Liaison committee sets student, city goals

By Dawn J. Jackson
Staff Writer

A concrete step toward establishing consistent communication between the city of San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly was made Tuesday with the first meeting of the Cal Poly student community liaison committee.

The committee, made up of representatives from Cal Poly and the city, agreed to meet once a month during fall, winter and spring quarters. Impromptu meetings will be held on an as-needed basis, and special meetings will be held before fall quarter begins and at the end of spring.

The purpose of the committee is to address issues that pertain to the students in the community. It will determine what issues are of concern to students, and what should be brought before the student government for action.

Its goal is to improve student community relations.

"I feel the meeting was very successful as far as setting direction," said ASI President Kevin Swanson, "We were out to set some operating guidelines and to initiate some goals and areas which will need work."

Four areas that will have top priority for the 1987-88 school year are Greek row, bike lanes, publicity for student activities in the community and student group housing.

Swanson said this committee is so important because Cal Poly is in a unique situation as it's a fairly large university in a small community. He said as far as he knows, it's the only committee of its kind in California.

"In the past the city had to work around us; now they can work with us," Swanson said.

Eleven people attended the meeting: Ramona Salto, heroine of Polywood's wares.

By Christine C. Temple
Staff Writer

On the second floor of the University Union is a small room filled with all the trappings of the movie industry. It's not Hollywood, it's Polywood.

Polywood is one of two retail services operated through ASI that provide an opportunity for students to apply their technical knowledge. The other is the copy center Speedy Prints.

Polywood is showbiz and more

Program director Joy Daly supervises the 15-member management staff at Polywood. Daly oversees expenditures, but the students do the rest.

Students select the employees and run the store. They also provide the technical support for those who have questions about the operation of the equipment or the power supply needed to run it. Polywood will also help set up for parties or presentations. "Students from Polywood are responsible for the lighting in plays and concerts, as well as the sound systems for events held on campus," Daly said.

Electrical engineering major Jeff Schneider has been working with Polywood for two years. He said the job has been a valuable experience in applying his classroom knowledge.

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IN QUOTES

IQ tests are standardly used as a measure of intelligence and to predict success. The accuracy of such tests is open to debate. See INSIGHT, page 5.

It is a sure sign of an improved character, if you like paying debts as much as getting money.

—G.C. Lichtenberg

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Women's study minor one step from reality

By Monica Fiscalini
Staff Writer

A nine-member committee is trying to bring women's studies to Cal Poly, the only one at Cal Poly, and is working to get the Academic Senate to accept their proposal for a minor in women's studies.

Barbara Mori, head of the committee. She said the Academic Senate had concerns regarding "women's studies. She taught Gender and Sex Roles (SOC 311), an elective course, to full class in which one-fourth of the students were male. The men said they took the class because the real world has a lot of women.

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The proposal was submitted to the School of Liberal Arts and reviewed by the Academic Senate. The Academic Senate had concerns with the proposal so the minor committee will resubmit the proposal in fall or winter.

Mary Whiteford, catalog coordinator of academic programs, is optimistic that the changes can be made and that the minor will be included in the 1988-1990 catalog.

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Politics is taking its toll on the press, too

Much has been said recently about the intrusive nature of the press. Many Americans have questioned the ethics of a profession that would claim responsibility for the downfall of a presidential candidate. The debate, it seems, is whether or not the press has reached the point where it will milk the details of a public figure's private life until the well runs dry. The question in my mind is whether, in all fairness, it can be denied that the press, too, is being milked for every last drop.

Can it be denied that the press, too, is being milked for every last drop?

The front page of almost every paper, from the Los Angeles Times to Mustang Daily, has been used as a battleground for individuals with differing points of view. What some interpret as "muddling" is often viewed as newsworthy by even the most discerning viewer.

For instance, candidates in last year's ASI election stirred up tremendous interest in their campaigns by making allegations of election code violations. The situation was newsworthy, but whether or not the allegations were true could not be determinable by editors before press time.

Were the editors at risk? Yes. Did they run the story? Yes. Because let's face it: That's their job.

What makes the decision even harder is a suspicion that unsubstantiated allegations might turn off some voters. It might even get to the point where an organization would face credibility problems.

Does voicing allegations in the place of cold, hard facts constitute abuse of the press? When many readers have only that information on which to base their opinion, it just might.

Wholly many have condemned The Miami Herald for bringing a personal matter into the political arena, the fact remains that public officials must realize they are subjecting themselves to public scrutiny when they enter a political race. In a similar fashion, members of the press subject themselves to scrutiny with every article they write.

So it would follow that both groups are voluntarily setting themselves up for criticism, and so it should be. While Gary Hart has received a good deal of lambasting over the press' allegations, the news industry itself has received some scolding. The longer the diatribes stand on opposite sides of the issue and point fingers at each other, the more the public loses faith, both in politics and in the press.

What many fail to realize is that we — politicians and the press — are not in it for ourselves. We are not just watching each other, as press/political administration conflicts would imply. We are being observed by everyone, and the more we drive people away with petty squabbles, the worse the situation will become.

