Egyptian volleyball
Cal Poly team scrimmages against globetrotting Egyptians.

B.B. King is back
Legendary blues man returns for second sold-out PAC show.

Under attack?
Proud greek says deferred rush is a plot to destroy greek society.

3,500 students celebrate graduation
By Jeremy Roe
News Editor

Excitement and eagerness dominated the conversations of Cal Poly's prospective graduates as they filed down to Mustang Stadium.

During the ceremony, speakers told the soon-to-be graduates they have the power to accomplish new challenges. The graduates' energy while walking on the road to the stadium told the same story.

As the sounds of "Pomp and Circumstance" echoed through the stadium, proud parents cheered, trying to find their new graduates on the field, where their black robes contrasted against the stark white of the chairs.

These students were faced with a lot of options, on a day that signals the beginning of a new era for many people.

Some of the more than 3,500 students graduating said they were heading off to graduate school, others were getting a job — but all seemed relieved to get a break from school.

"I didn't get to kick back as much as I wanted, because I was always working while I was in school," said Mike Godsey, graduating English major.

Godsey said he plans to work in San Diego for a year, then he is going to the University of Colorado in Boulder for a doctorate degree.

Mike Bever, a graduating history major, said he felt graduating from Cal Poly is different than at other universities.

"It's kind of anti-climactic, in that at other schools it's like a really big deal, but here, you just kind of show up," he said. "It starts when you get here (the whole SLO attitude) and you kind of go out the same way.

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Former dean gives $30,000
Ethnic studies, athletics will split July donation
By Julie O'Shea
Summer Mustang

The ethnic studies and athletics departments have some extra money this year thanks to a $30,000 donation by a former Cal Poly dean.

Everett Chandler and his wife, Arlene, gave the ethnic studies and the athletics departments $15,000 each to spend however they see fit.

The money was put in trust five years ago, where it accumulated interest and grew tenfold.

This will be the first established endowment for the ethnic studies department.

"I don't like to micromanage," Chandler said. "They're smart people. I'll leave it to the departments to decide what they want to do with the money.

Chandler, who was dean of students from 1951 to 1977, said his life was enriched by the friendships he formed with colleagues and students of different ethnic backgrounds during his tenure at Cal Poly.

There was no ethnic studies program when Chandler was dean. Today, he wants to do all he can to promote diversity at Cal Poly.

Chandler believes people need to acknowledge and understand different cultures and heritages.

"We eat Mexican food, Italian food, German food, Chinese food, and we all like them, right?" he asked. "So why can't we all just like each other?"

"I think Rodney King said it best:

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— Everett Chandler

Former dean

Why can't we all just get along?"
Bob Gish, director of the ethnic studies department said that Chandler's philanthropy was heartfelt, and the department is very grateful for the donation.

Chandler is giving the other half of the money to his second interest at Cal Poly, the athletics department.

Chandler was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame for all his involvement in the aftermath of the 1960 Cal Poly football team plane crash.

Presently, Chandler is a member of the Hall of Fame Committee and helps choose the recipients for the award.

"You could not ask for finer individuals than Everett Chandler and his wife Arlene," said Chris Del Conte, Mustang Athletic Fund director. "They epitomize Mustang athletics."

The departments will receive their donations on July 18.
Creative landscaping may be used to disguise water tank

Tree-top survey measures aesthetic impact

By Rory Cox and Jeremy Roe
Summer Mustang

Landscaping plans designed to help hide a proposed 64-foot water storage tank will be available as soon as July.

Committee discussions have included the possibility of covering the tank with a mural or even painting it like a thermos to mask its size. The 53-foot diameter tank will be used to chill water at night when electrical costs are lower. The water will then be pumped through certain buildings on campus for air conditioning. The tank will hold one million gallons of water.

At the end of the spring quarter, Deby Ryan, a coordinator with facilities planning, said she identified a few places that would be clearly obstructed by the addition of the tank: the Rec Center, the Health Center, and the facility offices in building 20.

She said Ryan’s bird’s eye view was able to identify some obstructions, with the help of several spots placed around campus.

She tied a large piece of bright pink fabric onto the outside of the crane bucket so she would be visible from a distance.

