A home away from home
City approves plan to establish hostel
by Brian Volkmuth

A Cal Poly employee plans to establish a travelers' hostel this week just outside of campus — a housing option she said is desperately needed for travelers on the Central Coast.

Elaine Simer, a secretary for Support Services, plans to open her eight-bed hostel Friday, located at 1292 Foothill Blvd, adjacent to the Cal Poly campus.

The residence will be a part of an worldwide system of travelers' accommodations known as Hostelling International, Simer said. It will provide short-term, low-cost lodging for mostly young, foreign travelers.

"I hope to attract a lot of people who come for workshops or sporting events who would otherwise stay at hotels, because it's the closest lodging to campus," Simer said.

"We're just steps away from the Health Center. I just see benefits all the way around."

As a charter member of the international organization, Simer's hostel See HOSTEL, page 6

Pair urges revival of campus shop for auto tinkerers
by Brian Volkmuth

Two Cal Poly students hoping to bring back one of ASI's oldest programs talk about their cause to the students last week.

Mechanical engineering senior Maurice Marthaler and computer engineering senior Jason Mansfield passed around a petition in the University Union last Thursday, collecting about 30 signatures from students who favor reopening the Automotive Center.

Marthaler and Mansfield form the core of See AUTO CENTER, page 5

California may be locked up by its own prisons
A pioneer in so much else, California now leads the nation in enthusiasm for imprisonment. Since the 1980s, a burst of building — with stiffened penalties to match — has produced the largest prison population in the Western U.S.

With America signing over crime, many people believe more prisons and longer sentences are the answer. The first installment of the three-part series "American Behind Bars" takes a hard look at one state finding out that's true.

by Annette Lopatka
Researcher

FOOTNOTE — For most car-hopping Californians, many of the state's new prisons are within an easy Sunday drive. Some are clustered in an area around Sacramento, others spill down the valley and up the coast. With America signing over crime, the Western U.S. is seen as a new frontier.

The prison tourist soon recognizes their outline on the horizon. These new prisons appear untouched by human hands, with flat walls of milky gray concrete punctuated by rows of skinny windows in pairs, like eyes. High curtains of wire fencing are topped with razor-wire and punctuated by 30-foot guard towers.

From the Hollywood sign, cable cars, the redwoods. The symbol of California at the millennium is a cop-sizer alongside the state road.

Twenty-eight prisons dot the California landscape. Another 12 had been planned by century's end, but the state's new "three strikes, you're out" law will require 20 more instead.

The inmate population: 120,000 and counting, at an average cost of $24,000 per prisoner per year.

For that kind of investment, you'd expect some assurance that prisons work. But the fact is, no one has proved prisons curb crime at all.

For Craig Brown, the state's undersecretary for Youth and Adult Corrections, it's easy: "Citizens should be very concerned about women's safety issues by bringing together local and campus groups such as Campus Watch, Model Mugging and the Annual march to remind Poly about violence against women See INSIDE TODAY'S MUSTANG DAILY, page 6

Many Asians finding rough road in U.S.

Poverty, 'glass ceiling' hinder swelling American population
by Wendell L. Smith

WASHINGTON — The Asian-American community contains perceptions of poverty that need help, according to a report released Wednesday.

Median income among Asian-Americans tops that of whites, but there are also more Asians living in poverty than whites, according to a new study by Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, a nonprofit public policy research group based in Los Angeles.

The report was released in Washington by the Asian Pacific American Policy Institute.

"In many ways, the experience of Asian Pacific Americans reflects the increasing income polarization that has afflicted everyone in this nation," said Paul M. Ong of the University of California at Los Angeles, editor of the report.

The 1990 Census said the nation's Asian and Pacific Islander population totaled 7,273,662, more than double the 1980 total. See ASIAN, page 2

Johnson bike lane forum to be held tonight

San Luis Obispo residents living near Johnson Avenue will get a chance to influence the street's bike lane plan.

