Congressman Walter Capps dies of heart attack in Washington D.C.

Capps, a Santa Barbara resident, had no political background when he decided to run for the congressional seat the first time in 1994 and lost to Seastead. He was a college professor for 20 years and taught religious studies at U.C. Santa Barbara. At UCSB, Capps developed a course dealing with the Vietnam War and the Cambodian genocide. Many regarded him as one of the most respected professors at the university.

Capps believed education was the most solid background anyone could have, and it would always be his first calling. Capps visited Cal Poly just after his term began in late January and told a global relations class, “I want you who I am, and I want to know who you are, what’s on your mind.”

“I think education is the best thing you could ever invest in. The longer you spend in it and the more serious you are, the better off you are,” Capps told the class.

Six months before Capps was sworn into office, he was hit by a drunk driver and almost killed. Capps visited Cal Poly just before the library opened, a second failure permanently closed the system. Library technicians worked with the system provider, Innovative Interfaces, Inc. of Emeryville, to get Polycat, which agreed to over $1 million records, on-line again.

“We’re working with the company to get the last records to help you with your searches,” said Reference Librarian Sariya Niño.

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"I called Triub (Patricia Doncsek, the general counsel of the complex) and she refused to talk with me and would not give me the name of the company that owned the apartments," Williams' mother said.

She finally did get the name of the company — Investec Management Corporation in Santa Barbara — through her own research. Investec was able to confirm that these complaints were falsified, said Williams.

At this time the Williams family had to hire a lawyer, which stopped the eviction from going through.

"I will say that the people in Santa Barbara did try to work with us, but I also left messages with them that were never returned," said Williams' mother.

Investec, Mustang Village's management company, is aware of some of the difficulties at Mustang Village. Since the company took over management in December 1994 there has been a tremendous time difference, according to Investec.

"I have only received one complaint in the last 30 days," said Melise Balastrieri, property supervisor for Investec.

Balastrieri mentioned a theory in consumer service that says if one person is treated badly, then 100 people know about it and if 100 people are treated well, no one knows. She said she feels this explains the problems at Mustang Village.

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because the complex did not get the security deposit back to the tenant before the deadline.

"I am sending Melise (Balastrieri) a list of 30 other students who have complaints," said Headstrom.

"I am quite elated that this is an issue," said General Manager Doncsek. "There are 780 residents who live in the complex and I say that the majority are happy."

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Don't limit learning to your major

Editor,

I am writing to applaud Anh-Keller's editorial in Monday's Mustang Daily. Her comments were only too true. They serve as a catalytic for my own thoughts which I have to add.

Keller writes that "we don't know the basics of our own language. Apathy seems to run rampant on the subject." Apathy is a significant factor. People simply do not care enough to invest the time to correct simple errors. This contradicts a basic philosophy, "do it right or not at all." Where's the pride in our work?

But I have seen an argument for apathy. Some people may not care about simple errors because they "don't matter." This error, that misspelling, what difference will it make in one week if I get drunk tonight or skip class today?

As a student I have had to deal with this. I don't think that I am an educated person, that is--one makes a mechanical error, I don't hold it against the person personally, by any means.

When communication is such a difficult task as it is, why make it any harder with the presence of errors?

Jeff Mintz is a computer engineering and mathematics senior.

This commentary is in response to the negative reactions previously expressed about Campus Dining.

I am a firm believer in finding the good in any situation and I found the good in the campus dining system a long time ago. Okay, okay, yes I work at the Lighthouse. But I don't think that I am being biased when I state the following. The Lighthouse serves approximately 2,400 students, staff and faculty on a daily basis. Weekdays can put numbers higher and weekends numbers sometimes lower.

Cooking for these large amounts of people is not an easy task by any stretch of the imagination. The Lighthouse and Campus Dining have made numerous accommodations to serve every taste of people that walk through those doors. There is standard fare every night: the sandwiches, the pasta bar, the grill, and the salad bar. There are the entrées that vary each night; the seconds line, and the options line, which serves vegetarian fare. I realize that it sometimes gets old—it seems like the same choices every night and day in day out.

But then I realize that if I were living in a place of my own, I would be living off one of the three things I subsist off in high school: macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, and cold cereal. I'll choose the food that I like. It serves the basics that I prefer—pasta, salad, rice, and cereal.

