Campus apartments to open doors 2002

By Mike Munson

Cal Poly students have long struggled with finding rental housing in San Luis Obispo, but they may soon have another option. Plans are under way to house 800 students in 200 on-campus apartments.

The project will be built on five to six acres of a 16-acre site on Poly Canyon Road behind North Mountain Hall. Each unit will house four students in their own private bedrooms. They will share a kitchen, bath and living room.

Targeting second- and third-year students, the new apartments will not require renters to enroll in a meal plan. Preston Allen, director of Housing and Residential Life, said the project's goal is to increase the amount of housing available to returning students, while also offering them greater independence than their freshman residence hall experiences.

"This project is driven by the fact that housing for second- and third-year students and beyond is very slim," Allen said. "We want to take them out of garages, people houses and substandard housing and give them a better choice."

The $30 million project will be funded with bonds, which will be paid back over the next 30 years with money from rental fees. Allen estimates monthly rent for each resident will be $545, but an exact rate has not yet been decided.

The project is still in the design stage at Fisher-Friedman Associates, a San Francisco architecture firm.

For Arnie architecture firms

Representatives from the firm visited Cal Poly last week to solicit opinions and suggestions from students and university and city officials.

The initial plan calls for several two- to three-story buildings clustered around courtyards and recreation areas. The complex will also include a community center and laundry facilities.

With campus parking at a premium, 800 additional residents will bring many more cars, especially to the Klamath Road lots, directly adjacent to the building site. Allen said the complex will contain new parking spots for residents, but an exact number will not be determined until after the Campus Parking Study is complete. Officials want to see how much the new parking structure near the Performing Arts Center will reduce congestion before they decide to build more lots.

Allen has worked with both the city and off-campus student housing complexes to plan the project. He said there is wide support for additional student housing, but the city prefers new housing to be built on campus.

Allen said the proposed project is the result of feedback from all over the university and the community.

"We have an obligation to be responsive to students' needs," Allen said. "I think building apartment-style housing on campus is the best option — we hope to build something students will want to come to."

Groundbreaking is set to take place May 2001.

Inventing the wheel

Photography senior Brian Grandfield is teaching bike repair class at the Craft Center.

Students say no to giving out personal directory information

By Christine Janocko

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Cal Poly parents donate more than other university parents

By Jenny Ferrari
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly parents consistently donate about 10 times as much money per enrolled student than parents of other California State University students.

According to a state report on the last fiscal year, Cal Poly parents gave $626,000 to the university. Vice President for University Advancement William Boldt said donations given by parents of other CSUs totaled about $60,000 a year.

Boldt said several factors contribute to the amount of money Cal Poly receives.

"Parents give more to Cal Poly than any other CSU because they are pleased with the quality education their children receive here," Boldt said.

Boldt explained that many parents choose to donate because they feel their children have a comparatively better chance of beginning a career immediately after graduation than other CSU students.

"Speaking as a parent of a sophomore here, one of the reasons we selected Cal Poly — besides the quality of the education — was the price," he said. "When you compare it to other schools, the education here is a bargain."

Graphic communications junior Polly Harrigan also said Cal Poly's reputation has a lot to do with the amount of donations it gets.

"Many of the donations probably come from alumni who have children here," she said. "If I was an alumni parent, I would probably donate something, because contributing to the school ensures students receive a good education."

"Speaking as a parent of a sophomore here, one of the reasons we selected Cal Poly — besides the quality of the education — was the price," he said. "When you compare it to other schools, the education here is a bargain."

Polly Harrigan, special assistant to the vice president for Student Affairs, agrees parents recognize the value of a Cal Poly education, which may explain why they donate as much as they do.

"For the most part, students are happy and well-adjusted here," she said. Harrigan also agreed many parents feel good about their involvement on campus.

Correction:

In reference to "Community Safety comes to television" on October 12, the recipients of the Crime Prevention Program of the Year in the media category should have been the organizations that sponsored the program, not the show itself.

In reference to "HIV tests available at Health Center" on October 12, the oral HIV test called OraSure costs $19.


News

911 call leads officers into ambushed trap, killing three

PLEASANTON, Texas (AP) — Three law officers were hired to a trailer park by a bogus 911 call and shot to death by a gunman who wounded two others before killing himself, authorities say.

