Center Chris Bjorklund leads Mustang basketball, Christian housing: center on the
By Jayson Rowley
Commission approves Christian housing project
The Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara has received permission from the San Luis Obispo
University Christian
Community (UCC) now exists. The housing project will consist of two four-plex apartments, group
building will provide for group dining, study, recreation and fellowship gatherings. The site will
students at the site where
Parkinji on the narrow road is difficult now, VanVlyne added.
A minimum of 33 on-site parking spaces designed to city standards will be provided, and the maximum
number of people allowed on the site for routine meetings will be 48, according to the San Luis Obispo
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Brothers sell condoms, quickly
By Kimberly Tahsuda
Business junior Jim Whitaker (left) and computer science senior David Whitaker sell condoms from
home. The brothers started QuikCondoms, an online Web site, four months ago to give college stu-
dents a cheap and confidential way to shop for contraceptives.

By Adam Jarman
The Cal Poly Police Department is involved in this first California State University-wide effort to address cus-
tomer satisfaction regarding public safety. Cal Poly is one of 12 CSU campuses participating, said Matthew Capps, business services coordinator for Cal Poly Police.

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Environmental horticulture science senior Sarah Kinton also said lighting would be her only concern.

"There aren't lights in the upper (Ornamental Horticulture) parking lots," she said she would like to see more parking in the dark parking lots.

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Poly looks for dean; creates job for another

By Karin Driesen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The search for new deans of both Business and Extended Studies has begun, according to a job description for the University Center for Teacher Education (UCTE) director. The position would be ready at the end of the quarter.

“We’re currently consulting with faculty members about an advertisement for UCTE director,” said Associate Vice President for Academic Personnel Michael Suess.

A review of applications for the dean positions started in January, and will continue until the positions are filled.

So far there are about 60 applications for Business Dean, and 70 for Extended Studies Dean.

Currently the dean of the College of Business is Dr. William Boynton. He will resign from the dean position, and may move to another area where he has tenure, Suess said.

Dr. Harry Sharp, dean of Extended University Operations and Services, plans to retire this summer, Suess said. Both positions will be filled on an interim basis until a new director has been selected, Suess said.

The UCTE director is responsible for the teacher education program. That program trains graduate students in new teachers and continued education for educators, counselors, and administrators.

The search process for the deans starts on a national level.

“We advertise nationally and send letters across the U.S. asking educational leaders to send in nominations,” Suess said. “Then they are screened by a committee of faculty and staff. They compare the candidates and make their recommendations.”

The candidate pool is then reduced to four or five individuals who are invited to the campus for a two-day visit. The candidates meet with the president, provost and others. Finally the information from the visit is shared with the president and provost, and a decision is made.

Decrets of ships were ordered to abandon the search for survivors and shift their focus to recovering flight recorders and wreckage that could explain why Flight 261 went down about 10 miles off the Southern California coast.

The search was officially called off over the protest of some family members who held out hope that some of the plane’s passengers and crew might still be alive in the chilly waters of the Santa Barbara Channel.

“We have far exceeded our estimate of survivability,” Coast Guard Vice Adm. Thomas Collins said.

On shore, investigators interviewed airline employees about reports that a different crew of pilots completed preflight checks of the aircraft’s horizontal stabilizer as they headed toward Puerta Vallarta, Mexico, on Monday.

The jetliner crashed hours later on the return trip to San Francisco and Seattle.

The Seattle Times reported Wednesday that the crew had reported problems with the stabilizer, a wing-like structure on the tail that keeps the plane flying.

Phils gives winter another six weeks

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil, weather prophet without peer, saw his own shadow early Sunday after sunrise Wednesday, predicting six more weeks of winter.

With 11-degree temperatures and more than a foot of snow, even a groundhog could see that winter wasn’t going away right away. The last time that little sun­light in the overcast skies to cast a shadow, Phil was greeted with a chant of “Bring out the rat.”

“It doesn’t matter what we want. We’re currently consulting with the president and provost, and will continue until the posi­ tion is filled."

