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New students get big welcome

The scene is massive: a swarm of new students, a patchwork of moving colors, all are heading towards Mustang Stadium. There is a tremendous sense of excitement as they wait in the line stretching past the Rec Center. No one knows what to expect as the laughter and screaming from inside the stadium grows louder.

This is WOW-A-Rama, the Monday night extravaganza during Cal Poly's nationally acclaimed Week Of Welcome (WOW). A group enters the stadium running through a human tunnel slapping high-fives surrounded by loud screaming and smiling faces.

The purpose of this event is for incoming students to meet their new classmates, friendly faces they'll see all over campus for the next few years. It has been deemed the largest get-acquainted event on the all over campus for the next few years. It has been statistically proven students who go through orientation are more apt to succeed in their educational endeavors than those who do not participate in such programs.

Parents and students will also get a chance to meet Cal Poly president Warren Baker on Sunday at noon, preceding the Parents' Reception at the Bakers' home on campus. Students participating in WOW are advised from past WOWies — slang for an incoming student participating in WOW — to rest up Sunday night, for it may be the only full night of sleep they get.

"Generally, sleep is encouraged on Sunday night," said Adrienne Angle, kinesiology junior and WOW board member. "It's hard because it's the first night, and students just want to stay up late."

The WOW board, consisting of six past or present Cal Poly students, along with the other 450 plus volunteers helping to put the week-long program into effect, have been working for a full year to make one group of Cal Poly's incoming students feel welcome and at home on campus.

"It's a lot of fun," biochemistry junior Jen Jongasma said. "It's not just sitting there getting campus tours ... they keep you busy.

This year's second year volunteering for WOW, last year was a leader in training, or LIT. This year, Jongasma is on Team WOW, a group of students who have already gone through one year of WOW training and are now ready to train new leaders.

Any student who has gone through a year at Cal Poly may volunteer their time Tuesday nights during spring quarter to train a leader of 15 or more WOWies with another leader the following fall.

Jongasma thinks WOW is more structured and organized this year and is excited for the week to get underway.

"Wow is a great program, and it does a lot for the campus," she said. "It helps students not only get acquainted with the campus, but also the community."

"What kind of work we are trying to do is keep up with the times; to keep up with the WOWies," Angle said.

The criteria for being a leader is harder. We want to make quality leaders instead of quantity leaders."

Kaiwi-Lenting said the traditional student is not always an 18- or 19 year-old, and the WOW groups try and cater to the needs and wants of each student.

There are three kinds of WOW groups: non-preference groups (consisting of a mix of traditional and transfer students), transfer groups (consisting of entry students and transfer students) and first-year connection (FYCs), which is almost like year-round WOW.

First-year connection is a collaboration with housing, Kaiwi-Lenting said. Students who are placed in Sierra Madera or Yosemite go through WOW together. They are placed in the same groups, and after WOW is over activities and events are planned and arranged for them by the resident advisors of those dorms throughout the year.

"If you are in a FYC group you associated with the people in your WOW group more because it's your year," Angle said. "It's good for some people.

Generally those who are in it have a good experience."

There are approximately 60 FYC groups, 5 transfer groups, and 50 to 50 non-preference groups. But there is a lot of on-site registration so the group numbers fluctuate, said Angle.

The week consists of carefully planned activities and events which are geared towards easing students into campus life more smoothly, Kaiwi-Lenting said. It is to the incoming students benefit to participate in WOW, Kaiwi-Lenting said. It has been statistically proven students who go through orientation are more apt to succeed in their educational endeavors than those who do not participate in such programs.

The program costs $80, which covers the cost of the scheduled workshops for students and parents, meals, and paying for the pre-planned WOW activities and events, Angle said.

Each "WOWie" will be asked by their two student leaders to contribute an additional $25, which goes towards activities and outings planned by the individual group leaders.

The outside activities, such as kayaking and the mineral springs, are expensive, and we, as an organization, can't afford to pay," Angle said.

The week will start out on Monday when the groups meet for the first time. At night there will be a spirit rally in the Rec Center to get students ready for WOW-A-Rama.

On Tuesday, the day will surround the theme "Respecting the Community." Students will be shuttled to downtown San Luis Obispo by SLO Transit, a bus service that is free to Cal Poly students and employees with valid ID cards.