“People are more likely to get involved if there’s a crazy person in a bucket,” Ryan said. Ryan said she identified a few places that would be clearly obstructed by the addition of the tank: the Rec Center, the Health Center, and the facility offices in building 20. She also said there is a small corridor running north and south between the Swine Unit and the Rec Center where the tank can be somewhat seen, but that other parts of campus were not obstructed by the tank.

Ryan said she could only see part of one driveway on Slack Street from the crane, using the logic of “if we can’t see you, you can’t see us.”

“It was a shock to us the number of buildings we could not see,” Ryan said. “We were excited and it definitely made us feel better about sticking this thing right in the middle of campus.”

The new landscaping would be used to enhance the campus as a whole, not just hide the water tank, according to Ed Johnson, director of facility services.

Johnson said the tank will save the university $50,000 a year by taking advantage of lower night electricity rates. He said he hopes to have the project completed by February 1999.

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Facilities Planning Coordinator

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Rain blamed for rafting deaths

Abnormally heavy snowpack contributes to swollen rivers, dangerous white water

COLOMA (AP) — Rafting on California's white water rivers has to be radically delayed this year as El Niño-stirred waters have claimed 11 lives. The reason for the delay in the last three months, most running into trouble in savage waters without professional guides. In one case, the rapids ripped clothing from three victims' bodies.

"After these rapids we went through today, I can see that if you don't know what you're doing or don't have a good guide, you're as good as in the water," said Robert Jacobson, who joined his daughter on a two-day Girl Scout trip that ended Wednesday.

As in so many other instances this year, El Niño is being blamed because of all of the snow the Pacific weather phenomenon dumped on the higher elevations of the West Coast over the winter. The reason for the rafting of a near-record Sierra Nevada snowpack has turned parts of seven California rivers into rapid, violent cauldrons of white water.

The snowmelt has buried rocks and made relatively easy rapids like "Hamburger Helper" on the American River, northeast of Sacramento, into treacherous white water.

Portions of the river have been upgraded to Class 4 rapids. The scale runs from one to six — from a gentle flow to a near waterfall deemed too dangerous for passage. Class 4 rapids are recommended for experienced rafters only.

"It's a different river," said guide Babs Costello, who was standing on the bank of the American River at Chi Bu, a popular put-in spot. Costello was preparing to lead the troop of 21 Girl Scouts and their parents on one of the river's roughest runs.

Even experienced hands can find the mid-swollen streams too much to handle.

A rafting guide drowned June 5 in the Tuolumne River where four and three passengers were thrown into the water.

And a former guide died last week in a section of the American River known as the "Mast Grinder."

But it's the private rafts without experienced guides that pose the most danger. Seven of the deaths happened when private rafts ran into trouble.

Congress halts abortion drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Abortion foes claimed victory Wednesday after the House voted to block the Food and Drug Administration from using federal money to test, develop or approve any drug that would induce an abortion, including the French pill RU-486.

"Abortion-rights advocates lost the vote as an attack on women's rights," said Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okl., to a $55.9 billion fiscal 1999 spending bill for agricultural, nutrition and food stamp programs to prohibit the federal agency from approving RU-486 or other abortion-inducing drugs.

RU-486 works by blocking the hormone progesterone, which is needed to sustain a pregnancy. It has been found to be safe and effective as a non-surgical method of early abortion during the first three weeks of pregnancy. A woman can take it as soon as she learns she is pregnant.

But Coburn, an abortion opponent and one of a handful of doctors in Congress, argued that such a drug would contradict the FDA's mission to protect consumers.

"The failure of the FDA is safe," he said. "To take away life goes completely against the charge of the Food and Drug Administration."

Defendant in Cosby murder trial refutes cops' evidence handling

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SANTA MONICA (AP) — The lawyer for the man accused of gunning down O.J. Simpson challenged an attack on police evidence handling Wednesday, suggesting that a single microscopic hair tainting him to the killing was planted.

The strategy of attacking scientific evidence gathering was reminiscent of the defense's attack on the work of Los Angeles police criminalists in the O.J. Simpson murder trial.

Simpson was acquitted of killing his ex-wife and her friend. He was later held liable in a civil trial.

