Feet to the beat

The Cal Poly Mustang Marching Band takes to the street on campus in rehearsal for one of its many performances. The band has about 65 members and will perform Oct. 7 when Portland State football team plays the Mustangs at Cal Poly. Head drum major Russ Sperling, left, leads the band. In photo at right, Steve Martin, left, and Michael Williams drumming for the corps.

Photos by T. Shane Gilman

Poly engineering club among top in nation

By Julie Gieringer

Cal Poly's Society of Women Engineers was honored as the best in its region and one of the top 10 in the United States for the second year in a row.

The award — presented at the society's national conference in Oakland — included a $200 check, a $200 freshman scholarship and a plaque.

"We have placed in the top four (in the United States) for the last two years," said Jeannie Aceto, the club's vice president.

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Cal Poly faces city tonight

Council to decide on proposed housing occupant limit

By Steve Jones

If you want a seat at tonight's City Council meeting, you had better plan to arrive early.

The council will hear final comments about a proposed ordinance limiting the number of people who can rent a single-family house.

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Ron Bearce, director of a local pro-growth, political group called Concerned Citizens of SLO County and a former council candidate, said he believes the ordinance is unfair to students.

"You can't blame students for that (overcrowding in residential neighborhoods)," Bearce said last week. "They (the council) have been trying to control the number of people who live in San Luis by denying housing to people, while people are having to double and triple up in the existing housing."

The 240-member group plans to voice its opposition to the ordinance at tonight's meeting because the ordinance is "counterproductive and won't achieve what the neighborhood people want," Bearce said.

He said the problem lies with the city's building moratorium, not the students. The answer is to give students a place to go, Bearce said, not to simply kick them out.

"Let's take the pressure off single-family neighborhoods by allowing more affordable housing development in different parts of San Luis," he said.

The council will also consider the drafting of a letter to support state Senate Bill 1999, which requires California colleges "to be sensitive to the concerns of the local community and to make a good faith effort to honor local planning priorities."

Enquiring minds want to know...

Are you a Tabloid-a-holic? Reporter Cyndi Smith 'fesses her addiction to those sensational supermarket checkstand mags.

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Opinion

Reporter's Notebook

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Letters to the editor

Ads in Japanese target bilinguals

Editor — I was very disappointed to read Jeff Coffman's letter (Oct. 2) regarding ads written in Japanese. I recently returned from spending six months in Japan, a very homogeneous society. I was happy to return to the rich diversity of people and cultures we have in America.

The ads were aimed at any students who are bilingual in Japanese and English, not only those students of Asian descent. Instead of feeling offended by the ads, maybe Coffman should open his mind to the career possibilities being offered to those who are bilingual. It is a fact that Japan is now the richest nation and many job opportunities are available in Japanese and American companies for those who are bilingual.

Finally, Jeff said that languages spoken in public are offensive. This is absurd! When the writers of the Constitution guaranteed all Americans free speech, I don't think they specified "English only."

Debbie Vorne
Business Administration

Diversity makes America unique

Editor — In response to Jeff Coffman's racist and highly-offensive soliloquy in the Mustang Daily's Oct. 2 issue, wake up Jeffy! Just what is your definition of "American culture" anyway?

A few government and history courses here and there have led me to believe that this great American society was founded upon the principles of heterogeneity and diversity.

I am very sorry to hear that you and your friends are offended when overhearing the murmurs of a foreigner's spoken language. How sad it is that "educated" individuals such as yourself have a problem with this. My suggestion to you for your vexing dilemma would be to file a petition for the upcoming elections that would make any utterance of "nonenglish" a crime punishable by death. Sweet dreams.

Matt Barclay
Ag Management

Ad misrepresents spirit of crew club

Editor — As a fourth year member of Cal Poly crew, I was shocked and embarrassed to view the ad our club published last week. It pictured a half-nude bathing beauty rowing a single scull. The ad was tacky and uncharacteristic of the crew team.

I apologize on behalf of the club and hope one person's attitudes doesn't reflect on the integrity of the entire crew. The ad was published without the consent of "nonenglish" individuals of a foreigner's spoken language. How sad it is that "educated" individuals such as yourself have a problem with this.

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Riding is a ‘right’

Editor — Riding on campus is a right, not a privilege. Riding on campus is a need. If not the Administration, somebody will take action to satisfy this demand. That somebody will be the thousands of bikers who ride on campus.

Teachers and students alike — all who bike to class will fight to get this right back. Where are the bike racks? We will get them back, too. We will win, or else break the law.

