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City hopes 2 years, $200 million will undo 100 years of pollution

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Aug. 3, 1992: A Unocal pipeline cracks open, dumping over 600 barrels of crude oil down a cliff and into the ocean between Pirate's Cove and Avila Beach.

Currently, much of the oil is underground and Unocal has been court ordered to begin a $200 million excavation project. The project will remove 420,000 gallons of volatile petroleum products, including diesel fuel and gasoline, from beneath Avila Beach.

However, Unocal keeps pushing back the starting date, citing delays in acquiring the proper permits.

"The plan has already been engineered and designed," said Unocal spokesperson Derek Arroyo. "We're just waiting on the permits. We hope to have them by the end of this week or the beginning of next week. We can get started seven days after we have them."

Unocal estimates that the cleanup procedure will take 16 months of 16-hour workdays to completely remove the oil from the Aug. 3 spill and from years of contamination due to leaky underground pipes.

According to the Avila Beach/Unocal Environmental Impact Report, the restoration process would "include the disruption of traffic, loss of recreational beach use, elevated noise and vibration levels, the generation of dust and air pollutants, adverse odors, and potential safety impacts when the plume (large underground field of contamination) is disturbed."

CALM BEFORE THE STORM: Eddie Hamel coasts in the breeze on the swings at Avila Beach. A sign nearby beckons people to "Enjoy Avila Beach." Excavation is set to begin on Avila within the next couple of weeks.

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Unocal's 100-year history in Avila

1899
Union Oil makes its first venture into San Luis Obispo County, drilling its first hole—a "duster" or dry well—in Arroyo Grande about 400 yards north of the railroad depot.

1902
Union Oil buys land in Avila and buys drilling options on 50,000 acres near Santa Maria and Lompoc.

1906
Union completes a pipeline stretching from the oil fields to Avila, where it has built a tank farm with storage capacity for 250,000 barrels.

1907
In March, Pismo Beach Co. sues Union Oil Co. for $25,000 for beach oil pollution. Union agrees to stop emptying the tankers' bilges into San Luis Bay and builds a tank on land to accept bilge waste.

1908
Burning oil flows into San Luis Bay after storage tanks near Port Harford pier catch fire from lightning strikes.

1910
Union builds the San Luis Obispo Tank Farm to store oil and open the Avila Refinery, a crude processing plant on the bluff above Avila.

1914
Union Oil builds a pier to carry oil to tanker ships in Avila.

1916
Lightning starts a fire at the Union Tank Farm south of San Luis Obispo. The explosions release at least 168 million gallons of burning oil, which flows over nearby farms and down San Luis Creek. Unocal drains its pipelines to the ocean coating Avila and Pismo beaches with oil. Pollution from this spill still remains underground at the SLO Tank Farm.

1920
The Avila Refinery explodes.

1926
A Union Oil pipeline bursts on a hillside above Avila, sending diesel fuel pouring down streets and through yards.

1929
Union Oil becomes a Delaware corporation and changes its name to Unocal.

1932
A Union pipeline ruptures sending 600 barrels of crude oil down a slope, over a cliff and into a small cove between Avila Beach and Pirate's Cove.

1937
Nude sunbathing becomes popular at Pirate's Cove.

1942
A Unocal pipeline ruptures sending 600 barrels of crude oil down a slope, over a cliff and into a small cove between Avila Beach and Pirate's Cove.

1948
A Front Street property owner discovers petroleum during a routine soil test. Unocal begins studying the contamination.

1955
Unocal excavates the western end of Avila Beach and oil fills the excavation hole.

1956
Unocal shuts down the Avila terminal. The Avila Alliance sues Unocal to force a full cleanup. Unocal sells its Calif. refineries, pipelines, and gas stations to Tosco Corp. in a $2 billion deal. Unocal retains polluted lands, including its holdings in Avila Beach.

1957
Excavation of the pollution is recommended and Unocal begins dismantling its Avila Tank Farm.

1967
Unocal begins removing underground oil leaking into the ocean. New estimates put the underground contamination at 420,000 gallons.

1968
San Luis Obispo County health study determines little threat from casual use of the beach, but finds Unocal to pay $18 million in penalties.