Downtown stores sponsoring the day's event will have "Cal Poly-Word" signs in their windows, redundating the walk of fame, Kaiwi-Lenting said. The signs will tell leaders and students which stores are participating in WOW and to come in for some free treats.

Lunch will be served that day at Mitchell Park. Wednesdays is Academic Day. Students will have a chance to meet with their department heads and college deans and faculty to have their questions and concerns addressed and answered.

At night Campus Dining will host A Taste of Cal Poly, where students sample food that is available on campus.

At night the Rec Center will be showcased. There will be tours and students will be allowed to test the exercise equipment. A big game of Twister will be going on as well as two performances of Comedy Sports.

On Thursday, there will be a series of formal presentations on issues affecting campus life, such as drug abuse, sexual assault and diversity. There will be an awareness fair going on with representatives from the AIDS Support Network, the Lung and Heart Association and many other groups from around town.

Thursday evening entertainment includes a showing of the film "The Princess Bride.

Friday, the last day of WOW, is a free day, Kaiwi-Lenting said. It is a day designated to say good-bye and to bring closure to a student's first glance of Cal Poly.

The Club Carnival will be going on between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Students will get a chance to sign up with clubs and organizations around campus.

At night, the Rec Center will host various kinds of entertainment, including a casino.

Cure for WOW is midnight.

"We encourage leaders to give their "WOWies" time during the day to take a nap," Angle said. "Because most of the fun stuff takes place during the night. This year is going to be a lot of fun," she said with a mischievous laugh.

By Julie O'Shea
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Working: The other side of college

Jobs keep students busy, provide extra cash

Many students at Cal Poly choose to scrape their way through college with "free money" through student loans and financial aid, but it can end up costing them in the future.

However, most students find it necessary to seek outside employment and many have found that getting a job in San Luis Obispo can be difficult.

"If you're looking for something very specific, you might have a hard time (finding a job)," said Joan Ganus, office manager for student employment at the career center.

She said that the best tactic for landing a job is to be flexible.

The career center, located in Student Services (building 124) near Mustang Stadium, is the most valuable resource on campus for finding jobs. The career center has daily updated listings of campus jobs, work-study jobs and local jobs in the community. All students enrolled at Cal Poly are eligible for career center services. Employment opportunities are listed on a bulletin board in the center, on a telephone hotline and on the center's website.

Ganus said the career center is constantly awash with students seeking employment.

"We get students in every day looking for jobs," she said. "If a student is having difficulties finding a job, (we'll) try and help them."

Employers all over town are eager to hire able-bodied college students and are usually willing to work around odd schedules. The benefits for them are that they get intelligent, hard-working young people for minimum wage.

However, Chris Dennis, art and design senior, said he had an extremely difficult time finding a job in Summer 1997. He said he applied at every location he could find in town and at the Cal Poly economic development office.

"It doesn't matter (what kind of job I get), I'd just like to work so I could keep going to school here," he said.

The Cal Poly campus also offers good jobs for students. Jobs range from burger flipping to accounting and information systems management.

The key is to know where to look. Kelly Davis, an English senior, has worked in the Avenue as a cashier for over 4 years. Her husband, who works at Cal Poly helped her get her job, but she insists that she is the exception to the rule.

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— senior Carsten Champlin
University Graphic Systems EPP manager

Angela Sweet, an English junior, has spent two months looking for a job. She said it has been tough, and she has been looking both on- and off-campus.

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With its new Campus Market and extended weekend hours, Campus Dining is poised to attract students by offering improved food selections at times that are more convenient. From delis to coffee shops and cafeterias to markets, Campus Dining offers students nine venues from which to choose their meals.

The newest addition to campus dining will be the Campus Market, formerly known as the Campus Store. The remodeling, in its final stages, will make the facility twice as large. It is scheduled to open the first day of fall quarter.

The market will feature a food court, grocery store, a hot grill with mesquite chips for barbecue flavor, specialty deli sandwiches and pizza, a bakery and Jillian’s, a small version of the popular coffee shop in the University Union.

“I like the tri-tip sandwiches at Campus Store,” said Jeff Elumger, a computer science senior. "I hope they will be back in the fall.

The Campus Market will offer students more choices than before, especially for students who park and spend most of their time in the north part of campus, away from the UU.

