Blaze destroys 900 acres

By Michael Robles

A forest fire northeast of San Luis Obispo, reminiscent of the Las Pilitas blaze that ravaged nearby hills two years ago, is expected to be brought under control by this evening.

Lazzerini said the blaze broke out about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday near the intersection of Las Pilitas and Pecho roads, about 12 miles northeast of San Luis Obispo. By Wednesday, the fire had scorched 900 acres and destroyed two sheds. Lazzerini said the only injury was from Wednesday was heat exhaustion suffered by a crewman.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. Officials have ruled out the possibility that it was started by accident.

Lazzerini said about 320 CDF, Forest Service and volunteers are fighting the fire. She said that unlike the 1985 Las Pilitas fire, the weather is cooperating with firefighters.

The fire is burning near the area of the 1985 blaze, Lazzerini said, and firefighters are hoping the blaze will burn itself out when it reaches that region. Because land burned two years ago is not completely revegetated, dry brush is at a minimum.

Bike safety subject of growing concern

By Brooks Watson

With the increased number of bikers and motorists on the roads in the San Luis Obispo area, bicycle safety has become a growing concern.

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According to the San Luis Obispo Police Department, the number of bicycle accidents has increased over the past four years. There were 58 cycling accidents in 1983, 96 in 1984, 65 in 1985, and 65 in 1986. It's expected that the figures for 1987 will also increase.

"About 90 percent of all bikers don't obey the vehicle code driving laws that have been designed to help ensure their safety," said California Highway Patrol Lt. Dick Sabath. "On the same note, motorists don't always have the right of way as many times they feel they do. It's a 50-50 responsibility out there."

Although the timing of recent accidents does not represent a current trend, Sabath said there are generally more bicycle accidents in the summer since more people are out enjoying the weather.

Police department officials said the most frequent locations for bike accidents in the city are the 1400 block of Monterey Street, the 900 block of Chorro Street, all of Grand Avenue and California Boulevard, and the 1000 block of Foothill Boulevard.

"These areas are really full of construction people and hurry," said Steve Seybold, public information officer for the San Luis Obispo Police Department. "Bicyclists should always drive defensively but especially in these areas."

Seybold said many riders are not as careful on the roads as they should be. Running stoplights and stop signs, deliberately cutting through traffic, riding two and three abreast, and not wearing the appropriate safety equipment are just a few violations he feels bikers need to stop committing.

"Many bikers I see don't ride as close to the edge of the road as they should," said Seybold. "Instead, they ride right along the edge of the solid white line that separates their lane from the motorist lane. All they're asking for is that someone come along and do it for themselves."

Though the recent word to bikers and motorists is to be more careful while traveling on roads, bicycle safety has always been a big concern in San Luis Obispo.

"We did more this year with signage on the roads for bikers and motorists than we've ever done in the past," said San Luis Obispo Recreation Department Special Events Coordinator John Rogers. "We had signs saying such things as 'ride single file'."

In these areas, bikers and motorists are asked to be more careful in the following areas.

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Tensions may keep Poly professor from Nigeria

Robin Cayley

Staff Writer

Political tensions in Nigeria have postponed and possibly cancelled a Cal Poly history professor's plans of traveling to that country on a Fulbright Scholarship.

Quintard Taylor, a member of the Cal Poly faculty since 1977, was scheduled to leave for the University of Nigeria in Nsukka last week, but was told there was no housing available for him. He now hopes to leave by the end of September. Taylor was scheduled to lecture in Afro-American and American history, which he also teaches.

Taylor said he does not believe a lack of housing is the real reason that he could not go to Nsukka. Instead, he speculated, political tensions probably are the cause.

Taylor said he offered the chance the appointment to the University of Nigeria falls through, negotiations have begun with the University of Lagos, located in Nigeria's capital.

