Mayoral, City Council forum starts week of Poly activism

Candidates debate housing, campus crime and greenbelt issues

By Rachel Brady
Daily Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo Mayoral and City Council candidates gathered at a forum in the University Union Plaza on Monday where the main topics focused on campus housing problems, campus crime and Measure O.

Each candidate was given the opportunity to give a five-minute speech explaining their background, views and plans for San Luis Obispo if voted into office.

Mayoral incumbent and Cal Poly professor Allen Settle spoke about his plans for Cal Poly. He talked about improving housing, continuing the bus transit system and internship programs and keeping a positive image of the fraternity/sorority system in the community.

He also encouraged students to go see him in his office on campus.

Civil engineering senior Dan Bolton and ag business senior John Henson have helped increase registered voters on campus in an effort to get students to the polls. / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

Downtown rally raises awareness for Prop. 215

By Jessica Yamada
Daily Staff Writer

More than three-quarters of a million Californians signed their names to get it on November’s ballot and approximately 200 people gathered in front of the County Government Center in San Luis Obispo to find out more about it.

What’s got some people’s interest nipped in the bud is Proposition 215. The Compassionate Use Medical Marijuana Initiative would ensure seriously ill patients the right to obtain and use marijuana for medical purposes.

Hemp for Victory, thousands of people gathered in front of the Chumash Auditorium Sunday, in support of the initiative.

The Cannabis Buyers Club in a medical marijuana supply group that recently made headlines when it was raided by state drug agents against the wishes of San Francisco police and civil leaders.

“I lost my AIDS and marijuana helped him,” Peron said. Peron said it was after his lover’s death that he dedicated his efforts to informing people about the benefits of medical marijuana.

Dixie Romagno, a multiple sclerosis patient who uses marijuana to alleviate pain, gave her testimony on the herb’s natural healing powers.

“Marijuana enhances my quality of life,” Romagno said.

According to members of Hemp for Victory, thousands of patients now use cannabis regularly to control the side effects of cancer chemotherapy, to treat symptoms of glaucoma, MS, chronic pain, menstrual cramps, AIDS, epilepsy, migraine and spinal injury. Activist Lynn Osborn said the herb also has no side effects or pollutants like most other industrial products.

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Don’t forget to register to vote!

Professional surfers from around the state came to compete in the CCS/Holline sponsored contest at Morro Rock. See Sports for the complete story. / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

INSIDE...

FORUM: You’ll be surprised as to how many Poly students are currently homeless—two weeks into the quarter. Our Tuesday feature will continue to uncover the hard-hitting stories.

CAMPUS: Poly is reaching out to the Far East, with a new study abroad program in Japan.

Cal Poly students are finding themselves lost when it comes to housing. They are having to sleep on friends' couches, floors, or worsening. Some are even having to fork out the money to crash at a motel. Slowly, they are finding themselves to be...

**Homeless in college**

By Shoshana Hebshi, Daily Staff Writer

Imagine a student's room. A bed just right, a desk organized to his or her liking, textbooks in line to start school, decorations reflecting someone's personality. It's privacy and a getaway, something to use as a base and as a stabilizer—a place to call home.

Now take this space away, leaving little or none available. No more room to organize and personalize. No more place to call your own. A sense of displacement, confusion and emptiness closes in.

Imagine sleeping on friends' couches or living in a motel and trasnporting your belongings from place to place.

"You look everyday for houses, it's pretty stressful," Arnold sleeps on a couch in the garage where Omweg is living. He's hoping a lease will start for him in early October.

"Once we get moved in and get everything established, it will be good," he said. "It kind of interrupts the school and trying to do some work, but I still need a place to live. My stuff is at about two or three people's houses right now."

Cal Poly's enrollment jumped from 19,023 last fall to 19,841 this fall. Senior Institutional Research Associate Elaine Denezek said that part of the increase resulted from the Poly Plan and from the State. "We were expected to increase our enrollment by 1 percent by the Governor," she said.

And enrollment will continue to increase by 1 percent each year until 1999, unless more funding is needed for buildings.

According to Cal Poly President Warren Baker, a target for 275 full-time equivalent students was made for all four quarters. Full time equivalent means how many part time students it takes to make one full time student.

