Canyon silhouette
Liz Brinkmann scales the Geodesic Dome in Poly Canyon. The canyon is featured in Insight, page 5.

ASI board to decide on country concert
By John Hubbell

ASI's Board of Directors will decide tonight if Cal Poly will set the stage for a big-name country concert in late April after a subcommittee approved the plan Monday.

If directors approve, the university will host its first country music show — and the first outdoor popular-music concert — in years.

The Board will meet at 7 p.m. in Room 220 of the University Union. The meeting is open and allows for student comment.

The concert, which would feature singers either Mary Chapin Carpenter, Mark Chesnutt or other undetermined artist, would be held at 5 p.m. on April 25 after the finish of the university's annual rodeo. The event would be marketed in and around the city in conjunction with the rodeo, concert officials said.

The concert would be a $57,000 venture for ASI, which would have to sell 3,128 of 7,500 available stadium seats to break even, according to ASI's Concert Committee Chair Tim McWilliams. Tentative ticket prices range from $18 to $22, McWilliams told the committee.

On Monday, ASI's Finance Committee approved a motion which would allow ASI Concerts to spend up to $65,000 for the show.

One dissenting vote was cast by Jeff Vangough, a representative of the College of Liberal Arts. Two representatives from the College of Agriculture were absent from the meeting.

At Monday's meeting, ASI Vice President Margaret Peirce told concert officials he is leery of a Sunday afternoon show, fearing many rodeo fans will "pick up and go" afterward. His concerns was shared by George Ehara, a representative of the College of Architecture.

"Maybe a lot of people (will) want to go home," Ehara said.

But rodeo events are already scheduled for early Saturday afternoon, according to Bob Walle, the university's assistant director of student life and activities. And an outdoor concert should be scheduled in the early evening in order to be "community sensitive," Walle said.

Further, McWilliams said an artist such as Chesnutt — whose current tour has been postponed — may be "disastrous to his study habits."

Manley, who has been coming to the diner for the past four years, said he usually visits Farm Boy three to four times a week.

"I do all my studying here," Manley said. "It's the perfect atmosphere and the waitresses are great."

The "never-ending coffee" is what brings Erin Overas, a construction management freshman, to Farm Boy.

"It keeps you up and you can stay for as long as you want," Overas said. "I like the people, too. It's all college students trying to get studying done."

Overas said a friend showed her the diner during her first quarter at Poly. Now she comes to Farm Boy about five times a week.

Elise Aguba and Patty Peirce, both math seniors, said they come to Farm Boy because the library is an inconvenience.

"If we are going to meet with a big group, this place is great," Peirce said. "We don't like to go to the library because no one is in there."

Aguba said she likes not having to order a meal if she wants a seat in the restaurant.

"All you really have to do is order a drink and you can stay for as long as you want," Aguba said.

Although no final decisions have been made, Farm Boy employees received a letter informing them that the change of ownership was in process, but had temporarily been put on hold.

According to Marian Harvey, a Farm Boy employee, for the past four years, many employees have been turning in applications at Margie's Diner. But no job offers have been promised, she added.

Harvey said she decided not to see FARM BOY, page 7
Holloway said officers tried to arrest one student who was blocking the door, but he resisted and kicked at them. The student ended up face down at the bottom of the steps outside, with three officers on top of him. He was handcuffed and arrested on charges of refusing to disperse, resisting arrest and assaulting officers, Holloway said.

Police identified the protester as Randy Chavez, 25, a student at San Francisco State University.

Holloway said the three officers suffered scrapes, bruises and sprains in the struggle.

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Gang members answer questions on lifestyle

'Misunderstandings' clarified in dialogue on Cal Poly campus

By Keri Greenberg

A group of gang members think Cal Poly students have a lot to learn.

Addressing an audience of students and community members in a Fisher Science lecture hall, six former and current gang members fielded questions recently about what they called an often misunderstood lifestyle.

Roberta Paydn, who coordinates Youth at Risk Programs for the Parks and Recreation Department in Ventura, was herself involved in gang activity 20 years ago. Now, she works with the needs of an active gang community.

Paydn traveled with current gang members to Cal Poly two weeks ago to speak with recreation administration majors about the needs of an active gang community.

She said her life changed when she was arrested at age 16 for assaulting a police officer. "I also stabbed someone that night," she said. "But I was not arrested."

Later, she went to college and then worked for the state Department of Corrections.

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"We expanded recreation areas to provide a place for kids to go on evenings and weekends," Paydn said. "Then, we began employing high-risk youths. There are now 70 youth employed by the city of Ventura."

