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Dorm residents wash clothes from own rooms
By Ryan Miller
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The "private residence" sign on the door doesn't stop students from waking Melissa Youn, a nutrition freshman, and asking to use the washing machines.

"This girl knocked on our door," said Maria Perez, a journalism freshman and one of Youn's three roommates. "We were sleeping. She said, 'I'm sorry to bother you, but can I please use the laundry?'"

According to Housing and Assignment Supervisor Brett Goedl, campus housing converted the first-floor lounges and laundry rooms of five Yosemite towers into temporary housing to hold overflow students in compensation for the large freshmen class lacking of living space. Youn and Perez are two of about 12 Cal Poly students currently living in these makeshift dorm rooms which can hold up to four residents.

Now, spaces have opened in other dorms, and waiting-list hopefuls have moved into the vacated spots, only four tower lounges remain occupied.

"It's fluctuating as cancellations occur," Goedl said. "We are anxious to get them out into regular rooms."

Goedl said Housing tried to work with students who were short on living options.

"They were either coming from home or staying on someone's couch," Goedl said.

Director of Housing and Residential Life Preston Allen said his goal is to provide adequate housing for as many students as possible. His main concern is keeping students out of sub-standard housing.

"We've had students sleeping in cars in years past," Allen said.

Liz Camacho lives in a Yosemite tower laundry room. Campus housing converted the first-floor lounges and laundry rooms of five Yosemite towers into temporary housing to hold overflow students due to the large freshmen class.

Although the housing situation is not ideal, Allen said he would feel irresponsible if he did not explore every option. The lounges may not be designed for this type of living, Allen said, but they can easily accommodate the residence function.

"We're bending over backwards to respond to what we've been given to respond to," Allen said. "Our other option would be to triple occupancy in all the rooms. Other universities have gone that route when there's an influx of freshmen."

Allen stressed that the arrangement is temporary, and hopes to "release the laundry rooms" within the next few weeks.

Audrey Rhine, a liberal studies freshman, lives with one other girl in the Tower 5 lounge. She said one of her transistor roommates only recently transferred into a regular dorm.

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Housing search continues into fourth week
By Ryan Miller
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

At the close of the fourth week of classes, some Cal Poly students find themselves continuing the search for a permanent residence.

Director of Housing and Residential Life Preston Allen said Cal Poly is seeking a link with the off-campus community to ensure that adequate housing is available for anyone who needs it.

The Housing and Residential Life Student Affairs Division has prepared a packet which includes available resources and a list for students who are still seeking living accommodations.

The Off-Campus Housing Service contains rental listings for houses, mobile homes, apartments, condominiums and private rooms with other students or families.

This voice mail telephone system is updated Monday through Friday, and is available 24 hours a day, every day of the week.

The Off-Campus Student Housing Association brochure offers information on Jefferson at Mustang Village, Stenner Glen, Valencia Apartments, Woodside Apartments, Garfield Arms and Triangle Apartments, and Czech Chater Apartments.

Professor speaks about life beyond this planet
By Scott Oakley
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly Professor Richard Frankel talked about "Life beyond Earth," but specifically on Mars and Mars's moon Europa, during the Physics Colloquium.

Frankel said he took interest in this topic in 1996 after many articles were published about life beyond earth.

"There's no reason why there shouldn't be life beyond earth," Frankel said. "Many pieces of major elements such as carbon, water, hydrogen and oxygen. According to Frankel, if the right elements are present, the possibility of life could be there.

Frankel said a way to find life is to look for life. Space savages enable scientists to collect necessary data to help determine if there is life.

In the 1990s, several experiments concluded that there was no life on Mars, but since then there may be evidence that points to life on Mars. Thirteen meteorites were discovered in Antarctica. Analysis of one meteorite ALH84001 determined that it had certain characteristics of life.

"The case for life has been strengthened," Frankel said. However, there is no concrete proof. "If you are going to claim something new, you have to have the goods," Frankel said.

According to Frankel, science is conservative and it is difficult to get people to believe what someone is trying to prove. He said there has to be wide acceptance of an idea.

The facts are not completely agreed on," Frankel said. "No one has a knock-out idea that there was life on Mars."

Poly prepares for New Year's bug
By Nanette Pietroforte
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Millennium bug exterminators gathered in the University Union Plaza yesterday to help prepare students for potential Y2K disasters.

"We're not trying to increase Y2K awareness," said Carol Schaffer, assistant director for Residential Life and Education, one of many campus and community groups that took part in the Y2K fair.

Schaffer sold emergency survival kits from the booth complete with food and water for three days and a thermal blanket. Residential Life sold more than 200 kits last year.

"I bought them for everyone in my family last year," Schaffer said. "We keep them in our trunks."

