Rugby runs rampant...  
Bob Thruessel, coach of the Cal Poly rugby team, runs a four corners drill during yesterday's practice. The Mustangs won their game against UCSB on Saturday to boost their record to 4-3 in conference.
It appears the university deliberately attempted to circumvent the law by withholding information on the Walter Rice case.

The allegations that the economics professor may have used cocaine with one of his students and may have given grades falsely was originally classified under “insufficient credible information.” But it didn’t. The university deliberately attempted to circumvent the law by withholding information on the Rice case available to the public.

Once Cal Poly Public Safety completed its investigation, however, the police report was processed as the administrative personnel file. Personnel files remain confidential by law. The California Public Records Act, however, states that data can be withheld only if the disclosure would invade personal privacy or if disclosure would result in, “circumstantial criminal justice.”

Interim Vice President Philip Bailey and Rice came to an agreement signed Jan. 6 that the case would be closed due to “insufficient credible evidence.” At that time, the report should have become public information. But it didn’t.

By Christine J. Pocan
Yugoslav communists split; Slovenians plan new party

League breakup is "possible consequence"

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - The country's Communist leaders failed Tuesday to reunite their fractured party after delegate reviews from liberal-minded Slovenia stormed out of a party congress and said they would form a new party.

The move threatened the unity of the ethnically diverse and economically troubled Yugoslav federation.

Slovenian party spokesman Peter Bekes said his republic's delegation would establish an independent party on the basis of democratic socialism" at a regional party conference Feb. 2.

The dramatic walkout came as delegates were preparing for a final vote on a reform document that would relinquish the party's 45-year monopoly on power.

But the vote never came and the congress was forced to adjourn later Monday -- a day ahead of schedule -- with no date set for a new session.

Leading Slovenian Communist Milan Kucan told journalists that the breakup of the League of Communist's of Yugoslavia, the official name of the ruling party, "is the only possible consequence of this action."

In announcing the Slovenian decision, regional party leader Ciril Ribicic said the congress had failed to accept any of his delegation's proposals.

Delegates from the relatively prosperous northern republic wanted a declaration of greater autonomy for the country's six republics, a promise to end persecution of political opponents and greater cooperation with the West.

"We are not going to take part in the agenda of the Communist Party in Yugoslavia," he said, and the entire Slovenian delegation grumpily left the hall.

Slovenia is to hold the country's first multiparty elections in March and its moves toward democracy are opposed by hard-liners who are the leaders of the Serbian republic, the country's most populous.

Serbian's president, Slobodan Milosevic, announced the walkout and said the suspension of the congress would mean that "the party would be practically disbanded."

He said this could have "grave consequences for the Communist Party and future of the country."

The Serbian leadership opposes doing away with central economic and political planning and Milosevic seeks to impose stronger central control on the republics. Some critics say he deliberately sought a showdown with the Slovenians to deflect attention from his economic and political failures.

The Serbians comprise 9 million of the country's 23 million people and many consider themselves Yugoslavia's ethnic core. Slovenia has a population of 2 million.

Party President Milan Panceski, speaking to tired delegates early today after the party's leadership failed in a four-hour emergency session to end the crisis, called on regional party bodies to work for a solution.

The congress broke down after it cast a preliminary vote early Monday in favor of relinquishing the party's monopoly on power.

The Slovenians complained that hard-liners had watered down key reform points in the document. They criticized those who voted against abolishing all laws allowing the persecution of political opponents.

They also complained about a statement scrapped by delegates that backed seeking membership in European organizations such as the European Community.
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Like most college students, graduating is a dream for Karen Dew. She talks openly about the future and her goals, which include a graduate degree. When she sets a goal, she strives for it with intensity. She knows each year of life past 20 is a miracle for a victim of Cystic Fibrosis.

Born with the nation's number one genetic killer, the 23-year-old human development senior fights daily to keep an active lifestyle. The strength of her motivation seems to mock the weakness of her frail body.

"I believe that when people have dreams and set goals, they need to reach them by any means possible," said Dew. Her words put into action, she returned to school recently, following a lung failure. Unable to regain the ability to breathe without supplemental oxygen, she must always carry a portable breather with her. The breather can weigh as much as 10 pounds when it is full.

"Graduation has been a goal that I needed to complete," Dew said. I've been fighting my whole life and I just really need something to show for it."

