Class critiques EIR for sports complex site

By Amanda Keller
Daily Staff Writer

The proposed Cal Poly Sports Complex mimics the reality of competitive sports: there are winners and losers. Some Cal Poly students who have been studying the complex are afraid Mother Nature will be the big loser.

In landscape architecture's third- and fourth-year lab, third-year students have been studying the complex and the land it is intended to sit upon.

"At meetings, ASI is presenting pretty pictures of fields," said landscape architecture junior Chelsea Lambi. "Under that picture, what are they building it on?"

With that question in mind, students in the class performed site analyses and studied the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Most are not pleased with their findings.

"The buffer zone (the EIR) is asking for is not big enough," said landscape architecture junior John Dalrymple.

Buffer zones are the areas between animal and human contact. In the EIR, according to Phil Ashley, instructional support technician for biological sciences, the zones range from 40 to 60 feet.

The class found that the EIR didn't address some species of birds that would be affected. Also, according to landscape architecture junior Catherine Thieme, fish weren't addressed at all.

"The EIR is believed to be faulty," Thieme said. "It left a lot to be desired."

With the site and EIR analyzed, the class will eventually be working on designs for the complex and dealing with some reality concepts. The dilemma for some is that the project may be too large. Others just think it needs to be built somewhere else.

"They're already excited with dealing with the dilemma of competing demands," said class adviser Alan Green. "They want to overcome the concept when one group gets what they want, then everyone else has to lose."

"It's not that we don't want to see a sports complex, but not of this magnitude," said Thieme. Landscape architecture junior Emily Henning said, "The soil there is not right. There's a lot of wind and it tunnels right through the site, which isn't very good for soccer games."

With the delicate balance between man's desires and wildlife's habitat on their minds, the students have begun to voice concerns to other students and decision makers.

"It seems a real sort of power game," said Thieme.

Playing in that game is not the main goal of the research, however. Most of the students working on this project just want other students and faculty to be informed of the problems.

"We're hoping to get the student body involved," said landscape architecture junior Alec Balliet. "I believe that I've done more in the past two weeks educating people on this than ASI."

For the project completed as soon as possible.

Car accident claims life of former Poly student

By Brad Davis
Daily Staff Writer

A car accident claimed the life of former Cal Poly student Michelle Briones who was on her way to work at the Universal Hilton in Los Angeles Saturday morning.

Briones came to Cal Poly in 1995 for a soccer scholarship. During her time in San Luis Obispo, she became an active member of the Sigma Kappa sorority.

"She was always smiling. She was always there when you needed her with a smile on her face," Allender said. "She was a warm and caring person that was always there no matter what was going on in her life."

Carrie Feiler, a business junior, echoed Allender's comments.

"She was always smiling. She was always energetic," Feiler said. "She was a great friend, and great to be around."

Briones moved back home to Santa Clarita last June, and began working in guest services at the Universal Hilton. Her supervisor, Alex Delgado said she had recently passed her 90-day probation period, and with some issues that had been concerning students. Despite the large turnout, ASI chose to spend only 45 minutes discussing the issue.

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A common image seen around Cal Poly— the lone smoker— raises questions about why it seems that the picture of a college student inherently includes a white cylindrical object releasing a stream of smoke at its tip.

Several types of cigarettes pop up in smoke every day. Marlboro, Parliament, Virginia Slims or home-rolled cigarettes without filters are just a few of the hundreds of options for today's smoker.

Tobacco smoking has been part of America since the southern planters seeded the first crops hundreds of years ago. Whether consumed by pipe, cigar, cigarette, chew or water pipes, tobacco still plays a major role socially and with health concerns in society today, especially with young people.

Where does the influence of peers and the likes of Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man—who target their products towards young adults—begin, and does it ever end?

From Humphrey Bogart to John Travolta, striking a match and lighting a cigarette has been paired with the glamour of movie and television stars for more than half a century. Even today, with all the anti-smoking campaigns, stars like Julia Roberts and Christian Slater face harsh criticism and questions of morality for portraying a smoking character. Hilary Rodham Clinton said these actors who may be role models to kids are giving the wrong message.

In most of the world smoking is allowed almost everywhere. Whether the smoke forms a cloud over a nightclub in Paris or a cigarette is snuffed out by a cowboy boot in Texas, people are smoking more and more.