More recognizable brand names may be in the works for a food center — like the UU and The Avenue combined — to be located in the northwest part of campus. Cashman said the problem is that most brand name fast food venues require more space than The Avenue, for example, can provide, without sacrificing pasture variety. So students who want Taco Bell will have to hold their breath until the Northwest Complex gets out of the planning stage — just get off campus.

Cashman said restaurants like Taco Bell are looking into universities as the next frontier. “They’re trying to make the market; they’re on every street corner,” he said.

These fast food giants are now looking to places with captive, hungry students for their market. Until restaurants that students recognize and trust make their way onto campus, they will continue to debate whether campus meals are worth the price.

“Backstage is the only place to go, you can’t mess up pizza too bad,” said Danny Thompson, an industrial technology senior.

According to Alan Cashman, associate director of campus dining, things are changing every year. Forming student focus groups to find out what students like and don’t like, Campus Dining has worked to improve the efficiency of the campus facilities. Electronic surveys give Campus Dining a direction and help them form more detailed questions for focus groups.

Continued improvement is how we operate,” Cashman said. “We’re there to listen and make changes.”

Campus Dining provides a 100 percent guarantee: If students are not happy, Campus Dining will replace their meal.

“Food is such a personal thing,” Cashman said. “We can’t make everyone happy because it’s not the way Mom made it.”

The Lighthouse, the cafeteria-style dining house is changing its food-preparation methods to increase quality and freshness. Food will soon be made on the spot, so students will know their meal is made to order. The Vista Grande Cafe offers a new ordering system called “Walk This Way.” Student diners can now make their own food choices and have it prepared to their liking.

The Lighthouse and VG Cafe are also offering extended weekend hours for the upcoming year. One place or the other will be open all day, starting at 8:30 a.m., so students can dine on their own schedule.

VG Cafe Late Night will be open longer, too, Sunday through Thursday until midnight.

“Late Night was the best when I was in the dorms,” said Nicolas Richardson, an agriculture business senior. “You could get food you liked and have it to snack on while you study all night.”

Students on meal plans will be able to spend their plus dollars at the market, all campus dining facilities and 16 vending machines.

All meal plans include plus dollars for the first time this year. Students are allowed to change their meal plans from 10 plus, 14 plus and 17 plus during this year. Students are allowed to change their meal plans from 10 plus, 14 plus and 17 plus during the course of the year without penalty.

Students have many different ideas of what is good to eat on campus.

Backstage is the only place I go,” said Michelle Blanch, a business senior. “With a slice of pizza for $1.50 and no long lines it’s great when you’re in a rush.”

— By Shantelle Andrews and Jeremy Roe

Students look for transportation alternatives

"They’re bs-sock!"

Come Sept. 21, Cal Poly Sokes from a hot summer shtomer and comes to life as students head in droves back to classes. When all is said and done, less than 20 percent of Cal Poly’s student population lives on campus, leaving about 14,000 students who walk, jog, bike, drive, bus, skateboard and even rollerblade to class.

With housing tight and students spread around San Luis Obispo and outlying cities, commuting to school by car is sometimes the only option for students. But driving to a school where the good parking is so impacted it’s horrible,” said Tracy Henden, a psychology senior. "I end up parking a two miles from campus."

For students driving to campus its important to leave early and allow extra time. Cal Poly is notorious for its terrible parking. The entrance to campus get jammed up during the morning commute hours and at the top of each hour. There is always a spot to park in, but students are often forced to park far away from their classes.

“Driving is the lesser of the evils,” Henden said. "I like that I can leave exactly when I want."

Permits are required to park on campus. Permits are available by the day, quarter and annually. Many of the prime parking spots are staff parking spots. Cars without a staff permit parked in a staff space will receive a citation, so students have to pay attention to the markings on spots before they pull into them.

Another popular way to get around in San Luis Obispo is by bicycle. Since the city is only five miles across measuring between its two most distant points, a bicycle can get students from most any place in town to Cal Poly in nearly the same amount of time as a car. Many of the major streets in town include bike lanes, making for a safer journey.