The city's principal transportation planner, Terry Sanville, said the workshop will take place at the Old Fellowship Hall of the Church of the Nazarene, 3359 Johnson Ave.

The results of tonight's meeting will be heard by the City Council on June 7, Sanville said. That will be the next time the council considers Johnson Avenue alterations.

Annual march to remind Poly about violence against women
by Cynthia L. Rizey

Organizers of tonight's "Take Back the Night" events hope to bring attention to women's safety issues as part of the third annual event protesting violence against women.

Though this year has been relatively free of reported sexual assaults, assaults for the past few years have been more noticeable. Last year, there were at least two reported sexual assaults on campus.

This year's 6:30 p.m. event was organized by art and design senior Jenn Guttler and social science senior Alii Smith because "something's not right when it comes to women's issues on campus," Guttler said.

The march — which will stop at five places marked by red handprints where assaults have occurred on campus — is an attempt to increase awareness about women's safety issues by bringing together local and campus groups such as Campus Watch, Model Mugging and the Annual march to remind Poly about violence against women See INSIDE TODAY'S MUSTANG DAILY, page 6
Relatives of S.F. highrise massacre sue gun manufacturers

By James O. Gifford

SAN FRANCISCO — The manufacturers of a rapid-fire gun used in a financial district massacre that killed nine more people should have known their product was capable of such slaughter, according to a suit filed Wednesday.

The suits were filed in Superior Court by the relatives of four victims of the July 1 massacre in which gunman Gun Luis Ferri invaded a law office and killed eight people before committing suicide.

The guns were "implements of mass destruction" designed to "kill and maim large numbers of people," said Dennis Honig, spokesman for the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence.

The civil actions that seek unspecified damages are not a product liability suit, Honig stressed during a news conference held at the high rise at 101 California, where the killings occurred.

There was no defect in the gun and the killer used the product "exactly as designed," he said.

The business decision to sell the weapon in the first place constituted negligence, he said of the unusual suit.

The defendants include Intratec Inc., the Miami-based maker of the TEC-DC9 used by Ferri and Hall Fire Systems of Olathe, Colorado, manufacturer of the trigger system that allowed him to increase the gun's firing speed.

Also named was Super Pawn, the Las Vegas pawn shop where the gun was purchased.

The manual that comes with the gun describes it as "a radically new type of semiautomatic pistol, designed to deliver a high volume of firepower."

"It was reasonably foreseeable that the TEC-DC9 would be used to kill or injure innocent people in a violent criminal act, particularly the kind of mass killing committed by Ferri," the suit claimed.

Calls to Intratec were not returned.

Honing said the gun had no business in civilian hands, insisting it was not something that could be used for hunting.

Ironically, hunting was the metaphor used by Michelle Souly, whose husband was shot to death during the shooting spree by Ferri.

The couple was "hunted down by a madman," said Souly, who recalled the bersian of her husband as he used his body to shield her from the bullets. He died protecting her.

The other suits were brought by Carol Kingsley, widow of Jack Berman, and by Stephen Sposato, whose wife Judy was killed. The other plaintiff was Meghan Sposato, the couple's infant daughter.

"Our daughter Meghan has spent more than half of her life without her mom, and she is one," Sposato said as he cooled his daughter in his arms. "Our lives are completely shattered."

ASIANS: Their poverty rate is 5 percent higher than whites, according to study

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The number includes immigrants from and people who travel their ancestry to such places as China, the Philippines, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Samoa, Tonga, Hawaii and others.

The study said that while many professional, highly educated Asians have migrated to the United States, so have many of the poor and unskilled.

Median income for people of Asian and Pacific background is $38,000, the report said, well ahead of the $33,100 for non-Hispanic whites.

But the Asians also had more people in poverty, 14 percent compared with 9 percent of whites.

Limited English-language ability, lack of transferable job skills and discrimination, hold back the impoverished segment, the report said.

And even for highly educated Asians, schooling is not enough to guarantee continued advancement, it said, citing a "glass ceiling" that prevents them from moving into higher positions.

