Poly students offer wayfaring advice

By Sara Henrikson

Mustang Daily

When travelling to Europe, anyone can tell you where to go in London, Paris, Berlin or Rome. But what about lesser known cities and countries? Places people wouldn't go unless they're traveling with a guide? Here are some tips and hints from six talk Poly students who have lived and traveled in Europe.

Katherine Tschumper, a journalism senior, has been all over Europe, including: the south of France, near Marseilles, "Henry said. "The local drink is delicious, and I took a great boat tour."

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Martin recommends seeing more of the south of France, like Cannes, famous for its independent film festival. "The beaches in the south of France are great, especially the tulip towns. Try it at least once. Take a wine tour in Bordeaux, and see the countryside."

Tschumper recommends going to Colmar, the home of the man who designed the Statue of Liberty.

In Spain, both Tschumper and Martin recommended seeing the Alhambra in Granada. "It's a huge palace that takes half a day to see. Tschumper said. "It has these reflecting pools, and if you stand just right you can see the whole building reflected in the pool. It's very different.

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Tschumper advises the Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg, and said to take the metro. "Along the outer ring of the metro, each station is decorated differently. One was filled with bronze statues of war heroes, one was made of marble, and one was covered with mosaics. Russia is incredible.

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TASTE OF EUROPE: Open air vendors, like this sausage one in Munich, are typical in Europe.

France, Spain and Portugal

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HUNGARY, CROATIA AND ROMANIA

In Hungary, Martin recommends the Turkish bath in Budapest, and Fraser says the wine tasting is excellent.

In Croatia, Fraser recommends seeing the coast. "It's right near the Mediterranean, and it's gorgeous. Also, go see Split. A former Roman emperor's palace was built there."

In Romania, Martin recommends seeing Dracula's castle and the countryside."It's unouched. In Bran, we went to a tea for two days and the driver took us to all of these great restaurants. We also stayed in a woman's home. She made it as a traditional Romanian breakfast, and the whole experience was amazing."
Internet offers low airfares, exotic destinations in 1999

By Andy Castagnola
Mustang Daily

Air travel is the way to go, and 1999 is the time to go. While traditionally, low Cal Poly students are seeking exotic destinations for spring break, summer and millennium vacations.

"Airfares are lower than I've seen them in years," said Deb McMillan, certified travel counselor at Travel Time in the Cal Poly University Union. McMillan said Travel Time is booking spring break trips every day, but time is running out for late planners.

Most flights to vacation hot spots like Cabo San Lucas and Hawaii are sold out long ago, she said. Since vacationers should book their flights at least a month ahead of their travel dates. Bump the lead time to three months if traveling during holidays or summer, McMillan said.

For flights after Dec. 25, better book now. McMillan said millennium revelers are filling flights fast, especially to South Pacific islands.

She also warned that millennium flight will cost travelers about 50 percent more than normal fares.

All ticket prices increase if travel­ing after June 14, said Cartil Bewhe, manager of university services at Gulliver's Travel in San Luis Obispo. In general, travel agencies offer a fast, easy way to find cheap tickets. Within 90 seconds, a travel agent can scan online airline, several airports and travel dates, McMillan said. A travel agent also will make recommenda­tions on when to fly to secure lower rate.

Students can buy directly from an airline, but airline agents will give quotes only for the times and dates customers request.

Online purchasing is a close competitor to the convenience of a travel agent. Travelocity (www.travelocity.com) quotes only for the times and dates and travel dates, McKrell said. A competitor to the convenience of an online agent is Travel Time.

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Fall 1999 London study program grows to 14 weeks

By Trisha Thorn
Mustang Daily

Bright blooming flowers, fresh-cut green grass, shorts and T-shirts, spring break trips, and students basking about their upcoming trip to London. These are all characteristics of spring at Cal Poly.

It seems everyone knows someone who is going to London, has gone to London, or wishes they were going to London. And now there is another option for those who wish to go Cal Poly's Fall 1999 London Study program.

New to Cal Poly last year, the fall program was introduced because the growing demand for studying abroad overwhelmed the spring program. The fall program was so successful, it has become a regular offering. This fall, however, the original 10-week program has been lengthened to 14 weeks.