Residential Life will mail them informing parents about the kits before Jan. 1.

Judy Holloway, accounting technician in Student Accounts, said students who have financial aid or student loans should not worry about problems affecting their winter quarter money. However, Holloway did say students should have their funds electronically deposited to ensure their promptness.

Most of financial aid funds are received and prepared for disbursement by Cal Poly during the week before the quarter starts. With Jan. 1 as the first day of the quarter, Student Accounts will do its major processes during the last week in December.


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Rhone, pointing to the cement laundry area stong with hanging gauze and toiletries, "These are our closets." These rooms have been pared down to multi-purpose lounges for 60 people to the personal living space of a handful. The decor is a combination of circular, rotating, temporary rooms, each furnished with the standard dorm necessities: beds and desks. Each room is equipped with new couches and curtains and a North Mountain style micro-fridge unit. Overhead residents even get to use this chandelier, table, chairs and a microwave already present for normal lounge use. According to Allen, floor space is almost twice that of a North Mountain room. To top it all off, the transitional residents have their own personal laundry room. The standard decorations paper the walls of some," and "In North Mountain style personal room, the standard transitional residents have their own rooms, making the lounge look like a room in any other hall."

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Information presented yesterday could also help students prepare for other disasters. "Y2K is just a potential disaster with a date," emergency services director Eileen Sears said. The Red Cross booth contained emergency checklists, which Sears said prepares for other potential disasters. "What we're promoting is just preparedness for any kind of a disaster," she said. "We also encourage people to get first aid and CPR training." Sears said the Red Cross divided the county into five areas: San Luis Obispo, North County, South County, Cambria and the remaining coastal areas. Each of the areas is equipped with local volunteers in case of a disaster. The volunteers will be ready for emergencies on Dec. 31. Representatives from Commuter Services, Housing and Residential Life, Campus Emergency Response Team, Y2K Action Alliance, American Red Cross, Bank of America, Slesco and Wells Fargo were on hand to answer questions about Y2K readiness. Sheriff Pat Hodges also participated in the Y2K Awareness Fair. "Everything points to the fact that there may be some minor glitches," Hodges said. However, since there is a date associated with the Y2K potential disaster, Hodges said organizations are prepared. "It's just like in 1996, when the power outage covered the Western United States. That wasn't planned," he said. "They didn't have enough crews standing by to go out. We had to call in people. It only took them three to five hours to get things back up again. Here we're faced with a situation where power companies are going to have crews on duty. They're going to be monitoring situations."

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Camera lets commuters see Cuesta Grade traffic

A new remote-controlled webcam gives commuters a view of the ongoing construction on Cuesta Grade. The camera, located on Cuesta Ridge overlooking the north side of the highway, allows travelers to see the traffic on the road without leaving their homes. Approximately 1.5 percent of Cal Poly students and 15.5 percent of faculty members travel in north San Luis Obispo County and drive over the grade to campus every day, according to Jacqueline Paunen, commuter service coordinator. Caltrans is working on Cuesta Grade to add truck lanes, wider shoulders and to encourage the use of alternative transportation. The project is currently in the first of four stages and the projected date of completion is September 2002. The estimated cost for the project is $46 million. "We've seen an increase in bus passes bought for (buses serving) north county," Paulsen said. "There have been also additional busses that are full every day." The image on the webcam is updated every 15 seconds and shows a large portion of the construction zone. A new camera with an improved view is expected to be installed by mid-November. "The web address for the webcam is www.cuestagrade.com.

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LECTURES

By Nanette Pietroforte

The yearlong Visual Art Guest Lecture Series will kick off with a world-renowned artist today with showing slides of some of her global work. Nobel "Nob" Nagasawa's artwork is featured in the Czech Republic, Mexico, the United States and Japan. Her artwork can be seen in Cal Poly's Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. January's lecture by another artist, Nagasawa will first show slides and videos of her work and follow with a question and answer session.

Michael R. Miller, an assistant professor in Cal Poly's art and design department, helped organize the series. Miller said Nagasawa's artwork promotes political and cultural awareness. "She exists as a truly global representative," Miller said. Nagasawa is the 1993-97 recipient of the Design Excellence in Architecture and Public Art award in Los Angeles. The city's Metropolitan Transportation Authority commissioned her to design a new metro station in East Los Angeles' commercial core. San Jose, Santa Monica and Seattle also commissioned Nagasawa's work.

Nagasawa studied at the State Academy of Fine Arts in Netherland, Hochschule der Künste in Germany and the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia. Miller said the lecture series is not just for art students. "If someone is an anthropology major, an architecture major or any liberal arts major, they think they're going to get a real good sense of how they interact with those fields," Miller said. "They'll also get a flavor of how art can enhance public settings and community concerns." There are four other speakers in the lecture series, including a glass sculptor, a photographer, a graphic designer and a figurative artist. Many of the speakers are not only lecturing but also displaying their art in Cal Poly's University Art Gallery.