Once on campus, bicyclists enjoy some of the best parking spots in racks located near most buildings. A bike lock is a necessity. Bike theft occurs frequently despite Cal Poly’s relatively low crime rate. It is also important to note that bicycles are not allowed in the inner part of Perimeter Road. Public safety officers will usually give students a warning during the first week of school, but after that they will cite errant bicyclists. San Luis Police also patrol the main arteries to and from campus. Student riders are expected to follow much the same rules as drivers, including lane-changes and stop signs.

Buses are another popular choice for students. The best part about busing to school is that the ride is free to Cal Poly students, thanks to subsidization by the Cal Poly Foundation and Associated Students Inc. Students just flash a Cal Poly I.D. card to the bus driver for a free ride. It’s good anywhere SLO Transit goes, not just to and from school.

Thebea Malabuyo, a graphic communications senior, said she takes the bus because it’s convenient.

“The bus stops close to my house and its free,” she said.

Many city buses are fueled by natural gas so the trip can be earth-friendly. Buses can get very crowded, especially in the morning hours and riders are often forced to park in like scenes. No food and drink containers are allowed on the bus, so coffee drinkers must remember to keep it in a sealed thermos.

The bus can be late, too, though most of the time it is reliable. It’s running late 8 a.m. class can be a rough way to start the day.

“Sometimes (the bus) gets to school late and then when it’s crowded, you have to stand up,” Malabuyo said.

Students who live close to campus take advantage by walking to school, a healthy alternative to driving and a good way to beat the traffic.

“I prefer walking because I can leave when I want and get to class on time,” said Samantha Haldeman, a microbiology senior. “It takes like 10 to 15 minutes to walk, but it gets me up earlier in the morning and that’s good.”

Sharebikes and in-line skates, though not allowed on campus, are a common sight at Cal Poly, and they can make for an interesting trip.

Whatever method students use to get to campus, there will always be a need for increased, close parking at Cal Poly. With enrollment on the upswing and Cal Poly entering a new era of NCAA Division I certified athletics, parking deficiencies will continue to grow.

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“I prefer walking because I can leave when I want and get to class on time,” said Samantha Haldeman, a microbiology senior. “It takes like 10 to 15 minutes to walk, but it gets me up earlier in the morning and that’s good.”

Sharebikes and in-line skates, though not allowed on campus, are a common sight at Cal Poly, and they can make for an interesting trip.

Whatever method students use to get to campus, there will always be a need for increased, close parking at Cal Poly. With enrollment on the upswing and Cal Poly entering a new era of NCAA Division I certified athletics, parking deficiencies will continue to grow.

— By Steve Fairchild and Jeremy Roe

Students look for transportation alternatives
Cal Poly professors are taking their classes into cyberspace, and students are following whether they want to or not.

The World Wide Web has become an important part of our society, and over the last few years it’s been gaining more and more prominence at Cal Poly. Students are turning in projects via e-mail, getting their homework assignments from their teacher's website, and searching the web for the best information for their term papers.

One of the most innovative ways teachers are using the web is to teach their class completely online. Peggy Lant, an English professor, has been teaching American Literature this way since 1994. "If it wasn’t a (Graduation Writing Requirement) we would never meet," Lant said. "(The students) come in and write one in-class essay, but other than that everything is done on the computer."

Lant said she sends her students a letter at the beginning of the year, and after that all communication is done through e-mail. She said homework assignments are listed on a class website and said a lot of the work involves searching other sites and reporting on them. Lant said there are several benefits to an online class.

"It is very flexible, so students can do their work at 2 a.m. if they want to," Lant said. "I think it also helps students who are shy or who are non-native English speakers because it gives them time to put their thoughts together and express themselves."

Online classes are constantly being evaluated, according to Lant, based somewhat on student evaluations. While Lant enjoys the class, she said not all classes should be taught this way.

There are others who believe the growing dependency on computers and online technology is a dangerous precedent. Gary Epstein, a mathematics and physics professor, said there is a great deal lost with the computer.

"I think we’re losing that interaction between the teacher and the student," Epstein said. "If you don’t understand the information you’re reading in a classroom you ask a question. That is lost through the computer. Computers are isolating one another and that can’t be good."

Lant said interaction isn’t always positive.

"I hear teachers talking about seeing their students’ eyes light up when they’re lecturing, and I think maybe that student is just thinking about his girlfriend," said Lant.

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should be used.

"Students can see how problems are done and work backward," Bailey said. "The student can do two or three by hand and then 50 really quickly on the com­
puter."