1972
Unocal agrees to excavate oil pollution beneath the town and the beach and to pay $18 million in penalties.

1978
Unocal agrees to excavate oil pollution beneath the town and the beach and to pay $18 million in penalties.

1985
Unocal begins cleaning up the coastal site. Unocal agrees to pay $1.4 million penalty for the Pirate's Cove spill in 1992.
Bill's Big Bill

Should we have peeked at the $40 million hummer?

Sit down in front of the television, tune in to a local radio station, glance at a newspaper or jump on-line and the details of one man's personal life are shoved down your throat. By now you'd think that with all the "graphic" details we've been forced to swallow the American public quickly say, "No thanks," to the consistent offering of unimportant information and banal commentary by the news media's most glorified talking heads. But we eat it up much like suburban housewives devour daytime television.

And who are all these analysts, commentators and newscasters who have crawled out from under the rocks of society? All over the country they are having a field day, treating this like it's the scandal to end all scandals, hoping they are remembered for their involvement. These pompous media types, who are no different from you or me, believe they are so right and Clinton is so wrong. They obviously write the book on morality. Obviously.

Arguments have been made that President Clinton should leave office for failing to properly act as the moral leader of the United States. He's not the moral leader, and has never claimed to be. President Clinton is the president of the most powerful nation in the world and has acted accordingly. To judge Clinton with the same standards you and I judge each other simply isn't fair.

If we review the history books, President Clinton has behaved like many former presidents, the only difference being that he got caught and the media decided to pounce on the poor guy, broadcasting far and wide anything and everything they could get their paws on.

Did your life really change because President Clinton hooked up with an intern? Didn't think so. The real tragedy here isn't the fact our president cheated on his wife, which should leave office for failing to properly act as the moral leader of the United States. He's not the moral leader, and has never claimed to be. President Clinton is the president of the most powerful nation in the world and has acted accordingly. To judge Clinton with the same standards you and I judge each other simply isn't fair.

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How do you plan on relaxing after this first week of school?

A Cal Poly WOW board member questions motives of advertisements in the WOW issue

I am deeply disappointed to see the Mustang Daily's choice in advertisements for the WOW 1998 edition.

On page 6 of the issue there is an advertisement from Albertsons that reads "Welcome Back Cal Poly Students! WOW WEEK!" If you look just below this block and to the right you will see a bonus buy advertisement for a 6-pack of Corona Beers for $3.99, not to mention the fact that you can apparently get your cold beer from Albertsons too.

The combination of using WOW and advertising alcohol is appalling.

The Week Of Welcome is a program that stresses and prides itself on a safe, informative, and entertaining orientation week that is DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE! This message is reiterated time and time again during the orientation staff leaders 10-week training program in the spring quarter.

After seeing this advertisement I feel that a part of a program that I give my blood, sweat, and tears to was taken away by the Mustang Daily, an entity which has nothing to do with WOW.

The question I would have to ask of the Daily is, "What is more important, the integrity and ethics of your paper or the bucks generated from a full-page ad?"

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"I didn't climb to the top of the food chain to eat oats and hay."
Just when you thought that you had enough to think about, I, Jon "Jacob Jingleheimer" Wilson (your fun student advisor), have a calling that I need to share with five people. These five people shall be in front of you and this will all be common knowledge before your next bowel movement.

As you go about your insanely full daily schedule of classes and activities, you will probably want to maintain yourself so as to make it through the entire quarter without electro-shock therapy.

The two obvious activities we think of regarding self-maintenance are exercise and eating right. Those are great to think about, but besides food, I want to discuss what else is going into your body.

We all know that it is rather unhealthy to eat meals on a regular basis of “safe,” top-selling crap. Another resource for film that is open to your viewing pleasure, but not all, of the DJs who play specialty music have extensive knowledge of music. To avoid fast food, I want to discuss what else is going into your body.

Just as the way to eat nutritious and consume innovative foods, books, and music. I am claiming that it is "unhealthy" to constantly take in McDull/Fry-grade sources of art. Limiting yourself to the five musical groups that MTV or SLY 90 focuses on would be like placing a local anesthetic on your brain. Similarly, watching only the blockbusters that arrive first in time for the holidays will not likely enlighten you in any fashion. And for books, there are other authors besides Gisham, and Clancy and King! Just as the way to eat nutritious food is to avoid fast food and shop around for your own tastes. I think it would be a native assumption to believe that what little variety commercial art has is what is right for you. So let me help you get started with your shopping.