Speaker to discuss domestic violence

NATIONALLY known speaker Jessica Azzolino will address Cal Poly students and community members about her work to end domestic violence against youth. The free public talk is scheduled for this afternoon in Chumash Auditorium at 4:45 p.m. Her presentation will show how she organized her organization, Break The Cycle, to help end domestic violence by providing education, legal services and support to youth. She is the keynote speaker at the regional meeting of the Campus Outreach Organic Leadership (COOL) which runs on campus from Friday until Sunday. About 100 California colleges and students are expected to attend.

COOL is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating students of all backgrounds improve the country through community service. "We're excited that Jessica is coming to speak at the conference," Student Coordinator, adviser to Student Community Services said. "The issue she's speaking on is an important community issue that needs to be highlighted."

The conference, which is sponsored by Student Community Services, allows students to meet leaders from other campuses and build leadership skills.

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Mechanical engineering senior Adrian Laveaga came out to see the booth, but he hoped for a bigger turnout. "I was expecting a little bit more, something a little bigger, especially with all the hype," Laveaga said. "I think it's good to prepare for the worst and hope for the best."
Runners take to trail for weekend City to Sea race

By Cameron Watts

Are you looking for an event to motivate you back into shape? Or maybe you're looking for a race to test your endurance? If one of these sparks an interest, or if you're just looking for a reason to wake up early and enjoy the sun, this weekend is a golden opportunity.

Sunday, San Luis Obispo will host the Fourth Annual City to Sea Half Marathon.

"Last year, we had 458 finishers and this year we're expecting more than 700 participants," said race Director Joe Rubio.

The race starts at 7 a.m. downtown in the public parking lot at Higuera and Osos Street (but across from Woodstock). It concludes at the Avila Beach Golf Club, with breakfast, music and entertainment. All runners and volunteers will be bused back to San Luis Obispo.

The course trail drops more than 200 feet over the first 7 miles and even out the next 8 1/2 miles. Because it's on pavement, it promises to be a fast course.

"This will be a fun race to run because it's point to point mapping, we won't have to double back over the same terrain. That makes it nice because we won't have to see the same trail twice," said education senior Kim Ciancio.

Started in 1995, The City to Sea Half Marathon continues to raise money for the 75-acre Fairbanks Cross-country course near Castra College. All proceeds go to the non-profit Castra Foundation Fund, which is working to resurrect Castra's all weather track and also supplies the Castra track and field lights. Additionally, the race will showcase the new City to Sea Greenway. The trail stretches from Ontario Road off Highway 101 to the Avila Beach Golf Club.

Runners and volunteers are invited to a pasta dinner Saturday night at the San Luis Obispo High School cafeteria. USA Olympic marathon runner Linda Somers is the keynote speaker and will be sharing her running experiences.

Runners can sign up at race day, Oct. 17, between 6:30 to 2:45 a.m. at the starting line.

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Bishop's boulders call to climbers

By Steve Schueneman

In the never-ending attempt to escape school drudgery, students are often forced to travel to remote places in order to find such a respite.

For removed from the tranquility of little San Luis Obispo lies a gold mine of outdoor adventure and spine-exhilarating thrills. Bishop is a blur to most people traveling Highway 395 from Los Angeles to Lake Tahoe, but to the avid outdoorsman, it is a venerable utopia of rock climbing and high-altitude mountaineering.

Bishop is rapidly gaining popularity as one of the premier climbing and bouldering areas in California. Within 10 minutes of town lie several prominent bouldering areas, including the Happy Boulders, Pimlolly Boulders and the Dishy Stones.

Bouldering occurs on rocks that are generally less than 20 feet tall, which are scaled without the aid of ropes or rock protection gear. To boulder, one needs only a good pair of climbing shoes (about $30), a pad to land on in case of a fall (about $25), and climbing partners who help guide boulder descents.

The essence of bouldering is simple: the climber, the rock and gravity. To get there from San Luis Obispo, drive east to Bishop, then north on 395 to Bishop. Round trip from San Luis Obispo is about 400 miles (bring plenty of CTA).

A quick visit to Wilson's Eastside Sports in Bishop provides all the necessary details on how to get to the specific areas.

The county's other major running event, Wildflowers, attracts a similar group of athletic participants.

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Business senior Chris Fargo, above, with taped fingers, reaches for a hold while climbing in Bishop. Food science senior Jim Trout makes his way across a jagged face below.
Opinion

Teachers deserve a pat on the back

Many professors work hard and often are not rewarded. Professors need a way to be recognized for their efforts. Merit-based pay for Cal Poly professors is a good idea because it allows them to be recognized for all of their work and forces them to perform their best.

