Guiding lights: the brighter, the safer

By Carrie Cordova
Daily Staff Writer

It's 10 p.m. and totally black outside. A lone student leaving campus can feel uneasy on a walk to a dimly-lit parking lot. Trekking out to what may seem like the outskirts of the most desolate place on earth can bring feelings of isolation and fright. What's behind that bush? Do I hear footsteps behind me?

Some students in that situation should feel safer walking across campus. Improvement is on the way and Cal Poly students can expect a much 'brighter' campus by March.

During the current phase of the Uttalak project, all campus street lights will be modified to increase light output from 150 watts to 250 watts.

According to Edward Johnson, the energy and utilities coordinator for Cal Poly, the university is always concerned with upgrading the lighting because campuses are vulnerable.

We do an annual, night walk-through with students and staff to determine if there's issues they have, he said.

End in sight

Poly business program accused of mismanagement

By Brad Davis
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly extended education Executive Masters of Business Administration program got a real lesson in "learn by doing." Those in charge of the program learned what not to do.

The program collapsed in the wake of gross mismanagement, including neglecting basic tasks such as formulating a budget, according to a report from the Bureau of State Audits.

The Executive Masters of Business Administration (EMBA) program was designed as an extended education program to provide working professionals with the essentials of a traditional Masters of Business Administration degree.

EMBA began with 28 students in June of 1994. Two years later the program ended with 18, and a long list of mismanagement allegations from the State Auditor's office.

The report criticized the university for violating both CSU policy and state law. The violations included overcharging students for application fees, depositing program revenues improperly and failure to develop a working budget.

Although the EMBA program operated for two years, the auditor's report states the program never gained approval from the College of Business (COB) graduate committee. This committee is responsible for maintaining curriculum policy and content for all the college's graduate programs.

The EMBA program was never approved by the Academic Senate, the university's curriculum-governing body. Both CSU and Cal Poly require reviews of special sessions or program changes like the EMBA, before their implementation.

Administration is unsure how a program which teaches business management could possibly have itself been mismanaged.

Frank Lehr, vice president for administration and finance, said perhaps EMBA coordinators didn't seek formal approval from the senate because the EMBA program was in essence the same as the established MBA program.

"I don't know if there was an assumption that because the content, in a collective sense, replicated the regular program -- which had already been approved by the senate -- there was no need to repeat that approval process," Lehr said.

Allen Haile was the dean of the College of Business for part of the time EMBA was operating, but wouldn't comment on the program mismanagement.

Haile referred the Mustang Daily to Walter Rice, associate dean of the college, adding that Rice would have all the information about the program.

Rice gave a brief statement about why the program was not formally submitted to the Academic Senate before its implementation.

"Actually, I did contact the senate curriculum committee," said Rice. "The reason we didn't push approval was because the curriculum materials were similar to ones we already had."
CSUs, major corporations likely to team up

By Brod Davis
Daily Staff Writer

Welcome to 21st century corporate America. It's the land of opportunity, freedom and (almost) daily technological advancements.

In today's fast-paced, rat-race, inter-faced society it can be difficult, if not impossible, to not only keep up mentally with the latest technology, but to afford it. The CSU is trying to solve this problem by implementing a project and partnership by December to beef up and maintain our technological infrastructure.

In 1994, the Integrated Technology Strategy (ITS) was developed at the request of CSU presidents to provide faculty, students and staff with minimum baseline access to the appropriate technology infrastructure by the year 2000. The basic needs for the CSU community are network connections, access to hardware, software, training and support. These needs are being addressed through a project called the Technology Infrastructure Initiatives. All CSU campuses have been involved in driving the infrastructure effort through representatives in a team known as the Systemwide Internal Partnership (SIP).

A partnership between the CSU system and four corporations is also in the works. The California Education Technology Initiative (CETI) is a proposed corporation combining both private and public sectors under contract. GTE, Microsoft, Fujitsu Business Communications Systems and Hughes Global Services are all involved in the multi-million-dollar proposal with the CSU.

One concern raised by the proposal comes in the wake of the recent Cal Poly-Pepsi contract; would this agreement actually harm CSUs by limiting the companies the schools can buy products from?