If all goes as planned she will complete her degree in June, which she said her health problems have already postponed two years. "I guess I'm your typical Cal Poly senior," she said, "who's going to be here six years."

CF is a hereditary disease which occurs in one out of every 2,000 live births. An estimated 12 million Americans unknowingly carry the recessive gene, yet only a child who inherits it from each parent will be afflicted. The victim's body produces an excessive amount of mucous, causing severe respiratory and digestive problems.

In the lungs, mucous blocks small airways causing infection and shortness of breath. "I feel like when I am breathing," Dew said, "... there is a weight on me, like a 10-pound thing just laying on my chest ... It feels like someone is squeezing off my wind pipe." The mucous also blocks ducts in the pancreas, preventing the release of enzymes necessary for digestion. The result is an inability to gain weight. Dew is 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighs 97 pounds.

To help relieve the effects, Dew takes enzymes orally along with vitamin and antibiotic to help fight against lung infection. Two times a day she spends 45 minutes having a physical therapist thump her chest to loosen the mucous. She said the exception is on days when she goes to school because exercise from walking takes care of it.

Kathy Kenney is a journalism senior with a public relations concentration. This is her first quarter reporting for Mustang Daily.
**CF Statistics**

- An estimated 12 million Americans carry the gene.
- If two carriers have a child, there is a 25 percent chance the baby will be afflicted.
- The disease occurs in one out of every 2,000 live births.
- Half of those die before their 20's; few live into their 40's.
- CF is almost exclusively a caucasian disease.
- About 30,000 Americans have CF; 7,000 of them are adults.

**INSIGHT**

From page 5 it, Dew said she also spends up to two hours daily on a breathing machine. Such extensive therapy can cause heavy dependence on family and doctors, said Myron Liebhaber, Dew's doctor at Santa Barbara Medical Foundation. "She had no choice but to make her own decisions," he said. "I can tell you, as her physician she tells me what to do." Dew said her hope and encouragement come from her family, friends and God. "Definitely my inner strength comes from God. That is a real motivator for me." Dew said she is still on the oxygen machine. Her determination to be in school comes from a desire to show people she can do it, Dew said. A love for learning and the support of her teachers and department staff also encouraged her to come back after the respiratory failure.

While on a breathing machine, she continued to take 10 units of home study.

"After three months of being at home in the spring," Dew said, "I thought for sure I'd be able to come back to school in the fall. Then I had another respiratory arrest and my lung collapsed in July. It showed that I couldn't go off the oxygen." Liebhaber called the decision to return to Cal Poly "quite heroic." He said, "(Dew's return) was quite an achievement because in her case it's not just going back, she has to carry oxygen." She had to deal with physical limitations before, but now walking up hills and carrying the breathing machine is extremely difficult for her.

Dew said the new oxygen requirement has brought changes to her life. She is more excited and as she waits for a new heart and lungs transplant. The decision is a risk and not a cure, she said. She is really just exchanging one disease for another since she will have to take up to 20 medicines for the anti-rejection. CF still will be in her digestive system, she said, but it will be completely gone from her lungs.

"I will breathe completely normal. I will be able," she said, "to do all kinds of things that I'm very limited on now." Her dream is to snow ski again; she said she even has a ticket to Switzerland promised to her.

Even though her heart is healthy, Dew would receive a new one. "What's exciting about that," she said, "is I can give my heart to somebody else. I felt like if God had given me the gift of a new heart and lungs, then I should give mine to somebody else.

In September, medical researchers finally isolated the CF gene. For CF victims in Dew's generation the discovery does not bring a great deal of hope. Isolation of the gene is not a cure, but it can allow people to be tested to detect carriers.

Meanwhile, as the search for a cure goes on, the average life of a CF adult continues to increase. "It is fairly common for CF patients to live longer and longer lives as we learn how to better treat them," said Robert Holzhauer, a San Luis Obispo doctor. As in any chronic illness, he said, the will to live, excel and have goals in life is crucial.

Dew continues to be optimistic. "I may be around when they start finding some good medicine and methods for treating it," she said. It only took her a second to correct herself. "I expect to be around when they find a new method," she said smiling.

