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All three bodies found at Kennedy crash site

The fuselage of Kennedy's plane was spotted at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday with Kennedy's body; location of others not disclosed

AQUINNAH, Mass. (AP) — Navy divers found the bodies of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law amid the wreckage of Kennedy's plane, all but ending the painful, four-day vigil their families endured during the search of the waters off Martha's Vineyard.

A dive was under way Wednesday to bring the bodies to the surface. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and his sons, Patrick and Edward Jr., were taken by boat to the USS Grapple, a Navy salvage ship loading the recovery effort.

Student's plans chosen for new campus plaza

By Cassandra Jones
Summer Mustang

Jerico Farfan wants to leave behind plants and new places to sit in the shade for his nieces and nephews to enjoy when they attend the college at Cal Poly.

One of the first places Mark, his eight-year-old nephew, will see when he comes to pursue his degree will be the Parkway Theater Plaza in front of the Cal Poly Theater, which Farfan designed two years ago for his second-year landscape architectural design class (ARCH 253).

His project was one of six chosen, out of a class of 40 students, that went before Cal Poly's landscape advisory committee and the facilities planning staff for consideration for future construction.

"It was a simple design," said Dale Sutliff, chairman of the committee and one of Farfan's landscape architectural instructors. "As a concept and an idea, it was one that solved the problems and addressed the desires of forever involved." 

The new plaza, scheduled to be completed at the end of summer, will include six places to read and relax. In addition, a separate space will be allotted for a barbecue pit for Greek rushes and similar events.

However, the most exciting feature, which Farfan's nieces and nephews are likely to agree with, will be the outdoor theater. There, Cal Poly Theatre will be able to preview upcoming performances on skits, and musicians will be able to perform free concerts.

"I wouldn't have dreamed of this," said Farfan, remembering a time when he thought the odds were against him going to college. "I feel like I have a great start at Cal Poly."

He worked at an administration job before pursuing a college degree. Now, a fifth-year senior and Cal Poly's first landscape architecture intern, Farfan, 25, has something to say after a long day of work.

"Firstly, I can go home and feel like I've accomplished something, instead of piles of paperwork," he said. Farfan credits Cal Poly's faculty to his small successes, another of which is a press area across from the Robert F. Kennedy library dedicated to the seven astronauts in the 1986 Challenger disaster.

"They're very accepting of a student, and they'll help you along the way," he said. Through them, Farfan has learned that landscape architecture is more than the pretty colors and pretty lines he draws on paper. His designs have undergone approximately eight revisions since the committee chose his plan for the park.

His instructor prepared him for the ordeal of revising plans by making sure he was able to separate himself from the work he created in class.

"They'd ask if we were detached from our work," Farfan explained. "I'd say 'Yeah, I'm detached,' and then they'd just nail you." 

Doug Overman, assistant director of facilities services and Farfan's immediate supervisor, has also helped him revise the plan. He said that allowing a Cal Poly student to intern as a landscape architect is a great way for his department to utilize the talent on campus.

"It's really beneficial Jerico a lot," Overman said. "He gets to see a project fully developed. It's one thing to draw it. Farfan agreed and added it's quite another thing to walk through it in 3-D."

First female sergeant to work at Cal Poly

By Nanette Pietroforte
Summer Mustang

Being the first female sergeant in Cal Poly Public Safety history isn't a big deal for Lori Hashim. Hashim, a Cal Poly police officer who has been heavily involved with community services, set the standard.

With the recent promotion of female sergeant at the university police department, Hashim is looking forward to her new position as one of two sergeants in the police department.

"I think being a sergeant is definitely going to be a challenge for me, and learning about the position," Hashim said.

The promotion process wasn't easy, according to Hashim.

"It was a long haul," she said. Hashim was selected for the available sergeant position out of two applicants. The applicants were asked to submit a letter of interest. After a written exam, a panel of two members from Cal Poly and two members from other police agencies interviewed candidates. The final step was the chief's interview.

