Do you believe in magic?

By Bryce Alderton

Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo area high schools don’t need the help of the California State University system when it comes to remedial education.

The CSU allocated $9 million from its 1999-2000 budget to 18 campuses to help reduce the number of high school students needing remedial education in mathematics and English.

The money will be used to partner CSU faculty with high school teachers to improve students’ abilities in the two subjects.

Cal Poly wasn’t on the list.

CSU spokesman Ken Swisher said Cal Poly didn’t receive funding because area high schools don’t have enough students needing remedial education.

“IT comes down to the number of students and not a percentage,” Swisher said. “Schools sending us more than the majority of students need it the most.”

Swisher said high school students could be doing well or the population may be less for universities not receiving funding.

“If it’s a smaller class, it’s less likely to be on the list since it comes down to the number of students,” Swisher said.

The 18 campuses that received

New ASI group aims to battle campus apathy

By Nate Pontious

The fact that there are unim­formed students at Cal Poly may be coming to an end. Associated Students Inc. is forming a new group, dubbed ASI Associates, to better distribute information throughout campus. The group meets tonight for the first time.

“We wanted an easy and low­cost way for students to get involved in ASI as well as what’s happening in the university,” ASI President John Moffett said.

ASI Associates is open to all students and is intended to battle apathy on campus by keeping people informed. The group will meet once every two months.

“We don’t want people to have to go to 50,000 meetings in one month,” Moffett said.

The organization is a partnership between ASI, Foundation, Alumni, Student Affairs and the Industrial Technology Society. Each of the contributors will have a representa­tive give updates on the respective departments at each meeting.

Students who wish to join ASI Associates will distribute this infor­mation throughout campus. This includes helping to promote the ASI Associates web page, sponsored by ITS. The web page will include links to each of the contributors.

Students who sign up at the meet­ings will be assigned an ID number. This number can be given out to other students, who will then use it to enter the ITS web page.

“They’re kind of like the out­

Sorority anniversary celebrates strong Latina voice on campus

By Jenny Ferrari

Sigma Omega Nu, the first Latina­interest sorority at Cal Poly, recently celebrated its third­year anniversary.

The sorority, founded Nov. 6, 1996, was started by eight Latina Cal Poly students who felt a need for a strong Latina voice on the Cal Poly campus. The sorority focuses on Latina issues in education, culture and community service, and requires members to perform 10 hours of community service a quarter. Some objectives are to strengthen cultural, personal and educational goals while promoting moral, academic and family support.

Sigma Omega Nu currently exists only at Cal Poly, but Sacramento State University is in the process of starting a chapter.

Zulema Gonzalez, president of Sigma Omega Nu and an agricultural business senior, is one of the founding members of the sorority.

“Our sorority is like a family away from home,” Gonzalez said. “We all have different Latina backgrounds, but we are similar in many ways. The majority of us are the first generation to go to college.”

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Sigma Omega Nu is Cal Poly’s first Latina­interest sorority, and celebrates its third anniversary on Nov. 6.

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Memorial will remember Newhouse's spirit, life

Friends of Rachel Newhouse Nichole Tyelenda, left, and Adrienne Gunness participate in last year's memorial for Newhouse by lighting a candle in her honor.

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funding sent proposals to the CSU. CSU Long Beach received $948,161, the most of any university.

Each CSU campus receiving funds commits English and mathematics faculty members to work with faculty at partner high schools. University faculty are required to meet with high school teachers at least five hours a week for 30 weeks. Approximately 75 CSU faculty will work with 600 high school teachers.

The faculty will provide tutors who will help high school students strengthen proficiency in English and mathematics.

"We want to make sure the course content can prepare students to do well in math and English," Swisher said.

The CSU wants to target incoming freshmen.

Last fall, 54 percent of entering CSU freshmen needed remediation in math, while 47 percent needed help in English.

There are four goals in the program: provide training for high school teachers to align CSU and high school standards; develop more effective mathematics and English teaching methods; administer diagnostic testing; and use the best teaching techniques in developing on-site courses at high schools.

Police collect 45 wallets after show

By Alexis Garber
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

As rock band Blink 182 played to a sold-out crowd of mostly high school and college students at the Cal Poly Rec Center on Nov. 3, four white males were pocketing off the masses.

