The verdict's in: community approval overwhelming for PAC

By Dennis Haines
Daily Staff Writer

The new Performing Arts Center prompted mixed emotions since its opening in September, but reactions from the community conclude that positive opinions far outweigh the negative.

Groups that have used the new performing facility, including the Civic Ballet Company, the San Luis Obispo Symphony and the Pacific Repertory Opera, rave about the center, saying it more than meets their expectations.

However, some technical problems exist that will require months, even years to perfect, according to Performing Arts Center (PAC) officials.

One center client, executive director Sandy Sigurdson from the San Luis Obispo Symphony, gave it a rosy "yes," to the question of whether the Performing Arts Center lives up to the symphony's expectations.

"Its acoustics make it one of the top 10 in the country," she said. "It's a pleasure working with their staff; they're knowledgeable, cooperative and enthusiastic."

The Pacific Repertory Opera (PRO) prepares for its coming season, beginning in January 1997, with "Gaia Evening of Pauciini and Donizetti," with high hopes of the new facility. They said that the PAC is the best place in town to perform its season opener.

Karen Kle, administrative director of PRO, said that the opera expects a good response to ticket sales because of the PAC. Kle also said the opera may double its season subscriptions despite a $5-10 increase.

"Roofies" becomes local concern

By Dawn Kalmai
Daily Staff Writer

The drug that has plagued the southern United States is quickly making its way west threatening California, and more specifically, San Luis Obispo.

"Roofpol," also known as "roo-felines," "roofenol," and "the date-rape drug," is becoming ever more popular, particularly in Southern California. But recent incidents in Santa Barbara, and local officials' concerns, seem to indicate the use of the drug is north-bound.

The drug, approximately the size of a aspirin, costs between $1 and $5 per pill. It dissolves easily in liquid and is usually combined with an alcoholic drink in a bar or club.

According to a recent Newsweek article, Roofpol is "a sedative related to Valium — but 10 times stronger."

It causes female victims to pass out and black out which is why it is also called "the date-rape drug." For unknown reasons, men do not experience the same effects. It usually makes them kick back and relax rather than lose consciousness, said Abel Reynoso, a special agent and spokesman for the Drug Enforcement Agency in Los Angeles.

"Roofenol is the one thing we're finding more and more," Reynoso said. He and his agents find empty Roofynol packages near Los Angeles clubs. The packages resemble those of cold tablets, with foil on the back and plastic on the front.

"It's right here in downtown Los Angeles. In the club scene you see it a lot," he said. "Everyone we know says, 'Oh, it's all over.'

Reynoso said that people often order bars with a pocketful of the drug just waiting to slip it into someone's drink.

"It's really scary because it's..." See DRUG page 6

ASI wary over campus alcohol sales

By Shehnaa Hebshi
Daily Staff Writer

Students denounced the California State Student Association (CSSA) and the sale of alcohol at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) throughout the ASI annual meeting Wednesday night.

ASI finally reached a decision after much debate not to reinstate CSSA after its secession three years ago. ASI based this decision on CSSA's internal problems and ASI's feelings of misrepresentation.

Many of the ASI board members voiced their feelings toward the membership rejection but ASI President Steve McShane stayed positive on the issue.

"I'm excited to move forward. I think tonight's discussion was healthy," he said. "The rejection..." opens the door to more discussion.

There were comments made between board members and me that will allow us to come to a common ground that will put Cal Poly on the map legislatively and as a CSA as a voice," he added.

McShane expressed delight when one board member indicated that if CSSA were to prove itself as a united voice for all CSUs, this membership could deserve merit in the future.

Alcohol sales at the PAC and Vista Grande restaurant also prompted a lot of discussion at the meeting. Although ASI wrote a resolution earlier this quarter protesting the sale of alcohol on campus, they decided to create another one. The new resolution would ask the university to seek a policy that emphasizes consistency in issues relating to alcohol.

Three students voiced their views to ASI about the sales.

Tiffany Marshall, a social science junior, led the discussion with her stance against the sale of alcohol, saying it showed inconsistency within the university.

She noted that Cal Poly has a responsibility to ensure that the students' hard-earned money is spent wisely, to set a good example for the community and to all the other CSUs as a role model.

