Teens reach upward with Poly's help

By Erin Green
Summer Mustang

Cal Poly students are mentored by their professors, but they also act as mentors themselves through a program that strives to help college-bound teens.

Students are involved in the Upward Bound summer tutorial program for disadvantaged high school students. "It's my way of giving back to those who helped others," said Ron Trammell, an Upward Bound resident advisor and a social science senior.

Upward Bound, a federal tutorial program, is funded by the university and U.S. Department of Education. High school students from south San Luis Obispo County live in dorms on campus and take classes at Cal Poly.

"Our goal is to prepare low income students and first generation college students for college," said Sun Corro, director of Upward Bound. The program has been successful in its goal — 92 percent of the Upward Bound graduates end up going to college. Corro attributes some of that success to the teacher assistants and resident advisors, many of whom are Upward Bound graduates.

"The Cal Poly students have a great impact," Corro said. "That is primarily why they are here. They are great role models because they have the same background as the students in the program."

Trammell, a graduate of a similar program in San Diego, recognizes the importance of his role in Upward Bound.

"I'm a mentor and a friend," Trammell said. "Those roles go hand in hand." Corro explained that mentoring is the fundamental principle of Upward Bound.

"Our philosophy is that the college students are mentors," Corro said. "We strongly believe in the college students' involvement with the younger ones. In addition to being academic supporters, they are also big brothers and big sisters."

The kids will call the RVs in the middle of the night with girlfriend or boyfriend problems. While creating friendships is a bonus for the program, Upward Bound students remember the original reason why they are there.

"The program gives me an advantage," said Cecilia Gomez, an Upward Bound student. "It's fun and it gets you more prepared. When you are done, you really know how college life is."
Many students were confused by the decrease because they were under the impression that they would be paying more in the future. "What happened to the fee increase?" Jennifer Jontisma, a biochemistry senior, asked. "It is more in the future..." Jennifer Jontisma, a biochemistry senior, asked. "It is more in the future..."

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Unpredictable weather yields to warm and cool SLO summer days

By Kimberly D. Kralick
Summer Mustang

Foggy today, sunny tomorrow. Many students are frustrated with the unpredictable weather this summer. And they have only one thing to blame — La Nina.

"I wish the weather would make up its mind," said environmental horticulture science senior Barbara Bravo.

La Nina is a cooling of the Pacific Ocean that follows its bigger and nastier brother, El Nino. While the last two years the Central Coast has been drenched in the rains from El Nino, this year La Nina brings drier weather and off and on hot temperatures. "We have had subtle differences in the weather with La Nina," said Sharon Graves, chief meteorologist for KSBY.

"I did notice this past year cooler nights, which is a result of having less rain. If you have less moisture in the air the night's cool. We also noticed a cooler beginning to our summer," Graves said.

Graves calls La Nina a mixed bag of weather but more subtle than El Nino. Most students wish that La Nina would make up its mind, "I love to go to the beach and I love to putter in my garden," Olaiz said.

"I love to swim. I just go down to the San Luis Obispo recreation pool and take a dip," Olaiz said.

Graves expects that at least once this summer San Luis Obispo will experience heat and have ways of coping with the high temperatures. "I love the sun. Because I have a physical condition, when it's warmer I can do more," Craig said.

"I made too much money in my job to qualify for financial aid. It's like a catch-22." — Ryan Tognazzini
biochemistry senior

Ryon Tognazzini received his associate degree at Cuesta College in hopes of finding a job that would pay enough for him to go to school. His job, though, turned out to hurt more than help.

"I made too much money in my job supporting myself to qualify for financial aid," he said. "It's like a catch-22.

Tognazzini is not the only one having to support himself to go to school. Business administration senior Ryan Maxwell is also receiving his education with no financial help from his parents. He has alternated going to school and taking time off from school to work full-time to get his degree.

"If I could, I'd just like to go to school. Unfortunately, they don't pay us to go to school," Maxwell said.

