Format of Women's Week to be changed
Program seeks to be more responsive
By Kathryn Halts

The Women's Week program is changing format this spring to become more responsive to current events and give a larger cross section of program opportunities. "The program has grown so much in the last few years," said Mary Kay Harrington, chair of the Women's Week Committee. "We were not able to see very much during February's Women's Week. There were too many fine programs, and the students had to choose between too many good presentations."

During Women's Week this year, 67 workshops and 108 speaker presentations were offered — 500 to 600 students participated and about 20 people worked Women's Week, said Harrington.

"We'll still have Women's Week in February," she said. "One thing is we'll scale it down and not have the huge numbers of presentations."

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U.S. is flushing environment
by Alison Kelley

That's it—I have had it with the American Dream. I am not just angry, I am infuriated with the Exxon Valdez incident. As someone who hopes to become a beneficial environmental chemist, I can no longer live the lies that my country is so fond of feeding me. The only good that can come from this most recent environmental disaster (should be read as rape and pillage) is a heightened awareness of the impending devastation of the planet. As we sat discussing this event in my political science class, I honestly felt my blood boil as we were confronted with the cold, harsh reality: Nothing will be done. No matter what, we will pay (not to mention the hundreds of animal species that already have made the ultimate sacrifice). Exxon will claim a loss on its 1989 tax report, any fines will translate to increased prices at the pump, and Superfund (a taxpayer-supported emergency fund for events of this nature) will probably carry the brunt of the cleanup costs. Who learns a lesson from this disaster? The Alaskan fishermen and grass-roots activists, that's who. Not Exxon and the oil companies.

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Letters to the Editor

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by Stewart McKenzie

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Date rape issues spark barrage of heated responses

Greeks defend escort service

Editor — I can stand this no longer. I am a member of a Greek letter organization here at Cal Poly. And, believe it or not, I am not a rape victim. Yet, it's true that there are a few of us left here on campus (chances are you might know one or two) who have yet to rape someone. Despite what Erika Schoenhoff seems to imply in her letter ("Reader questions safety of frat-run escort service," April 24), all fraternity members are not rapists and to say that the IFC escort service is staffed by "possible rapists" infuriates me. I am no more a rapist than B. Drechsler ("Poly date rapes linked to frats," April 20); therefore, it is far to call the staff of the Mustang Daily "possible rapists"!

The story you heard, Miss Schoenhoff, is just that — a story. There has not been one rape linked to the IFC escort service since its beginning, and it continues to be a reliable escort service since its beginning. I am willing to do whatever it takes to see this crime stopped. It is important, however, to realize that it is not just a problem isolated within the Greek community. It is a problem that exists in the entire community and needs to be addressed by Greek and non-Greek alike. I caution anyone on the dangers of assigning the guilt of one particular organization, lest he or she be guilty of the same prejudice for which we are so often, incorrectly, condemned.

Scott Garland, vice president Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Greeks defend escort service

Editor — It is a bad time to be a Cal Poly greek I think not. I sure don't want to bother escorting another person again after reading Erika Schoenhoff's letter ("Reader questions safety of frat-run escort service," April 24) criticizing the escort system. But after my soul was subsided, I decided that I was doing the right thing by continuing to participate with all my brothers in the escort service.

The average student reads how the good ole days in ASI were better than today via a column titled "Sing some mud, damn it" (April 21) by Alison Skarrt, Well, Alison, the only good that mudslinging does is give newspapers easy work and accomplish nothing with our student corporation. Oh, by the way, you want the good ole days back with three-hour senate meetings every Tuesday night? I certainly won't be chairing them.

Also, Teresa Huffman is a far cry from being an inexperienced candidate for the position of ASI vice president. "Political naive" were the words that you chose. There was no loser in the vice-presidential election, except for the un-researched comment about Teresa in your column.

I will be graduating in June and I will always value the time I spent involved in ASI and as a Greek. The media will always be the same, looking for people to raise an eyebrow and for people like myself to refute their columns.

John Moons
Alpha Gamma Rho member and ASI vice president

Editor — This letter, which I am sure is one of many, is in response to Erika Schoenhoff's letter regarding date rape and the fraternity system ("Reader questions safety of frat-run escort service," April 24). While I am not arguing the points made by Miss Schoenhoff, I am outraged by the aforementioned letter. My fraternity, while talking about fear or ignorance, it might be useful to look at yourself. Your letter will probably do more damage than good. First of all, you begin your letter stating that you had never heard of any fraternity-related rapes here, and then you later completely contradict yourself by stating that you "heard one story about a woman who was raped by one of her escorts." Well, which is it? Have you or haven't heard of fraternity-related rapes before?

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Programs open, causes explored

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The committee has known for some time that Cal Poly is not insulated from the high rate of acquaintance rape on college campuses.

The Sexual Assault Prevention Program consists of a group of students, staff and faculty from a variety of departments and agencies on and off campus. We have been working together for over two years with two major goals in mind. First, to develop a policy and procedure to handle cases of sexual assault on campus. This has turned out to be a complex and, unfortunately, frustrating experience. Although we have succeeded in informally developing procedures to reach out to the survivors of sexual assault, the university has yet to approve a comprehensive policy and philosophy statement with regard to sexual assault.

Second, the SAPP has been extremely successful in providing education and prevention programs to a variety of groups on campus. This year more than 20 presentations have taken place to a total audience of over 1,100 students.

There does seem to be a perception of the instances of the rapes have increased. We believe that it is the reporting of rape that increased, not necessarily the incidences. Through our efforts to establish a viable program, we have created an environment in which the needs of rape survivors are better served. That is not to say that there is no room for improvement. We are currently See More Letters, page 11
Sobriety checkpoint scheduled for Poly Royal weekend

By Christine J. Pocan
Staff Writer

This year during Poly Royal, weekend visitors and party-goers may find themselves subject to a roadside sobriety checkpoint hosted by the California Highway Patrol.