Not according to SIP team member, Bill Bradfield. "The reality is (the corporations) would provide technology that's going to best fit our needs," said Bradfield. "It may not have their labels on it."

The proposal's intent is to make technological resources more affordable and available to the CSU system, meeting ITS goals. Vice provost for information technology, Jerry Hanley, will lead several meetings in the upcoming weeks to seek input for the proposal.

"In November we'll have a chance to get input," said Hanley. "Then the end of the negotiation process will be to firm up the final deal."

Students were invited to attend the meetings. During the meeting Ernst addressed the communication issue by saying, "I guess we didn't do a great job, broadscale, of communicating (the proposal) as we could have.

Hanley said there's still plenty of time for people to give input into the proposal process.

The proposal began taking shape at the beginning of the summer while the mass-release of information about it began this month.

The Chancellor's office sent SIP team member and ITS executive director David Ernst to yesterday's morning meeting. During the meeting Ernst addressed the communication issue by saying, "We're going to have as broadscale, of communicating (the proposal) as we could have.

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Dawn discusses disaster and the dangers of driving

By Dawn Pillsbury

I always said driving was dangerous. From the first time I saw one car run a red light and plow into another—my family was on our way to see "The Dark Crystal" for my little brother Ed's birthday—I knew it was dangerous. When I first heard about how James Dean died, and when I read the forty-second anniversary excursion to Chalome, as they did this weekend for his death, I knew driving was dangerous.

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Utilidor: Friend or Foe?

I miss the old Cal Poly

By Megan Long

I used to be happy calling Cal Poly home. I appreciated the numerous varieties of trees, plants and flowers that decorated the walkways and roads of the campus. They were a respite from the many concrete, featureless buildings that gobble up students like myself. There was more green grass and less dust and dirt to turn to mud in the rain.

When the Utilidor project started last fall, things began to change. Besides noise and roadblocks, and despised orange fencing turned getting to classes into an obstacle course, things began disappearing. Walkways, shrubs, trees and grass were all ripped up to get at the pipes and wiring in the ground. The row of tall shrubs in front of Engineering West vanished, leaving only an expanse of cement to further torture the eyes of many architecture students cooped up in the top-level labs for hours on end. The brick walkway past Dexter Lawn to the Education building was torn up as construction workers were entrenched there for the better part of the winter. That left the path to the west end of campus, a stretch of dirt that cut through the lawn and turned to muddy goo during the rains. If you want to get to the Agricultural Engineering building, you have to walk clear around either side of the orange fencing, there is no cutting through the middle. In fact, the central access has been cut off for months, although I've never seen anyone working there.

Returning to campus after summer, I found the Utilidor causing even more transportation problems for those unlucky enough to have to drive to school. But the worst thing to me was that most of the ivy in front of the Science building on Via Carta was gone, leaving behind a stretch of bare earth that threatens to become a dust storm on the first really windy day that is sure to come.

That ivy, with its shiny greenness was one of the most noticeable features of Cal Poly. It was a low-maintenance ground cover that looks good and keeps the dirt down. Not only was the ivy missing, so was the grass in front of the Graphic Arts and Engineering South buildings. And even the grass in front of the Business building, usually the most well-maintained lawn on campus, looks brown and neglected.

I don't know if Utilidor is solely responsible for the current appearance of Cal Poly. But it's an appearance that makes me truly sad. Not only do the areas under construction look like hell, the majority of campus just looks dry, dusty and forlorn. Maybe Utilidor is making it difficult to get to and maintain many areas of campus, or maybe it has just been decided to wait until after the project's completion in spring to make our campus look good again.

Moreover, the new electricity will flow through Cal Poly's own computer controlled substation, along with a new pump house, will be replaced by a sparkling new looped 12,000-volt system. Finally, our water system will be upgraded to code, and a new 500,000 gallon underground reservoir, along with a new pump house, will be erected, making Poly's existing infrastructure a thing of the past.

It has just been decided to wait until after the project's completion in spring to make our campus look good again. I miss Cal Poly. I miss the ivy in front of the Science building. I miss the grass in front of Engineering West. I miss the ivy in front of the Graphic Arts and Engineering South buildings.