Physics junior Dan Seaman said computers help in the learning process.

"I don't think I'm learning any more or less by using the com­
puter, but it does save me a lot of time when I have those long physics problems to work out," Seaman said.

Epstein also said information isn't always accu­
rate on the web.

"At the library, books are criti­
sed by faculty before they're accepted," he said.

"But on the web, there are no evaluations. How can a student know if information is true or false?"

Bailey said having access to all this information is valuable. He said students are forced to think critically about information they see because it's not all accurate.

Epstein conceded the web can be helpful.

"There are certain areas where the web can be helpful, but not all areas," he said. "The faculty needs to discuss this, and we need to learn what works for students. There's a lot of money involved with always updating computers and software, so they have to be better than the traditional way to justify the spend­
ing. I think the jury is still out on that."

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Alcohol and college: A bad mix?

Cal Poly enjoys relatively crime-free campus

Student's disappearance still haunts school

Two years ago, the disappearance of Cal Poly student Kristin Smart put San Luis Obispo on the national crime stop. Smart's disappearance remains a mystery, but the isolated incident is atypical of Cal Poly's usually low crime rate.

Typically, Cal Poly police spend their time responding to petty theft and alcohol-related incidents.

"The first few weeks of school aren't too bad," University Police Officer Carol Montgomery said. "The students are just getting to know one another and the town, so they don't really have the resources to do too much damage."

In Cal Poly's biggest case, Kristin Smart disappeared after walking to her dorm room from an off-campus fraternity party. The case prompted a lawsuit against Cal Poly, alleging that University Police bungled the investigation.

The case also made an impact outside San Luis Obispo. A state law, the Kristin Smart Campus Safety Act of 1999, was signed by Gov. Pete Wilson last month to require college police in California to work with local law enforcement when a violent crime occurs.

Still, incidents like Smart's disappearance are unusual at Cal Poly.

In 1998, the most recent year with complete Cal Poly crime data, 127 crimes were reported on campus. More than 90 of those crimes were alcohol or drug-related.

The most frequent crime on campus is book theft. Montgomery said. When books are stolen, the thief can sell them for cash. If the owner of the books waits to report the theft, the lost books are often unrecoverable.

University Police recommend making a distinguishing mark on your books so police can trace a theft. This problem tends to escalate toward the end of the school year.

University Police also frequently respond to dorm theft. Since Cal Poly is a relatively safe campus, students sometimes neglect to lock their doors. Most dorm-room thefts occur because doors go unlocked.

"The policy is kind of good," said Steve Song, an electrical engineering senior. "Drinking makes it harder to pay attention to lectures and interferes with a student's performance. Not everyone thinks the policy is in effect for students' benefit."

"It's easier for the administration," said Eric Adler, an agricultural science graduate student. "If they have a dry campus, it's less for them to deal with. If (Cal Poly) President Baker can have alcohol at parties on campus, then those of us who are over 21 should have the same option."

Assistant to the President, Daniel Howard-Greene, said that one of reasons for having the dry campus policy is because of the residence hall population. "Most students in the residence halls are first or second year students under 21. It isn't acceptable for them to drink under any circumstances," he said. "I think that's probably one of the main considerations for having a dry campus."

Banks said there's a problem with the notion of the "college experience." Many students assume drinking and college go hand in hand. A 1996 survey of Cal Poly students showed that most students seem to think others drink more than they actually do. The survey also showed that those who do use alcohol or other drugs are much more susceptible to acts of violence.

"It lowers inhibitions. (If alcohol were allowed on campus) there'd probably be more date rapes and..."
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This is Cal Poly's fifth year in Division I and the

ation is beginning to recognize the little kids on the

entral Coast.

Mustang athletics have everyone riled up. After four

ear in Division I play, Cal Poly is entering Fall 1998

thletics full of experience and success. This year the

ustang basketball team will be eligible for NCAA

ons can show support of Cal Poly athletics by attending
events," said Chris DelConte, Assistant

thletic Director for Annual Funds. "Every event is

free to students with their ID card." Student particip-

on helps to create an environment everyone wants to participate in, according to DelConte.

Students can also show school pride in athletics by joining a sport group such as "Running Thunder," according to Lori Milling, a graphic communications junior and president of Running Thunder.