He said which university he'll go to could be a question of what country on a Fulbright Scholarship. Taylor said, "If I don't know how these things go, because last month I thought I was going to Nsukka. I'll just have to wait and see."
SAFETY

From page 1 and "hazardous area ahead." We had signs for the riders in all directions."
Rogers, organizer for the recent San Luis Obispo Triathlon in which 15-year old Casey Stevenson was killed on her bike, said that the recreation department contacted highway patrol officials before the event and took all recommended safety precautions.
"I don't know that the roads could have been any safer," said Rogers. According to salesmen in local area bike stores, mirror and helmet sales have been on the rise since the three accidents occurred this past month.
Mike Barns, local area rider and manager of the VELO SLO bike store, feels there are two evident problems for bikers in the area.
"One problem for bikers is that (none) of the roads in the area are safe," said Barns. "Another problem is that when drivers are on the roads, they look for other drivers, not cyclists."
Barns, who has been biking on San Luis Obispo area roads and highways for the past 12 years, feels that bikers need to learn the rules of the road and how to ride a bike single file, with other bikers and in a straight line when riding alone.
Barns feels there are certain measures cyclists should take to ensure a safer ride:
• Drive defensively.
• Wear bright clothing.
• Remember that traffic laws apply to bicyclists as well as autos.

Since the third-publicized biking accident on Garden Street, in which a biker hit an opening car door, Barns feels that recreational cyclists may leave the sport for the time being. Serious cyclists of the area he feels will stay with the sport but will probably be a little more cautious.
"I know that now I'm a lot more careful when I'm out on the roads riding," said Barns. "I'm especially careful when a car approaches me from behind."

Merchant see 'market' drawbacks
Say barbecues and crowds hurt business

By Stephanie Hill

With the success and growth of Farmers' Market during the last four years, merchants and farmers are experiencing their share of difficulties behind the scenes.

Higuera merchants have not only complained that smoke from seven barbecue vendors bothers employees and customers, but that the market in general takes away from business.
A recent lawsuit filed by Aca Joe proprietor Fred Alm claimed that barbecue smoke was entering his store and damaging merchandise.
"This was only one example of the problems occurring with the growth of the market," Alm said.

The manager of a restaurant on Higuera Street, who wished to remain unidentified, said, "The market has cut my business by 50 percent on Thursday. Not only does the smoke bother us, but people come in and use our tables to eat the ribs they just bought."
What started out strictly as a "farmers'" market has turned into a rib and entertainment evening with the farmers playing only a small part, the manager said.

Some retail stores have begun petitioning to get the city to put a limit on street vendors and to allow the merchants to control the space directly in front of their stores.

Michael Frucht, owner of Michael's Delicatessen And Restaurant, is one such petitioner. He has collected 149 signatures to present to the San Luis Obispo City Council asking that store owners have first rights to the space in front of their establishments.

"Sometimes people can't even walk on the sidewalk to get into See MARKET, back page

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By Leigh Rubin

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Academic Senate chair settles in

By Robin Galey

The new chairman of the Academic Senate begins this term with three main goals for the coming year.

Charlie Crabb, who was elected by the senate to a one-year term, said he hopes to increase collaboration between the senate and administration, focus on substantive issues and streamline the curriculum modification process.

Crabb has been a professor of crop science for nine years and has served on the senate four years.

Malcolm Wilson, vice president for academic affairs, noted Crabb's attributes: "He's well organized, has a clear understanding of the university and is a good listener," he said. "You can hardly hear the combination.

Crabb said the most critical issue is to improve relations. "Cooperation is necessary between the senate and the administration to accomplish any of our goals. By working together we can reach a single solution and avoid hard feelings."

Crabb also said previous senates tried to deal with too large an agenda. "If you try to do too much you don't do any good," he said. "We need to deal with the substantive rather than the routine."

Lamouria said in response to Crabb's statement about the senate agenda, "The less we know about a subject the easier it is to comment. The more experience you get the more you realize the little you know."

