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Men's soccer triumphs
Mustangs defeat giants UC Berkeley and Stanford
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Cal Poly, CSU
update GE for
21st century

Poly GE will be used as a model for CSU system general education in 2001

By Kristin Dohse
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly's general education and breadth program is being revamped for 2001.
A year of planning and redesigning the current system by a general education committee, requirements for 2001 have been set.
There will be no longer be any three-unit courses in the general ed program, said John Harrington, general education director for Cal Poly. "We have made a switch to a standardized four-unit curriculum."
According to Harrington, the current distribution model designates how many units should be taken in each area of subject matter in order to fulfill general ed requirements.
"The new system is driven by educational objectives that may be fulfilled through a number of different classes," Harrington said. "Each course has its own set of educational objectives which students are expected to master before completing the course."
This shift toward outlining specific educational objectives represents a similar movement nationwide.
"The computer literacy component of the program has been dropped, leaving only a technology elective in area E," Harrington said. "With the new goals of the program being to integrate basic skills into the general ed curriculum, students will

Prof stands by his study
Expert asserts power lines have no link to cancer

By Britt Fekete
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Weekend Campus Dining break-in under investigation
Employee found damaged door Sunday morning but no property lost

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Julian's was broken into some time between Saturday night and early Sunday morning, according to Chief Tom Mitchell of university police.
Mitchell said the perpetrator tried to jimmy the door. Once inside, they attempted to open the cash register drawer but were unsuccessful.
An employee found damage to the door of Julian's Sunday morning. Cal Poly Public Safety was called immediately after the damage was found.

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SHOCKER: Cal Poly physics professor David Hafemeister wrote a study concluding there is no connection between electromagnetic fields from power lines and cancer.
TV show or movie you just saw: a
over the last decade and that minori-
Writer's Guild survey finds more
movie writing jobs; that writers under

tv writing and 80 percent of
for "All in the Family," "The Love

rewarded," said Marion Zola, a writer
Women Writers.

in which a lack of experience
women saw virtually no job gains

Hollywood writers are young, white

30 have the highest employment;

famous and highest-paid.

80's when they were the among most-

1 cent, 20 cent, and 5 cent, who

prettended to be 19 so she could get

work. In a business fraught with age

bias, I did what I felt I had to do to

succeed," she said in a statement ear-

lier this month.

The survey offered no detailed

solutions and made only a vague sug-

gestion of the causes of the problems,

citing "institutionalized barriers.

At a news conference, co-author
William Fidelity of the University of
California, Santa Barbara called for
innovative and proactive programs

and policies."

Guild President Daniel Petrie Jr.

said the union, whose membership

includes many of the same writer-pro-

ducers making the hiring decisions at

issue, said the WGA "recognizes its

responsibility to do more."

According to the survey, older

writers are suffering the most these
days — a stark change from the early

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ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — Two weeks after a Muslim was re-

claimed Miss Croatia, the jury

reversed itself and crowned as a

new winner the runner-up, a

member of the country's Roman

Catholic majority.

Lejla Sehovic left in tears

Sunday after the judges

announced the decision, then

reversed itself and crowned as a

new winner the runner-up, a

member of the country's Roman

Catholic majority.

"I wanted to say that this was a

setup, that the new voting is a

farce," the newspaper Vecernji

List later quoted her as saying.

Officials had cited voting irreg-

ularities for its decision to strip

Sehovic of her title on Oct. 16,

five days after she was crowned.

Newspapers reported that

behind the scenes, some organizers

had worried the public and nation-

alist government officials would be

troubled by having a Muslim win

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BOSTON (AP) - The manslaughter case against an MIT fraternity in the drinking death of a freshman effectively ended Monday because the frat has disbanded and there is no one to answer the charges. Last month, prosecutors took the extraordinary step of bringing manslaughter charges against Phi Gamma Delta - the organization, not its members - in the case of 18-year-old Scott Krueger, who drank himself to death.

"A lot of things have happened as a result of the investigation and indictment," she said.

Boston defense attorneys J. Albert Johnson, who was not involved in the case, called the charges silly, saying a fraternity is simply an association of people with no legal standing in criminal law. While legal experts were baffled by the prosecution strategy not to name any individual defendant in the case, a spokesman for Suffolk District Attorney Ralph Martin's office said they pursued the case because it was "the right thing to do."