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QuikCondoms is not only cheaper but also provides a confidential outlet to shop for contraceptives.

“A lot of people wouldn’t want to go and buy an HIV kit and AIDS kit,” Jim Whitaker said. “Now they can go online.”

Over 4,000 hits on the site, David Whitaker said. “But you can do it. All you have to do is send out letters across the U.S. asking what you can do with it.”

Jim Whitaker
condom Web site co-creator

Whitaker said.

“We have sales coming in daily,” Jim Whitaker said. “I am happy with the way it has gone. We are doing better than I thought we were going to do. We are going to exceed the limited time and only being one search engine.”

The brothers have not had a problem balancing business with colleges.

“The first couple of weeks, I put a lot of time into this, so I had to catch up on it on my homework,” David Whitaker said. “But I am all caught up now.”

Although they enjoy being busi­ nessmen for the time being, the Whitakers do not plan to make a lifetime career with QuikCondoms.

“This is not our life calling,” Jim Whitaker said. “This is just something to do while I am in college so I don’t have to have a real job. We are just having fun and seeing what we can do with it.”

Site gives away $10,000 a day

BOSTON (AP) — An Internet site to be launched Thursday is promising to give away $10,000 a day in college scholarship money. No entry required. No nerve-wracking interview. Just the lack of the draw.

The folks at FreeScholarships.com know the sweepstakes can sound too good to be true. But it's the latest of a host of Web sites handing out millions to Web surfers willing to tell marketers about themselves.

The scholarships from the new Cambridge-based company are financed largely by marketers and advertisers who are particularly keen on the teen-age and 20-something markets.

And the incentives for coughing up demographic information are great. FreeScholarships plans to award an additional $25,000 every month and $50,000 each quarter, in addition to the daily giveaway of $10,000.

The money is available for college, graduate school, even private school for children. College grads with loans to pay off are also eligible, as are parents planning for future college bills. Winners need only be U.S. citizens over 13.

The Web site sounds well-intentioned enough, said Mark Cameron, deputy executive director of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, which represents guidance counselors and admissions officers.

Still, he said, "You don't need to be a sweepstakes winner to afford college."

To ensure the money goes to school and not a new car or vacation, the company will send the check directly to the college, bank or other lending program, said Chuck Digate, the company's founder.

Site visitors must register to be eligible. Visitors earn more chances by playing games, answering surveys and polls, referring friends and clicking on ads.

"We know we can't get people to do our surveys in the same way we get people to watch TV shows that are on three times a week," said Arthurd DeKleine, president of the UCC Board of Directors, in a letter to the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission.

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"We feel this is a good way to go about it."

Vicki Stover, campus quality improvement coordinator, said she is very interested in the results to judge what changes are needed. "We will have information from the campus community to make the changes they're looking for," she said.

This survey was distributed among faculty and staff and the effort is now on student responses. "I want to get about 1,000 students," Gepp said.

The campus does not allow for this type of surveying to be done in classes so, he said, so residence hall students, Associated Students Inc. and the escort service will be used instead.

"Surveys can be filled out at the Cal Poly Department, building 74."

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Planning Commission.

Another condition by the planning commission is that the project may not have gatherings of more than 100 people up to 12 times a year.

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The Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara has received permission from the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission to build a Christian housing center on the site of UCC (right).

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"I think more student housing on this street is a bad idea."

Julie VanRyne
business senior

UCC is planning the project in hopes of providing better facilities for an improved and expanded ministry to the Cal Poly community, said Arthur DeKleine, president of the UCC Board of Directors, in a letter to the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission.

"We are hoping to come up with a way to service more students," said DeKleine. "We feel this is a good way to go about it."

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I was once told by a politician, "They (referring to us) must be without falsehood — they must refuse to accept what is false, hate it and have a love for the TRUTH." If things only worked that way. Truth these days is frowned upon and looked at as character bashing, hateful and mean spirited. What I am about to write is far from these things. It is a way to make us more informed and know what it is the people we admire are up to. I'm ready for the onslaught of negative attacks, but this is a story that MUST be told.