You can't please everyone all the time. And you can't have your way all the time. That's life. You deal with it.

I see a huge Campus Dining "monopoly." With the PLUS dollars and cash equivalency areas, I am perfectly content. I am on the 10 meal plan which allows me to go to the Lighthouse or VG's or Sandwich Plant, or anywhere else and use my PLUS dollars. I have done well budgeting my PLUS and I go to the Campus Store to stock up on things for the food drawer in my desk. I have friends at schools all over California and the U.S. and none of them are fortunate enough to have a set-up like PLUS dollars. From what we've heard and experienced, we are really fortunate to have such a wide variety of choices.

I wouldn't go to a school just because they had excellent food, but if they had a reputation for horrible food, that would be a definite turn-off.

I have a theory: "when all else fails, go for the pasta and salad." Or have a sandwich—it's pretty hard to ruin the basics like salad dressing and rice and sandwich. Wait around for a better meal—there's always fried shrimp every once in a while. You may not like Monday night's dinner, but Tuesday night's dinner may be great.

From working at the Lighthouse, I have picked up several key tips to eating well.

1. Come early. For dinner this means between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. This way there is usually plenty of what you want, and it isn't as busy as it gets in the last half-hour before closing time.

2. Don't keep eating all the same things every night. Have pasta one night, soup and a salad and sandwich the next.

Try theentrée with something new on the line the next night, maybe the burger. Explore the options—few people go in there on a regular basis.

3. Go in with realistic expectations. As much as we hope, we can't have fried shrimp every night. Some stuff will be burnt, undercooked, too warm or too cold. Hopefully not often, but it does happen, even in the privacy of your own kitchen.

4. Be polite to the servers. The rude people get the cold enchiladas.

5. Look at the menu. They're posted for a reason. If you don't like what's for dinner, go to VG's. Go to the Campus Store. Not many people go there to eat because of its location. Find it and use them, but be careful because once they're gone, they're gone.

Granted, this is only my first year here at Poly. Some may say that I haven't had enough time to get sick of campus food yet. But I eat more meals at the Lighthouse in two weeks than most people eat in a month, and I'm not tired of it yet.

Kari Savala is an animal science sophomore.

By Kari Savala

Prop 209 is right on

Editor,

I am responding to Monday's article concerning Prop 209. I don't think eligibility points for being a certain race is exactly equitable or fair to the majority. I'm Mexican and it makes me proud that I got in based on my high school GPA and test scores. I feel sorry for those who look at their race as a reason to get accepted into college. Are we not all a part of this fundamental difference between equity and pity?

Whatever happened to effort and hard work? It's about time something like Prop 209 sets things straight. I would feel offended if I somehow looked at my race as a sole reason for college admission. Then there's the diversity issue, just what is that? Why is race diversity so important?

I look at individual diversity and the uniqueness of all people. I have many Caucasian friends and they are diverse in their own way. I think this diversity thing is labeling the majority as if they are all the same. We need to appreciate individuality and not races or ethnicity. Each human being is different from the next and it's not all based on race, ethnicity, or gender.

Abraham Mendosa is a business sophomore.

The difference between eating on campus and eating on your own

By Kari Savala

Making the best of campus dining

Jeff Mintz is a computer engineering and mathematics senior. It is not my goal here to sound like a self-righteous prig, but I am not saying everything should be like me. I am merely sharing my own beliefs for others to consider.

I further agree with Keller's statement that "thinking in emphasis in one field of study should not negate your drive to have basic knowledge in another." I am a computer engineer and a mathematician, but I still strive for perfect grammar and a general mastery of the English language. All of education is important, and you never know what you're going to need in life. Writing is an especially important skill, one that we cannot give enough attention.

The whole idea of mechanics is that it's supposed to be mechanical; that is, you use without thinking.

Thinking is supposed to be saved for content. When I read something, my detection of mechanical errors is also mechanical.

So do I care when a person makes a mechanical error? It depends. In the sense that it really has no effect on my life, no, not really. In the sense that I am an educated person, that the error signifies deficiencies, and it subtracts from the overall quality of what I am reading.