Brad Henry, a lawyer for Krueger's family, said, "The criminal justice system has failed." He blamed the fraternity and the school for refusing to stand up in court.

The chapter disbanded the day the indictment was announced and the national fraternity disassociated itself from the local a year ago, Henry said.

Police said Krueger, from Orchard Park, N.Y., was forced to drink huge quantities of liquor as part of a pledge contest at "Animal House Night" in the fraternity house.

The Kruegers agree their son bears much responsibility for his actions but say he has already paid the ultimate price, Henry said.

STUDY
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When electricity flows through a wire, both electric and magnetic fields are created, but only the magnetic fields penetrate the human body.

The strength of magnetic fields is measured in gauss. The fields from appliances and power lines are measured in microgauss, or thousandths of a gauss. Home appliances radiate fields from about 1 to 280 milligauss, whereas a near-by power line radiates fields from 5 to 45 milligauss.

Hafemeister said that to cause cancer, the electromagnetic fields would have to break the bonds in DNA and change the chemical makeup. Inhaling carbon monoxide — as in cigarette smoke — and nuclear radiation are capable of changing chemical composition, but not electromagnetic fields, according to Hafemeister.

He said that no mechanism for this has been found, nor has a biological link been discovered.

"You can't prove a negative," Hafemeister said. "All you can do is look for links and epidemiological (study of disease in human populations and the possible causal correlations)." In 1995, the American Physical Society, the world's largest group of physicists, released a statement which said that no existing data to date showed they got cancer from power lines.


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Great Powerline Cover Up," a number of years ago, Hafemeister however, currently sees the debate as coming to an end. "I view this as going away," he said. "The issue is over but will it rash around a while."


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It's a morning person's world

As I was living in bed this morning trying to devise a creative way to destroy my alarm clock, something became obvious to me: we do not live in a democracy; rather, we live in an evil, tyrannical society run by the uncompromising morning people.

Yes, I am unfortunately cursed as being a night person in a morning world. Rather than being afforded the extra help and sympathy given to the disabled in this country, my special want to go out at noon makes me lazy and staying up late until 4 a.m. makes me dislike.

The morning people don't understand it is not by choice that my brain does not function at 9 a.m. or that my energy level peaks at midnight. I was born this way. Some genetic defect has forced me to live unaccepted in a world where all are expected to conform to the schedules set by the uncompromising morning people.

Proposed rodeo site stirs controversy

Editor:

There is perhaps no more crucial issue for our community than the proposed construction of a new rodeo arena on publicly-owned prime agricultural lands at Cal Poly, scheduled to start on Oct. 20.

Cal Poly has natural and cultural resources which we cannot afford to lose. However, perhaps because we eat and are clothed by crops often grown thousands of miles away, we face the most rapid loss of our university ag lands ever experienced. We should recognize that the huge Sports Complex will be built on what was prime ag land. Now we have the announcement, which surprised many, that another 7.8 acres right in the heart of our closest remaining field is being used entirely for a new rodeo arena and parking lot.

The actual decision to approve the site on which to build the arena was made only one hour after it was first suggested to the Land Use Committee. There was virtually no invitation for student or public consideration on the decision, and bulldozers were scheduled to grade the site and dig drainage ditches as soon as possible so the Full Rodeo could be held.

Even if everything else about the project is well planned, the lack of good faith discussion or notice to California taxpayers (the actual owners of the land) turns any facility built there with the scratch of a giant's paw and improvement of perhaps millions of dollars of public assets into land value alone. If we decide to build a new rodeo, let's build a damn good one that creates more opportunities for interdisciplinary learning and brings greater honor to Cal Poly. The town of California and the nation looks to Cal Poly for agricultural leadership; therefore, we're responsible to sit high in the saddle rather than sneaking in the back gate to get away with something we wouldn't do in full view.

One important truth about smart, experienced agriculturists is that they never rush into important decisions, especially concerning good land. The current plan for relocating the rodeo is rushed and full of potential problems, expenses and embarrassments. I highly recommend anyone associated with it re-evaluate the big picture to avoid being long burdened by the high costs of busy action.

Make no mistake, the proposed site is absolutely prime ag land, and is officially designated that way on all Cal Poly planning maps and documentation. Given its location at the fourth-largest ag school in the nation, you couldn't find more prime ag land if you tried. Given any care, the soil is absolutely fine for most crops demonstrated by the multitude of varieties now successfully growing at the adjacent Permaculture Unit and organic Student Experimental Farm.