According to Cal Poly Public Safety Sgt. Lori Hashim, 45-plus wallets were recovered underneath blanchers and in the facility by Associated Students Inc. employees as they cleaned up after the concert.

The wallets were removed from pockets while concert-goers were dancing in the mos pit near the stage. Cash and credit cards had been stolen, leaving only empty wallets.

The only information Hashim has obtained is that four white males were working together in pickpocketing the students, and one student saw one of the suspects take his wallet.

"One guy was in the mos pit and looked back and saw that someone had his wallet, but it was attached by a chain," Hashim said. "The suspect took off, but cash was taken from his wallet."

Hashim said students who attend concerts with moths pits should put their licenses and money in the front pocket of their pants or hook their wallet onto their pants with a chain. She also advises students to not bring bags or purses to concerts.

Currently there are seven wallets at Public Safety that still need to be claimed. Most of the people called over the weekend to report and claim their missing wallets.

Jackson protests football player expulsion

DECATUR, III. (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson led dozens of protesters to the steps of a high school Monday to demand the reinstatement of seven black students who were expelled for two years for fighting at a football game.

Jackson said the issue is not a question of racism but whether the students were treated fairly. He accused the school board of overstepping its authority by expelling students who hadn't been charged with any crime.

With the high schools closed, Jackson spent the day meeting with school officials but emerged shortly after 5 p.m. and said the talks had ended for the day with no progress. Gov. George Ryan, who was acting as a mediator, agreed with Jackson that the district's "zero-tolerance" policy is ill-defined.

"Is two years too harsh? Many people would say yes," Ryan said. "I happen to think two years is maybe a little too severe. I hope we get this resolved."

Ryan suggested the students be allowed to return to school immediately but under some type of probation for at least six months. He said they should be required to perform community service while staying out of trouble and maintaining good grades.

The district scheduled an emergency school board meeting for November 15.

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Etiquette tips to consider before napping

Sleapng in class is rude. It shows a complete lack of maturity and respect on the part of the student toward the instructor. It is also distracting to other students (especially if snoring or drooling is involved), and it deprives the student of the full benefits of a collegiate education. Somehow, despite all this, I have managed to fall asleep in nearly every class I have taken at Cal Poly.

Face it, staying awake during every class meeting is just not a reality for many of us. We're tired, overworked, under-rested, and sometimes completely unentertained in what the professor is saying. We spend so much time outside of class working on projects, studying for exams or staying up all night contemplating the meaning of life (or how they make those little cells inside those hot dogs), that we are seldom able to get the amount of rest required to remain attentive and interested in class lectures. Besides, sometimes you just aren't bringing it. (Ever take GEOL 221 with a certain British professor?)

Now I could offer every explanation to justify sleeping, but it would not change the fact that sleeping during class is rude. So in an attempt to mitigate the inexcusability associated with mid-lecture snores, I have a few suggestions for all of my attention-challenged brothers and sisters.

1. Be honest with your professor at the beginning of class. Something like, "I'm not really sure why I bothered to come to class today. I'm totally out of it, and unless you plan on lightening your hair on fire, I don't think that I'm going to make it through your hour-long discourse on the history of wheelbarrows used in Central Asia will affect it.

2. Make an effort to stay awake. Hot coffee usually helps. When you begin to nod off, remove the lid and splish some of it on your face. Gestures, ear-puncturing screams of "AHHH! This coffee is burning my face!" are viewed by many in the academic world as impolite. However, your instructor will very likely appreciate the effort you are making. Besides, you might be doing a service to other students having trouble staying awake.

3. Make sure that your class snooping is as unobtrusive as possible — just put your head down on your desk. Students who fight the urge to sleep, and end up doing that head bob thing (we've all done it) usually become the center of attention in class. Honestly, if I had the choice of listening to a professor drone on about the significance of the Arab oil embargo, and then watching a teacher juggle five apples in the next row, I would rather stick with Mr. McDonald. I mean, how many people up and protesting this military school? For one simple fact that upon their graduation, SOA trainees are creating mass destruction in their countries by murdering their own people. SOA trainees are not taught how to defend their borders from invasion. Instead, they are taught how to create war, inflict torture and commit human rights violations against their own people.