I don't know when the advertisers will start getting fed up, but some day — and I don't know how soon — it will happen.

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Network Mall

spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Monday because of breakdown in a substation near a plant spokesman said. was expected to be operating at full power by Thursday, tric Co. spokesman.

Child care bill gets support

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A bill to require the state to offer its 230,000 employees flexible work hours and unpaid leaves, and to develop more child care services, drew support from child care advocates Wednesday.

"California has been at the forefront of providing good working conditions for its employees. Now it is time to take those provisions and declare them in the form of a state policy that can serve as an example to all other employers," said author Assemblyman Stan Statham, R-Redding.

The bill would appropriate no money, but Statham said that if it became law, "the state would have to put its money where its mouth is." He said many of the provisions are already in state employee contracts.

"Studies have shown that employees are more productive and there is less absenteeism when child care arrangements are reliable and when parents are free to choose options that fit their lives," Statham said.

The bill, its first hearing Tuesday by the Assembly Governmental Efficiency Committee.

Reagan discusses diary entry

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan said today that he discussed secret Saudi contributions to the Contra rebels in a private meeting with King Fahd in 1985, but said the monarch raised the subject.

"My diary shows I never brought it up," Reagan said. "I expressed pleasure that he was doing that," Reagan said of Fahd’s contributions to the Contra cause, made at a time when U.S. assistance was banned. But, the president added, "There was no solicitation that I know of, or anything of the kind."

By commenting to reporters on the subject, Reagan took the extraordinary step of discussing in public what he had jotted down in private, handwritten diaries.

Former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane had suggested on Monday that Reagan might have discussed the Saudi contributions in his meeting with Fahd. On Tuesday, he said he had not meant to imply the president had raised the issue.

Linder’s death blamed on US

WASHINGTON (AP) — The father of an American volunteer killed two weeks ago in Nicaragua told Congress Wednesday that his son was murdered and the United States government is responsible.

"This was an ambush, not a chance encounter," Dr. David Linder said regarding the April 28 slaying of his son, Benjamin Ernest Linder, 27.

"This is murder," the pathologist from Portland, Ore., said. "I consider the United States government and its effectors — the Contras — guilty of this crime."

"This was not an accidental result of U.S. policy; it is the essence of U.S. policy, as Ben witnessed before he himself was killed," he said.

Israeli leader asked to resign

JERUSALEM (AP) — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Wednesday demanded that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir resign and called for new elections after the coalition government reached a stalemate on a proposed Middle East peace conference.

Shamir sharply rejected both demands, and the prime minister's right-wing Likud bloc accused Peres and his leftist Labor Party of using the peace initiative "as a mere fig leaf to dissolve the government."

Peres has said his initiative is backed by the United States and Jordan and offers a one-time-only chance to start peace talks. Shamir maintains the peace conference proposal is a formula for disaster because Israel would be isolated and forced to make territorial concessions.

Japan shelves sales tax plan

TOKYO (AP) — A sales tax proposal blamed for election setbacks for Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone’s party has been scrapped, officials said today.

Last month, in a major blow to Nakasone, the proposal for a 5 percent sales tax was temporarily shelved to persuade opposition parties to stop delaying tactics preventing a vote on the fiscal 1987 national budget.

The Liberal Democratic Party tax reform package, which would have been the most sweeping overhaul of Japan’s tax system since 1950, was introduced in January. Nakasone argued then that reform was needed to ensure fairness and continued economic growth in the coming decades.

But the sales tax became the dominant issue in nationwide local elections last month that resulted in heavy losses of prefectoral assembly seats by the Liberal Democratic Party.

POLYWOOD

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edge. "Having a job on campus is convenient because I can fit my hours around it and get in some studying," added Schneller.

Business major Ramona Salto confessed that for her as well, easy scheduling was the primary reason she has been employed by Polywood. She works between 18 and 20 hours a week and still manages to find time for school.

Business and engineering majors are the most prevalent employees at Polywood. Clubs and members of student government are the primary users of Polywood services, but Daly would like to see more people take advantage of the store. "It’s convenient for campus residents and they don’t have to show their license or credit card like a lot of other places," she said.

Projectors, sound systems, video recorders and portable tape decks are some of the items available to anyone with a Cal Poly ID card. "Videos and videocassette recorders are the most popular items," said Schneller.

Movies available for rental range from "Amadeus" and "Cocoon" to thrillers like "Jagged Edge," but Salto said the most popular movie to rent since she began working in the shop in March has been "Clue." There have also been a lot of requests for the more graphic skin flicks, she said.

Polywood was not a financial success in its first year of operations, but a survey conducted by students in a marketing class identified Polywood’s location as the main problem.

Now Polywood is located in a larger room to the right of Bishop Lounge, catercorner to Chumash Auditorium. With more visibility and a little more flair at the entrance, ASI anticipates more business for Polywood. "By next year we should break even," Daly said.