Here in San Luis Obispo, "No Smoking" signs are posted everywhere. Smoking is prohibited inside the establishments of San Luis Obispo, but that changes in places no further than 20 miles away, such as Los Osos. So the smoke clears inside and then reconfigures as more people gather outside for a breath of tobacco, nicotine and tar.

San Luis Obispo County Tobacco Control determines that a "smoker" is a person who has smoked 100 cigarettes in their lifetime. This is an individual habit for every smoker. For some, cigarette smoking started in high school, junior high school or elementary school, but apparently smokers light up more in college and, if they don't smoke, that's when they're likely to pick up the habit.

Ever had a high school friend who comes home to visit for the first time with their own children? Their friends have friends started smoking in college and now most of her friends smoke.

Becoming dependent on having cigarettes can sometimes override your pride, said Rudge.

"It is turning me into somewhat of a leech," Rudge said. "I'll have a quarter in my pocket and if I see someone smoking I'll offer them the quarter for a cigarette. I haven't purchased a pack of cigarettes in 10 months."

When the only cigarette left in the pack is broken in half, you might think that would stop someone from smoking it, but a desperate, resourceful person could be seen patching it up with a napkin. The craving is too great once a cigarette is in front of someone who smokes.

Rudge said influence goes beyond just smelling and craving cigarettes when other people are smoking.

"You just see a pack laying before you and see how easy it is to just pull one out and start smoking," he said. "For me it is half addiction and half fixation. Not only oral fixation, but it is doing something with my hands."

Madeline Lalande, philosophy junior, said she agreed that a large part of the smoking habit comes from having idle hands.

"There really doesn't have to be anything inside cigarettes," she said. I would still want one.

Every day a few students can be seen smoking during the break of a 90-minute class. Any time could be the right time for a smoke, but there seems to be peak times when the craving sets in.

"I want one when I'm studying, after a nice meal, a shower," Rudge said. "If I'm busy I'm not going to think about it."

Smokers make time for a few puffs on a cigarette, but they also use it to rid themselves of boredom.

"It is something to do when you are just sitting there," Lalande said. "Especially at night."

Mixing nicotine with a good beer buzz...

The collegiate night life and party scene is where smoking runs rampant. Smokers and non-smokers alike can relate to waking up with the smell of stale cigarette smoke clinging to their hair or clothes from last night's outings.

The urge comes out in smokers and potential smokers once they enter the social realm.

"When you are drinking or in a social environment (you want a cigarette), and that is just because it is all around you," Rudge said. "If cigarettes just disappeared I would be fine, but they are still around. That is what gets me in trouble."

Seventy-six percent of male and 89 percent of female "smokers" surveyed by the Health Center said they smoke while drinking alcohol.

Business junior Courtney Smyth said a cigarette compliments the "buzz" of other party rituals like drinking alcohol.

"When I'm partying and I have a beer in..."
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one hand it makes it a lot easier to have a cigarette in the other," Smyth said. "They fit together.

Some students smoke only at parties with a group of people. Sarah Schuler, a business senior, said she smokes while she is hanging out with her friends and doesn't crave cigarettes at any other time.

"Some people have more addictive

personalities than other people," Schuler said.

I don't think I'm addicted to cigarettes, but I smoke at parties "- the docs smoking. I think it is dangerous," he said. "I smoke at parties when everyone else is smoking, but I don't usually smoke all the time."

According to an employee at Call Woodstock's, a natural-tobacco brand American Spirit, said he doesn't like cigarette smoking. "I don't think I'm addicted to cigarettes," he said, "but I smoke at parties when everyone else is smoking."

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Students may start smoking more in college, and then some try to quit. There are many options for quitting, but students do not always succeed or want to quit. According to the Health Center survey, 62 percent of the males and 44 percent of the females said they had tried to quit smoking at one time or another.

The most successful method to quit smoking, for the college age group, is cold turkey," Walker said. "So it seems at this age the addictive process might not be quite as strong.

Just dropping your habit without looking back might be easier for some people than for others. "I tried cold turkey without any help from a patch or gum," the Rudge said. "I was living with somebody who was smoking and it is just too hard that way." Health Center Doctor Jim Aiken said the Health Education Program at the center is open to all students who want to quit smoking.

We don't have any programs specifically for the cessation of tobacco yet," Aiken said. "People can go in and talk with peer counselors about an addiction. There is also one-on-one professional consultation where students can talk about cutting smoking out of their life." Rejom Dominguez, a health educator at the center, said the current Health Education program is geared more toward stopping smokers before they start smoking.