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Save with an International ID

By April Charlton
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Traveling Europe doesn't need to break the bank. Doing a little homework before traveling overseas could save students some money.

Students can obtain an Interna­tional Student Identity Card and receive discounts across Europe. The ISIC entitles the user to numerous discounts on attractions, accommoda­tions and travel in the United States, Canada and Europe.

The ISIC can be purchased at the Travel Center downstairs in the University Union.

"We charge $20 for the card if you bring in your own photo, or $25 if you want us to take your picture here," said Jenn Goldman, a stu­dent travel advisor for Travel Center and a recreation administration junior.

Students wishing to use their own photo for the ISIC should bring a color, passport size photo with them when they come to purchase the card, Goldman said.

Goldman went on London Study last year and then traveled for two months in the summer. She highly recommends the student identifica­tion card for students planning a trip to Europe.

"When you're traveling in Europe, it's a great thing to have, because you get discounts," Goldman said. "Museums and the­aters are big on the ISIC." Bill Wood, a materials engineer­ing senior, also participated in the London Study program and has taken a few trips to Europe. He agrees with Goldman that the ISIC is a good thing to have with you when traveling in Europe.

"One trip I took lasted several months, and I saved several hundred dollars with my ISIC," he said.

Wood said he used the card almost everywhere he visited while in Europe.

"One person had never seen (an ISIC) before but gave me a 15 per­cent discount on my accommoda­tions in Paris," he said.

According to Wood, he believes the card is a good investment and has purchased several of them.

Sarah McQuade, a mechanical engineering junior, lived in Europe for the 1997-98 school year while studying at the University of Bradford in Northern England. She then went to Germany for the sum­mer before returning last September. McQuade said she used her ISIC frequently.

"I used that (ISIC) almost every day," she said. "The shows, theaters, museums, restaurants and trains all give you discounts with the card." According to McQuade, most European businesses accept the student identification cards.

Goldman said another benefit to take an ISIC to Europe is because Cal Poly student identification cards aren't valid forms of identifi­cation overseas.

Eurail pass saves money on multi­country vacations

By April Charlton
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Student: Can save money if they're planning to travel Europe and visit more than one city or country. Most people travel by train while visiting Europe — so it might be a good idea to check out the prices on different Eurail passes before traveling.

The Travel Center has a one-page flyer with the price lists for all the train passes available in Europe. According to Jenn Goldman, a student travel advisor for Travel Center and a recreation administration junior, prices on Eurail passes vary, depending on how much traveling a person will do and the length of stay.

"Eurail passes are definitely a good idea, especially if a person is planning on traveling while abroad," Goldman said. "You can use the pass every day."

Goldman bought a two-month Eurail pass that allowed her to travel to 17 different countries, costing her $882. A Eurail pass, valid for five days in two months, costs $233.

Bill Wood, a materials engineering senior, said Eurail passes don't always save a person the most money. It depends on how far and how much traveling a person plans to do.

"Eurail passes are economical if you're going to be traveling a long distance that day, with stops in major cities," he said. "If you're looking to travel city to city, and aren't traveling to any other cities that day, it's much cheaper to buy a one-way ticket than it is to buy a Eurail pass." He said Eurail passes do come in handy when a person doesn't speak the language of the country in which they're traveling.

"In Britain, you don't have to worry about buying a ticket," he said. Eurailpasses aren't valid in Eastern Europe or in England. According to Sarah McQuade, a mechanical engineering senior who lived in Europe last year, traveling by train is quite costly until you actually reach the mainland.

"In England I used the train almost every weekend. It cost me about $70 (U.S. money) to travel round trip from London to Scotland," she said.

She used a train pass that was valid only in England, because the trains there are owned privately and are more expensive. Again, different passes are available depending on the amount of traveling a person wants to do.

A Renatul Flexipass allows a student four days (not consecutive) of unlimited travel in two months for $185. This price reflects a ticket purchased at a second-class youth rate. A Renatul Classic Pass is good for eight consecutive days of travel, for $215.