Jeremiah Engleton, 21, kept firing from his hiding place in a thicket as up to 75 officers surrounded the rural area Tuesday night. After a three-hour standoff, he shot himself in the head, investigators said.

One of the slain officers had arrested Engleton early that morning on charges of beating his wife, and a counselor with the sheriff's department had persuaded her to take their 15-month-old daughter and leave him.

"I don't know if he felt the police had caused his wife to leave him," Sheriff Tommy Williams said.

That night, after he was released, investigators say Engleton called 911 and told the dispatcher: "Get somebody out here right away." Then he ducked into the thicket of cactuses and mesquite trees and waited for the patrol cars to arrive, they said.

Sheriff's Deputies Mark Stephenson, 32, and Thomas Momey, 31, were shot to death as they approached the trailer. Neither had time to call for help. After ambushng them, Engleton took each man's gun and shot him in the head.

State Trooper Terry Miller, 37, was sent to the scene when the deputies did not respond to radio calls. He pulled up 20 minutes later and was fatally shot through the windshield.

"There's no way to prepare for something like that," the sheriff said. "If you had a half-dozen officers on the scene, you would have had six dead officers."

Tommy Williams

Sheriff

Dozens of officers descended on the scrubby patch of land to search for the gunman. Engleton shot at police with an assault rifle until officers using infrared equipment from a helicopter spotted him in the thicket.

A neighbor and a Pleasanton police officer were wounded in the shootout. Both were listed in good condition Wednesday.

A shotgun and three handguns were found in the thicket along with the assault rifle, both deputies' guns and a sack of ammunition.

Neighbors said that Engleton often fired weapons in his yard. Angie Flores said her husband once saw Engleton walking down the gravel road shirtless, randomly shooting a handgun, but he didn't report it.

Neighbor Jesse Garza said he had offered to install a porch light for Engleton, but Engleton refused, saying, "I want to see you, but I don't want you to see me."

For general information on campus construction projects, call the News Line at 756-6808, or Deby Rye at 756-6808, or email dryen@calpoly.edu or www.campusprojects.calpoly.edu

Excerpt from Campus Projects Update

Frank E. Pilling Building Elevator

(Campus Science #14)

• Being built in north wing of building, causing pedestrian detour

• Should be done before end of Fall Quarter

Student Housing Complex

• 800 beds in four bedroom apartments, each with kitchen

• Public Forum on November 3, 7pm at the Monday Club to review comments on the CEQA Environmental Impact Report.
‘Let the vendor beware’ rules gun industry

The pending litigation against the gun industry is particularly bothersome because it is an attempt to coerce an industry on an issue that has yet to be determined. The Supreme Court has not reaffirmed the right to bear arms, nor has the high court offered insights into the types of weapons people can own.

So, the burden of this political question falls upon the infinite wisdom of our elected officials to determine what we should and should not be entitled to. I'm saying the general public should be entitled to all firearms or that our interests are being completely ignored but I am certain that one day I will be able to purchase a firearm.

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This new theory — the due care theory according to Manuel Velezquez — stresses that not only do manufacturers bear the responsibility of who uses their products, but they also have a duty to exercise due care to prevent others from being injured by the product, even if the manufacturer explicitly disclaims such responsibility, and the buyer agrees to the disclaimer.

Furthermore, this theory is also being used as the foundation of the litigation against tobacco companies. However, in this theory lies a contradiction of application. How can you apply a theory stressing third party protection when the product is inherently designed to injure the third party? Still, this question prompts another question of the ability, without repercussion, to make a product that is unsafe for anyone, either user or user. Clearly, the goal of the due care theory is to shirk the responsibility of the tobacco companies.

In conclusion, I would like to challenge Jehovah and all Christians on this campus to meditate upon the Bible and its teachings. The Bible teaches that faith alone is not enough to save a person. Good works and love are also necessary for salvation. It is not just a matter of faith, but also the work of the Spirit that saves a person. Therefore, we should not be complacent in our efforts to propagate the gospel, but rather be diligent in our preaching and teaching of the Word of God.
SMILE AND NOD

COMPETE FOR LAUGHS

Improvisational Comedy with a Car Pool Slant.

By Matt Sterling

Looking for a change on a recent field trip the senior students who take part in improv groups and sketch comedy want to try something else. The original plan was to do improv in the gym. After the coach heard them argue, he suggested they use the student center, which was empty at the time, to put on an improv show.

