Students hoping to get out of college in four years may be in for a big surprise.

According to a recent study conducted by Cal Poly's Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis, it takes the average Cal Poly student six years to graduate. Bonnie Knipp, Institutional Research and Planning analyst for Cal Poly, said these numbers are fairly comparable to the national average.

"People want to get out of college in four years, but in reality that doesn't usually happen," she said.

Cal Poly students shouldn't start panicking just yet. Using the six-year graduation rate, the federal Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, Cal Poly ranks first out of all California State Universities in graduating first-time freshmen within six years. Data collected in 1997 for students who enrolled in 1991 shows Cal Poly gives degrees to 58.9 percent of its students in six years or less. The CSU system hands only 40.4 of its students diplomas within the same period of time.

Cal Poly's graduation rate doesn't rank as high when compared to schools within the University of California system. Statistics given in U.S. News and World Report 1999 College Rankings showed that 88 percent of UC Berkeley students and 79 percent of UCLA students finish college within six years.

There are many reasons it might take a student more than four years to graduate. Many students blame difficulty of changing majors as one reason. Data shows that upper-division students change majors less often than first-time freshmen. For freshmen who enrolled in 1992, almost 41 percent were enrolled in or graduated within the same major in which they enrolled, while just over 26 percent enrolled in or graduated from a different major. In the same year, 62 percent of upper-division students were enrolled in or graduated from the same major in which they enrolled, and about 12 percent switched majors.

Andrew Castagnola/Mustang Daily

Arkansas-bound airplane crashes, killing nine people

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — American Airlines pilot Richard Buschmann had been on duty for 13 hours as he tried to land in a severe thunderstorm.

Cpt. Buschmann, who had significant experience with MD-80 jets, was nearing his maximum of roughly 14 hours on duty when the plane skidded off an Arkansas runway shortly before midnight Tuesday.

The jet crashed against a flight tower at the Little Rock airport and burst into flames, killing nine people.

"These are the kinds of things you don't hear about. These guys work very hard," he said.

Buschmann was the airline's chief pilot in Chicago, with 9,650 flight hours and 5,350 flight hours on MD-80s, the twin-engine jet that crashed.

By F. Xavier Lanier II

Mustang Daily

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REMEMBER committee raises money for billboard ad campaign

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"The logo will be rotated through several billboards around San Luis Obispo. The committee plans to set up a perpetual fund for awareness events. It also plans to copyright the REMEMBER logo and trademark the red handprint that symbolizes sexual-violence awareness.

"We hope to go national with the red handprint and make it the sexual-violence awareness equivalent of the red ribbon that symbolizes AIDS awareness," Nelson said.

The billboard will cost $770 per month.

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Hot concerts

Britney Spears lights up the Mid-State Fair this summer

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REMEMBER committee members are working on an awareness poster it will sell as a fundraiser in the fall. The poster will feature a photography of a red handprint in front of the Performing Arts Center. The REMEMBER logo will be centered on the poster.

The poster has received strong support from the interfraternity council and individual houses. They will pay for most of the printing costs. El Corral has committed to sell the poster in the fall. The posters will be sold for $3, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the REMEMBER committee.

Students interested in supporting REMEMBER are welcome to stop by the Health Center to see how they can help, said Pat Harris, coordinator of women's programs.

By Bryce Alderton
Mustang Daily

A Cal Poly student is putting her education to work very soon, and the State of California should be excited about it.

Agricultural science senior Tiffany Rausser will be graduating in June and then going to work as the administrative assistant to California's Secretary of Agriculture, Bill Lyons Jr.

Rausser has been working for the Brock Center in the 4-H, Agriculture building on campus. Rausser won the 1998 Agricultural Communicator's Award from the Brock Center recognizing work in agricultural communications, and service and work in the Brock Center.

Scott Vernon, co-director of the Brock Center, is impressed with Rausser's work ethic. "Rausser has the talent and skills to accomplish a job in state government. She has put together a set of skills, which she thinks meet the needs of California's government and economy," Vernon said.

Rausser has developed three types of skills: technical, human relations and conceptual.

Technical skills involve writing and communicating effectively and being able to use computers and software programs for California agricultural industry, worth more than about $4,200 by selling the donated t-shirts to the REMEMBER committee.