Hashim said, "After that, it was just hold your breath and wait." 

As the newly hired sergeant, Hashim hopes to keep the relationship of the department involved with the university as much as possible.

"I want to continue the process of the university police department working closely with the university system as a whole," she said. It's hop-
**NEWS**

**Parking structure may cause short term problems**

By Erin Crosby  
Summer Mustang

Even though the new Cal Poly parking structure will help alleviate impacted parking on campus in the long run, those hoping to park on campus this fall will be faced with a lack of available spaces.

The structure, scheduled to be finished in January 2000, will contain approximately 916 parking spaces. According to Cindy Campbell, Parking and Commuting Services, the spaces will be divided between general, visitors and staff parking, but as of yet there have been no decisions made as to how many spaces will be allotted for each area.

There will be no residential parking in the structure. Residential parking will be limited to the lot across from the Sierra Madre dorms and the lot behind the Red Brick dorms. According to Joel Harms, a recreation administration sophomore, it takes him an extra 10 minutes to walk around the Performing Arts Center and the music building, when he used to be able to cut across the PAC and the music building parking lot to get to that side of campus.

Other students feel that the construction of the structure is too little, too late. Katy Burnett, a music sophomore, feels that the university should have dealt with the parking problem a long time ago.

"The school should have dealt with the parking problem before it became this big of a problem," Burnett said. "Now, in the fall, there will be nowhere for students to park. It is just one big mess."

Parking will not be easy before the structure opens. Entry for the structure will be through a ramp leading to the top of the building. This ramp is to be built outside the front entrance of the PAC. To accommodate for this, 127 parking spaces had to be torn out of the parking lot directly in front of the PAC.

This means 127 fewer parking spaces come fall.

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from radar 16 1/2 miles from Martha's Vineyard Airport on Friday night. Also aboard were his 19-year-old wife, Carolyn, and her sister Lauren Burnett.

A review of flight data showed the plane dropped precipitously after takeoff 16 1/2 miles from Martha's Vineyard. After her brother's body was found, Caroline Kennedy went for a quiet bicycle ride with her husband before returning to the secluded part of Martha's Vineyard in Bridgehampton, N.Y.

The family of the Besette sisters issued a statement thanking everyone who assisted in the exhaustive search for the bodies.

"We believe that our children are with us in spirit each and every moment, and that is what helps sustain us," said Ann Freeman, their mother, and Dr. Richard Freeman, their stepfather.

"I feel like a witness to history. It looks so peaceful out there, the waves the water, the sun. I'll always remember this moment."

— Pearl Heck

Resident watching the Grace
through binoculars.

HUSBAND AND WIFE: John F. Kennedy and wife Carolyn. As the bodies were recovered, 67-year-old Pearl Heck of Franklin, Ind., started at the Grasp through binoculars from the Aquinnah coast.

"I feel like a witness to history. It looks so peaceful out there, the waves, the water, the sun," she said. "I'll always remember this moment."

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Two projects close Cal Poly entrance

By Candace Jackson
Summer Mustang

Students and faculty have lost an entrance to Cal Poly for the rest of the summer quarter.

The corner at the entrance of Poly Grove was closed July 19 for two projects.

"Facilities planning has been wrestling with the decision to keep it open," said Debby Ryan, project information coordinator of facilities planning. "It's just too narrow here in Poly Grove to maintain traffic equipment." The equipment that will be brought to the campus will replace a section of Cal Poly's sewer line and will remove coaxial cable, replacing it with fiber-optic cable. The sewer line runs from Mount Bishop Road and has created numerous blockages. Its replacement will take the first two weeks of the closure, according to Ryan. For about the next four weeks after the sewer project is complete, the AT&T Corp. will upgrade its cable system. According to the project summary, AT&T plans to remove approximately 196 miles of the 240-mile-long coaxial cable between Mojave-La Pines and Mojave-San Luis Obispo. The fiber-optic replacement cable includes approximately 125 miles between the cities of Bakersfield and San Luis Obispo.