David Blakely is a candidate for SLO County's District 5 Supervisor. There are some truths that need to be told about him. According to a 1989 District Attorney's Report, "...it is apparent that Supervisor David Blakely had used and sold illegal narcotics, seemingly the past" (April 11, 1989). David Blakely used and sold weed, drams and coke. To make matters worse, all this was done while he was a seventh-grade social studies teacher in Atascadero. He is quoted in Country News saying, "I used everything." (Nov. 8, 1995, pg. 6). I believe experimenting is one thing, but using and selling all while teaching seventh graders? How can he get elected? This is where things get interesting. It wasn't until after the election that the Telegram Tribune released the statements after hearing that Blakely became a win. This automatically led to a recall on him. From shock and having troubles themselves, "They" shall remain nameless, but there was at least one attempt at their life, their house was vandalized and their career was almost completely ruined (this comes directly from the source).

"That's in his past, that's in his past," I can hear the bleeding heart liberals screaming. OK, fair enough. During his time as Supervisor, David Blakely took it upon himself to write a letter to the Cal Poly Department of Corrections requesting a convicted inmate be paroled into San Luis Obispo County. Blakely is quoted in his letter to the Cal Poly Department of Corrections: "I welcome him to the neighborhood." After a huge protest by the public, Blakely got foot-in-the-mouth disease and said, "I made a serious mistake. I did not work with the community before sending the letter...nor did I take the time to fully educate myself on the subject of parole..." and "I am on Vacation." I really don't need to say much more, and I promised no character attacks, just the facts. So let's continue.

"But he was a teacher, only wanting good for the community," the Liberals' voices yell as I continue the relentless pursuit of the truth. OK, not my line. Kit a mid-me. When the city backed out of the project, bringing the student contribution to the project to $1/3, the city to $1/3 and the university to $1/3, that comes to $3 million per partner. When the city backed out of the project, students were asked via the ASI Board of Directors for additional funding in the fall of 1988. Through much discussion and heated debate, the board agreed to allocate an additional $1.9 million to the project, bringing the student contribution to about $5.2 million, adding interest income to the total amount. At that point, President Baker made a verbal promise to ASI leaders that he would not ask for any additional student funding.

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Tamas Simon is a political science junior.

Don't let Baker get away with taking our money

Editor
$919,000! For 16,200 students at Cal Poly, that works out to about $57 per student, right out of their own pockets. As you probably know, President Baker appropriated nearly one million dollars of the ASI Union University Reserve Account for the Sports Complex. This action was taken without a formal request for the money, it was just taken. In the beginning, students voted for a $7 fee for the Sports Complex, which brought the student contribution to the project to $1/3, the city to $1/3 and the university to $1/3, that comes to $3 million per partner. When the city backed out of the project, students were asked via the ASI Board of Directors for additional funding in the fall of 1988. Through much discussion and heated debate, the board agreed to allocate an additional $1.9 million to the project, bringing the student contribution to about $5.2 million, adding interest income to the total amount. At that point, President Baker made a verbal promise to ASI leaders that he would not ask for any additional student funding.

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The action taken by President Baker is a slap in the face to student government and student advocacy. Neither the ASI Board of Directors nor the students were consulted or given the chance to address the funding problem.

A very dangerous precedent has been set by the President with this action. Has ASI become the "go-to source" for when ever a campus project runs over budget? Should the Board of Directors continue to govern the corporation and advocate for students, or will that be done for them? Do students really have any say regarding how their money is spent?

If students do not want to let their rights and voices disappear on this campus and do not want to give the impres sion that we will let Baker do this again, let him know. Inform everyone that you can let your voice be heard loud and clear. President Baker can be reached at 767-6000 or at wkaber@calpoly.edu

Kris Elliott is an agricultural science senior.
There is a place, tucked deep within the innermost recesses of the architecture building, where students go to get away from the hustle and bustle of the typical Cal Poly class. Glowing chili peppers are strung over low-slung couches, hundreds of pictures line the ceiling and coffee flows freely for students of all ages and majors. Like Cheers, patrons share the same troubles: midterms and project deadlines looming around the corner. But here, hidden away from the view and knowledge of most of the campus, problems and stresses melt away under waves of music and caffeine.