"We deal more with the preventative aspect," Dominguez said. "We try to give students all of the facts so they don't have to deal with the issues later." Walker is in the process of forming a specific time for smokers to get together for support. "It's looking like the current smoking cessation group possibly next quarter," she said.

Public service announcements can be heard on radio stations, like KSLY 97.1 FM, urging young people to pick up the phone and dial 1-800-NORBUTS.

Smokers quit every day and many more young people start up. Whatever path a smoker chooses to take — either to quit or to continue buying and inhaling the little white sticks — it is their own choice.

The influences and cravings are felt behind the smoke. Cigarette smoking is a reality for everyone, smokers and non-smokers, even in the city where smoking is ground on indoors.

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a warning that smoking has been proven to cause cancer, birth defects, even death. The word is out, but are people listening?"

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Administration looks to Mustang Daily

Editor,

The administration needs to communicate with students effectively. In its similar obligation regarding timely and effective communication with faculty, staff, and our external communities. It's one of my jobs to help make this happen, and I would like to share with you a few of the things the administration is doing this year to strengthen communication across the universities.

As a long-time faculty member, I believe it has seldom—ever—been the intention of administrators to keep the campus community in the dark. I admit, however, that they and the campus have sometimes had a hard time exchanging views.

But what are our expectations regarding the consultative process? First, of course, we rely on our elected leaders to explain how they view the administration through the ASI, Academic Senate, and Staff Council. Any university committees composed of faculty, staff, and students provide additional consultation.

Clearly, though, other avenues of communication are needed to ensure that everyone in the university community has an opportunity to be heard and to ensure that the administration hears competing views on important issues.

So where does the administration go to let more members of the university know about important issues? It has a similar obligation regarding timely and effective communication with our off-campus constituencies.

The University Affairs division also is working with local media to try to expand coverage of the campus. Reporters, including me, working for "Mustang Daily," will receive timely news releases on important issues, and we will strive for balance in each of these releases.

We are eager to explore other ways of enhancing campus communication, and I would like to invite you to share your suggestions, concerns, criticisms, and (if warranted) compliments.

Brent Keetch is the Interim Director of University Relations and an English professor.

I'm sick of Foundation, Baker

Editor,

I spent two years on the Student Dining Committee. I was actively involved in a club that operated a vending machine. I know the lies of the Foundation all too well. I just hope I'm still here for the day when the Foundation comes out and says, "The reason sodas are 65 cents is because we are greedy bastards and there isn't a damn thing you can do about it."

After all, when it comes down to it, I am left with no other viable reason for why a can of soda has to cost 65 cents everywhere on campus. Is the Foundation afraid of a little competition? It makes me wonder if this will affect future alumni contributions?

President Baker, I've been left with a bad taste in my mouth. Please don't ever send a solicitation for money to me or my parents. I've had enough. The greed of the Foundation, a President who doesn't care what the students think, Poppy Contract, Poly Plan tuition increase, the Stadium Complex, and student representation who doesn't act to protect the students, it's no wonder we get taken advantage of.

Barry Sobein is an electrical engineering sophomore.

Campus Dining Letters

Campus dining is a truth-evading monopoly

Editor,

I was writing to make people aware of the Campus Dining monopoly on campus. I have been living on campus since summer quarter and I have had nothing but problems with the food that is served by the Lighthouse, VG's, and the Student Union.

Many other students, including myself, consistently feel sick after almost every meal we eat at these places. We are also dissatisfied with the quality of the food and the lack of a diverse menu.

I have personally tried to bring these issues up with the supervisor of the Light House and she acts shocked that people do not like the food served. She asked us to personally tell her when something is poor quality or tastes bad. When we did this, she argued that we had come to dinner too late and it was not her department. She always had an excuse. I also talked to Campus Dining. They told me to "move off campus." In other words, I should lose the value of living on campus and being among all the students and diversity in order to be able to eat a decent meal?

This evasion of truth is what allows the Campus Dining monopoly to exist. I am starting a student committee that is going to change the wrong that has existed over the campus for many years. If you agree with me about the quality of campus dining and are interested, let's make a change. Foundation has said that they are willing to listen, so our voices are needed.

Jason Kaltenbach is a mechanical engineering junior.

