation. And an additional shopping mall, Central Coast Plaza, is planned for the area between Park Suites Hotel and Gottschalk's. That mall will be totally enclosed and will house 60 new stores, said Maggie Cox, assistant manager of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber has supported the development of the mall from the very beginning, said Cox.

"We feel any increased business in San Luis Obispo is good," she said. "We wanted the mall here because if it didn't go in San Luis, it would have gone in somewhere else, like Atascadero.

Although the mall may have a distinct advantage when it comes to parking availability, Williams doesn't see it as a threat to the downtown merchants.

"The only problem would be if all the parking spaces downtown were empty," she said. "The heavy parking and daily turnover is a sign that the downtown is healthy."

Ellen Puryear is the owner and manager of Creekside Toys and Costumes, which has been located on Higuera Street for 10 years. She looked into moving her store into the Central Coast Plaza, but decided against it.

"Moving my store out there would be very expensive," she said. "I've been here so long, I have a clientele built up. You know, when something's new, people like to try it out. But there's a uniqueness to the downtown that the mall just won't have."

Dennis Johansen is the manager of Jim's Campus Camera, also located on Higuera Street. He too sees the expansion of the Madonna Road shopping area as beneficial for downtown businesses.

"I think the mall provides a dam or a buffer to people who might have otherwise gone down to Santa Maria," he said. But Johansen doesn't see his store moving to Madonna Road.

"We have a lot of customers who work in the county building and for the city who come in on their lunch hours," he said. "Even if they don't buy anything, at least they're looking at our merchandise. We wouldn't get that kind of traffic if we were in the mall."

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Each school shared in the increased applications, with the exception of agriculture. All of those applicants, and all transfer applicants to the School of Science and Mathematics, were granted acceptance, their numbers being within the established targets.

Cal Poly's quality of education, reputation and "bargain education" are three factors contributing to the increase in applications, said Swanson.

"Our good image has put us in the league with Berkeley and UCLA," he said. "In addition, we intensified our recruitment of underrepresented minority students this year. Several new focuses for recruitment were begun by my office (Relations with Schools) and Student Academic Services."

This procedure might create some curiosity as to why recruitment is stepped up when only a certain number of students are granted acceptance.

"The minorities category reflects the specialized efforts targeted to recruit that area of students," said Swanson. "We are not just looking for bodies to add to our applicant pool. True, we have close to our whole population in applications, but we've increased in the underrepresented categories just as we wanted to."

For fall 1987 admission, Cal Poly had a 39 percent increase in applications from black students, and a 37 percent growth in Hispanic applicants.

As an individual faction, Mexican American applications rose by 29 percent, said Swanson.

"We had an unusual increase in Pacific Islander applicants, from 19 last year to 67 this year, a 233 percent growth."

The total of minority applications numbered nearly 3,000, an overall 21 percent increase from fall 1986.

Snyder attributed an additional reason for the overall growth of applicants.

"Prospective students were encouraged to apply to other schools as well, which will give them at least a second chance," said Snyder.

Swanson added that Cal Poly attracts students who have clear career goals because students must declare their majors as freshmen. "Cal Poly's requirement to declare a major is unique in California," he said. "It eliminates the undecided students. The hands-on motto here gets you right into your major, which is very appealing to those who have some idea of what they want to do."

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Mustang Lounge use still a source of conflict

By Donna Taylor

The sweet smell of pizza sauce and pepperoni may soon fill the air of Mustang Lounge, but a stench of conflict has for years clouded the issue of how best to use the area in the University Union.

Mustang Lounge, located next to the Burger Bar, has been vacant for four years. Since April 1986, two bids from the Cal Poly Foundation and three from private firms have been considered. The campus Food Service reserves.

The operations subcommittee of the UEC submitted a report Feb. 12 which evaluated each proposal according to U.U. goals and seven other criteria. The subcommittee ultimately recommended the Foundation's pizza operation proposal. The Foundation had proposed that the area be used as an El Corral Bookstore annex for computer sales and service and sports wear. The three other proposals the UEC considered were submitted by the haunted salon chain Fantastic Sam's, Navid Haghzian's Wash-n-wear sportswear manufacturers Wells and Co., Inc. and El Corral.