Justice Leong
Architecture

Editor's column offends Poly prof.

Editor — I found Rob Lorenz's column in the Sept. 29 Mustang Daily offensive. City streets are public. What makes people think they own the parking spaces in front of their houses?

The really unfortunate thing is that this article appeared in a student newspaper, written by one of its own editors. Don't you folks realize that this is exactly the kind of thinking that the anti-student faction in town has been using to sway the City Council against you?

Bob Wolf
Mathematics Professor

Opinion

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Cal Poly Athletic Hall of Fame

inducts Ted Tollner, four others

By Robert Grove

Ted Tollner, former head football coach of the University of Southern California, was among five people enshrined in the Cal Poly Athletic Hall of Fame at a dinner on Friday night.

Tollner joined Peter Cutino, Pat Lovell, Cecil Turner and Laura Buehning at the induction ceremonies held at the Cliffs Hotel in Pismo Beach.

"Being inducted to the hall of fame means something very special to me," said Tollner in a telephone interview from San Diego. "I feel very fortunate to have had this opportunity.

Tollner's fortune dates back to Oct. 29, 1960, when he was among only 26 survivors in the tragic airplane crash of the Mustang football team that killed 32 people in Toledo, Ohio.

"That incident has allowed me to put my life in perspective," he said.

Tollner's success at Cal Poly came in both baseball and football. He was the starting quarterback at Cal Poly on the 1961 and 1962 football teams, and was an all-conference pick in 1961. The following year Tollner was a standout in baseball as a starting pitcher. He was an all-conference selection in 1961, and was later a member of the U.S. national baseball team that won a silver medal in the 1962 Pan American Games.

After graduating from Cal Poly, Tollner started what has become a successful coaching career. In 1985, as the head coach at USC, he guided the Trojans to a Rose Bowl victory and was named Pac-10 Conference Coach of the Year. He later moved into the pro ranks and is currently the assistant head coach of the San Diego Chargers.

Pat Lovell

Runner goes on to pro football career

Cecil Turner was an All-American in both track and field from 1959 to 1961.

His success on the track came while Turner was a sprayer at Cal Poly in 1959 and 1960. He won the 100- and 200-yard dashes, the long jump and anchored the 400-yard relay to score enough points for the Mustangs to capture the NCAA championships in 1966. He nearly repeated the effort the following year as Cal Poly again was national champion.

Turner was drafted in the fifth round by the Chicago Bears in 1969 and saw action as a wide receiver, but really made his mark as a kick returner. He was an all-pro selection in 1970, and by the time his career ended, he had tied an NFL record for most touchdown returns.

Peter Cutino

Allocates 100-200-yard freestyle.

The inductees were also recognized as halftime of the Cal Poly and Cal State Northridge football game Saturday night.

The Hall of Fame and Distinction began in 1963, and currently has 24 members, including Mike Krukow, John Madden and Ozzie Smith.

Laura Buehning

Is only the third woman in
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During her basketball career at Cal Poly between 1979-82, she set 24 various team records, including most points scored (1,843), most assists (390) and the highest average points (20.5).

She was named to the NCAA All-American team in 1981-82, and was also an Academic All-American in 1982. Buehning is currently a resident physician in dermatology with the School of Medicine at UC San Diego and a resident of La Jolla.

Poly grad wrestled in Olympics

Pat Lovell was an outstanding member of Cal Poly’s football and wrestling teams from 1957-60.

Lovell won the wrestling PCTWA heavyweight championships in both 1958 and 1960. Following his college career, Lovell went on to compete nationally and internationally as an amateur wrestler and to play semi-pro football.

As a wrestler from 1960-64, he placed in the national and world championships twice and was a member of the 1964 Olympic team.

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Giants ready for Cubs, Wrigley

CHICAGO (AP) — Babe Ruth called his shot at Wrigley Field and Ernie Banks loved hitting there so much he always wanted to play two.

So try to name a slugger who

doesn’t love Wrigley Field, that Mitchell doesn’t like. He hit only two of his major league-leading 47 home runs against the Cubs and batted .189 against them. Of his 125 RBIs, seven were against Chicago.

Teammate Will Clark, who lost the batting title to Tony Gwynn on Sunday, didn’t exactly tear up the Cubs, either. Clark hit .333 with 111 RBIs overall, but batted .271 with no homers and five RBIs against Chicago.

No matter, Mitchell says.

"These guys around here can taste it," he said.