Lamouria added, "It is all a matter of interpretation. There is no single management style that is necessarily the best."

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Young people look to armed forces for career possibilities

By Coleen Bondy

"Be all that you can be, because we need you in the Army... Aim high — Air Force... It's not just a job — it's an adventure."

Each day the airwaves are bombarded with advertisements trying to sell people on the idea of joining the armed services. Whether or not people are persuaded by such media hype was answered somewhat by a trip to the local military recruitment center.

The recent Iran-Contra testimony by Lt. Col. Oliver North hasn't had much impact on people joining the military, said Tech. Sgt. Sherrill Hodges, an officer recruiter for the Air Force.

**Hero or criminal**

Hodges believes that people are waiting to see if North will be proclaimed a hero or a criminal before they will show any patriotic fervor.

However, Hollywood has a lot to do with young men and women joining the military. Movies such as "Top Gun" and "Iron Eagle" portray the armed services as romantic and exciting, without showing the hours of hard work and academics that go into learning to fly jets or becoming an officer.

These movies tend to draw more high school graduates than college students, though, because college students realize that military life is not at all like what is shown on the big screen, Hodges said. Yet many college students will join the military to get an expense-paid education.

Supervisors from the start

"Officers come in for the management experience," Hodges said. "They are supervisors from day one."

College graduates join the armed forces to gain experience as officers, but they don't necessarily want a career with the government, Hodges said, adding that today it is not enough to have a four-year degree. Employers are looking for hands-on training.

The Air Force is the most difficult branch to get into. It also has the highest retention of recruits. Many people enter hoping to fly or be navigators, and although the Navy does have jets helicopters, the Air Force has the largest inventory of aircraft, Hodges said.

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The Nigerian tensions seem back to a bloody civil war from 1967 to 1970 and there is still a lot of tension and unrest in the country, said Taylor.

"If you know about the American Civil War then you can imagine that situation in Nigeria," said Taylor.

University of the States are free to make their own decisions on who to hire and how many women are available, said Taylor, but in most cases these decisions are made by the federal government in Nigeria.

If there are problems between Nokauta and the federal government then those tensions can be acted out in a variety of ways, and I think that is happening to me in one of those ways.

He said he can only speculate on the reasons why his offer from Nokauta was postponed and possibly cancelled. He is still making the best of the situation. "I hope to explore this idea to go to Nokauta to find the real reason. I hope they have not created another obstacle to my going to Nigeria," he said. "I won't be completely confident I'm permitted by the Nigerian until I step off the plane."

Taylor graduated from the University of Minnesota with a doctorate in the history of African people and has taught at Washington State, Gustavus Adolphus College and the University of Minnesota.

If he doesn't go to Nigeria he will take a year off. "I'm not autobiographical," Taylor said. He would like to work on his long standing research project on the history of Black Starr. He began this research while teaching in Washington.

The Council voted to provide $30,000 to the Visitors and Conference Bureau, a large-scale organization designed to bring more tourists to the area. This is the second year the city has supported the Visitors and Conference Bureau based on a percentage of the city's bed tax, a revenue tax generated from tourists to the area. This is the city's bed tax, a revenue tax generated from tourists to the area. "The money spent in advertising will return to the city a three-fold increase from the increase in tourism," said Sexton, partner in the firm.

Mayor Ron Dunn said, "The presentations were very impressive and the Chamber, the Visitors and Conference Bureau and Sexton-Francis Associates will have to work in coordination with the program was established in a committee to ensure money is not spent twice on the same subject of promotion."

The City Council unanimously approved a new student insurance policy to enhance efforts of promotional advertising for San Luis Obispo.

Kids explore summer at Poly
By Robin Galey

Some kids now know more about the Cal Poly campus than their parents.

They are children of Cal Poly faculty and students, and are enjoying a summer camp called the Poly Trekkers for kids ages six to nine.