Regarding films: the Palm Theater on Palm Street offers independent films that you can't see at the big places. The films they show are made by people who have actually studied film theory and who are trying to produce innovative material. After all, isn't the art process of one mind state relating to another? If the art that you take in is not new or challenging to you, is it art?

Another resource for film is becoming more popular in this town is Instamatic Video on High Street. There you can find innovative titles from every genre known to man. If you can't find what you like there, you should either make your own film or stop watching them all together.

One more handy tip for film enjoyment would be the Digital Film Festival here at Poly. The philosophy behind that event is that computers have given independent artists the capability to visually compete with the big guys. A handy tip for navigating the dense number of film titles out there is to pick a few directors, as opposed to actors, because directors are prettier consistent in their quality because of the amount of control they have.

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for community support.
Unocal has been ordered to pay the city of Avila Beach an $18 million settlement due to the disruption. $10 million will be directed to restoration projects and another $6 million to enhancement projects (including redesigning Front Street). The remaining money goes to lawyers, and other administrative fees.
Cal Poly Soil Science professor Thomas Ruehr feels "They (county planners) may have overlooked an important point. When they're digging at the beach they're removing the beach's armor. The weather and wave actions could then destabilize the land some of the homes in the area are built on."
"Unfortunately, most of the engineering solutions are a quick fix. If they remove the sand and clean it, it's never going to be 100 percent," said Ruehr. "The bioremediation process may take longer, but the action of the microbes breaking down the oil droplets does a better job."
But how did the problem get so bad? How did the contaminated pipeline go unnoticed? And why has it taken so long to begin the clean up process?
The answers can be traced back to 1989 when a Front Street property owner discovered petroleum in a routine soil test. A study by Unocal revealed that the pollutants follow the path of the pipeline — from Front Street to the tanks on the cliffs above the town. Unocal claimed that most of the underground contamination had hardened to an asphalt like substance and posed no environmental hazard.
In 1992 the pipeline broke. Only 160 of the 600 barrels of oil were recovered in an ocean cleanup; the remaining oil seeped into the ground.
In December 1995, Unocal performed a test excavation at the west end of Avila Beach. The site filled with oil; the oil Unocal claimed was hardened and harmless.
In early 1996, Unocal shut down the Avila Beach terminal and left California. All of Unocal's pipelines, gas stations, refineries, and the "76" logo sold in a $2 billion deal with Tosco Corp. According to Aney, the deal was part of a corporate restructuring unrelated to the Avila Beach incident. Also in 1996, the Avila Alliance, state Attorney General, and San Luis Obispo County filed a lawsuit against Unocal, forcing them to clean up the area.
In 1997, Unocal consultant Arthur Little sided with Avila Beach. Little recommended a full excavation in Unocal's environmental impact report. Finally, in 1998 Unocal agreed to begin the clean-up effort, to use the excavation process, and to pay $18 million for damages.

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Avila: a unique spot on the Central Coast

By Keith Park

n ow you probably know about Avila Beach and the whole clean up fiasco. For those of you just arriving, all we can say is that unless your favorite cult movie is The Toxic Avenger, you may want to refrain from swimming or fishing at Avila! But I come to praise Avila, not her sins, for it was and still is one of the finest beaches around. I was surprised, therefore, to find that relatively few locals use Avila Beach, preferring instead other SLO coast beaches. In a brief telephone survey I asked more than 20 random people what was their favorite "hang out" beach (as opposed to surf spot) and the answers came back mostly in favor of Pismo and Shell beaches, with one "never-say-die" Carsons fan. Could it be a fear of the black sand lurking beneath the surface? Or were there other factors which went beyond?

Kurt, at BBG in Pismo Beach explained it like this: "People seem to like having the convenience of beaches and shops right there together." As far as watching the sunset is concerned, she claims Pismo has the best view. "Beaches like Avila are less windy, usually, but the point that protects them also prevents a view of the sun as it sinks into the ocean."