At the same time, I limit my judgement to the person's work. Even someone makes a mechanical error, I don't hold it against the person personally, by any means.

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reason to fear," she said. "But if you are to count out 10 to 15 males, one out of those you might want to be careful of."

Males can be victimized too," she added.

"Not everyone is a potential rapist, but there are some out there," she said. Keep that in mind. It can be someone you come into contact with.

The RCC has been distributing warning stickers and signs throughout the city of San Luis Obispo at local bars, restaurants and coffee shops.

"We haven't had any problems at the Frog & Peach that were brought to my attention," he said. "Most people hold onto their beverage the whole time they've got them. And I've got my eye out when I'm bartending."

Tye added that the RCC has posted warning stickers in the restrooms at Frog & Peach Pub.

The New Times reported a possible drug dosing at McFarthy's Irish Pub in downtown San Luis Obispo.

McFarthy's bartender, Larry Ekelholm, said they've since taken precautionary measures.

"We went through the rape crisis thing," he said. "We've got all our signs up."

The RCC plans to distribute more warning signs and stickers throughout the north and south county areas.

For more information about Rohypnol, call the Hoffman La Roche information line at (800) 720-1076. For more information about drug-induced rape, call the San Luis Obispo Rape Crisis Center at 545-8888.

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Sullivan also said the use of CSU link is inefficient for librarians. "It takes up the librarians' time when they could be doing other things and helping more people," he said. "If we were a business, if break down like this wouldn't be tolerated."

Our chemistry is amazing," she said. "I've never seen any other team act the way that we do or feel the way we do and I don't think there ever will be." She said the team really helped her during her freshman year when she was homesick. The soccer team is basically my sorority," she said. "I made friends out of that and everyone is great."

As far as why Nuesca decided to come to Cal Poly, she said that after visiting the campus, she fell in love with the it and San Luis Obispo. After she graduates, Nuesca plans to go on to become a physician's assistant or a nurse. As for soccer, Nuesca said she plans to play for the rest of her life.

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Nuesca knows her soccer

By Selene Loy
Daily Jefferson

Her 5 foot 3 inch stature may lead opponents to think she’s a threat, but Michelle Nuesca, midfielder for the Cal Poly women’s soccer team, said that misconception only makes her mentally stronger.

“I love that just because it gives me an advantage,” Nuesca said. “It helps me mentally when people think I’m just small and can’t do anything. I can surprise them.”

Nuesca, physical education senior, said she wasn’t always this confident. During the beginning of her freshman year at Cal Poly, she said it was difficult adjusting to her new environment.

Nuesca said it was hard during her first year because she was really homesick. Not only that, but she said not playing in many games affected her confidence. She said it was hard coming from high school where she played all the time and was one of the better players and then going to Cal Poly where she felt like nothing.

“Basically, my confidence was shot,” Nuesca said. “But towards the end of the year, I learned so much. Mentally I became so tough.”

Nuesca said she didn’t have a clue about what she was going into. She said compared to what she was used to in high school, she thought she was fit, but that all changed once she joined the Cal Poly women’s soccer team.

“I didn’t know what to expect,” Nuesca said. “Fitness wise, I had no idea how fit you had to be or how mentally strong you had to be to make it through freshman year.”

Head coach Alex Crozier said Nuesca was not as strong physically or mentally when she was a freshman.

“When she came as a freshman,” Crozier said. “She had

always been the top in all her teams (in high school), but when it came to getting over the wall, as far as fitness or injuries, they seemed to get the better of her.”

However, Nuesca said it was hard to pull herself out of such negativity, but said she eventually did it.

“During my freshman year, I gradually started playing more and more and then I started the last four games,” Nuesca said. “That was like my turning point right there. I felt incredible. I felt so fit in my last four games. I could run for days.”

Crozier said Nuesca’s first year was a big learning year for her.

“She realized she either had to step it up or it just wasn’t going to happen and she stepped it up,” Crozier said. “Now if you look at her, she’s probably one of the hardest-working players on the team.”

“She won’t accept that kind of thing from anyone else.”

Her teammates agreed that Nuesca is a hard worker. Gina Moss, defender on the soccer team, said although Nuesca didn’t play much during her freshman year, she did pick it up during her sophomore year.