"Student support is very important and Running

hunder gives students the opportunity to see more

than just all home games," Milling said. The group is

giving to Reno this year when the football team

takes on Division I University of Nevada-Reno.

"Reno thinks we are a big joke but Running

hunder plans to turn their stadium into our stadi-

um," Milling said.

Running Thunder has room for about 300 mem-

bers and had about 140 last year. Membership and

enthusiasm is growing. Running Thunder also has their

own designated seating area for home games.

Marketing Assistant for the Athletics Department

Chris Baker also stressed the importance of student

upport.

"Without students you don't have an athletic

even," Baker said. "The sports are playing competi-

ive schedules and there are a lot of exciting people

'round.

The Mustang Ambassadors are another way to

ow pride in athletics by athletic representation and

ecrecing, according to Kristen Lowland, political

ence senior and president of the Ambassadors.

"It's a good way to get involved in sports without

physically participating, you get to meet players and

sponsors and the experience looks good on a

umume," said Lowland.

Football

The Cal Poly football team plan to pack Mustang

adium this season with high expectations after

ear 10-1 record last season. The Mustangs kick-off

heir season against Northern Arizona on Sept. 5.

Cal Poly will host five home games in all.

Head coach Larry Welsh has lined up a tough

chedule for the Mustangs this year. The Mustangs,

hich reached as high as No. 16 in the Division I

AA polls last season, will face Northern Iowa, University of Nevada and University of Montana.

In the last game of the season, the Mustangs

will attempt to extend their only loss last season when

hey take on Liberty Nov. 21 in Mustang

adium.

Cal Poly's offense will consist of even more run-

g last season. Running backs Antonio

en and Craig Young, who each rushed for more

an 1,000 yards, are expected to take the hand-off

and help-out new quarterback Andy Jepson. Jepson, a

fer from Iowa, will call the plays for the

 Mustangs.

The Mustangs will return with 14 returning players and three newcomers.

Women's Basketball

The Cal Poly volleyball team returns several stand-

out players. First Team Big West Middle Bkx Ker Kan

transfer from Iowa, will call the plays for the

 Mustangs.

In the last game of the year, the Mustangs will

return to San Jose State to face their only loss last season. The Mustangs finished fourth in the Big

tournament will take place on March 3-6.

Women's Basketball

When the Women's Basketball team begins their

season at San Jose State on Nov. 13, they will be

without several of their top 10 scorers from a year ago.

That means the Mustangs will depend heavily on

rangers Stephanie Osorio and Sherriason Frasier, who both started last season. Osorio averaged 10.0 points per game with 2.4 assists while Frasier averaged 6.7 points per game with 3.3 rebounds.

Head Coach Faith Mimmang will also depend heavily on her six freshman recruits. Six-foot-four inch center Stephanie Brown and guard Jasmine Jackson should see some time.

The last 15 games for the Mustangs will be part of the Big West Conference and the Big West Tournament will take place on March 3-6.

Next year's fans can look forward to the return of

last year's top eight scorers and relax at the games in the new comfortable seat-back chairs that have

replaced the old bleachers. More seats have also been added along both baselines to create an arena affect

and allow for maximum capacity.

Before the January 7 Big West Conference play

begins at home against Boise State University, the

Mustangs will be the 49th meeting ever and the first meeting

since Cal Poly moved to Division I. The Mustangs

were defeated by Fresno 88 to 58 at Fresno during the

1993-1994 season, which was Cal Poly's last sea-

on in Division II.

The Mustangs will play a total of 28 games, of

which 16 will be home and 12 on the road.

Besides UNLV, the non-conference opponents vis-

iting the Mustangs will be Southern University, Eastern Washington University and Sacramento

State University.

Left: Running back Antonio Warren races in front of three oppo-

ents during a 1997 game. Cal Poly football hopes it can defend the

10-1 record it earned last season.

Joe Johnston/WOW

Below: Forward Chris Bjorklund muscles up a shot despite being guarded by two University of California, Santa Barbara, defenders. David Wood/WOW

Men's Basketball

The Mustangs will start three former Freshman of the Year with senior guard Ben Larson, junior guard Mike Wainui, and sophomore forward Chris Bjorkland.

