Cow-ch!

Rodeo practice heated up on Wednesday at the Cal Poly arena. Above, animal science senior Jimmy Usher chases — and eventually catches and wreathes — a steer. Usher is one of several Poly students who will compete in the Fall Roundup, to be held at the university on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Finals will be held on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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As I fall into the depths of nostalgia, I have the biggest urge to call home. But that's out of me as much as I get for allowance.

Maybe money problems would be solved if big Bill Clinton decided to regress back to the days of the barter system. Then we could cruise downtown to Woodstock's and trade our empty water bottles for a large combination pizza. Or maybe trade our little brothers for a college education.

Neither Mr. Buttafuoco nor his girlfriends can fix my money problems. All I can do is that call back home and ask for my allowance to be reinstated before Teen Bell starts looking expensive.

* Amy Covey is a journalism freshman. Her column appears here every other Friday.*

**LETTERS**

Parking rules tough on nighttime parkers

I have a few comments about the new parking regulations.

My biggest gripe is that it has made it impossible for me to be able to study on campus during the evenings.

I handle walking to school during the day, but being able to meet study groups at the library at night is impossible with the rules the school has.

It's much more convenient to be able to drive on campus, especially when you are doing something that you have to stay late and cannot catch a bus.

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Mechanical engineering major
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But this year, the bull's owner is saving him for a bigger venue. Pilling Wolffskin's howes will be a grandson of Oscar. Oscar's Velvet. Oscar is legendary in the rodeo world and was admitted into the Rodeo Hall of Fame. Oscar was only ridden for a full eight-second ride once in the 600 times he was challenged.

Rodeo coach Clay Robinson said Oscar's Velvet and the other bulls will provide some tough rides Saturday at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. "It's the same as running in a invitational with Carl Lewis," Robinson said.

He said the Cal Poly rodeo uses professional livestock. Most other collegiate rodeos use semi-professional livestock, he added. He said the livestock is just one of the reasons why he considers Cal Poly's rodeo to be one of the biggest events in the West Region.

He mentioned the rodeo's prestige, heritage and tradition as other important aspects that draw teams to San Luis Obispo. He said 11 teams will compete in the nine events, including West Hills College, Fresno State, L.A. Pierce College and Modesto College.

Some of the events include bull riding, steer wrestling, bronc riding and team roping. Robinson said he has high expectations for Cal Poly's men's and women's rodeo teams.

The two teams are coming off of first and second-place finishes in the last two regional rodeos.

Agricultural engineering senior Renee Gomez anchors the men's team. He is defending collegiate national champion in steer wrestling.

Agriculture business junior Jennifer Holzapfel has played a role in the success of the women's team. She finished second in the breakaway roping competition and third in goat tying at the last rodeo Oct. 8-10.

"You will be surprised to see how much ability these athletes have," Robinson said.

Tickets for children and students are $4 and $6 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the AUL Ticket Office or Collett Arena.
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Long Beach State boasts a 15-1 record. The team’s only loss was to USC. The 49ers won every match in three straight games except one against Colorado State which went for four games. The 49ers placed first in the Big West Conference last year with an undefeated 18-0 record. They eventually bowled out in the semifinals in the national championship tournament for a third-place finish.

Leading the team is senior middle blocker Danielle Scott. She is considered to be one of the best players in the country, if not the best, Cal Poly coach Craig Cummings said.

The 6-foot-5-inch Scott leads her team with 277 kills and 72 blocks this season. Scott was named First Team All-American last year, with 468 kills and 141 blocks.

Scott and Long Beach State’s record may be intimidating, but Cummings said the 9-10 Mustangs have been playing well and making conference.

“I think we’re going to do well,” Cummings said. “We’re looking forward to the match.”

Cal Poly team captain and senior outside hitter Andrea Lonasaid they are treating the 49ers just like any other team.

“They’re definitely beatable,” Lonasaid. Cummings said home court advantage will help the team in its plight for an upset. “The girls are glad to be home,” he said.

Cal Poly has dropped six straight to the 49ers. The Mustangs outshooting the Coyotes 38 to 27.

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