Many more students than the group was expected to show up. The group was surprised. The students who were there acted out scenes from their own imaginations, using the starting point the group gave them.

For example, one scene was: A car pool software and car pool software isn't moving. The students had to come up with a reason for this. It was decided that the group was going to find something else to use for the car pool software and end the scene.

So much time passed that the group had to think of a new scene. It was decided to make a scene that included improv, improv, improv, and improv.

I hope this idea works out and we do more improv. We really enjoyed doing improv,
Autumn Tale presents an audience with rich, human relationships. The film is currently showing at the Palm Theater.

By Nate Pontious
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Though true to its title, the telling of Eric Rohmer’s “Autumn Tale” is far from brisk. On the contrary, the French film is a delightfully slow-paced look at the lives of its characters in love and loneliness—an achievement far from boring.

The final installment in Rohmer’s Tales of the Four Seasons series, “Autumn Tale” is a study in character development. The film’s main character, Mafiali (Beatrice Romand) is a frizzy-haired Firunette longing for companionship after the loss of her husband and grown-up daughter. She spends her days in the French countryside, tending to her grape orchards in an effort to produce a wine “that ages well.”

Mafiali is unknowingly set up by her friend Isabelle (Marie Riviere), the film’s most likely candidate for the fable. Her vintage wines. Mafiali and Isabelle’s friendship is a modern day pairing of the country mouse and the city mouse, respectively. Mafiali herself is the most reserved manner contradicts her outgoing, elegant counterpart, Isabelle, is her outgoing, elegant counterpart, who, though the film’s most confident character, desperately needs to be flattered. Rohmer even throws in a subplot of Nabokovian proportions depicting the moral dilemma of Extreme, an eligible, older professor who likes to chase his students. “Autumn Tale” is on the independent film spectrum, opposite the popular High Track stylings of last year’s “Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels,” or the current “Run Lola Run.”

However, what the film lacks in hyperactivity, it makes up for in substance. As the credits roll, the audience will find it has drunk deep of a storytelling that is as rich as one of Mafiali’s vintage wines.

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Griffin, Ed Sullivan and Carol Burnett. Known as one of America’s most prolific social critics, Carlin continues to capture the attention of many with his blunt points of view on topics such as religion, politics, and consumerism.

Ticket sales go fast; one ticket remains for the 9:30 p.m. performance tomorrow in the dress circle (first raised balcony of the PAC). The cost is $41.

Show times are 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. and the show lasts two hours.
Gilbert Reed combines ballet with live swing

By Nate Pontious

In what is quickly becoming a core experience for ballet enthusiasm everywhere, local fans will have the chance to see Dance accompanied by live music.

The Central Coast's Gilbert Reed Ballet and four acclaimed musicians will join forces this weekend in two ballet performances. Also featured will be Igor Stravinsky's "The Firebird."

Theresa Slohodnik, assistant director and principal dancer for the Gilbert Reed Ballet, said live music has become less frequent in the ballet world because of the lack of funding.

"It is happening, it's getting harder and harder to do," Slohodnik said.

Two of the musicians joining the program are violinist Peter Kent and harpist Amy Shulman, better known as "51 Strings." The duo will play "Sanz classics for Violin and Harp" in accompaniment with Reed's ballet, "Remembrance."

Shulman said she's excited to perform with the ballet.

"There's more of an electricity with the performance," she said.

"It's terribly exciting for the audience involved."

Shulman likens the addition of live music to the difference between movies and plays. Audiences are more involved and engaged with the latter.

"This is taking chamber music one step further," she said.

Local resident and world-renowned violinist Frederic Ball is one inspiration for Gilbert Reed's ballet. The two have worked together in the past and will collaborate for the piece "Sonata for Violin and Piano." Former local resident Matthew Steu also will join the Gilbert Reed ballet for the performance, along with acclaimed lyric-coloratura local soprano Mary Sue Gee. The two will open with Ravel's "Vocalise" En Forme de Habanera. Gee also will sing Villa-Lobos's "Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5."

The central piece in the performance is Igor Stravinsky's "The Firebird." In addition to the Gilbert Reed Ballet, some of the country's top ballet students will join the cast.

