Cow-ch!

Rodeo practice heated up on Wednesday at the Cal Poly arena. Above, animal science senior Jimmy Usher chases — and eventually catches and wrestles — a steer. Usher is one of several Poly students who will compete in the Fall Rodeo, 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.

Daily photos by Elaine Taylor / Story in SPORTS, page 7

5 die in shooting at SoCal fitness club

Associated Press

EL CAJON — A man walked up to a fitness center at noon on Thursday, shot one person to death, then entered the building and fatally shot three more people before killing himself, police said.

In addition to the five dead, at least one other person sustained minor injuries, police said.

The gunman's victims were three women and one man, McClurg said.

At least one of the dead worked at the large health club, said instructor Rise Kerjci.

Witnesses said the young man drove up to the Fitness Center in the suburb, about 10 miles east of San Diego, and shot one person who had just left the building.

He then walked into the health club, fired several more times, walked out and shot himself in his car, McClurg said.

Krejci, who was sitting in the office near the lobby, estimated a few hundred people were inside when the gunman entered, including five to 10 children in a babysitting area.

No children were injured, she said.

Four people, including the gunman, died at the scene. The fifth, a man, died shortly afterward at an area hospital, McClurg said.

One woman with minor injuries was in stable condition at Grossmont Hospital, McClurg said.

David Reynolds, who was in a weight room on the club's upper floor, said he heard shots below that sounded "like firecrackers." When he ran downstairs, people were screaming to get out of the building and to call police, he said. He did not see the gunman, he said.

Bill McIntosh, also in the weight room, said people started running from the room when they heard the shots.

Police were trying to comfort and question about 50 people still inside the health club, McClurg said.
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Malary handled court work for the U.S. Embassy in Haiti. Malary was not previously associated with Aristide, and Kurzban said he believed the killing "shows that no one is safe." Malary, a corporate lawyer in his 30's, attended Georgetown and Howard universities in Washington.

The assassination occurred shortly after noon. In the morning, 51 Canadian diplomats flew home in a clear sign that a U.N. brokered plan to restore democracy was failing. The withdrawal represented the premature end of a U.N. plan to retrain Haiti's repressive police. It followed the retreat on Tuesday of a U.S. warship carrying military engineers, engineering students and civil affairs specialists in advance of the return of Aristide, who was ousted in a September 1991 military coup.

The Canadians were in Haiti as the advance unit to lay the groundwork for the U.N. peace plan that calls for Aristide's return. Aristide and army commander Lie. Gen. Ramil Caizrea, who participated in the coup, signed the accord in July.

The United Nations is continuing to stand by its Oct. 30 date for Aristide's return. But it was increasingly apparent Thursday that violence foisted by his opponents would prevent the deadline from being met.

The plan ran into trouble on Monday when military-backed port authorities refused to allow the U.S. Harlan County to dock. Ant-U.N. demonstrations orchestrated by the military prompted Washington to withdraw the warship Tuesday to prevent sanctions to pressure Haiti's military to yield power to Aristide.

The U.N. Security Council voted Wednesday to reimpose an oil and arms embargo and freeze the assets of Haiti's military leaders on Oct. 18 if they do not keep their promise to return Aristide.

Students can take the class at any time and from anywhere, said Orth. "The class is ideal for people with hectic schedules or who are unable to leave their home, such as parents who need to be with their children."

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Finding God in a hockey puck

By Jeffrey Jen

There is an old saying that the Lord works in mysterious ways.

That’s the case for me.

How the Lord finally got me to put my faith and trust in him in the name of Christian hockey was a mind-blowing experience.

I was playing street hockey when it started to happen.

I’m serious. By playing street hockey, I finally started to accept God as my lord and savior.

Maybe I should tell you exactly what Christianity has meant to me and how it brought me to where I am now.

Not long ago when I heard the word “Christianity,” I asked many questions and wondered like many other people.