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Gymnasts beat UCD, SJSU

Team sets sights on national championship

By Adrian Hodgson
Staff writer
The Cal Poly women's gymnastics team set three goals for itself at the beginning of the year.
•To win the Division II national championship.
•To break the team all-around scoring record of 184.9 points, set last year at nationals.
•To be ranked among the top 20 Division I teams. The Mustangs were ranked as high as 30th last year, said Coach Tim Rivera.

In three meets so far this season, the fifth-ranked (in Division II) Mustangs have not eclipsed any of these marks, but Rivers says the team has already improved since its first meet.

Last weekend, the team split up and competed in two meets. Half competed in Davis against UC Davis and San Jose State, a Division I team, and the other half traveled to Santa Barbara for a dual meet with UCSB.

The Mustangs won in Davis, compiling 175.45 points. The top performers for Cal Poly were freshman Stacey Peterson, who took second in the all-around competition with 35.7 points; and Karen Travis, who finished third with a total of 35.55 points.

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tricks by beating Peterson by .05; the bars were the first four places.

Rivera said he was happy with his team's perfor­

mance. "It went really well for this time of the season," he said. "We're scoring five to six points higher than at this time last year."

Although the other half of the team lost badly to UCSB, Amy Reardon scored a career-high 35.05 points on her way to a second-place finish in the all-around competition.

Rivera said his team is constantly working hard, partly because of its depth. He said 10 or 11 of his gymnasts have the ability to make the starting six.

"If they're not one of the top six, they're (sup­

porting) the others," Rivera said. "They push each other. They're willing to make sacrifices to do what's needed."

The team is idle this weekend, but returns to ac­

tion Feb. 3 when it competes at Sacramento State in a dual meet.

Off-the-field antics may hurt Canseco's raise negotiations

OAKLAND (AP) — A's slugger Jose Canseco may cry foul, but the Athletics think it's only fair to view his per­
formance off the field — as well as on — when negotiating his contract.

A's General Manager Sandy Alderson said Saturday that the 25-year-old right-fielder's string of encounters with the law should be viewed as strikes against him in a contract ar­

bitation hearing.

Canseco wants a $600,000 raise for the coming season, for a total package of $2.2 million. But the 1989 World Series championship team has offered him the same amount as last year.

"If you look at the criteria (used during arbitration hearings) there are considerations for off-­

field activity and public im­

age," Alderson said, "and his hasn't been good."

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Bush's Chinese student veto faces one-sided override by Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress will override President Bush's veto of a bill protecting visiting Chinese students in "a dazzer" of one-sided sentiment, the chief Republican Senate vote-counter predicted Tuesday.

The first showdown of the newly convened 1999 Congress will come Wednesday in the House, where Republicans already had conceded they would not muster more than a handful of votes to support Bush's position.

The administration has concentrated its lobbying efforts on the Senate, hoping to get the 34 votes there that would be needed to stave off a two-thirds majority vote to override.

But Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., who is supporting Bush, said the president would not get five votes.

"This thing is gonna be over-ridden, and it will be a dazzer," he said.

Bush on Nov. 30 vetoed the bill, which would allow as many as 12,000 eligible Chinese students to extend their stays in the United States and avoid persecution in their homeland stemming from last June's government crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators.

"The president says he has effectively taken the same action as the bill — by executive order — and that the legislation amounts to unwarranted congressional meddling.

Bush spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Tuesday, despite the clear indications of a White House loss, "We're working to sustain the veto."

Simpson, while conceding defeat, criticized Democrats for using the issue as "a blunt cudgel" to inflict unfair political damage on Bush.

"Does anyone in the Congress really, truly believe ... that the only way to ensure our return is not through negotiations with the Chinese government, but through genuine improvement of human rights in China," Zhao said.

China accuses Washington Post reporter of fabricating arrest total

BEIJING (AP) — A judge said Tuesday the Washington Post had fabricated a report that 800 people had been imprisoned as 800 people have been imprisoned, he said.

The unidentified Supreme Court judge, quoted by the official Xinhua News Agency, also said Post's Beijing-based correspondent, Daniel Simpson, had fabricated information that 10,000 people had been arrested and that new suspects were being picked up for joining the pro-democracy movement.

The Post said it stood by the reports.

The story involving the arrests was published in July. Another, published last week, quoted respondents, Daniel Southerland, and that new suspects were being fabricated information that had "deliberately twisted stories," Getler said.