Trisha Lowrey, a 20-year-old resident of San Luis Obispo and a soil science junior, addressed the board next. She commented that the city has seen a change with an increase in parties and alcohol consumption.

She started a petition against the sale of alcohol and has collected... See ASI page 5

I F C and Panhellenic put an end to 'open' parties

By Mark Armstrong
Daily Managing Editor

In the wake of problems faced by Cal Poly fraternities in the past months involving alcohol, the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) and Panhellenic Council have agreed to implement a new system of self-policing that will end all "open" parties, effective immediately.

A new version of the Greek Alcohol Policy (GAP), will also take steps to end underage drinking at fraternity and sorority parties.

"I'm pretty surprised it passed," Shawn Kennedy, IFC president said jokingly, as he presented the new plan to members of the Student Community Liaison Committee Thursday night.

Members present to hear the Greek organizations' new plan included Mayor Allen Settle, San Luis Obispo Police Chief Jim Gardiner, Cal Poly officials, and Residents for Quality Neighborhood representative Dotty Connor, as well as student representatives from Cal Poly and Cuesta College.

Kennedy said later that the GAP, and the committee formed to enforce its policy, has been... See GREEK page 6
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Mustang Technology Inc., Cal Poly Athletics, and Running Thunder will be presenting a tailgate barbecue featuring beats from the mobile KCPR unit for the Cal Poly men's basketball game against Simon Fraser on Friday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m. in front of Mott Gym.

UPCOMING

The Cal Poly Sports Car Club is presenting a rally on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 12 p.m. in the library parking lot. The rally is open to everyone and will be run on paved roads and will observe all traffic laws. For more information call Rich at 549-8536.

Bolt for the Bird

Thanks Humane Society and KCPR's "Bolt for the Bird" event on Saturday, Nov 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 297 Madonna Road.

KCPR's Fund Raising Hodge Podge will end Monday, Nov. 25 at 7 a.m. Call 756-KCPR to donate and receive a variety of prizes.

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Cal Poly ROTC gains recognition at Ranger Challenge

By Anne Thomas

Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly's military science students may be well camouflaged. The small hallway in the bottom of the Dexter Building has given birth to many successful military careers as well as a repeatedly victorious skills team.

CAMPUS

"It's not one of the biggest programs, but it's one of the best," said construction management senior, Drew Erickson.

Cal Poly's Ranger Challenge team took second place out of 21 teams present at the 1996 Ranger Challenge earlier this month at Camp San Luis Obispo.

The annual two-day event hosted by Camp San Luis Obispo tests participants in eight areas of military proficiency. The first of the Dexter Building has hosted many successful military careers as well as a number of the best," Kathy Schultz, executive director of the Civic Ballet Company, said. "There's a lot of excitement, the sound is excellent."

In terms of technical problems, one of the biggest problems encountered has been budgetary constraints for sound and lighting systems that have not been completed or that need further refinement, according to Technical Service Manager Jim Chernoff.

In addition to the physical plant problems, staffing adjustments present ongoing concerns, Chernoff said. Typically, new theaters face months, even years of readjustments and working "bugs out" of the many technical systems involved in the operations and in developing a dependable crew.

In spite of the fine tuning necessary, PAC officials say the facility has the "markings of a really good (amplified) sound system," due to donated, state-of-the-art JBL sound equipment and the design of the auditorium. The isolation spaces created between the walls of the main auditorium and the smaller pavilion "are fantastic," Chernoff said, relating how a rock band unobtrusively rehearsed at the same time the Mair String Quartet performed a concert in Harmon Hall, and there was no sound carry-over.

Supervising day to day operations of the PAC is the responsibility of managing director Ron Regier.

The elements of success in the center, according to Regier, are usage, artistic quality and revenue.

"We're very busy, beyond our wildest dreams," he said, adding that the staff struggles to find dates for interested performers, as evidenced by the fact that they are booked every weekend from mid January to June 96.

"We've been overwhelmed by public interest," Regier said. The community is interested in tours, holding meetings, dinners, receptions, fundraisers, trade shows and campus events in the center. Faculty and students are interested in the PAC as well. Cal Poly is one of only two CSU campuses without a theater dedicated to a theatre department, according to Mike Malkin, theatre and dance professor.