“We actually have real coffee,” said architecture sophomore Joel Chapin. “We don’t serve decaf.”

Chapin, Open House director for the American Institute of Architecture Students, helps serve coffee at f-STOP, a volunteer-run, donation-based coffee shop in the basement of the architecture building.

“It's really a service to the students,” Chapin said. “It’s on the honor system that you won’t steal anything or abuse the system. It’s such a good thing for any students who need coffee or have been up for 48 hours.”

In addition to coffee, f-STOP offers tea, hot chocolate and biscotti. There’s stereo, a television and VCR, which are accompanied by an old Nintendo with Tetris, Punch Out, Contra and Duck Hunt.

The refreshments and diversions are not necessarily the main draw of the place, however.

“The whole atmosphere makes it,” Chapin said.

The room’s layout and decor tends to draw focus away from the beverages and up to the ceiling. Photography lab prints and magazine clipplings plaster every inch of overhead space. Students making their first venture into f-STOP often spend more time with their necks craned back, examining the mosaic, than sipping their drink.

“I keep finding new pictures every time I go in,” Chapin said.

Kerry Sargent, an architecture sophomore who volunteers with Chapin, has also found herself entranced by the intricate images overhead.

“I still look at the pictures, and I’ve been going there for weeks,” Sargent said.

Sargent and Chapin work Wednesday nights together from 10 p.m. to midnight. Sometimes they show movies for the students who wander in searching for an escape from the rigors of higher education. Chapin
Jewel stars in Civil War drama 'Ride' as only saving grace

By Adam Jarman

MOUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Civil War was a war for the people and by the people — each fighting for what they believed to be the future of America. North against South, neighbor against neighbor. American against American. History courses teach us the great battles between those in gray and those in blue. Union men against the Confederacy. However, there were also the tens of thousands of men fighting outside the armies against each other; men warring for the sake of personal pride and vendetta. These battles often went without notice, and so too will Ang Lee's attempt to highlight them.

The adaptation of Daniel Woodrell's novel, "Woe to Live On," isn't as epic as "North and South" or as wholesome as "Little House in the Prairie," but it gallops between the two without finding compromise.

Coming from Lee, the acclaimed director of "Sense and Sensibility," "Ride with the Devil" brings an expectation of greatness. It only proves to be a delusion of grandeur when the movie unfold into a battle of its own — a fight between two story lines that never merge.

On one hand, "Ride" is a war movie attempting to give viewers a new view of the Civil War, one that focuses on the less talked-about, or glamorized, battles. On the other hand, the film presents the lives of Jake Rosedel (Tobey Maguire), Jack Bull Chiles (Skeet Ulrich), Daniel Holt (J Wright) and Sue Lee Shelley (Jewel) and tries to explain the giving and taking of love as these characters grow together and apart.

While a recently liberated slave, played by Wright, learns to be free within his own mind, Sue Lee finds the loves (yes, more than one) of her life. These journeys of human nature are often abandoned for emotionless war drama that does nothing to expand or accelerate the movie.

We cut away from seeing Jake and Jack as great as friends, Daniel and Jack's newfound friendship and Jake and Sue Lee's relationship only to witness the burning of a farm, pillaging of a camp and murdering of enemies. And all this would be war drama is done without ignoring the customary fire within the viewer. These flat scenes do nothing to bring the emotion of the war to the audience.

T he film's two separate pieces leave the viewer waiting for the two story lines to worse — it doesn't happen. With fewer choppy transitions between the war scenes and the home-front, the characters' development would have been better, but it is not until the end of the story that any such progression can be found.

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The mundane colors of black, grey and black drops and accessories," he said. "Every woman should have an awesome pair that are really fit. I tell women to spend a little more money on them to get the great fit and look," Regan said.