Competitive prices on movie rentals is another means of attracting new users. Polywood offers video rentals at $1 for 24 hours, competitively with prices offered at 7-Eleven. Because ASI is a non-profit organization, Polywood is not able to advertise to off-campus organizations. Otherwise, its non-profit status would be endangered, said John Stipicich, information reservation supervisor. "Our market is the campus students," he said.

While a large number of students are not aware of Polywood, it is of interest to other groups. Last week students from San Diego State were investigating how Polywood began so that they can start a similar service.
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and they needed to know more about them. They were not taking it because it was fluff or an easy A, she said.

Lant sees the minor as a starting point. She said the ideal university would be one where each class is sensitive to the points of view of women, racial minorities and the working class. She said she hopes to generate enthusiasm for this approach.

Sarah Elbert, a history teacher, tries to make her classes sensitive to women's issues. In each history class she asks, "What is the relationship between the sexes in this period?" She said gender relationships in history are as significant as such factors as race and class.

Mori designed and proposed the class Women in East Asia for the minor because it is important that the minor go beyond white women in the 18-50 age bracket. The minor will consider age, ethnicity and economics, reflecting the makeup of the world.

Lant said, "The most important aspect of women's studies is that it gets rid of a racist, white, masculinist, heterosexualist point of view and substitutes a more humanitarian point of view."

Kathy Ryan is looking forward to having more students in her Psychology of Women course. "I'm very eager to have the course in the women's study minor," she said. Joanne Ruggles of the art and design department found that when she went to school women were invisible in art history. She would like to see this change.

To these women on the faculty, the mystery is why it has taken so long for women's study to be proposed at Cal Poly. Elbert "was floored that Cal Poly didn't have one" when she arrived. She offered the possible explanation that Cal Poly was started around 1910 when the division between the sexes was the greatest, they taught men's work and women's work. She said Cal Poly was so good at this that they didn't need to attract new students and there was no push to change.
"If I asked you to do as many push-ups as possible, and you had just recovered from the flu or didn't eat breakfast that day, you wouldn't do as well as if you were healthy or had eaten something. The same is true of IQ tests. They're not always a true representation of a person's intelligence."

Other factors also influence performance on IQ tests.

"The results of IQ tests can sometimes be unreliable because performance can be affected by depression or medication," said Norm Murphy, a staff member at the testing and counseling center. And even though some people may be extremely intelligent, some physical factor may inhibit their performance on a test and result in a poor score.

"These disorders can affect the speed at which the person takes the test, spatial perception and comprehension. One-fourth of the population is affected by disorders such as this. They're in- termittent, and we can't say whether they're permanent or temporary."

Because of the labels that can result from IQ tests, some professionals believe the tests do more harm than good.

**SAMPLE IQ QUESTIONS**

1. Insert the missing number:
   - 8
   - 10
   - 14
   - 18
   - 34
   - 50
   - 66

2. Insert the word in the brackets that completes the first word and starts the second. (Clue: Chastise.)
   - BROW (___) NIK

3. Underline which of these towns is not in Europe.
   - SHANTE
   - WOOSCM
   - LINAM
   - GATHWONNIS
   - GAWIN

4. Underline the odd-man-out.
   - opulent detergent station hiding ability police

5. Insert the letter which completes the series.
   - two T four U three ___

6. Underline which of these is not a film star.
   - BALEG
   - RAYLOT
   - DORPEC
   - PALSEM
   - DABTOR

*Psychologists and teachers across the nation are labeling thousands of children as gifted every year. But what does it really mean? Most agree that a gifted child appears smarter, more talented or more creative than other children, but how can it be measured and how can parents know if their child is the next Einstein? Apparently there is no one answer to either question. Studies have shown that intellectually gifted children often exhibit exceptional curiosity and have an extensive vocabulary, but there have been "gifted" children without either trait. Many preschoolers have been administered IQ tests that have correctly identified them as exceptionally intelligent or "normal of average." Yet, many say that IQ tests are not always reliable when administered to very young children. Educators say a high score is usually a sign of a smart child but a low score is meaningless. The child could be afraid of the person administering the test or just be having a bad day.

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By Catherine Hernandez, staff writer

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Picquet said all city staff members will not be available to attend every meeting, but will make every effort to attend ones which pertain to their areas of expertise.

Dunin, who has been a liaison between the city and Cal Poly for the past 16 years, said he is looking forward to working with the committee.

"In the past we've lacked continuity," he said. "I think we'll have that now, along with communication and consistency."

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BIKING FOR CHARITY
Cross-country trek will benefit hospital

By Dianna Caliesen
Staff Writer

A trip from California to New York is an everyday event; people book flights every day. But Cal Poly animal science junior Patrick Kingston is trying a different approach—he's bicycling the 6,000 miles. And instead of staying in hotels, he's camping or staying with new friends he meets along the way.

Kingston said the main reason for making the trip is to raise people's awareness of St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. "That's the most important thing—I'm doing the whole thing for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital," said Kingston.