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UC Riverside instructors urge leniency for protesters

Associated Press

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Faculty at the University of California campus here urged the chancellor to drop sanctions against students who took over the administration building in an affirmative action protest last week.

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The Academic Senate, in an emotional meeting Wednesday, also voted a resolution asking Chancellor Raymond Orbach to drop sanctions against the 20 arrested protesters, who were charged with failure to disperse.

"These students were dignified, disciplined, and organized. There was no property damage," said ethnic studies associate professor Ralph L.Crowder.

"What took place was nothing compared to what I'm used to," said Crowder, who told of occupying a university building for a week in the 1960s.

"No one benefits from being vindictive or punitive," he said to cheers.

The Proposition 209 resolution urged the university to hold off implementation until discussions about its implications are conducted and until legal challenges are resolved. At least three have been filed.

The school announced it was putting the proposition into effect immediately after it passed in the Nov. 5 election.

Although Orbach did not comment Wednesday, an administration spokesman has maintained the chancellor is staying out of the discipline process because student appeals could land on his desk for a final disposition.

LA Times

Backstage Pizza
Tim Jackson plays Monday, Nov. 25 at noon. All shows are free and open to all ages.

SLO BREW
Peter Will and No Love Lost play rock on Friday, Nov. 22 at 9:30 p.m. No cover; The Glory Brothers play psychedelic funk and dance Saturday, Nov. 23 at 9:30 p.m. $4 cover.

UNNAEE'S CAFE
Uncle Floto plays new acoustic Friday, Nov. 22 at 8:30 p.m. Pass the hat; Lorin Hart plays folk rock Saturday, Nov. 16 at 8:30 p.m. Pass the hat.

OSCS STREET SUBS
Herbal Fusion plays everything Monday, Nov. 25 or 9 p.m.

Lincoln pop singer and songwriter Perla Batalla performs at the Performing Arts Center Friday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets, $7 to $15, are available at the PAC ticket office.

The San Luis Obispo Symphony and Starbucks Coffee presents J.S. Bach's Coffee Cantata on Sunday, Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. at the Forum on Marsh. Tickets, $10, include music and coffee and treat, and are available at Starbucks or by calling 543-3553.

Reggae superstars The Itals bring their classic sounds to the Forum on Marsh, Friday, Nov. 22. Tickets $12 in advance or $15 at the door.

Joe Croston and his "Comptown" quartet plays worldly folk music at the United Methodist Church on Friday, Nov. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets $10 in advance or $12 at the door.

Cuesta College's series All That Jazz begins Dec. 6 with the N.O. Deadwood Big Band. Season tickets available for $35 to $42 by calling 546-3131.

Recent works by landscape photographer Macduff Everton will grace the walls of the University Art Gallery in the Dexter Building through December 8.

The veteran photographer lectured Thursday in the Business Building about his work which has appeared in National Geographic, Traveler, Life and Smithsonian.

"Macduff Everton updates travel photography in the same way that Ansel Adams updated 19th century photography of the West," said Andy Grubberg, a longtime fan. "He captures strange and eloquent moments in which time, and the world, seem to stand still." The gallery is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and Wednesdays 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Editor,

Wow, I'm stunned! The mental acuity displayed by Greg Manfull in his "Stop the Chop" commentary was simply spell-binding. I'm sure he's right; sports teams like the "Redskins" and the "Indians" are showing the ugly side of ethnic bias. How could these teams dare to name themselves after the indigenous peoples of the Americas? No wonder Native Americans are protesting outside of stadiums. In fact, I'm surprised more of these afflicted groups aren't protesting their exploitation. Shouldn't there be the Steel Workers Union protesting in Pittsburgh? What about Meat Packers in Green Bay? Gold Miners in California? Cowboys in Texas?

And where the hell are the animal rights' people? There are Dolphins, Buffalos, Broncos and Falcons to protect. What's wrong with you people? Are you going to let these teams get away with exploiting animals?

And how about Pirates? Isn't there some kind of Pirate lobby? And shouldn't Chief North, George Bush, Andrew Seasestrand and Tom Bordonaro be protesting outside of Patriot games?