While the upgrade is supposed to make everything better in "the long run," I'm tired of looking at dirt and concrete. It's important to have an aesthetically pleasing campus as well as new technology, because the quality of an environment affects the quality of the work that gets done. I know that a better effort could be made on the upkeep of vegetation around the construction areas. And I can't help but wonder how the face Cal Poly is presenting to the public affects prospective students.

There's been so many times in the last year that I've been walking on campus with someone and heard the remark, "If I was looking at the campus right now, I wouldn't choose to come here." I agree. Why would you want to come to Cal Poly, home of dirt and orange fencing as far as the eye can see? I can't help but wonder what's going through the heads of the looky-loos being led on tours by Poly Reps who are trying to downplay the war zone atmosphere of trenches, caution, no pedestrian signs and big machines. Isn't this project turning away prospective students? Of course admission officers tell you it hasn't, and point to the high enrollment figures. But really, on a personal basis, I'll bet some students are thinking twice after visiting Poly.

This summer I worked with a community college student in northern California who planned to transfer into a university to study civil engineering next year. He asked me many questions about Poly, and seemed to think of it as his first choice. But after a visit to the campus in mid-summer, he came back less enthusiastic than before, and more interested in looking into other schools. "I thought it was going to be worse," he said. "There's a lot more concrete than at Shasta College (the community college he's attending)." I had warned him about Utilidor and the ways it had ravaged campus, but I still didn't think of campus the way he did. I still thought of it as being relatively green, but after returning this fall, I believe I'm seeing what he did. In fact, walking along the pathway recently that traverses the area from the outer loop (Perimeter Drive) across from the Air Conditioning building to Casa Avenue across from the Student Services, I thought I was in a desert. There was no grass, just scrubby, colorless vegetation on the ground. No wonder he wasn't impressed.

I used to be happy calling Cal Poly home.

Megan Long is a Daily staff writer and journalism junior.

Think people! Don't curse the Utilidor

By Alan Dunton

Many people still curse the name Utilidor, and all it represents. Grievances against the project are discussed by confused students who attempt to navigate through its maze, as well as by professors who are tired of students coming to class late because a five-ton bulldozer blocks the only way to the education building. However seemingly appropriate at certain instances, mass-planting the Utilidor is actually an admittance of ignorance. You see, if you took a minute to ponder the magnitude of this project, rather than jumping to such shallow conclusions, you might actually get caught applauding the efforts of the Utilidor people. Utilidor doesn't simply entail the laying of pipe. It includes three large scale projects that in the end will completely overhaul Cal Poly's existing infrastructure. In brief, the $25 million Utilidor, a switched radial 4,160-volt power system will be replaced by a sparkling new looped 12,000-volt system.

Moreover, the new electricity will flow through Cal Poly's own computer controlled substation, allowing problems to be detected and isolated quickly. Since days of canceled classes due to power outages are over.

Finally, our water system will be upgraded to code, and a new 500,000 gallon underground reservoir, along with a new pump house, will be erected, making Poly's existing infrastructure a thing of the past. The improved water reserves and pressure capacity will beef-up fire fighting capabilities. So in a nutshell, you can see that the school at large will be a better, safer and more efficient place once the Utilidor people put away their jackhammers and roll into the sunset with their steam rollers.

But how come it's taking so long? With a project that is projected to take several years, it's moving along at a good pace. Let's not forget that Sun Lakes isn't the easiest place to work in when the rains come. Some of you freshmen are in for a rude awakening when you look at your dorm windows and see upperclassmen boggie-boarding to class down Grand Ave. And some of you who have been here awhile think you've seen the worse of it. Two words, El Niño. In all fairness let's give Utilidor and the men and women who labor in the trenches a break. This project will be completed, maybe not tomorrow or the next day, but it will be done. Whining will only make the project seem to last forever.

Alan Dunton is the optimistic Mustang Daily Arts and Entertainment Editor.
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KSA will be conducting interviews at Cal Poly October 21 and 22, 1997

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There were some oversights and omissions; I think that’s fair to say. And it wasn’t administratively as clean as it could have been. But in terms of gross mismanagement, that’s a statement that isn’t supported by the findings of the audit.