Essentially, merit pay empowers other faculty to judge which professors deserve a raise. Every department has a committee that consists of faculty unit employees, the department chair or a designee who decides whether a professor deserves a raise. Each department is allotted a certain amount of money each year, and the committee decides which professors should get the merit pay based on their performance. Annually, professors submit faculty activity reports detailing what they have done in the year.

Some may fear that competition amongst teachers and favoritism by administration will threaten educational quality, but regardless of merit-based pay, there would still be a concern. Competition and favoritism amongst teachers is something that happens regardless of salary or not. This is the real world; it happens and there is no solution for those problems.

I know you have had professors that make you sit, Gee, they are amazing. My freshman year I took copy editing with Dr. Murray. He has got to be the hardest teacher I have ever had because he had high expectations and demands for his students. There were times I wondered if I was going to make it through because of the rigor of the class. There were days I did not want to go to class, but I knew he cared. Dr. Murray brought positive energy to class and always had the answers. He was always well prepared for lectures and made himself available. Dr. Murray is the kind of person that earns a person’s respect with his presence and passion for what he does. He is the type of professor that should pay more — not someone who goes in to work to collect paycheck.

Introducing an opportunity for professors to be recognized for their hard work is a way to push forces professors to perform. If professors want more money, they should be doing their best to make sure students learn.

Education is important. Merit-based pay makes sure professors are on their toes. Merit pay pushes the level of teaching up because it makes professors more responsible. It can be seen as an incentive for professors. If they are doing well, they are rewarded. Even if a professor is not rewarded, the student can be assured the professor is suitable due to the faculty activity. The winners would be students because every one professor at Cal Poly would be working hard.

There is nothing wrong with giving professors more money if the job is done well. Some professors put in countless hours, whereas some do not, but get the same salary. If all professors strive to do well, it is beneficial to students. A little bonus allows for motivation.

Scott Oakley is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.
Population growth is not the real problem

Six billion people are expected to inhabit the earth when the new century doors to the ringing of cathedral bells and reverie across the world. A billion of those people, though, whose eyes open on the new century, will not, be rubbing their teats with cold champagne. They’re likely to be in a food line, hoping for some rice, or they may be lying on a straw mat, waiting for the grim reaper. Most people are aware of the constant warnings that the earth cannot sustain so many people. As one such has good news for us, Los Angeles Times environment writer Marie Cote. In her article Tuesday, Oct. 12 reports the phenomenon of declining population growth.

In the article, Thomas Buertge, UN population affairs officer said, "People think it’s out of control, that population growth is going like care," he went on to say that solid evidence shows population stabilization will occur or go into decline sooner than expected. Every nation has shown a decline in birth rates. This is good, after all we don't want to tickle their tongues with iced champagne. A billion of those people, though, want to shoot people after they're born or just let them lie on the ground to die of hunger or disease?

"Today, one sixth of the human population (one sixth of six billion is one billion people) lacks elements of humanity — clean water, enough food, secure housing, basic education and health care," said Nafta Sadik, UN Population Fund executive director, in the L.A. Times article. "As population grows, all these people will eat, drink water and consume wood products and fossil fuels," Carl Pope, executive director of the Sierra Club, said in the article. (All but one billion of them!) What disturbs me is the solutions being sought and put forth for the human suffering crisis and environmental degradations that population problems pose for the new century.

The sad story is that we failed in the drop in population growth — fewer children being born, diseases — specifically AIDS in Africa, war and famines. In developed countries, the drop in birth rates has been the result of choices people can make. For me, having two children and believing in and supporting birth control education are very comfortable choices. No one would choose the causes — diseases, famines and droughts, yet they are a factor in Third World population. For one billion people, contributing to decreased population often means death.

In developed countries the "other solutions", work on a much smaller scale than in third world countries. There are still people in developed countries who are dying from diseases, famines and wars to take human lives is staggering. In this case, Mispricing means sacrificing some in the name of the group. There must be a better way.

Look at the studies of human populations, and then look at the survival of this planet. There are many similarities between the two.

Countries with the highest fertility rates also have the highest mortality rates. The countries with the highest fertility rates also happen to have the lowest standards of living. In the poorest, most deprived people are having children. In these countries, deaths and diseases are primarily to blame for the decline in population growth.

Some are education and urbanization are helping slow birth rates in these countries.