The tiny hair linked Mikal Markhasev to a knit cap which was found around a gun five miles from the scene.

Police also found the .38-caliber pistol killed Q. by. Without it, the population, he said. He added that the hair could not have come from the crime scene.

Simpson was acquitted of killing Ron Goldman. Markhasev, told police the assailant wore a cap.

The DNA from the hair could be used to determine the source of the hair and to subject it to DNA testing.

"At that point, you informed your supervision of your discovery?" asked Hall.

"Yes," said Brockbank, who told of a hasty meeting of the prosecution team.

Los Angeles police DNA analyst Harry Klam said he tested the tiny hair and found similarities to a sample of Markhasev's hair plucked from his head after his arrest.

It was brought out that Brockbank never tried to test a sample of hair plucked from Markhasev's scalp. Without directly asking the question, the defense suggested that one of those hairs was planted and was the one that Brockbank suddenly discovered.

"The DNA from the hair could have come from Markhasev, Markhasev or any other individual with the same DNA marker types," Klam said. But he said only one in 15,500 members of the population would have those genetic characteristics.

That excludes 99.99 percent of the population, he said. He added that the hair could not have come from the crime scene.

The son of entertainer Bill Cosby was shot as he changed a flat tire along a dark road early on Jan. 16, 1997. Shooting witness Stephanie Crane, who had a date with Ennis Cosby, told police the assailant wore a cap.

The defense has said it will prove that the true killer is a friend of Markhasev, 19, who was with him the night of the killing. That man, El Zakaria, is expected to testify for the prosecution.

"We offer you what the others can't..."
Deferred rush will destroy greeks

by Jaime Zuffoletto

Summer Mustang

One of the most wonderful sayings I have ever heard goes: “No matter where you move, or where you go, you take your own attitude with you, and that’s what makes it wonderful or terrible.”

This year I have discovered someone, a type of person we all know and love. I think there is one of him or her in every family. He, or she, is the person that always is the poopster. Always whining about how bad things are and how this is stupid and how that is just terrible and BLAH BLAH BLAH. I will just say I am not going to take it anymore. I am not going to walk up to my room upon those egadetts and sit there until members poopy-pants decides he is going to quiet down for a minute, nor I am going to face him with the best weapon that I have, a smile.

Here’s where the vacation attitude comes in. ... you know, how for weeks before you go on your trip, you are excited. Well, at least that’s how I am. That’s all I can talk about. … “Hey, did you know I have only 14 more days until I’m in New York, excuse me, Buffalo? Hey, seven days from now I will be on the plane to Buffalo!” Er errers.

Well, those poopy-chatter attitudes may find they don’t mix with those they are going to visit. Some may become angry or jealous shall we say, that they have to work and that they may not participate in all the same and fun activities, some may just be crabby all their lives, but why? Why not just have that vacation attitude all of the time? Why not let yourself be happy?

I mean, we all know that it takes more energy to be angry than it does to, at the very least, just be. And if you really want to live life to the fullest, just pretend that everyday is a vacation.

Have that vacation attitude, because, as one of the most wonderful sayings I have ever heard goes: “No matter where you move, or where you go, you take your own attitude with you, and that’s what makes it wonderful or terrible.”

So the next time you want to say this is stupid, or that is dumb, or the next time you find yourself hanging out with poopy members, remind yourself you can make it the best thing or the worst thing, it’s just up to you which one you’d rather choose.

As for me, there are some days when I know I don’t follow my own advice, and I try to blame someone else for it. But ultimately I know that if I had a terrible time, it was because I didn’t choose to make the best of it, because even a less than perfect day, is still another day. So the next time I go to Buffalo and the next time you go on vacation just remember:

• Saddest day may help clear your head before the plane takes your heart.
• Call the place you are visiting by its rightful name.
• Love your family and make all the time you spend with them, vaca-

tions.

Jaime Zuffoletto is the Summer Mustang opinion editor.
There is only so much money and
capital to reward anybody that
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torance salary increase level.
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Also, each department in
Mosher's field has a manager and
there are "unlimited funds for every
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managers are forced to split a cer­
tain amount allotted to them as
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"In my opinion there needs to be
enough funds to reward anybody who
comes up to a good level. Not
just taking the COLA away to give
a lot to a few," he said.