Make a run for the bathroom

Editor,

As a freshmen here at Cal Poly I've noticed the following during these three weeks:

First, after going through basic training for the Army National Guard, I've noticed that the food here is worse than at basic training. There's less variety and the spaghetti sauce is "funky."

Second, the Foundation which is supposed to help students is hibking us. For instance, software offered solely for academic purposes is often 30 percent more than software at stores like Egghead.

Third, the price for most books at El Corral is not only higher than Addy's but many popular books are sold for more than bookstores of universities such as U.S.C. or U.C.L.A. where the average student is much better off financially.

Fourth, Campus Police are really low when they ticket bikes, but don't move around bike racks to better accommodate students.

Fifth, RexNet should be called the Inflatable Titanic, it keeps crashing.

Sixth, WOW withdrawal sucks.

Seventh, the tacos at VG's make you want to run for the Border...or bathroom.

And last, go Mustangs.

Omar Masry is a city and regional planning freshman.
**Women aren't property**

By Michelle Boykin

Women of the 90's are living in one of the most exciting times in history. Many of the battles that we have been fighting for centuries have been won, and we are finally beginning to be accepted as equal by most of the male world. Of course, there are still some people who refuse to fast forward to the present, whose minds continue to linger in the distant past when women were considered to be little more than property with no significant contributions to make in a male-dominated society. These people often look down on women who choose to keep their maiden names after choosing a mate, dismissing them as rebellious and accusing them of wipping their feet on tradition.

And why shouldn't we? Tradition has tried to keep us trapped in the role of the silent, subordinate little female for too long. The days have long passed since girls lived under their father's roof and were married off almost as soon as they could bear children. Back then, women were born and bred to live their whole lives under a man's thumb, and to be satisfied with being "daddy's little girl" and "the old battle ax," we often live on our own, get a job, and wish to continue using it. A man whose wife decides to keep her maiden name should not take it too personally. Forcing a new identity on someone is like not accepting him. Why would a woman get married if she didn't want to share everything with her husband and children? Insecurities or questions as to why I wasn't given the last name of my father's. She didn't want my son to grow up with insecurities因为她，所以她不想接受他。我感谢她所做的一切，我感谢她。

**You owe it to tradition**

By Jeffrey Varner

"We now join you two in holy matrimony." When a couple says their wedding vows, they agree to become one in mind, body, soul and last name. It's a part of tradition that wives take on the last name of their husbands. Even though there are no written laws, it's the way that it has been done throughout history to ensure family legacy's are passed from one generation to the next. As early as 2000 BC, there are biblical references to the descendants of "Father Abraham's family line.” Having the name of Abraham as a part of title identified every child along that line of ancestry. It was a system that allowed others to recognize their heritage while at the same time carrying on the legacy of Abraham. It gave Abraham's descendants a sense of importance because they knew from where they came and where they stood on the family tree. Nowadays, people don't have titles but their last names still serve the same purpose. For the most part, family's have been able to carry out their legacy by giving their children the last name of their father. God made man the head of the household; therefore he should be the foundation of the family unit. This being the case, any God fearing man or woman should realize that it's meant for families to bear the last name of the appointed head of the household the man.

There are a high number of single women who take on the awesome responsibility of raising a child on their own. I give these women all the credit in the world for taking on a task which at times can seem to be impossible. My mother is one of these women, and I thank her for all that she has done, including changing my last name to that of my father's. She didn't want her son to grow up with insecurities or questions as to why I wasn't given the last name of my father like so many other children. In doing so, I was able to identify with both sides of my family's heritage and it gave me a feeling of completeness.

It's true that women today are more independent than they have ever been. It's the pattern that our society has taken which has caused a decay in morals, and the family institution has suffered because of it. But this doesn't mean that we should do away with the family all together. Why would you deprive an innocent kid a chance to link himself with his or her father. Women should stop and think about what it is that they are doing when they don't name a kid after their father. Children are a creation of two people, not one. Stripping a kid of their father's last name is like stripping a kid of their identity.

Why would a woman get married if she didn't want to share everything with her husband? Not accepting his last name is like not accepting him. Wives should take on the last name of their husbands and children should be given that last name as well. It has been this way throughout history and should not be changed. In the words of a very wise and beautiful woman (my grandmother): "If it ain't broke, don't fix it.”