But don't break out the really short, tighter capris this season. Regan recommends throwing them out instead. Another that should be donated to the museum of fads are power bikinis. Kawa suggested updating accessories with fabric bracelets. Daniels wants to see more spotty, opulent accessories.

Men's fashion may not be as exciting, but Daniels gave some advice for them as well. "There aren't a lot of big style changes, but there is a lot more color to choose from," he said. "Men's sandals are in. Not the sport kind, but more Italian-looking."

If you'd like to see spring-inspired fashion, check out Self-Clothing owner Scott Kawa's "Go-Go Show" at 7 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Creamery. "I think it's going to blow people away," Kawa said.

"Before, everyone on the runway had one skirt length and pant; now, there are more choices," Daniels said. "This is the thing to have this spring and summer."

Advice to girls: Definitely begin holding over from last year's fashion is black cropped pants. Kawa suggested updating acces- sories with fabric bracelets. Daniels wants to see more spotty, opulent accessories.

"It's this year's bright color, like last year's hot pink," Turquoise jewe­lery will be really in too," Regan said. "Men's sandals are in. Not the sport kind, but more Italian-looking." "I've tried to capture some aspects of what constitutes daily life in Belfast," he says. "And that's it."

He even downplays the idea that his film might shed light on other small towns. "I don't know," he declares. "I haven't made a survey." "Belfast, Maine" is Wiseman's 10th documentary, his 50th look at social institutions in a career that has pro­duced such films as "High School," "Welfare," "Hospital." "Basic Training" and his first, "T ricest Follies," which in 1967 brought view­ers in the middle of the film is my report on what I found." "This may seem like I'm giving you information, but in fact I'm only asking you to think through your own relationships with what they're seeing and hearing."
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said he has shown ’80s movies like “Better Off Dead,” “The Breakfast Club” and “Top Gun” over the past few weeks. The two volunteers are always looking for fun movies to show during their next shift.

“I get to have a ‘chick flick’ night,” Sargent said.

The room is perfect for watching movies. The strong lights and shimmering mini-disco ball do little to brighten the room that even the sun has difficulty finding. The whole room is under layers of concrete and classroom rooms that dim natural sunshine to a sort of perpetual twilight for f-STOP patrons. Ironically, the hangout’s dim lighting situation directly counters the history of its name.

“f-STOP is a term in photography for a light meter,” said architecture junior Michelle Barkley.

Barkley, who also volunteers at this haven for caffeine-seekers, explained the name as she finished filling a brewing pot with water and pointed out the spoons to a questioning student. It’s easy to miss the stirring sounds in the artsy clutter of the room. They’re sitting near the microwave labeled “Chemobyl.”

“We started with lights,” Barkley said. “People seemed to like the ambiance better with Christmas lights.”

At 9 a.m., there aren’t many coffee seekers. The majority come earlier, seeking that surge of hot caffeine to keep their eyelids propped during their 8 a.m. classes. Coffee-drinking schedules are easy to detect in the architectural world.

“The time we start getting a lot of people at night is when projects start getting due,” Barkley said.

But, no matter what the season or time of year, the crowd tends to be predominantly older students.

“There are architecture students that don’t even know we’re here until their second or third year,” Barkley said.

Being a volunteer, Chapin has found interaction with older students to be one of the most rewarding aspects of the f-STOP experience.

“As sophomores, we’ve gotten to talk to a lot of third- and fourth-year students and learn what professors are recommended,” Chapin said. “You get insight on how the college works.”

Everything offered by f-STOP is available to anyone who ventures inside. Although the regulars are architecture students, many philosophy and business majors come to partake in coffee and fellowship.

f-STOP dispenses caffeine starting at 7 a.m. every weekday. Monday through Thursday, the room closes at noon, but opens again in the evening from 7 p.m. until midnight. On Fridays, students close up at noon until Monday. Unfortunately, students are on their own to find coffee for the weekend.

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White supremacist wants chapter at Northwestern

(UTWIRE) BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Matthew Hale, self-proclaimed Reverend of the World Church of the Creator, is the center of controversy surrounding recent efforts made by his white supremacist group to establish a chapter at Northwestern University.