Maxwell said the financial aid system has its downsides but understands the difficulty in pleasing everyone.

"I understand to show need when they look at the family income and not family obligations, like house payments," Maxwell said. "There's no easy solution to it."
A skateboard park is a legal mess to come

Recently, the city of Grover Beach decided to erect a park specifically for skateboarders and rollerbladers. In part, this park can be seen as a compromise between a city ordinance against such activities taking place around businesses and providing a place for adolescents to unwind. On the surface, this park appears to the city.

There are many things in my life I appreciate—computer, luggage, friendships. I appreciate bicycles. I appreciate digital cameras. This is because my background gives me a perspective on how people are supported.

In the past, we have tried to avoid the negative trend in concrete foundations and certain places, including my reasons. Some other parents are tired of the current situation and want to force the city to take action.

I am often asked what I feel about the city's decision to build a park for skateboarders and rollerbladers. I believe the city is on the right track, but the implementation is a different story.

There are a few risks involved with building a skatepark. There is the risk of injuries to the users, which could financially burden the city. Additionally, the skatepark could attract vandals, who might damage the park or accessories.

There are many reasons why I believe the city should have a skatepark. First and foremost, the city is surrounded by a large number of young people who enjoy skateboarding and rollerblading. Building a skatepark would cater to their needs and provide a safe place for them to enjoy their activities.

I am also a member of the community, and I believe the city should consider the needs of its residents. The skatepark could provide a positive impact on the community by promoting physical activity and social interaction. Furthermore, the park could contribute to the city's economy by attracting visitors and businesses.

In conclusion, I believe the city of Grover Beach made the right decision in building a skatepark. This park will not only cater to the needs of young people but also have a positive impact on the community and the city's economy.
Don't take all your beliefs and views from what a book tells you, Editor,
This is in response to "Gay Pride" is not in the Bible" (July 22) written by Cassandra Jones. Ms. Jones, after reading your religious non-sensical preaching, I have one conclu-
sion: fundamental Christians like you must despire thinking for themselves or making their own decisions.
It seems before forming any opinions or judg-
ment in your life, you are searching the Bible for answers on how you should think and act.
I can't comprehend how you can base your answers to life on various scriptures and verses you have retrieved from the Bible because, to
me, the Bible is a piece of literature and noth-
ing more. I am happy I have the freedom to experi-
ence life to the fullest, and I can make my own judgments based on my own experiences and observations, not by what some book tells me. You can call me a "sinner." I don't care — that label means nothing to me.
To have an open mind, respect everyone and every living thing, to appreciate every-
one's unique contributions to this world, to be
honest and take responsibility for my actions
- these are the principles that I strive for. I don't need the Bible to tell me how I should live my life or what's good and bad because I am a thinking being who is capable of making my own decisions!
Ms. Jones, I am sorry that you have so obvi-
ously been brainwashed.