Another surf shop employee claimed it was the "scene" at the more popular beaches that drove him up north to the relative tranquility of San Simeon State Beach. It was easy to get people to talk about their favorite beaches for combing or sunning, but most everyone zipped up tight when it came to surfing spots. "Tell them to check out Pismo port!" insisted one unnamed respondent.

As far as climate is concerned, the sun will become an increasingly precious commodity over the next several months now that October is almost here. But many folks who've spent their lives here on the Central Coast agree: Fall is definitely the best season, even for the beach. The water is at its warmest right about now (a variable 60° F), and if you bat up the efficient currents at Morro rock the water can reach upwards of 60° warmer. But in spite of having been warmed up over the course of the summer, forecasters predict in Scientific American that winter along the California coast is going to be very clear, crisp and cold.

But back to Avila Beach. Rolling into Avila is like shaving off the last few miles of your bike. You ride into one little beachwear shop on the main strip, pick up a pair of cheap sunglasses and approached the counter. "That be all for you?" asked the proprietor. "Yep I replied, "and actually, I'm writing an article about the beaches around here, could I ask you about what's happening here in Avila?" He grimaced pityingly and shook his head. "I'm sick of explaining it. Let's just get it started so we can get it over with. Good luck!"

So, I surmised, mentioning the cleaning up to the locals is a definite no-no, kind of like dousing "Crazy, man!" to a psychologist. I would have to try a different approach. I tucked it up to the far end of town (two whole blocks) where I met up with Jeff Clark, who runs part of Central Coast Kayaks from Avila Beach. He had just finished instructing a couple on ziplining kayaks, their wetsuits still dripping pools of saltwater beneath them. "Avila's the warmest and most protected sanitarium spot around here," he said. "A lot of people come to Avila who don't realize there's another beach just around the corner."

Since working for Central Coast Kayaks, Jeff has explored just about every inch of coastline in San Luis county. Geographically, he says, the spot at San Simeon State Beach is similar to Avila in its south-western orientation, but is much more prone to fog. "On some days the entire coast may be sacked in fog," explained Jeff, "but since Avila is surrounded by hills, it basks off the fantest of any of the other beaches."

"Also," he says "there's a couple of secluded beaches out and around which are excellent, but only accessible by boat or kayak. Also, if you round Fossil point, the whitish bluffs at the lower end of Avila bay, there's caves for exploring, and eventually you reach Pirate's Cove, the nude beach."

As I rolled out of the Avila township, I passed a vacant for where several bulldozers and a crew of guys were pushing earth around. This of course was the testing ground for the whole cleanup operation; the first bare thread of an unraveling rope. I passed several residents out on their second-story balconies, wondering what the whole thing is about. I could not resist asking one of them (with false naivete) what was going on. "Oh, that's the start of the cleanup operation," said the man cheerfully. So far so good. I yelled up above the tractor noise "Must be a mess, huh?"

"Actually, it's not so bad," came the surprising answer. "I was thinking of leaving town for a while, but unless it gets way out of hand, I think it's actually going to be a good thing." He evidenced the fact that many of the existing buildings failed code miserably, and that this little facet might actually improve the environment, aesthetically and physically.

So, there's a silver lining hovering over this modest little beach town, strictly out of journalistic inquiry, of course.

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**DIGGIN' DEEP:** Bulldogs will be a common accent to the scenery of Avila Beach.

Steve Schueneman/Mustang Daily

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Hollywood hopes to make Spider-Man a star

Los Angeles Times

I t is the age of truth the ultimate
Hollywood art form is the deal, then the maneuvering to get "Spider-Man" to the big screen will never hang in the Louvre.

As the biggest superhero character left unmined since the blockbuster "Batman" made the genre popular again, "Spider-Man" has been widely touted as moviedom's hottest property. Industry buzz says a movie featuring the web-slinging, wall-climbing crime fighter has been a comic book mainstay for more than 35 years would be the event movie of the year for the studio that owns the rights.

But only one could figure out which studio that is.

The seven-year battle over the feature film rights to the Marvel Comics character has become Hollywood's oddest and most convoluted legal spectacle. There are five lawsuits pending before Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Valerie Baker, with as many as 18 separate written agreements at issue.