The hospital is a center for clinical research and care of children with catastrophic diseases. The center, located in Memphis, Tenn., was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas in 1982.

Kingston decided to take this trip in November after his father died from bone cancer in January, said Brother Donald Mansir, from the Newman Catholic Center at Cal Poly. Kingston, who is active in the P.A.L. program in San Luis Obispo, also has a fondness for children, and that played a role in his choice of St. Jude's as a charity to support.

Since April 10 when he left the Old Mission in San Luis Obispo, Kingston has had a relatively good trip. His family met him in Newburg, Ore., and since then he has continued east along the Columbia River. Last Thursday Kingston was in Wyoming, said his mother, MaryAnn Kingston.

Kingston will be pedaling about 150 miles per day to reach New York in time to catch his plane ride home June 8, said his mother.

MaryAnn Kingston said that aside from a flat tire, her son has had no problems on his trip. People have been very receptive to him and that has eased some of his original worry, she added.

“When he (Kingston) first told me about his plans I just about died,” his mother said. “But after talking with people who had already made the trip I felt better. I realize that you have to give children room to do what they feel they have to do. Pat feels he has to do this for his dad.”

The trip is being paid for entirely by Kingston. He is not asking for people to sponsor him, but rather to send donations to St. Jude's Hospital, P.O. Box 144, San Luis Obispo, CA 93406.
Increasing vacancy rate forces rents down, quality up

By Anthony Lopez

Landlords beware, San Luis Obispo is now a renters' market. This translates to good news for students looking for rental units in the area.

For the first time in years, renters are able to shop around for price, location, convenience and other amenities before signing on the dotted line of their rental agreement or lease.

But this has not always been the case in San Luis Obispo. "We used to have a .05 percent vacancy factor," said Bob Bostrom, director of Cal Poly housing. "Half of one percent doesn't give them (landlords) time to clean and paint between tenants, in fact, you need about 5 percent just for renovation, cleaning, showing and to give people a chance to look around."

"When it was at .05 percent people would say, 'I understand your tenants are moving out. I want to move in.' The landlord would say, 'Fine, the rent is going up $25. You can start right behind them.' The people would move out in the morning, the landlord would check them out, check in the new tenants right then or that afternoon. If the tenant asked for the place to be cleaned the landlord might say, 'There are other people who want to rent it if you don't.'"

"Today it's climbing through 5 percent vacancy," Bostrom said. "There's 10 times more vacancies, 10 times more choices than there were at one time. You can look as well as I can at the things that are for sale or for rent that are empty and have never been occupied and/or are being built now. In my judgment we're going to see rents drop. The places with significant vacancies are going to do everything they can do to share those vacancies with their competition."

Like most student housing complexes, Mustang Village is looking for fall renters.

The current surplus of available housing is an increase in construction. Statistics from the City/Community Development Department show a sharp increase in building during the past three years.

San Luis Obispo Community Development Director Mike Multari said, "In the late 70s through last year the city has encouraged more multiple family housing built for students and in 1984 through 1986 a large number of multiple unit houses were added to the housing stock. For the first time in a lot of people's recent memory, rents have stabilized if not gone down. It seems that at least temporarily, supply has exceeded the demand."

The surplus of vacancies is being felt by many of the local student housing complexes. Most are operating at 70 percent occupancy and fall registration for units is well behind that of years past.

Some managers of local student housing complexes agreed that prices are leveling off and in some cases declining. "It's definitely a renters' market," said Charlie Dickey, manager at Mustang Village. "Complexes are having to upgrade and offer additional amenities in order to avoid having to incur the costs (mortgage) themselves," he explained. "Landlords are competing for tenants."

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**THURSDAY 15**

- Philosophy professor Diane Michelfelder will speak today at 11 in Room 246 of the Computer Science Building. She will discuss the Cal Poly philosophy minor program.

- Exercise and Fitness Peer Education is holding a body building demonstration today at 11 in the University Union Plaza.

- Kathleen Newman, a member of the foreign languages and literature department at Syracuse University, will discuss “Love, Women and Other Poisons: Modernization and mass culture in Argentina” today at 11 in Room 220 of the University Union.

- Judith Lanier, dean of the College of Education at Michigan State University, will discuss “Teacher Education Reform: Progress and problems” today at 11 in the Architecture Building. The lecture is sponsored by the Teacher Education Institute and the Cal Poly School of Professional Studies and Education.

- Kim Mahin, a member of the technical staff for materials development at Sandia Corp. in Livermore, will speak on “The Role of Welding Metallurgy in Materials Design” today at 11:15 in Room 214 of the Business Administration and Education Building. The speech is sponsored by the metallurgical engineering department and the student chapter of the American Society for Metals.

- ASI Outings is sponsoring a leadership workshop emphasizing wilderness ethics today at 11 in the University Union Craft Center Gallery.