"A trek is an adventure and we go a lot of places on and off campus," said Anita Hacker, an intern with the program. "Five days a week all 14 kids pile into the Call Poly van for a new trek."

The camp runs July 6 to Aug. 28 and costs $60 per week. Different children participate every week, but many stay more than one week.

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Poly offers insurance to students
By Kristine J. Abbey

Many students who think they are covered by their parents' insurance plans may actually be uninsured. With some insurance companies a person can remain a dependent until age 25 and then they must take out their own policy. Their rate for insurance goes up dramatically, as they are no longer a dependent on their parents' policy.

Health Care employee Shirley Beaumont said students realize how inexpensive it is to buy insurance through the school. Summer quarter coverage costs only $10 per quarter, and the cost is $33.

Beaumont agreed that the students' health plan is not as comprehensive as plans purchased through other insurance companies, but students are healthier and less likely to have health problems that would require a very comprehensive plan.

The student policy covers accidents up to $5,000, a hospital stay for seven days at $200 a day, and some outpatient and physician coverage.

A male under 35 insured with Farm Bureau Insurance would be charged $22.60 per month for a $500 deductible on major medical. A female would pay $27. Such a plan would pay 80 percent of major medical costs.

A new student insurance policy available through the school will be offered for the fall quarter.
Local business throws in a vote for the performing arts

By Jeanne Denvir

The San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously last month to strongly support a performing arts center on the Cal Poly campus.

"The Chamber had not taken a position before as to whether the facility should be placed at Cal Poly," said Bill Morem, director of communications for the chamber. "The guidelines were given much study and it was voted that the proposal should go forth." The proposal, drafted by the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center, calls for a 1,500-seat auditorium to be located next to the Cal Poly Theatre on Grand Avenue.

In addition to supporting the Poly site, the board's action supports the proposal's concept of cooperation between the university and the private sector.

The city has budgeted $450,000 over the next two years for planning and design of the facility, which will take five years to complete. The Foundation for the Performing Arts is conducting a fund-raising campaign within the private sector. The initial phase of the money is collected from the first wave, and people who pledge $500 per year for five years become members of the foundation.

The goal is to obtain 200 pledges of $2,500 for the operation of the Performing Arts Center during the next five years, said Jim Franklin, foundation executive director. "The first wave has 50 members and we plan to double that by the end of October." First-wave donors will be recognized on a ground-breaking ceremony on opening night and on a permanent plaque displayed in the theater.

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Annual festival will honor the brilliance of classical Mozart

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Pros tangle for volleyball title on Pismo battleground

By Herod Lowery

Linda Chisholm and Jackie Silva were the big winners last weekend in the Reebok World Championship of Beach Volleyball for Women, pocketing $4,000 by ousting Kathy Gregory and Janice Opalinski 15-3 in the one-game final.

Gregory and Opalinsky, the defending champions, received $2,000 for second. Nina Matthies and Linda Robertson took third, good for $1,600.

Their second year in that slot, they went invisible to fig ht their way out of the loser's bracket after losing to Matthies and Robertson on Saturday.

Gregory is perhaps best known to Cal Poly students as the coach of the arch-rival UCSB Gauchos women's volleyball team.

The finals started off slow, with Chisholm and Silva taking a 2-0 lead, despite acrobatics by the 42-year-old Gregory that would put Mary Lou Benson to shame. Gregory and Opalinsky tied it at 2-2 when Silva hit the ball into the net.

Chisholm got a service ace on Opalinski to make it 5-3, and by then it was all over and the blowout was on.

All tournament long, Gregory used her experience to drop shots where there were no defenders, while Opalinski provided added firepower. But Silva began to dink just over the net and in the deep corners for a run of points.

With Chisholm and Silva leading 12-3, Opalinski shanked a serve, hit one into the net and Shank of another serve, and very quickly it was 14-3, with the world-championship point on the line. Silva dropped the ball over for the final point, and promptly said, "Today I have my dream!"