In this case, 836 Cal Poly students have made up the 275 equivalent.

Baker said that now Cal Poly will reduce winter quarter enrollment from about 800 to around 300.

Cal Poly Housing has not been able to accommodate all the new students this year who wanted to live on campus.

"We are in a very different situation than we were in last year," said Housing Director Preston Allen. "Our 2,800 bed spaces are filled, we can't create any more."

Allen said that one big change Cal Poly Housing made this year is the abolition of a dorm waiting list so students wouldn't have to wait all summer for housing.

"This year we had an informal list," he said, "and told people we'd keep their application on file but please be aware that we are full."

On-campus housing filled by the end of last April. All the students who couldn't get in, got out in April and May to secure houses.

"It (housing shortage) probably impacted returning students, more than the incoming freshmen, who came into town in June and July thinking that they would find housing," Allen said.

"Freshmen were out on the market earlier this year, and I think that made a big difference in certain housing communities such as Mustang Village, Stenersen Glen, and Valencia Apartments."

Mustang Village's General Manager, Patricia Denczek, said that the complex, which appeals greatly to second year students coming out of the dorms, has been full since May and has had a waiting list since then.

Mustang Village has sent out letters to tenants encouraging them to take on extra roommates. They've had three responses so far.

This coming year we will limit the private accommodations to accommodate at least 178 more people," Denczek said.

Tenants living in studio apartments are being offered a deal if they decided to share a room. Denczek said a studio costs $400 per month, and shared is $220 each—$40 extra to take care of added utilities and wear and tear.

With the offer, the incoming tenant pays $200 and the original tenant pays $240.

Next year, Mustang Village won't allow sharable units to go unshared. "We start renting in January and expect to be filled by April," Denczek said.

Building more units has not been discussed.

Woodside apartments located on North Santa Rosa Ave. tends to attract many second year students from the dorms.

All units have been rented since mid-July. A total of 272 Cal Poly students live there, 25 of which are freshmen along with a few transfer students.

"We're still receiving calls," General Manager Karen Gouze said. "Many people were looking after we were already full."

Stenersen Glen, a popular alternative to the dorms for first year students has been full since the third of July. According to General Manager Mike Holt, this was the fastest it has ever filled up.

Out of 550 residents, 46 percent are Cal Poly students and nearly 350 of those are freshmen. Stenersen Glen changed a building that housed Cuesta students to house more Cal Poly students. Next year Holt says they will probably be limiting or not allowing single rooms to be available.

Manderly Property Services had a busy summer.

For the first time ever, Rental Department Manager Ruth Smith said that they had no...
UPCOMING

Women's Programs and Services and Psychological Services are sponsoring a drop-in group for women students. The first meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 24 from 2-3 p.m. in Bldg 38, Rm. 100. For more information, call 756-2600.

Orchesis Dance Company is holding auditions Thursday Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. in Crandall Gym. For information call the theater and dance department at 756-1465.

The County Clerk-Recorder's Office would like to remind the residents of San Luis Obispo that the last day to register to vote is Friday, Oct. 4.

Due to excessive demand, not all items submitted to Agenda will be printed. Mustang Daily reserves the right to select Agenda items.

State seeks more school teachers

By Jenny Jenes Daily Staff Writer

California will need over 20,000 new elementary school teachers this year as a result of the state's new class size reduction program, which will mean greater employment opportunities for Cal Poly students.

The Senate Bill 1777, authored by Senator Jack O'Connell allotted $771 million for a class-size reduction program and another $200 million for supplying additional classrooms.

Through the program the state legislature intends to provide enough money to reduce all kindergarten through third-grade classrooms to a 20-to-1 student-teacher ratio. The previous requirement for class size was no more than 30 students.

Already as a result of this program, which was approved by Gov. Pete Wilson in July, school districts throughout the state have been scrambling to hire more teachers for additional, smaller classes.

In San Luis Obispo county alone nearly 100 new teachers have been or will be hired this year; said Rick Minnis, personnel director for the county Office of Education.

Minnis said the legislature granted money for first and second grades, with an option to include kindergarten and third grade in the reduction program.