By about a minute, I get it. These team names aren't meant to be derogatory. The idea is praise. Otherwise, these teams would be calling themselves the Los Angeles Weenies, or the Detroit Sausage. It's good to be patriotic. patriots are cool. So are dolphins and cowboys and even must meet packers. I guess that means that by naming a team the Redskins or the Indians, these teams are praising the Native American culture, not making fun of it, not exploiting it. The Redskins or Indian represents a symbol of power. It's a good thing.

I want a team name for me. How about the San Luis Obispo Otio Joe Me Beas? It sure beats the San Luis Obispo Politically Correct Whiners.

Glen Starkey

English graduate student

Who are you calling a redneck?

Editor,

It's interesting, thatLeon Freeman seems fit to stereotype people into different views just like he owns the name of everybody in the world. Yeah, I play hikes, I guess he's a criminal in his book. As for living in a trailer, I've lived in a few Tornado Specials, and owe, I guess that makes me white trash, now don't it?

To top it off, since my views of politics are the right to that supposed center. I guess I better head to the South and pray for some sunburn on my neck.

Asking me of forming with family members is like saying that everyone from the Bay Area is a homosexual. You wouldn't endorse that bit of logic, would you, Leon? Before you get on your liberal soapbox, make sure you put on mint-flavored socks.

I want my AIX

Larry Chang

Aeronautical engineering sophomore

OK, here comes the enlightenment...

By Ken Reed

Once again, the spectre of overseas military involvement looms large in the minds of the people, prompting many to question the purpose of military involvement in another state's matters.

Why should U.S. troops get involved in matters of states with which we have no affiliation?

The end of the Cold War saw the beginning of China for the typical deterrent role played by our armed forces. No longer do we face a "red menace" or the threat of complete nuclear annihilation, the military is now coping with the business of combat. It needs a secondary duty that will maximize its potential to the fullest.

That new job has been coined Operations Other Than War by those who dictate military doctrine. This job requires the military to take on a whole new role, the role of peacekeeper, arbiter of disputes, or supplier of food.

Why? Because the U.S. military is the only organization capable of rapidly deploying personnel and supplies in large quantities anywhere on earth. No nongovernmental agency has the experience or equipment necessary to function effectively in a hostile or potentially hostile environment. No other agency has the will to commit itself on such a scale due to lack of a profit motive.

Unfortunately, no other agency is as susceptible to naysayers and fickle public opinion as the military. When humanitarian disasters comparable in size to the Somalia or Rwanda/Zaire examples appear, the logical frontrunner for relief, is our military.

Some think of overseas military commitments in terms of a Vietnam-style quagmire or vortices. The fear of losing our brothers and sisters for no seeming purpose is enough to prompt many people to vociferously protest the notion of humanitarian commitment. The fear is not wholly misplaced; soldiers are notorious for their ability to attract hostile fire. To those who fear the quagmire, think of this: Vietnam is over.

For the most part, we've learned our lessons. Somalia provides a convenient counterexample, but one must remember that a successful humanitarian effort was in place before "mission creep" reared its ugly political head.

Today, successful operations other than war can be initiated by a responsive and responsible president with proper military guidance from military representatives. In a stable area, a show of American force can be enough to bring violent conflict down to levels where resolution becomes possible.

This whole concept of a noncombatant role for the military is new for all parties involved, military and civilian alike. It will take time to change people's concepts of the role of the military so as to include these humanitarian missions. In the meantime, objections to these operations are to be expected.

The United States has a stake in maintaining the global status quo because it benefits economically, politically and socially from the effects of peace. Instability in one state can spread to other surrounding states, thus causing regional instability. An unstable region can negatively affect trade, diplomacy, and relations of our collective conscience. Can we sit idly by as thousands or more die needlessly, knowing full well we possess the ability to prevent such a human catastrophe? Does the policeman watch passively as a man is beaten to death?

Attitudes toward foreign policy are cyclical, alternating between internationalist and isolationist sentiments. Sadly, we are once again living in an isolationist era at a crucial point in world history. New states are cropping up all over the globe. Race, ethnic, ideological and religious conflict is on the rise due to tensions uncovered by newfound state sovereignty. We have a responsibility to use what tools we have to usher in a new post-Cold War world where small states are treated as equals with the larger states and helped when needed. The military is that tool. When human life is at stake, it is better to do something than nothing at all.