What a wonderful "learn by doing" experience it would be for students to become actual stewards of this land and bring it into abundance to feed themselves and their community. Is this stewardship of soil which is the truly important learning for Cal Poly students. Without it, agriculture ultimately depletes a source of power and meaning, squandering the inheritance of fertility meant for our children.

Certainly, rodeo fans and participants deserve to be heard and compensated for their eviction due to the Sports Complex. However, they are not entitled without debate or review of the 7.8 acres of publicly-owned prime ag lands designated by the people of California for the study of food, fiber and beneficial plants.

For all the good things people may say about rodeo traditions, please recognize that it is primarily sport and entertainment, having little to do with modern agriculture. If Cal Poly seeks to provide educational opportunities relevant to the challenges of today, we'll stop building on our remaining prime ag lands and start growing on them. Current and future generations of students will surely be grateful.

Akiva Werbalowsky coordinates the Cal Poly Permaculture Training Program through Extended Education.

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Pull the reigns in on the rodeo site

Editor:

Whoa, pull in those reins on the Cal Poly rodeo relocation project. Regarding "From Farmland to Rodeo Arena" (Telegram Tribune, Oct. 23), Poly is clearly rushing the rodeo arena project to the detriment of the environment. A College of Agriculture administrator states, "We moved as quickly as we could in order to accommodate the October rodeos." If environmental impacts were the only issue, we would've taken a completely different approach." His statement shows complete disregard for the environment.

This project is layered with deceptions. The university claims the rodeo relocation is temporary, allowing it to circumvent the prime land classification and a more stringent review process. A question repeatedly asked during the comment period was, "if this is temporary, when is the removal date?" This never has been answered. This leads many to think the university has the intention of sliding this project through as permanent. Everyone else was left in the dark on the choice.

Margaret Koteen is a San Luis Obispo community member.
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engaged in cheers as the Mustangs

rightly deserved. "They had the

evaluation of their efforts," he said.

doing something good to

them."

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advantages, Nevada was a skilled

team and a definite challenge for the

Championship, I think we can do it "

matches against University of

Pacific, UC Santa Barbara, or Long

Beach State, all of which have beaten

the Mustangs this year.

"We still have some great

matches this weekend," he said. "I

hope to have him back to play

UCLA."

"This was probably our toughest

last two games were major hurdles,

but there are more challenges to

come. This was probably our
toughest weekend," he said. "But we

still have some tough games, like

Fullerton and UCCLA." The team

plays at Cal State Fullerton on

Friday.

Gartner said he's extremely pleased

"The guys did a fantastic job. They won in

great fashion."

"They had scouted us really well.

They knew where to hit the ball, and

we're weak points were." The

Mustangs took the loss hard. "We

don't accomplish some of our

goals that we had set," she said. "One

was to beat the whole Eastern

Division, and one was to win 20

matches."

DeSoto said she still has confidence

in the team's chances to play in the

championships. "I think we can do it if

we can play well in our remaining

games," she said.

Schlick said they can't dwell too

much on one game.

"We still have some great match-

es in front of us," she said. "One

match doesn't make the world turn

sideways."
SPORTS

Mustangs upset Stanford

By Jen Stevenson
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly men’s soccer triumphed this weekend with wins over UC Berkeley and Stanford. The wins propelled the team two steps closer to the NCAA championships. The team is tied for first place (1-1-4-2) in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation despite several key players being injured this weekend.

The Mustangs lost junior midfielder Rob Helm 15 minutes into the Berkeley game due to a sprained ankle. Helm remained on the sideline for Sunday night’s game as well, sporting a pair of crutches.

Head coach Wolfgang Gartner said Helm’s absence was a hardship for the team, as it was the loss of leading scorer Martin Hannes to an identical injury the Stanford game.

Junior midfielder Brian Lange stressed with his coach.

“We lost Rob, then we lost Martin, people were dropping like flies,” he said. “It was tough, but we were able to deal with it.”

Sunday night’s game against Stanford was a difficult win for the Mustangs.

“It was a really tough game, there weren’t a lot of chances for either team to score,” said Lange, who scored the only goal in the game on a penalty kick five minutes into the second half. “Stanford is a really strong team, but I thought we played them really well.”

Freshman forward John Cummins said Cal Poly’s victory was well deserved.