—Frank Lebens

Vice president for administration and finance

The EMBA program is no longer being offered.

College of Business graduate programs department head, David Peach, said: We’re not running the program again. It’s ancient history as far as I’m concerned.

No charges or lawsuits have been filed against anyone involved in the program.

The investigation most likely began with a complaint about the program, according to Ann Campbell, the bureau’s investigations unit manager.

“We generally undertake investigations as a result of hotline complaints,” she said.
Death brings focus to student binge drinking

By Jon Marcus
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A freshman found unconscious amid vomit and empty liquor bottles at a Massachusetts Institute of Technology fraternity has died of an alcohol overdose.

Scott Krueger, 18, of Orchard Park, N.Y., died late Monday, three days after the fraternity pledge was discovered in his basement room at the Phi Gamma Delta house.

His parents said his blood-alcohol level had reached 110 percent — five times the legal limit for drivers in Massachusetts. Authorities say that means he consumed almost 16 drinks. The medical examiner said Tuesday that Krueger died of an alcohol overdose.

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It was at least the second such death at an American university this semester. In August, a Louisiana State University fraternity pledge died at a hospital after a night of drinking.

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Police have begun a criminal investigation, and licensing authorities in Boston, where the fraternity is located, have charged it with serving alcohol to minors, allowing an overdose of alcohol and other violations. The drinking age in all states is 21.

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Hooters settles gender discrimination lawsuit, hires waitresses not waiters

By Paul Driscoll
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Patrons of Hooters won't find mustachioed musclemen in sexy T-shirts and shorts asking for their order.

The restaurant chain known for its scantily clad waitresses agreed to pay $1.75 million to settle a sexual discrimination lawsuit brought by men turned down for jobs because of their gender.

The settlement allows Hooters to continue hiring customers with an exclusively female staff of Hooters Girls. The chain also agreed to create a few other support jobs, such as bartenders and hosts, that must be filled without regard to gender.

So women hoping for the same "vivacious sexual recreation" offered by Hooters Girls can forget it. There will be no Hooters Boys.

"Our business is on the female sex appeal side," Mike McNeil, a spokesman for the restaurant, said Tuesday.

"Over the years there have been lots of people who have suggested offering some male sex appeal. Our answer is, if you think that's a good, economically viable idea, get your capital together and go ahead and do it," he said.

Under the agreement, signed earlier this month, the restaurant chain agreed to set aside $2 million as compensation for men who were turned away from jobs because of their gender. Lawyers will get an additional $1.75 million.

The agreement is subject to U.S. District Court approval.

Steven Saltzman, an attorney for plaintiffs in the class action lawsuit, said Tuesday.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission investigated the discrimination complaint for four years, then dropped it in 1996 saying it had more important cases to pursue.

The EEOC did, however, suggest that the chain hire men for the jobs held by Hooters Girls.

The recommendation drew snickers and ridicule. The chain put on a mock advertising campaign featuring a burly, mustachioed man wearing a blonde wig, short shorts and stuffed shirt, with the slogan "Come on, Washington. Get a grip."

The private lawsuit settled a consolidation of legal action brought by seven men from Illinois and Maryland who argued that their failure to get jobs at Hooters was a violation of federal law.

The restaurant said its hiring practice conformed with the Civil Rights Act because the chain is "in the business of providing vivacious sexual recreation and female sexuality is a bonafide occupational qualification."

**Diet-drug users are going cold turkey**

Since the recall of the diet drugs Redux and fenfluramine — two drugs, according the research community, could have a healthy side effect.

"What I'm hoping happens is people say, 'I'm going to have this myself,'" said Structure...
Nichols’ judge promises to start with ‘clear page’

By Steve Paulson
Associated Press

DENVER — With a promise from the judge that he is starting with a “clear page,” Oklahoma City bombing defendant Terry Nichols went on trial Monday in the same courtroom where Timothy McVeigh was convicted and sentenced to die.

Nichols, 42, smiled and waved to his mother in the front row as he was escorted into the courtroom where the process began to select 12 jurors and six alternates.