Meredith Rogers is a nutritionist.
The Bible is not a biology text, Editor,
Cassandra Jones article, "Gay Pride" is not in the Bible" (July 22), provides very good
background and evidence for homosexuality being a sin. However, she erred in her think-
ing and reasoning by declaring that homosexual-
ity is "not a genetic trait.
Being a Catholic Christian myself, and
having attended private schools my whole life (up until now), I was always taught the Bible was a book of FACT and not a science book.
Nowhere in the Bible does it say that eye
color and hair color are genetic traits, but that does mean they aren't? To my knowledge, the writer of the Bible, although given divine inspiration by God, were not experts in the field of genetics.
iman Arsal is a biological sciences junior.
Experience life before you preach, Editor,
Once again religious rhetoric has made its way into the opinion page, this time in the
form of gay bashing. Cassandra Jones seems to think that by letting everyone know what she considers to be God's word, homosexuals will deny their sexuality in the name of a myth called the Bible. Sorry, Ms. Jones, but it's not that easy.
Backed by her supposed truths, Jones attempts to prove that homosexuality is a sin and not a genetic trait. Besides denying the proof of science that homosexuality is predi-
posed, she wrongly assumes that her religion is the universal truth. You may have the right to preach your blind faith, which I feel is pure hypocrisy, but homosexuals also have the right to express their sexuality through a top pride parade.
I'm sure being the good Christian you are, you attend church each Sunday to celebrate your love of the Lord. Homosexuals, who are often denied love from their families, your
God and church, should also be able to cele-
brate in their community. They are faced with
a sexuality that is hard to reveal in a world full of closed-minded people like you. Your article is clearly intended to use the words of your God in the hope that homosexuals will con-
fide to the mold you find acceptable.
You claim not to be self-righteous, but by simply writing this article, the stones are
simply "smoke that sin and turn to Jesus Christ for forgiveness," you are kidding your-
self. Why would anyone choose to be gay with
all the persecution that comes with it? Maybe
you'd suggest they turn to the Catholic faith where sexually repressed people allegedly
lead honest after boys. The breeding of this intolerance of homo-
sexuality is the reason behind hate-crimes like
Matthew Shepard's murder. I ask you, Ms.
Jones, were you among many approving
Christians who watched the disgusting behav-
ior of the religious right at Shepard's funeral?
Would you be the one holding a sign that
reads, "God hates fags," as cruisers tried to deal with a life taken in the name of hate?
You judge me based on your own religion alone, as I seriously doubt you even know any homosexuals. Or at least you don't think you know any homosexuals. I suggest escaping those sheltered walls of your faith to experi-
ence what your Bible calls an "abomination."
But you're probably afraid to discover some-
thing beyond the so-called truth you preach.
Whitney Phaneuf is a journalism senior.
Cal Poly mother/student grieves for the Kennedy family's loss, Editor,
Retrieved and buried in a breathless fash-
ion, JFK Jr., his wife Carolyn and sister-in-
law Lauren Bessette were returned to the sea.
Forever now, some cool waters that
stretched and hid them for days, carry their
ashes. The monumental enormity of the Atlantic Ocean explains the quick dissipation of lives
in the crest and crash of every wave. Each one brief and beautiful in its passage, is a landmark only captured ...on the canvas of history.
A torch flickered a week ago, and for the first time, since Jacqueline Kennedy's death, I am glad she was here to leave another tragically. Better cancer to crumble an icon than the death of a second son.
Children perish every day, but this acci-
dent bears a double agony. The Bessette family lost two of their three daughters. And with the death of her brother, Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg is the only surviving Kennedy sibling. As a mother, I could only begin to comprehend the horror and anguish of these fam-
ilies. Life is out of order when you bury a child. No one thinks harder, no test of faith is more violent, and no cry could be more con-
structed than the strangled sob of a grieving parent.
As if in consolation, this time Ms. Bessette
holds them now. They offer, at last long, privacy in a deep blue world where the distance against intu-
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'Haunting' delivers lackluster horror clichés

By Erin Green Summer Mustang

"Warning: keep all actors away from director Ian De Bont. He sucks the personality out of all actors."

The man who brought us Keanu Reeves' thrilling Williams Sonoma impersonation in "Speed" has finished his latest project — "The Haunting." The film is not an action-adventure flick, but the box office movie up the same way as "Speed" — full of monotone monologues and faceless moving objects.

"The Haunting," like every other haunted-house story ever, is full of good and bad ghosts. It is also complete with a character who feels she is one with the ghosts. In this movie, that person is Nell (Lili Taylor). Of course, there is the skeptical guy, Luke (Owen Wilson), who doesn't really believe any of it.

The story takes place in the Northeast where a group of mummies, including the beautiful and sexy Theo (Catherine Zeta-Jones), are recruited to participate in a study of mummies. The week-long study takes place at fictional Hill House, a scar but beautiful mansion designed to be creepy upon first glance (the reason this set was so creepy that the crew wouldn't stay near the set at night). Little do the study participants know, the psychologist running the experiment, Dr. Marrow (Liam Neeson), plans to study fear and its effect on the movie's execution of ghosts lacks.