Foundation Executive Director Al Amaral said the fact that the Foundation had the two top proposals for Mustang Lounge was not a conflict.

"When there was two Foundation operations vying to enhance our service level," he said. "The bottom line in the UEC's decision was to cater to the students' wants. A pizza service will improve social interaction and meets all other Union goals" — Al Amaral

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The sweet smell of pizza sauce, rice pilaf or pasta; relish and sourdough bread. All served with choice of delivery.

U.E., a profit motive is not necessarily a high priority, said Schumacher. "Both proposals were in the best interests of the students, but the line had to be drawn somewhere," he said. "All services are not income-related."

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Foundation Executive Director Al Amaral said the fact that the Foundation had the two top proposals for Mustang Lounge was not a conflict.

"When there was two Foundation operations vying to enhance our service level," he said. "The bottom line in the UEC's decision was to cater to the students' wants. A pizza service will improve social interaction and meets all other Union goals — Al Amaral

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'The earliest it could even get off the ground is spring 1988," he said. "We're in a very preliminary planning stage, and we want to work with the subcommittee on the design, menu, lease and timeline. A cost estimate is about $100,000, which will come from the Foundation through Food Service reserves."

Lamouria's official proposal includes details of the proposed pizza operation, which will convert the Burger Bar into a kitchen. The pizza operation will tentatively feature seating for about 130, a small stage area, a video jukebox, a salad bar and on-campus pizza delivery.

The decision to convert Mustang Lounge into a pizza restaurant leaves El Corral cramped for space. Court Warren, bookstore operations manager, said he had hoped his bookstore annex proposal would be approved because of the bookstore's urgent need to expand its computer sales area.

"In 1984, the university required El Corral to provide personal computers to the college community," said Warren. "At the time, no one recognized the immensity of this product line."

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...and where it would go. We've sold over $5 million in computers in the past two and a half years, 70 percent purchased by students. Simply put, we just don't have the space to deal with the demand.

Warren added that the expanding computer department has taken resources away from other areas of bookstore operations. "If we can't expand to Mustang Lounge, we'll need to go somewhere else, and soon," he said.

However, according to subcommittee chairman Jeff Schumacher, the proposal for a bookstore expansion did not meet the Union's goals.

"The bookstore proposal only met one of the five Union goals," said Schumacher. "On the other hand, the pizza place met all the goals, and it's something the students have specifically requested in surveys."

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Friday mornings at the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo are usually pretty lively. Down at the end of the center's hall is Room 132. It looks quiet enough from the outside. But on the inside, things happen that don't happen in any other courtroom in the building.

This is San Luis Obispo County's Municipal Court Small Claims Division, that branch of the California system in which people can quickly and inexpensively have their day in court.

Eric Hudman, 21, is an engineering technology major who recently used small claims court. He used the court because hiring a lawyer to take his case would have cost too much money.

"When I asked him (the lawyer) how much his fees were," said Hudman, "he told me I could either pursue the case in court or use the money to buy a new car." It was then that Hudman looked into small claims court, where it costs only $6 to file a case.

Small claims court, made famous by Judge Joseph A. Wapner and "The People's Court," is a legal body which hears any dispute that can be satisfied by monetary judgments up to $1,500. If the plaintiff (the person bringing the suit) wishes to sue for more than $1,500, the case must be taken to a higher court.

In small claims courts, the judges dispense with most of the formalities that often cause lengthy delays in higher courts. But the decisions are backed up by the same enforcement machinery and legal muscle as those of higher courts, said Municipal Court Executive Officer Sidney Findley.

For instance, said Findley, one of the short cuts that small claims courts take is not allowing attorneys in the courtroom unless they are the plaintiffs or the defendants. This ensures that neither party will have an unfair advantage in the proceedings, and that neither party will have an unfair advantage in the proceedings. And usually an entire case will be heard in about 30 minutes instead of the weeks and months spent in higher courtrooms.