"The Firebird," based on a Russian folk tale, is a tale of good and evil. Prince Ivan captures the Firebird in the garden of the demon, Katschou, but lets her go in return for her help. Before the ballet's three scenes are over, Ivan must call upon the Firebird to defeat the demon and win the hand of the captive princess. "The Firebird" was first performed with Igor Stravinsky's quartet in 1910. Gilbert Reed's version premiered in 1962.

"The Firebird" opens at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, and also plays at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17, at the San Luis Obispo Performing Arts Center's Harmon Hall. Tickets are $30; $25, $20 and $15, and are available at the Performing Arts Center Box Office.

What is new on this disc is several never-before-released songs sung by the writer. "An't we got fun" begins the album on a whimsical note. Like a father singing his child to sleep, it's both incredibly sincere and endearingly off-key. This is the perfect choice for a guy who defined the beat movement as "a swinging group of new American men in search of joy."

Tom Waits also adds a new track to the album, coupling with Primus to provide the listener with a new rendition of the "On the Road" song. Also, look for the liner notes photos by REM frontman and aspiring photographer Michael Stipe.

As fans of Jack Kerouac's "On the Road," 1997's independent masterpiece "Under the Great Western Freeway," with a four-song EP that showcases further reinventions of the lost pogo song. The cover of "Signal to Snow Ratio" is a series of pictures depicting what looks like a hunting trip gone horribly wrong, once again playing up the Modesto band's country bumpkin image.

"Jack Kerouac Reads 'On the Road'" is a truly instrumental track, uses strings and faint, echoed vocals, that give it a movie flashback feel.

"MGM Grand is a super upbeat moment. Singer Jason Lytle continues in his role as observer here, telling of his wry wistfulness at the gaudy Las Vegas mentality. Lytle's unmistakable vocal delivery varies from trying to fit too many syllables into a phrase ("MGM Grand") and deliberately slow-paced ("Protected From the Rain"). "Signal to Snow Ratio," though

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Theatre sen­tor Mark Sitko decided to start Smile and Ned.
"There was a vocal here in SLM for this kind of comedy," Sitko said. "When we started, we modeled our­selves after Comic Strip, only we were a little more risque."

What began as a small group per­form­ing in the Black Box theater inside the music building on cam­pus has now grown to a team of 20, per­form­ing biweekly at Van Mot­son Dance Studio on the south side of San Luis Obispo.

Team members come from differ­ent majors, from speech commu­nication to business. What ties them together is their love to perform.

"This is the purest form of speech communication," Sitko said. "If the kind of stuff we would all like to keep doing after college if we can."

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Opinion

There is still a choice when it comes to being gay

On our way to play Ultimate Frisbee a couple of Fridays ago, a friend and I stopped at Starbucks to pick up some more people to play Ultimate with. While waiting for the others I noticed a bulletin board in the Mon's Lounge about Gay Awareness Month. There was a poster of famous people throughout history who were supposedly gay, and a heterosexual survey and other various items promoting homosexuality. It got me to thinking about how newly there seems to be all of this literature and promotion for the homosexual lifestyle that seems to leave those that feel like they are homosexuals but don't want to be homosexual out.

When most of my gay friends first say they are gay, I often hear the statement, "I wouldn't choose to be gay. This isn't a lifestyle I would choose. It's not the way God made me." I often wondered if this statement was true. Is there a "gay gene"? The popular media certainly gets excited when a new scientific study is published, and proclaims that there is now proof that people are born gay. They do not mention the flaws in the research, and often ignore the qualifications that the researchers themselves make about the study. To date, there is no conclusive evidence to support the belief that some people are born gay. The three studies that have gotten the most attention — Simon LeVay and the NIMH's Bailey & Pillard and their now-studied, and Hunter's genetic studies — all have major flaws. In fact, all three of these studies were done in the '70s exclusively on gay men; and it was found that 70 percent of the men involved in the study had been sexually or relationally abused when they were young. So, I again wonder if in fact there really is a "gay gene" and if not, that would make it a factor of circumstances in the environment, or nurture, and maybe something that can be changed.

Is it possible to change one's sexual orientation? The idea that "homosexuals can't change" is a common idea in our culture, reinforced by the media and political actions. But is it true? There are, of course, many men and women who have no desire to change their sexual orientation. There are others who tell of trying to change without any success. To argue that change is impossible because some people tried to change and failed is like claiming that all airplanes will crash just because some have crashed.