Mosher feels this is unfair
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Mike Kennedy, an investigator
with Public Safety, was also on the
picket line. Public Safety is repre­
sented by the Statewide University
Police Association, which covers all
of the campuses in the CSU system.

Kennedy stated that one of his
concerns is the disparity among
state job raises.

"They have only offered us a one-and-a-half percent pay raise when
the state is talking about approxi­
mately nine percent for all other
state employees, (which) is still
under debate," he said. "That has
not been approved yet.

"They are basically blackmailing us,
saying that if we don't settle by
July 1, that they are not going to
give us any sort of retro-activity as
far as the contract is concerned."

Anna McDonald, director of
Human Resources and Employment
Equity, said the proposed pay increas­
es are a result of extra money in the
budget, but the controversy is over
how the raises should be distributed.

"The question is, how much will
go toward performance-based raises
and how much toward general
salary increases," McDonald said.

"The unions want more to go into
the general raises."

McDonald said all negotiations
are being handled by the Chancel­
lor's Office in Long Beach.

The employees carried signs that
read, "91% Say No Pucker Pay","Therapeutic Pay? No way!”, and
"How do you get a raise at Cal Poly?"

The sign included a picture of
bright red lips to symbolize a kiss.

Joe Bischel, chief steward of the State
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Legendary blues man returns to Poly
B.B. King sells out second PAC performance

By Mark Hartz
Summer Mustang

Blues legend B.B. King returned to the Performing Arts Center last night, playing before a sold-out crowd.

The show was an encore performance of his sold out show he played last quarter.

King is famous for his mastery of the blues and the feeling he puts into his music.

"B.B. King is a blues icon," Chris Dennis, art senior said. "The sound quality was augmented by the emotion of his blues playing."

Dennis was at the show last quarter.

King has wowed crowds for almost 40 years. His first single was released in 1949, and the blues man never looked back.

His famous Gibson guitar, named "Lucille," has been with him since 1949. His guitar got the name when a bar fight broke out at a show King was playing, a fire ensued and everyone fled the building. King realized he left his guitar in the burning building and went back in to save it.

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Summer Mustang's Guide to Entertainment and the Arts

PCPA musical closes out summer season

By Mark Hartz
Summer Mustang

The Pacific Conservator of the Performing Arts (PCPA) is opening its summer season with a production of "Once Upon a Mattress."

The play is supposed to be a farce of the fairy tale, Shafer said. "The plot is essentially the prince wants to find a wife, (but) the queen invents impossible tests for all prospective princesses," Craig Shafer, PCPA publicist said.

Shafer said that's where the play departs from the fairy tale.

"The play is supposed to be a farce on that fairy tale," Shafer said. "The plot is essentially that (the prince) wants to find a wife, (but) the queen invents impossible tests for all prospective princesses." Shafer said the play will be seen by 3,000 to 5,000 people during its run.

He said people of all ages would enjoy seeing the play.

"It is a musical that will delight the young and young at heart," he said.

PCPA is run by the theater department at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. Shafer said almost 1,000 people auditioned for the 150 slots. The actors and actresses will also be in the other four plays that the PCPA runs over its season. He said PCPA also selects some students for their two-year training program.

The PCPA is run by the theater department at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. Shafer said that famous actors like Robin Williams, Kathy Bates, and Kelly McGillis ("Top Gun"), went through the PCPA program.

The cast includes local actors Jonathan Gillard Daly as Queen Aggravain, Eric Bishop as Prince Dauntless, David Huber as the Jester and Jack Greenman as Sir Lancelot. Guest artist Mary Jo Agosta plays Princess Winnifred, Shafer said.

Music will be directed by Jeremy Mann. PCPA's resident musical director, along with musicians Kevin Robinson on piano, Russ Sears on percussion and Ken Basano on woodwinds and trumpet.

For tickets call 922-8313 Tuesday through Sunday.
Free concert series planned for Mission Plaza

San Luis Obispo businesses provide entertainment, forum for local talent

By Mark Hart
Summer Mustang

Summers in San Luis Obispo will be a little warmer for music fans. The San Luis Obispo Downtown Association will be putting on free concerts every Friday evening in Mission Plaza from 5:30 to 7:30.