- Gary Turner, an aerospace products manager for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, will discuss a test in space of the solar energy array that is expected to power a space station and an orbiting industrial facility. The talk, including a videotape presentation, will be held today at 11 in Room B-5 of the Science Building. The Cal Poly School of Engineering is sponsoring.

- Lt. Col. James Stith, professor of physics at the West Point U.S. Military Academy, will discuss “Afro-Americans in the Sciences: New challenges, new responsibilities” today at 7 p.m. in Room 203 of the University Union. The speech is part of Cal Poly’s Distinguished Afro-American Speakers Program.

- The School of Architecture and Environmental Planning is sponsoring Club Day on Dexter Lawn today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be live entertainment, a barbecue and volleyball.

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**CLASS ENCOUNTERS**

**BOSTON (AP) — People with dyslexia have unusually good peripheral vision but cannot see well straight ahead, a discovery that appears to explain their reading trouble and suggest a simple way to overcome it, researchers say.**

Vision experts believe it underlies the reading and learning difficulties of dyslexics. They devised a method, using only a piece of paper with a hole in it, that allows people with extreme dyslexia to learn to read well within a few months.

People with dyslexia, estimated at 5 to 10 percent of the population, have normal intelligence in it, that allows people with extreme dyslexia to learn to read well within a few months.

However, for the dyslexic, the next word to the right or left is clearer,” A report on the discovery, made by Geiger and Dr. Jerome Y. Lettvin at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was published in Thursday’s New England Journal of Medicine.

“Our point is that there are different strategies for seeing, and you learn different strategies that you apply at different times, depending on the task,” said Lettvin. “One strategy can in fact interfere with another.”

“Even though the dyslexics’ sight strategy may be learned, the researchers said this doesn’t disprove the widely held belief that dyslexia is hereditary. They said people may inherit a predisposition to view the world in a particular way. “I think it’s of great practical use” in devising ways to teach dyslexics, Dr. Thomas Kemper said of the discovery.

Kemper, a researcher at Boston City Hospital, has discovered brain abnormalities that appear to be unique to people with dyslexia. He said the new findings “might fit” with his research, since “there are some lesions in the area of the brain having to do with central vision.”

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Surfside study sessions are the ultimate test of willpower

By Stewart McKenzie

The beach has been a traditional place for Cal Poly students to blow off steam from a hard day's education. This tradition, however, becomes blurred when homework and a tanning session are married.

Studying at the beach is not for the meek or the faint-hearted. It takes willpower, stamina, and most of all, the sheer determination to keep your eyes open.

"I go down to the beach with my books, and I put them over my head and go to sleep," explained Jud Welcher, a mechanical engineering sophomore. "I'm an avid believer in osmosis."

Surfside study sessions are the ultimate test of willpower, according to Tina Valles.

"Better to be outdoors than inside," said Scott Weiss. But the underlying feeling was expressed by Jeff Cisneros. "I can work on my tan, be near the ocean, and not feel guilty about studying," said the biochemistry sophomore. "I don't go to watch girls."

While some may disagree with the last statement, it is true that the beach is the last resort for exam preparation. City and regional planning freshman Scott Wong said that while he goes to Avila Beach about three times a week, he only studies "when I have a midterm the next day."

The last time Wildermuth hits the books surfside was during winter finals, for his calculus class. "I failed that class anyway," said the physical science freshman, quickly adding, "But I plan to at least attempt to study in the near future."

Valles, a business freshman, was the only one talked to who attempted to do more than read. "I was rewriting an English paper," she said. "That was the only time I accomplished anything. I've since stopped that."

In terms of special equipment, everybody suggested to bring a beach chair and sunglasses. Wildermuth recommended a "trusty" highlighter pen. As for proper tan lines, Wong suggested Bain De Soleil for that "savage" tan.

Weiss, a junior in natural resources management, noted that "Bullfrog is the key to good study habits." Others mentioned visors, towels, and Diet Pepsi.

Of course, studying outdoors means having to deal with the elements. Most seemed to take the unexpected in stride.

"I often find myself confronted with the horror of sand particles in my textbook," lamented Wildermuth.

On windy days, beachcomber Karen Taylor isn't deterred. "My nose gets a little crinkled, but that's OK," she said.

Still, distractions abound. It's not like there isn't sand, water and lots of people wearing heartbeat-raising swimwear nearby. And don't forget Frisbee and Smashball.

Serious studies try to combat the diversions. Weiss heads for the "family" side of Avila, on the right side of the fisherman's pier.

Another way is to just plain avoid people. "I don't come down and find my social crowd to chat with," said Trisha Avery, a current Cuesta College student but Cal Poly hopeful, noting that she finished four chapters this way.

Wildermuth suggested hanging out with the right people. Said he, "Somebody loving. Like a journalism major."

But there are a few people who wouldn't combine business and pleasure. According to city and regional planning freshman Larry McDonough, who spends many early mornings surfing the Central Coast, he wouldn't be caught dead with a book at Avila Beach.

Besides, "It's hard for someone like an architecture major to haul all their equipment down there. That's all I do — draw," he said.

