Cal Poly baseball in playoffs
SLO Stadium to host Regionals for third straight year

By Cam Imman
Sports Editor

Cal Poly’s baseball team has been chosen for the third straight year to play host to the NCAA Division II West Regional baseball playoffs. The decision by NCAA officials Sunday night allows Cal Poly to play on its home field at SLO Stadium.

Cal Poly will compete against UC Davis and Cal Poly Pomona in the double-elimination Regional, which begins Friday and continues through Sunday if needed.

The ninth-ranked Mustangs are 33-17 overall and received an automatic bid to the Regional by winning the California Collegiate Athletic Association title.

Unlike years past where SLO Stadium has been a favorite to host the Regional, it seemed like Northern California Athletic Conference champ UC Davis might have a good bid at hosting it since the Aggies are 41-12 and making their first Regional appearance.

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Mother’s Day orchids: Day late, dollar short

By Chris Brandi
Staff Writer

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Many Cal Poly moms were annoyed when their gestures did not arrive on time. Dan Reynolds, a human development senior, said that he was guaranteed his flower would arrive on time when he ordered them last week.

His mother received her dead/flower Wednesday night, three days after the holiday, he said. "I made the whole gesture kind of mute," said Reynolds.

"What really angered me was that they never returned my calls," he added.

The fund-raiser, which had been the best of the year for Sigma Nu in the past, is headed toward a big loss this year, according to Vice President Matt Brodie.

"We have had tons of people coming in," Brodie said. "We are directing everyone who has a problem to our fund-raising chairperson, Mike Battinonex.

Religious leaders want to get in touch with Battinonex to ask him how they can help.
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Poly dorms: From dungeon to dream home?

Officials implement new options to make residence halls more desirable

By Sharon Wiebe

Cal Poly residence hall life may suddenly become more appealing — even to those who swear they despise dorm life and can't wait to move off campus. A variety of changes will be taking place in Cal Poly's on-campus housing situations allowing students to have more choices in where they live, such as single-occupancy rooms, computer-ready rooms or rooms in study-conducive halls.

The changes are being implemented to fulfill recommendations made in a report authored by both Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo city officials last November. The purpose of the report was to recommend possible solutions to student-community relationship problems caused by basic life-style differences between students and community residents.

In brief, the report stated that on-campus housing and off-campus transitional student-housing complexes look like Mustang Village and Benner Glenn were not meeting students' needs; thus, students were by-passing these options and going straight into residential neighborhoods that offered more flexibility.

With the combined problems of the California budget crisis and lowered enrollment at Cal Poly, the report noted that residence halls and transitional housing complexes be renovated so that they will become more competitive with housing classified as residential single-family.

Hazel Scott, vice-president for student affairs, said that some of the suggested renovations for Cal Poly will be in place by next year.

"We're actively in the midst of developing a five-year plan which the residence halls will be completed," she said.

One of the big changes proposed is the offering of private rooms, said Stephen Lamb, interim director of housing.

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Married Poly students say that housing is hard to find

By Sharon Wiebe

Being a married student in San Luis Obispo can be extremely challenging — especially when it comes to housing.

On the one hand, a couple who want a place close to campus yet they also want somewhere that is quiet and secluded. Finding a combination of these aspects at an affordable price may seem next to impossible.

These were some of the concerns voiced by Kevin and Cindy Boer, Erik and Stacey Axtell, and Marty and Susan Coert, "A lot of the places we looked at satisfied them after many arduous searches; and, even though they preferred that Poly's concerns with the price of what they considered decent housing, there were a lot of options," business senior Cindy Boer said, "but they were expensive options.

"A lot of owners didn't take care for their property, because, I guess, they felt that students had to rent somewhere, anyway," she said. "We couldn't even fit our queen-size bed in a lot of places."

However, the couples managed to find that were close to campus, and lowered enrollment at Cal Poly, the couple said that the residence halls and transitional housing complexes be renovated so that they will become more competitive with housing classified as residential single-family.

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Homeward Bound
Monday: An unscientific Daily survey shows students' main housing concerns:


Wednesday: A look at renters' rights. Going up in the attic.
In Your Opinion...

This week, students were asked their opinion on a recent proposal concerning graduating senior priority, announced before ASI last week. The proposal would limit students to three quarters of priority registration.

Seniors need that priority because they’re trying to get out of here, and they need the classes to graduate.