A barrier of cones, signs, and police officers, the checkpoints are sporadic checks for drunken drivers. All traffic on the chosen roadway is required to stop for the routine sobriety questioning.

Frank Strieker, public affairs officer for the San Luis Obispo CHP, said the location, date and time of a checkpoint are not released until the day before it happens. The local media are contacted the evening prior to the barrier set up.

According to the SLO CHP, last year, during Poly Royal weekend, a checkpoint was set up on Broad Street just north of Orcutt Road. Nine hundred, twenty-five cars were checked, seven open container citations given, two Driving Under the Influence arrests made, and one vehicle impounded for driving with a suspended license.

Strieker said the checkpoints are set up around high alcohol problem times. “The sobriety checkpoints are planned ahead of time by the CHP supervisor’s office,” said Strieker. “A lot of the chosen locations are based on past experience with problems.”

“When the media comes out to cover the checkpoint it serves as an excellent tool for public awareness,” he said. “Our point is to let the public know we are out there.”

The CHP sets up the checkpoints with the cooperation of local authorities. The SLO police coordinate with the CHP inside the city limits.

On the specified road, the CHP sets itself up for a six-hour shift, said Strieker, often between 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.

An initial contact officer explains to the driver what is going on and directs him toward the next officer who determines if the driver is intoxicated. The officer assesses the driver’s condition and either sends him through or pulls him over to the side for a complete roadside sobriety test.

Strieker said the last sobriety checkpoint was set up on Los Osos Valley Road on Sept. 2. Over 800 cars were checked, 31 field sobriety tests given and six DUI arrests made.

WOMEN

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thriving in college, women in law, and in the fall, a women’s health day to explore their mental health and gynecological concerns, she said.

“The programs orientated toward health and psychology are popular,” she said.

The Women’s Week theme for next year is “Building Bridges.”

“We will start using the theme with the next event,” Harrington said. “By the time Women’s Week is here, everyone will know what it is.”

“We want to make sure that the kinds of gifts that women have are represented and given back to the university,” she said.

“I think a year-round program will lead to that.”

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Oil spill imperils Alaskan sealife; could it happen here?

BY SHARON SHERMAN

On March 24, in the early morning hours, a disastrous accident happened in the waters of Prince William Sound, Alaska.

So begins an open letter to the public from I. G. Rawl, chairman of Exxon Corp. The letter appeared April 4 in 165 publications throughout the United States in response to the worst oil spill in the history of the United States.

The Exxon Valdez, an oil tanker loaded with 52 million gallons of crude oil, hit an underwater reef and spilled 240,000 barrels of oil into the ocean. Since the accident, thousands of birds and marine mammals have died and the thick crude oil has spread over an area the size of Rhode Island — about 1,000 square miles.

Company planners expect the cleanup operation to be completed by Sept. 15, said Tucker, a media representative at the Cleanup Coordinating Center set up by Exxon in Valdez.

According to the Alaska Fish and Game Department it may be years before Prince William Sound can support the levels of fish and wildlife that existed before the spill, the Los Angeles Times reported recently.

Nearly 2,500 people are involved in the clean up effort now and Exxon intends to increase that number to 4,000 in the coming weeks, Tucker said.

In coastal areas throughout the United States, where oil tankers have become an increasingly common sight off the shoreline, the question being asked most is, "Can it happen here?"

The Central Coast is an area that must consider this question.

Within state waters (the area up to three miles from the shore), oil tankers can be seen either loading or unloading at four locations in the county, from Port San Luis in Avila Beach to Estero Bay, about five miles north of Morro Bay.

Chevron Pipeline Co., Union Oil, Pacific Gas & Electric and the U.S. Navy each operate a tanker berth.

Local oil tanker operators have responded to the spill in Alaska by scrutinizing their prevention measures.

Navy's Defense Field Support Point, located next to the Chevron site, cannot be released for security reasons, according to Wendell Parrish, superintendent.

The PG&E tanker berth, located at the company's Morro Bay Power Plant, has received 2.4 million barrels of oil from 12 tanker shipments since 1987, said Bob Bead, a power production engineer at the plant. From 1981 to 1986, however, there were no tanker deliveries to the plant.

Parrish is optimistic that a major spill on the Central Coast is unlikely, and that if there were one, the response would be adequate enough to severely minimize the potential for harm.

"Back to 1971, based on the records we have here at the terminal, we have an average of spilling one barrel for every 21.8 million barrels loaded," cannon said.

"It's a pretty good record."

The largest spill since 1971 was 10 barrels, or 420 gallons of oil, Cannon said. The terminal was built in 1928, but records dating back that far were not available at the local office.

"I think if you look at the history of our facility, we have a good system here of oil-spill contingency plans and emergency response programs," A.I. Roest, a Cal Poly biological sciences professor, said. "It's very definitely possible that there can be a similar situation (to the Valdez spill) at Avila or Estero Bay.

Roest said there is enough legislation to minimize the possibilities, but not adequate enforcement.

"To a large extent the faults lies with the government," Roest said. "(It) should act as a controlling agency to make sure that

"We should keep in mind that when people are convinced of the value of technological advances tell us, 'We have looked into the possibility of a spill and the chances are infinitesimally small,' maybe so, but the chances are still there. And it can happen."

— A.I. Roest, Cal Poly biology department

"The public is a kind of schizophrenic beast ... I blame the public for its gas-guzzling demands for being almost as equally responsible ...

There's a public conscience and awareness about the importance of environmental protection and need to conserve, but that seems to only translate itself into wanting someone else to do something about it."

— Robert Griffin

"The vast majority of us are probably somewhere in between. We'll buy the gas, but we hate to see the environment ruined."