To many, being a Christian just means believing that there is a God. I, however, am much more ambitious.

Now, being a Christian means trying to pursue a closer relationship (or understanding) with God. One should get to know God and the Lord Jesus Christ better and be more like him. Showing your faith toward him is what’s important.

Once, I wasn’t like that. But I try to show my faith now.

Humbly speaking, I don’t come close to acting like Jesus. Then again, in the modern world, where morals and values have disappeared from the common vocabulary, few—if any—people do.

But I am better off than before. People tell me two things they think are “wrong” with being a Christian. They say I’m not tough and I’ve limited my life because now I can’t cut loose and go wild. I say “right”—with heavy sarcasm.

Friends tell me I am the sort of person who can’t be kept down. Even when the chips are down, I just continue on my way. I bend, but I don’t break.

I’ve suffered—like everybody—but I accept that. Trust God knows what’s right. If he isn’t granting me something, it’s because it’s not what’s best for me.

I’m no Jean-Claude Van Damme. I can’t even fight a lick. But some people tell me I’m a tough person because I never stay down.

Am I being limited? No way—I’m the same person as before. Maybe I am a “full-fledged” Christian. I didn’t feel this way a short while ago. Actually, I felt there was a God out there, but, I really didn’t know exactly what it meant to “be Christian.” I was interested in it, but afraid that it would “limit” me, wrecking my social life and turning me into a party-killer zombie.

Where I came from in the deep South, you drank whether you liked it or not, just to be popular. You had to be drunk to have a good time.

I’m sorry, but bumping into walls, weeping around in circles, and throwing up doesn’t appeal to me. Call me stupid, but I think all that is rather silly.

Actually, I feel more free and less limited now that I am a “full-fledged” Christian. I didn’t feel this way a short time ago.

One year ago, I wasn’t a “full-fledged” Christian. I had been raised by a family with morals and values, I believed there was a God out there, but, I really didn’t know exactly what it meant to “be Christian.” I was interested in it, but afraid that it would “limit” me, wrecking my social life and turning me into a party-killer zombie.

I suddenly found that forgetting the worry and the social life, God will take care of that for you—like he did for me—if you show your faith.

I should know, since I went down the same path not too long ago and have since changed for the better.

Jeffrey Jen is a journalism sophomore. This is his second quarter writing for Mustang Daily.
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Poly rodeo stampedes into campus arena

Wolffman Skull won't be there, but an offspring of Oscar is scheduled to sort, kick, bud and stump on anything that crosses his path as the 1993 Cal Poly Fall Round-up Rodeo ventures into the campus Collett Arena.

Wolfman Skull is the only bull ever to help a rider earn 100 points in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association. The scoring for the event includes the animal's performance; the harder a bull bucks, the more points garnered. Wolfman Skull graced the Cal Poly rodeo arena with his presence last year.

But this year, the bull's owner is saving him for a bigger venue. Filling Wolfman Skull's hooves 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 6 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

"It's the same as running in an 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 Ross Gomez anchors the men's team. He is the defending collegiate national champion in steer wrestling.

Agricultural 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 A.S.I. Ticket Office or Collett Arena.

Animal Science senior Joe Coelho wrestles a steer to the ground during rodeo practice. Daily photo by Elaine Taylor
Cal Poly hosts volleyball's best

By Kristi Roppold
Daily Poly Writer

Mustangs face second-ranked Long Beach State 49ers and its hard-hitting offense

The Cal Poly women’s volleyball team is in for some tough competition as it goes head to head Friday with Long Beach State, the second-ranked team in the nation.

Long Beach State boasts a 15-1 record. The team’s only loss was to USC. The 49ers won every match in their last three games while Southern Utah got their single win by one point and lost the others by a total of 12 points.

But when the Cal Poly Mustangs visit Southern Utah in Cedar City it will be a big game, according to coach Kyle Setencich.