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Corporate ladder sculpture ruffles feathers in Maryland

Work depicts perceptions of business world

COLUMBIA, Md. (AP) — A sculpture intended to challenge perceptions of the corporate ladder has offended office building tenants who want the artwork dismantled and removed from their lobby.

The "Corporate Ladder" features a mailman at the foot of the ladder, a young black man in a business suit near the bottom, and a woman holding the papers of a middle-aged white man, grasping a briefcase on a middle rung. On the top rung is an older, graying building owner.

Sculptor Ed Massey, 26, who spent three months building the 10-foot sculpture with seven assistants, said it is a social statement.

"The雕塑 represents the view that office building tenants have of corporate life," he said. Many of the 35 corporate tenants of Lakeview Office Building disagree, saying they find the depiction of the woman and black man insulting.

Mark Feinberg, president of Consumer First Mortgage, whose first-floor office looks out at the sculpture, complained in writing to the building manager that the sculpture shows the business world as "mean, cruel, thoughtless and selfish." He said he found it "distasteful and personally offensive."

Some tenants have put up posters suggesting that the sculpture is in the lobby because the building owners "couldn't find pink flamingoes for the lawn," said Nanette Wright, who manages the building.

Other tenants, such as Padraic Kennedy, president of the Columbia Association, say the work is "a fascinating piece that is bold and dramatic and meant to be satirical."

The uproar has led to the cancellation of a reception planned next month for Massey, of New York City. Building officials now plan to survey the tenants on whether to keep the artwork.

"Ed Massey's intention was to challenge the thinking of people's perception of the corporate ladder," said Ronald C. Hanner, spokesman for Principal Financial Group of Des Moines, Iowa, which owns the building and commissioned the sculpture.

"It's our policy to decorate our buildings in an attractive way with pieces of art."

Snoopy turns 40 — that's 280 in dog years — and Paris celebrates

PARIS (AP) — The French capital honored Snoopy on Tuesday, saying that happiness is a warm puppie — even one that's 40 years old.

The beguiling beagle who appears in Charles Schulz's comic strip "Peanuts" was honored with a blockbuster retrospective of his 40 years in the art world.

"Thank you for being the creator of Snoopy, full of humor and with a rest for life," Culture Minister Jack Lang told Schulz, by the way, also was honored. He was named Composer of Arts and Letters, one of France's highest awards for contributions in the arts.

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"I'm glad she didn't say something you'll be in the Louvre, because I would have been nervous for 60 years waiting for it," he said.

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More federal control sought for weapons plant auditing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy Secretary James D. Watkins, moving to restore public confidence in nuclear weapons plants, plans to put federal workers in place of some private contractors who perform environmental investigations of the facilities.

Watkins, in an internal memorandum made available to The Associated Press on Monday, wrote that although he was pleased with weapons plants investigations completed last fall, he wanted more federal employees doing the audits from now on.

"These assessments form the cornerstone of my overall plan to create a new culture of self-assessment and accountability within the department and are essential to bringing all of the department's facilities into full compliance," Watkins wrote in the memo to senior aides dated Dec. 22.

Watkins started the audits, which he terms "independent tiger team" evaluations, last June to gain a fresh view of environmental, safety and health problems at the plants. Eight weapons plants were audited last year, five others will be examined this month and seven more will be done late this year.

In his memo, Watkins asked field offices across the country to submit federal candidates for slots on coming "tiger team" audits. He did not say how many contractor positions the federal workers would replace.

Peter Brush, acting assistant secretary for environment, safety and health, said in an interview Monday that Watkins wants to use more federal workers and fewer contractors partly out of concern about possible conflicts of interest among the contractors.

"We would like...less of a perception of contractors overseeing contractors," Brush said. "One contractor overseeing another contractor of necessity is going to have, in the public's mind, a conflict.

"All 17 major nuclear weapons plants and laboratories are owned by the Energy Department but run by private contractors.

Brush was responding to an Associated Press report that at least two contractors used on investigations last fall are on the payroll at the facilities they investigated.

The AP also reported others participating in the audits were bidding at that time on Energy Department contracts for related work.

Brush said Watkins had no alternative to relying heavily on contractors for this work.

"There is a real shortage of the kinds of senior, qualified environmental, safety and health people we need to do this job right," said Brush.