Vernon believes the most important skill is human relations, which involves interacting in a diverse environment and acting in a professional manner. He thinks Rausser is fit for the position. "She is beyond her years. She has worked hard in developing those skills that a governor would want," Vernon said. "She is an articulate young lady, who is enjoyable to be around. She is down to earth and has the heart of a servant."

In addition to her work at the Brock Center, Rausser was the Associated Students Inc. public relations director and is a member of Alpha Phi sorority.

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from Cal Poly. She then received a master's degree in education. She also earned a master's degree in public administration from the University of San Francisco, which used to offer classes at Cal Poly through a special program. Cirone went to the University of California, Los Angeles every weekend for a year for her nurse-practitioner training.

She started working at the Health Center when she was 39-years-old. "When I first started working here it was the trend at campuses to have surgeries and infirmary care," Cirone said. "Where there were residence halls on campus, there was 24-hour care."

Besides working at the Health Center, Cirone has helped educate the community. She said while she has seen the student body evolve, some things never change. "I've taught the human sexuality class since 1972. It hasn't changed at all," she said. "At the basis, people want to love and be loved in relationships. People still have the same basic questions and concerns."

Cirone is well known in the community and depended on by many. "Everybody called her for help," said Warren Bragg, director of the health center. "Joan does so many things that fall outside of her job description. She has helped investigate sexual harassment cases, helped students get through classes and been available at home to assist police. She was a contact for sexual assault cases."

After being so involved with the campus, Cirone said she will have some difficulty leaving her profession.

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Changing majors doesn't necessarily mean students transfer to a different school. Cal Poly's student retention rate is higher than other CSU schools. The most recent data, collected for the 1995-1996 school year, shows that retention from the first to second fall for 1995-1996 first-time freshmen was 86 percent, compared to 79 percent from the CSU system. For upper-division transfer students during the same period, the retention rate was 89 percent, and the CSU percentage was 82.

Compared to Cal Poly's retention rate to other school systems becomes more difficult, because each school uses different methods to find its data. However, data suggests Cal Poly's retention rate is generally lower. Cal Poly competes against schools like UCLA, with a retention rate of 95 percent and UC Berkeley, with a 94 percent retention.

Cal Poly first awarded bachelor's degrees for the 1942-1943 school year. To date, Cal Poly has awarded 91,905 bachelor's degrees. In the 1997-1998 school year alone, 3,474 degrees were handed out.

Knapp said that while knowing graduation rates is useful, just mentioning the numbers is not enough. "Reporting the numbers is just a tool to figure out how to best serve the students," she said. "We need to translate it into something that will be useful."

One question Knapp has that the numbers cannot answer is why some students do not return to Cal Poly. Knapp wants to increase student retention, but said students and the university must work together. "As they talk about it, hopefully they'll come up with some answers," she said. "The only way you can really find out what people are thinking is to talk to them."

Every school must analyze its graduation and retention rates for various organizations. Cal Poly compiles data for six organizations, including the NCAA and Student Right to Know federal legislation. Each organization requires Cal Poly to include certain information, which is based on cohorts, or groups of students that are tracked throughout their college career. Because there is no basic list of criteria to include when determining students' progress toward graduating, Cal Poly developed its own criteria, called the Cal Poly Way. Transfer students are tracked for four years, the average time found for transfer students to graduate with a degree. Most students fit these criteria, and are in a cohort based on when they entered Cal Poly.
Tan your hide, wear a thong bikini

S ummer is just around the corner and you should be thinking about getting your body ready for the beach. Grab your boards, beach balls, towels and thongs and see if you need to go out and enjoy the sun and sand. Whether the gear is a long board and wax or a thong swimsuit and sunblock, it's up to you to bring to play in the waves.

Although the thong bikini top will reveal just about everything, but for those who choose to wear sexy bathing suits, I go for it. Yes, people especially guys, stop to stare at women on the beach or at the pool when they wear thongs, but is there anything really wrong with that? It's not like wearing sexy clothes is the only reason some women wear shorts. I enjoy plenty of guys that can just observe nice, cute, sexy women at the beach and still talk to them without staring at their breasts or being rude.

While most women spend seven trying to perfect their bodies just to make themselves feel better, others do it to get attention and show off. Do you really think women spend hundreds of hours on treadmills and stretchers so they can walk around the beach in baggy shorts and T-shirts? Of course not! It takes a lot of effort for women to get in good enough shape to feel comfortable showing off their bodies during the hot summer months. And if you're going to show off your body, why show us in such bad condition?