Jeffrey Varner is a journalism senior and Daily staff writer.
programs. Cal Poly Foundation provides
money for each project to operate. The students pay back their
expenses and a management fee
to Foundation after the project is
completed. The remaining profits are split, usually between the stu-
dents managing the projects and the department.

According to Mark Shelton, associate dean of the College of
Agriculture, most of the processed
products like jams and honey can occasionally be found at local
stores like Vons.

"We're not really a steady sup-
plier of many of our commodities," Shelton said. "Cal Poly is a pretty
small operation in most cases, so
the scale of production is too
small to really get much shelf
space. Periodically products get
sent to local markets."

One exception is eggs. Animal
science professor Robert Spiller
said that in addition to servicing
the Cal Poly cafeteria, Cal Poly
eggs can be found regularly at
local markets and restaurants
like Albertson's, Scolari's, Apple Farm Restaurant, Hobee's
Restaurant, Cafe Roma, Bishop
Hammonds and McIntocks in San
Luis Obispo.

Scolari's has been the main outlet for Cal Poly's wine. The
grapes are sold to the Cal Poly Alumni Chapter and processed into
 premium quality Chardonnay wine at the Wild
Horse Winery in Templeton.

For agribusiness senior Scott
Smith, producing over two acres
of broccoli was an enlightening
process.

"Prior to my project, I had never
been involved in type of hands-on farming experience. By the end of
the project, I learned how to rip
the field, disk it, plant and irri-
gate. Now, every time I drive by
the field, I'm proud to tell every-
one about the fields I farmed."

Smith said. The food science and nutrition
departments process items like
summer sausage, beef jerky, lin-
guica, ground beef patties and other miscellaneous meats. Depending on market demand, students process these products in Cal Poly's federally-inspected
meat shop.

Meet is sold to the local com-


On campus. campus dining. Smaller amounts
of meat are sold to students, fac-

culty and staff through the
Campus Store.

Animal Science senior Anthony Silva said it's not the
money that's important, but the
experience.

"I had the opportunity to
process meat in Dr. Woolen's
class. We went through the entire
process — slaughtering, process-
ing, cutting and wrapping the
meat for the public. It's the 'learn
by doing' philosophy Cal Poly is
famous for, and it was a great pro-
ject," Silva said.

Cal Poly sells mostly what it
produces. At times, however, the
quality hasn't been up to standard
for a particular buyer.

"We've had certain crops of
vegetables, for
example, that weren't quite of a
high enough quali-
ty to justify har-
v eeting costs, but
generally we do
pretty well," Shelton said.

Shelton explained that he
is currently work-
ing on establishing contacts in the
dairy industry that the
university can reliably and consis-
tently provide dairy products to.

"Dairy produc-
tion is an expensive program, but
it produces a lot of commodity. If
we can get good prices for all the
milk products we produce, the
dairy will be (more) profitable.

As the scale of the operation
goes up — like the dairy has an
extra 40 cows this summer in a
herd it puts more pressure on us
as producers to find additional
markets," Shelton added.

Cal Poly's wine
grape operation has done so well
since adding 12 acres in the last
five years that the university had to
hire a commercial wine maker to
market its prod-


"It's good for the students to be
involved with com-


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DENVER FLEW ON SUSPENDED LICENSE; DIVERS RECOVER ENGINE

By David Kligman
Associated Press

PACIFIC GROVE—John Denver flew to his death with a pilot's license in 1997 that he had twice been arrested on drunk driving charges, a federal aviation investigator testified Monday.

Denver's attorney, Walter Gerash, said the singer may have lost his pilot's license briefly in 1993 or 1994 when he was charged with drunken driving.

But Gerash added that as far as he knows Denver had a valid pilot's license at the time of the crash.

"The FAA has different standards," he said. "I don't know what their position was in 1994. They could have suspended it for a month or two, but as far as I'm concerned he had his license. He told me he had it." On the day of his death, Denver parked his Porsche at the Monterey Peninsula Airport. Hicks said authorities found a handgun in the car, but did not yet know if he had a permit to carry the weapon.

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"There may be dips in the road. But they don't have to be in the workplace.

Kristie Malone is a Utah women's basketball player who will miss the start of the season with a major injury.

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"It's possible he could return to 100 percent effectiveness, but he could also have some permanent limitations," Malone said. "We just have to wait and see." Stockton, in the second year of a three-year, $15 million contract, has played in 609 consecutive games for Utah since he has made his NBA debut.

