By Joy Nieman
Daily Staff Writer

Stretching to the top of Cuesta Grade, the natural beauty and serenity of Poly Canyon draws nature lovers and sports enthusiasts alike. Visitors walking along the trails or sitting by the creek can sometimes catch a glimpse of the deer, foxes, squirrels and birds who roam there.

Poly Canyon is unique to the campus in that it serves as a living laboratory for students. The canyon is used for classes in range management and soil sciences throughout the year. Design Village is also there, the result of hundreds of hours spent by architecture students on their senior projects.

Cattle and sheep can be
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The road, maybe the career ends in Oslo for Harding

By Larry Solders
Assistant Editor

LILLEHAMMER, Norway — Tonya Harding’s lifelong pursuit of a figure skating gold medal could end next week at an Oslo airport hotel, 110 miles shy of this Olympic town.

The U.S. Olympic Committee, troubled by Harding’s links to the Nancy Kerrigan assault, called a special hearing for next Tuesday to decide whether to bar the U.S. champion from the Winter Games.

If Harding is banned, her only chance of competing in Lillehammer 1994 is the USOC’s hearing notice.

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Social programs feel stepped on; GOP tells Clinton to step harder

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Scholarship decision changes little at Poly

By Pamela Slaughter
Daily Staff Writer

A new ruling supporting the distribution of scholarships on the basis of race will have no effect on Cal Poly’s minority awards, officials said Monday.

The ruling made by the U.S. Department of Education does not apply to Cal Poly’s 12 minority scholarships because their donors have specifically deemed them for minority students, according to Financial Aid Director Diane Ryan.

The Education report showed that no more than 4 percent of all undergraduate scholarships nationwide are based on race. Cal Poly allocates 3 percent of scholarships based on need, merit and recommendations, she added.

“There is a widely held myth that if you are of color, you will get aid,” Ryan said. “Poverty knows no color.”

There will likely be more minority scholarships in the future, Ryan said.

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Mechanical engineering senior Ray Buchmann rides through Poly Canyon over the weekend / Daily photo by Scott Robinson
HARDING: One way or the other, the furor will end next week in Oslo

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John Roeger, a member of the panel and chairman of the USOC athletes advisory commission, said the board was committed to treating Harding fairly. Harding will remain on the team until at least the end of the hearing, which opens Feb. 15 at the SAS Park Hotel, across the street from Formels Airport. That’s three days after the Winter Games begin and eight days before the start of women’s figure skating.

Schiller said the USOC wanted to meet out of town to keep from disrupting the Games. Between nine and 13 people will hear the case. Walker will decide how many votes are needed to decide Harding’s fate.

Harding can appear before the panel with or without her lawyers. The board can appoint people to present evidence, and can examine evidence or testimony by Harding.

Before Tuesday’s announcement, Harding was scheduled to arrive in Norway the day of the hearing; it was not known if that plan will change.

The USOC panel will be the third to investigate Harding’s role in the attack on Kerrigan, who was clubbed on the right knee as she left a practice rink at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit Jan. 6.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Officials say 3 percent of Poly’s awards go to underrepresented scholarships.

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“As the number of underrepresented alumni get out in the world, we might see more scholarships,” Ryan said. Many students said Monday they don’t think scholarships should be awarded based on race.

“I don’t think it’s fair at all,” said agricultural business senior Chris Hay. “Everyone should have an equal chance.”

“I don’t agree because some groups don’t have the same opportunities as white people do,” Neiman said. “I think certain races don’t have the economic means and sometimes they need financial assistance to get an education.”

Most students interviewed did not believe awarding more minority scholarships would create more ethnic diversity on campus.

“This is a really strange area when you’re trying to recruit the underrepresented,” said civil engineering senior Gilbert Hernandez. “The atmosphere is hard to recruit the underrepresented,” said civil engineering senior Gilbert Hernandez. “The atmosphere is hard to improve. It’s not diverse enough, but it’s taking steps and making it a priority,” Pignatelli said. “It will be a gradual change.”

Hernandez agreed.