It was generally recognized that Gregory and Opalinsky had better ball control, but Chisholm and Silva, winners of the last four tournaments, were a much stronger team at the net. But it didn't matter to Chisholm.

"We try to beat every team as quick as possible so we can go over the umbrella," she said.

Chisholm also said she expects to be together with Silva a long time. The two haven't always been teammates. Exactly three years ago this week, the pair were on opposing teams at the 1984 Olympics — Chisholm for the United States, Silva for Brazil.

Former Cal Poly volleyball stars Linda Bohm, Ellen Bogulski, Kelly Strand and Carol Tschasar didn't fare too well in the tournament, with only Strand and her partner Gayle Stammer advancing into the winners bracket. The pair wound up ninth, $250 richer for their effort. Bohm, Bulgaski and Tschasar cited a lack of playing time with their partners as their biggest problem.

ESPN was on hand to tape the finals for a September broadcast, but their actions during the semi-finals and finals left a bad impression on players and spectators alike.

In the semis, Gregory served, Linda Robertson put it down for a side-out and partner Matthies went back to serve. But ESPN wasn't ready. Matthies refused to give up the ball, but Gregory of course was all too happy to oblige the "Total Sports Network" and a real barn-burner argument ensued.

ESPN wanted a replay of the first serve, but Matthies argued that since it was a side-out and no point was scored, it didn't matter who served first.

First ESPN said they didn't need a replay, then they said they did, and the argument really heated up. Referee Eric Benson was in the middle of all this, and he was made to look like a total buffoon.

Finally, Gregory was awarded a re-server, but referee Benson couldn't whistle for serve until ESPN said it was OK. Every serve was like this, the players holding the ball until Benson got the signal from ESPN.

"It was a complete joke, what ESPN did," said Benson. "It was totally uncalled for."

Photos by Daryl Shoptaugh
Clockwise, from left: Dale Hall stuffs a Kathy Gregory spike; Jackie Silva and Linda Chisholm celebrate; Jackie Silva, Lisa Strand, twin sister of former Cal Poly star Kelly Strand.
CSSA lends a hand to children's centers, rape victims

By Scott Sarno

The California State University has been budgeted $300,000 to reevaluate the need and the adequacy of system-wide child care services.

A bill signed last month by Gov. George Deukmejian will augment money from the CSU budget for the system's 19 campus children's centers. Steve Blair, Cal Poly's representative to the California State Student Association, said the organization sponsored the bill and was instrumental in providing the additional $300,000 for the university's children's centers.

"The study will evaluate the need for child care services at CSU campuses and determine the adequacy of child care facilities," said Blair.

The CSSA met at Cal State Northridge earlier this month to discuss the $1 million allocation of state funds for campus children's centers. It also discussed recommending amendments to a state assembly bill concerning sexual assault policies at California universities. The bill requires all colleges and universities in the state to conduct mandatory student education and orientation programs dealing with the crime of rape.

"The purpose of CSSA is to coordinate and enhance intercampus communication directed toward a united effort in addressing campus and statewide student issues," said Blair.

ASI President Stan Van Vleck said CSSA can be instrumental in a number of areas "if we strongly encourage them to address the needs of the Cal Poly students," he said. "Cal Poly is not a typical campus for the CSU system so it's hard for the CSU needs to accommodate our needs."

Van Vleck said that one reason Cal Poly is not an average state campus is that it turns away more applicants than any CSU campus. Another reason is that Cal Poly is the only campus in the CSU system using student fees to pay for a recreation facility.

"The proposed student recreation facility will not only be partially funded by students, it will also be run by students," said Van Vleck.

He added that it's important for a CSSA representative to have a strong ability to communicate with people and convey a professional attitude. "Steve Blair was chosen because of his experience as a representative of various campus organizations," Van Vleck said.

CSSA has offices in Sacramento and Long Beach and 55 student positions. Van Vleck said that through representation at the state and national level, CSSA has given students a more powerful voice.