Napoleon could have heard as much influence on a mother as would knowing her child will live. If one generation makes changes to survive in these undeveloped countries, women would feel less compelled to give birth to so many children. Suffice a mid-century, we are seeing a lot of relationships to the number of children who are born. Country with sufficient living standards have the luxury to worry about birth control, with limited but infant mortality have the least resources. Birth rates are high because babies are dying. The real problem with world population is not how many people we have, but how we treat the people who are alive.

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Commentary

Letters to the editor
Cal Poly bait and switch

I've talked to some students who complain about misinformation and not receiving what they have paid for. Students express that courses aren't following the descriptions in the catalog, and teachers are teaching who are not qualified to teach students what they need to learn. Basically, these teachers are substituting and filling voids.

This university is obliged to supply the students with the correct teachers who know how and what to teach. For example, if a student sign up for a course. I was taking a course in Ethical Literature, but the curriculum should include literature about several groups of people, not only white people. It is a class that understanding that understanding of the course that wasn't met. The course is reading and discussing the literature that the students are reading. The students are reading and discussing the literature that the students are reading. The students are reading and discussing the literature that the students are reading. The students are reading and discussing the literature that the students are reading.

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Pismo Café hopes to answer SLO county's prayers

In April of 1998 David Walker was a health care administrator, and his wife Anna was a member of Life and Rescue and a nurse for the elderly. They pooled their resources and created what they call "an answer to San Luis Obispo County's prayers." Together they bought The Pier Avenue Café, located off Highway 1 at 325 Pier Avenue in Oceano. The Café is the first stage of their non-profit Christian Recovery Program.

At first, Anna and Dave reached out to the residentially challenged and socially abused. They built a tented campsite behind the Café, where they ministered, clothed, fed and trained men, women, and families. Through their love and dedication lives were changed and the Café blossomed.

In October of 1998, the Pier Avenue Café won the Pismo Chowder Championship, which was the first time a non-Pismo restaurant ever won in 52 years. In May of 1999, the Café distinguished itself by being included in the Top Twenty Best Seafood Houses in the Nation (honest!).

The Café acts as a training ground for volunteers. Anna and Dave Walker continue to serve the county with their recovery program by keeping individuals clean and sober through ministry, twelve step programs, and part-time employment at a new thrift store located at 322 Pier Avenue. The Walkers also promote good people and probation relationships to keep local neighborhoods safe and drug free.

Many famous people have eaten at Pier Avenue Café. Star athletes and movie stars fly into the Oceano airport and fly out after a nice meal. Jeff Airks, who works at the café, has seen famous people come in. "The famous come to assume anonymity even though their face is recognizable — so we treat them as a neighbor and they love it."

However, everyone at the Pier is treated like family.

Pier Avenue Café is a bit out of the way, but it is unique. Coming to the café is like coming home, kicking your shoes off, knowing something good is in the kitchen, and getting served quality food every time. The Pier Avenue Café also invites local bands to play on their patio on the weekends.

So come on out to Pier Avenue Café. You'll love the food and the service. Bring your Cal Poly ID and get a 20 percent discount. Remember, eating fish increases brain power.
There's great seafood, roast beef at Hofbrau

On a sunny day, you can enjoy a lovely view of Morro Bay while dining at the Hofbrau, located at 571 Embarcadero. Sometimes the sunshine will sparkle off the ocean water, and a random pelican or seagull will fly by, and you may see people standing on the docks and watching boats float back and forth.

It's quite a spectacular view, and you can watch for a few moments before deviating your feast. People have been doing this for more than 25 years. Owned by Stan and Paul Van Beurden, the Hofbrau has been a favorite for both locals and tourists since July 1971. They pride themselves on serving freshly-cooked and hand-carved roast beef sandwiches. This item on the menu is their claim to fame, and they are proud to boast about the roast, especially the size and taste of this yummy entree. The beef is always freshly prepared, and when you order the hand-carved roast beef sandwich, you'll get almost a whole pound of meat.

And you won't find better fish and chips in Morro Bay than you will at the Hofbrau. They also serve the best and freshest sandwiches, burgers, salads, and soups. The clam strips are excellent, too. And you can order a glass of wine or a domestic or imported beer to go with your savory meal.

Prices range anywhere from $5 to $5 and up, which makes it a perfect place to dine for college students, who often have limited budgets. The restaurant is open daily at 11 a.m., and closes at 8 p.m. during the week and at 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights.

The Hofbrau is located at 571 Embarcadero, the main street of beautiful Morro Bay. Outdoor seating is usually available, weather permitting. You can reach the Hofbrau at 772-2411.

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Company returns cadaver revenue

SANTA ANA, (AP) — The company paid to transport corpses now being reviewed because they were misspent, have been misspent.

The money was received last week with a note from the company's owner, Jeffrey Frazier, saying it was a payment for money collected on the sale of bodies in the "Autopsy Program," said UCI spokesman Sherry Angel.