"Some people come in here expecting it to be like 'People's Court' where they hear two cases in a 30-minute program," said Findley. "What TV doesn't show is that time the judge Wapner spends making his decisions. We're fast, but we're not that fast."

Small claims court is also held on the second Thursday of every month at 5 p.m. for people who are unable to attend the Friday morning sessions, said Jean Back, a deputy district attorney who directs a small claims advisory office in San Luis Obispo.

"I always explain to people who want to use small claims court that they are their own attorney. They have to do everything an attorney would do for them," said Back. And since an attorney wouldn't go into the courtroom unprepared, neither should a participant in small claims court.

"Things always go better if the parties are organized and ready to get on with the case," said Findley. "It's really nice for the judge to have all the documents and receipts clearly marked so he can tell the parties what they're doing on." Copies of contracts, cancelled checks and photographs all help the judge get a quick grasp of the situation, said Findley.

Winning a case is one thing. But collecting is another. Back said that plaintiffs occasionally come to his office to collect the money the judge awarded them, and are disappointed to learn that payment must come from the defendant, not the courthouse.

"I tell them that the judgment is like a license they can use to collect the money," she said. "If the defendant won't pay up front, the plaintiff can try to collect a portion of the defendant's wages directly from the judge or employer."

If garnishing the wage doesn't work, the plaintiff can try to cash in on other assets like cars, or microwave ovens, said Back.

And even if the defendant doesn't have a job or any real property, the judgment is good for 10 years and can be renewed.

"So if the person ever does get property, you can still go pick it up," said Back. "As long as you can keep track of that person, you've got it made."

Findley said that a surprising number of Cal Poly students use the system, most often to get back cleaning deposits that weren't refunded or to get reimbursed for damaged property.

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**IT'S JUST LIKE ON TV**

A small claims court gives residents the chance to air their grievances before a real-life Judge Wapner

By Stacey Myers
Swimmers do well at championships

By Dan Ruthemeyer

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Gymnasts break Cal Poly record

By Kimberly Patraw

The Mustangs broke the overall team record twice in Colorado this weekend. Cal Poly gymnasts broke the record of 168.6 points, scoring 170.2. Saturday night at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Cal Poly again broke the record, scoring 170.7 points.

"We should never lose that event," said Henderson. "Let them know we should never lose that event!"

Other field events in which the Mustangs lost a significant amount of points were the shot put, the discus, and the high jump.

While the Mustangs failed to finish in the top three in both the hammer throw and the discus, they scored only one point in each of the javelin, the shot put and the high jump.

"It was almost an even match on the track, but they beat us on the field," said Henderson.

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Ruggers battle 49ers to hard-hitting 9-9 tie

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Cal Poly also qualified for nationals in the 800-yard freestyle relay.

Magwood expects Bakersfield and Northridge to finish first and second at the national championships.

"They drove us out of bounds and smashed us against the stands," said Frazier. "After the fight we came together as a team and really got after it. We just said, 'Hey, you can't do that to us.'"

Shortly after the fight, the Cal Poly backs swept around the right side, using several laterals, before Andy Holkens scored a four-point try. Tom Smith's conversion gave Cal Poly a 9-6 lead, and was just enough to make the score 9-6.

The Mustangs struggled throughout this season, playing against the best teams in the nation.

The catalyst for Cal Poly's atitude change came from a fight that involved most of the players on the field and lasted for almost five minutes. Long Beach State's Paul Scurb is just great...driving the Mustang back when the players got a little carried away.

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SPORTSBRIEFS

Otta receives conference player of the week honors

Mark Otta was named California Collegiate Athletic Association player of the week for his hot shooting against Cal State Los Angeles and Cal State Northridge. The junior guard scored only 10 points in the two weekend games, but six of those were critical in the two Cal Poly wins. Otta is the third Mustang to receive player of the week honors, Melvin Parker and Sean Chambers received similar recognition earlier this year.