The season will open at Fresno State on Nov. 16 and includes a home game at the renovated Mott

Gym against the University of Nevada Las Vegas on Jan. 2. This will be the fourth game between UNLV and the Mustangs. It will be the first time UNLV has visited Cal Poly.

The first game against the Fresno State Bulldogs

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Mustangs will be going to Portland State on Nov. 28 and Missouri/Kansas City on Dec. 22 to take part in an All College Tournament in Oklahoma City.

Last year, Cal Poly finished 9th in the nation in

scoring with 84.5 PPG and 6th nationally with 8.8

three-pointers per game. Cal Poly has also had the

remaining 4 years of the mandatory 8-year waiting

period for eligibility for an automatic conference bid for the NCAA Tournament, according to Chris Baker, Marketing Assistant for the Athletic Department.

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"Students need to know that if they are caught breaking rules, they — and not their parents — will have the consequences." Banks estimated that 99 percent of violent acts that occur in residence halls are related to alcohol and drugs.

Director of Health and Psychological Services Martin Bragg said: "Alcohol is the great social lubricant. Students are studying, making friends, dating heavily and drinking is seen as a way to make these things seem easier."

The dry campus policy is more than just a way of restricting or denying students' choices. It's there to protect the university's main mission — to provide the best possible educational environment.

Bragg expressed concern over the loss of young, promising lives each year because of drinking. He cited drinking driving and resulting injuries and fatalities.

"There really are some bad things associated with drinking," said Bragg. He also pointed out that 5 percent of students who drink heavily in college will continue to be heavy drinkers. This is something that he feels is worth fighting.

"Education hasn't been shown to be effective as a way of preventing students from binge drinking, underage drinking or preventing them from those in the community who willfully supply alcohol to minors," said Bragg.

In addition to the academic pressure, the stress of being in a new environment and making friends, there is the pressure to drink. Bragg said that is why Cal Poly is a dry campus. By reducing the acceptability and availability of alcohol on this campus, the university is relieving students of some of the temptation and pressure they would normally face. As Banks pointed out, the decision is faced by and is up to each individual student.

Cal Poly is a dry campus, except for the Performing Arts Center and a few alumni events, such as tailgate parties at football games. For these events a one-day alcohol permit is issued. In response to the suggestion that this is a contradiction in policy, Bragg said: "I don't think it's as much of a mixed message as it is a complication of the campus discussion."

Howard-Greene said: "The Performing Arts Center is a regional arts facility that serves not only campus patrons, but people in the community and outside as well."

said: "In response to the management's request to change the alcohol policy to reflect the audience it serves, we decided to make allowances on a case-by-case basis."

Adler said he tried to make an appointment with (President) Warren Baker about this and other issues, "and I was told by his secretary in October or November of last year that he wasn't taking appointments with students until after the first of the year." he said. "When I tried to make an appointment for after the first she said they didn't want to book any appointments until closer to that time."

Howard-Greene said students are welcome to call the president's office directly with their concerns.

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tance," said Howard Givens.
Adler went on to say that having a supposedly dry campus and then having alcohol at parties in the name of fund-raising is hypocritical.
"People don't donate to the school because it's a dry campus or because they can drink alcohol at the fund­
rases, they donate because they believe in what the university is doing.
So, this thing about creating an atmosphere for donors to feel good and give more money is invalid," Howard Givens addressed the issue of a so-called mixed message on campus regarding alcohol.
"If we were promoting total absti­
nence, it would be hypocritical to serve alcohol on campus," he said.
"We are promoting the idea that there is an appropriate time and place for the consumption of alcohol by those who are 21 and over. At the events where exceptions to the alcohol poli­
cy are made, there is no attempt to restrict students who are 21 and over from partaking of that amenity."
Another high risk of alcohol
abuse is unwanted sexual touching
and forced sexual intercourse.
Campus groups like the Violence
Intervention Program
Krc, on safety
and warn that there's a need to take extra precautions when going into a situation where alcohol is served.
For example, it may be effective to limit oneself to two drinks.
Choosing not to drink at all increases the likelihood that an individual will have the strength and will to fend off the threat of physical abuse.
It will also decrease the risk of becoming out of control, or doing things you wouldn't do normally.
A popular option is designating a driver. This person stays sober and is responsible for driving others home.
Another option is to call the free Safe Ride Home program on
Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. and someone will pick you up anywhere in the city of San Luis Obispo.
The number is 459-3616.
Patricia Harris, Coordinator of Women's Programs and Services was one of the people to help get fund­
ing for the Violence Intervention Program. Harris said an important focus of the Violence Intervention Program initially was to provide opportunities for students to have fun in an alcohol-free environment.
"The goal in the beginning was to have an event at least once a month," Harris said. "We had the bowling nights with free pizza last year."
The group also sponsors the annual "Take Back the Night" event to raise awareness about domestic violence.
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Students scramble to find housing