The actors are bland. By watching "The Mask of Zorro" and "Schindler's List," there is no proof that Zeta-Jones and Neeson have personalities. With a little direction, these two can act, at least a little. But, under De Bont, they, and the rest of their castmates, are about as interesting as watching grass grow. Apparently the house was supposed to get all the personality in the film, De Bont thought it was okay that all the people in the movie just walk through the house looking scared. Ignoring the fact that there are holes in the plot, the set, the script and the dialogue are boring. People communicating with ghosts is an old idea, and "The Haunting" brings nothing new to the arena, except for a few special effects. The special effects team makes the house come alive (literally) intriguing the viewers. Other than that, the movie falls flat.

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Is the film scary? Yes, it is mildly scary. But what does it take for a movie to scare the audience? It takes creepy music, a thud in the night and something that jumps out from around the corner. These forms of instilling fear are boring.

Lili Taylor and Catherine Zeta-Jones plan an escape of the feared manor.

Nothing 'Gorgeous' about new beauty queen film

(U-WIRE) The best thing about a promotional screening for a low-budget movie is the audience with whom you share the theater. These are the women who take in mock-epics in the local radio station but scream their loudest when offered movie passes in exchange for their dignity. These are the young men who call just to thank KISS, "...for making an awesome comeback," just in case the band is listening to the station. You will not find an audience more eager to please — or be pleased.

Yet this perfect audience was bowled over by Kirstie Alley's scathing satirical commentary of the pageantry, oddities and.Rotate

Sounds and quirky set add flavor to local Shakespeare play

By Erin Crosby Summer Mustang

Danny's Toontown like sound effects, WWF wrestling and "Kung Fu Fighting" make the San Luis Obispo Little Theatre's version of "A Comedy of Errors" anything but classic Shakespearian. From the first look down, the audience knows that it is for a good time. Filled with bright reds, greens and yellows and a backdrop of box above the center doors, the backdrop is the perfect setting for such a silly play.

Stuffed full of absurdities, "Comedy" is the unlikely story of two sets of twins separated at a young age and years later end up as the same town. There are great mix-ups because none of the twins realize that the others are there, and everyone ends up horribly confused. This is the feeling a viewer might get after trying to read the synopsis of the play in the program, but things become clear as the play progresses.

As with typical Shakespeare, the plot leads to a climactic ending where one brother is imprisoned, plans to study according to his last project — "The Haunting." The film is not an action-adventure flick, but the box office movie up the same way as "Speed" — full of monotone monologues and faceless moving objects.

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"When I stand there, my shoulder is always partially dislocated because of loose tendons," Poet said. In addition to maintaining her health, Poet sees off-season training to help solidify her place on the team. "It's a competition within ourselves," Poet said. "My first year I thought I was giving 110 percent. But when I came back, there were other players down my throat." Furthermore, Poet coaches a 16-and-under girls' team in her hometown of Bloomfield, Calif. during the summer to keep her mind on softball. "I'm trying to get these little girls better, and I think of getting myself better," Poet said. Summer is not much different for the football team. Eric Wicks is a defensive lineman and agriculture business junior. He and teammate Danny Loney, a social science major, continue their training during the off-season as well. "Basically, I just want to be ready," Wicks said. "We're always looking at the first game of the season." Last season, the Mustang football team had a trying record of 3-8. "Some guys start off quick in the beginning and get sluggish towards the end. You can tell who's been staying strong and keeping in shape," Brad Pickett, a senior pole-vaulter, hasn't let training take the fun out of summer. Like the other athletes, Pickett runs daily and consistently follows an intensive weight training regimen. But Pickett includes surfing, playing basketball and soccer to remain active on off-training days. "Surfing is a big part," Pickett said. "It contributes to cardiovascular conditioning, balance and endurance."