"Change is a process," she said. "It doesn't happen over night. There is no sure-fire way of getting out of the gang lifestyle."

"I don't think I'm going to make a dent in the lifestyle the kids choose, but I do hope to educate them in how to make their decisions."

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"We don't pile in the car on Saturdays and go do drive-bys," he said.

Providing better opportunities for high-risk youth is Paydn's main goal. But she would like to see a change of attitude and lifestyle, she added.

"If I don't convince them what they do, she said, "I have zero tolerance for violence." But she said she does sympathize with what gang associates do through.

"If even if they had given it up, their friends, enemies, and cops remember they were in gangs," she said.

Omar is no longer active but agreed with Paydn.

"I'm always going to back my homies up," he said.

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Recipe for unhappiness

By Steve Geary

Prejudice is everywhere. Everywhere you look you can see prime examples of bigotry. Our little campus is no different in this re­ gion. You can find many beautiful examples of bigotry.

Learning all the aspects of making a perfect bigot is very important. If you gather all the ingredients and carefully make the mold, either by desire or by force, you will have a gleaming, shiny new Bigot ready to take over the world. And this is a good thing, because all we need in the world today is more hate, death, intolerance, fear and close-mindedness. Then, when we have all this, maybe in the future, we can stop all those African-Americans, Latin-Americans and gays, everyone. And we can be content because we avoided that dirty idea of country-wide, maybe even world-wide, unity, a thought that is just too grotesque.

Making a bigot is difficult, but worthwhile, especially when there will be one more bashing, beating, screaming bigot to make the world a better place.

We will start with some of the most important ingredients of the Bigot-gall of Ignorance. This is by far the most important ingredient; if we can avoid it, we have made it without it. In the absence of ignorance, you have knowledge, and this definitely will not lead to a good bigot.

The next ingredient is quarts of Self-doubt. Self-doubt is an im­ portant catalyst in combination with ignorance; the two truly pack quite a punch. The final main ingredient is also very important. You must remember to add a pinch of in­ sensitivity. This ingredient will secure you a perfect bigot every time. Some may tell you that the insensitivity is not that impor­ tant, but from someone who has seen much varieties of bigotry, this insensitivity makes the end product so much more satisfying.

By adding these ingredients, you have made a great bigot. Ask any bigot and they will tell you, "How I can help but be afraid of those (insert bigotized enemy), there is no way you can trust someone like that.

Another ingredient that adds a lot to our recipe is a couple tablespoons of close-mindedness. This does not add much visibly to the bigot, but it assures that our bigot will be one forever.

Also, a dash of insensitivity is not that important. This includes in­ tolerance on the basis of race, sex, physical characteristics, mental abilities, sexual orientation, religious beliefs and any others that may interest you.

Actually, you had better make it a couple dashes, because any or all of these add so much to the basic bigot, and there are so many choices. It is no wonder that the idea of bigotee everywhere really draws little or no negative attention from the average person.

Now that you have spent the time creating your new Bigot of Ignorance and you have your fresh, clean bigot waiting to bash, insult, yell at, discriminate against and maybe kill someone, it is time to look at your creation and reject.

Having now mixed everything together, all you have to do is force a little parental influence into the mold, and results abound.

But now what? What are you going to do with your bigot? Sure, it has no problems fitting into today's society, some may even celebrate its existence. But what else can you do? Simply enjoy the feeling that you have created a murderous bigot, and feel good for all the destruction and suffering as your creation boasts on its first victim.

Think. Think hard. You have created a bigot. Good for you. Can you imagine what this world would be like with more bigots? With people working together for the common good instead of against each other, forcing each other down? Thanks to you, a negative change in the bigots floats over our campus, even our country. Thanks to you, people of different races, religions, sex and other differences will be ques­tioning each other's intentions instead of seeing the power in each other's ideas. Every day I look around and am thankful; thankful for the gun shots, people screaming, and the blood you forced to spill.

The mold is now empty. It is up to you. What is your next bigot going to be like?

Promised was a recipe for an intolerant bigot. The promise has been fulfilled, now it is up to you. Support your creation. Don't ever let those ideas of equality rear their ugly head again. How long has our society survived without the need for equality? There will always be the need for bigots; care is based on ignorance. How else can we make people feel small, alone, without power, and experience other feelings other than the ones to suffer. People lose their options towards personal growth, diversity and autonomy when they choose to nominate themselves as superior. Only those who are truly uneducated are capable of completely closing their minds to others.