For those of you who are interested in learning more about the School of the Americas, Rev. Roy Bourgeois, a Maryknoll priest, will give a lecture on Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Bourgeois has brought to the conscious mind the Schickel of the Americas is. The SOA is a U.S. army training school that trains soldiers from Latin America. This training is funded by U.S. taxpayers. More than 56,000 members of Latin American military have attended the SOA since it opened in 1946.

So what is the big deal? Why are so many people upset and protesting this military school? For the one simple fact that upon their graduation, SOA trainees are creating mass destruction in their countries by murdering their own people. SOA trainees are not taught how to defend their borders from invasion.

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Bourgeois has brought to the consciousness of the American public the violence that the School of the Americas is Fort Benning, Ga., has perpetrated in South and Central America. So passionate is he in his efforts to close the school that he has willingly spent seven years in prison as a result of his frequent acts of civil disobedience. As many as 7,200 others have joined him in recent protests.

You can also call or write your representative or senator to tell them that you do not want your tax money spent for the School of the Americas or check it out on the web at www.soaw.org.

Sara Pehanick is a third-year liberal studies major.

ASI is doing a fine job Editor, Reading Monday's editorial on the "Case of the missing student government" was a wise five minutes.

Given the Mustang Daily's consistent good reporting this year, I was surprised at the blatantly narrow scope of the editorial, with cute put-downs and snappy insults. But Associated Students Inc. is in good shape.

On a campus-wide level, the Club Co-Sponsorship program, which funds up to 50 percent of event fees that come with club activities open to all students, has funded seven separate events this quarter. That money is spent directly on students and their clubs.

Furthermore, the Board of Directors just announced its official stance against mandatory community service, a bill that California's state government is considering. Colleges went straight down to student clubs to hear the regular Joe's and Janes opinions.

Last year, the College of Science and Math co-sponsored the recent Graduate and Professional School Day with Career Services. Perhaps over 52 graduate schools came to inform students of higher education.

Students have a voice all day; they even can participate in activities like ASI's Neighborhood Cooperation Week, which was your front-page article on Monday. And did anyone go to the Blink concert? ASI helped bring them here. I think ASI is doing a fairly good job this year.

The Mustang should not start fights where there is no conflict.

Robert Whelan is a mathematics junior and a student council chair in the College of Science and Math (Programs and Services Committee).

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Letters to the editor

Craig Weber is a city and regional planning senior who keeps a pillow in his backpack — just in case.

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New dawn for religion opens possibilities for resolution

Last Sunday, the Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches signed a joint declaration putting aside their differences over the way humanity achieves salvation. This pact ended an almost 500-year debate over the topic that started when the instigator, Martin Luther, nailed his 95 theses to the Castle Church in Wittenberg, protesting the sales of indulgences. The big debate stemmed from the Catholic belief that people's actions can make a difference, while Lutherans believe salvation is based on faith alone. This ongoing debate set the stage for the division of Germany in the 17th century that sparked the Thirty Year War. The heart of the signed agreement stated that faith alone is essential in salvation, and leaders from both sides hope they can work more closely on educational programs, particularly in developing countries. Is the trend to change with the times. Paganism is another example of the steps people are taking to co-exist in a peaceful manner. This pact could also teach several groups across the globe about setting aside differences and working together toward a common goal. Maybe this can teach the Republicans and Democrats that we are all part of one country, and muckraking only deteriorates our political system. Maybe the commissioner of Major League Baseball, Bud Selig, can find his own way of making a difference and lift the litetime ban from Pete Rose. Maybe high school outcasts can be accepted by their peers and not feel hostile enough to engage in a fist-to-fist blood sport. Maybe the KKK and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People can talk about their differences over tea. Maybe the Cal Poly administration and the City of San Luis Obispo can work together with the Greek system to promote student life. Maybe Akash and El Corral can work together to bring us discounted books. However you look at this agreement, religious or not, it's about two sides reconciling an argument that started about seven generations ago. Everyone around the world can learn from this. Every fight and disagreement can be mended — it just takes time and effort from both parties. So if you haven't spoken to your father in a couple years, a roommate with whom you fell into odds because she was a slob, or a girlfriend who cheated on you, take this opportunity to pick up the phone to try to mend the broken relationship. In this world, it would behoove you to have as many allies as possible and a minimal number of foes.