Besides, there are enough ways to eat down on those ominous tan lines. Pee through them only if you are one of the few others for wearing bathing suits whenever they get a chance. Stop worrying about other women's bodies and put your own issues at some point. Go join the Red Cross or some other patriotic charity if you want to help out. Hell, with the amount of energy people put into complaining, some of them could make it through Top Gun flight school. I must say, one of the best benefits of volunteering at Wildflower was the hundreds of beautiful girls walking around in their swimsuits all weekend long. One of the worst parts of the weekend was listening to other women complain about what people were wearing. They seemed to think the lack of full sets of clothes was too drab and one-strapped people to look up at something. We really expect college kids to do every thing ans anywhere. I think a lot of the people that say thongs are too revealing are jealous of the women who look good in them.

There will always be those who think it's offensive or immoral for women to wear skimpy bathing suits. Not to be overcritical, but how many of these complainers would you guess would look good in a thong? If you don't like them, don't wear them. In fact, you don't even have to look at them. Just get off the beach, and go waste your time talking to others who oppose thongs.

Don't worry about what other people have to say about your swimsuit. Wear what you want. Just remember, your girlfriends probably won't have the heart to tell you if you look bad in a thong, so use your head. Also, for those of you who are debating whether or not to buy a thong or another sexy bathing suit, time might be running out for you. You'll only be in college once, and you'll almost definitely only have a right enough body to wear one of those things for a few more years. Have fun while you can. If you thought the "thongs" 15 years bad, wait until you have kids, work full time, and have no time to keep in shape.

Remember to enjoy the beach and its beauti ful views this summer. One day I expect to see you out there.

F. Xavier Lanier II is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Stop the madness and cover your ass

Th ings are just wrong. That's my brief cry and I'm not only because it's nude, although that's pretty clever of me. There are many reasons why I believe the sporting of thongs should be outlawed. Basically it comes down to this: Thongs suck.

Now let's think about this for a minute. Don't you see enough people at the beach as it is? Swimsuits are revealing enough without the added (or subtracted) threat of the thong. Is that really something necessary for your beach experience? I think not.

And though we are in California, this isn't "Baywatch." You must understand that the people who'll be taking advantage of the thong aren't likely to be mistaken for Pamela Anderson, or even David Hasselhoff. The thong's going to be looking at you while still dumpy, middle-aged men with too much hair in all the wrong places. I don't know about you, but getting flashed by some Al Bundy looking isn't how I want to spend my summer afternoon.

I for one, would never want to impose my flabby cheeks or Bay Gli skin on the beach-going public — it has done nothing to deserve such punishment. The remorse I'd feel upon witnessing the nauseated faces of passers-by would haunt me for the rest of my thong-loving life. Have mercy on your fellow sun worshipers — leave the thong at home. You'll feel much better out there. You'll never want to wear them. In fact, you don't even have to look at them. Just get off the beach, and go waste your time talking to others who oppose thongs.

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Happy Birthday Titan, you're not going to lay out at all! I want to come and watch you!
Summer begins with a bouquet of concerts and festivals blooming up and down the California coast.

The best part: Cal Poly students don’t have to drive far to enjoy some of the best performances the state has to offer.

From July 28 to Aug. 8, the California Mid-State Fair will take over Paso Robles. The Budweiser Grandstand Concert Series offers something for everyone with its featured performers of ZZ Top, Tim McGraw, Britney Spears, Third Eye Blind and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. The week of August 1 begins with Olivia Newton-John, Brandy, Def Leppard, Alabama, Reba McEntire and jazz artist David Sanborn. Ticket prices range from $10 to $25, excluding fair admission cost. Free concerts at the fair include Smokin’ Armadillos, Eddie Money, Rick Springfield and fn'ter Erampton. For ticket information and performance times, visit the fair’s web page at http://www.midstate-fair.com.

Concerts in the Santa Barbara area include Chris Brown at the Santa Barbara Bowl July 3 and Co-Gos and Berlin performing at the Santa Barbara Bowl July 9.

The Lilith Fair returns to California with featured artists Sarah McLachlan, Sheryl Crow, Beth Orton, The Pretenders, Hole and the Dixie Chicks. Lilith Fair performances will be at San Diego’s Cox Amphitheater on July 16 and at the Rose Bowl on July 17. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster’s web site: http://www.ticketmaster.com.

For those feeling nostalgic for music from the 1970s, the Ventura Theatre will present the ‘70s Soul Jam with The Stylistics, The Dramatics and Chrities June 18.