Ryan doesn't expect the closure to last into the fall quarter.

"By allowing the road closure, we are gaining the assurance it will be open for the fall," Ryan said. "It goes to the fall quarter, [Cal Poly] will provide traffic control." This is the first of Cal Poly's north perimeter through Poly Grove was already closed at the beginning of the summer quarter so that construction teams could put in utility tie-ins for the new Advanced Technology Lab.

Because that section has already been closed, one student has given up on this entrance to Cal Poly via California Boulevard altogether.

"I never know what's going to happen in there from day to day, so I don't come up through [Avenue]," said Sarah Vesey, a business administration junior.

Safe Ride Home offers a safe ride for partygoing students

By Cathy Lee
Summer Mustang

James Moates is "one man with a van and one phone." He too 39 students home safely one Friday night.

Moates is the Thursday and Friday driver for Safe Ride Home in San Luis Obispo. He said some people were surprised to find out he drives the van and answers the phone. "People expect to be talking to a dispatcher but I am the whole show," Moates said. "I tell them it is a one-man operation."

The first time he picked up a had a six-pack of Sam Adams Beer with them and were about to open it.

"No alcoholic drinks are allowed in the van." Some people hold their open drinks in their pockets, and they end up spilling it everywhere," Moates said. "That creates problems for me, because I have to clean up the mess."

Moates said he likes seeing people get home safe with Safe Ride Home.

"I do not want to see people crashing their cars when they are drunk or ladies walking down the street in the dark alone."

— James Moates

Moates said they were shocked that he had to drive the van from Tortilla Flats after Newhouse was reported missing. When he went back to check, it was up. He said most of his riders are college students, with the exception of a few.

"It is a cheap, easy ride to get," Moates said. "I take more students home from parties than take them to the parties."

Safe Ride Home runs from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday within San Luis Obispo City limits. Individual rides are $2 for the first passenger and each additional passenger going to the same location is an additional $1 each. If a group wants a ride to different locations, charging them $2 each.

ASL at odds with some campus clubs that are not able to renew their leases

By Kristin Dohe
Summer Mustang

Five Cal Poly Clubs must look for new homes before fall quarter to make room for Associate Students Inc., related programs in the University Union.

According to ASI President John Moffatt, Cal Poly Cheer, Mech, Mustang Band, Poly Reps and Running Thunder were not able to renew their leases for their offices in the University Union during the '99/00 school year.

Moffatt said the ASI Board of Directors made its final decision based on the recommendations of a Space Allocation Subcommittee so ASI could better serve all Cal Poly students, as opposed to a select few.

Directly-president of Running Thunder and chemistry senior, said he was "apart that they didn't inform us until so late."

Mech President Ryan Trammel agreed that ASI offered short notice to the clubs.

"Our club didn't hear anything about being kicked out of the UI until the day of the meeting that ultimately decided our fate," Trammel said. "We had one afternoon to throw something together to make a case for ourselves at that day's meeting."

Tori Humphrey, Cal Poly Cheer member and psychology junior, said her club's members were shocked that ASI would take away their lease and with such short notice. "We first found out about the possibility of losing our lease the day before the final meeting. I think it was during dead week," Humphrey said.

"We had to go through a rigorous application and interview process to earn a lease on the UI office," Trammel said. "We paid utility set-up costs and other expenses to get this office running, and then ASI just decided they didn't want it anymore." Moffatt said the leases were for only one year and dates were clearly specified on all clubs' contracts.

"When the Space Allocation committee met this year to review those leases...they reported that this space resource would benefit more Cal Poly students if it was provided for ASI programs and partnerships."

But some clubs, including Cal Poly Cheer, are taking the move in stride.