Last month, a Delaware judge overseeing Marvel's bankruptcy cleared the California cases for trial, which could begin before the end of the year.

But that will leave Baker confronted with a tangled mess: "Spider-Man could be a movie, or it could be litigation," said Howard Weg, an attorney who represents the liquidating trust of Carolco Pictures, which claims to have acquired the movie rights in 1989 but went bankrupt in 1995. "All the entities involved have elected not to make a movie, but litigation."

But this is more than a story of dueling lawyers. The multi-million-dollar litigation parade provides a unique snapshot of recent Hollywood history. Along the way, "Spider-Man" has become the Hollywoodian of the movie business, earning many of those who have laid claim to it.

Three studios that at one point or another claimed an interest in the movie rights have gone bankrupt awaiting for a resolution; has Marvel Entertainment Group, the comic book publisher that owns the character. Indeed, it's not clear whether the leading complaint today, the alleging studio MGM, would have the financial wherewithal to finance the "Spider-Man" movie it won the litigation.

The case traces the rise and fall of three independent film studios that briefly dominated Hollywood deal-making until their shallow finances brought them down and outfell side by side the bankruptcy of the industry's blockbuster mentality and its preoccupation with big names, such as superstars director James Cameron, whose association with the "Spider-Man" project helped drive it from a modest $15 million undertaking in 1985 to the predicted $200 million extravagance it would be if made today.

And it shows to what lengths filmmakers will go. The whole brokendown started when independent filmmaker Mennahem Golan, who purchased the first five-year movie option on "Spider-Man" 11 years ago, filed a lawsuit to ensure that he would be listed as producer of any "Spider-Man" film, even if he never again lifts a finger to bring it to the screen.

The intensity of battle also illustrates something strange in today's world. It's a battle to develop "event movies"—priceless properties that can be exploited repeatedly over a decade or longer for sequels and spinoffs.

The potential return of such a franchise is so great that four major studios remain in the fight for "Spider-Man." One is MGM, which claims to have an exclusive on the "Spider-Man" feature film rights once held by the defunct independent studio 21st Century Film (both operated by the impressionable Golan) and Carolco Pictures.

Variety Entertainment and Sony Pictures, meanwhile, say they own television and home video rights, respectively, to any "Spider-Man" feature film.

Waiting in the wings, finally, is 20th Century Fox, which is not part of the litigation but holds the most intriguing card of all, an exclusive contract with "Titanic" director James Cameron, who in 1991 was paid $3 million by Carolco for a "Spider-Man" film treatment that sources say "was killed." These claims are all at issue because Marvel, which is just emerging from its own bankruptcy, contends that the movie options it held three times over the last 15 years have expired. Therefore, it claims, has the exclusive right to sell them again.

Like many, Peter Parker — the superhero — is stuck in balance super powers bestowed by a radioactive spider's bite with the worldly concerns of any teenage "Spider-Man" as a comic book concept at first got no respect.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES TURN TO PERFORMANCE-ENHANCING DRUGS

The number of women contracting AIDS is increasing. Women are one of the fastest growing groups of new AIDS cases, accounting for 20 percent of newly reported cases in the US and 42 percent of new cases worldwide. AIDS is the third leading cause of death among women ages 20-40.

The Allentown Morning Call

Brian Gallagher is the kind of student-athlete every coach dreams of — bright, upbeat, hard-working, determined to be in the best shape he can be for his sport.

This summer, he capped his high school football career with an appearance in a Pennsylvania all-star game. Now the Emmaus (Pa.) High School graduate is at Delaware Valley College, where he'll play fullback.

He's been taking creatine since the end of his sophomore year.

"When you're struggling on that last rep, and the lactic acid kicks in, that's what it's all about," he said. "I think it's a great product."

He said he was introduced to creatine before the supplement became popular by a friend who worked at a nutrition store.

He credits it with helping him bulk up. Gallagher, 19, stands 6-foot-8 and weighs 220 pounds. He remembers trying to be competitive on the field while weighing only 150 as a 16-year-old sophomore.

"I completely whipped on because I wasn't big enough," he said with a laugh. "I came in junior year weighing 200 pounds."