"We’ve got the team to do it. We’ve got the chemistry."

They thought the same thing in 1987, especially after taking a 3-2 lead in the playoffs against St. Louis. Then the Cardinals spoiled it for the Giants by winning the final two games and the pennant.

The Giants have not been in the World Series since 1962 and have not won since 1908.

Chicago hoped to end its hex in 1984, but lost the final three games of the playoffs to San Diego. Ryne Sandberg is the only everyday player left from that disappointing bunch, and thinks this team might be better prepared.

"In every situation we’ve been in this year, we’ve been able to win," he said. "That should help us."

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Jays, not Cy Young, on Stewart's mind

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Mention the Cy Young Award to Dave Stewart and he puts on his game face.

"His brow curls, his eyes squint and his lips purse. Over the past three years, Stewart has won more games than any major league pitcher and the only thing he has to show for it is congratulations. Stewart was 21-9 this season and became the only pitcher this decade to have three consecutive 20-victory seasons.

The last Oakland pitcher to do it was Jim "Catfish" Hunter, who won 20 from 1971-1974.

For a while this season, it looked like Stewart might finally get his Cy Young. But Kansas City's Bret Saberhagen started to pitch brilliantly around July and finished 23-6 with a major-league low 2.16 earned-run average.

"I pretty much exclude the Cy Young from my plans to be honest," said Stewart, who will open the American League playoffs against Toronto on Tuesday night.

Stewart was 20-13 with a 3.68 ERA in 1987 and lost in the voting to Boston's Roger Clemens, who was 20-8 with a 2.97 ERA.

Last year, Stewart led the A's to the AL pennant with a 21-12 record but lost out to the 24-7 mark of Minnesota's Frank Viola.

"I've had two shots at it and I felt that the voting wasn't done fairly as far as Dave Stewart was concerned," the right-hander said. "Winning the 20 games for the third time, I've accomplished something that doesn't need to be voted on and it's something I've done for my own personal satisfaction."

Stewart, 32, started his career with Los Angeles and was traded to Texas in 1983.

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but none of his career-high 30 home runs came against them. He drove in only one run as the Cubs and San Francisco split 12 games.

Scott Garrelts will pitch for the Giants in the opener against Greg Maddux, 19-12.

Garrelts made as big a turnaround as the Cubs. He led the Giants in saves for four straight seasons before becoming a starter this year.

After going 5-9 with a 3.58 earned run average in relief last season, he went 14-5 and led the league with a 2.28 ERA this year.

Opponents batted only .212 against him, fourth-best among NL starters.
Japan's bullet train celebrates 25th B-Day

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Some users were unconscious and unable to breathe when reached by paramedics who administered an antidote called Narcan. Overdose cases were rolling into San Francisco General and a few private hospitals at the rate of one an hour, compared to the usual heroin overdose rate of one or two a day, authorities said.

The fatalities were said to be men aged 35, 41 and 43. The San Francisco Coroner's Office was not releasing their names on Monday.

"Black-tar heroin is pretty potent stuff anyway ...," said police Inspector Sam Osborne, estimating the purity of the drug normally sold on the streets at 5-to-9 percent.

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S.F. stadium proposal to go before voters

Mayor's study calls Giant's ballpark financially beneficial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The proposed new stadium for the San Francisco Giants could bring the city up to $1.4 billion in revenues over 40 years, in a best-case projection, and it would come out $500,000 ahead at worst, according to an economic study released today by the mayor's office.

If the stadium at China Basin is constructed, the cost benefit analysis concluded, the most likely totals over 40 years would be $823 million in revenues and city costs totaling $62.8 million. The stadium would be built under an agreement with Spec-
manship Management Group and the Giants.
The ballpark proposal will go before San Francisco voters, many of them baseball fans hop-
ing the Giants are World Series champions by then, on Nov. 7.

"Even if practically everything went wrong, the city would be better off even economically and keep the Giants," said Mayor Art Agnos.
The cost benefit analysis was prepared by the city budget of-

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Under the best-case projection in the study, costs could be as low as $50 million and revenues $2.7 billion. Under the worst-case projection, the city would realize only $243.8 million in revenues and have costs totaling just under that total over the life of the ballpark agreement.

Agnos said that earlier city estimates of probable revenues were much too low.

"We had been projecting reve-

nues of $330 million, but when our fiscal experts consulted with leading urban, public finance and sports economists, they discovered that we had seriously underestimated the payroll tax revenues from player salaries," Agnos explained. "The correct figures are a definite win for the people of San Francisco."