But before officials interviewed program director Christopher S. Brown last month amid allegations, an impostor sold bodies to at least one hospital, allowed an anonymous running service to use two cadavers for unauthorized classes in a University of California system disposed of cremains.

Brown, 27, has said he's innocent of the allegations.

University officials also have said Brown appeared to have directed business to friends' companies, including one he set up with Frazier. The university does not employ health-care providers or family members.

The Orange County district attorney also is investigating whether Brown personally profited from the sale. Investigators said they will not say whether Frazier's payment cleared Brown of the allegation.

News

CDC mistakes mystery illness

ATLANTA (AP) — The head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention apologized Wednesday to people with chronic fatigue syndrome, saying the agency was wrong to divert millions of dollars earmarked to study the mysterious illness.

CDC Director Jeffrey Koplan promised a "reinvigorated effort" to study chronic fatigue, which leaves people so tired they can't perform simple tasks. Some rarely study chronic fatigue, which leaves programs and $4.1 million could not be diverted millions of federal dollars to restore $12.9 million for chronic fatigue studies over the next four years, but patients say the shift was about more than money.

They believe the CDC's action reinforced a perception among some doctors that their illness is a mental problem, an excuse for laziness or even a joke.

"I think a lot of patients here feel it speaks as a disease to the disease — Is there such a thing as CFS?" said Jonathan Sterling of Oradell, N.J., a middle-school principal in Bergen County, who began experiencing symptoms in 1986.

Researchers don't know what causes the syndrome, when it began, how many people have it or how many new cases crop up each year.

The CDC is almost three years into a study in Wichita, Kan., and estimates that about one-fourth of 1 percent of the population there suffers from chronic fatigue. The CDC says it means affected middle-aged, white women.

CDC have made serious mistakes and have done so for years," Koplan told 16 chronic fatigue patients and their advocates at agency headquarters in Atlanta. "I apologize to each of you personally." CDC officials have not explained why money was diverted.

CFS patients at the meeting Wednesday said Koplan was an "ideal choice." "I can make it through the day. But the next three or four?" Sterling said. "You can hear my throat's already getting sore. I'm getting a headache."

"I must report to you that I and my prosecutorial team believe we do not have sufficient evidence to warrant trial of this case against anyone who has been investigated at this time," Hunter added.

"John Ramsey, the millionaire president of a University of Colorado company, returned cadaver revenue that belonged to the Ramsey's. Handwriting experts ruled Ramsey out as the author, but said Miss. Ramsey's writing samples were inconclusive.

Colorado Bureau of Investigation agents concluded four booths on the duct tape allegedly taken from JonBenet's mouth were consistent with a pocket her mother wore during Christmas night, according to published reports.

Evidence pointing to an intruder includes a broken basement window and a palm print found on the blanket. A rope was wrapped around the victim's mouth before carrying her body into the basement.

Outside evidence of an intruder: Investigators have been unable to identify DNA material found in JonBenet's underwear, a pubic hair found on the blanket or a palm print pulled from the wine cellar door, published reports have stated.

The Boulder County grand jury of eight women and four men began hearing evidence in the case in September 1998, listening to testimony from family, friends and police detectives. Its term was set to expire Oct. 20.

"Carefully!" the note begins. "We are a group of individuals that represent a small foreign faction. We respect your business but not the country that it serves. At this time we have your daughter in our possession."

Eight hours later, Ramsey said he found his daughter's body in a basement room, wrapped in a white blanket. A rope was wrapped around her neck and a stick to a stick.

A red-ink heart was drawn on her mouth before carrying her body upstairs.

"An autopsy concluded JonBenet suffered a skull fracture, was strangled and beaten, and may have been sexually assaulted," said Dr. Mark Kryger, the Boulder County coroner.

Critics claimed the investigation was compromised early when detectives, believing they were dealing with a kidnapping, allowed friends and family to roam through the house and mansions. They also asked Ramsey to conduct a search, which led to the discovery of the body.

The coroner also was criticized for barricading backrooms and corridors after finding JonBenet's body.

Not enough evidence to convict in murder of JonBenet Ramsey

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — The JonBenet Ramsey grand jury decided Wednesday it didn't have enough evidence to charge anyone in the 6-year-old beauty queen's death, ending its investigation of a baffling case that cast a cloud of suspicion over her parents.

"The Boulder County grand jury has completed its work and will not return," said District Attorney Alex Hunter. "No charges have been filed."

The Christmas time death of JonBenet — daughter of a prominent, wealthy family — drew worldwide attention for nearly three years. The investigation created friction between police and prosecutors, led to accusations that the district attorney's office was too timid, and invited scrutiny of the child beauty pageant circuit.