“She’s tougher now,” Moss said. “I think Michelle brings a lot of fire (to the team). She’s intense. She’s one of those players that when you’re tired, her working extra hard inspires you to work harder.”

Patty Teal, forward on the team, said Nuesca has always been an intense soccer player.

“She’s always given her all,” Teal said. “She has a lot of heart and she really tries hard. She wants to win. She pumps everyone up. Everyone knows she’s working hard and so they want to work hard too.”

Nuesca said she does try to bring a spark to the team when it needs it.

“I play my heart out,” Nuesca said. “I’m very intense. I hate to lose and I’m very competitive. I like getting the hard tackles. I like to work my butt off. I think about creating that spark the whole time. Sometimes the game is slow and if there’s one person that can spark the whole team then the whole team can get up again.”

Nuesca said she had

Big West volleyball

co-player this week

Daily Jefferson Report

Cal Poly sophomore middle blocker Kari De Soto was named Big West Conference co-player.

She becomes the first Cal Poly volleyball player to win the award since the Mustangs rejoined the Big West in 1996. De Soto shares the award with U.C. Santa Barbara middle blocker Heather Evans.

De Soto, the tallest Mustang player ever, led Cal Poly in consecutive wins on the road last weekend over Boise State and the University of Idaho.

In the seven games, De Soto recorded a .405 hitting percentage and had a career high 22 kills, with only three errors in 46 attack attempts. She also had 10 total blocks in the two matches.

Wednesday’s Answer:
Bill Shoemaker is the all-time career wins leader with 8,833 and is the oldest jockey to win the Kentucky Derby.

Today’s Question:
What Cal Poly grad has won 10 Emmy Awards as a NFL analyst?

Congrats Craig Presécialni!

Without much fanfare

the Cal Poly women’s soccer team has reached the Big West playoffs for the second year in a row.

Last year, the Mustangs entered the tournament ranked fourth out of four teams, only to win the whole tournament.

This year, the Mustangs enter the tournament ranked first after a 5-1 league record. Depending on the outcome of the Cal State Fullerton match with U.C. Santa Barbara next Tuesday, Cal Poly will face either Fullerton or North Texas in the first round.

U.C. Irvine and Pacific will square off in the other first round match. But the tournament is next weekend in Fullerton. For now there are more pressing issues.

Thursday night, Cal Poly will face Brigham Young University in the first round of Mustang Stadium. BYU is ranked No. 19 in the most recent Umbro Coaches Poll.

This match will make or break Cal Poly’s postseason hopes.

The Mustangs have been on the brink of the playoffs for the last two seasons, but need a win over legitimate opponent to solidify their stretch run.

In 1995, they finished 15-5-1, but were denied a playoff berth. In 1996, the Mustangs finished 12-9-1 and again didn’t make it to the playoffs.

The difference this season is the Mustangs record, schedule and league.

This year, Cal Poly is 13-4, which is similar to its record in 1995. This time around, the Mustangs have shed the Independent label they hurt them two years ago.

Cal Poly’s opponents have also been tougher this season.

According to Jeff Sagarin’s College Soccer Power Ratings, Cal Poly’s schedule is ranked 14th of 233 teams. On the season, Cal Poly is ranked No. 21 in the nation.

One slight problem, the Umbro coaches poll hasn’t given Cal Poly the same respect.

The Mustangs rank sixth in the West Region and don’t rank in the Top 25. Two of their four losses this season have come to opponents ranked above them in the West Region.

Cal Poly needs a Big West Championship and a 17-4 record. That would be nine straight wins for the Mustangs and a nice trophy to boot. The NCAA selection committee would have to be crazy to deny the Mustangs a spot for a third consecutive year.

Plus, they would have to answer to eight very upset seniors on the Cal Poly team for a third time.

The women’s volleyball team also keeps chuggin’ along. With six league matches remaining, the Mustangs are perched on the verge of the Big West Tournament for the second straight year.

Another slight problem, two of the top six teams in the nation are in the Big West. Long Beach State at No. 2 and Santa Barbara at No. 6.

So for now the undefeated football team will continue to grab the spotlight. But remember there are other Mustang athletes that deserve some of the light.