The bill will set forth to the university framework for respect for the rights of victims of rape." — Steve Blair

Americans help Nicaraguans against U.S. intervention

By April Karys

With half of Nicaragua's budget earmarked for defense and 15 percent of its productive population involved in fighting the country's civil war, the economy has been a disaster.

These figures, from the June 22 issue of Newweek, present a dreary picture of daily life for the average Nicaraguan.

"In 1983 some people I knew knew that they were living in Nicaragua," said Bruce Valde, a Ventura house painter who last month distributed work brigade flyers at Cal Poly and gave a slide presentation at Linnam's cafe.

"I wanted to be interested in doing the same thing, in lending a hand to the people there," Valde said. "I guess for most brigade workers it's a way to say 'even though our government is irrational, we know better.' It's a way to make a visible effort to show that we care."" Since then the brigade has worked on two brigades, one to harvest coffee and cotton in 1985 and one this year, when he picked coffee beans. He now works with Action Central America, a Venustana-based organization that recruits brigade workers, or brigadistas.

There are many varieties of brigades as work in Nicaragua, according to Valde, 39, who has a Master's degree in Hindi from UC Berkeley. The environmental brigade now in that country is 25 percent strong, he said. Other types of brigades range from construction and technical to health and winter harvests.

The work brigades help to take up the slack left by workers and farmers who must leave their jobs to fight, said Peter Rosen, a part-time ornamental horticulture major at Cal Poly.

"Nicaragua is still very dependent on agriculture for exports, coffee and cotton in particular," said Rosen, who has worked with the Nicaragua Network, a national organization that does political and official work in support of the solidarity of Nicaraguans against U.S. intervention.

"One of Nicaragua's most effective defenses against a hostile U.S. administration is the work brigades of American people that go there, and then come back and tell their friends how it really is," said Rosen.

"Nicaraguans want Americans to see that it's not like a typical communist country," Rosen said.

"Most of the land we've worked on has been privately owned. That's been the main focus of reform here — redistribution of land to private ownership."

Valde asserts that even though Nicaragua is a war-torn country, the government there is very careful in putting the brigades where they can work without fear of attack. He estimated that in the last five years, about five thousand Americans have worked in Nicaragua for some kind of brigade.

"Since the brigades began going down in 1983, not one brigade has been seriously injured," Valde said.

By April Karys

"We've got the competition by the bums"

The Fresh Alternative is a one dollar weekly newspaper for Cal Poly. We maintain a two-cent per capita mailing to 15,000 campus residents. Our subscription list is composed of 15,000 people, and our circulation list is composed of 12,000 people. Our business office is located on campus.

Our major goal is to maintain our campus dailies and provide a weekly alternative.
Runner blazes through San Luis on 11,000-mile fundraising run

By Lisa Bosio

 Mention traveling around the United States and many imagine seeing the sights by car or tour, and one woman has engaged 34 states on foot.

Sarah Fulcher, a 25-year-old waitress from Winston-Salem, N.C., is covering about 11,000 miles by running around the United States. For the next 10 months, Fulcher will run 32 miles a day, equivalent to a marathon every day. Her route took her through San Luis Obispo and the coasts of California last week and she is on her way to the rain forests of Washington, the pollution of Miami, the beat of Houston and the mountains of San Diego. 

"After running across America in the pouring rain, hear waves and having kangaroo jumping in front of me, I'm ready for anything!" she said.

The "Run Across America" is part of the National Fitness Foundation's campaign to raise $50 million to build the United States Fitness Academy. The Academy will be located on a 200-acre site in Laguna Hills, Calif. It's purpose is to offer various programs, fitness and educational programs to people of all ages. Courses, workshops and seminars covering youth and senior fitness, sports medicine, diet, nutrition and research will be offered. The campus will also include a gymnasium, pool, bike and running trails and playing fields.