Hale, who runs the group from East Peoria, Ill., said he would like to return to Bloomington.

"We have a few (members) in Bloomington. A couple graduated, and one or two are in the university. They've been quiet because of Ben Smith," Hale said.

Benjamin "August" Smith, a former Indiana University student and member of the organization, killed two people in August, including former IU graduate student Won-Joon Yoon, and injured nine others in a shooting spree across Illinois and Indiana before he took his own life.

Hale subsequently called Smith a "First Amendment martyr" and said he plans to sell T-shirts memorializing Smith, a man who Hale said "died in essence so everyone could speak his mind. We hope the T-shirts will see his actions last fall. "We believe in legal and peaceful orderly conduct." Hale said, "Although Northwestern is a private institution, it surely receives federal money and has multiple student groups. They shouldn't be allowed to keep us out."

Ralph Sue Shafston, a member of the executive committee of Bloomington United, a local group dedicated to combat hate and promote diversity, said he found the situation at Northwestern "deplorable."

"This is not a free speech issue," she said. "We've lost sight of free speech and inciting hate and racism."

Bloomington United, which distributed more than 3,000 signs last year that read "Bloomington United. No hate speech, no hate crimes. Not in our yards, not in our town, not anywhere" is working on projects to promote diversity.

Doug Bauder, another member of Bloomington United's executive committee, said the committee has discussed possible responses if Hale attempts to bring the World Church back to campus.

"We're not having rallies as such, and plans to distribute more signs helping coordinate the Cal Poly chapter. "Once the students get involved, they usually stay involved even after they graduate," Hampsey said. "It is important that we get people involved now to keep this program going year after year."

At this time the club consists of about 15 students. Casey is hopeful that membership will top 100.

New chapters of Habitat for Humanity are being founded at Cal Poly and Cuesta College.

"Students have the strength and energy to volunteer," Steenson said. "Also, when students graduate and move to another place, they hopefully will start a chapter in their area and continue to spread the message."

The first meeting is Feb. 14 at Zion Lutheran Church. Doors open at 4 p.m.
NCAA sets new eligibility standards for freshmen

BY STEPHEN KEMPERT

Mustangs have been able to get excited about this season.

High school athletes will now have an easier time meeting academic standards and allow them to play college sports.

A new set of NCAA rules will let high school programs determine whether athletes have fulfilled course requirements for college eligibility.

The decision means that many athletes who had been denied scholarships in the past will now be able to qualify for them.

But Cal Poly Athletic Director John McCutchin said the impact on Cal Poly will be minimal due to the school's already high academic standards regarding athletics.

"This decision has a real negligible effect for us," McCutchin said.

McCutchin also said that he didn't believe the changes would "open the flood gates" for thousands of other athletes that otherwise couldn't enter the NCAA ranks.

A committee of the governing body recommended the change last spring, and the NCAA Division I and II membership recently approved the legislation.

The NCAA eliminated certain parts of the course requirements, giving high school programs more latitude in setting the agenda. The change takes effect immediately.

The old rules were much more stringent and allowed the NCAA to determine what were acceptable courses. For example, one previous regulation disqualified social studies courses that devoted more than 25 percent of classroom time to current affairs or independent study.

"We've become more generic in defining those academic criteria," Bob Oliver, director of NCAA membership services, said Wednesday. "The new rules require several things: that a course be considered college preparatory, be taught at or above the high school's normal academic level and quality for graduation credit in English, mathematics, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language, computer science or non-secular religion or philosophy.

Independent study, individual instruction and correspondence and Internet courses may now be part of the new criteria for core subjects.

Oliver said the changes came about after two years of discussion.

"In areas of science and English, for example, they do a lot of interdisciplinary work," he said. "We're saying, if you give a course in English credit at your high school and that's preparing the student for a four-year college, then that's meeting the intent of what we're trying to do.

The intent is to prepare students to succeed in college.

"Are they able to use a computer, do research, from their term paper, but are they prepared to write a term paper," he said.