“I know it’s trying to move towards that direction but it’s hard to attract minorities,” he said.
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Carpe diem — Seize the day
By Julie Statezny

Last week my phone rang. This time it was my sister who broke the news that things had made a turn for the worse with Cindy. She may be going in for major surgery in about a month. She has now had a drooping shoulder and partial paralysis. Life is full of irony. As my family prepares for my younger sister's wedding next month — an event Cindy had so eagerly anticipated — Cindy faces the possibility of a lifetime in a wheelchair.

I don't know how I'll handle it if Cindy dies. My eyes were just thinking about it. I hope she will fight for her life. With faith comes miracles. But with death, comes eternal life through Christ.

Life is priceless and well worth celebrating, even in the midst of sadness. To me, being able to feel sadness is better than not being able to feel at all. We must overcome trials to meet with triumph.

With each new day, I try to keep in mind what is really important in life.

Don't let your opportunities pass you by. Dream every dream. Breathe every breath. Take every loved one that you care today because you never know when that opportunity might be taken away. It only takes a split second.

Don't wait for a tragedy to give thanks for what seems routine, but in fact is an awesome miracle. Seize the moment before the moment's gone.

• Julie Statezny, Mustang Daily. This is her second quarterly report for Mustang Daily.

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CANYON: Nature-lovers, bike enthusiasts continue dialogue on its proper use

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Fairbanks said he didn't think speed was a problem because the gates are kept closed. But he added that individual riders need to keep their bikes under control.

But biology graduate student Danielle De Rome, who is conducting an environmental survey on Poly Canyon for her thesis, said speed is a hazard. She said she has walked in the canyon with her four-year-old daughter and seen bikes speed by them.

"A few times they've come up behind us," De Rome said. "I'm four-year-old doesn't always walk a straight line."

Animal science senior Susannah Davis said she rides her horse in the canyon once every two weeks. She said she thinks signs are a good idea.

"There's a lot of people that ride off the trails," Davis said. "You do have livestock out here and you have to be careful."

Business senior Dan Troy represents ASI on the Poly Canyon committee. He said the purpose of the committee is to inform users of the guidelines of the canyon and let people know it's available to the public.

"I was surprised by the number of people who thought Poly Canyon was off-limits," Troy said. He added that the committee wants to hear feedback from the public as to how to use the canyon.

"We're trying to feel out how people feel about using Poly Canyon," Troy said.

With the help of ASI, Hall said the committee would like to distribute brochures on the canyon to students during WOW week. The committee also plans to publish a trail map for Poly Canyon as a guide for canyon users.

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White said the paper should fire cartoonist Dennis Renault and editorial page editor Peter Schräg. White said he would continue to urge readers to cancel their subscriptions.

“We have no intention of firing either Peter Schräg or Dennis Renault,” said Bee spokesman Ed Canale.

Many in the black community objected to the use of a racial slur, despite the newspaper’s statement that the cartoon was an attack on bigotry.

On Tuesday, the paper published an apology by Erwin Potts, president and chief executive officer of McClatchy Newspapers, which owns the Bee.

The cartoon, published Friday on the Bee’s opinion page, showed two Ku Klux Klansmen reading a statement by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan that says: “You can’t be a racist by talking, only by acting.”

In the cartoon’s caption, one Klansman says, “That nigger makes a lot of sense.”

The cartoon was in response to a news conference last week in which Farrakhan had fired his national spokesman, Khalid Abdul Muhammad, for a speech containing slurs against Jews, whites and Catholics. But Farrakhan had defended the “truths” of Muhammad’s statements.

The Bee published a column Tuesday by Schräg that said the intent of the cartoon was to “dramatize the fact that bigotry is seamless.”

“To say that we’re saddened is an understatement,” the column said. “Sad for the injury the word caused, sad for the missed opportunity to show how demagogues can exploit a sense of injury into a justification of bigotry against people who bear no responsibility for it.”

White said the apologies didn’t go far enough. “They’re still talking about Farrakhan. We’re talking about the Bee.”

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On Monday night, about 300 people attended a meeting at a Sacramento church, where black leaders condemned the cartoon.