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garden design, landscape planning and architecture. Some of his professional work include the planning and design of the Sheenan Landscape Botanical Park at Guangdong; Ten Thousand Stones Park at Fujian; and Hangzhou Botanical Garden and the West Lake Area at Hangzhou.

His watercolor paintings are a unique mixture of ancient Chinese influence and modern styles of English designers Capability Brown and Sir Humphrey Repton. Sun was able to display his talents during two afternoon workshops held in front of the Architecture Building.

Sun graduated with a bachelor's degree in horticulture from Chekiang University, Hangchow in 1946 and studied architectural design at Nanking. He was head of the landscape planning and garden design division of forestry at College of Beijing for 22 years and presently is responsible for the college's research and post-graduate programs.

 Ric Pese and Carolyn Miller, both senior aides dated Dec. 22.

SCR 1 will also mean tax increases, however, including a gas tax, which is why some people have a problem with it, Miller said. Gas could cost 2 cents more a gallon, if SCR 1 passes. It could go as high as 9 cents a gallon, he said.

If SCR 1 does not pass, it could mean a steep increase in student fees, said Kristina Cercone, CSSA representative from Pat Potty.

This would mean no cap would exist on the state university. Miller said, and fees could then be raised by as much as 56 percent.

To fight this, Miller said, CSSA is considering lobbying the legislature in Sacramento for the passage of the amendment.

Because SCR 1 is an initiative headed for the June ballot, CSSA is planning a huge voter registration campaign to get as many students to vote for it as possible, Cercone said, "so that our vote can count and help to ratify this."
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BIG SUR (AP) — Two people are missing and presumed dead after violent waves swept them off rocks in separate weekend accidents.

Martin Martinez Vasquez, 19, of Salinas was looking for a fishing spot Sunday with friends just south of Rocky Point near Big Sur when a wave swept three of them out to sea. The others swam to shore, but Vasquez was swept away.

James Elson, 15, a student at Robert Louis Stevenson School in Pebble Beach, was knocked from the rocks Sunday in northern Carmel Bay. Two friends who were also pulled into the surf by the unusually high waves were rescued after 45 minutes by U.S. Army and Coast Guard helicopters.

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Harsh currents and extremely cold water caused the search for both youths not to be resumed Monday.

Elson's companions were treated for hypothermia and released from Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula on Sunday night.

An Aleutian storm caused the huge waves and led emergency officials to issue warnings that continued Monday, oceanographers said. The waves often occur when local weather is calm, they said, adding that buoy measurements put the waves at 10 to 16 feet high.

"People see a dry rock and they go trampling out there, thinking it's safe, and that's when the wave gets them," said Andrew Bakun, a physical oceanographer with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Monterey.

Japan postpones unmanned moon mission 18 seconds before liftoff

UCHINOURA, Japan (AP) — Space officials postponed Japan's first unmanned mission to the moon just 18 seconds before liftoff Tuesday, but said they will try again Wednesday if they can fix a technical problem.

"This time we are going to the moon. But our objective is not the moon itself," said mission chief Hiroki Matsuo. "Our institute is getting into interplanetary missions in the 1990s and for that we need to refine our technology."

Officials said they plan to try again Wednesday after they correct the problem that forced the delay: a failure in the hydraulic control system used to move the nozzle of a booster rocket.

"I don't think it is a serious problem," Matsuo said at the launch site in southern Japan. If the hydraulic system is repaired, the launch is expected at 8:46 a.m. Wednesday (6:46 a.m. EST Wednesday). A successful flight would make Japan the third country, after the Soviet Union and the United States, to orbit the moon.

Though the spacecraft failed to blast off on schedule, its mission and Japan's broad goals in space make clear that this country is trying to be a strong competitor in space technology.

The United States has complained in trade disputes that Japan is discriminating against U.S. commercial satellites to help build its own space industry. Japan's government space budget in 1989 was $1.06 billion.

The mission received little advance publicity in Japan and Tuesday's countdown was not shown live on television.

Dozens of reporters had gathered on a dark hillside several miles from the ocean side launch site to watch the liftoff. If the mission goes as planned, the "Muses-A" would be the first satellite to orbit the moon since the Soviet Union landed the unmanned vehicle Luna 24 on its surface in 1976. On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin became the first men to land on the moon.

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