According to Goldman, purchasers of European train passes can add extra days to their pass if they wish. Insurance is also available for $12. She said insurance is worth the money, because if a pass gets lost or stolen, it can be replaced.
Simplify The Plan problem

Let's make everything crystal clear. Many people at Cal Poly genuinely desire the proposed Poly Plan fee increase of $135 because they feel the money will benefit their departments greatly. That's a reasonable point of view. Others oppose the increase on the basis of financial ability or because of skepticism regarding spending policies. That's reasonable as well. It's excellent that people know what they want.

However, we aren't getting anywhere. We need to take a step back and stop this whole process until one thing has been resolved: democracy.

Admittedly, Warren Baker has the power to pass the fee increase without even bothering to ask. He's the guy on top. But he didn't want to be incredibly unpopular so he put the issue to a general vote. The vote was failed and Baker was shocked although he still wanted the fee increase. Thus, he was in a bind. He willfully give us a glimpse at democracy when he didn't have to, and now we take it for granted.

He then had two avenues to enable the fee increase to be passed: maintain the "deep- pointing" referendum policy or simply pass it and take the flak. However, he chose an artificial middle ground. He created the bizarre alternative consultations. That act was a display of good faith in the sense that he allowed us to participate in the decision. But it was purely symbolic. He employed the tactic of divide-and-conquer. He divided the responsibility of surveying the students between the different colleges. The surveys are radically different. One survey lets the student choose whether or not the fee increase should be passed while another merely asks where the money should be spent. How can any decision be made in this haphazard process? Simple, it can't. Baker will do whatever he wants because there is no way to organize the results of the surveys in a logical and fair fashion. If we are going to be stuck with these consultations then there is no room for the democracy we were offered before.

Baker, if you are going to lie, then, do so. If you want to force something on us, then so be it. Don't beat around the bush though!

A group has formed to take on this problem. It's name is TRILL which is a word that means "to shake." It's purpose is to make every student aware they are being misinformed in regard to their choices. We plan to protest and petition until Baker stops this current process and concedes to a vote.

Senator Jack O'Connell is on our side. He thinks the consultations are ridiculous. We don't intend on telling Cal Poly how to spend its money. We simply wish to make every student aware they are being misled.

Jon Wilson is a philosophy senior.

The Cal Poly Plan is a serious issue

Editor: In regard to Al Danton's article "Brown-baggin' it at Cal Poly," Feb. 24, once again, I feel my intelligence has been insulted.

I read the column, and again, I thought to myself that Danton must be single and either be very rich, have wealthy parents, or somehow doesn't have to worry about taking out huge amounts of loans or "the costs of living, costs associated with marriage and the difficulty of working while attending school."

Also, when the author said that "attending Cal Poly isn't a right, it's a privilege," did he imply that someone who is perfectly qualified to attend Cal Poly should be denied the chance because they cannot afford it? I believe that is financial aid's purpose, but unfortunately students can only receive so much aid per year. In addition, many students cannot get much financial aid, because their parents were upper middle class or they do not want to spend years paying off loans. Finally, many students (including myself) would rather not face the embarrassment of asking their parents for more money.

Hence, many students must work to pay their tuition. I assume that Danton works for the Mustang Daily, and if so, he is lucky that he has a job directly related to his major.* For the rest of us, every hour of work spent to pay tuition at Cal Poly is an hour that could have been spent studying. Thus, the more hours one works, the less time one has to study.

Next, Danton argued that his opinions are "based on facts, logic and empathy to this university." Once again, I disagree. In his last Cal Poly Plan related article, Danton stated that students who voted down the last Plan did so because they wanted to buy more Bud fees.

This sounds more like anti-Plan student bashing than facts and logic to me, for it appears Danton assumed students want to spend their money this way. I mean, did he actually ask any of these students why they voted against the last Plan fee increase? I did not see any poll results in his last two articles. In fact, the current Plan server does not even ask this question. As a final note, it does not even ask if the students want the fee increase — just how they want the money spent.