The idea for the "Concerts in the Plaza" series began three years ago when the People's Kitchen was moved out of the plaza. The People's Kitchen supplied homeless people in San Luis Obispo with free lunches in the plaza.

Pete Eberle, promotion coordinator for the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association, said homeless people would stay in the plaza all day which had a negative effect on business, and kept people out of the plaza.

When the kitchen was moved out of the plaza, Eberle and the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association decided to put together an activity to get more people into the historic plaza.

The Downtown Association decided that free outdoor concerts by local bands would bring them back. They put on three concerts in 1996 and four concerts last year.

This year's series features nine concerts and showcases a variety of different types of music, from jazz to blues to calypso.

One of last year's "Concerts in the Plaza" featured the first live performance of the Sugar Daddy Swing Kings, Pete Eberle said.

"It was a golden chance for them to work their kinks out before they played at their establishment," he said.

The Sugar Daddy Swing Kings will be the first band featured in this year's concert series on June 26.

The selection process for bands began in January, and Eberle said he had the bands he wanted to play in mind ahead of time.

"We wanted a nice variety — classy musicians and people we could trust," he said.

There will also be food vendors at the concerts, which will change every week. This week features Palindromes pizza.

Each concert is sponsored by a different local business, and Eberle said it is good publicity for the sponsors.

For people who can't make it to the plaza shows, there will also be two additional concerts at the Historic Jack House and Gardens on Sunday, July 5 and Sunday, September 6.

The "Concerts in the Plaza" series will run through September.

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Search for training site brings Egyptian players to Cal Poly

By Michelle Boykin
Summer Mustang

The Cal Poly Men's Volleyball club faced a new opponent this week — the Egyptian National Team.

The Egyptian team was brought to the Central Coast by the Quest for Gold Foundation, a nonprofit organization that sets up training sites for Olympic athletes to promote international understanding, said Bryan Garbo. Garbo is the president of the Cal Poly team and a graphic communication senior.

The foundation has a second training site in Flagstaff, Ariz., because the high altitude helps athletes with conditioning. It chose San Luis Obispo as its low altitude training site because of the pleasant coastal climate, and the foundation made arrangements for places for the team to stay and practice here. The team practices at the Morro Bay High School and Cuesta College gym.

So far, the foundation has only worked with volleyball teams, and Garbo jumped at the chance to get to play the Egyptians.

His team, because it is not affiliated with the NCAA, belongs to the Northern California Collegiate Volleyball League and plays against intramural teams from other colleges.

"To see this team in the Olympics (in 2000) and know you played against them will be something we'll never be able to forget," Garbo said.

Before the teams' match in the Rec Center Tuesday afternoon, Garbo said the Cal Poly team didn't really have a strategy because their opponents were on such a higher level of play.

"We have nothing to lose — it's just for fun. We'll just play as hard as we can and try not to get discouraged," he said. "But we know it's like the Cal Poly basketball team playing the Lakers."

The Cal Poly team showed a good effort, despite their disadvantages of small numbers, shorter players and less experience than the Egyptians. There were only six players in town for the summer, so Cal Poly's team couldn't make any substitutions, and the Egyptians had at least four players over 6' 8" feet tall.

The first game was over in less than ten minutes, with the Egyptians winning easily, 15-3. The dazed Cal Poly team put up more of a fight in the next two games, which lasted about 20 minutes each, which the Egyptian team won, 15-4 and 15-5.

Mahmoud Farag, head coach for the Egyptian team, said the two weeks they spend on the Central Coast is part of a two-month stay in the United States for the team.

It is the players' first time on the Central Coast, and Farag said they are enjoying themselves and buying souvenirs for their friends back home. Farag visited Los Angeles as captain of the Egyptian team in the 1984 Olympics.

Farag said his goals for these two weeks is to work with his 17-member team on its attack and defensive strategies.

"We have six players under 19 (years old), so I want to get them familiar with the offense, to make a combination of the 'small' players and the older players," he said.

He said he is satisfied with his team's performance, which earned a bronze medal in the U.S. Open Championship last month.

The team is now preparing for the World Championship in Japan in November.