And there are the stories of men and women who have experienced real change in their sexual orientation. Some people have told me that those who claim to have changed either were never gay in the first place, or that they are just gay but in denial. One ex-gay man responds to this argument something like this: I was never gay in the first place, why did I spend 10 years in gay bars and having sex with other men? If I am still straight, then those seven years with my wife have been the most wonderful years of my life.

Those psychiatrists and psychologists who do not believe that change is possible. There are other psychiatrists and psychologists who believe change is possible and who have seen it in their clients, because of the current political climate, their voices are rarely heard.

I wondered what, if any, therapies or psychological services were offered here at Poly for people who feel they are homosexual and don't want to be. And while, hopefully, they will not tell you what you should do, they will help you decide for yourself what is the best decision for you.

Jennie Skidmore is an agribusiness senior.

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No. 23 Pepperdine in 1993. The latest victory not only thrusts the team onto the national volleyball scene but also lifted the curse the "Bit Three" has held over the Mustangs for the past four years.

Playing perennial powerhouse Pacific, Long Beach State and UCSB twice a year has typically meant a loss for the Mustangs. Thursday's victory over the Gauchos stopped the trend. The game was also played in front of the largest crowd of the season at 1,507.

"The large crowd really added to the enjoyment of the game," head coach Steve Schlick said. "There is no doubt the team feels the energy and support of the crowd and they feed off each other." Sullivan said.

Attendance of home games has steadily increased as the season has transpired. Though the team lost to then No. 1 ranked Pacific and No. 15 Long Beach on the road two weeks ago, the 49ers and Tigers still have to come play in Must Gym Nov. 5 and respectively.

Support for the team will only continue to grow, Cal Poly Sports Information Director Jason Sullivan said.

"With how good their record is and the promise of each good team, you can only expect the crowds to get bigger the rest of the season," Sullivan said.

Sullivan has followed the team since his arrival in 1993. "I think it is great. Sullivan said. "People know the team was No. 1 back in the '80s, but this is their most talented team since I have been here."

"People in the Big West are very excited with a packed crowd. I think it is great," Schlick said. "I expect the crowds to get bigger the rest of the season," Sullivan said.

"The crowd at the Thunderdome will likely be just as big."

"With a good job of getting out and just playing when we are on the road," Schlick said. "It's all very exciting with a packed crowd. I think it is great."

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League in strikeouts with 313, an ERA of 2.07 and holding batters to a league-low average of .192.

Not only should Pedro win the Cy Young Award, but the MVP as well. No other player, whether every day or every other day, has dominated his league like Martinez did.

In conclusion, I'd like to make a few predictions for the upcoming League Championship Series. The Braves win again, lead 2-0

"I think the time is ripe for the team to take the tournament this decade."

"They're much better off than any other team," Sullivan has said. "I think they will have 11 players doing their job on the field."

"The Mustangs season began with some injuries to key players, including lead scorer Gina Oquera (knee) and junior forward Sarah Pratts (ankle)."

"They really have unlimited potential. Sullivan said. "They are young, have good leadership, are fun to watch and work very hard. I expect good things."

The team will be heading out to California State University, Fullerton. The rest of the team remains intact.

"We have a relatively healthy team," Sullivan said. "Last week's game against Cal State Santa Barbara, "They're going to get a good game from everyone. We're just going to stay quiet."

Despite the magnitude of the game, the Mustangs are still keeping their focus on their Big West Conference foes.

"With the Big West coming up I expect the team to keep working toward the Santa Barbara game," Grondzik said. Cal Poly plays the Gauchos Sunday at 1 p.m. in Santa Barbara.

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Braves will top the New York Mets in six games. The Braves defeated the Mets in nine of the 12 games they played in the regular season. On the other side of the fence, the Red Sox will last all season. "Canus of the Bambino" to rock the Yankees in seven games, setting up a meeting between Boston and Atlanta.

The end of the millennium is the only thing that separates the World Series title to the Red Sox, a perfect end to a great century of baseball.
Y2K baseball season still full of surprises

Friday, students, my fellow sports fans, lend me your ears. The time has come to say goodbye to the last of baseball in the 20th century.

As the season winds down, remember to cherish the final match up of a home run chase, another 45-45 race, a run at Huckle Wilson's RRR record and the spectacle performance by the Yankees.

The final season of the millennium, however, was no slouch itself.