Prosecutors say Nichols was a supporting player in the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil, acquiring fertilizer and other components, robbing a firearm-dealer to finance the attack and helping McVeigh build the bomb. They also say Nichols helped McVeigh stash the getaway car in Oklahoma City three days before the blast.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch noted there were many similarities to McVeigh’s trial, including identical charges that could bring the death penalty. But he added, “This a different case. … It begins with a clear page.”

Nichols appeared for the first day of trial in an open-collar shirt, blue blazer and khaki pants.

In the courtroom and throughout the federal building, security was tight, with police making periodic patrols. Outside, the crowd was significantly smaller than the one at the opening of McVeigh’s trial. An hour before court began, there were four spectators in line, compared with about 50 for opening day of McVeigh’s trial.

There was a smaller media contingent too, with many organizations sending smaller staffs.

The courtroom was only three-fourths full for the first day of jury selection; it was full when McVeigh’s trial opened.

For Charles Tomlin, who lost his grown son, Ricks, in the bombing, the turnout was predictable. But he said the trial is no less significant.

“This trial is important because Nichols helped McVeigh,” Tomlin said. “I don’t see how they could find him any way but guilty.”

Attorneys questioned three prospective jurors by Monday afternoon, dismissing one woman because she had a chronic back problem. The process of selecting a jury from a pool of 500 is expedited to take two weeks to a month.

The first prospective juror was a nurse who spoke of her concern for family members in her native Idaho, where a series of bombings had been blamed on white supremacists. She tearfully said she could impose the death penalty.

The second, an unemployed dairy farmer, said Nichols should share the same fate as McVeigh if convicted.

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A treatment for the common cold

By Daniel Q. Honey
Associated Press
TORONTO — A cure for the common cold? Not quite. But perhaps the next best thing is on the way. A medicine that helps you feel only half as rotten as you ordinarily would when the sniffles do strike.

Researchers on Tuesday described the successful human testing of the first medicine that eases cold symptoms by attacking the cold virus itself.

It’s still years away from the drugstore, cautioned Dr. Ronald B. Turner. “We’ve got a ways to go before we’re willing to say the word cure.”

What Turner is willing to say, though, is that a genetically engineered medicine called ICAM-1 clearly seems to make colds less severe if sprayed into the nose around the time of infection.

And that’s something to tease out.

Standard cold remedies try to tone down the body’s reaction to the cold virus rather than thwart the germ itself. Antiviral approaches have been tried, but they typically do nothing at all or their side effects are worse than the cold.

One obstacle to finding an effective medicine is that so many different bugs cause colds. The most common by far is the rhinovirus, which accounts for about 40 percent of them. But there are more than 100 different strains of rhinovirus.

A few years ago, scientists learned how almost all the rhinoviruses get into the body. They attach themselves to a particular protein on the cells of the nasal lining. Scientists call this protein “intracellular adhesion molecule-1” or ICAM-1.

Using gene splicing, scientists can produce ICAM-1 in volume. The idea behind the new treatment is to spray it into the nose where it serves as a sort of decoy, luring cold viruses away from their real target. “Molecular bait,” some call it.

Two pharmaceutical companies — Bayer Corp. and Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals — are developing this approach.

Turner, an expert on colds at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, said Boehringer’s medicine is the first to make it into human testing. He presented the results of that experiment, financed by Boehringer, at a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology.

The researchers sprayed ICAM-1 or dummy medicines into the noses of 177 volunteers either seven hours before or 12 hours after exposing them to rhinovirus.

The spray did not keep them from getting infected. But it reduced the severity of their cold symptoms by about 50 percent.

By comparison, antihistamines — the mainstay of over-the-counter remedies — reduced symptoms by about a third.

The researchers asked people to rate their misery, going down a check list of stuffiness, cough, headache and sore throat, among others. On every item, the people getting ICAM-1 felt better.

They also compared “nasal mucous weight,” as they delicately put it, and found a 55 percent reduction.

It looks very promising, but whether it will prove to be effective and feasible is another matter,” commented Dr. W. Michael Scheld of the University of Virginia.

For now, it appears the treatment may help if given to ward off colds in people especially worried about getting them. These might include athletes preparing for a big game, students studying for a test or parents whose toddlers bring home colds from day care.