"I'm not present in a position to comment on the work of this grand jury. I do know one fact: a little girl was brutally murdered in Boulder, Colorado, and the killer or killers remain free today," he said.

The 12 jurors, who have met for more than 15 months, left the Boulder County Justice Center without comment. Hunter declined to answer questions.

The prominence of the family — John Ramsey, the millionaire president of American Greetings, and his wife, Patsy, a former Miss West Virginia — and the beauty of the little blond victim guaranteed coverage of every twist in the case.

It was before dawn on the day after Christmas in 1996 when Patsy Ramsey said she found a 12-page ransom note on the back staircase in the family's home that demanded $118,000 for the safe return of JonBenet.

"Listen Carefully!" the note begins. "We are a group of individuals that represent a small foreign faction. We respect your business but not the country that it serves. At this time we have your daughter in our possession."

Eight hours later, Ramsey said he found his daughter's body in a basement room, wrapped in a white blanket. A rope was wrapped around her neck and a stick to a stick.

A red-ink heart was drawn on her mouth before carrying her body upstairs.

An autopsy concluded JonBenet suffered a skull fracture, was strangled and beaten, and may have been sexually assaulted.

Critics claimed the investigation was compromised early when detectives, believing they were dealing with a kidnapping, allowed friends and family to roam through the house and mansions. They also asked Ramsey to conduct a search, which led to the discovery of the body.

The coroner also was criticized for barricading backrooms and corridors after finding JonBenet's body.
Wild ride

The Cal Poly wheelmen travel to Stanford to race in a multi-school competition. The wheelmen will participate in three races: Cross-Country, Dirt Criterium and Downhill. Cal Poly won both the Cross-Country and Downhill competitions two weeks ago at the Parkfield race hosted by the Mustangs.

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Santa Barbara, the women are feeling confident going into these two matches.”

The UCSB win raised eyebrows nationally, earning the Mustangs a 20th national ranking in Volleyball Magazine. The win over UCSB, ranked No. 7 at the time, marked the first time Cal Poly has beaten a nationally ranked team since Sept. 23, 1995. Poly followed up this impressive win with a 3-2 wash over Big West Eastern Division leader University of Idaho.

Kinesiology freshman Erin Benesh helped seal the Idaho win with 12 kills and six digs. She’s really looking forward to the upcoming matches.

“We need to stay focused to win,” Benesh said. “It’s harder on the road to win, not having fans cheering us on.”

The team has caught on to Benesh’s excitement and enthusiasm.

“We are really a great team, and we’re having a lot of fun, too,” she said. “There are five freshmen on the team this year; it has helped me make the transition to a new team and school.”

Melanie Hathaway, who was vital in the UCSB and Idaho victories, has been named Big West Conference Co-Player of the Week. She is the second Cal Poly player this season to win the honor. Kan HeSoto was honored on September 13. DeSoto collected her 1,000th career kill Sept. 10 in a game against the Oral Roberts Tickers.

The women’s volleyball team is poised to make a run at the conference championship, but the next two games are critical.

“Winning these games will put us halfway through the league season with a 1-2 record,” Schlick said. “That’s excellent; that’s tremendous. It’s a long road trip, which makes winning a little tougher, but we’re well matched with these teams,” he said.

The Mustangs’ next home game is Oct. 22 against Utah State in Mott Gym.

Greek News Column

Congrats to all new pledges and their fraternities! ΔΓΩ, ΑΓΦ, ΒΘΠ, ΔΣΦ, ΔΧ, ΔΥ, ΚΣ, ΚΧ, ΛΧΑ, ΠΚΑ, ΣΑΕ, ΣΝ, ΣΧ, ΣΦΕ, ΤΚΕ, ΦΚΨ, ΦΣΚ

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Mustangs, but the teams are new to each other and one or both may catch the other off guard. "Watching the film, we know they have a great defense," Tresch said. "They have played well against an awfully tough schedule. We have to do what we do best and that is be more experienced, but we go into every game thinking we can win."

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Standard 1-0 on a penalty kick by senior midfielder Brian Lange. It was one of two league losses for the Stanford Cardinal, which lost 3-1 in the NCAA title game against Indiana.

"The loss to Cal Poly last year basically cost us the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation title," Stanford head coach Bobby Clark said. "We haven't really gotten into a rhythm this year yet. We've won some close ones, but this game — just like every other — is huge."

Standard's overall record stands at 6-2-2, and they have started league play with a 1-0-1 record.

"The main thing is we cannot give Stanford opportunities to score," Fens said. "We feel we have the edge in this game and can pump up the standings with either a win or a tie."