SLO housing crunch causes headaches as students move back

Ask any student, and they know how difficult it is to find a place to live in San Luis Obispo. Brenton Hoffman knows this all too well. The mechanical engineering junior has even tried for a place that has already received 40 applications.

Hoffman blames his unsuccessful housing search on his own procrastination, limiting factors and competition.

“Many people leave it to the last minute to look, and this is something I do that makes it much harder,” Hoffman said.

He also said that the fact that he is looking for something that is month-to-month, not a lease, his own room and wants to spend about $350 a month makes it difficult.

“That cuts out three-fourths of the housing in San Luis,” Hoffman said.

Hoffman said that people have been very nice to him but that they sometimes put on airs.

“The older people are very stern and almost rude,” Hoffman said. “The others (are) sometimes overly friendly and it makes them seem fake.”

According to Hoffman, the best people to rent from are those that have been looking for a while.

“They take in all of the applications they can, and then select the best ones,” Hoffman said.

Another student who can sympathize with the scarcity of housing is April Greene, a construction management freshman. She currently lives and works in Sacramento and has had to make special trips to look for housing for the last month and a half.

“The housing is very expensive, and property managers charge a high fee,” Greene said. “Every good deal gets snatched up very quickly.”

Greene said she plans to stay with friends until she finds a place of her own.

“I’m even hiking in the Five Cities area because of the cost factor,” Greene said. “Transportation to school then becomes the problem, but things are more expensive the closer to school (they are).”

Nancy Jensen, maintenance director at Farrell Smyth Property Management, said that if people are looking for housing right now, they are not having good luck. She said there are currently two studios on the available list now, whereas in April the list was seven pages long.

“Students thinking about changing their housing situation in the upcoming Fall (quarter) need to secure a rental unit before the end of Spring quarter,” Jensen said. “Everything we had is already locked up in leases.”

Jenny Lee, a computer science graduate student, has an ad on the Department of Housing and Residential Life division of the Student Affairs website, accessible from the Cal Poly home page. Lee has been looking for a place to live for about a month now.

“I have received some calls from people who saw my ad, but I’m waiting for a friend who’s helping me look and giving me ideas,” Lee said. “It seems especially hard to find a place this Fall, but I think I will.”

Kathy Austin, from San Luis Property Management, also recommends looking for housing in April.

“We release our Fall listings in the beginning of April,” Austin said. “Now we only have a couple studios where before we had 65 to 75 listings.”

From the advice of those in the predicament of trying to find a place to live and those whose job it is to help, waiting to find housing can be the biggest mistake.

“Look early and save yourself the headaches,” Jensen said.

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The women’s soccer team will open its fifth season of Division I play with two scrimmages. The first is at Sacramento State on Aug. 23 and their first home game is against the University of California at Los Angeles on Aug. 25. The Mustangs will play a total of 20 games with 10 at home.

The Cal Poly Invitational Tournament will begin Sept. 11 against Montana at 5:00 p.m. and San Diego State at 7:00 p.m. The Sept. 13 games will begin at 11:00 a.m. against San Diego State and 1:00 p.m. against Montana.

Next, the team will go directly into the Nike Tournament in Columbia, MO on Sept. 18 against Tulsa. Then on Sept. 22 against Missouri. The tournaments should be enough warm-up for the next two Big West matches.

Coach Alex Cozier, who has been named Big West Coach of the Year in two previous seasons in the league, will have 15 returning players from last year’s team and three newcomers.

The Mustangs won the Big West Conference tournament in their first year in the league in 1996 and won the regular season title in 1997. Last year’s team finished first with a 3-1 conference record and reached the finals in the Big West Conference Tournament. They were 25th in the NSCAA/USB Conference last year, giving the Mustangs their highest national ranking ever.

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