One of the most popular concerts this summer is the Bob Dylan/Paul Simon tour. These two artists will be in California from June 16 to 25. Dylan and Simon will perform a 75-minute set with their own band, and then play a few tunes together. The tour will stop in Sacramento, Anaheim, Hollywood and San Diego.

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers will play in Irvine and San Diego from August 13 to 19.

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Published Poly prof presents his poetry

By Jessica Hagan
Mustang Daily

A professor’s work is never done. Whether it be grading papers, lecturing to students or heading over to write poetry as one Cal Poly professor does. He too finds time in a precious commodity.

James Cushing is an English professor who does all of the above. He will host a poetry reading Thursday, June 3, in Fisher Science Hall, room 296, from 11 a.m. to noon.

“I write poetry for the same reason fish swim,” Cushing said. “That’s who I am, that’s what I do. It’s why I teach.”

Teaching at Cal Poly is what Cushing has been doing for the past 10 years. He also teaches at Gust College. He has taught at UC Irvine and Davis, Pasadena City College and Allan Hancock College.

“I tend to handle classes like handle (poetry) readings — only a little more out there,” Cushing said with a laugh. “The Length of an Autumn Leaf” is Cushing’s second book of poetry. It was published only a few weeks ago.

The latest work includes Romantic-style poetry about the 20th century poems such as “Poemmatic Romanticism,” “Our Love is Here to Stay” and the title poem.

During Memorial Day weekend, Cushing gave a poetry reading at a packed room of around 50 people in Pasadena, but packed rooms for Cushing’s readings are nothing new.

At a glance: The Top Five Films

1. "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace,” $64.8 million.
5. "The Thirteenth Floor,” $4.3 million.

At a glance: The Top Five Concerts

1. "Notting Hill,” $27.8 million.
2. "Ricky Martin,” Ricky Martin. (Platinum)
3. "Ricky Martin,” Ricky Martin. (Platinum)
4. "3 continents of Estate Coffee from world famous plantations available daily!
5. "Star Wars: Episode I — The Phantom Menace.”

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In an earlier concert in San Francisco, the band played its more popular songs, such as “Running Down a Dream.” It was held in a room at the Top of the Hill.

The annual Warped Festival combines ska, punk and extreme sports with punk rock and ska music. Featured acts include Rancid, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones, Black Eyed Peas and Cypress Hill. The festival will reach California June 30 in Del Mar. Other California cities include San Bernardino, Oakland and Lake Tahoe.

Dick-hard indie rock fans can unite at a July 4 festival in Irvine. Some of the featured bands include Sonic Youth, Guided By Voices, Sleater Kinney, Looper, The Promise Ring and Apple’s in Stereo. Indie-guns Forever and Modest Mouse are also rumored to play.

Biology junior Andy Lewis looks forward to the number of well-known acts.

“I’m really impressed with the number of bands that were able to come play,” Lewis said. “I haven’t won The Promise Ring yet and I’m looking forward to seeing them play live.”

Another weakness of the film is the role of the prison warden. Straight out of “Cool Hand Luke,” he is needlessly vengeful and evil. In fact, all of the prison guards are this way. They beat and torment the mentally disabled prisoners, apparently for their own enjoyment. Certainly, antagonistic characters are helpful to build a film, but when all the other characters are the protagonists, have more depth, moral ambiguity and flaws such one-dimensional characters possess stick out as undeveloped clichés.

These faults aside, “Instinct” still holds its own as a good film. A mixture of Silence of the Lambs,” “The Shawshank Redemption” and Hitchcock to an extent, “Instinct" takes very humane subject matter and makes it intelligent and enjoyable.

Though slower-paced than the average film, it still holds the audience and keeps it interested throughout its entirety.

OSCAR-WORTHY: Anthony Hopkins and Cuba Gooding Jr. star in the new film “Instinct” now playing at the Downtown Centre Cinema.

VISTA POSITION FOR “AMERICA READS”

Join VISTA, the domestic Peace Corps, and help insure that all SLO children can read at grade level through Cal Poly’s America Reads program. This position is full-time starting around August 1. Compensation includes a $753 per month living stipend, health insurance and end-of-year stipend of either $4,725 education award for college OR $1,200 stipend. Application deadline is June 14, 1999. Bachelor’s degree required. Call Sam at 756-5839 for additional information.