It is likely to be most useful in the fall and late spring, when rhinovirus colds are unusually common. Midwinter colds are more likely to be caused by other kinds of viruses.

Still unknown are how much the treatment might cost and whether it will help people if they begin treatment only after they start to feel a cold coming on.

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Braves outlast Astros

By Paul Newberry

ATLANTA — Greg Maddux gave the Braves the kind of pitching they take for granted. But it was Kenny Lofton, who finally showed Atlanta what a little speed can do.

LeFlore, hampered most of the season by a pulled groin muscle, created a first-inning run with his daring on the basepaths, and Maddux limited Houston to seven hits during the early-to-mid-90s, enrollment dropped significantly. AR1311, if passed, guar­an­tees that won't happen again for the rest of the decade.

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Mister Bozzo

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Detroit, Washington to receive WNBA teams, Chicago left out

Associated Press
NEW YORK (AP) — Detroit and Washington will be awarded WNBA expansion teams, and the two franchises are already fighting over which one will be awarded ABL defector Nikki McCray. The Associated Press learned Tuesday.

Sources close to the league, speaking on the condition they not be identified, confirmed the selection of the two cities. An official announcement will be made Wednesday by WNBA commissioner Val Ackerman.

The additions will increase the size of the WNBA to 10 teams, but the league will still be absent from Chicago, the nation's third-largest media market.

The WNBA plans to add two teams per season for the next several years.

Nicknames and logos have not yet been chosen for the Detroit and Washington franchises, which best out Orleans in the selection process.

Nor has it been determined which team will acquire the services of McCray, a 1996 Olympian who was the MVP of the ABL last season while averaging 19.9 points for the Columbus Quest, who won the championship.

The Washington Post, one of several media outlets to disclose the selection of the two new teams, reported last week that Ackerman was leaning toward assigning McCray to the Washington franchise.

Ackerman refused comment Tuesday.

Detroit was one of the original markets targeted by the WNBA before its inaugural season, but sources with the Palace of Auburn Hills decided to wait and see how the league fared.

Washington also wanted to have one of the eight original franchises, but the league wanted to wait until the new arenas in downtown Washington were ready.

Similar arena questions have kept the WNBA from placing franchises in Atlanta and Toronto.

The Houston Comets beat the New York Liberty for the WNBA championship in league's inaugural season, which was marked by higher-than-expected attendance and enthusiastic crowds.

With other teams in Cleveland, Salt Lake City,Phoenix, Sacramento and Charlotte, the WNBA drew more than 1 million fans over the summer as the eight teams averaged 9,669 spectators per game.

The rival ABL begins its second season Oct. 12.

Forget the fact the Giants dropped the first playoff game to the Dodgers in game 2. With Bonds, Beck, Estes, and Hernandez in the lineup, the Giants will soon be fanning some flys.

"The Miracle Season" of 1997 will forever stay engraved in my memory. From the two-game sweep late in the season to the dejected Mike Piazza after the Dodgers got eliminated. It truly was a magical year.

Every time Los Angeles tipped into first place this season my Dodgers friends would remind me the Giants were First place losers.

They were right about one thing. First place.

Spotlight on Cal Poly
Together they have a 24-14 record and numerous standout individual performances.

I'm talking about the fall Cal Poly sports teams and their early season success. I don't want to jinx them, so I'll knock on wood.

You couldn't ask for much better if you're a new or old Mustang fan.

The football team is undefeated at 4-0. Volleyball is 9-5.

The Cal Poly Women's Soccer team is still recovering from Sunday's game against U.C. Irvine, Sophomore midfielder Gina Coogueria (pictured on crutches with freshman midfielder Jennifer Brick) and freshman Katie Kassis suffered sprained ankles and will be out for at least a week. Senior defender Stacy Dolder and senior midfielder Michelle Nuesca sustained only bumps and bruises. But the Mustangs will also be without coach Alex Crossin and senior midfielder Allison Murphy as they face U.C. Berkeley in Mustang Stadium and U.C.S.B. in Santa Barbara this weekend.

Daily photo by Xavier Lanier

By Greg Manifold

Kings to reign over Cal Poly

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