Many Asian medical graduates have found employment in the United States, for example. But while these doctors provide a disproportionate share of the service in urban, inner-city hospitals, they have not moved into management positions, the report said.

Among Asians, the disadvantaged population is largely a product of immigration, the study found, with nine-tenths of the impoverished being from other countries.

The report recommended:

• programs to focus on Asian-Americans in job training, particularly in English-language skills;

• encouraging employer-sponsored training programs, and

• a study of Asian-American youth in public schools.

Southeast Asians have the highest dependency rate, making up more than 70 percent of the Pacific and Asian welfare population. These include Laotians, Cambodians and Vietnamese.

While this is a population that is willing to work, with limited skills "they can expect are low-wage jobs with no medical or other employment benefits," the report said.

UPCOMING

Bike Fest • "A Celebration of the Bicyclist in SLO County," May 21, Mission Plaza, noon-5 p.m. / 542-8835.

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Book Sale • Kennedy Library, May 23-25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Slide Review • "Chicanos Murals," May 24, U.U. 220, noon-1 p.m.

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History professor travels high, far to teach at Poly

Harlan takes to the skies from Watsonville twice each week

By Ondy Utter

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Time to follow South Africa's example

As Nelson Mandela took his oath of office he stood behind seven tons of bulletproof glass. Yet the media trumpeted the end of apartheid.

You, the laws sanctioning this form of oppression have been struck down. But do we really believe the effects of apartheid will simply disappear? Our own country should serve as an example of what a slow process change really is.

Is our reality that the few? Are we all treated with equal respect here in America? Are we judged by our acts and our character, or by our ethnicity and gender? I hope that the movement to a better society in South Africa does not become sidetracked as it has here in America. The world needs to look upon similarities and not breed difference. We should embrace and honor diversity and not foster intolerance.

For many years only South Africa had a higher per capita incarceration rate than the United States. One might reasonably expect that the recent changes in South Africa will allow that country to give up the line in this abominable measure of a society's justice. One can also reasonably expect the United States will remain at the top of this disturbing list.

It is a wonderful thing to be able to declare apartheid dead — ended. Yet, we know that the scars will take many years to heal. It would be a wonderful thing if we in the United States could face the world and show that we are working at correcting the problems in our modern capitalist society which cause us to incarcerate so many of our own citizens.

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With the example of Nelson Mandela before us, maybe this is the time to return to our work of creating a better world for all its inhabitants, and not just for those who already have their share of wealth and possessions.

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Stop withholding 'icky' kisses

Re: "The Melrose_smooch: A kiss is all we ask," 5/18

I would like to thank John A. Kastner Jr., for reminding us to watch Melrose Place this week. It is so rare to see positive role models on television that represent the gay and lesbian community.

I only hope that the kiss won't be emulated as it was on a recent episode of Northern Exposure. The omission of this important part of the wedding made the episode awkward, since in every other way the topic was handled very well.

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Perry: U.S. poised for ‘substantial crisis’ with N. Korea

By John Diamond

WASHINGTON — The United States could be only weeks away from a major confrontation with North Korea over the communist nation’s nuclear program, Defense Secretary William Perry says.

Perry, completing a two-day trip to Canada for talks on military issues, said Tuesday the United States faces “a very substantial near-term crisis” with North Korea.

North Korean officials now estimate they will be refueling an experimental nuclear reactor for about two more months. Pentagon defense analysts suspect that the fuel being extracted from the plant could be used to produce weapons-grade plutonium for four to five atomic weapons.

“If we don’t have it resolved at the end of this time then they may have processed this spent fuel into weapons-grade plutonium and we would have lost that opportunity to stop that event from happening,” Perry said.

If North Korea continues to refuse to allow international inspectors to watch the process of withdrawing the fuel, the Clinton administration has said it would ask the United Nations to impose sanctions. North Korea has said that such a move would be tantamount to a declaration of war.