"We can finance significant improvements in programs to combat crack cocaine, homelessness and AIDS with these kind of revenues."

Town prepares for racist march

Locals to sport orange ribbons to identify themselves

PULASKI, Tenn. (AP) — Strip away the orange ribbons, and Pulaski's courthouse square could be a movie set for an archetypal Southern town, where a Confederate hero stands on a pedestal and pickup trucks sport Dixie flags.

But the orange "brotherhood color" affixed to storefronts, lamp posts, car antennas and coat lapels is meant to make no one confuses Pulaski resi-
dents with the white sup-

macists who plan to march through town Satur-

day.

"These people are out-

siders. This country is a victim of rape by these groups," said author Gregory McDonald, who owns a farm in the area and helped organize the anti-
march campaign.

Restaurants, stores and markets have agreed to close for the day throughout the town of about 9,000 people 90 miles south of Nashville. Residents have been asked to stay off the streets, and churches have planned activities to keep children and teen-agers away from downtown.

The racism is attracted to Pulaski by the town's role in the history of the Ku Klux Klan. The group was founded in Pulaski in 1865 as a reaction to what community leaders saw as a thrust by carpetbaggers and former slaves after the Civil War. It was disbanded four years later after the Legislature passed an an-

ti-Klan law. The modern Klan was formed outside Atlanta in 1915 by a former minister who added Jews and Catholics to the group's list of enemies.

The Klan began marching in Pulaski annually in 1986 to protest the Martin Luther King national holi-
day.

The parade typically draws fewer than 100 mar-

chers. Community leaders say as long as the racists obtain the proper permits and follow other rules they can't be stopped.

"It started out as 35 to 40 old boys putting on their bed sheets and marching around the square harangu-
ing," said McDonald, author of the "Fitch" mystery novels. "These people considered the town's silence tacit approv-

al. Nothing could be further from the truth."

Town leaders decided it was time to act when the Aryan Nations of Hayden Lake, Idaho, announced plans to march here early next year.

The group advocates the formation of a whites-only country. Ten members of an Aryan Nations splinter group were convicted of racketeering in 1985 in a
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Court is asked to step in
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Legal peyote use examined

Supreme Court to debate use of hallucinogen in ritual

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Nov. 6 in a case involving the state of Oregon’s attempt to prosecute use of the hallucinogenic cactus peyote by the Native American Church.

Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer has appealed for the second time an Oregon Supreme Court ruling that the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution exempts Native Americans using peyote in religious ceremonies from prosecution under the state’s criminal drug laws. Possession of peyote, which contains mescaline, is otherwise illegal under Oregon law.

Alfred Smith, a Klamath Indian who turns 70 the day the Supreme Court hears the case, says use of peyote in the Native American Church is a sacrament and that the state’s pursuit of the case the past six years is “rational and bigotry.”

But Frohnmayer says an exception for the Native American Church threatens the state’s ability to control dangerous drugs.

Smith and Galen W. Black were fired in 1982 from their jobs as counselors in a Roseburg drug- and alcohol-abuse program for violating an agency rule that employees be drug free. The men had eaten a small amount of peyote at separate Native American Church ceremonies.

The men later filed unemployment claims with the state, and the courts were asked to determine whether the fact that possession of peyote is illegal under Oregon law should affect their right to claim compensation.

Federal regulations specify an exemption for use of peyote in Native American Church ceremonies, but the exemption has not been adopted by all of the states. Frohnmayer argues it is impossible to grant one religious group exemption from criminal laws without issuing similar exemptions for other churches or even individuals.

Under the Oregon Constitution, he said, such protections must be extended to all religions or to none.

“We can’t be in the position of deciding whether there should be drug-by-drug, religion-by-religion exemptions from criminal laws that apply to everyone else,” Frohnmayer said.

However, he said, Frohnmayer’s argument could prove politically persuasive.

“If we have to argue this on the grounds of whether there’s a drug problem in the United States, we’ll obviously lose,” he said.

 Peyote’s role in Native American religious life has been traced back for centuries. The modern peyote ceremony originated in the last century and has spread from Oklahoma to some parts of the strongest pan-Indian movements.

Estimates of adherents vary from 100,000 to 250,000, with about 100 in Oregon.

Supreme Court to decide case concerning liability of workers hurt in transport

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to decide whether farm workers who suffer transportation-related injuries may sue their employers after receiving worker-compensation benefits.