Since not everyone is an artist, it's a safe bet that at least once in a Cal Poly undergraduate's life, valiant time will be spent doing battle with the books at the beach. However, some people will just plainly avoid the coast in order to get their work done, having been burnt once before. Just ask Tina Valles.

"It's a waste of time if I'm not going to open my books."

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Most teachers and students agree that communication during lectures is of utmost importance. If there is a communication barrier, they agree, something should be done.

Though the viewpoints and concerns about instructors with accents are as numerous as the amount of students and staff here, there are a few general feelings about the issue.

One feeling is that after a week or so, students begin to adapt to a foreign accent. And although the accent still may not be 100 percent understandable, students feel more comfortable listening to it after a short time.

Another feeling is that despite difficulty understanding some instructors, students agree that the professors know their stuff.

"He gave us a handout sheet. And if we wouldn't have had that we would have liked Helen Keller in there," dietetics sophomore Debra Kruse said of a professor.

"I don't understand what he was saying, but I read the book. "It seemed to me that (a professor's) accent was pretty intense.

"I've actually paid attention to some of the rumors and not signed up for courses with certain professors, he said.

But Paterson has never had difficulty understanding a professor. "If you're the kind of person who has trouble paying attention anyway, then (deciphering an accent) is probably going to be more difficult," he said. "I'm generalizing, but you don't want to insult your professors."

Another factor that comes into play is the type of class.

Frustration seems to mount more when the subject is already difficult without added communication problems. In those hard-core classes, which are more often than not required courses, students are stuck. They have to take them, and sometimes the only professor teaching a course is one whom students have trouble understanding. So most are grateful to have a choice.

Paterson said sometimes a professor's accent is blamed for a difficult course and demanding workload. "I think some students may use that as a crutch and I think that's kind of bogus," he said. "If you're going to be something like an accent blow your day, then I have to question the seriousness of the student.... I think the student has the responsibility to go in and make things clear if he doesn't understand."

Which draws out the question of whose responsibility it is that communication become clear. Professors and students agree that one-to-one contact in office hours does much good. But what about those who can't or don't make the effort to see professors outside of class? Again, there are things both sides can do.

If students are concerned about the communication difficulty, they can get involved in the professor recruiting process, said Kent Butler, interim associate dean for the School of Engineering. Butler said the Engineering School recently interviewed four prospective professors, and only a couple of students showed up.

But students have said it's not fair that they have to make extra efforts to ensure good communication and good communicators.

Butler sees it differently. Because "we're becoming an international community," coming in contact more often with different peoples and cultures, it's all part of students' education that they're exposed to it here.

Two students in two years have come to speech communication professor J.R. Emmel because they had trouble understanding their professors' accents and pronunciation of certain American words.

"I know this can be a problem because I've had to lecture in German," Emmel said. He had a native German speaker sit in with him as a language coach to help him pronounce words correctly. He said if instructors are made aware that students have trouble understanding them, those teachers should take that same coaching in voice and articulation to enhance clarity.

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— John Patterson

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Mustang tennis team places fifth in nation

NORTHRIDGE — The Cal Poly doubles tennis team of Dale Minney and Brendan Walsh won their third-set tiebreaker 7-5 Wednesday, giving the Mustangs a 5-4 win over the University of Tennessee-Martin in the consolation finals of the NCAA Division II national championships.

The win gives the Mustangs fifth place in the eight-team tournament, which was won by Chapman College. The No. 1-ranked Panthers picked up the national championship win with a 5-1 decision over No. 2-ranked Hampton Institute of Virginia.

The win also marks the seventh consecutive year the Mustangs have qualified for nationals and finished the season in the top 10 of the nation.

Cal Poly's win came after it trailed Tennessee-Martin 4-2 after singles competition. But like its 6-3 win the previous day See TENNIS, page 14

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Runner Teena Colebrook is showing Yanks how to break school records

BY ANNA CJEKOLA, Staff Writer

When striving to achieve, every athlete knows the value of setting realistic goals and the necessity of taking one step at a time. For Cal Poly runner Teena Colebrook, taking steps to improve personal times and to increase mental and physical fitness make the World Championships later this year and the 1988 Summer Olympics realistic goals beyond the imaginations of most people.

As a freshman, the representative of Great Britain has qualified for the national championships in the 800-, 1,500- and 3,000-meter events and has set a school record in the 800 with a time of 2:03.68.

Perhaps more important has been the quick adjustment she's made with coach Lance Harter and the women's track team, allowing her to establish a foundation on which to reach times competitive with world-class athletes.

Reaching world-class status, however, carries with it unique problems of publicity and the general attitude found in the press and public that winning is everything and that runners are only as good as their last race.

American essayist and sports critic John R. Tunis once said, "The champion, the record, the victory; that is the thing that interests the average citizen of the United States. Not how the game interests the average citizen of the world." It has also been the fun out of competitive sport."