“I do believe that this is rhetoric on the part of the North Koreans,” Perry said. But he added that the United States, which has some 35,000 troops stationed in South Korea, must be prepared for the possibility that the threat is real.
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PRISONS: As the state pays big to train inmates, many students study in run-down schools symptomatic of budget woes

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But such reassurance comes at a price. When the state budget was adopted last year, only corrections got a share, adding an estimated $2.8 billion to the $2.6 billion for the University of California system.

Similar contrasts can be found elsewhere. They may be obscured by a more palatable message of educational goodness, according to a study by William Chamblis, a former president of the American Society of Criminologists.

"At this rate, we will be seeing an even greater increase in the number of people in prison and a higher incidence of illiteracy," said Chamblis, a sociologist at George Washington University.

But how many more lawbreakers away — and for longer in prison and a higher incidence of illegitimacy? According to a study by William Chambliss, it seems that for education nationwide, academics have been trading textbooks for prison sentences. "We're trading textbooks for prison cells." said Professor Alfred Blumstein, an authority on prisons at Carnegie Mellon University. "The California system used to be the most enlightened, the one that" read the Rodeo Commission on Inmate Population Management.

Three facilities serve as a kind of test bed for the state's commitment to imprison by the numbers. Projected costs are staggering: the largest prison-building project in U.S. history: $5.2 billion to put up a house those anticipated 276,000 "career" inmates. Projected costs are staggering: $1 billion for construction, with yearly operating costs reaching $5.7 billion.

Now, anyone who commits two violent crimes faces 25 years to life convicted of a third serious felony, whether rape, murder, a house burglary or a drug sale.

"It sends a clear message to repeat criminals: Find a new line of work because we're going to start turning career criminals into career inmates," Wilson declared in triumph.

Analysts expect a total of 80 state prisons will be needed within 30 years to house those anticipated 276,000 "career" inmates. Projected costs are staggering: $1 billion for construction, with yearly operating costs reaching $5.7 billion. It's a worry for a state facing a probable $6.1 billion deficit in the $5 billion budget for the coming fiscal year — a deficit that has had ruinous effects on other social spending.

Mendocino, public schools are struggling.

Folsom High School, in the heart of town, has no metal shop. The program was cut, along with home economics, to create more classrooms for the 1,400 students crammed into a few old brick-and-stucco buildings meant for 800. Sixteen temporary classrooms catch the overflow.

For decades, California schools have relied almost solely on the state for their funds. But with state money tight, voters in Folsom pitched in with a $42 million bond issue for the high school and other projects. Even that won't be enough.

"You tell the city's registered voters, to tap the inmate it. The city's official population of 38,000 counts prisoners to boost its state sales tax reimbursement.

Residents are pleased to let inmates sort their recyclable garbage. Folsom even got into the prison business as a state subcontractor, building and running a small $18 million prison to hold parole-breakers.

But back at the high school, kids share their stories. Between periods, they now walk around, dense with teen-agers, a dust-up waiting to happen, said the school's frustrated principal, Jill Solberg, middle-aged with a non-monsense air, even in jeans, blousé and a sweatshirt.

"We've been very lucky," Solberg said. "We've got really good kids and we don't really allow them to get away with much. The lack of physical space with kids brings out conflict quickly."

School assemblies are held in shifts in the gym, where broken tiles jut from the ceiling. The school computer lab is outdated. Parents donate money to keep the music program going.

"The limitations are so horrendous," Solberg said. "Public education in this country is taking one hell of a hit. Some of it is not related to money, but some of it is."

"We don't have any problems with the prison," said Bob Holderness, Folsom's tall, silver-haired mayor. "The problem I have is ... you look at our high school, which is pitiful, and you look at the prison and you think. 'This is crazy.'"

More prisons don't curb crime rate

State officials crow that reported crime has leveled off since peaking in 1989 — just as it did nationwide. They don't point out that was four years before the first of the new prisons opened, in Vacaville.

Closer inspection of the numbers finds property crime down, while violent crime is up; they cancel each other out on paper, if not in life. And yet, since 1980, the percentage of violent criminals in prison has shrunk, from 63 percent to 43 percent.