The California State University system has already responded to this widespread demand by intensifying efforts to recruit students interested in teaching, offering more evening and part-time teacher training programs and increasing the number of teacher internship credential programs.

According to CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz, the CSU system is the best source for the 40,000 new teachers that will be needed in the next two to four years.

Most students anticipating teaching careers appear encouraged by the opportunities resulting from the program.

"There are jobs out there for everyone going into teaching."

—Amy Watson, liberal studies senior

"There are jobs out there for everyone going into teaching."

The program has not only affected the demand for teachers, but also the way new teachers are trained.

Minnis said that it was really important to train teachers to gear the instructional model towards smaller class sizes.

In response to the new precedent that smaller class sizes, Roper said training for those who will be applying for jobs in the kindergartens through third grades focus on a number of new, different strategies. The center is working to put together workshops and resources to help teachers with practical ideas.

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Feminism is not a four-letter word
By Lorri Sulpizio

Feminists: those crazy men-hating zealots are bitter to the world and will do whatever it takes to overcome. Feminism: the idea that women are way better than men, and should have more privileges and rights according to me. I do hate the dating scene so much? One word: bars.

Now, bars aren't all bad. In fact, they can be quite fun, if you're with the right people and if you aren't scoping the room for potential phone numbers. Besides, there aren't many places in SLO Town where you can simultaneously get schooled, dance bad music and make a complete fool of oneself all in one evening.

In bars, you may be one of our fine bars and meet Prince Charming. Your chances are rather slim, unless, of course, you won a bet with Fate. Frankly, most bar guys make me ill. I often think that these guys must have some sort of a scoping team (similar to a football team), but with sports Clydes and oblivious coeds in place of pads and uniforms.

It's pretty easy to join a scoping team. In fact, you don't even have to try out. You just need to either be 21 or be able to convince bouncers that you picture of Arnold Schwarzenegger on the ID really is you. Really. Each day, scoping team members practice rigorously in front of each other and in front of the mirror, working out detailed game plans for their Friday and Saturday evenings.

They decide which lines to use on whom, what cologne to bathe in, what type of music to play in their pockets, how much extra drink money to bring, and what sort of pictures to include in their wallet ("Do I bring the picture of Rufus, or the picture of mom?"

Steve Linder, Asst. Sports Editor
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Feminism is not a movement. Not only feminists we see in the feminist movements are very angry about the oppression women face—hate men! Not all feminists feel that they need to be drastic and do something about it. They may shave their heads and never wear skirts or makeup. These "radical" feminists may want to start a separate scene of only women. But these aren't the only women who make up the feminist population.

There are many women who no longer want to play with receiving lower wages, not getting a promotion, not being taken seriously, being looked at only for not being allowed to play sports, being raped, being taken for granted and being taken advantage of. These are all problems and issues that face feminists, but not all feminists hate men. Not all feminists feel that they need to go against society's norm and reject every traditional aspect of being a woman and threaten any one who disagrees with them.

It is wrong to categorize a whole group by the impression you get from a small example. The media has contributed to the radical of every group, causing negative stereotypes to arise. The trick is, to realize how diverse and different we all are and how everyone cannot fit into one category. Cal Poly needs to realize this.

It doesn't matter that on campus needs to become an active supporter of women's rights, but everyone should be able to understand the true intent of feminism. You do not have to agree with it or participate, but understand its significance enough to be free of the negative stereotypes.

During the WOW club carnival, at the Cal Poly chapter of NOW table there were many new students who came up to talk. There were many other people, however, who looked with horror in their eyes at the literature that was available and right at the stickers that were displayed. They were curious enough to read the stickers, but stood far enough away, probably for fear of catching something, then they quickly moved to the next table. NOW is a feminist organization focusing on women's rights, but the club goes beyond issues of abortion and equal pay for the sexes. Sure, there are stickers dealing with abortion, gay and lesbian rights and women in the military, but that is not all. There are other issues as well.