Pickett likes to mix hill running with intense weight training while taking a few hours to rest and stretch in between. Also according to Pickett, it is necessary to learn the mechanics of the body and mind working together. "We like to use gymnastics to learn how to control the body," Pickett said. "We're constantly watching videos."

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this weekend," he said. "There is no reason for it to be unlike all our other home games this year." Blues games have acquired a reputation for having rowdy fans. "Our crowds have gotten really wild this year in our support," Howell said. "The whole team appreciates their backing. That's what baseball is all about, giving the fans something to cheer for." With two victories over the Foresters this weekend, the Blues can pull within one game of the first place position. They will get no rest either way. The Blues play their last five games in the next five days. After Saturday's game, the Santa Maria Indians, Santa Maria Stars and San Luis Obispo Rangers come into SLO Stadium on consecutive nights. All games start at 7:15 p.m. "We have our work cut out for us, that's for sure," Howell said. The Blues will put either Chris Sherman, Jason Loker, or Cal Poly pitcher Preston Ris in the two games against Santa Barbara. "These are obviously very important games, so we will throw our best guys at them and hope for the best," Howell said.

Hasek shocks hockey with retirement announcement
Associated Press
Dominik Hasek will announce his retirement effective at the end of the 1999-2000 season at a press conference today, The Buffalo News will report in today's editions. The five-time winner of the Vezina Trophy and two-time winner of the Hart Trophy will make the announce­ ment from Prague at 7:45 a.m. press com­ference. Hasek has been the single most dominant player in the league, if not the world, over the last six seasons. But it was only in this past season, when he led the Buffalo Sabres to the Stanley Cup finals, that his efforts were answered with a complete team effort. He compiled a rare sweep of the Hart and Vezina trophies in 1997 and 1998, becoming the first goalie to win both awards in the same year since Jacques Plante in 1962. He also led the Czech Republic to a surprise gold medal at the Nagano Olympics in 1998. Hasek, 35 in January, signed an extension with the Sabres after the 1997-98 season that would have kept him in Buffalo potentially through the 2001-02 season. He will make $7 mil­lion this season, was scheduled to make $7.5 million next season and $9 mil­lion in a club option for 2001-02. Many doubted, however, that Buffalo could have afforded that price and may not have been able to exercise the option.

New 49er eager to get started
STOCKTON (AP) — Charlie Garner quietly reported to the 49ers training camp and took part Wednesday in his first practice with his new team. While his arrival didn't draw the same kind of attention as that of Lawrence Phillips, San Francisco's "other" free agent running back let his introduction to media make an impact. "I'm competing for a starting job," said Garner. "That's what I'm here for. That's why they brought me in here and that's what I hope to do." A productive runner and some­ time starter in five years in Philadelphia, Garner was signed along with Phillips after the Pres­ident's Day weekend. Hasek, 35 in January, signed an extension with the Sabres following the 1997-98 season that would have kept him in Buffalo potentially through the 2001-02 season. He will make $7 million this season, was scheduled to make $7.5 million next season and $9 million in a club option for 2001-02. Many doubted, however, that Buffalo could have afforded that price and may not have been able to exercise the option. Garner, who had a club option for '01-02, was the most dom­inant player in the league, if not the world, over the last six seasons. But it was only in this past season, when he led the Buffalo Sabres to the Stanley Cup finals, that his efforts were answered with a complete team effort. He compiled a rare sweep of the Hart and Vezina trophies in 1997 and 1998, becoming the first goalie to win both awards in the same year since Jacques Plante in 1962. He also led the Czech Republic to a surprise gold medal at the Nagano Olympics in 1998.

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**SPORTS**

**Lions’ Sanders announces retirement**

Barry Sanders’ statement on his retirement, as posted today on The Wichita Eagle’s website:

“Shortly after the end of last season, I felt that I probably would not return for the 1999-2000 season. I also felt that I should take as much time as possible to sort through my feelings and make sure that my feelings were backed with conviction.