The justices said Monday they will review a ruling in the case of 10 Florida farm hands that such lawsuits are allowed under a federal law, the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Workers Protection Act.

The 10 workers were hurt in 1985 while being transported in a van by their employer, the Adams Fruit Co.

Each collected worker-compensation benefits from Adams under Florida law.

They then sued their employer in federal court, alleging that Adams violated the federal law by transporting them in an unsafe van.

Lawyers for Adams said the suit dismissed, contending that the state’s worker-compensation law made it the exclusive legal remedy for such injuries.

U.S. District Judge Elizabeth Kovachevich in Tampa ruled for Adams, concluding that the federal law’s motor vehicle safety provisions could not be invoked by workers who had collected worker-compensation benefits.

But her ruling was overturned by the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last March 15.

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The last baby, a Caucasian female, was wrapped in a blanket and was three to four hours old when she was found at 7:30 a.m. Sunday in the downtown park in Martinez, about 10 miles northeast of San Francisco.

The baby was on the floor of a stall in the women’s bathroom, said Officer Mark Smith, of the Martinez Police Department.

She was taken to Merritt Memorial Hospital, where she was reported in stable condition Saturday.

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Police stumped by stall staller

When it comes to going to the bathroom, some people take longer than others. Some use the time on the toilet to catch up on reading. Some do homework. Some may be doing otherwise.

One's Walden Pond of sanctuary, however, rarely tends to be a public bathroom.

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 1:50 p.m. Public Safety received a report of someone being in a women's toilet stall of the Business Administration and Education Building for three to four hours. When Public Safety came to investigate they discovered wooden legs covered with pants and tennis shoes.

For the moment, anyway, the Business Administration and Education Building's "stall-ing" record stands at four hours.

Records in other buildings on campus were unknown at press time.

SLO Expo offers fun at Plaza Sat.

More than 60 local business and non-profit groups will offer free food, services and entertainment Saturday Oct. 7 during SLO EXPO.

Sponsored by the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce, the one-day event will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mission Plaza in downtown San Luis Obispo.

Local merchants will give away everything from 10-minute tango lessons to mini-massages and fitness testing.

Entertainment includes singer Mary Macgregor, a strolling musician, performances in the Mission Plaza Amphitheater by the San Luis Obispo Little Theatre and the San Luis Symphony Brass Quartet.

Alcohol assistance group meets Wed.

Adult Children of Alcoholics meet each Wednesday from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the University Christian Center on Foothill Boulevard.

Students from families troubled by alcohol or drug abuse are welcome. For more information, call Vince at 546-9045.

Recovery group to meet on Tuesday

Registered nurses, licensed vocational nurses and licensed psychiatric technicians who are recovering from chemical dependency, or who would like to investigate recovery, may attend meetings of Nurses Support Group in San Luis Obispo.

The meetings provide an outlet for colleagues to discuss personal and professional problems related to alcoholism or other drug dependencies.

The support group meets Tuesday evenings from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information and the exact meeting place, call Sally Lewis at 543-5333, ext. 117.

Open house Oct. 8 for fire prevention

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection/San Luis Obispo County Fire Department will celebrate Fire Prevention Week with an open house Sunday, Oct. 8, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Nipomo Fire Station, 450 Pioneer St.

Activities will include a watermelon-eating contest for children 12 years and younger, tours of the station and drawings for prizes. Punch and cookies will be served.

For more information, call 543-2446.

Job search class set for next week

Cooperative Education and Placement Services is offering a workshop to help students find summer jobs.

Staff members will discuss where to look for jobs, how to write resumes and interviewing strategies.

The workshop will be presented Thursday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to noon in room 207 of the Business Administration and Education Building.

For more information, call 756-2645.

Chamber planning non-profit listing

The San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce is currently updating its directory of non-profit organizations in San Luis Obispo county. The roster, already listing more than 385 cultural, service, social and community groups, is prepared annually by Chamber staff members as a resource for the community.

An organization need not be a member of the Chamber to be included on the list. For more information contact Sally Lewis at 543-1323 before Oct. 13.

No rain forecast despite gray skies

Don't dust off those umbrellas or galoshes just yet.

No rain is forecast for today, despite Monday's light sprinkle and threatening clouds, according to the National Weather Service.

"Threats can be deceiving," said meteorologist Dennis Hess. "It should be a nice day, a little windy, though."

San Luis Obispo should be mostly sunny after the morning clouds burn off, he said.

Temperatures should reach a high of 72 degrees.

The rest of the week should be much the same.