Gallagher now takes four times a day for a month at a time. He says he makes sure to drink two gallons of water daily so he doesn't get dehydrated.

He feels the product gives him a psychological as well as a physical boost. "Psychologically, just taking something stimulates your brain. It's natural, it's not drugs, I think it's safe," he said. "I like it," he said.

Gallagher acknowledged that pressure is part of why creative use is spreading among high schoolers.

Some of the players on the best teams in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley use it, he said, and he's talked to coaches who even keep creatine in the weight room for players to take before they work out.

"When I started two years ago, I was one of the few. It was me and a couple of other kids who had heard about it," he recalled.

"But in my senior year, I was a captain, and me and the other captain were using it. So the other players started asking about it, and one thing led to another, and now almost the whole team's on it." Gallagher, who plans to major in business, spent the summer following a specialized fitness and conditioning program at a local health club.

Every Monday and Thursday he lifts weights for his upper body and Tuesday and Friday he works on his legs. On Wednesdays, he runs three miles for his cardiovascular component, and on Saturdays he does sprints and drills.

Each weight workout takes him 1 to 2 hours.

"You can't just take creatine and not work out, you've got to work out," he said.

"It's the combination that got me where I am."
MEN'S SOCCER
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including several freshmen who could
start were it not for upper classmen
already filling the positions.
"If we have a weakness, it's that we
are too excited, too careless on the
attack, not foreseeing potential dan­
ger," said Gartner.
Cal Poly got the season rolling
with a 1-0 win at home against Cal
State Los Angeles, with the only goal
being scored by Yosso.
The next game, also at Cal Poly,
was a 4-0 victory over Loyola-
Marymount, in which Haynes got a
hat trick in the second half.
Game three against St. Mary's
College was a 1-0 victory for Cal Poly.
A penalty kick by senior Brian Lange
was the only score.
Team members ran into some trou­
ble playing San Jose State, a game
that ended in a 0-3 loss to Cal Poly.
In the second half, Haynes was red-
carded for a hand-ball violation and
the Spartans were awarded a penalty
kick that led to their first goal of the
game. Cal Poly was then forced to fini­
sh out the game with only 10 players
on the field and Lange allowed two
more Spartan goals. Yosso pulled him­
self out of the starting line up when
he pulled his hamstring in the first
half of the game, but said he hopes to
play Oct. 2 at the Adidas Invitational
in Clemson, N.C.
"We had the momentum to win,
that's for sure," said Lange. "But you
never know what's going to happen in
conditions like that where it's pouring
down rain, and sloppy muddy, and the
ball is skipping around all over."
Cal Poly plays at home Sunday
against San Diego State University.
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The team's early success gives
the Mustangs reason to be confident as
they play their first Pac-10 game
tomorrow at University of California,
Irvine, but Coach Steve Schlick
says the reminder of the season will
come in the Mustangs.

"We'll definitely win games, but we
even the little losses are improving.
"We'll be challenged, we're playing
some great teams."

A few of the teams that Schlick
expects will threaten Cal Poly's
record are University of California,
Santa Barbara, Long Beach State, and
University of Pacific.

The Mustangs will play Pacific
next Friday at the Cal Poly Rec
Center in their first home game.
Schlick said all three of the opposing
teams are ranked among the top 10 in
the nation. He also said Cal Poly is
currently ranked 16th.

"There's a lot coming for the team
this year," Schlick said. "It's a great
team. They are a group with the same
goals, good individual skills and team
speed, and they are all very much in
tune with each other. There's a real
sense of dedication."

One of the teams goals, says
Schlick, is to try to live up to the suc-
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when the team was in the NCAA
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"The history of the program in the
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"What we're trying to do is get back
to where the program was."

Things are looking hopeful for
the Mustangs so far in realizing this goal.
However, while Schlick says the
team's early wins have been great,
there is still room for improvement.
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good in that it gave the team a
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can continue winning, but we need to
get better. The team has set high goals,
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pletely what their potential is."

— Steve Schlick
volleyball head coach

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UCLA, Miami blown out

Los Angeles Times

Another week, another blowout
for UCLA.

This one, though, won't carry
any weight with the nation's pollsters
and could come back to haunt the third-
ranked Bruins.