Today, I officially declare my departure from the NFL. It was a wonderful experience to play in the NFL, and I have no regrets. I truly miss playing for the Lions. I consider the Lions, players, coaches, staff, management and fans my family. I leave on good terms with everyone in the organization.

I have enjoyed playing for two great head coaches, Wayne Fontes and Bobby Ross, who are good coaches and leaders. I am not involved in a salary dispute of any kind. If I had played this season, I would have earned a more than satisfactory salary.

The reason I am retiring is simple: my desire to exit the game is greater than my desire to remain in it. I have searched my heart through and through and feel comfortable with this decision. I want to thank all of the fans and media who made playing in the NFL such a wonderful experience. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of them.

Although I was not able to honor many of your requests for autographs and interviews, it was not because I overlooked the importance of those who asked.

Finally, I want to thank my family and friends for their support and guidance. I wish my teammates, coaches and the entire Lions organization all the best.”

**Poly names new assistant coach**

By Aaron Culp
Summer Mustang

The Cal Poly men’s basketball team will see a new face next season—under head coach Jeff Schneider, Kansas Johnson will take the reins as assistant coach, replacing Brian Lord.

“I hope to be a positive influence for these guys,” Johnson said. “It’s a great opportunity for me to be here.”

For the last two seasons, Johnson, 27, worked as assistant coach at Tulsa University. He also played two successful seasons as a forward at Tulsa and graduated in 1994.

Lord, also a graduate of the University of Tulsa, spent four years at Cal Poly before accepting a job as assistant coach at Portland State University.

Johnson is no stranger to Schneider’s fast-paced coaching style. Schneider was the assistant coach at Tulsa during Johnson’s career.

“I liked playing under coach Schneider,” Johnson said. “He coaches on a short game rather than always having a set of plays. All the kids like to play that way too.”

As a Golden Hurricane, Johnson averaged 6.4 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. In 1995, he was named to the Missouri Valley Conference’s all-defensive team as a senior. In addition to starting 33 games, highlights from Johnson’s career include 19 points against Northern Iowa and 19 rebounds versus Drake during the 1994-95 season.

As a junior, Johnson was instrumental in Tulsa’s run in the NCAA tournament, which included an upset over UCLA. He went 6-for-6 from the free-throw line against the Bruins and 7-for-9 overall.

Before his career at Tulsa, Johnson was the top-rated junior college player in the state of Oklahoma during the 1992-93 season at Rosa State College. He previously attended the University of Kansas on a track scholarship.

In May, Johnson earned his judiciary degree from the University of Tulsa College of Law. This is a great program at Cal Poly,” Johnson said. “I just want to continue to help anyone I can.”

By Aaron Emerson
Summer Mustang

The fate of the San Luis Obispo Blues’ season may be determined this weekend at SLO Stadium. The Blues, three games behind first-place Santa Barbara, have a pair of pivotal games against the Foresters Friday and Sunday.

With six games left in the season, Blues Head Coach Roy Howell is confident they can make up for lost ground.

“We still have time,” he said. “We need to keep playing hard and having fun to have a chance at the Championships next week.”

The Championships, which begin Aug. 4 in Wichita, Kan., is the postseason tournament for semi-professional collegiate teams. The Blues failed to gain an automatic bid to the Championships earlier this year but are again vying for the NBC Central California Tournament.

A first place finish in the California Collegiate Collegiate League would give the Blues a chance to be champions.

“Either way, I am proud of these guys, but we would all love to go to Kansas,” Howell said.

The Blues took two of three games on their recent road trip to Fresno before falling to Santa Barbara Monday.

The Blues will get their chance to show whom they think is the best team in the league Friday. The game begins at 7:15 p.m. at SLO Stadium. Howell expects a rather large crowd for the game.

“I think we will have great fan support for...”