Ken Reed is a political science senior and the Mustang Daily war correspondent.
Sonoma State students vote on yearly fee hike

Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — Voting continued Thursday at Sonoma State University, as students cast ballots on whether to hike annual fees by $300.

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The voting began Wednesday, and about 50 percent of the school's 5,500 students were expected to visit the polls.

The votes were to be counted Thursday night.

"For this kind of an issue, you really want a strong student voice," said Bonnie Moody, administration adviser to the Associated Students, which is holding the election. "A meager turnout would be disappointing."

The measure was getting mixed reviews outside polling places.

"I can barely afford to go to school now," said Kate Van Camp, who lives in the student dorms. "My parents are paying for it, but they can barely afford it. Any higher and I might have to drop out."

"It's a state university and it should be for everyone," said student Sheryce Allendorf.

"Three hundred dollars doesn't seem like much, but for a lot of students it is." But other students think the increase is a good idea.

"We don't have enough bookeers in my biology lab for everyone to take back to their work stations, and they're the most basic of equipment," said Joshua Troll of Sebastopol. "I don't see any other way to deal with the problem."

SSU administrators are asking for the increase to make up for a decrease in state funding the past several years that they say is eroding the university's ability to fund educational programs.

The fee would raise annual tuition to $2,410, making it the most expensive university in the state system. If approved, it would take effect next semester.

Larkin said that he sees a double standard when the university does not want alcohol at sporting events, such as football games, but serves it at the PAC and Vista Grande.

"People who are attracted to the PAC are older people, older clientele. The people who are attracted to football games are students," he said, adding that he saw a clear bias.

Larkin reminded the board that Cal Poly is the students' institution and that if the students do not think that alcohol should be served at the PAC or at Vista Grande, then it shouldn't be served.

Executive Assistant to the President Daniel Howard-Greene stated that the standards of the university aren't an encouragement to sell alcohol at other places such as at sporting events.

"For this kind of an issue, we don't see any other way to deal with the problem," he said, adding that he saw a clear bias.

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"I'm for it. I think the increase is a good idea."

Lowney added that she had spoken with freshmen who had been served alcohol at the PAC.

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ments, depending on the situation.
"There's different levels for violations, and there's a lot of specific details," he said. "It depends on what rules were broken. If it's a flagrant violation then things are going to be handled more severely."

Kennedy said IFC and Panhellenic plan to meet with Gardner to discuss the new policy and its ramifications. Gardner brought up concern for details such as limiting the number of students at a party and banning drinking games.

"We've taken the biggest step we can," Kennedy said in response to comments at the meeting that the amended policy did not go far enough.

"We're always open to feedback," Kennedy said afterwards. "We feel this is a really positive step to bringing ourselves to where we should be."

VOLLEYBALL
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When the two teams faced each other earlier this season, the Vandals beat the Mustangs in three games.

Scheidt sees this as a reward for a season well played by the Mustangs in their first year in the Big West Conference. He sees the tournament as a chance for the Mustangs to be seen by other teams.

"We have the opportunity to be tested against a good team," he said. "We are pleased to have the chance to compete."

Regardless of the outcome, the women's volleyball team has achieved two of their three preseason goals — to reach the Big West tournament and to improve in specific areas of play on the court. They fell just short of the third goal of finishing the season at or above .500.

OPENER: Cal Poly meets LMU on Tuesday
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Simon Fraser lost its past three games for a combined score of 265 to 148. However, those losses featured opponents Colorado State, Utah State and New Mexico State. It was a tough roadtrip for the Clanman (yup, that's their name), and now they will cap it off against 40 minutes of previous defense.

"We've seen the scores for Simon Fraser's past three games," Levesque said, "but we're not too concerned on what they do. We're more concerned that we play hard."

Following the Simon Fraser game, Cal Poly meets Loyola Marymount on Tuesday, a team with obviously more clout.

During practice this past week coaches and players never mentioned Loyola Marymount. Levesque said, "but we're not too concerned on what they do. The longer you play in the press the better it will go."