In addition, I did not see the relevance of the author's bashing the Associated Students, Inc. employees as a reason for supporting the Plan. I doubt Foundation loses much money by offering 10 percent discounts to ASI employees. Anyone, that is not even the reason why Cal Poly has brought this issue up again.

For example, the deans and department heads support this plan not to fill the gap caused by employee benefits, but because their fees and departments need more money. Although I do not like that the students have not been given a chance to vote on the Plan, nor do I like how much tuition would be increased, its purpose is to improve our quality of education.

As a final note, Danton might be using much humor in his articles, but the Plan is an issue that many students, deans, department heads, professors and administrators take seriously.

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Forget about Clinton

Editor:

I’m sick of all this talk about Bill Clinton! Get over it! Kenneth Starr had no right to ask the questions he asked and what happens between two consenting adults is their business, not the American public’s. If your parents were having an affair, it wouldn’t result in the loss of their jobs, so why should the president lose his? And they definitely wouldn’t end up in jail like Edward E. Fritzell ("Acquittal for the wrong reasons," Feb. 23) thinks.

About the perjury issue, he didn’t lie. Oral sex is not “having sex.” Ask almost any college student and they’ll tell you the same thing.

The plain and simple fact is Starr had no right to ask that question in the first place, so we shouldn’t have wasted millions of dollars and let him have free reign to do whatever he felt was right. This issue should only mat­ter to Bill, his family and Monica.

— Nathan Sanchez is a biology sopho­more.

Arguments for Clinton made no sense

Editor:

I read the column "Help wanted," Feb. 17, and I was surprised by the ignorance displayed. Alan Dutton attempted to defend President Clinton and place the blame on oth­ers. The arguments made no sense, and the lack of knowledge of the basics of our government shocked me.

One of the things the article said was ... the president isn’t like you or me, and therefore shouldn’t be held accountable to the same rules.” Excuse me? What Constitution did you learn about in high school? One of the most important features of the American government is that our leaders are not above the law. Stating that our leaders are above the law smacks of dictatorship.

Another thing it said was ... we haven’t impeached a president since 1868, so maybe we should strive for consistency and leave this one alone. Yeah, that’s good logic. One could just as easily say, “We have never had a woman president, so why start now.”

The author even went on to blame the Republicans in Congress for the whole scandal. Bill Clinton is the one that is responsible for this. He and his horde of lawyers and spin doctors he (at his own expense) to cover up his crime. Blaming the Republicans is like blaming a jury for the fact that a crimi­nal is guilty.

The articles also said that the Republicans don’t care about the people, and they are just doing what is best for themselves. In fact, it is just the opposite. Those who voted against Clinton were endangering their own chances at re-election to do what was right for the public. One of the marks of a good politician is the ability to do what’s right even when it is not pop­ular. Those who voted for Clinton just did what was popular to protect them­selves. Those who voted against him served the public well by putting the interests of the country above their own careers.

Those who voted not to remove Clinton from office should be ashamed of themselves. Now all future presidents know they can get away with breaking the law because the American people would rather just forget it than take care of it. The Constitution just got a huge hole punched through it. I hope the president is happy with himself.

Joe Demers is an architectural engi­neering freshman.

Editor:

I’m so thrilled by the recent land­mark decision made by Cal Poly’s Academic Senate to allow the first day of fall quarter classes to be post­poned a day, in order for Jewish stu­dents to observe their religious holi­days. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

It is good news not only to our Jewish students who in the past have gone through great troubles to honor their religious holy days but it is also good news to all of us who would not mind having an extra day for summer vacation.

I thought the Senate would only amend the add/drop policy. They, however, actually moved the first day of instruction to Tuesday in calendar years in which the first Monday of fall quarter falls on either of the above Jewish holidays. This is so cool!

The precedence this landmark decision produced is especially mean­ingful to the religion I belong to: Temple of the First Tuesday Day Home Statue. You see! Our religion makes every Tuesday of the first week of fall quarter our holiest day. That Tuesday is so important in our reli­gion. This fact is self-explanatory because it is what our religion is all about—staying home on the first Tuesday of fall quarter.

Thus, it would mean a lot to us that the Senate takes the next logical step to move the first day of fall quar­ter to Wednesday. I think this step­ just falls naturally now the Senate has taken a step in the right direction.