As Lorri Sulpizio, Asst. Sports Editor
You slam on the brakes and pull the wheel hard to the right, the sounds of horns blaring from every direction. OK, that one was too close, way too close. That other driver didn't even look before changing lanes. They call them the express lanes, but you think "extinction lanes" is really more appropriate. Today seems worse than usual. Almost like it's Celebrate Psychotic Driving Month or something and you're in the parade. No matter. You're almost at the restaurant. A very chic, very you-know restaurant that you cannot afford. It is here that you are meeting your well-intentioned friend whose cousin twice-removed is in town. Cousin needs a date. Cousin is just right for you! Your friend claims. Sure. That's what your friend said about Dream Date Y last month. The dream ended at the police station. Don't ask. "Sorry," you tell your friend, "I'm booked." Your friend laughs. Friend knows you are never booked. An hour later you're cruising for parking. Five blocks. Six. Seven. Eight. Suddenly, you see it. A space. A real, live legal parking space. With...can it be? Time left on the meter. You slow to a stop. Flip your blinker. Stick your arm out the window for good measure. Sure, it's a tricky parallel parking problem, but hey, you're a mathematician. You calculate, then begin the backup. Suddenly out of nowhere, it comes: a cheesy little red sports car zipping into your space, the driver laughing maniacally.

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She finally rented to biochemistry freshman Catherine Nguyen who had tried to get into the dorms and Stener Glen after they had already been filled. Nguyen looked for a place to live for over a month. Cal Poly housing then sent her a packet for off-campus housing but a lot of its referrals were full. "I don't know if I'd rather be living here than in the dorms because of all the activities there," she said. "I don't have to eat the food there and here it's quieter so I can get my work done."

Last winter, Cal Poly students were scattered from Paso Robles to Lompoc to Cambria to Nipomo. A distribution has not been completed yet for this year. Currently talks of housing projects are going on between the city and Cal Poly.

"We are discussing what we might build if we were to build something on campus," Allen said. "There's a lot of room that the campus could build on. It's one of the largest as far as acreage is concerned," he said. "I think we can move in that direction as long as we can ensure that returning students and transfer students could be interested in living on campus."

City Councilman Dave Romero suggested Cal Poly build an acreage off of Highland Drive, North Santa Rosa or Slack Street. "Cal Poly has an obligation to provide housing," he said.

President Baker wants to explore building on-campus apartments geared towards returning students.

Romero supports a proposed low-income housing project that would be build between Los Osos Valley Road and Madonna Road. This project has started through the planning commission process, but sometime it takes years to complete.

"I think the city needs to respond to more housing," he said. The majority of the city council

from page 2 available units in August.

Between July and August she said they received 400-500 calls a day.

"We had to hire two girls just to answer calls," she said.

Most of the landlords raised their rents—the first real rent increase in four years—because of higher interest rates on mortgages and because of the higher demand.

"It's tough because we can't help everyone," Smith said.

Denise Ahearn, a local property manager, recalled that on a one day newspaper advertisement for a house, she received 33 phone calls.

"We ran ads for studies this summer and got as many as 40 phone calls," he said. He continued, "We stopped running one-day ads and went to one-day ads. It's a tough situation for kids right now.

Cal Poly Housing has made measures to help students find housing off campus. The 24-hour housing line provides an automat­ized listing of available rentals.

As of Sunday, September 29, the housing line listed four houses, four mobile homes, 12 apartments or condos, 11 private rooms with students, three shared rooms with students and 21 private rooms with non-students.

Some students, like Adamian, were left with the option to rent a motel room.

Cal Poly Housing referred stu­dents to certain motels who agreed to lower its rates. The Victorian Inn located off of College Avenue presently houses about 25 first-time Cal Poly stu­dents paying between $400 and $600 a month.

"I was really surprised and glad that a lot of the hotels were willing to come down to a rate within reach of a Cal Poly student," Adams said.

Julie Tamooka, human develop­ment senior, received six to seven phone calls a day during one month to share her room.

Voter registration storming campus

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At least four groups will be hanging out in all of the highly trafficked areas of campus this week asking students if they are registered voters.

With five days worth of candi­date and proposition forums sponsored by ASI and the voting registration deadline less than a week away, campus has become a target for politically active groups.

As part of ASI's efforts to encourage student involvement in all forms of politics, volun­teers will man two nonpartisan voter registration tables in the U.U. Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. this week.

"We thought that if Cal Poly students registered to vote and actually did vote, we could have a significant influence on the next election," said Kristen Carnes, ASI's director of legisla­tive affairs. "Just in two hours (on Monday), 52 people regis­tered to vote.