Despite the Mustangs' record, the team feels they've just recently set a strong lineup after mixing some players around, according to sophomore goalkeeper Brenton Junge. "When you look at Cal Poly, they've been some very good teams," Clark said. "We know the hard game we played last year there, and we're expecting another tough one."

Sophomore defender Johnny Cummins will play despite injuring his knee against BYU, and fellow sophomore defender Eli McCarty should play after recovering from a separated shoulder.

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49ers' Young staring at retirement

Dr. Gary Steinberg, the chief of neurosurgery at Stanford Medical School and Young's neurologist, has given Young and the 49ers his recommendation on whether the two-time NFL MVP should continue playing. Young, Steinberg, general manager Bill Walsh, and coach Steve Mariucci all declined to discuss the nature of the doctor's recommendation.

"The only one who can answer that question is Steve Young," Walsh said. However, Walsh did say he met with Young, discussed his future, and encouraged Young to seek additional medical opinions, leading to the possible conclusion that Steinberg recommended Young retire because of the potential for long-term health risks.

"Five to 10 years from now, when he's feeling really fit, he's going to say, 'Who didn't I play football? I took the advice of one physician. I should have really checked into it,'" Walsh said. "I want to make sure he really checks everything. He has to have more than one opinion, just for his own well-being."

Walsh said this might be a formal announcement of Young's future in the next two weeks. Young also is expected to meet Friday with his agent, Leigh Steinberg, who isn't related to the doctor.


Football travels to Youngstown State

By Aaron Emerson  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Saturday's football game in Youngstown, Ohio is a tale of two teams. The game between the No. 10 Youngstown State Penguins and the Cal Poly Mustangs will feature two teams on different ends of the spectrum, but each with a common goal.

Youngstown State (5-1) has won four Division I-AA national championships in the 1990's, making the playoffs eight times in that span. Winners of four straight games and undefeated at home this season, the Penguins face a Cal Poly team that has yet to make the playoffs in its five years of I-AA play.

"It's always tougher playing on the road, especially when you are unranked and going up against the No. 10 team in the country."

Larry Welsh  
Cal Poly head coach

But this is the first ever Football travels to Youngstown State experience for the team. You have to play these games to get to the next level."

The game, the first ever between the teams, will showcase two offensive lines who like to run the ball. Cal Poly usually wins when senior running back Craig Young rushes for more than 100 yards. The Penguins are led by fullback Adrian Brown, who has eight touchdowns and 501 yards rushing this year. "Teams come out to stop our running game," Welsh said. "We have been doing a better job playing more balanced and taking what the defense gives us. It's another part of growing up."

Youngstown's head coach is wary of the Cal Poly rushing game, but knows the Mustangs can hurt them in a variety of ways. "Anytime you have a running back of Young's caliber, he will be the focal point of your defense," YSU head coach Jim Tressel said. "But they have other good players, and we are going to have to play sound fundamental defense and prepare for all their weapons."

Cal Poly will have to play fundamental defense as well if they hope to slow a Penguins offense that's averaging more than 31 points a game. "They're the opposite of a lot of teams, so we have to slow a Penguins offense that's averaging more than 31 points a game," Welsh said. "They come right after you and dare you to stop them. They mirror Nebraska with their running game and play-action passing."

Youngstown State is a versatile team loaded with seniors. This experience should favor the Penguins over the younger Mustangs. "Anytime you have a running back of Young's caliber, he will be the focal point of your defense," YSU head coach Jim Tressel said. "But they have other good players, and we are going to have to play sound fundamental defense and prepare for all their weapons."

Cal Poly needs to establish its running game Saturday vs. Youngstown State. The Mustangs also need to shut down YSU's running attack. see FOOTBALL, page 11  

Men's soccer resumes league play against Stanford

By Matt Sterling  
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The Cal Poly men's soccer team heads to Stanford University tonight, trying to ignite a quick start in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play.

The Mustangs' current league record is 0-0-1, with a double-overtime tie to UC Berkeley on Sept. 6 in its only league game. But their overall record stands at 1-6-2.

"Our record might be an advantage," assistant coach Glenn Fern said. "We're not a 3-6 team. We've learned a lot in our previous games—we know who to play with who and who plays best with each other."

The team is coming off a 4-0 victory over JFK last Friday night at Mustang Stadium, where many reserves saw playing time as Cal Poly chose to rest most of its starters for the second half.

Last season, Cal Poly defeated see SOCCER, page 11

Women's volleyball takes to the road

By Carolyn Ficara  
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The Cal Poly women's volleyball team is on the road this weekend following a pair of Big West Conference victories. The Mustangs will play North Texas University tonight and then travel to Las Cruces to play the University of New Mexico.

"We are off to a positive start this season," head coach Steve Schlick said. "We are 4-2 in league right now. After our win against UC see VOLLEYBALL, page 10