Although I do not compare our little religion with that of our esteemed Jewish friends, I still would like to ask you to duly pass my request on to our Senate. After all, the size of our religion or anybody’s judgment of our religious intent or our religion’s history is no basis for them to treat us differently. We are so glad that we live in a country where dis­crimination based on religion is stric­tly prohibited by the law of the land. God Bless America!

— Vinh Pham is a computer science senior.

Kudos for standing up and showing us the way

Editor:

This letter is in response to “Society should let people be whatever they want to be,” Feb. 22, by a resi­dent of Sierra Madre.

First of all, we would like to com­mend you on the courage and initia­tive it must have taken to write this letter concerning many of our classic responses to homosexuality. We realize this topic is not an easy one for you to deal with or write about, but it has certainly made us recognize some areas in our lives that need to be changed.

All too often, we have used slanderous language regarding homosexu­ality without realizing our comments could hurt those around us. We are residents of Sierra Madre who also attend Poly Christian Fellowship. We don’t know if it is actually our com­ments you heard, but frankly it does not matter. We are every bit as guilty as the person you heard, because we have let some of these slanderous phrases slip into our own vocabulary, as well as passively allowing these same remarks to come from our friends’ mouths.

You have every right to be upset and offended by what you heard at Poly Christian Fellowship.

Thank you for pointing out the hypocrisy that we have demonstrated with our actions. We honestly apolo­gize and ask that you do not let our own inadequacies and flaws be a barrier to you in your quest for God’s unconditional love. We will make every effort, starting now, to be more conscious of what we say and the effects it may have on others.

Once again, thank you for having the courage to raise a very important issue that we often allow our own inequities to cloud.

Gabe Barber is a speech communica­tion sophomore, and Wesley Taft is a chemistry sophomore.

Attention: Engineering Spring Co Op Students

Tired of Getting Your Engineering Designs Reviewed by Your Professors? Here’s your chance to review other engineers’ designs.

At PE Biosystems located in Foster City, CA, we have a 6 months intern position for a Product Safety/EMC Engineer. You will be responsible for reviewing designs to help our products comply with instrument regulations. You will also conduct inspections and audits, work closely with regulatory agencies, and document and analyze compliance data.

The intern should have completed 2–3 years of Mechanical Engineering or Electrical Engineering or 4 year B.S. degree. The intern should demonstrate a high level of independence and maturity for a college student, the ability to manage their time effectively, and familiarity with basic computer skills such as spreadsheets and word processing.

Please check on the Career Center’s Website and look at requisition number 1756 for further information, or fax your resume directly to Hiring Coordinator at 650-638-6812. Faxes need to be received by Friday, February 26, 1999.

Representatives from the PE Biosystems will be on campus March 10, 1999 PE BIOSYSTEMS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.
Campus Dining limits leftovers to one reheat

By Joelleen Smith
Mustang Daily

Leftovers from thousands of meals pile up at Campus Dining restaurants daily. “Occasionally (leftover food) does go to the landfill, but the idea is to eat (throw it away),” said Alan Cashman, associate director for Campus Dining.

To further combat Campus Dining leftovers reheats unused food one more time and serves it again or reviles the food to make compost, Cashman said.

Lighthouse restaurant uses the policy of reheating food one more time. Leftovers from other areas or from previous meals may be sold there, Cashman said.

“The food is still an acceptable product to be served,” Cashman said. Cashman said Campus Dining enters like Tappan’s and La Vaca’s produce little waste because the meals are made to order.

Another alternative suggested by Student Community Services is to develop a food salvage program. This program would distribute unused, but not sellable, food items to food banks and homeless shelters.

“It takes a very dedicated individual to run a food salvage program,” said Maria Magalos, director of Rebound Shelter, a program in Student Community Services that works with the homeless, and a political science junior. “Everyone is concerned...that there is so much food that is thrown away.”

Making deposits to Campus Express Club accounts during January was all it took to make campus lunches more attainable for both on campus and off. While on campus, drop deposits into Express Deposit Station located around campus. These stations are located in popular places such as BackStage Pizza, El Corral Bookstore, The Cellar, and The Campus Market.