Last year, Cal Poly defeated Simon Fraser by only five points, 74-69. However, head coach Jeff Schaefer seemed relaxed about the upcoming match.
**SPORTS**

We've come a long way

In 1991, Cal Poly students turned out in record numbers to vote on the IRA Athletic Referendum. Over 10,000 students voted and the referendum passed by just 267 votes. The referendum saved eight sports and changed the face of Cal Poly sports forever.

By Megan Lehtonen  
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Five years ago today the student body at Cal Poly voted in favor of athletics moving to NCAA Division I. In the biggest turnout in voter history at the University, more than 10,000 students voted in the special election. The referendum passed by only 267 votes (5,318 to 5,051). In 1991, Cal Poly was just beginning to make it's mark as a solid Division II program. It was at this time that the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) athletics referendum surfaced, proposing that Cal Poly's athletics program upgrade to NCAA Division I. For the upgrade to be successful, the referendum proposed a $43 student fee increase that would be implemented over three years.

Athletic department secretary Susan Stanhill said that it was a very focused and intense campaign. "It was a heart felt thing," Stanhill said. "Everybody in the department worked so many hours, it was very motivating." Once the referendum passed, all sports moved to Division I in the summer of 1991 after a two-year probationary period. If the referendum had failed, Cal Poly would have lost football, wrestling, baseball, volleyball, men's and women's tennis and men's and women's swimming.

Stanhill was very pleased with the results of the election. "The overall feeling was elation. We saved the department," he said.

Marilyn McNeil, who was Assistant Athletic Director at the time of the election, said that if the referendum would have failed athletics at Cal Poly would've dwindled to a minimum eight-sport Division II program. According to McNeil, this result caused a lot of tension within the University and the athletic department.

McNeil said, "It was an extremely emotion al election, but (the athletic department) tried to be as up front and informative as possible," McNeil said. But according to math professor Bernard Strickmeier, who opposed the referendum in a debate a week before the vote, that wasn't the case at all. "I think that the students were misled," Strickmeier said in a recent interview, "I was very disappointed with the end result."

The motivation behind upgrading to Division I, as stated in the IRA Referendum Task Force Report, was due to a decrease in available teams that made it hard for Cal Poly to find opponents to play against. According to the report, moving to Division III wasn't an option because it is made up of small, private liberal arts schools which wouldn't want to compete against a larger university like Cal Poly. The referendum did not budget money for facilities or scholarships. Scholarships are funded from four places; a basic 87 student athletic fee, the Cal Poly foundation, private donations, and program generated revenue. The latter of the two have grown significantly over the past two years. Four years ago, the scholarship budget was $400,000, and it is now climbing to more than $900,000. Current athletic director John McCutcheon said that the move to Division I was one of the most beneficial things that could have happened to the athletic program. "I don't know if I'd be here now," McCutcheon said. "What got me interested in the job was the department's dedication to moving from Division II to Division I."

Since the referendum passed, Cal Poly men's basketball
tailgating party set for opening game today

A tailgating party to kick off the start of the Cal Poly Men's Basketball inaugural season in the Big West Conference will be held Friday, November 22 at 5 p.m. in the Mott Gym.

The event will feature music, barbecue food, and special guest appearance by the men's basketball coach Jeff Schneider. There also will be games for fun and prizes, including a three point "Shoo-off." "The Full-Court Press Grill" will feature a bit of steak, ham, turkey franks, fresh corn, and sodas. This kick-off event is sponsored by Mustang Technology, Cal Poly Athletics, KCPN Radio, The Investment Society, and Running Thunder.

**Women's Volleyball**

Women's basketball has home and away games this weekend

The women's basketball team hits the road tonight to face the Pepperdine Waves. "I think (Pepperdine) is going to be a challenge for us," said head coach Karen Booker. "We want to have a quick tempo and push the ball up and down the court and make sure we take care of the ball."

Sunday, the Mustangs return home to face University of Montana. Game time is set for 2 p.m. at Mott Gym. "University of Montana is a team that reached NCAA post-season play since 1982," Bocker said. "So we're not starting our season soft, we're starting out with two strong teams."