The women's softball team dropped four of six games in the Bakersfield Tournament during the weekend to fall to 4-8 on the year. The Lady Mustangs picked up a win in their first tournament game on Friday, beating Cal State Domiguez Hills 5-3 on a two-run eighth-inning double by Ellen Frank. On Saturday, the Mustangs dropped two games to nationally-ranked teams before coming on to down UC Riverside 3-1. The two losses came to Cal Poly Pomona, which is ranked number three in Division I, and Cal State Northridge, which is ranked number one in Division II. Despite the strong competition, the Lady Mustangs lost by a total of only three runs in the two contests. On Sunday, Cal Poly dropped two narrow one-run decisions to Cal State Bakersfield and Chapman College, 1-0 and 2-1.

The women's tennis team split a pair of conference games during the weekend with a 6-3 loss to Cal State Northridge and a 9-0 shutout win over Chapman College. Against Northridge, Wendy Elliott got things started off with a three-set win over Northridge's Kelly Grattan. Elliott lost the first set 6-1 before coming on to take the second two, 6-1, 6-2. Barbara Cunningham was the only other Lady Mustang to win her singles match, picking up a 7-6, 6-3 win over Northridge's Kris Anderson. Picking up a point in doubles competition for Cal Poly was the team of Susan Norman and Chris Calandra, who won 6-3, 4-6, 6-3. On Saturday, the Lady Mustangs had an easy time with Chapman, winning all matches in two sets. The toughest match for Cal Poly was won by the doubles team of Lynn Dyson and CiCi Barbe, which won its first set 6-1 before picking up a tough 7-5 second-set win. The Lady Mustangs will host UC Santa Cruz in a non-conference match today at 2 p.m.

Kyle Marshal scored five goals and picked up two assists Saturday as the lacrosse team picked up a 15-3 win over Humboldt State. Helping Marshal with the scoring chores were Pete Leonardo who tossed in two goals and Renton Kreilling who added three. The win is the third straight for the Mustangs, who have boosted their record to 3-2. The last two wins have been impressive, with each coming by at least a 10-point margin.

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Mustang women run with Gauchos

It was a low-keyed competition, but the Cal Poly women's track team did well nonetheless.

The Lady Mustangs did well Saturday in a non-scoring meet against UC Santa Barbara.

Celeste Pasquette won both the discus and the shot put for the second week in a row, with respective throws of 144-6 and 45-3. She placed first in both events the previous week in San Diego.

Also looking strong for the second week in a row was Pauline Sterbly, who won the 1,000-meter race by 19 seconds and placed second to teammate Kris Katterhagen in the 1,500-meter race.

Missing from action was mid-distance runner Tessa Colebrooke who competed in the L.A. Times Indoor in Inglewood on Friday and the Michelle's Indoor in San Diego on Sunday.

Colebrooke finished second in the mile in San Diego, clocking a time of 4:33.4. She finished behind Krissy Wade of Britain.

Gladies Prier didn't run because of injury.

RUGBY

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Frazier, "There is no one in the league who can kick like him."

Last year was the first time in 10 years that Poly had beaten Long Beach State, which is a perennial league powerhouse and is sporting a 2-0-1 record this year.

The game was unusually hard-hitting, and numerous players went down with injuries. However, only one athlete had to be removed from the game — a Mustang with bruised ribs.

"I enjoyed playing them because they're a clean, hard-hitting team," said Frazier.

"Both teams are known as hitters, and there's no love lost between us. But we'll throw them a good party."

The Mustangs will be home again this weekend, playing the University of Arizona on Saturday and Arizona State on Sunday. Both games start at 1 p.m.
coming up with strong performances in four events was Bob Valentine, who recorded lifetime bests in the long jump, triple jump, and high jump at the 100 high hurdles.

While his performances in the long and triple jumps earned him first and second place, respectively, he took two fifth-place finishes in both the high jump and the hurdle event.

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