Unlike the Yankee team that won 114 regular season games in 1998, no major league club stepped forward to win dominance this year. In the early going, the Cleveland Indians looked like an easy pick for the World Series, but unfortunately, they couldn't find an easy finish and lost in the first round of the playoffs to the Boston Red Sox.

Even the Atlanta Braves seemed vulnerable this season, with starters Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine struggling in the early going.

The year also saw the continuation of an increase in home runs and grand slams leaving the park. Players like Jay Bell and Luis Gonzalez were suddenly making like Elvis and leaving the building, even though three teams, including the Los Angeles Dodgers, ended the year with one more than 35. Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa went at it again, even racing ahead of their pace from last season at times, but each had to settle for just another 66-home season. Yeah, I know, 66-home runs sucks nowadays.

And then there was Pedro. Yes, my thoughts exactly. He is the Second Coming. Pedro Martinez had one of the finest years by a pitcher in recent memory, leading the American League with a 2.19 earned run average.

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Mott Mania strikes Poly volleyball

Team is 7-0 at home and ranks 20th in national attendance marks

Mott Mania has officially begun. Fans of the nationally ranked Cal Poly women's volleyball team are packing Mustang Gym to witness the Mustangs rise to national prominence.

Cal Poly has been ranked No. 26 in the latest Volleyball Magazine poll. It is the first time the Mustangs have been ranked this year, coming off victories over then-No. 7 UC Santa Barbara, and Idaho, which is in first place in the Big West's Eastern Division.

Cal Poly is also ranked 26th in the nation in average home attendance at 870 fans a game. Over seven home matches, 6,277 fans have watched the Mustangs defeat seven opponents, including the team's biggest victory of the decade against UCSB.

The victory over the Gauchos was the first win for Cal Poly over a nationally ranked team since they beat No. 1 team, Creator said. "Any bad habits we've acquired over the season are going to be exposed."

The players are excited about the opportunity.

"We want this to be a major upset," senior middlefielder Kara Grochlb said. "We want to show them that Cal Poly is definitely on the map."

The Mustangs' recent win over UC Irvine was their fifth straight against Big West opponents, with four of the five victories being shutouts. The Mustangs have a 14-2 goals against average, allowing just five shots per match. With Santa Clara's impressive record, the best defense for Cal Poly may be a strong offense.

Revenge may be on the minds of the Mustangs after last season's 5-0 loss to the Broncos.

By Nanette Pietroforte
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

No. 1 Santa Clara next for women's soccer

The Cal Poly women's soccer team is ready for a big test when they face the No. 1 ranked team in the country tonight at 7 p.m.

The Mustangs (17-6, 5-1) will travel to play the undefeated Santa Clara Broncos (13-0), but they're not too worried.

"This game in the grand scheme of things doesn't hurt us," head coach Alex Cooner said. "My hopes are we come out of this game playing well."

The Broncos are not a part of the Big West Conference, but they do come into this game with a perfect record, enjoying a 36-match regular season unbeaten streak. A game against the undefeated Broncos has the Mustangs worried.

"It's not often you get to play the No. 1 team," Cooner said. "Any bad habits we've acquired over the season are going to be exposed."

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

The Alou brothers, Felipe, Matty and Jesus, comprised the Giants outfield for one inning in 1963.

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Today's Joe Baranek!

How many times did Michael Jordan win the league MVP award?

Please submit sports trivia answers to sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu. Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

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RAiders want to hold Super Bowl

(OAKLAND) - Oakland, home of the Raiders, will make a pitch next month to the National Football League, hoping to win the Super Bowl for the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum.

"It's the first time in Oakland's history that it has been formally invited to discuss a Super Bowl that isn't associated with San Francisco," said Zephron Abraham, president of the Oakland-Alameda County Sports Commission. "It's early in the morning, but I'd be there at 4:30 a.m. if we had to."

The commission will make its presentation at 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 2 in Chicago.

The goal — to bring Oakland the 2004 Super Bowl or another Super Bowl, as well as other major sporting events.

The 2004 championship may be a longshot for Oakland. A Super Bowl was awarded to Houston as part of a franchise deal for the city, and observers had expected it to be the 2004 game.

But Abraham said he doubts Houston will have a new stadium completed in time. The NFL requires stadiums to be in use for at least 18 months before a Super Bowl can be played there. He said.

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The team's record seems to have inspired the students, as the attendance has gone up over 50% since last season.

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