"Having our office taken away probably won't affect us too much since we don't really need an office to operate," Cal Poly Cheer member and liberal studies junior Arlana Ester said. "We don't really need for another office location." Moffatt said Running Thunder's operations will be more difficult, but he understands where ASI is coming from.
Campus life could be a lot better for us

Most students when they finish their first year at Cal Poly run away screaming in a mixture of horror and joy. They may only run as far as Mustang Village or Stemmer Glen. The ambitious get more structured and dive more into chemistry or music, where they educate all those old people to know what real music is all about. I, however, am not “most people.” I’m much more psychologically inhibited because, you see, I’ll have graduated on campus all four years. And I have some rips-off I’d like to address.

The most common reason for moving off campus is self-preservation in regards to diet. Four years of tinge stuck in your system actually are true when it comes to the mashed potatoes. Solvent green side, my complaint here is with how our mandatory meal plan is handled. When I first came here, at least Campus Dining gave you the option of paying less. They still fixed you to get the plan, but you could get a fewer number of meals for a reduced price. Since then, we’ve gotten higher price tags and “plus dollars!” All that for meals with low quality food, meals that disappear at the end of the week and digital dollars that buy overpriced stuff that could just as easily be bought at the store or with cash. Why do they have to do this? Is this really public education, here to serve the people, or just profit motive for some executive type? Give us a seven-meal plan that costs less! I don’t want to have no meal plan. Have meals carry over from week to week! The U.S. car industry got over-planned obsolescence decades ago, yet it’s still going strong on C-3PO.

More off campus for the free consumption of alcohol. I’m not much of a drinker, yet I am completely addicted to the Eisberen, so I’m not going to use it all.

My next issue is with parking. Our little red passcs entitle us to our little lots, while other passes give access to nowhere everything. Half of residents off campus live close to the library than we Yosemite-dwellers, yet we can’t go park in the general parking down there. If you live in the dorms and buy a general pass, you’re in danger of getting a nasty ticket. Everyone else can park in our spots—“general parking” for “general” people and those rich PAC-givers. Sometimes we can’t even park in our own little lot! It becomes infested with cars, and those unfortunate enough to need to park between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day have to roam this like mad molehills. Don’t force children down any path without their parents! Everyone else can park in our spots—“general” people and those rich PAC-givers. Sometimes we can’t even park in our own little lot! It becomes infested with cars, and those unfortunate enough to need to park between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day have to roam this like mad molehills. Don’t force children down any path without their parents! Everyone else can park in our spots—“general” people and those rich PAC-givers. Sometimes we can’t even park in our own little lot! It becomes infested with cars, and those unfortunate enough to need to park between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day have to roam this like mad molehills. Don’t force children down any path without their parents! Everyone else can park in our spots—“general” people and those rich PAC-givers. Sometimes we can’t even park in our own little lot! It becomes infested with cars, and those unfortunate enough to need to park between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day have to roam this like mad molehills. Don’t force children down any path without their parents! Everyone else can park in our spots—“general” people and those rich PAC-givers. Sometimes we can’t even park in our own little lot! It becomes infested with cars, and those unfortunate enough to need to park between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day have to roam this like mad molehills. Don’t force children down any path without their parents! Everyone else can park in our spots—“general” people and those rich PAC-givers.

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License parents is absurd

The first time I encountered the idea of licensing parents I cringed. After reading Scott Letiios’ article ("Licensing of parents should be considered") July 15, I cringed again. The idea of requiring a license to become a parent is a horrible one. How can Lemos think that the more we think about it the more rational it becomes, I guess I just don’t see it the same. I just cannot see any way in which the state has any right to prevent the natural procreation of its citizens. Even if it were feasible (which I don’t see how) there is absolutely no rational way we could do this. Lemos asserts that we as individuals or as pairs do not have a right to conceive children, he claims the right doesn’t exist.