It adds up to this, experts agree: Prisons pose no clear threat to the crime rate. A 1988 Rand Corp. study concluded as much.

And more to the point: A decade and a half into California's crusade for incarceration, its people feel no safer.
STEREOTYPES: Poly coaches say ability has nothing to do with skin color

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holes on offense on the basketball court.
Magic Johnson and Ira
Thomas were arguably ball Head Coach Stetk.
ball's two best point guards —
the quarterback of basketball teams.

"People will accept the fact that
Joe Montana, graduating from Notre Dame is a
bright guy," said The Sporting News
editorial writer. "But coming from Mississippi
State University, everybody just
assumes that he is just a great
athlete. But the point is Rice
to make the exact same read (of
the defense) as the bright
quarterbacks.

"If the ball is coming at you at
90 mph, you have to make some
quick and qualitative adjust­ments in a short amount of time
with 45,000 people watching you,
" he continued. "The average
Ph.D. couldn't do that.

"The fact that he has to do
smashing a basketball rather
than smashing an atom doesn't
deny that intelligence is there.
I think that you have some elitist
education snobs that like to
think the two are inconsistent.

Stereotype:
The same belief that perhaps
minorities lack the intelligence
to lead a team on the court
seems to extend over into the
coaching world.

"Coaches, especially in profes­
tional (sports) are white," Stewart said. "(People say) that blacks can play the game but
they can't think it.

Different View:
"Los Angeles Raiders Head Coach Art Shell and Seattle Seahawks Head Coach Tom
Flue have both led teams to the
NFL playoffs. "I think you have a better chance to win this race
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Local drummers get spotlight in annual competition

By Brian Volk
Daily Staff Writer

Music lovers and percussion aficionados will be moving to the beat of many different drummers Sunday when the Fifth Annual Drum Competition and Exhibition is held in the Cal Poly Theatre.

Steve Hilstein, a percussionist and owner of the Drum Circuit — a local shop specializing in drumming equipment — will traditionally kick off the event with a solo. The Drum Circuit is the primary sponsor and organizer of the event.

The competition will feature eight contestants in the under-18 age group and 16 contestants in the 18-and-over group, Hilstein explained. In between competitions, two hand drummers will perform with an assortment of congas, bongos and the popular djembe — a goblet-shaped drum that produces both high and low-pitched tones.

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The parcel of judges are highly skilled drummers and instructors in the local music scene, said event coordinator Dean Rossi.

The last two shows were held at the now-defunct Loco Ranchers. After the venue closed, organizers hit upon the idea of having it on campus.

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Rossi said he is waiting in anticipation for the finals, to be performed by last year's over-18 grand prize winner, Dale Moon.

"Best Of SLO" edition of New Times. He will exhibit his finesse on the latest, top-of-the-line electronic drum equipment, Rossi said.

"The sky's the limit with all the sounds you can produce on this drum set," Rossi said. "Dale will be playing those sounds live in front of you, along with some lighting and things like that."

Dane Saavedro, one of the competing drummers, is expecting to meet many talented competitors at the competition.

"The competition is held in the Cal Poly Theatre. Admission is $3 at the door."
More bang for your buck
Melodrama's latest production offers three quality plays

By Brian Volk
Daily Staff Writer

People in search of great entertainment and a nod to the vaudeville scene can find frolic, farces, tales, tap dancers, tuba players and classic bedazzled daughter at the Great American Melodrama's triple-bill presentation of "The Squeal of the Shoemakers." "Anton Chekhov's The Marriage Proposal" and an all-new musical and dance review styled in the classic vaudeville format precede the opera.

"The Marriage Proposal" is a warmhearted and over-sentimentally comic portrayal of a man seeking the hand of his father's daughter. "The Marriage Proposal" and "The Three Little Pigs" and "Hamlet 3.0."

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Blues legend finally lured to SLO
Koko Taylor rumbles into town for a Saturday night show

By Andy Price
Daily Staff Writer

After years of fruitless effort, the San Luis Obispo Blues Society has finally lured Grammy award-winning Koko Taylor and the Blues Machine to the modest Central Coast music scene.