Oliver said the NCAA in most cases will accept a principal's certification that a course satisfies requirements.

"The only time we'll investigate is if they send in a course titled woodwork or 'driver's ed' or something like that," he said.

That's really what we try to do. Just get it out and spill it all out every night and help my team win games."

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efforts. The 6-8 junior has scored in double figures in five of their last six games and is averaging 13.9 points per game this season. Mayes has been as equally impressive on the boards, averaging 7.2 rebounds per game.

Cal Poly head coach Jeff Schneider is quick to acknowledge the importance of this game as well. "I think USC is a big game for both of us. Over the years, it has turned into a rivalry," he said. "All six games have gone to the wire, and I'm sure this game will be much the same."

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USCB head coach Bob Williams is more concerned with the inside game. "I think the key for USC is their inside game with Bjorkland and Mayes," Williams said. "That's going to get the key for us to stop."

Following Thursday's game, Cal Poly will continue its home game schedule against Boise State Saturday. The Broncos are also 1-5 in conference play and are last in the conference's Eastern Division.

Stabbings deemed professional in Lewis murder case

ATLANTA (AP) — The two men killed in a bloodied stabbing murder charges against NFL star Ray Lewis were stabbed to death by someone who "knew something about anatomy," a medical examiner said Wednesday.

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"And someone died as result of the stabbing," Parker said. "This slaying is not connected with the last year's game."

"Then and if this case goes anywhere, there will be aggravated assault charges added," spokesman Erik Friedly said. "And someone died as result of the assault, so felony murder charges are automatic."

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John Rocker doesn’t belong with Atlanta anymore

By Joe Nolan  
MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

Chris Bjorklund is a tremendous scoring threat. He’s also an improved rebounder, a good passer and plays strong defense. But as the Mustangs start a critical run to the Big West Conference Tournament in Reno, it may be the humble junior’s leadership that gets his team there.

Ask Bjorklund about being as high as seventh in national scoring this year, and he says teammates and coaches deserve credit for getting him the ball. Ask him about how head coach Jeff Schneider has tailored the offense toward him and he’ll tell you that it opens the 3-pointer.

There’s nothing in his contract or organization that once received death threats and hate mail for its best player, Hank Aaron? After hearing Rocker’s comments, which included derogatory remarks about homosexuals and foreigners, Aaron said he felt sick and disgusted. Jordan both criticized him, while players Tom Glavine and Brian Jordan both criticized him, while pinch-hitting coach Leo Mazzone thought he should be traded. In general, the Braves felt like they’d woken up with one big Rocker hangover.

And now, they have one more headache to deal with. Major League Baseball has decided that after examining Rocker in a series of psychological tests, which he failed, he is essentially grounded from playing baseball until Mar. 1. Rocker also has to pay a fine of $20,000 and attend diversity training, which will make him more sensitive and caring toward the people he insulted. But the Braves still have to pay his salary while he misses spring camps, spring training and the first month of the season. This essential- ly gives him the freedom to run naked in the street with a Rebel flag painted on his chest every day while his teammates play baseball, as long as he’s back on the field Mar. 1.

In all fairness to Rocker, he has been one of the few bright spots in Cal Poly’s losing season. One of the Big West Conference’s fastest growing realistic comes to Mott Gym this Thursday when the Cal Poly men’s basketball team battles the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos. The game is critical, if not a must-win for the UC Mustangs because they sit in last place in the conference’s Western division.

The Mustangs have dropped 10 of their last 11 games and are 1-5 in conference play. A win would bring the Mustangs out of a last-place tie with UC Irvine and into sole possession of fifth place.

As the season’s halfway mark approaches, the importance of this game is well-known to players and coaches. Mustang forward Jeremiah Mayes thinks a win would help put the Mustangs back on track.

“We’ve had a tough stretch lately. We’re just trying to stay positive, and this would be a great start for us. This is one of the biggest games of the year,” Mayes said. “They are our biggest rivals, and a win would definitely help us get back in the swing.”

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