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Enterprise
**Athletes of the Week**

**Susanne Carey**

Junior forward Susanne Carey put on a great performance inside Mott Gym Saturday night in the Mustangs’ 82-46 loss to Division I Cal State Northridge. The 6-foot, Santa Paula native scored a season-best 19 points and 14 rebounds. She was seven of 10 from the floor and rejected three Matador shots.

Carey, who wants to develop alternative forms of public transportation like high-speed trains when she graduates, leads her team with 27 shots blocked.

Carey also leads the team with a 46 field goal percentage and total rebounds with 118. She has led the team in the rebounding category in Cal Poly’s last four games.

**Rob Neal - Baseball**

Junior outfielder led the Division II, runner-up Mustangs with 67 runs batted in last year. Neal picked up right where he left off by collecting six RBIs in the weekend’s three-game sweep over Division I No. 27-ranked Cal State Northridge. The most important RBI came in the final inning of Saturday’s night cap with the score tied 3-3 and two outs. Neal blasted a single down the third baseline for Cal Poly’s victory.

Neal, from Thousand Oaks, hit seventh for 127 (.469) including a double and two triples during the series. He also scored two runs and stole two bases.

**Runner-up**

Wrestling – Jake Geiser (150) earned another appearance in Athlete of the Week by thundering through the California Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament in San Francisco and capturing the Championship and the Most Valuable Wrestler honor. Geiser outscored his opponents 49-6.

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This winter, take the chill out of your energy bills and sign up for any of the Winter Stretch programs. Call your local PG&E office about them or look for the enrollment information in your next PG&E bill.
"She's not really looking to draw attention to herself," Gan­non said. "The only thing she's focused on is winning. That's what's most important, that's what's best for the team."

Basketball, in turn, is the only focus of Rodness' life. While at El Camino High School in Sacramento, Rodness earned Player of the Year honors for her senior year in volleyball in the Metropolitan Conference.

Volleyball was her true passion until her senior year in high school when she fell in love with basketball.

Rodness also lettered in swimming for two years in high school.

When Rodness walks away from the basketball court and Cal Poly, it won't just be the game she'll miss most. "The things that will last forever are the friendships I've made here," Rodness said. "She's willing to do anything for the team. She's one of the best players I've played with in my entire career — in high school and college," she said.

Freshman forward Katie Bauer is glad Rodness is on her team. "She's the toughest competitor I've ever played against in practice," Bauer said. "I feel sorry for people who have to guard her." Rodness credits her accomplishments, at least in part, to the support of her family, who attends nearly every game despite living in Sacramento.

"Having that support, that means a lot to me," Rodness said. "My family has instilled that in me and has helped me believe in myself."

Rodness, a physical education major, will likely become a teacher or coach after graduation.

Perhaps Rodness' brother Bob summed up the Mustangs star best, saying, "Rodness can do no wrong. No matter what the result is, she leaves her entire body on the floor." And as soon as the game starts and until the final whistle blows, Rodness' family can be found watching from the stands, hoping the hole in the rim will appear larger.
Rodness: 

By Troy Peterson

Christine Rodness is the new face of Cal Poly women's basketball.

Currently Rodness ranks sixth on the all-time Cal Poly scoring list with 896 points. If she averages 21 points per game in the final five games of the season, she will reach the 1,000-point plateau, becoming only the fourth Cal Poly player to do so.

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By Troy Petersen

Daily Staff Writer

Rodness' bulging blue eyes were wide open and locked on a 1,000-point milestone.

The reality was the struggling Mustang women's basketball team was trailing Cal State San Bernardino by 27 points in a contest where the victor was determined midway through the second half.

"If your going to put me in the game I'm gonna play the whole game," Rodness said. "A big part of success is that you have to real intense the whole time. It is the intensity elevates the level of play." Two weeks ago, the 5-foot, brown-haired Mustang star was the first Cal Poly player in two years to win California Collegiate Athletic Association Player of the Week, scoring 48 points in two games including a 32-point performance against UC-Riverside.

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