"It's weird without Stock here," Karl Malone said at practice Tuesday. "It's gonna be the same until he gets back." The 35-year-old star guard, the NBA career leader in assists and steals, had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee to remove unstable cartilage.

"It makes me feel good to know you in two weeks," Malone said. 'I just want him on the bench to yell at me.' Stockton is the third big-name player who will miss the start of the season with a major injury. Mau's Alonzo Mourning (knee) will be out eight to 12 weeks and Chicago's Scottie Pippen (foot surgery) will be out two to three months.

"We'll probably have to stop him from coming back too quick," Malone said. "Maybe he needs the rest after all these years." In his 14th consecutive games for Utah and will start in Stockton's place.

"It's unfortunate, but we must move on," Eisley said. "I still have a lot of learning to do during the preseason." Eisley and intended to keep three starting guards.

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The Ultimate Frisbee Club can learn the game by paying just $15 for grueling yet rewarding, seven-day-a-week training. And for just $30 a quarter for UTPS (University of Texas, Purdue, Stanford, and the University of California), students in the fencing club can learn the finer points of the foil, sabre and epee.

While fencers suit up in layers of protection and a mask, water polo players strip down to ear guards and a swimsuit. Both water polo club members are quite successful. The men’s team was ranked third in America last year and the women’s was within the top 20 in the nation in the past two consecutive years.

Finally, the Alpine ski team suits up in warm winter clothes for its bi-monthly trips to Mammoth Ski Resort starting the weekend before New Year’s Day.

ALPINE SKI TEAM

Once the snow starts falling, Mammoth Ski Resort is the destination for the Alpine ski team every two weeks. There, the members practice for Giant Slalom and Slalom competitions and snowboarders work on the Giant Slalom and the half pipe.

The competitive season begins December 30 when 14 universities in the Western Intercollegiate Ski Conference head to Mammoth for the first run. Chris Weigand, club president for the third year, said that 250 students from various universities at the mountain during that weekend.

In the meantime, the group of 35 to 40 Alpine ski team members use inline skates and play hockey to stay in skiing shape. There are no tryouts, anyone that wants to join the club can bring their own pay or rent one of 600 to cover lift tickets and travel.

TRIATHLON TEAM

Swim a mile, bike for 26.2 miles and then run six miles. This is all for the Triathlon team. Don’t worry, practices are much easier every twelve hours of training per week plus a 50 mile Saturday morning bike ride and 12 miles of running on Sunday. They start all over again on Monday.

Club President Marianne Tuttle swears it’s fun. After all, race days are the only time the team must do all three sports in one day.

Around 40 triathletes are taking the three-sport challenge this year, which culminates in the annual Wildflower Triathlon in May at Lake San Antonio. The most recent race was the Morro Bay Triathlon during the Morro Bay Harbor Festival Oct. 4 and 5. Tuttle hopes to have one competitive event each month.

Students pay a $15 club fee per quarter, and the practice schedule is as follows: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: swimming 7 to 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday: biking 7 to 9 a.m. and Saturday: running 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday morning: long bike ride. Sunday morning: long run.

The team is coached by Roger Wartot, who also coaches the SLQ Roadrunners, a running and triathlon club.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

To be careful of calling it a “Frisbee” -- some players are sensitive about their sport being labeled with a brand name. It’s really called a “disc.”

Cal Poly was ranked seventh in the nation out of 250 teams last year. The Ultimate Frisbee team was one of only two teams to beat first-ranked U.C. Santa Barbara. Club co-president Taran Devitt-Carlsen said, “People try to [Ultimate] and never go back to normal life.” There is no club fee. With seven players on the roster and four alternates, there is a total of about 20 to 22 players.

Devitt-Carlsen said, “There are open and collegiate tournaments in which Cal Poly competes. Open tournaments have teams whose players are any age, and are thus more competitive than collegiate games. The first tournament is in San Diego in November. Practices are Sundays and Fridays at various shaped field, and Tuesdays on the baseball field. All are at 3:30 p.m.

MEN’S WATER POLO

Democratic Club members have an 80-per cent power house men’s water polo team can’t even practice at home every day. The team drives to Cuesta College’s pool for two of its four weekly practices. The rest of the time the players are at Mott Pool. Nevertheless, the team was the third-best water polo club in America last year. And what about the two teams who are ranked above Cal Poly? They are on the East Coast, so the Mustangs didn’t get the chance to play them.