I think it’s to anyone’s advantage to have (priority) all the time, so they might as well take advantage of it. (Others) will get that same advantage someday, too.

— Sondi Harris
Natural Resources Management

I think that if you narrow it to three, it ought to be based on your work as a senior. If your senior evaluation has gone through, and you’re within two quarters of graduating, then you obviously ought to have it, because your classes are set in a way that you have to get them out of the way in a row. If you have four classes in a row to take, then you’re going to be here for another four quarters and you don’t really need the priority.

— Jeff Slocok
Biological Sciences

I’m a home ec student and I have graduating senior priority as it is. I’ve found that all it is is people in your major going against each other to get classes. So, it’s not doing any good.

I don’t really feel that people are abusing (graduating senior priority). I don’t know anyone staying in school any longer than they have to.

— Christine Wood
Home Economics

I think it’s pretty stupid, because it’s not like at other times we have the opportunity to take the other classes that we want. I think that it’s only fair that when you’re a senior that you be able to fill in those gaps.

I think it’s only fair that (graduating senior priority) could be limited to three quarters when some classes aren’t even being offered.

With all the budget cuts (and) less staff and faculty, I don’t think it’s very fair at all. You’ve just got to take into account not having any classes available, so it shouldn’t be limited.

— Henry Nortiga
Physical Education

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I think this is going to postpone graduation for a lot of people for at least a couple of quarters.

— Mary Ontonany
Industrial Technology
When will we learn

By Bradely K. Spain

We, as a nation, are facing a crisis in the form of deciding whether or not to accept homosexuals into the military, and I am not sure who would give their opinion. I am a commissioned officer in the California National Guard and a former Regular Army noncommissioned officer. I have served in a combat zone, but have served in units of distinction and on the front lines all over the country, with soldiers from all over this land as well as other countries. My opinion is solely a product of my personal experiences and observations; however, I have been there.

The arguments for and against accepting homosexuals openly into the military are many and varied, and often not based on fact. I believe there are two fundamental facets to the argument against that bear thought. First, there is a general misunderstanding, and therefore mistrust and fear, of alternative life-styles (read homosexuality) among the military. This fear occurs not only at the command and policymaking level of our nation's armed forces, but also down at the level of the foxhole. This fear also permeates our national culture. With the obvious exception of major metropolitan areas (New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, etc.), try asking for open gay acceptance in the heartland of America, in Nebraska, Texas, Kentucky or Michigan. What about San Luis Obispo and the City Council's reluctance to pass an anti-discrimination ordinance. The policy makers of this land fear homosexuality because they either misunderstand it or don't want to understand it. Right or wrong, rational or irrational, the distinction is immaterial — this fear exists.

Secondly, because of this fear, irrational or not, the policy makers of the military fear for the safety of our troops and the military to their.
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AVILA

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Materials engineering freshman, Jamie Cleland agreed. "I might go to Pismo Beach instead," he said.

Linda Baker, a landscape architecture senior, said she was concerned about Avila Beach residents. She said that some beach-goers may illegally park in private driveways in order to avoid paying for parking. Other Avila Beach regulars also voiced disapproval. Shell Beach resident and Avila regular Jeff Mathieu said that "if they started charging for parking, people would go elsewhere."

Local Jeff Staack was also against parking fees. "It's ridiculous," she said, "it's OK downtown, but not here."

Staack said students don't have a lot of money as it is, and by charging for parking, Avila Beach will "chase the students away."

But other Cal Poly students remained faithful to their summer spot.

"If it was a couple of bucks a day, I think I could swing it," said industrial technology senior Dan Kregg.

Cleland said maybe more people would carpool if they had to pay for parking. "I'd be kind of like going to the drive-in," he said.

Avila Beach businesses were divided on the issue.

Jennifer Sams, an Avila Grocery employee, didn't think business would be hurt if Avila Beach charged for parking. "I've been here for six years, and Avila's always been the place to go," Sams said. "I don't know if 25 cents an hour will stop anyone."

Jill Hala, owner of the Avila Beach snack bar "Munchies," said parking fees "won't affect business at all."

"It's a positive thing, without a doubt," she said. "People will be willing to pay for parking for the entire day. The money can be soaked back into Port San Luis."

Hala also said that although the economy is in a fall, students need to understand that "things can't be maintained unless money is circulated."

Lee Davis, owner of The Jetty Restaurant, disagreed.

"I think it's a silly idea," he said. "I know their funds are divided on the issue."

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