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The Annual Audit of the Associated Students, Inc. and the University Union for FY 1998-99 has been completed.

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 precios de misa, or a girlfriend who identifies as an insomniac who identifies himself with a support group of eunuchs. This message orbits around the movie's poignant, yet modern, message to which anyone can relate. "Know thyself." Believe it or not, I believe this is the message that "Fight Club" was trying to render to us. This movie is not about violence. Violence and murder are merely the medium through which the message was sent. The movie was trying to teach all of us with a dilapidated sense of identity, and attempting to reflect the way that our culture identifies itself. We are a nation of consumers. Or as Brad Pitt's character puts it, "We are byproducts of a lifestyle obsession... We work jobs we hate to buy things we don't need." This message orbits around the movie's narrator who is never named. This character is an insomniac who identifies himself with a support group of crackheads recovering from a cancer. If anyone needs help, this man does.

Enter Tyler Durden. Tyler and his band of rebels smash satellite dishes, blow up coffee bars, deface luxury car lots with bird feces and generally run amuck. They are decaying the temples of consumerism, and shaking their fists at the omnipresent god of greed. We don't need $4 cups of coffee, nor do we need a $40,000 car that can't even seat four people.

The chaos and anarchy of this movie is unified under one simple axiom: "Know who you are and do what you want." Don't let anything separate you from your dreams, for your dreams are the essence of your identity.

Ryan Anderson is an international management senior.

NetFlix

For two and a half hours, I stared unblinkingly at the movie screen. When the curtains closed and the mar­ hem sublated, I left the theater with a sense of satisfaction that I rarely achieve.

"Fight Club" is one of the most interesting and thought-provoking movies I have ever seen. Behind the catchy one-liners, mesmerizing acting and calamitous fist fights resonates a poignant, yet modern, message to which anyone can relate.

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class to combat statistics

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ly no progress whatsoever" during the 1990s in reducing smoking like crazy in all the young movies, like in 'Reality Bites.' And even on 'Friends,' there was an episode where Rachel had to smoke to get in with her boss. So people are influenced that way.

Despite the surge in health warnings, bans and lawsuits, 24.7 percent of Americans smoked cigarettes in 1997, the same amount as in 1995. The rate was 25.5 percent in 1990.

The study, which surveyed 35,000 people nationwide, found that the smoking rate among most adult age groups decreased from 1990 to 1997. However, the rate among 18 to 24-year-olds climbed from 24.5 percent to 28.7 percent.

Peer health educators in Cal Poly's Health Center offer workshops and one-on-one counseling to students wanting information or hoping to quit.

"I think it's accepted in college because some students are just party smokers," said peer health educator Kristy Long. "I don't think in general people accept chain smoking still."

Malone said many believe that it a smoker quits after five or 10 years, then they look for in the people they hire. They don't have to worry about going home and smelling like cigarette smoke, if your parents care about that. I think the younger generation just doesn't care about their health. They can't think that far ahead."

Grady Corbitt, a construction management freshman, said many between the ages of 18 and 24 believe they're due to higher prices. Cigarette makers raised their prices as a part of their $206 billion legal settlement with 46 states.

Corbitt said. "They don't know how it's going to take a toll on them in 20 years. If they start when they're 13, they're not going to stop."

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"The bottom line on this is it speaks to how tough it is to quit and how addictive tobacco is," said Michael Enik, director of the CDC's Office of Smoking and Health.

Kitchens may be hazardous to health

Have you ever walked through a friendly kitchen and saw green powder bread sitting on the counter? Have you ever been afraid to open the refrigerator door, not knowing what creatures will be propagating your leftovers?

We've all witnessed some sort of food spoilage in kitchens. Sometimes it may just be moldy cheese, but unsanitary kitchen practices can be extremely dangerous to your health.

While food-borne disease outbreaks appear more common at restaurants and fast food establishments, the fact is most food-borne diseases originate at home. A large percentage of people attribute gastrointestinal problems to the flu when the real cause is improper food handling.

For the following safe food handling tips, contact your food service advisor as a guide to follow. (You may also want to keep these points in mind when preparing Thanksgiving dinner.)

1. Keep foods out of the "danger zone," (between 40 and 140 degrees Fahrenheit). Either refrigerate or freeze food, or cook food until it is over 140 F.