Roest agreed with Cannon that the Alaska spill will be helpful in making sure that any site where a spill might occur will be better prepared. "They probably can never be fully prepared."

Union Oil has more than 1,500 miles of pipelines in the Santa Maria and San Juan valleys that feed into their terminal at Port San Luis in Avila Beach.

Ron James, division superintendent, said most of the activity at Port San Luis involves pipeline distribution of refined gasoline and diesel products to Union Oil service stations on the Central Coast.

Some crude oil does get shipped out from the terminal, which loaded its first tanker in 1910. In 1988, 3.7 million barrels were loaded on off tankers at Port San Luis.

In the past four years, James said, there has been only one spill involving a tanker. The spill was reported to be about 1.1 gallons.

Mike Moore, Coast Guard marine environmental response safety division chief, said the Coast Guard annually inspects every vessel, foreign or American, that visits U.S. ports.

James said, "They (the Coast Guard) come out about once every six months and we demonstrate deployment of our spill boom, which is capable of fully encircling a ship if there's a spill."

James said the differences between the situations in Alaska and the Central Coast are so significant that the likelihood of a similar incident occurring here is remote.

"First of all, the tanker sizes are much different," he said.

The tankers that come into ports along the California, Oregon and Washington coasts are called coastal tankers and are typically 40,000 dead-weight tons. The Exxon Valdez is 211,000 dead-weight tons.

Coastal tankers have a capacity of 120,000 to 250,000 barrels. The Exxon ship, fully loaded at the time of the accident, carried more than 1.2 million barrels of crude oil.

Secondly, James said, there is no ice off the Central Coast for tankers to dodge.

James said the public is quick to forget that oil has been shipped out of Valdez for 12 years without a major accident. In fact, the Exxon tanker was the 8,549th one to

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Track impresses at Mt. Sac meet

The Cal Poly track team had an impressive showing at the Mt. Sac Relays last weekend.

The meet is the largest in the U.S. with over 7,000 entries. In the women's 800 meters Tinea Colebrooke ran a time of 2:02.87, placing her fourth in the personal best time of 60.24. That time also placed her first in Division II.

A number of other women athletes turned in performances that qualified them for the national meet. Sherri Minkler, Melanie Halti, and Stephanie Barrett all qualified in the 3,000-meter run. Minkler also qualified in the 5,000 meters. There were three national qualifiers in the 10,000. Patti Almendarez, Amanda Marks and freshman Tracy Leichter all qualified with times that improved on their personal best.

The women's 1,600-meter relay team of Shanin Stevens, Almendarez, Colebrooke, and Aaron Arlin also qualified for the national meet by beating the qualifying mark by just .05.

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Dave Walsh and Chris Craig posted times of 29:41.3 and 29:48.6 in the 10,000-meter race, respectively. Those times placed them at the 1-2 in both the CCAA and NCAA Division II.

Kevin Rankin placed second in the pole vault behind teammate Steve Horvath. With the vault, Rankin moves ahead of teammates Steve Williams and Todd Arnett to the number two spot in the conference. Horvath holds the top spot in both the conference and NCAA Division II.

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Alpha Phi takes 3rd in ISVT

By Darrell Mihm
Staff Writer

Alpha Phi traveled to Zuma Beach this past weekend to compete in the 13th annual Inter-Sorority Volleyball Tournament.

Alpha Phi went into the tournament as a virtual unknown. When they told people where they were from, they were met by blank stares. But as they fought their way through the first day of the two-day tournament, San Luis Obispo’s location slowly moved from the middle of Kansas to an hour and a half north of Santa Barbara.

Since this was their first ISVT, the Alpha Phi team just wanted to make it to the second day of competition. "If you make it to the second day it’s supposed to be a big deal," said team captain Lisa Saratino.

Alpha Phi went beyond their own expectations and soon found themselves in the top eight of the winners bracket. Team member Marcia McDonough said she was surprised when she learned that the team had advanced to the winner’s bracket.

Alpha Phi was faced with a new set of challenges on the second day — stronger teams and their own inexperience. But they were determined. In fact, an announcer described them as “tenacious and scrappers,” as they dug, dinked and downed volleyballs on their way to a semi-final berth.

In their semi-final match, Alpha Phi finally lost. They dropped a tough three game match to Kappa Alpha Theta of UC Santa Barbara by the scores of 11-5, 5-11, and 9-11. Kappa Alpha Theta went on to win the championship match, where they lost to seven-time defending champion Pi Beta Phi, also of UCSB. Alpha Phi prevented a UCSB sweep by defeating Kappa Kappa Gamma 15-3 for third place.

After a successful inaugural showing, Alpha Phi is looking forward to next year’s tournament. Their goal?

“Defeat Pi Beta Phi from UCSB,” said team member Dena Demaggio.

Sigma Kappa of Cal Poly also competed at the ISVT and also made it into the winner’s bracket.

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Laura Fawcett pitched a complete game in the opener, as the Mustangs won 3-1. The second game went into extra innings, but CSUN was able to pull it out with a come-from-behind, two-run 10th inning.

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Sports

Poly splits doubleheader, draws nearer to playoffs

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OIL
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sail the Valdez Narrows since the area opened to oil tanker traffic in 1977.

"I think we all have to be realistic in our understanding of this thing," James said. "There's always a possibility that a tanker will get into trouble somewhere along the Central Coast."

Robert Griffin, self-described environmental activist and a former San Luis Obispo city councilmember, said the fact that spills will occur is not just the fault of the oil companies.

"The public is kind of a schizophrenic beast," Griffin said. "I blame the public and its gas-guzzling demands for being almost as equally responsible.

"There's a public conscience and awareness about the importance of environmental protection and need to conserve, but that seems to only translate itself into wanting someone else to do something about it."

If a similar incident were to occur in the county, Griffin admitted the circumstances would necessarily be much different.