The Nautical Bean Espresso Café

Vegitarian & Light Mediterranean fare is now available to SLO residents.

Featuring world famous Ghirardelli Chocolate Mochas made w/ Italy’s #1 Espresso Lavazza. The Best of the Best!

3 continents of Estate Coffee from world famous plantations available daily!
By Danielle Samaniego

Many students look to Graham, King or Rice for a good story, when they do not realize, however, is that they need not look any further than their own Cal Poly campus.

For the past nine years, the English department has compiled a collection known as "Byzantium," a book consisting of work by student authors from Cal Poly. These students are winners of the department's annual creative writing contest, along with honorable mention entries.

The creative writing contest is 29 years old. All students are allowed to participate, including graduate students.

The compilation is offered as an English senior project. In the past only one student was in charge of the project. This year there are two head editors, English seniors Amanda Burt and Summer Oram.

"It is very time-consuming and I suggest the book stay as a project for two students," Oram said. She is double majoring in business and English.

"I chose this senior project because it has aspects that are both literary and business-oriented," Oram said.

The two editors worked very closely with Lisa Hoffman, the project's art director. They both commend Hoffman for her countless time and effort that she put into the book.

The product is a beautiful, engaging piece of work that highlights the talents of student writers and poets.

"We're really proud if the way it came out. The quality of the literature is just really great," Burt said.

"I was impressed. I wasn't expecting it to be as professional-looking as it was," Albright said. Burt has also been placed in the collection as an honorable mention in the past two years.

"It was very validating to be a part of 'Byzantium,'" Burt said. Before "Byzantium," Mustang Daily would publish the winners in the Poly Royal edition. Unfortunately, the publication started to become too expensive, according to Kevin Clark, an English professor. Hence, "Byzantium" was born.

"Byzantium" is on sale now in the El Corral Bookstore for $11.99 along with past volumes.
Professor to earn third Poli degree

By F. Xavier Lanier II

An aeronautical engineering profes­
sor will graduate from Cal Poly this
year for the third time. Russ
Cummings will graduate next Saturday
with a bachelor's degree in music.
"I played music as a child through
high school. I remember playing at
piano recitals when I was six," said
Cummings, who is now 43 years old.
"When I went to engineering school it
wasn't a major decision. I changed
majors from engineering to music at
Cal Poly," he said.
Cummings graduated with a Cal
Poly degree in aeronautical engineer­ing
22 years ago. He went on to earn a
master's degree here and a doctorate in
aerospace from the University of
Southern California.
He returned to Cal Poly in 1986 as an
associate professor. When he gained
tenure in 1990, he decided to work in
music classes.
"I started taking classes, never think­ing
I could finish," Cummings said.
"There have been times when I've been
sitting in a chair, waiting for a mid-term examination, wondering what I am doing.
"About seven years later, he has
earned a music degree with a concen­
tration in music history. He has spe­
culated in the history of early classical
music, from 1770-1792.
While on a research Sabbatical at
Oxford in England, Cummings recreat­
ed a concert that had not been for
more than 220 years.
"He's an exemplary student," said
Art McCarthy, a music history pro­
fessor and Cummings's seniors project
advisor. "People forget about the music
and just write new pieces. I think that
in living country the music made the
music more to the point.
"According to McLamore, Cummings
didn't have any plans to be a student
again or go into the teaching profession.
"I'm going to take a little break," Cummings said.
"I'm not sure if I will play at a
friend's wedding this weekend.
"The colleagues are impressed with his
ability to succeed in both technical
and arts fields.
"I'm very much looking at which
class will be the first to trigger my
music degree," McLamore said.

Linnæae's showcases artist

Recent works by artist Lindsay
Wilcox will be on display at
Linnæae's Cafe on Sunday. The col­
lection will include sculpted faces,
drawings and figure sculptures.
According to Wilcox, she will be
displaying three drawings, six
sculpted faces and two large pieces,
including a life-size torso and a
full-sized figure of a woman, which
are in progress.
Wilcox spent over three years in
New York City at the Art Students
League of New York studying artists,
figure drawing and fig­
ure sculpture. She is a strong
believer in the power of the human
figure in art and its ability to
express the full range of ideas and
complexities.
Wilcox describes her work as
"normative, but it also has a lot to do
with abstract form created by
picture."
"In my sculptures I try to capture
something deeper than the likeness of
the person. I try to capture the emotions
as well as the idea," Wilcox said.
"The artist reception will be the
first of the four events on the calen­
der. It will be held on June 6 from 4 to
6 p.m. at Linnæae's Cafe."