Still, Coach Bob Toledo wasn't
about to second-guess Thursday's
decision reached by administrators
from both schools to cancel
Saturday's nationally televised game at
Miami because of the threat of
Hurricane Georges.

"Deep down inside, I'm actually
kind of glad that we're not going," said
Toledo, who broke the news to his
players as they prepared to board a
bus to LAX. "I'm responsible for
those young men and to their fami-
lies, and I would feel terrible if some-
thing happened. You've got to keep it
in perspective: This is a game."

In South Florida, Thursday night's
baseball game between the Florida
Marlins and Philadelphia Phillies was
postponed and rescheduled as part of
a doubleheader Saturday. Friday's pro-
calmer at Race Course was can-
celled, and many high school events
were postponed.

The Miami Dolphins have a bye
week. But both schools, Del said,
have major basketball games sched-
uled on Dec. 5. UCLA plays against
the University of Memphis on Friday,
next open date for both teams
in Southern California. USC, or Nov.
28, when Miami is scheduled to play
at Syracuse. The Miami-Syracuse

"We'll definitely win times, but we
couldn't. It would either be on Dec. 5,
the next open date for both teams
and two weeks after UCLA's second-
ing game against USC, or Nov.
28, when Miami is scheduled to play
at Syracuse. The Miami-Syracuse
game would have to be moved to
accommodate UCLA.

Miami Athletic Director Paul Dee
said that he and his UCLA counter-
part, Peter Dalis, would discuss
rescheduling the game early next
week, continuing talks started this
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ST. LOUIS (AP) - Like everyone else in the Illinois town of Centralia, 70 miles east of St. Louis, Gary Gaetti's baseball allegiance was forged in the cradle.

"There's a line around Decatur, Ill., the break-off point between Cubs fans and Cards fans," Gaetti said. "Anything south is Cardinal territory, with the Cubs. Playing in Kith places was quaint, ivy-covered walls into living rooms everywhere.

"In a sense, it's a new team," said Oceguera. "It's a new opportunity. There's a little pressure after last year's ranking and losing so many seniors," said Oceguera. "Even though we're young, I think we're going to go out there and show them what we can do in Idaho."

The Mustangs have no way of judging the teams they will face this weekend because both Boise State and Idaho are beginning their first year in the conference. Both teams are enthusiastic to begin a new year in the Big West, Crozier said.

Matt Warren/Mustang Daily

"In a sense, it's a new team. We're still working out the kinks, but this is one of the most talented teams yet."

— Alex Crozier

women's soccer head coach

Oceguera said there will be an element of surprise in their first two games.

"We don't know what to expect, but if we continue to play as we have been, I expect to bring home two wins," said Oceguera. "Iimal expressed as confident as the team and said, "If we play as well as we did in Missouri then we'll do great."

The Mustangs will play their first home game against Utah State on Oct. 2.

Cubs, Cards rivalry rejuvenated

"St. Louis is the best baseball city in the upper Midwest. Both play in baseball-only stadiums and on grass, which the Cardinals restored to Busch Stadium after the Busch family sold the team to a group headed by businessman William DeWitt in 1996."

In addition, both owe much of their popularity to broadcaster Harry Caray, whose flamboyant style helped turn each into America's team long before the Dallas Cowboys claimed that title or Ted Turner thought of the anonymous domed stadium." St. Louis was the best baseball city there is. It's now almost by a consensus. I've thought that for years and years. A handful of cities might match it for passion, but no one can match its combination of passion and civility."

What makes their rivalry unique, however, is their mutual respect.

When McGwire broke Roger Maris' record of 61 home runs on Sep. 8, he victimized the Cubs. Sosa was among the first to congratulate McGwire, which endeared him to Cardinal fans.

"That was one of the few times in the history of the Cardinal-Cubs rivalry I've seen Card fans cheering a Cub, except maybe Lou Brock," said Billy Williams, the Cubs' dugout coach and a Hall of Famer who spent 16 seasons with them. "It's really ironic that one of our raids, a player on that particular ballclub, is matching our guy. It's exciting to have both cities involved, and to have both cities pulling for each other."