However the right to procreate is one of the most basic and universally recognized human rights, why do you think Amnesty International fights so hard to stop the forced sterilization of women in other coun­tries? Lemos then states that we must do all we can to protect the well being of the children who are our future. Yes, I agree, we must protect the children, but parent licensing won’t do that. In fact it will prevent the child from ever existing. The most obvious and serious reason this is a bad idea is the inherent classification that would be perpetuated by any state-run parent licensing. Lemos appropriately asks several questions about what type of criteria could be used to rule out bad parents. The answer is that there is no criteria, no individual or group of individuals has the right to decide this issue for another human being. I can just see the horror that would ensue, minimum income requirements, minimum education requirements, certain desirable genetic qualities, etc... We could end poverty by simply feeding it out of existence? How would we enforce such laws? Force abortions on any unlicensed women? Random pregnancy tests? Check yours.

Can you see the point I am making? A government that can’t even handle the issue of guns in the military, a government that is still allowing its native population to starve on reservations, a government that still consists of mostly old white men can’t and should never EVER be given the right to make this decision. Everyone has the potential to be a bad parent. We also have the potential to be great parents and we should have the right to prove it.

Jared Anderson is a speech communica­tion junior.

Individual control is needed

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Opinion

Gay Pride’ is not in the Bible

In light of the recent Gay Pride celebration here in San Luis Obispo, I wanted to take this opportunity to illustrate to people how God’s Word shows that homosexuality is a sin and not a genetic trait.

By no means would I venture to say that because I am a Christian, I am more righteous than a homosexual. Actually, the Bible clearly states otherwise in Romans 3:10 and 23: “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one... For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” A homosexual and I are the same in God’s eyes. We’re both sinners.

The first thing I want to point out is that the Bible says, “The body is not for fornication, but for the Lord” (1 Corinthians 6:13). Fornication is sexual intercourse between unmarried persons. This makes sense, since God says in Hebrews 13:4 that the marriage bed is undefiled. Well, homosexuals are trying to legalize their marriages, so wouldn’t that make their marriage bed undefiled?

I would agree with this, except now an scripture does a marriage between two homosexuals occur. In fact, God’s Word would righteously denounce this form of sexuality.

One of the key verses that shows God’s mind regarding homosexuality is found in Romans 1:26-27: “For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.”

Reading verse 24 right before this portion of scripture, one sees the individuals God is speaking of are dishonoring their bodies between themselves.

God in Old Testament law is, likewise, very clear in His pronouncements against sexual immorality, calling homosexuality an abomination and beastiality a contumacy, both of which defile the body (Leviticus 18:22-23). I think it is a very tragic when people accept the fates of so many homosexuals, namely, that they are born that way and nothing can change them.

I would agree that they are born that way in the sense that they are born sinners with a predisposition to the sin of homosexuality, but they can forsake that sin and turn to Jesus Christ for forgiveness.

Knowing my Lord as I do, through the reading of His Word, I can say He would not create a “race” of individuals whose behavior He radically opposes. He does, however, create people who in their God-given free will reject Him and His truth all the time.

So, in summary, by God not giving any examples in His Word of homosexual marriages coupled with His judgments against sexual immorality, one can see that God has a better plan for the body.

His first plan, of course, is that we turn from our sins and receive His Son, Jesus Christ, as our personal Savior.

He died for the sins of the world, including the ones I’ve been discussing here, so that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

Cassandra Jones is a journalism senior.

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$2 cover, 21 and over

**KFCR's TOP TEN ALBUMS**

1. Chemical Brothers
2. Jedi Mind Tricks
3. Moby
4. Takako Minekawa
5. Cibo Matto
6. Ibrahim Ferrer
7. Spain
8. Guided By Voices
9. Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers
10. Flaming Lips

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**VENICE’ offers mixture of slapstick and racial piety**

**By Cassandra Jones**

**Summer Mustang**

Plays tempt and tease the mind down roads it normally wouldn't travel. Sometimes though, audience members find themselves down those roads, wanting so badly to find their way back.