Rec Sports to hold tennis tournament

Cal Poly Rec Sports is sponsoring a doubles tennis tournament on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17 at 9 a.m. at Cal Poly tennis courts, will consist of an eight-game pro set with no add.

The tournament entry fee is $3 (plus a can of ball) per team and the deadline for sign-ups is today at 4 p.m.

Rules and sign-ups are at the Rec Sports Office, Room 118 in the University Union.

While the joy of competing has not diminished for Colebrook, questions automatically connecting the 30-year-old runner with retirement from competition demonstrate the type of sensationalism that would make even the most seasoned athlete want to get away from the press and publicity. Generally, though, Colebrook said she ignores such questions and publicity, concentrating instead on reaching a potential dictated by her own expectations.

"I do feel pressure from other people, although it's sometimes pressure they don't mean to put on because they don't know any better," Colebrook said. "If you do well, people expect a lot of you without thinking about what it actually took to do that well. For example, people might say 'You're going to beat Mary Decker' without thinking 'Teena might be good, but Mary Decker's the best in the world'... I'm not ready to break world records yet."

While breaking world records may not be realistic at this time, Colebrook said that aiming at these records is an important element in her success. "If I was thinking that I only wanted to run a 4:15 in the 1,500, there's no way I'd make the Olympics, because I've got to aim at doing the same times and better than what the best in the world is doing."

As a British citizen, world-class competition will find Colebrook running for her native country. But Cal Poly is most of the fun out of competitive sport."

Cal Poly's Teena Colebrook is ranked No. 1 nationally at 800 meters in Division II. She was directed toward Cal Poly by former track coach Fred LaPlante, Colebrook said she was influenced at age 19 to take track seriously, travelling around the world to such countries as France, Germany, Italy, Norway and Yugoslavia. Colebrook and her sister shared cultural experiences and even at times shared competition in the same events.

"Watching my sister run, I really got to like it and decided that I wanted to have a go at it myself," Colebrook said. "I think, though, because I wasn't intensively pushed into track is why I've stayed in it so long, because I never got burned out. My parents never made me or pushed me to run, which I think is good, because I could come back to track of my own accord."

Colebrook said she has always enjoyed the shorter events such as the 800-, 1,500- and 3,000-meter races. She has not found in England, Colebrook said she was influenced at age 19 to take track seriously, travelling around the world to such countries as France, Germany, Italy, Norway and Yugoslavia. Colebrook and her sister shared cultural experiences and even at times shared competition in the same events.
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as the 400 meter, while the 800 meter has been the event at which she competes at a world-class level. Competing in the longer 1,500- and 3,000-meter events is done to improve physical strength and, more importantly, for mental preparation.

"I don't like the distances, but I've got to be able to do that sort of thing because it makes me stronger at the events I like, mentally and physically," she said. "If I can keep going and manage to get through 3,000 meters on the track, then the mile is going to seem much shorter and easier."

While age is just a number and retirement is definitely not the question — or for that matter the answer — Colebrook does have thoughts on when she will stop running competitively.

"I still think there are a lot faster times in me and there's much more to come," she said, "if I can keep going and faster times in me and there's faster times in me and there's faster times in me and there's..."

TENNIS

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against UC Davis, Cal Poly used a sweep in doubles action to take the win. Doubles victories by the teams of Ference Hodosy and Jim Ault and Mike Giusto and Rod Gabuya set up the deciding match of Minney and Walsh. After dropping their first set 6-4, Minney and Walsh came back to take the second 7-5 and bring about the final set, which would mean the difference between the team finishing the season fifth or sixth in the nation.

Giusto and Walsh, the Mustang comeback with a 7-6 win in the final set.

On the day, the Mustangs doubles games got progressively tougher. Hodosy and Ault won their match in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, while later Giusto and Gabuya won in three sets, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3. The two Mustang singles wins were recorded by No. 1 player Giusto and No. 5 player Walsh. While Giusto won his match 3-6, 7-5, 6-1, Walsh disposed of his opponent rather quickly, winning in straight sets 6-2, 6-2.

The singles wins scored by Giusto and Walsh were the first for each player in the three matches for the Mustangs. But while Giusto had gone 1-2 in singles play, he teamed up with Gabuya to be the only Mustang singles player or doubles team to go undefeated in the three-match tournament.

Cal Poly assistant coach Rob Pritzikow said that after the Mustangs trailed 4-2 after singles play, head coach Hugh Bream gave the team a little bit of pep talk.

"Hugh said basically that we had a good season all year long and he wanted to finish the season on a winning note, and that this was the opportunity to do it," he said.

In other action Wednesday, UC Davis toppled Cal State Bakersfield 5-1 for seventh place in the championships, while fourth-seed Hayward State knocked off third-seed Rollins College 4-3 for third place.

Chapman's national championship came after three fairly easy matches. After beating Tennessee-Martin 5-2 on Monday, the Panthers cruised to wins of 6-0 and 5-1 to pick up the title.

The only upset of the tournament was Hayward State's 5-4 win over Rollins College.