"The overall record (1-4) makes no difference. They have no weak point. We’ve faced a tough schedule."


Cal Poly will face Long Beach State and its hard-hitting offense and people would enjoy watching them play.

The 49ers lead the nation in hitting percentage with 10 over their opponents 3-3.

Despite the ties, the teams mimicked each other by leading the California Collegiate Athletic Association in as many as 14 categories.

Unfortunately, the teams also copied each other in their last doubleheader. The teams have played, the results have been the same. Emma from the bigger picture, the teams mimick each other by leading the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

Unfortunately, the teams also copied each other in their last doubleheader at Cal State San Bernardino. Both received their first losses in the CCAA standings by playing Wednesday’s games to a draw.

The men’s team tied the Coyotes 0-0, while the women tied their opponents 3-3.

The men had put up 20 goals in the last four games, allowing opponents only one goal. But in Wednesdays contest, neither of the 17 shots on goal found their mark, and the team’s offensive hot streak came to a grinding halt.

Worse for the Mustangs, Nelson left the game with a sprained knee injury and his head coach Wolfgang Gartner said Nelson will miss at least one game.

"(Ben Bernardino) is a real tough place to go,\" Gartner said. \"The Coyotes are one of the best teams in the league.\"

"Leasing Nelson certainly didn’t help,\" he added.

The women, usually the lower scoring half of the Poly soccer, surged for a three-goal second half. Unfortunately, so did Cal State San Bernardino.

The score evened out after 90 minutes of play, despite the Mustangs outshooting the Coyotes 38 to 27.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 2-0 lead by the 74th minute. Junior midfielder Keilene Kusna and freshman defender Jennifer Burke made good on passes from sophomore midfielder Wendy Jones. But in the last six minutes of the game four goals were scored.

Unfortunately for the Mustangs, only one of those goals was theirs. Freshman midfielder Nicole Gunion converted a pass from freshman forward Kristen Leoni into her seventh goal of the year to put the Mustangs up 3-1 with less than five minutes to play.

Five minutes proved to be too much time to keep the Coyotes at bay. Freshman defender Shavonna Andrews blocked a 30-yard penalty kick into the net at 86:50 and junior midfielder Pam Dopson scored the tying goal. She headed a pass from sophomore midfielder Erica Holguin into the net with only one minute left on the clock.

\"It was a disappointing tie knowing we let it get away from us,\" said women’s coach Alex Crouter. \"It woke us up, though.\"

Despite the ties, the teams still hold CCAA leads.

The men’s team hosts CCAC for Cal State Bakersfield Friday and the women’s team hosts Division 1 USC Saturday.

Both games start at 7 p.m. in Mustang Stadium. The women’s next conference game is at Cal Poly Pomona at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Poly football to face big test in weekend’s game

By Jeffrey Jan
Daily Poly Writer

"That stretches the field and the defense. Thunderbird quarter- back Nick Robbins has thrown for 988 yards and seven touchdowns in his last four games. This season running back Daniel Harris has rushed for 560 yards. They also have deep threats in receivers Melvin Love, who averages over 20 yards per catch, and Shawn Jones, who averages over 30.

The Mustangs’ state is also impressive. The latest NCAA Division II Poll ranked Poly 20th. They are currently fifth in the West Region.

Sophomore quarterback Mike Fisher has had a major impact on the offense coming to Poly from Santa Clara. Fisher is currently fifth in passing efficiency with a 153.2 rating, and has thrown for 966 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The offense ranked nearly 400 yards of total offense and an average of 41 points per game, fifth best in the nation.

The Mustangs have a difficult road ahead. The game led by Brian Fit (471 yard and three touchdowns), Jordon Jackson (187 yards and seven touchdowns) and Mike Allshouse (team-high 5.9 yards per carry).

Senior wide receiver Joe Wade caught 12 passes for 223 yards and five touchdowns.

They face big test in the country with a 16-7.

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