The Central Coast Shakespeare's presentation of William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" is, unfortunately, one of those long roads when an audience member diligently searches for transportation back to the state of mind be or she had prior to the play.

In the beginning, the senses are delighted in the simplicity of the set, where the entire play is acted out behind one backdrop. At the same time, they are delighted in the fine details of the costumes, noticing that sets of lovers wear similar colors.

The actors capture the audience using facial expressions as an art. The best in this was Portia's handmaiden, Nerissa, played by Lara Black. Without a missed beat, she and the audience interacted throughout the play.

Then, the ears participated in this feast of the senses and carried to the mind a dialogue so rich that to find it on television would take a lifetime. One such scene depicting this is when Antonio, the Christian protagonist, and Shylock, the Jewish antagonist, discuss their ideologies, both using scripture to fit their point.

The 405-year-old jokes even provided laughter, a noticeable stretch for modern comedy, with lines like, "Your eyes have divided me... one half of me yours... the other half... yours."

It is when audience members experienced the second half of the play that personal ideologies can be offended, making the road less easily traveled as the dialogue confronts them with a strong mixture of racist piety.

The story revolves around young love and borrowed money. The love part actually works out for this Shakespearean play in side trips of sweet comedy. Many suitors are pursuing a beautiful and smart heiress named Portia, played by Jaime Wilmore. Her father decided only the man who chooses correctly from three different caskets, of gold, silver and lead, could win his daughter in marriage.

This is when the loan part takes form. Young Bassanio, played by Matthew Hanson, needs to borrow money to be able to pass this test and marry Portia, whose heart he'd won many years before.

So, Antonio, the Christian, allows his name to be used as surety in the borrowing of 1,000 ducats from Shylock, the Jew. If Antonio fails to pay Shylock back, the Jew receives a pound of the Christian's flesh. It is here that the road gets a little bumpier, and the depth once sought, turns into an unfavorable review.

The unfortunate change in opinion of "The Merchant of Venice" came near the play's end when Shylock's insoucian-
‘Man Show’ offers a healthy diet of beer and breasts
By Ryan Huff
Summer Mustang

The deep voices of the crowd are chanting for the "Fox" as he gulps down two beers as if they were water.

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The final fixture of the show is the "The Man Show" studio, giving it the feel of a bikini bar.

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Cancer can't slow Poly runner

By Aaron Culp

Summer Mustang

Cancer doesn't have eyes. It cannot hear, taste or smell, but cancer has the ability to touch everyone. In early May, a Cal Poly track and field athlete was touched by cancer.

Greg Phister had just won the 900-meter and 1500-meter run for the Mustangs when he felt symptoms of a cold on the bus ride home from U.C. Davis. For over a month, he felt weak and associated his poor running to the cold. His cold subsided but the fatigue remained. Once bruises began to appear on his legs, Phister decided it was time to visit the Health Center.

"My blood tests painted in the direction of leukemia," Phister said. Found out on May 10 that it was (leukemia).

Leukemia is the proliferation of immature white blood cells in bone marrow. This form of cancer is damaging because it leaves no room for the production of mature white blood cells, red blood cells and platelets necessary for healthy bones. Chemotherapy counters leukemia by killing white blood cells, red blood cells, and platelets in hopes of regenerating healthier numbers of each.

"Numbers can't be put on a good attitude," Phister said.

Phister's common from his home in Davis to U.C. Davis' Medical Center in Sacramento is over. On Monday, Phister finished his second (and last) round of chemotherapy. Consequently, the end of daily treatments and weekly blood transfusions mark the beginning of a new challenge: completing a successful bone marrow transplant.

For Phister, help is right around the corner. Joey Phister, 18, is Greg's brother and will attend Cal Poly in the fall. Phister's sister Becky, 25, is a Cal Poly graduate. Both are perfect matches for their brother's therapy, which is tentatively scheduled for September.

"My family is always helping out any way they can," Phister said. "My mom has been doing most of the driving to the hospital because (doctors) don't want me to drive."