Koko Taylor, recognized by many blues enthusiasts as "Queen of the Blues," will stop in San Luis Obispo on Saturday as part of a 20-city U.S. tour to celebrate her newly released album "Force of Nature."

"We've been after Koko for years," said Bob Oberg, a SLO Blues Society booking agent. "We're thrilled to finally get her."

According to sources at Alligator Records, Taylor has beaten the odds by succeeding in the male-dominated blues world. From small, smoky Southside Chicago clubs to major international blues festivals, she has spread her music all over the world, winning major awards on several levels in both the popular and critical worlds.

Last year on March 3, she was awarded "Legend of the Year" by Chicago Mayor Richard Daley during the "Koko Taylor Day" throughout Chicago.

"She's an amazing woman," says Tim Kolleth, a media relations coordinator at Alligator Records. "We think she lies about 21," Kolleth added, "but she's a grandmother who still plays over 200 nights a year."

Taylor was born and raised on a sharecropper's farm in Memphis, Tenn. She picketed in the Chicago schools as a child and sang in neighborhood talent shows.

In 1962, Taylor got her first break when blues writer Willie Dixon wrote the million-record selling "Wang Dang Doodle" for Taylor.

"It's a challenge," she said in a press release. "It's tough being out there doing what I'm doing in what they call a man's world."

Taylor spent last summer on tour with fellow legends B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Junior Wells and Lonnie Brooks, and recently finished a month-long tour of Europe.

"Force of Nature" has received extensive national media attention, and has earned Taylor a four-star review in Rolling Stone, rave reviews in People and other publications. Taylor has also been a guest on David Letterman's Late Show and Late Night with Conan O'Brien, introducing her new album.

"The new album is "sacred," Taylor said in the release. "I put all of my heart, my mind, my soul, everything, into every song and every song."

Taylor will play at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at the San Luis Obispo Veterans Hall. Tickets are $14. No one under 21 will be admitted.

A Lollapalooza for local folk
Polylopaooz has hopes to achieve same success as national counterpart

By Shelly Karlson
Daily Staff Writer

"Polylopaooz," a Lollapalooza-style event created by Mike Cal Poy's Sigma Nu Fraternity, aims to bring as many local popular bands to perform this Saturday.

The benefit festival for the San Luis Obispo city parks program will take place at the Ell's Lodge field just adjacent to the Ell's Lodge Italian Family Restaurant, and Sigma Nu Eastside.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Headlining the event will be Santa Barbara's popular salsa, Peter Will, reggae-roots band Earthling Bookshop, and local bands The Gar­dener. The bill also includes B.B. King Tribute Band, Shirley Bvnnell and the Stone Lions, and The Shival Experience, San Luis Obispo.
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Kjellesvig: Basketball player says he's tired of dribbling around people's stereotypes

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Kjellesvig grew up in Gilroy and played basketball for Gilroy High School.

The physical education junior said playing for a mostly white high school team certainly did not go unnoticed.

"You would hear it from other people who said things like, 'Oh, your team is all white and you wear black clothes. That makes you look slower than you really are,' " he said.

"When we traveled, we had an all-white squad, and we played some teams in L.A. that were (located in) mostly black areas with mostly black players," he said. "It was kind of like 'white team against black team,' and I'm sure they were noticing it."

But Kjellesvig feels he is sometimes overlooked as a white athlete at Cal Poly.

"People just look at a tall, skinny white guy, and they're going to think 'he's non-athletic; he can't jump' or 'he's not a good basketball player' stereotypes," he said. "When you compare a black guy to a white guy, someone's always going to think that the black guy is a better basketball player.

Sometimes people try to create racial tension, according to Kjellesvig. As an example, he recalled how the team picture on this year's game schedule drew criticism.

"People were noticing how all the white guys were grouped in one area," he said. "'It really was no big deal. No one on the team even realized it, but people were noticing it.'"