The women’s water polo team will travel to University of Arizona, the Northwest Regional Tournament in Washington State and the Club Nationals in Boston. Most recently, it went to Occidental College in Los Angeles to win a four-team tournament. Cal Poly is hosting its annual tournament Oct. 25 and 26 with Sacramento State, U.C. Santa Cruz, Cal State Bakersfield and University of Arizona.

Cal State Bakersfield is coming Oct. 19 for a league-type game. Davis is trying to set up a league with more matches like the Bakersfield match.

Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays at Mott Pool from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Cuesta College from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

FENCING

What does a foil, a sabre and an epee all have in common? They are all different types of fencing weapons.

Under the instruction of the nationally known Eric McDonald and Roger Kahn, the women’s water polo team has performances or compete, either on a collegiate level or in the U.S. Fencing Association. On the collegiate level, Cal Poly’s division extends from San Francisco to Santa Barbara.

The three weapons each constitute a different event, just like track and field has the pole vault, the javelin and so on. The foil is generally a training weapon, and can only stab the torso. The saber’s target area is from the waist up. The epee or epée (pronounced eh-pay), fencers can aim for any part of the body. Competitors cannot mix weapons in a match—if in a saber match, both fencers must use a saber. Students pay $15 per quarter plus a $5 rental fee for equipment. They practice Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 to 11 p.m. in the Aerobics Room in the Rec Center.

WOMEN’S WATER POLO

The women’s water polo team has been trying to “get out of the realm” of club sports and into the possible 40-team NCAA Women’s Water Polo League. The team has been within the top 20 in the nation for the past two years. However, women’s water polo is competing with women’s lacrosse, also a club sport, and indoor track for the only open slot for a varsity team.

The first meeting is tomorrow in front of Mott Gym at 11 a.m. The season runs January to May with five tournaments and a few home matches. There will be an A and B team.

RUGBY

It’s a rough game, probably the roughest club on campus. But the competition is great in Cal Poly’s rugby club league, and the sport is known for developing camaraderie among the players.

The Division I club league extends from Cal Poly to Arizona for the winter quarter sport. While Cal Poly’s club won just two of eight close matches in league play last year, they went to four straight sectional championships in the early ‘90s, and went to one national tournament during that time.

In Cal Poly’s territory are the University of San Diego, U.C.L.A. and Long Beach State, among others. All are Division I club teams. Since the schedule is only practice right now, the team is still looking for plenty of new players to join the 40 rugby members. Players pay $130 for the year, or $50 per quarter. In the preseason, the rugby club will play in the Unicorn Tournament in Huntington Beach Nov. 15, and the club will challenge several Division II teams like Claremont and Occidental Colleges.

The club encourages students to come out and try rugby at practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. on the baseball field.

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Robinson may step aside

By Ken Peters
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Coach John Robinson, calling Southern California a football team in crisis, said Tuesday he will quit after the season if the Trojans don't improve.

"I'm a really good football coach who's not doing very well right now," Robinson said Tuesday. "If I don't do better, then I will step aside."

If we don't turn the program around, I'm not talking about wins but I'm talking about facing this crisis and having our players respond, then our football team should go in a new direction at the end of the season.

"I'm the first to say that... I'm not going to be part of a situation where I let this team slide into the gutter."

Athletic director Mike Garrett said after the Trojans' 35-7 loss at Arizona State last Saturday that he was sticking with Robinson through this season. The coach's contract extends through the 2001 season.

Robinson said he, Garrett and school president Steven Sample had talked, including on the flight back from Arizona last weekend, and were in concert as far as trying to get the football team back on track.
Once upon a time, in the kingdom of San Luis Oaks, there was a brotherhood of mighty warriors, the Mustang knights, whose record in battle was 6-0. Of these knights, four of them were fighting for more than the name of their provinces, Cal Poly. These knights of honor were also fighting for the affection of their respective lady loves...

Four of Cal Poly's football players have a better half, a personal cheerleader whom they come home to every night because they have vowed to love, honor and cherish her for the rest of their lives.

During football season, these young couples face hectic schedules which require them to balance school, work, football practice, family and other priorities—and they wouldn't have it any other way.