Although Phister's chemotherapy is over, his memory of daily trips to the hospital remains.

"You go into this room where each chair is filled with someone different," Phister said. "They're all different ages. Some look sick. Some act sick. But I don't feel like that. I go in there upbeat and with a good attitude."

A positive outlook is what gives Phister's coach and teammates confidence in his ability to overcome cancer.

"Greg has always been an upbeat person and is approaching his situation positively," said Mark Conover, assistant cross country coach. "Everybody's real positive for Greg because he's the type of guy to go ahead and bear this thing."

Phister's unfortunate condition came unexpectedly to his Cal Poly teammates who thought he was the healthiest member of the team.

"Cancer is one of those things that just don't care what you do or who you are," teammate Darren Holman said. "He's got the exact personality that you are," teammate Daren Holman said. "He's got the exact personality to fight cancer because he doesn't like to lose."

According to Conover, Phister has the leadership qualities that other teammates are able to feed off of. Conover still hopes Phister will run the 800 for Cal Poly next spring.

"He's still the same old Greg," teammate Adam Boethoe said. "He's taking it as it comes. It's just another hurdle for him to get over."

During his first round of chemotherapy, Phister gained weight because medication he was taking increased his appetite. During the second round, Phister lost about eight pounds because a different medication suppressed his appetite.

With a low white blood cell count from chemotherapy, Phister is especially susceptible to bacteria found in soils where fresh fruits and vegetables are grown. Recently, his diet has consisted mainly of carbohydrates such as meats and cooked vegetables to avoid such bacteria.

Phister understands that maintaining a healthy diet can only help his body and is working on improving his eating habits.

"It all depends on the transplant," Phister said. "Theoretically, I can run in 2 days (after the operation) up to more than 100.'"

"My doctors say having a good attitude has a lot to do with (the recovery)," Phister said. "I'm feeling pretty good."

Battler: While fighting cancer, Greg Phister still competed for the Mustangs.

Lakers might spend dollars on a 'Penny'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Penny Hardaway met with Los Angeles Lakers executive Jerry West recently, according to speculation the unrestricted free-agent might be reunited with former teammate Shaquille O'Neal.

The Los Angeles Times and Orlando Sentinel reported the Lakers have considered adding Hardaway, possibly in a sign-and-trade deal with the Orlando Magic.

Lakers spokesman John Black confirmed Wednesday that West met with Orlando last week, but he wouldn't comment on what was discussed or what the meeting was about.

As far as a potential deal is concerned, Black said, "We won't comment on any potential trades or free-agent signings as per club policy."

Harden, who turned 28 Sunday, and the 37-year-old O'Neal combined to lead Orlando to the 1995 NBA Finals against Houston. The Lakers are over the salary cap, meaning the only way they could pay Hardaway anything close to market value would be to work out a sign-and-trade deal with the Magic.

One name mentioned as a possibility in that scenario is Glen Rice. The Lakers recently picked up their $7 million option on Rice for next season.

Umpires showed cards, may lose this poker game

"Come on blue, you're killing me!" Hey ump, one more eye and you'll be a cyclops.

These phrases were once reserved for umpires regarding their calls during a baseball game. Now, those same fans are being slung at the men in blue for their decision to "retire." For a major league, the major league baseball umpires have decided to resign in order to seek a new contract from the team owners. Be it a matter of league to negotiate their contract, they have, as effect, put all their eggs in one basket.

This rejection, effective Sept. 2, is in contrast, holding a gun to the head of the league before its culminaton in October. By using the World Series as its bargaining chip, the umpires seem to hold the cards in this game.

But I couldn't call the baseball owners bluff, especially at a time when the game of baseball needs only to come to an agreement to get back on the field.

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The league has had an ongoing problem with the umpires. When the league said they wanted the umpires to follow the rulebook and call the strikezone from the batter's knees to his hips, the umpires chuckled and said they were going to call strikes by their own strikezones.

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