Beason said the players see themselves as teammates, not as segregated ethnic groups.

"From my vantage point, the guys on the team enjoy each other's company regardless of skin color or ethnic background," he said.

Beason said he thinks athleticism is a good way to enhance ethnic diversity at Cal Poly.

The athletic department is more ethnically diverse than the university does in general," he said.

Kjellesvig believes that race shouldn't be the main focus in sports.

"If you want to compete, you've got to compete," he said. "'You're not looking at who's black and who's white — you're looking at the player.'"
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JORDAN: Running back at ease on the field

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When Jordan — last year's leading point scorer for the Mustangs — came into the football program, he said the players appeared a little uncomfortable around him. But he said it was not because he was African-American.

"It was like they were hesitant in meeting the new players, but I wouldn't call that a problem," he said.

But after two years of playing on the Cal Poly football team, players have grown accustomed to one another.

"Our team is more integrated than other teams," Jordan said with great enthusiasm. "When we go out (both on and off the field), we usually do it as a team. On a lot of other teams you find a lot of segregation ... where the black athletes hang out and the white athletes hang out (separately)."

In Jordan's opinion, the racial tensions between athletes at other schools show through on the playing field, which is something he does not see at Cal Poly. And since playing college ball, Jordan said he has not felt racial tension between himself and opponents like he did playing for South Hills High School in West Covina.

He said rival high schools referred to him as "No. 32 Black Boy" and "nigger" and placed him on a "hit list" — attempting to purposely injure him on the field. "That's the stuff that gets to you — racist remarks," Jordan said.

He said comments like that are usually meant to distract and frustrate athletes on the playing field.

Jordan said he doesn't hear comments like that off the field at Cal Poly, but he does sense an overt prejudice.

"People turn their heads and act like they don't notice you," Jordan said.

He also said he feels uncomfortable, often being the only African-American in his classes.

Jordan said his discomfort is presumably less than African-Americans who are not athletes. He said society treats African-American athletes different than those not participating in sports.

"They make more exceptions for athletes," Jordan said. "Athletes are treated a lot nicer."

Jordan said much of the public expects more from the African-American athlete.

"They're expected to be faster, quicker and more agile," he said. "And I think a lot of people feel we are born with the ability we have, but it's really not like that. We worked for it."

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Mowing down a field of stereotypes

By Julie Stotery
Assistant Coach

In an expedition to slug some of the stereotypes bubbling in the pool of campus sports perceptions, both the ridiculous and sensible were revealed.

The most typical ethnic stereotypes concerning sports to surface were that African-Americans make better football players, basketball players and sprinters.

Stereotype: "People say that blacks are good at sprinting while white folks are good at long distance (running)," business senior Josh Awuma said.

Junior wrestler Chris Kay said, "If (the runner is) from Africa, they're fast distance runners, too. I think it seems to be true because of the environment."

Different View: Africans have won six of the last seven Boston Marathons, but have only won four of the 23 Olympic marathons.

Stereotype: Some students agreed with the stereotype that white men can't jump.

"Black men can jump better in basketball," mechanical engineering sophomore Eli Kumli said. "Black people are better all-around athletes, except in golf."

The Phoenix Sun's Dan Majerle shoves and Florida State's 6-foot-3-inch Bob Sura has been known to reverse slam a couple. Both individuals are white.

And African-Americans have been known to assure the golfing ranks. Calvin Peete and others have touched upon greatness after Charlie Stifford won the first "big-time" professional golf tournament in 1957 when he took home the $1,200 first-place cash prize in the Long Beach Open.

Other representatives from different minority groups have also enjoyed knocking golf balls around with considerable success. Nancy Lopez, Lee Trevino and Chi Chi Rodriguez have all won major tournaments and Masashi Oraki ranks 14th in the world according to a Sony World Rankings poll Sept. 26, 1993.

Stereotype: Some students are fed up with the misconception that the black athlete's ability is correlated with body makeup rather than with talent and intelligence.