"It is important that students know that every time they move they have to register again," said the speech communications junior. "So, every year there are a great number of students who have to re-register.

Several sorority members volunteered to help with the reg­istration as part of their houses' philanthropy projects.

"I just wanted to support voter registration and our house," said food science senior Jennifer Lehner, one of the about 20 members of Alpha Phi who volunteered.

Another group of students, members of the newly formed Young Democrats, will continue their efforts this week to register students to vote.

Some of the club's 50 mem­bers will also set up a table in the plaza with voter registration cards and literature on several Democratic candidates.

"Right now 25 percent of col­lege students vote nationwide, which would be 4,000 Cal Poly students," said Eve Ralston, an architecture junior. "We would like to bring that up to at least 50 to 70 percent.

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Greenbelt program featured in debate

By Donna Valverde
Daily Staff Writer

More than 1,500 acres and the use of $1.4 million in city funds will be debated tonight at a public hearing on the city's Greenbelt Program.

In an effort to create open space for recreation and wildlife and to prevent over-development, the city has proposed a greenbelt encompassing two parcels of land enclosing San Luis Obispo.

The Maino family owns the first 75-acre parcel at the base of Cerro San Luis below the

Mission Prep M. The property, appraised at $900,000 to $1.2 million, is being offered to the city for $950,000 because the family wants it preserved in open space and available for public use.

The money to buy the land would come from $1.5 million set aside for open space protection in 1990.

City Council Member Kathy Smith favors the acquisition of this land. “I want to protect it. I don’t want any houses or any development on that land,” she said.

The second parcel is the John Guidetti Ranch, which is used for cattle ranching. This 75,000-acre parcel would not be open for public recreational use. Instead it would be an easement, meaning Guidetti would allow the city to use the land without revoking his ownership.

Through this, the city would buy partial development rights for $400,000 from the owner. These rights would allow the city to regulate and confine development as well as designate the location of future development.

However, Guidetti would not give up his mineral rights, an issue the city is seeking to resolve.

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FORUM: Housing is limited all around town

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has held back on growth in San Luis Obispo in order to keep its “small town atmosphere.”

“Growth is like riding a bicycle,” Romero said. “You have to move ahead or you fall over. You have to have some growth or you’re stagnated.”

“If we had made it easier to build housing earlier, we wouldn’t have the crunch we have now.”

TEACHERS: Schools are running out of room

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development focusing on small class size.

Despite the new challenges the program may cause in training, future teachers seem pleased with the changes.

“It’s exciting because the students benefit from the smaller class size,” Watson said. “Everyone, parents teachers and students, have been receptive to the idea.”

Where these new teachers going to teach is a problem that many school districts statewide are trying to figure out.

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Study abroad program expands borders to Japan

By Traci Roach
Daily Staff Writer

A group of 10 Cal Poly students pioneered the first six-week Japan study abroad trip last summer when they attended the Higashi Nippon International University in Iwaki, located about 200 miles north of Tokyo.

The two-year-old university is set in rural Japan and schools predominantly Japanese students. However, its founder's goal is to permanently set up an international exchange program.

The trip was open to all majors and featured cultural learning experiences such as field trips and open discussion classes.

The program was immensely difficult to plan, said social science professor John McKinstry who instructed the three Cal Poly classes at the Japanese college.

According to McKinstry, basic details such as airline tickets, visiting Japanese lecturers and housing students were difficult to organize. Also rail passes weren't available in Japan so they had to be purchased in the United States.

Although students said they were treated very well, one felt that there could have been more communication between the two universities.

"It could have been a little bit more organized," said social science senior Jeremy Jessup.

Another student had similar concerns.

"It felt like the university didn't expect we were there," agriculture business graduate Jerry Steele said. "They didn't have anything ready."

The three Cal Poly classes offered were modern world systems, Asian culture and a non-credit modern Japan class.

"We met for an hour every morning and talked about our field trips," Steele said.

"A lot of the stuff we learned was hands on," Jessup said. "You couldn't really learn (the culture) from behind the desk."

"The classroom work was informal," said McKinstry. Rather than taking tests and completing written work, the class visited cultural and historical places.