Although the facility will be available to everyone, physical education instructors will be encouraged to attend. According to Fulcher, many elementary and high school athletics instructors are unqualified. She attributes the lack of sports programs to "not having their proper education." Fulcher said.

"Many of them are math or English teachers who don't know a thing about proper stretching, diet or exercise," she said.

Jim Prather, director of news at the San Luis Obispo Coastal Unified School District, agreed that the school districts need more qualified instructors. "In our district, set out of the eleven schools have qualified P.E. teachers," he said.

The academy will be a non-profit corporation, completely funded by corporate sponsorship, individual contributions and special events. Fulcher's run will contribute an estimated $3 million towards the academy.

According to Fulcher, America is the only developed nation that does not have a fitness academy. Country's such as England, Germany, Japan and the Soviet Union have fitness academies.

"Our country is number one in everything else, why not fitness?" she said.

Fulcher's running career has included running five and ten kilometer races. Her longest run was a recent 22.22-mile run across Australia last fall. In a little over three months, she raised a little over $38,000 for world hunger.

She's a Guinness record with the run by being the first person to run across Australia alone.

To prepare for her current run, she followed a regular routine each day of swimming, rowing and weight training. She also lived with her trainers and managers downtown for one month to develop the daily routine necessary to maintain 32 miles a day.

Fulcher's days start with an early morning stretch, a bucket bath in亮相 and a reviews minute massage. From 6:00 to 6:15, she's off running. She stops to rest every three hours, grabbing a snack or a quick massage. By 3:30-4:00 in the afternoon, she's run 32 miles. Then, she figures, averages out to a 10-minute mile, depending on the terrain.

Along the route, she will encounter miles and miles of long, empty highways. Although her manager, brother and brother follow her in a motor home, she runs alone, she said. This gives her time to think of the measure she plans on spreading to everyone she meets.

"Fitness affects everything we do," she said. "To know I influenced one person is amazing."

Fulcher started the run in Jamma Hills on July 21st and plans on returning here next May. The 're out will enroll her in the "Run Across America" program and is expected to raise at least $3 million for the United States Fitness Academy. The current record is 10,608 miles run around the United States, held by Robert Steppenwall, set in July 1983.

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Chambers given shot at making pro all-star team

Robin Gailes
Summer Mustang

Former Cal Poly basketball star Sean Chambers has been chosen to try out for a spot on the International Basketball Association's all-star team that will tour the Orient this fall.

Chambers, who led the Mustangs to two consecutive conference championships in 1986 and 1987, will be one of 24 players trying out in Fresno in early September. Eleven will be chosen for the team.

Chambers qualified for the Fresno tryout by being one of five players selected from more than 300 at a preliminary tryout in Los Angeles last month. Fifteen players were also selected from tryouts in New York, Chicago and Toronto, and four players were chosen at large.

The all-star team will tour the Orient to promote the IBA, a new league for players 6-foot-4 and under. The IBA will begin its first season next May. A draft, which Chambers qualifies for, will be held in December.

Chambers said he felt very positive about his game during the initial tryout session. "I kind of made it a situation that they couldn't deny me," he said. "I felt I had so much of a better game than anybody else there. Now I have a lot of confidence. At first you see these guys on TV and get a little intimidated because you don't know how really good they are."

Wheeler heading for Montana

Former hoop coach shakes off controversy, lands assistant's job

By Michael Robles
Summer Mustang

Ernie Wheeler, recently hired as an assistant coach for Eastern Montana, says he does not know what to expect when he returns to Cal Poly for the Tip-Off Holiday Classic in December.

But the former Cal Poly head basketball coach said he is sure of one thing: "It won't be easy stepping into the gym for the first time."

Indeed it won't. Wheeler will be returning to the Main Gym for the first time since the NCAA reprimanded him for minor infractions earlier this year.