Exhibit debuts at Gallery

Linnæae's Cafe will be host­ing an exhi­bition of the recent works of Robert
Reynolds, a national
ly known and respected watercol­
or artist on June 6.
"Reynolds is a local artist who has
become established and respected by
the art community throughout the
United States.
"The theme of the one-man exhibit is "Reflections." It was chosen
as a way to celebrate stunning
Central Coast landscapes in figure
paintings with water scenes.
"Robert's paintings consist of
mostly recognizable landscapes in a
realistic style. His composition and
colors are unusually interesting
and that is what makes them
unique," Johnson said.
"The Reynolds collection
boasts beauty earned by the Cen­
tral Coast natural attention. Scenes
of Morro Bay, the Los Osos Estuary,
desert landscapes, and California's
sensational landscapes have been
featuring in numerous national
books and magazines.
"Robert's artwork is bold, it changes and it's professional. He's
an exceptional artist," Johnson said.
"Reynolds' opening reception will be held on Sunday, June 6 from 3 to
7 p.m. at Johnson's Gallery &
Filmmaking Studio. Admission is free.

Summer Session Courses

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The MLB draft might also fulfill the dreams of another standout Cal Poly pitcher, Mike Zirelli. Zirelli ranks second in Cal Poly history in career wins, strikeouts and innings pitched for the Mustangs. After 22 rounds, Zirelli had yet to receive that all-important call.

"I think I'll be drafted one of the two days," Mike Zirelli said. "I think I should go somewhere." Scouts have shown interest in Zirelli for virtually his entire four-year campaign as a starting pitcher for the Mustangs. Three major league teams have been in contact with Zirelli recently.

"I've talked to the Rockies, the Cardinals and the Giants," Zirelli said. "They told me they liked me, and I should get a shot with somebody." As the ace of the Mustangs pitching staff, Zirelli has proven that he can go out every week and give his team a quality seven-inning start, which has drawn the scouts' eyes.

"One of the things that some teams showed interest in was that I throw a lot of innings," Zirelli said. "They think at the next level it's going to be key to have your arm bounce back because of the longer season." Zirelli got off to a fast start this season pushing his record to 7-2, but he had a down second-half finishing at 7-7. Zirelli didn't think this would affect his draft status.

"They like that I pitched here for four years and had a good career and so they are able to look at that and not just my last five or six games," he said. "Most of the scouts have seen me over the course of four years, so they know what to expect."

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Complex is being viewed as special treatment for athletes, which is astute thinking, considering the current scarcity of athletic fields. With the parking garage and advanced technology laboratories under construction, the L-shaped Field and the Library Field have been rendered basically useless. The loss of the L-shaped Field behind Mott Gym has left the football team and many club sports — like rugby, lacrosse and field hockey — with no place to practice on campus. The Library Field has been reduced to such a small area the only thing the baseball players can practice is hitting in a circle. Currently, the baseball team has to play across the street, in the frozen tundra of San Luis Obispo Stadium, while the softball team is forced to use a tiny field adjacent to the fragrant dairy unit. When will the favoritism for athletes end?

Of course, there are no complaints from the teams who desperately await the completion of the Sports Complex. The letters only come from the selfish letter-writers who have a grudge against athletes solely because of the countless wedges they received in fifth-period gym class.

Cal Poly has a reputation for its strong academics, something that should give a sense of pride to all students. Yet, this reputation falls far short of those of Stanford, UCLA or Notre Dame. This is because these schools are renowned for their high academic standards as well as their athletic prowess. Athletics and academics work hand-in-hand creating a better university.

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vital workouts are over, Fleming is free, but only for a few minutes. He grabs a quick bite to eat at the Avenue and takes his lunch with him to class.

At 2:30 p.m., Fleming again heads back to Mott Gym for a two-hour basketball practice. The team goes over offense and prepares for the next game.

Lifting weights in the Mott Gym weight room is a part of the next part of Fleming's daily routine. Fleming, recognizing that his four-year eligibility will be over after the season, begins weight training.

Fleming arrives home around 7 p.m., but he must prepare for a three-to-four hour study sprey until going to bed.

**A Pole Vaulter**

Senior Shannon Pierson's day a little later — at 9 a.m. — with a bowl of hot oatmeal and some fruit. After she gets ready for school, she catches the bus to take her to Cal Poly.