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**SCHEDULE**

**TODAY**
- Women's soccer at Boise State at 4 p.m.
- Volleyball at UC Irvine at 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY**
- Football vs. St. Mary's in Mustang Stadium at 6 p.m.
- Cross Country at Santa Barbara
- Volleyball at Cal State Fullerton at 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**
- Men's soccer vs. San Diego State in Mustang Stadium at 5 p.m.
- Women's soccer at Idaho at 1 p.m.

**BRIEFS**

Dry Run 98 will be held Saturday, Oct. 3, at Laguna Lake Park in San Luis Obispo at 9 a.m.

All runners and walkers, experienced or not, are welcome to participate in the 5K run.

Dry Run 98 is sponsored by Sobriety Training for the At-Risk (STAR). Car Program of SLO County Drug and Alcohol Services, Friday Night Live, and the North Community Connection. It is open to all members of the community as an alternative activity in support of healthy choices and a drug-free lifestyle.

There is a registration fee for the event. It is $10 for early registration and $12 for late registration. The fee includes a t-shirt, refreshments, and music.

**SPORTS**

**Men's soccer prepares for MPSF**

By Trisha Thorn
Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly men's soccer team has its hands full this season, facing tough competition in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF), according to Head Coach Wolfgang Gartner.

The MPSF, which is a combination of the Big West, Pacific-10, and Western athletic conferences, includes the University of Washington, which is currently ranked number one, and UCLA, which won the National Championship in 1992.

"If we win, it's a surprise on paper," said Gartner.

"We're not supposed to win on paper. But if we play exceptionally, we can win."

With a 4-1-1 record so far, the team has had an exciting start to the season, according to Gartner. The players are also looking forward to a successful season.

"I think we'll do very well this season because we work very hard and every position is very strong," said junior David Yosso.

Gartner said the players have exceptional skills in a lot of areas, and the team won't have to rely on the talent of one person.

One such example of team skill is the combination of Yosso, senior Martin Haynes, and freshman Johnny Cummings. Gartner said these three forwards are a great combination on his offense-minded team.

"Yosso is good in the air and it's tough to figure out his next move," Gartner said. "Cummings is a good, polished player and a good shot. Haynes is fast and he can jump and get away from people."

The team also has the distinction of having some outstanding freshmen, including starters Cummings, marking back Barrysee Matthews and goalie Brenton Junge. Junge stepped in this year for Greg Connell, Cal Poly's goalie for the past four years.

"They are some big footsteps to follow, but it has been a pretty easy transition," Junge said. "I'm just playing soccer like I've done all my life."

The future of the team looks promising for Cal Poly because they have a very strong bench.

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**Volleyball digs in, kills opponents; record at 10-1**

By Jen Stevenson
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly's women's volleyball team is turning heads with a 10-1 start and now they hope to continue their success as they go into Big West Conference play.

The team played this weekend at the St. Mary's/San Jose State Invitational, winning all three of their matches. Sophomore Melanie Hartman and junior Keri De Soto were named to the All-Tournament team.

Senior Melissa Pierce led the way Friday against University of Connecticut with 20 kills and 11 digs. The team faltered in the first game 8-15, but bounced back to win the next three, 16-14, 15-5, 15-4.

The Mustangs took on host San Jose State Friday night, winning 3-1. Senior Aisha Wagner had an outstanding 88% attack percentage, with 13 kills and no errors in 17 attempts.

On Saturday, Harvard became Cal Poly's ninth consecutive victim but without a fight. The Mustangs

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**Women's soccer starts league play**

By Mike Munson
Mustang Daily

The women's soccer team, who have a preseason record of 3-4, kicked off another year of Big West competition when they left for Idaho on Thursday. The team will take on Boise State Friday and Idaho Sunday in the first two games of season conference play.

The Mustangs took on some tough opponents in their preseason games. Coach Alex Czer put the team's less-than-perfect record to an unusually difficult early season schedule. Three of the seven teams they played were ranked in the top 25, including No. 2 Santa Clara, No. 10 University of California, Los Angeles, and No. 23 San Diego State University.

Jill Nelson, a sophomore middle forward, said the preseason was difficult because of so many strong schools on the schedule, but that the team is playing well and getting better with experience.

"The tough competition we've faced is making us stronger," said Nelson, adding that she believes the