THE QUARLES

Markel Quarles, a senior safety, married Carolina Galaz on June 15, 1996. They met at San Luis Obispo High School, where they both attended. During the 1992 football season, Markel separated his shoulder in a CIF game. Carolina asked him how his shoulder was doing, since she had heard about his injury, and began a friendship that would end up lasting a lifetime.

Clockwise from above, Markel and Carolina Quarles at their wedding with daughter Ebony. Kiko and Kristie Griffin are expecting a baby in two weeks. Mom Michelle and Baby Benjamín congratulate Dad Nate Ecklund after a football game. Newswise, Matt and Korin Oliver were married in July. Photos courtesy of the couples' families

I thought she was beautiful. She was friendly and easy to talk to,” Markel, now 22, said of his first impression of Carolina, now 21, admits that at the time she thought he was “big-headed; he thought he was all that,” but they quickly became each other’s best friend and spent a lot of time together. Friendship grew into romance when they began a boyfriend-girlfriend relationship in January 1994, during Markel’s freshman year at Poly.

In June 1994, Carolina discovered she was pregnant. They were both 18 years old. Markel, a kinesiology major, admits he was very distracted during that 1994 football season, with this new responsibility to think about. The pressure of impending parenthood and their families’ expectations put a huge strain on their relationship.

When their daughter, Ebony, arrived that December, they had hopes of mending their relationship, but the stress became heavier as they tried to focus on providing for the new baby.

That following year, things improved for the young couple. They worked hard at trying to figure out what they wanted and where they wanted to be in life. Through much prayer and soul searching, they realized that they were meant to complete their life’s journey together, and Markel proposed in October 1995.

Their wedding drew 300 people, including some of Markel’s past and present football coaches. Their daughter was the flower girl, which they both said was “kind of weird, but special.”

They attribute the strength of their bond to their desire to serve God.

“When you put the Lord at the center of the relationship, you both have a common goal, and it works things out for you,” Markel said. Carolina said it is the fact that Markel works so hard to be a godly husband that makes him an excellent provider and head of the house.

THE ECKLUNDS

Senior quarterback Nate Ecklund and his wife Michelle met at Poly in January 1995. They were both athletes who hung out in the training room, and they quickly became friends, but it took them a while to become romantically involved.

“Even though he was a great guy, I never thought we would get together,” Michelle, 21, said. In fact, she tried to set him up with a few of her friends, but none of those relationships caught on.

They finally got together in August 1995, beginning a relationship that Nate, 22, says flourished because they really clicked and had lots of fun together.

It was March 1996 when Michelle found out she was pregnant. When they decided to marry, Michelle wanted to be married in the Catholic church, but the priest they visited said he wouldn’t marry them because of her pregnancy. However, their wedding on July 13, 1996, was still memorable.

“It was like a huge party, it was lots of fun—exactly what I wanted,” said Michelle, a sports medicine senior. Their son, Benjamin, was born in November.

The Ecklunds say their marriage is strong because they are good friends, making fun of each other sometimes to keep the playfulness going that they shared during their courtship. Nate, a biology/pre-dentistry major, says one of Michelle’s best traits is the love she puts into everything she does.

THE OLIVERs

Matt Oliver, a senior offensive tackle, and his wife, Korin, first met in high school in Corritos. They were both members of the track team. Their relationship began May 1993, and continued on through their time at Corritos Community College, and after Matt, an ecology and systematic biology major, transferred to Poly in spring 1996. Korin, a liberal studies junior, also wanted to come to Poly to finish her studies, and they were married this year on July 19.

“I married my best friend,” Matt, 22, said of Korin, 20. About 250 guests attended their wedding for which they wrote their own vows. Both described the day as a huge, fun party.

The Olivers help stay close by getting together once a week for a coffee date, a mini-date that gets them out of their home to spend some time together.

Korin said one of the unique things about being a married student is seeing her husband on campus. She said she usually gets a strange reaction when people find out she is married.

“Usually the first thing they ask is How old are you?” Matt and Korin say playful competition helps keep them strong. Whether it is a contest for highest GPA or a spontaneous foot race, the Olivers make little wagers, like the lower has to take the winner out to dinner.

THE GRAFFINS

Kiko Griffin, a sophomore defensive back corner, and his wife Kristie Barnes, a junior guard for Cal Poly’s women’s basketball team, were married July 28 this year.

When the two athletes met in the Rec Center in October...