Students had the option of attending a week long field trip across the country visiting Hiroshima, Tokyo and the ancient capitol of Kyoto. Eight of the 10 students on the trip took part.

According to the trip's organizers, Pacific Rim, there must be many course hours included, whether it is in the classroom or outside looking at historical sights.

Another concern McKinstry was notified about was the lack of planned events.

"I didn't plan things because I didn't think I had to," McKinstry said. "Since the city was smaller there wasn't enough to do."

The social science professor thought the students would interact more with the Japanese students and therefore didn't fill the daily schedule.

"It's a new university so there aren't that many students," McKinstry said. "They (Japanese students) also were busy with their own schedules."

The $3,300 overseas trip included everything except food, but according to Jessup there were unexpected costs such as phone bills.

"Although it was not necessary for students to know the Japanese language, it was a definite advantage," Steele said.

The university is also currently looking into developing more internships for business students to learn about Japanese corporate culture.

"We want to set up longer-term study for business, psychology and social science students," McKinstry said. "Rather than six weeks we would make it broader for a regular quarter or two."

While the students were there, Cal Poly President Warren Baker visited to review future program possibilities.

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important factor since his property has been found to have oil reserves valued at more than $1 billion. With present market prices though, extraction of the oil would be impractical.

An upcoming ballot measure will affect future expansion of the greenbelt. Measure O would help fund the project after the initial purchase of the greenbelt.

"It's a great concept but the problem is where is the money going to come from?" said City Council candidate Lance Parker who opposes the measure.

If the measure passes, homeowners would be charged an additional $4.38 per month and apartment owners another $3.12 per unit. This could cause rent increases in San Luis Obispo.

According to council member David Romero, Measure O would simply allow the city to move faster with its open space program.

City Council candidate Pat Veesart said this measure represents democracy at its finest, since voters are being asked if they want the tax or not.

Mayor Allen Settle is hesitant to give his full support to the measure. Settle discussed what he would do if the measure is passed.

"We will be able to have better preservation of the hillside and have better preservation of open space for agricultural purposes. The downside is you will be having a new tax," Settle said.

Critics of Settle and the city council say the city has not used the money in six years and is eager to spend it during an election year.

Settle says the greenbelt proposal and the election year are coincidental and that it has taken six years to come to a consensus on the properties.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. in the city county library.
RALLY: Not everybody was in support of 215

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"Just wanted people to vote," said Ralston who has exercised his right to vote in every election since she turned 18. "We even bring our pamphlets to class.

The group began the drive two weeks ago and will continue looking for unregistered voters both on campus and downtown until Oct. 7. "About nine of us go out around the area each day, with about five of us here at Cal Poly," said Cheryl Silicani, a Morro Bay resident who was recently hired by the group. "I usually get about 30 or 40 papers a day.

The group has also targeted Cuesta College and downtown spots such as the post office and popular hangouts, as well as young potential voters frequented.

"We want to increase students awareness a voting in the county," Silicani said, as she eyed the line of students waiting to use the campus ATM machines. "If students are going to be here for three or four years they are a part of the community."

VOTING: The Young Republicans groups has been registering students

By Steve Moore

"This is a 1960s idea chasing a little — I don't know — bizarre lately?"
Sports

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Conwright earns Player of the Week honors

By Ben Walker

Cal Poly, in turn, Karan Conwright earned NCAA Division II National Independent Player of the Week honors for his play in the Mustangs' 49-14 win over Central Washington on Saturday. Conwright had an interception that stopped Central Washington's 11-play drive in the second quarter and a blocked punt that led to a touchdown drive by the Mustangs a 14-0 lead.
The five-foot-eight sophomore also has eight tackles to add to his record.
Winner Kari Loud also earned notice, earning an honorable mention for his performance Saturday. Loud had four catches for 106 yards.