"But I don't think the risks are any less, and the consequences are probably greater," he said. "The coastline is a natural resource that's taken for granted easily, and abused without knowing what the long-range implications of that abuse can be."

Griffin pointed to the failure of the contingency plan during the Alaskan spill to support his belief that local emergency response plans are inadequate to contain a major spill.

"Their ability to control the risks assumes that optimum conditions to their advantage will be present," he said. "Do they do their exercises or drills when there's a storm going on? Hell no they don't, they wait until mid-June when it's Lake Placid out there in Estero Bay."

Moore said the initial response to the Exxon Valdez spill indicates that Exxon's contingency plan was in poor shape. But, Moore asked, "does that necessarily translate to all contingency plans in the nation?"? The one positive thing from this incident is that everyone's looking at their contingency plans," he said. "...Every facet - local, state and federal government, oil companies and clean-up companies - are saying, 'What did we do good and what can we improve on?'"

Moore said it's important to recognize the limitations of human ability and technological capabilities interacting with nature. "No contingency plan will prepare for all the 'what ifs' so they have to be continually reviewed and tested because there are so many factors involved."

Moore oversaw the area from the Santa Maria River to Oregon. He described the Central Coast as a "microcosm" in the overall oil picture since it has only four tanker berths.

Despite the Coast Guard's emphasis on preventative measures, Moore said a spill could occur on the Central Coast.

"If there's oil there it can happen," Moore said. "The only way it can be avoided is if there's no oil."

Moore said the ultimate solution rests on finding an acceptable balance between the consumer demand for oil and the inherent risks that exist in providing it.

"Should the public decrease their consumption to lower demand, and if not, is the public willing to pay the price? The balance has to be determined."

"That's what's going to be what comes out of all this."
Ride in Royal style on the city bus line

No parking stress, no long walks

If you are planning to visit the 57th annual Poly Royal this Friday or Saturday, plan to leave your car at the driveway and take a SLO Transit city bus. Not only will you beat the parking hassles, but you can ride right onto campus and skip the long walk to and from your car.

Buses will run regular hours along normal routes on Friday. On Saturday, all four weekday routes will be used in an effort to accommodate the more than 100,000 visitors expected during the annual campus open house.

Buses will stop on campus near Vista Grande Restaurant, Mont Gym, and the Business Administration and Education Building (Clock Tower). A Monterey Street shuttle will also run from City Hall along Monterey Street and Grand Avenue to the Cal Poly campus. These buses will run approximately every half-hour from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days to accommodate those staying in motels.

For the first time this year, a shuttle bus will run between Poly Royal to take people to some of the popular exhibits that are located a distance from the center of campus. One will go from Via Carta near the Food Science Building to the Ornamental Horticulture Unit. Another will leave North Campus and take visitors to Poly Canyon and Design Village.

For information on exact routes during Poly Royal call 541-BUSS weekdays from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. On the Saturday of Poly Royal, call between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Most Cal Poly horse show team members are enrolled in the class. This allows them to practice together twice a week, which improves team spirit and helps them to learn from each other, said Murphy. "This is a great experience for anyone who wants to show competitively," she said. Team members will show their newly-gained skills Friday at Hadley Arena in an intercollegiate horse show put on by Cal Poly's cutting and reining horse show team. They will compete in events such as Western and English riding, jumping, and hunter classes. In addition, the Polo Club will put on an exhibition game this Saturday.

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"It's not a class to learn to ride," she says. "It's a class to learn to ride competitively." For this reason, the class is also open to observation. Students without a horse or the money to acquire one may act as judges and help classmates care for the horses.

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IT major to attend elite army training camp

By Kimberly Patraw

While other students are looking forward to a relaxing summer vacation, Mike Crim is preparing for one of the toughest experiences of his life.

Crim, a senior industrial technology major, has been accepted to the Ranger School, an elite army training camp. It combines mental, physical and emotional stress to train army personnel for the rigors of action behind enemy lines.

This is the first time in more than eight years that Cal Poly has sent a cadet to the Ranger School in Fort Benning, Georgia, which has only 75 slots annually for which cadets nationwide compete. Four Cal Poly students tried out for the school, but Crim was the only one to be accepted.

The Ranger School is based on a tradition of Rangers, soldiers who scouted enemy movements behind enemy lines.

"It's like asking what you'll use all those general education classes for," he said.

Although the school is in Georgia, the training requires survival skills in desert, mountain, and swamp terrain, so they will travel to both and Florida also. The students are graded continually through the two-month program. Only around 50 percent of the students will pass the course, said Capt. Dave Singleton of Cal Poly's ROTC department.

Singleton has no fears about Crim not passing, however. Singleton went through the program himself and knows how tough it can be.

Singleton lost 25 pounds in the first two weeks of the program due to a lack of rest and food. Although the physical part of the training was the hardest for him, he does not think that Crim will have any problems.

Crim believes the hardest part will be "staying awake and maintaining an unstressed demeanor in a very stressful environment."
Editor — B. Drechsler has written an important piece calling attention to the unacceptably high incidence of rape at Cal Poly. "Poly date rapes linked to attention to the unacceptably high incidence of rape at Cal Poly," April 20. I support her assertion that this campus needs an improved program for preventing rape and educating us — men and women alike — about the problem.

However, there are some aspects of her column which I cannot allow to pass without comment. For example, Drechsler emphasizes that "we live in a rape culture," implying that our situation is more or less inevitable. The only thing that "really" exists is one variety or another of simple, garden-variety physical assault. It seems to me that sex is a highly variable, our (rather poor) data indicate that rape is something which occurs in every human population known. As Susan Brownmiller clearly understood, rape is not exclusively a product of Bad Environment, but a cancer that grows out of basic differences between men and women and the inevitable conflicts of their ultimate interests.