2. Refrigerated leftovers should be eaten within three to four days after the food was prepared. Put leftovers in shallow containers to cool rapidly in the refrigerator.

3. When serving food, it should be left out for no more than two hours before being thrown away or refrigerated.

4. Soup and hot water together should be used only when washing dishes, utensils, counters, etc. Never leave meat out on the counter to defrost. Defrost meat in the refrigerator. Keep raw meat and poultry away from other foods.

6. Sanitize cutting boards and utensils between food preparation to avoid cross-contamination. Wash your hands often when cooking.

7. Make new bleach water solutions each time you use it, since the potency of the bleach only lasts a short while—otherwise it oxidizes and becomes ineffective against harmful organisms.

For more information, check out www.foodsafety.gov or call 1-800-535-4555 for meat and poultry, or 1-800-FDAS-4010 for seafood safety handling questions.

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already treading water.
At the height of their dominance the mid-80s to the mid-90s 49er-haters continually bashed the team for numerous reasons other than their play on the field. Bad fans, even worse weather and questionable off-field practices by management have all been used to belittle the 49ers franchise.

The team, year after year, defended this criticism with a critical stat. San Francisco needed only to point to its Super Bowl performances, which now stands at a perfect 5-0 — a tie for the most ever.

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20 years of built-up pride
The Mustangs, year after year, against teams that used to see San Francisco on their schedules and relegated to the bottom of the league. Now in a constant battle to break the losing streaks, which now stands at a perfect 5-0 with regards to its Super Bowl performances, the passing game, has now been redefined. The emotional victory prompted a bench-clearing plaque into the pool, where even coach Walker couldn’t stay dry.

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"With Beeson, we lose the 6’6” size, a slasher and a great offensive rebounder. But I’ve been bulking up to bang with the big guys, and I think I can use my quickness to get a step ahead of the big guys.”

Watene Favors small forward
"The past, he played at fast forward, but we’ve got him to slow down and play with poise,” Schneider said. “He’s playing with confidence and taking really good shots.”

While Favours could give the Mustangs a solid third or fourth scoring option, his most important contributions might come on defense. Favours added weight and approximately 36-inch vertical leap, according to Schneider, will be important in the rebounding game, which Schenider has stressed as the team’s top priority. This is where the loss of Beeson (5.4 rebounds per game last year) will hurt the Mustangs most.

The loss of Beeson will also leave in question depth at the small forward and shooting guard positions. While Wozniak and Favors will see the majority of the minutes, they won’t be expected to play all 40. That’s where newcomers Brandon Hulst, Mike Burns and James Grace step in. All three have adjustments to make to play at the college level, but they all bring skills that can benefit the Mustangs.

Grace red-shirt last year and is recovering from an injury to his left hand. He’s the only true small forward of the bunch and at 6’5” could add athleticism and rebounding to the Mustangs.

Burns, a junior college transfer from Olney Central College, is an accomplished shooter (41 percent from behind the 3-point arc last year). He also plays hard and inspires teammates with his hustle.

Hulst is recovering from mononucleosis, but when he gets his minutes, he can contribute a strong perimeter game and an approximately 37-inch vertical leap. He also should add some rebounding from the shooting guard position.

"If we do our job and rebound, there will be a lot of L’s in some teams columns,” Favors said.
Watende steps into Favor-able position

Junior must fill large shoes of injured Beeson
By Joe Nolan

Plagued by injuries, Watende Favors didn't fit in last year. He missed the beginning of the year with a broken jaw and later injured his ankle, reducing his minutes from 602 his freshman year to just 257 last year.

When Favors was available, head coach Jeff Schneider used him sparingly at the shooting guard and third guard (or small forward) positions. Favors simply wasn't in the same shape as he was his freshman year when he scored 10 points per game.

"He broke his jaw and had to eat through a straw. That's not the best conditioning," Schneider said. "Then he goes down with a sprained ankle. I think he had about as good a year as he could have had."

The injury bug is playing a big role again this year, forcing Favors to replace injured Brandon Beeson at the starting small forward position, instead of backing up Mike Wernick at shooting guard.

So this year, the 6'2" swingman has to fit in, despite that his size doesn't fill the traditional small forward role...