To make deposits from home, simply place your deposit slip and payment in an envelope and mail to the Foundation Cashier.

Campus Express Club is convenient for both the frequent campus-goer and the on-campus resident. It not only makes on campus lunches more affordable for that cash-less wallet but it also creates economy in the resident’s meal plan.

For Richard Rothan, Brian McCracken, and Terry Valley, the three winners from January’s drawing, the benefits have exceeded their expectations.

“Get in the winner’s and get a Campus Express Club account.” Then be looking for upcoming contests.

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Faculty mixed on fee increase

By Foaad Khosmood and Nate Pontious
Mustang Daily

Students aren’t the only ones definitive winners of the proposed $135 fee increase. The last day for input regarding the Cal Poly Plan is Monday, and the faculty remains divided.

Most professors agree their departments are under-funded.

“There is general agreement amongst faculty and staff that we’re not getting enough money to run our academic programs the way we think they should be run,” said statistics department chair Jay DeVore. Sena Alpertrin, chair of the industrial and manufacturing engineering department, agreed.

“We’re asked to be bands on ‘Cal Poly,’” she said. “Hands off! but bands on what? We need equipment.”

A $135 fee increase in tuition was proposed earlier this year by the Council of Academic Deans. Shortly after January the deans have engaged in a process termed alternative consultations, college-wide surveys and open forums to determine student reactions. “Alternative consultation ends Monday.”

Political science professor Richard Kranzdorf is not against the plan, but there are problems with the consultation methods.

“I don’t think the procedures are fair,” he said.

President’s in favor of it (Cal Poly Plan) deserve careful consideration. But when all is said and done it’s up to the students to decide.”

Agriculture professor and department chair, Linda Halisky, is in favor of the proposed increase.

“Essentially one thinks the fee increase that the university is asking for is justified,” Halisky said. “I don’t think the fee increase being suggested is exorbitant.”

Devore shares similar sentiments.

“I know there is a fair bit of resistance to the proposed fee increase, and in the best of all possible worlds, we could find other revenue sources,” DeVore said. “But I just don’t see them out there.”

Kranzdorf feels the questions asked might focus on “what” to spend the money on rather than "if" a fee increase is desired.

“Paremterically, they are saying ‘it’s going to happen anyway, so how do you want to spend it?’” Kranzdorf said.

“The questions you ask for everything to do with the answers you receive.

“If I were a student it would mater to me, whether I was saying yes or no on depending on what they’re going to do with the money," said Halisky.

Agribusiness chairman, Ken S. Bates, has conducted a Poly Plan study which has engaged in a process termed alternative consultation.

“Everyone has tried to do things that are going to happen anyway, so how do you want to spend it?” Bates said.

The English department already has a rough outline on what to do with their share of the money. This includes refurbishing the English building, more intensive career planning, and peer advising directed to brand new students.

Much like the 1997 referendum, the student turn-out was very low and not impressive as compared to the informational forums. The Cal Poly Plan steering committee pointed out that the results of low voter turnout would be heavily affected by the efforts of a small minority.

“Jay DeVore agrees. “You don’t get representative opinion when you only have 2,500 people voting out of a student body of 15,000. I don’t feel that’s terribly fair to determine the fate of the university on that basis. And I don’t know of any college or university that is running that way.”

The 1997 referendum was voted down by the students.

Scott thinks the current mechanism has had better exposure than in 1997.

“I think we’ve already reached our students just in terms of thinking about the process and forming opinions,” he said.

Physics, assistant professor, and Poly Plan supporter, Tony Buffa puts alternative consultation and favors an outright vote.

“I disagree with the way that the consultation process is going. It kind of reminds me of when the governor was running a tax. Buffa said. “He doesn’t go to the people if they real it was only a tax hike. He asks congress and they will decide. And the implication is that they’ve gone home and met with their constituents and everybody in the state, or at least the people in the state.”

“Well, that’s a bunch of baloney,” said. “I would rather see a vote.”