At 2 p.m., Pierson heads straight to the training room for an ultra sound that warms up her sore leg muscle. In the training room, she also has her leg wrapped in tape so she can jump and stretch. Sprinting and jumping defines her workout, which begins at 3 p.m.

Before Pierson runs off to sociology 421 at 4 p.m., she grabs a snack in the training room so she can ice her leg during class.

After class, and starring for a stack, she once again heading off to Mott Gym for an hour and a half of weight lifting.

If she is lucky she catches the 6:40 bus, which takes her home for the day, but she usually catches the 7 p.m. bus.

Pierson concludes her day eating granola cracker snacks and studying her social science homework, while preparing a carbohydrate-filled dinner. Pierson falls asleep around 11:30 a.m.
Giants draft Cunningham in 4th round

By Adam Russo
Mustang Daily

Yesterday's Major League Baseball Draft was a dream come true for Cal Poly pitcher Jeremy Cunningham.

Cunningham, a Bay Area native from Caperonita, was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the fourth round, No. 118 overall. This is the second time Cunningham has been drafted by a major league club. He turned down the Houston Astros in 1996 to play collegiate baseball.

"It's a total dream come true," Cunningham said. "It's like a million different emotions all at once. It's not crazy.

The draft couldn't have been better for Cunningham, who was informed by his father he had been selected by the Giants.

"The scout called my father and wanted him to tell me because it was such a special thing," Cunningham said. "(The Giants) were my number one choice. They're our hometown team. I would have to go up all over my room.

Cunningham finished his junior season with a 3-9 record and a 3.59 earned run average for the Mustangs. The Giants were able to overlook his lackluster numbers, banking on his 6-foot-5 inch frame and the velocity on his pitches.

"My best pitch is my sinking fastball," Cunningham said. "They really liked my movement.

The next step in Cunningham's professional progress is a short season of rookie ball that should end in September, at which time he could return to Cal Poly.

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Sports at Poly is a classic jocks vs. nerds battle

With the construction of the Sports Complex, the classic battle of nerds vs. jocks has emerged at Cal Poly, just like the Tri-Lams and the All-State at Adams College.

In a letter-writing campaign to the editor, some have complained that the latest Foundation project is misdirecting academic funding toward the athletic program. Defining even further from the truth, these disgruntled letter-writers claim athletics contribute nothing to this university and, at times, even take away from it.

Sports enrich Cal Poly as a whole.

Just like academics, athletics promote self-confidence, teamwork, and discipline — making it an important part of human development. Athletes may be exposed to learning and self-exploitation as the subject matter in a classroom setting. Remember that the Greek and Roman Greeks are well known for their philosophical thoughts as well as their Olympic competitions. A student-athlete combines the values of sports and academics to create a completely well-rounded individual.

Unfortunately, like many other groups in society, student-athletes are stereotyped. They are placed into the "dumb jock" category just as with "lazy Mexicans" or "bad Chinese drivers," there are a few, but in no way do the parts reflect the whole. Student-athletes attend Cal Poly to attain an educational degree in the sciences, just as their letter-writing adversaries have the right to see their God-given abilities to achieve academic goals, just as their letter-writing adversaries have the right to play Dungeons & Dragons on Friday nights.

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A day in the life of three Poly athletes

Alexis Garbeff
Mustang Daily

A Swimmer

At 5:30 a.m., junior Jen Dyer gets to the pool at 6 a.m. to practice her strokes. She also has to use the weight room, attend classes and study.

Six to 8 a.m. morning swim practice are required for her training.

After swimming, Dyer goes to her microbiology classes and laboratories, which she scheduled in the morning and afternoon to fit around swim practices.

When afternoon practice rolls around at 2 p.m., Dyer is done with classes, and heads back to the pool for a two-hour practice that she goes to three times a week.

As practice ends, Dyer heads home with her roommates, hoping to learn about her microbiology homework, but most importantly, hoping to go to sleep before 11 p.m.

A Basketball Player

Army physical training pulls forward Steve Fleming out of bed at 5:30 a.m.

Fleming quickly takes a shower and goes to his criminal justice classes, starting at 9 a.m.

After attending his 12 units of classes, the social science senior heads to Mott Gym for individual workouts with basketball head coach Jeff Schneider. Once inside, Dyer begins using the weight room and basketball courts.

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