After guiding the Mustangs for 14 years, Wheeler resigned last September to assume fundraising duties for the university. A subsequent NCAA investigation of Wheeler and the basketball program resulted in the athletic department being placed on a one-year probation and Wheeler being reprimanded.

Despite the controversy, Eastern Montana head coach Lenny Wilkins, a Cal Poly alum, offered Wheeler a job.

"You don't kick a dog when he's down," Wilkins said. "You help him up. I like his knowledge of the game and the way he teaches."

After being a head coach for many years, Wheeler said he does not know what it will be like to be an assistant coach. "It is certainly something different," he said. "The most important thing is I'm back in coaching. I will have a lot of responsibility."

In addition to his coaching duties, Wheeler will be in charge of recruiting in southern and central California, Utah and Arizona. He will also conduct fundraisers and promotions, activities he said he enjoyed.

Wheeler, who Wilkins said turned down two Division I coaching offers, will be going to what Wilkins called the "boonies." Eastern Montana, a member of the Great Northwest Conference, reached the Division II Final Four last year.

The university is located in Billings, a city of 150,000. Although it is a drastic change from the sunny Central Coast, Wheeler said he will not feel that far from home.

"Cal Poly has been something very important to me," he said. (Billings) reminds of the community we have in San Luis Obispo. They're nice people."
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**Rugby club bouncing back from problems**

By C. Morris

Summer Mustang

Despite many obstacles, the Cal Poly rugby club is coming out a winner.

In the past few months, the team has had its funding cut, lost its coach and had to rebuild its reputation.

Last spring the team's funding was cut from $1,000 to $436 per year. It costs the team $3,000 per year just to compete, not including equipment, uniforms or traveling expenses. The remaining costs are now being covered by the players. The team is in a bad financial position, but we always survive," said John Vlahadreas, the club president.

He said if the players get really desperate, they will write letters to their parents to explain the situation. The parents usually come through for them, Vlahadreas said.

The team also is trying to get Budweiser to sponsor it. If it succeeds, Budweiser would pay for new bags, signs and shirts.

And, said Vlahadreas, the company would rent Van's Hall for a fund-raising party.

Besides having little money, the team also is looking for a new coach. Last year it was led by a student-coach.

The team also has been working on rebuilding its reputation. In the past it has been known for being wild and obnoxious, but it is making a conscious effort to change this. Because of a riot last year at a tournament at UC Santa Barbara, the team was not invited back this year.

In spite of the major drawbacks the team is doing well in summer competition. The Mustangs are playing in the Summer Sevens tournament in Palo Alto. The tournament features shorter games played with seven players instead of the usual 15.

Last weekend the Mustangs played the third of the four-part tournament. Their tournament record is 6-3. The Mustangs, seeded fourth out of 30 teams, will go to the finals Aug 30.

The team plays in the Southern California Rugby Football Union League.
Struggling high schoolers move upward

By Michael Robles

SUMMER SESSION

SUMMER SCHOOL IS TAKING A DIFFERENT Form in the Sacramento area with an academic program conducted at Cal Poly.

UPWARD BOUND

UPWARD BOUND is a federally funded program aimed at students who are from low income families, ethnically under-represented or first-generation college attendees.

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APPLICANTS there are, the chooser they can be.

Salaries scale

The salary range for an entry instructor is $3,870 to $3,744 per month (with all living expenses paid), depending on the amount of college one has had. For an officer, however, the pay scale increases quite a bit. Becoming an officer requires a college degree, passing minimum test requirements, a physical and a thorough application. It is also possible to get a paid education while becoming an officer, and then serve four years after graduation. The minimum enrollment period in the armed forces is four years.

Soaring pay for an officer is between $17,000 and $21,000, per year, with one-off duty increases every year. After 12 weeks of basic training, applicants are commissioned as second lieutenants. In four years they can earn $32,000 as a captain.

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The market, of course, has its good points," Frucht said, but "the problems are growing. Some- thing has to be done to bring back that original atmosphere."