Discrimination is difficult to deal with. At some point in our lives we will all experience some form of discrimination. It is unfortunate to think that it is only then that we will learn of the pain and suffering we not only feel but have caused for others.

Lyndy Fisher
Home Economics Lecturer

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Correction:

In the Tuesday, March 9 edition of Mustang Daily, the article "CSI cutbacks may hit Poly faculty hard" contained facts which were vagary or incorrectly worded.

Staff as well as faculty positions are expected to take cuts - not exclusively faculty, as the article implied. Poly officials said Tuesday 48 lecturer positions and ten tenured-track or tenured faculty positions may be eliminated. Forty-eight non- instructional positions may also be eliminated. The figures were not available at preprint Monday.

Also, the major of Home Economics was formerly placed in the now-defunct School of Professional Studies, not in the College of Math and Science as the article stated.
Nutritional science freshmen Lisa Gillette, left, and Chrissy Casciani walk in Poly Canyon Design Village.

The thought of on-campus housing doesn't usually conjure up visions of lovelessness. More likely, people picture rooms that are too small, neighbors that are too noisy, prices that are too high and food that stinks.

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FARM BOY

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In an application because she likes working the night shift and Margie's Diner probably would not have one. I really enjoy this shift," Harper said. "The students are so easy to work with. I'm not interested in working anywhere where the students cannot hang out."

Cal Poly math professor Jean McDill who has been going to the restaurant for many years and had to hate to see the walls lose. "I think they have made something very special," McDill said. "It's a real homey atmosphere. It would be a shame to see them let go, especially after how supportive they have been to the students."

Farm Boy restaurant is a popular spot for many students.
**Sports**

**Cal Poly commits to new conference**

By Michael Sheats
Staff Writer

The results of months of negotiations by the Cal Poly athletic department are finally being seen. Cal Poly and four other universities have indicated their intent to align with the Western Football Conference as it begins its first season at the NCAA Division I-AA level, according to Dr. Vic Baroza, Commissioner of the Western Football Conference. The WFC has been at the Division II level for the past 10 seasons.

Joining a Division I conference has been one of the major priorities of the Cal Poly athletic department since the student sports referendum passed in November 1991.

Cal State Northridge, Cal State Sacramento, Southern Utah University, and UC Davis will join Cal Poly for the 1993 football season.

"We've been successful on the Division II level," said Baroza, "and this move for the conference provides all of our institutions with a strong foundation for the future in football, as well as other sports."

McCutcheon said the step is a positive one for the university, but is not the perfect solution.

"We'd like to have as many teams and schools as possible in the conference," McCutcheon said. "But now we can put a package together in detail and market it to other schools who are interested in joining."

**Campus roads bumpy for wheelmen**

A weekend of strong individual finishes by Cal Poly wheelmen highlighted Sunday's Criterium around the red-brick dorms.

The field of racers set a blistering pace in the early races Sunday, and it continued that way on through to the men's A race in the day's final event.

Eddie Salgado's eighth-place finish was tops among Cal Poly's A team, which finished behind UC Berkeley, UC Davis and UC Santa Barbara.

In the women's A race, Karen Steiner turned in a strong performance and finished seventh. In the men's C race, Greg Fry and Mark Sisson worked well together to finish first and fourth, respectively. Fry also took home the omnium award for most points scored by a C for all three events combined.

Jason Gentry won the omnium for the Cal Poly B team, which placed three riders in the top six.

On Saturday, Cal Poly competed with teams from Davis to San Diego in the Creston Road Race.

Randy Warren pulled out a second-place finish in the men's A road race, while Gentry placed third in the B race.

Karen Bolen made a successful road race debut, placing seventh for Cal Poly in the women's B race.

**Cal Poly's football team not only has a new conference, it's got a new coach**

John Pettas, who comes to Cal Poly after serving as a volunteer assistant defensive coach with the San Francisco 49ers last season, will coach the quarterbacks and wide receivers for the Mustangs.

Pettas, 43, is a 1973 graduate of Cal Poly and has served as the starting quarterback for the 1971 and '72 Mustang teams.

Prior to his stint with the 49ers, he coached at Kent State, the University of New Mexico, the University of Nevada-Reno and at Colorado.

Concurrent to the new WFC, a new Division I multi-sport conference has been created which will provide an umbrella for four of the member universities' sports programs, including Cal Poly. Although UC Davis will not participate in the multi-sport conference, at least two other institutions have expressed interest in joining.

The names of these institutions were not released because they are currently assessing their athletic programs.

A meeting of the multi-sport conference will be held April 14 in Sacramento. The conference would encompass such sports as baseball and basketball.

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