The national championships were good for teams in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. While Chapman finished first and Poly fifth, Bakersfield finished eighth.

The Mustangs will start individual competition today in both singles and doubles play. The individual titles will be decided Sunday.

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intelligence has on their overall performance, said Murphy. "I've seen kids who were so dumb they never learned a suck­ ing response," he said. "All the motivation in the world isn't going to help them to become bankers or lawyers." However, sole reliance on IQ scores is becoming a thing of the past, said Sorensen.

"I think that we're getting away from looking only at IQs and looking more at the whole person, including IQ, academic performance, and later performance," he said. "Inte­ ligence testing is an inexact science. They have a lot to offer when properly used, but they're too often abused."
Unpaid parking fines mean towed cars, held records

By Paul J. Roberts

Students who neglect to pay their parking tickets will find their records on hold next fall when they register.

The new plan to encourage students to pay parking fines is a joint effort between Cal Poly Public Safety and the cashier’s office, which handles parking records and fines.

Lt. Leroy Whitmer of Public Safety said anyone with 10 or more unpaid citations has been put on a tow list. Anybody on their records and fines, students to pay parking fines is a joint effort between Cal Poly Public Safety and the cashier’s office, which handles parking records and fines.

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Another way of dealing with the difficulty, said French professor Denise Piau, is to get students exposed to one or two languages before college. That way, even if the language background doesn’t help decode an accent, at least students won’t be shocked by an accent and will be more accepting of it. Because languages structure their own concepts — trigger their own modes of thought — learning different languages expands thought, Piau said. “And in my opinion that’s very far-reaching.”

Rhodes agrees. He speaks Spanish and admits his accent is a little gringo at times. “It helps (put communication problems in perspective) if you speak another language because you know how impaired you are,” he said.

He feels frustration stems from ignorance and apathy about different cultures and languages. “I think (frustration) is a sign of poor education and upbringing,” he said. “It’s kind of a characteristic of Americans to be narrow-minded like that.”

Rhodes said professors can ease things in the classroom by making it clear they won’t be insulted if asked to repeat things. “But some teachers don’t like to teach in that relaxed environment. They like it more strict,” he said.

Even though Rhodes agrees an accent can detract from a lecture because students concentrate so much on the words, it does make students pay attention. And if all else fails, he said, “read the book.”

Cuesta Grade train tunnel is reopened

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — A fire-damaged, 1,300-foot railroad tunnel was reopened Wednesday, restoring a key north-south rail link for the state.

Southern Pacific spokesman Louis Schultz said the freight train left Los Angeles in the morning heading for the tunnel between San Luis Obispo and Atascadero.

“We expect it to go through the tunnel at about 1 o’clock this afternoon and that will be the first train,” he said.

The tunnel reopened about 5 a.m., Southern Pacific spokesman Jim Loveland said.

The April 30 blaze interrupted rail service to communities along the line, including Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Salinas and San Jose. Since the fire, trains have been rerouted through the San Joaquin Valley.

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Rhodes agrees. He speaks Spanish and admits his accent is a little gringo at times. “It helps (put communication problems in perspective) if you speak another language because you know how impaired you are,” he said.

He feels frustration stems from ignorance and apathy about different cultures and languages. “I think (frustration) is a sign of poor education and upbringing,” he said. “It’s kind of a characteristic of Americans to be narrow-minded like that.”

Rhodes said professors can ease things in the classroom by making it clear they won’t be insulted if asked to repeat things. “But some teachers don’t like to teach in that relaxed environment. They like it more strict,” he said.

Even though Rhodes agrees an accent can detract from a lecture because students concentrate so much on the words, it does make students pay attention. And if all else fails, he said, “read the book.”

Unpaid parking fines mean towed cars, held records

By Paul J. Roberts

Students who neglect to pay their parking tickets will find their records on hold next fall when they register.

The new plan to encourage students to pay parking fines is a joint effort between Cal Poly Public Safety and the cashier’s office, which handles parking records and fines.

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In the Municipal Court the citation is sent to the Department of Motor Vehicles, which adds the increased fine to the car registration.

Payment of the citation, which includes all of the expenses related to the enforcement, is due within 14 days. If not received, the citation is sent to the State Motor Vehicle Division, which may issue a warrant to the owner of the car. If the owner is not present, the car is held in the tow yard until the owner is located.

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Cuesta Grade train tunnel is reopened

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — A fire-damaged, 1,300-foot railroad tunnel was reopened Wednesday, restoring a key north-south rail link for the state.

Southern Pacific spokesman Louis Schultz said the freight train left Los Angeles in the morning heading for the tunnel between San Luis Obispo and Atascadero.

“We expect it to go through the tunnel at about 1 o’clock this afternoon and that will be the first train,” he said.

The tunnel reopened about 5 a.m., Southern Pacific spokesman Jim Loveland said.

The April 30 blaze interrupted rail service to communities along the line, including Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Salinas and San Jose. Since the fire, trains have been rerouted through the San Joaquin Valley.