Another point which gives me pause is the idea that our society encourages us to believe that "rape is an act of sexual passion — when in fact (according to Drechsler) it is an act of aggression." Unquestionably, violence is an important dimension of rape, whether that violence is explicit or implied. But to say that sexual passion is not a factor — or to say that sex is such a minor element in the equation that it can be ignored — is patently absurd.

I think the current fad among feminists, seeing rape as pure aggression, is self-defeating. Consider these two cases: In Episode A, a man physically forces an unwilling woman to submit to copulation. In Episode B, a man simply beasts a woman to a bloody pulp with his fists. According to the Politically Correct view, there is no essential difference between these events. Paradoxically, this view would permit the fraternity to be a rape-free environment becomes a reality at Cal Poly.

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Poly chosen to enter solar race
GM Sunrayce treks across 1,800 miles of eastern U.S.

By Laura Bestor
Staff Writer

Cal Poly was one of 32 universities chosen to use the sun for fuel in the first solar-powered car race in North America.

The race, GM Sunrayce USA, is an 1,800-mile trek across the United States in a solar-powered vehicle. Throughout the race, all cars must rely on the sun for energy — no other source of power is allowed.

The race will begin at Walt Disney World in Florida in July 1990 and end at the GM Technical Center in Warren, Mich. It will take about 10 days, and the cars will travel on secondary state and county roads through Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

Cal Poly was accepted to participate in the race after submitting a proposal to General Motors, said Saawat Moustafa, faculty adviser for the project.

Sixty-one proposals were submitted to General Motors. Moustafa and Christina Haslund, interim coordinator for the project, accepted checks totaling $7,000 in Detroit on April 21. The money, awarded by race sponsors GM and the U.S. Department of Energy, will be used toward the project. The Society of Automotive Engineers is also sponsoring the race.

"The $7,000 is only a 10th of our budget," Moustafa said. He said the budget is about $70,000, with no cost for labor. Most of the money will be spent on materials and traveling expenses for the race.

"The project fits well with Cal Poly's philosophy," Moustafa said. "That's why we feel it's a worthwhile endeavor."

According to Moustafa the record speed for a solar-powered car is 70 mph. During the race the cars are not allowed to exceed the speed limit.

"With this kind of car how fast you go is not as important as how long," Moustafa said. By early summer they hope to have the details of the design worked out. Moustafa said. They want the car constructed by Christmas so they can have winter and spring to run operational tests.

One of the most important jobs now is raising money, Haslund said. They hope to get equipment and money from corporate sponsors.

GM developed the idea for Sunrayce after winning the 1987 World Solar Challenge race, the first international race of this type.

According to Moustafa, the race was developed because of an interest in environmentally benign technology, as well as technology that uses a small amount of energy.

"This project has a lot of value," Moustafa said. "The people building the car now will be leaders of technology in the next century."

There are about 20 students working on the project now, but that number fluctuates, Moustafa said. He said they hope to keep the number at or above its current level.
State

San Jose teachers leave class

Union says 1-day strike staged over contract non-talks

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The 39-school San Jose Unified School District was hit by a one-day teachers strike on Tuesday in order to force resumption of contract talks stalled over pay and other issues.

School Superintendent Hilda Beck said all schools remained open, but large group instruction was underway in the absence of the regular faculty.

The district has about 29,000 students, an unknown number of whom stayed away for the day, Beck said.

Bob St. Germain, spokesman for the 1,569-member San Jose Teachers Association, said a few stockton students on Jan. 15.

The bill would virtually ban sales of the weapons after Jan. 1, 1990. People who legally possessed the guns before June 1, 1990, could keep them but would have to register them with the state.

Failure to register could be treated as a misdemeanor or felony. The maximum sentence for a misdemeanor conviction would be three years in prison.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — This year's high school seniors are better mathematicians but worse readers than the 1983 graduating class, according to California Assessment Program test results released Tuesday.

Despite the drop in reading scores, state schools Superintendent Bill Honig said overall results are higher than they were five years ago and improving two to three times faster than the reading stagnation.

"In the past five years, California's 12th-graders have made so much progress that, in math, the average student is now performing better than did 70 percent of the 1983-84 high school seniors," he said. "The present-day senior does better in reading than did 62 percent in 1983-84."

In the tests given last December gained six points over 1988, from 250 to 256 out of a possible 500 points, Honig said, and reading scores dropped two points to 248.

Honig said math scores improved across the board for boys, girls and all ethnic groups.

San Diego AP — Gov. George Deukmejian said Monday his plans for a bill to restrict assault weapons, a measure that was delayed for his desk last week until he asked the author to delay a final vote.

The Republican governor said he was concerned about two portions of the bill, a provision authorizing felony or misdemeanor penalties for people who fail to register their weapons, and a section restricting facsimile or near facsimile firearms.

"I have said consistently that I am willing to sign a bill to ban assault weapons, but there is a little difficulty in trying to describe which is to be covered and which is not; which are used by people in recreation and which are not," he told reporters following a speech to the San Diego Chamber of Commerce.

"They have listed a number of weapons but there are also other provisions which can be interpreted as being of a more generic type of language, subject to different interpretations.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NAACP is setting the stage for a potentially bruising Senate confirmation fight by opposing Attorney General Dick Thornburgh's choice to head the Justice Department's civil rights division.

The opposition of the nation's foremost civil rights group could energize liberal opposition to William L. Lucas, a black Republican who opposes racial quotas and is a critic of affirmative action.

Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said in a statement Monday that Lucas is not qualified to be the government's chief enforcer of civil rights laws.

His declaration of the NAACP position came with the White House expected to make a formal announcement this week that President Bush is nominating Lucas to be assistant attorney general for civil rights. The nomination is subject to Senate confirmation.

"There are many positions for which Mr. Lucas is eminently qualified in this administration," Hooks said. But the civil rights job "is one of the most sensitive positions in government, as it relates to minorities, and we do not believe Mr. Lucas is the person for this post."