FREGOSI

Fregosi fired as Phillies manager

By Ben Walker

PHILADELPHIA — When the phone rang at 7:30 a.m. Monday, Jim Fregosi realized his days as manager of the Philadelphia Phillies were over.
"I knew exactly what it was," Fregosi said. "When you've been around long enough, you know what it is."  
Fregosi, who led the Phillies to an unlikely NL title three years ago, was fired by general manager Lee Thomas.
"He's still a fine manager," Thomas said. "And before anybody begins to think otherwise, I'll tell you why.
That may be true, but the rift that had developed between Thomas and Fregosi had reached a critical point, which came a day after the Phillies finished the season at an NL-worst 67-95.
The Phillies, who had followed the 1993 pennant with three straight losing seasons, came into the season with shaky pitching.

BUSH

Big West Sports Poll

Women's Soccer

Team Big West Overall
Carl St. Fulten 1-0-2
Pacific 1-0-2-3-2
UCSB 1-2-2-1
North Texas 0-0-1
Utah State 0-1-1-1
Cal Poly 0-2-6-4

CAL POLY SPORTS NEWS

Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken get another chance at October glory

By Ben Walker

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The possibility of hosting the Morro Rock contest next year will be determined by Fox Sports after they acquire Prime Ticket, the West Coast Pro-Am's primary sponsor.

Men and women surfers from all over the state met in Morro Bay to compete in the waters surrounding the Rock / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

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Surfing the Rock

Morro Bay local Steve Denham, 27, surfed to victory and a $1,000 prize Sunday at Morro Rock's first professional surfing contest.

Denham advanced to the finals of the 1996 Central Coast Surfboards Hotline Wetsuits West Coast Pro-Am after winning his main heat, placing second in the quarterfinals, and dominating in the semifinals.

The final round was primarily challenged by second place finisher Richie Collins of Newport Beach.

Denham capitalized on his home-surf advantage early in the final heat by dropping in on the smaller shoreline break, while Collins sat on the outside waiting for the larger set waves.

"I thought I was doing pretty good until I caught that last set wave," Denham said. "I felt no good breaker. I had four connections and then it finally came."

Surf conditions Saturday were described as sloppy but improving coming into Sunday. Midway through the semifinals, the sun broke through the fog and heated things up north of the Rock. A slight offshore breeze cleaned up the sets making for impressive maneuvers by the four finalists.

Denham's consistent rides impressed lineup spectators who were cheering and applause.

A serious competitor for more than 10 years, and the 1990 Amateur National Champion, Denham limits the last few years of competition have been mainly for fun. Denham pushed the event organizers to see the Morro Rock venue, making it the northernmost competition on the circuit.

Cal Poly business junior Derek Muckley missed advancing to the finals by two and a half points in the semifinal round. "I am just shocked that I made it as far as I did," Muckley said.

In Saturday's women's competition Jordie Nelson stood atop the winners podium with $100 in prize money, while Amber Puga and Shelly Thomas rounded up second and third. Due to the small five-women field, prize money was limited to $180 for the top three finishers.

Theormaybehavealotofpeopleonthebeach, and they looklike theyarehavingfun. That is what we are here for," Morgan said.

Collins, a professional surfer from Southern California, expressed excitement over the Morro Rock event.

"I think they should have more events up here," Collins said. "It was good to bring some people up here so they can see how really save this place is."

Next step on the West Coast Pro-Am circuit is Seaside reef in

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Their at-bats absences end this week.

The Baltimore Orioles make their first postseason appearance since 1983 — when Ripken caught the last ball of the World Series — when they take on the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday at Camden Yard.

"Being in the playoffs is an added boost of energy," Ripken said. "It's a long season anyway, but this is like a new beginning."

As part of baseball's plan to show every bit of postseason action, three games are set for the first day. Gwynn and the San Diego Padres make their first playoff appearance since 1984 when they visit St. Louis in the late afternoon, and Texas will play at New York in the evening.

"We've got to keep playing the same way we played the last three games," said Gwynn. "St. Louis plays good defense, they're good pitching, and they've given us trouble."

"If we don't keep playing like we did in this series, we may be in trouble."

On Wednesday the World Series champion Atlanta Braves start their best-of-7 first-round series in Los Angeles against the wild-card Dodgers.

Gwynn and Ripken, who are among other big names who will get another taste of October glory, have been uncertain how much they will play.

Smith has played behind Royce Clayton as the Cardinals shortstop this season. At 41, Smith has said this is his final year, although he might be reconsidering his retirement.