"People say that Michael Jordan had natural ability while Larry Bird worked (for everything)," sophomore basketball forward Brian Stewart said. He also said he is disappointed that many people think the white athlete is smarter. "This inequates that black athletes don't have work and their (ability) is just God-given."

Different View: "That's a crock ... said Track and Field Co-Director Brooks Johnson. "There is no such thing as a pure black race as it applies to this country. That is just false science. But it is in essence to keep you from competing with racism in a basic form.

"It doesn't hold up genetically or any other way," Johnson added. "You got pseudoscientist covering their viewpoint because it makes it sound like blacks are dumb and that's not true."

Stewart agreed. "People think that blacks aren't smart enough to run offense."

Different View: Former NFL quarterback Doug Williams was smart enough to lead his Washington teammates to a 42-10 bashing of the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXI. Williams was the first African-American quarterback to start in the Super Bowl.

African-Americans saw action behind the center during the 1992-93 football season.

And this season's Heisman Trophy winner was Charlie Ward, the Florida State African-American quarterback who also runs the Seminole offense.

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Joey Dansby loves to play basketball, but you won't find him hanging on the rim anywhere. / Daily photo by Brad Hamilton
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STANDING OUT: Jordan draws attention with ability, ethnicity

By Elizabeth Potruch
Daily Staff Writer

As Jacques Jordan slowly leaned back in a chair in Kennedy Library, the 18-year-old African-American athlete said with a serious look on his face and a firm voice that he was surprised by Cal Poly's Athletics Department.

"I expected to see more black athletes in the programs," said the 5-foot, 9-inch business sophomore.

But Jordan looked beyond the ethnic makeup of the football team when deciding to attend Cal Poly.

"I just try to work with whoever my teammates are," he said.

Jordan passed up full scholar-ship offers from schools such as UNC, San Diego State, St. Mary's, Southern Utah and Idaho State — all schools with higher percentages of African-Americans in the athletic programs.

"I chose Cal Poly because of its business school, the location and the small community," he said.

"I feel comfortable that I made the right decision coming to Cal Poly," Jordan said, "even though we are probably the lowest in African-American (athletes) compared to other schools."

Football Head Coach Andre Patterson said 14 of his 85 football players — 16.5 percent — are African-Americans.

The national average of African-Americans playing for Division I-AA football programs like Cal Poly's is 48.4 percent (2,862 out of 5,913).

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Jordan, however, is not bothered by this discrepancy.

"If there are no problems presented by (non-African-Americans), I usually don't see a problem," Jordan said. "I personally haven't felt any problems because of racial differences."

Secondary Coach Eric Jackson said there might not be problems with racial tension on the team, but the minorities do feel pressure being surrounded by a great number of whites.

"It's the same pressure you (a non-minority) would feel going back to my home school — Detroit — with a bunch of brothers surrounding you."

Inside, Looking Out
A non-minority athlete on Cal Poly's ethnic mix

By Katie Patilla
Daily Staff Writer

Two years ago, during a home game, Mustang senior forward Scott Kjellesvig stepped onto the free-throw line to shoot a basket.

The 6-foot, 7-inch athlete heard the fans roar, but out of the corner of his eye, he saw a group of people in the stands holding up signs saying, "Why don't the black guys play?"

When the program brought in African-American athletes about three years ago, some spectators remained upset that minorities on the team weren't getting enough playing time.

"Crowds of people in the stands would hold up (protest) signs," he said. "It bothered a lot of people, especially those on the team."

Current Cal Poly basketball coach Steve Beason said there were two African-American players on the 1991-92 team travel 12. They didn't play as much because they were freshmen at the time, he said.

As a white athlete, Kjellesvig thought playing on a mostly white college basketball team was unusual.

"Most of the teams you see in college basketball have mostly black guys," he said. "I noticed coming here that the team was all white, and I was expecting to go to a college where most of the better basketball players are black."

"But I was on a mostly white team in high school anyway, so when I came here it wasn't any different," he said. "But I did..."