Hooks said the NAACP "feels duty-bound to strive for the best qualified appointee for this most important position."

People for the American Way, a well-financed liberal lobbying group, also expressed reservations about Lucas.

Lucas "is someone with no track records and a lot of question marks," the group's president, Arthur J. Kropp, said.

"The questions will have to be resolved before the civil rights community can support him," said Kropp, who heads a 270,000-member organization that helped defeat Robert Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court in 1987.

Hooks said Lucas lacks expertise to be the Justice Department's civil rights chief.

"Each and every day this official must make crucial decisions of a highly technical and critical nature that demand specialized knowledge, based upon experience and background in this area," Hooks said. "Justice Department spokeswoman Deborah Burs-ion-Wade said the NAACP's announcement "doesn't change a thing for us."

Lucas has been criticized by some civil rights leaders since Thornburgh revealed in February that he had urged Bush to nominate him for the position.

The NAACP chapter in Lucas' hometown of Detroit voted recently to oppose Lucas, though the city's Urban League group decided not to oppose the nomination.

The 61-year-old Lucas, a former sheriff and executive of Wayne County, ran unsuccessfully as the GOP's nominee for Michigan governor in 1986. A former Democrat, Lucas has been considered for other federal positions in the Bush administration.

Lucas was held legally responsible by a federal appeals court for failure to investigate allegations that a prisoner was beaten while in the custody of sheriff's deputies. Lucas says he was unaware of the allegations at the time, but the court found he had failed to institute training procedures to prevent brutality by his deputies.

Criticism of Lucas has been by no means universal among black civil rights leaders. The Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, sent a letter to Thornburgh praising Lucas' selection and recently Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young expressed support for the choice.

Night-vision goggles blamed for helicopter collisions

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Night-vision goggles worn by pilots were partly to blame for the Arizona collision of Marine helicopters that killed 10 servicemen last Oct. 25 in-flight crash during exercises over the Arizona desert.

A preliminary investigation report obtained by the Register concluded that "degraded depth perception, a factor of flying on the goggles," probably prevented pilots from seeing and avoiding the impending collision.

The report focused on the cause of an Oct. 25 in-flight crash during exercises over the Arizona desert. A UH-IH Huey utility helicopter and a CH-46E Sea Knight transport chopper collided, exploded and burned.

Niemeier said pilots in nearby helicopters saw the two choppers before they crashed, but the goggles made it appear as if there was no danger.

It was the first time the controversial goggles have been implicated so prominently in a military crash investigation. Previously, military officials insisted the night goggles were safe.

At least 150 servicemen have died and 69 helicopters have been destroyed in accidents involving the goggles, but military officials have blamed almost all of them on pilot error, the Register said.

"The report clearly slams the goggles," said Rep. Frank McCloskey, the House Armed Services Committee member who requested a congressional investigation challenging the Pentagon assurances.

"Now, more than ever, I'm going to continue pursuing this," said McCloskey, D-Ind.
Officials claim guerrilla shelling ignites conflict

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Guerrilla rocket and artillery attacks on Jalalabad took the lives of four people, and return fire by government soldiers killed 54 insurgents, the government said Monday.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amani also reported heavy fighting in other provinces during the previous 24 hours. He gave the casualties as 32 dead and six wounded.

At the United Nations in New York, Afghan Foreign Minister Abdu Arif said his government will retaliate against Pakistan if it does not stop supporting Afghan rebels.

He told the Security Council in a 90-minute speech, "If the Security Council fails to adopt necessary measures for defusing the present tense situation, and if Pakistan aggression and intervention against our country is continued, we will have no choice but the firm and patriotic defense of our country."

Wakil said the Pakistani side must understand that its territory was as vulnerable to rocket attacks as Afghanistan, bombarded by rockets transported across the Afghan-Pakistani border.

None of the casualty figures reported Monday could be verified. Both the Marxist government and Moslem guerrillas generally exaggerate the other's losses.

Amani said guerrillas fired from two directions on Jalalabad, which they have besieged for seven weeks. He said four civilians were killed and 12 wounded. Amani claimed Pakistan and Soviet advisers were among the dead.

Two soldiers were wounded and three houses and a market destroyed in the guerrilla shelling, he said.

Jalalabad is a provincial capital 75 miles east of Kabul and once had a population of 64,000. It has been under heavy rocket and artillery attack since the siege began March 6.

Capturing it would give the insurgents a base for the guerilla government they formed in Pakistan two months ago and help them gain momentum for an attack on the capital. Jalalabad is near the Afghan end of the Khyber Pass, about 45 miles from the Pakistan frontier.

When the offensive began, guerrilla leaders predicted Jalalabad would fall within days, but the Afghan army is equipped with sophisticated Soviet weapons and has repulsed the attacks. Diplomats in Kabul say both sides have suffered heavy casualties.

World

Japan's prime minister resigns

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WASHINGTON (AP) — An astronaut scheduled to command a space shuttle flight next year and two high NASA officials announced their resignations Monday, in what Department sources said were steps prompted by new federal retirement regulations.

Astronaut Jon A. McBride, 45, announced he will retire from NASA on May 14 and will retire from the Navy in "the near future."

Noel W. Hinners, the third-ranking executive in NASA, said he will retire on May 14, the day before new post-retirement regulations for government employees go into effect.

James B. Odom, 55, chief of NASA's space station program, announced he is retiring next Sunday and blamed the sudden decision on "the impact of some upcoming changes on government retirees.""McBride, a captain in the Navy, was scheduled to command the STS-35 space shuttle mission set for launch by the end of March. NASA announced that veteran astronaut Vance D. Brand would take over that job.