“On paper, Stanford looks better than us,” he said. “But we played harder than them; we played really well.”

Goalie Brenton Jungreis wowed the crowd with repeated saves as the Mustangs played great defense against Stanford to keep the score at 1-0 for the win.

The Mustangs played the last 28 minutes a man down. Defender Jacob MacDonald was ejected after receiving his second yellow card of the game.

TRIPPED UP: No. 2 Brian Lange scored a goal Friday. On Sunday against No. 8 Stanford he scored the only goal on a penalty kick in the second half.

The ejection means Mosley will not play in their next game against Cal State Fullerton.

Gartner said he thought the team’s win against Stanford was aided by the momentum Friday night’s exciting win gave the Mustangs.

“Definitely helped with our confidence,” he said.

On Friday night against Berkeley, Cummins was the Mustangs’ star player, scoring two goals including the game-winning shot which broke a 2-2 tie in overtime.

The Mustangs faltered in the first half, allowing Cal forward John MacDonald to score seven minutes into the game, giving the Bears a 1-0 lead.

The Bears continued to play aggressively, and MacDonald scored again with less than three minutes left in the first half, pushing the score to 2-0.

Despite the slow start, Cal Poly came back with a vengeance in the second half, taking the game back from the Bears. The audience of 505 was heard throughout the stands.

I’m sorry to announce that Cal Poly’s Jan. 7 televised basketball game is no longer important because I failed to recognize ESPN2 as a legitimate sports station.

Magic: The Gathering — a card game played by competitive athletes who give up playing football and other sports to contact sports for the love of the card game was on ESPN2 Saturday night.

What’s wrong with this sentence?

Maybe it’s the fact that ESPN prides themselves on being all sports network, and Magic is hardly a sport.

For those of you who missed it, it was some sort of championship competition or possibly a workshop at a Star Trek Convention. There were commentators chuckling at their own bits while players furiously turning over cards.

I also found it funny that these guys call themselves "professionals." If they’re professional that means they’re getting paid.Memo to whoever’s paying them, I know some other ways you could blow your money. For example, give it to me. I could be a professional football fan and you could pay me by the game.

I did, however, think the commentators were particularly amusing.

"It looks like Ernie’s going to try to block the ball with his head attack with a double tornado shield. I really think he should use a super fireball."

Click, I could watch no more! I’m still not sure what caused me to get physically sick. Was it the dark-dialogue seeping into my brain, or was it learning that my favorite network’s second station was now being produced by a half-witted clown?

When ESPN2 thinks about their programming, they should think about who their audience is: sports fans. When I turn on ESPN2, I’m looking for anything resembling sports. I’ll take billiards, dog racing, mountain climbing, or kids playing netball. I don’t care. I don’t have to watch it; I just want to know when I turn on a sports network they’re showing sports and not an intense solitaire game.

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Volleyball splits two on the road

By Jen Stevenson
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It was a bittersweet weekend for the women’s volleyball team as it defeated Utah State on Friday night but lost all three games Saturday to the University of Nevada.

At the end of this weekend, the Mustangs stand at 16-3 overall, and 6-4 in Big West play.

Kari DeSoto set career highs against Utah State with 24 kills and 18 digs. She also added six blocks in the match. Melanie Pierce also played impressively with 18 kills and 17 digs.

Melanie Hathaway, who had 14 kills and 14 digs, said Utah State was a challenging opponent.

"Overall it was a pretty good match," Hathaway said. "Utah played very well, but we were a better team and we played with more heart, and in the end we came out on top."

For those of you who missed it, it was some sort of championship competition or possibly a workshop at a Star Trek Convention. There were commentators chuckling at their own bits while players furiously turning over cards.

I also found it funny that these guys call themselves "professionals." If they’re professional that means they’re getting paid. Memo to whoever’s paying them, I know some other ways you could blow your money. For example, give it to me. I could be a professional football fan and you could pay me by the game.

I did, however, think the commentators were particularly amusing.

"It looks like Ernie’s going to try to block the ball with his head attack with a double tornado shield. I really think he should use a super fireball."

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I’m sorry to announce that Cal Poly’s Jan. 7 televised basketball game is no longer important because I failed to recognize ESPN2 as a legitimate sports station.

Magic: The Gathering — a card game played by competitive athletes who give up playing football and other sports to contact sports for the love of the card game was on ESPN2 Saturday night.