Students in the college of liberal arts continue to vote on today or not whether or not they want the fee increase. “The English students will submit an additional sheet asking for input on the three options identified for English students.”

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er’s criteria. For registered mem­bers, Travelocity claims it can book a reservation in less than two minutes. Psychology junior Sara Ulms said she found ticket bargains at Cheap Tickets (www.cheaptricks.com).

“The travel agent was much more knowledgeable,” she said.

“Online in general, I can find tickets that are a lot cheaper than travel agents in town,” Ulms said.

However, Cheap Tickets users have to release their credit card num­bers before they can browse.

Nicole Cowles, a sophomore junior, gave up on Internet ticket hunting.

“The travel agent was much more current on things,” Cowles said.”

Internet was more complicated and had too many restrictions.”

Travel services also offer student discount fares, a feature not available with most online agents.

Usually, student fares are lower than regular tickets if students stay more than 30 days, Boche said.

Travelers looking for a international student flight need an International Student Card. The $25

“Getting Ready: Travel Time employee, industrial technology senior Matt Hendry, gives Rhonda Salma, an international management senior, her next quarter Student ID Card for her trip to Thailand.

There’s no way you can buy that (price) from an airline,” McKrell said.

Council Travel site’s web (www.counciltravel.com) can search for student fares. The web site also gives students the option of finding a fare online, then calling in the reservation.

“Data maintenance or fee increase implemented that education here is going to cost at great bargain.”

— Richard Kranzdorf
political science professor
Friday, February 26, 1999

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**Sports**

**Giant's woes decide to be solely a lefty**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — It. Snow is switching on switch-hitting. The San Francisco Giants first baseman plans to be exclusively left-handed this season after struggling from the other side of the plate last year.

"I'm going to go back over all other hitters because I've got just one thing, the left-handed hitter," the four-time Gold Glove winner said.

Snow's move was prompted, in part, by concerns he could be benched against left-handed pitchers in favor of Battle. He said he plans to face left-handers as a lefty, something he tried last September because of a shoulder injury. He said he tried four-4.

Giants manager Dusty Baker conceded, "It's not easy, left on left," but he plans to give Snow as much of a chance as possible to develop.

"Well play him as if he's a left-handed batter," Baker said.

Snow underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder in December. He tried a few left-handed swings during his rehabilitation, but has been concentrating in the offseason on hitting lefty. He worked out this summer at Sherman University in Southern California with his brother-in-law, the baseball coach there.

"I felt good," he said. "I'd like another — the more you see, the more comfortable you're going to get." Last season, Snow hit just .159 at 69 at-bats from the right side. Overall, he batted .290 with four home runs, 48 runs scored, 18 RBIs and 157 pounds last year. He had eight steals, batting .290.

But it was a year filled with strife for Snow, who lost his mother, Mary Cowlin, last June, and dealt with the nagging shoulder injury.

"It was tough to go through," he said. "I wouldn't wish that on anybody."

Snow continued his rehabilitation during the winter, working out this summer at Chapman University in Orange County.

After batting .159 with 69 hits, 18 RBIs and six assists in Thursday night's 115-105 victory over the Washington Wizards, he said his goal is to win both his quarter and regular season matches on Saturday. This would automatically put him into the final match on Sunday night that will determine who goes to the NCAA Championships.

"If I can do good on Saturday, then I don't amaze because I'll be in the finals, and that will make for a good Saturday night," he said.

Wells said he isn't thinking about the national championships yet. "I think I'll do good this weekend. I should get to the finals on Sunday. That's pretty much as far as I'm looking."

While the Mustangs' top three are ready to win, the rest of the team is not to be overlooked.

"We have a chance to qualify maybe six, maybe seven guys," said preparation. "It's going to take a lot of hard work and a potential to make it happen," he said.

Wells said the Conference can be full of surprises, going both ways.

"There's no guarantees," he said. "We're not good guys," he said. "My teammates, our next year," he said. "It's a do or die situation."
**CHAMPIONSHIPS:** The Mustangs will compete in the Pac-10 Championships this weekend. Wrestlers who do well will advance to the NCAA Championships.

**Cal Poly Sports Statistics**

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