McBride was selected as an astronaut in 1978 and flew into space one time, as pilot on an October 1984 shuttle mission. He had been scheduled to command a mission in March 1986, but the flight was deferred when the shuttle fleet was grounded following the Jan. 28, 1986, explosion of space shuttle Challenger.

"I've spent an extremely rewarding 25 years with NASA and the Navy," McBride said in a statement released by the Johnson Space Center in Houston. "This move has been a very difficult decision for me. But in the final analysis, I felt it was time to make a career change and move to West Virginia."

Hinners blamed his decision to retire on what he called "uncertainty in interpretation of new post-employment laws."

A geologist and geochemist, Hinners served as chief scientist for NASA. He began his space career in 1963 by helping to plan the scientific exploration of the moon during the Apollo program. He later served as director of the National Air and Space Museum in Washington and director of the Goddard Space Flight Center. Hinners joined the NASA senior management team in Washington in 1987.

Psychiatrists protest new law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Psychiatrists are up in arms about a new law allowing the military to train its psychologists to prescribe powerful drugs for depression and mental illness.

"It's the newest battlefield for a long-running debate over whether mental health professionals, who have medical degrees, say their qualifications are indispensable. But psychologists, who don't have M.D. status, at times feel they're on the outside at the heart of efforts to keep them out.

Currently, no state permits psychologists to prescribe psychoactive drugs, which range from mild tranquilizers to anti-depressant cocktails that can affect the cardiovascular and motor systems.

The new provision on military psychologists, pushed by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, D-Hawaii, was included in a House-Senate conference report on the fiscal year 1989 appropriation for the Defense Department. Congress approved the measure Sept. 30, 1988, and it was signed by then-President Reagan the next day.

"Given the importance of addressing 'battle fatigue,' the conference agrees that the department should establish a demonstration pilot training program under which military psychologists may be trained and authorized to issue appropriate psychoactive medications under certain circumstances," according to a Congressional Budget Office report accompanying the provision.

Courtney Welton, an Army spokesman, said the service "is considering" the issue, including training procedures.

Inouye's efforts on behalf of psychologists have been split by his administrative assistant, Patrick DeLeon, a trained psychologist and member of the board of the American Psychological Association.

DeLeon, in a written presentation last December, said it was "absurd, to put it mildly," to "proclaim that one needs to go to medical school and take all of their courses in order to write prescriptions for psychoactive drugs."

DeLeon said the Defense Department's "seems a perfect place for this expansion" of psychologists' authority to prescribe and be trained in training facilities and a high income of mental health professionals in the military.

"That's not how the medical school system works."

"To attempt to provide military psychologists with prescribing privileges without accredited medical education and postgraduate clinical residency training... trivializes medical diagnosis," DeLeon said.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood celebrities and local politicians pledged thousands of dollars to provide protection for Norma McCorvey, "Jane Roe" in the landmark Roe vs. Wade abortion case.

Proceeds from the $100-a-place Sunday brunch will pay for an armed guard and temporary housing for McCorvey, whose home was the target of gunshots this month in an attack she blames on abortion foes.

Among the 150 supporters attending the fund-raiser were actresses Michelle Lee, Barbara Bain, Valerie Harper, and Tina Louise and actor-director Leonard Nimoy, Councilman Nate Holden also attended.

"I'm just worrying about all this," said McCorvey as guests mingled at the Baci restaurant on Beverly Boulevard.

McCorvey also will be on hand Wednesday when the U.S. Supreme Court hears oral arguments in a Missouri abortion case whose outcome could reverse or weaken the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

In recent weeks, McCorvey has been the target of harassment and attack, she said. Vandal have thrown eggs at her Dallas home and strewed baby clothes on the front yard. She also received in the mail a picture of herself with horns drawn on her head.

The most serious attack came April 4. As McCorvey slept, three shotgun blasts shattered a window and damaged her car shortly before she was to appear at a pro-choice march on Washington. She has not been in hiding since then.

"I was frightened, of course," she said. "Then I got very mad.""I regret the timing of my decision, but the impact of some upcoming changes on government retirees made it such that I did not get to pick the most desirable or optimum time to retire," said Odom in a statement.

Odom started his space career 33 years ago with NASA, has headed the space station program for a year. The agency is in the midst of a major push to persuade Congress to budget funds for starting construction on the station.

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Jurors ill, but North deliberations go on

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the jurors weighing Oliver North's fate complained Monday of high blood pressure, and the judge said, "there is a cold virus circulating through other jurors."

But deliberations in North's trial continued through a third day.

In mid-afternoon, the jury sent a note to U.S. District Judge Gerard A. Gesell that "right now we need a break." Gesell discharged the jury for the day.

In 18-by-12 room and had the use of a similar-size adjoining room as a lounge.

The jurors spent about six hours in their task before quitting for the day.

They have deliberated a total of 15 hours since they began on Friday.

In her note, jury foreman Denise M. Anderson asked for a dozen yellow legal pads and said in a footnote that "right now we are reading (no talking) through documents that pertain to charges."

She said, too, "we will always take lunch at 12 noon for one hour," suggesting that the jurors were settling in for an extended stay.

"None of these people are complaining they can't go forward," said Gesell after he received the note about the juror's blood pressure.

He summoned lawyers for both sides into the courtroom for the first time since the jury received the case last Thursday.

But, Gesell said, "there is a potential health problem with these jurors."

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High Court leaves award intact

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court refused to overturn a $15 million jury award stemming from the takeover of a California manufacturer of semiconductor test equipment.

The court, without comment Monday, rejected an appeal by Eaton Corp. of Cleveland, which was ordered to pay the money as punitive damages to PKL Companies Inc. of New York City.

The case has its origins in the mid-1970s when a company called Cutler-Hammer Inc. sought to acquire the stock of Macrodata Corp. in California, the maker of semiconductor test equipment.

PKL Companies was a minority shareholder in Macrodata. It filed suit in 1976 accusing Cutler-Hammer of illegally depriving the price of Macrodata stock.

Eaton Corp. later took over Cutler-Hammer and a jury in California ordered it to pay PKL Companies $2.6 million in actual damages and $15 million as punishment for the illegal conduct.

In the appeal acted on Monday, Eaton Corp. said the $15 million award was unconstitutional. Eaton Corp. said it was innocent of any wrongdoing and should not be made to pay for any misconduct by Cutler-Hammer. But the jury ruled the $15 million award was excessive.

The Supreme Court is considering the issue in another case this year but decided today not to delay the action in the Eaton Corp. appeal pending that ruling, which is expected to be announced by July.

In urging the justices to reject the Eaton Corp. appeal, PKL Companies said the Ohio corporation failed to raise constitutional issues when the case was decided by the California courts.

The case is Eaton Corp. vs. The PKL Companies, 87-1554.

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By Leighton Rubin

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The year is 2089 and fusion power plants are energizing the world, bringing the benefits of virtually unlimited electricity to countries everywhere.

Earth’s sky is crystalline blue, purged of the gases and gunk that soured the atmosphere above whole continents a century before when fossil fuels were the main energy of civilization.

Concerns about the greenhouse effect and problems of acid rain are now only academic curiosities. An atmosphere once choked with the combustion gases of fossil fuels is slowly cleaning itself. And life is returning to lakes and streams that previously were acid-filled.

Such is the world that scientists and engineers envision with the advent of fusion, the process by which atoms are fused together to release energy.

Their visions are not just wishful thinking, but goals that must be achieved, according to some experts, because the age of fossil fuels is expected to start drawing to a close within only a few decades. And when fossil fuels are gone or become impractically expensive, something must be ready to take their place.

"The most likely thing will be fusion," Harold P. Furth, director of the Princeton University plasma physics laboratory. "The present projections are that by the year 2040 or 2050, there will be a divergence between the energy required for a growing population and the energy available from fossil fuels, easily obtainable uranium and other sources.

"There will be quite a calamity unless something new is ready," he added.

The "cold fusion" process announced last month by the University of Utah is still controversial and unproven. But Furth and others believe a fusion process based on compressing deuterium plasma and heating it to 100 million degrees can be developed within two decades or less.

Thousands of researchers working at both federal and university laboratories are moving closer and closer to the point where the fusion fires will ignite and burn, powered by deuterium or hydrogen, chemicals easily extracted from seawater.

Most experts believe the fusion future lies with the high-pressure "hot" process, but they would welcome convincing proof that Utah's cold, room-temperature fusion works because it possibly could be developed more quickly.

Eric Storm, a fusion research project leader at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in California, said that researchers could have a fusion-fired power plant operating by the year 2020 if the industrial nations of the world would commit the resources.

"Fusion is the energy source that nature prefers. It's the one that drives the sun and the stars," said Storm. "And nature is efficient."

"We could have fusion in just 15 years or so."

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FIESTA

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Choldt, a Lompoc resident, is sponsored by the Southern California Gas Company's San Luis Obispo office.

The only thing sophomore Julie Johnsen had at La Fiesta was that there was a parade. "This is a whole new experience for me," said Johnsen, who is really interested in learning what La Fiesta is all about. She has started selling my tickets, but it's hard with all my homework.

Jacobs, 20, an animal science major from Thousand Oaks, plans to attend veterinary school at the University of California, Davis. She is sponsored by the Cal Poly 21 Club.

Tracy Morrell, a 23-year-old psychology and human development senior from Shell Beach, has been busy selling tickets. "I work 30 hours a week, so I sell them mostly at the Yogurt Shoppe," Morrell said. "If I won the contest, I would use the money to go towards my teaching credential since I have to go to more school.

After graduating in June, Morrell plans to get her elementary teaching credential.

The Yogurt Shoppe in San Luis Obispo is sponsoring Morrell. The La Fiesta Queen Coronation is May 16. The first runner-up will receive a $300 U.S. savings bond while the second runner-up will get a $200 bond. Rose McKen, a local realtor, businesswoman, has been chosen by the La Fiesta Committee to be this year's Grand Marshall. McKen is the first woman chosen as Grand Marshal of the La Fiesta Parade.
FUSION

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said Stephen Dean, president of the Fusion Power Association, a non-profit education foundation, "but the government hasn't put a high priority on it so it will take 30 years or more."

Dean said an investment by the federal government of $1 billion a year for 15 years would bring fusion power to reality, but he said that isn't likely to happen "until there's an economic incentive."

Most experts believe there will be a slow phase-out of fossil fuels as they become more expensive, and that the 21st century eventually evolve into an all-fusion civilization.

Some of the fusion of that era will be from manmade plants on Earth. But the experts also believe there will be a more efficient use of solar radiation, the energy created by the natural fusion process of the sun.

Once that time comes, according to scientists' visions, oil spills will be obscure footnotes in history texts or just quaint memories recalled by centurions who lounge in the bright sunlight of a pollution-free sky.

Petroleum, expensive and becoming rare, will seldom be used for fuel, and coal even less often.

A fusion-driven world could have automobiles and trucks running on nearly silent electric engines, leaving in their wake only eddies of clean air—not the rank clouds that trailed vehicles of an earlier, gasoline-burning age.

CHECKS

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The CHP instituted the roadside sobriety checkpoint program in 1984 after a satisfactory study of its effectiveness in curbing drunken driving. The study was conducted in the Sacramento, Bakersfield and Glendale areas.

CHP authorities throughout the state participate in the program. Some people may see the random checkpoints as a violation of their constitutional rights.

Ian Walker, a junior political science major, who was stopped by a checkpoint last year, disagreed. "If you were intoxicated it was to your benefit to be pulled over. They probably just saved your life and someone else's."

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