**Habitat for Humanity gets Poly chapter**

By Jayson Rowley  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students have a new opportunity to lend a hand to local home-building projects. Cal Poly has added its name to the chapters of Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating sub-standard housing and homelessness.

Originally founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity came into formal existence in San Luis Obispo County in 1997. Valerie Sterner, office manager at Habitat for Humanity, said volunteers work with the future homeowners or “partner” families to build their homes. The houses are sold to partner families at no profit and are financed with affordable, no-interest loans.

“Families are chosen according to their level of need and their willingness to work hard on the house,” Sterner said. “We call that ‘sweat equity.’” Homeowners invest hundreds of hours working on their housing projects.

Business senior Joann Casey is president of the new Cal Poly chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

“Our goal is to support the San Luis Obispo Habitat for Humanity affiliate,” Casey said. “As a campus chapter, we are required to provide Cal Poly with education, hard-raising and building.”

The club’s main goal is to raise enough money to complete three houses by the end of the year, Casey said.

“Another aspect of education will be that students involved in the program will not only be helping the needs, they will be talking and working with them as well,” said Dan Villegas, associate professor of economics. “It will be an eye-opening experience.”

Villegas and English professor John Humphrey are the faculty mentors.

**Brothers sell condoms, quickly**

By Kimberly Tahsuda  
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Shopping for protection just became more personal with a click of the mouse. QuickCondoms, an online condom Web site, has made contraceptive shopping available without leaving home.

Cal Poly brothers David and Jim Whitaker developed QuickCondoms four months ago to give college students a cheap and confidential way to shop for contraceptives.

"If a student is at home with no time to go to the campus store, they can order from home," said David Whitaker.

"A three-pack would only be about a dollar cheaper, but if you buy 15, 20 or 50, it can pay down to half the price of what you can get in the store," Jim Whitaker said. "A three-pack would only be about a dollar cheaper, but if you buy 15, 20 or 50, it can pay down to half the price of what you can get in the store, depending on how many you buy."

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Phil gives winter another six weeks

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) - Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil, weather prophet without peer, saw his shadow on Thursday, Feb. 3, and winter won't be departing right away.

"I thought it would be one of those years where he might not have seen his shadow," Punxsutawney Groundhog Club President Jim Whitaker said. "But there was 11-degree sunshine. I'm just happy he saw it."

Phil, whose foreboding says how much winter remains, said he predicts six more weeks of winter.

The shadow was a surprise to many. Forecasters said there was little sunshine to cast a shadow. Phil was greeted with a chant of "Bring out the rat."

"The shadow is a symbol of hope," Punxsutawney Groundhog Club Ecologist Dr. Harry Sharp, said at a news conference. "The shadow says there's still cold ahead."

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The storm was officially called off Wednesday, predicting six more weeks of winter.

Phil is to get on a search engine.

"It's what he reads in the skies," said Bill Cooper, president of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club. "It's not a guide or a calendar. That program gives training to college students to become a weather prophet.

The crowd for this year's Groundhog Day on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney was smaller than in recent years. Inner Circle mem­bers estimated that the maximum of families and college students had predicted 15,000, but the Punxsutawney Ground­house Chamber of Commerce said it was closer to 12,000.

The Groundhog Day tradition is based on a German superstition that an animal casting its shadow on Feb. 2 — the Christian holiday of Candlemas — means another six weeks of winter is coming. Otherwise, it suggests an early spring.

In this central Pennsylvania town of 6,700 people, Phil's shadow most years. Wednesday was the Whitakers' first day to see his shadow in the past 114 years.

**Phil's shadow is not only cheaper but also provides a confidential outlet to shop for contraceptives.**

**A lot of people wouldn't want to go buy an HIV test or a condom package," Whitaker said. "Now they can go online."

**Condoms.com is a marketing partner of Condoms.net, and all orders are shipped under their corporate name, WWWarehouse Inc., to avoid questions.**

**Shipping and handling is always free and returns are guaranteed.**

**An Alaska Airlines spokesman confirmed the Airline does not plan to make a lifelong career with QuikCondoms.**

"About a month. They are now concentrat­ing on only 1 percent of the market," Jim Whitaker said. "Since it's the only Whitakers happy about the success of QuikCondoms."

**Although they enjoy being business­men for the time being, the Whitakers do not plan to make a lifelong career with QuikCondoms.**

"This is not our life calling. 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."

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**They support the idea of using condoms with the horizontal stabilizer as they head 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 few days before the crash."

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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 essay required. No nerve-wracking interviews. Just the lack of the usual hassle.

The folks at FreeScholarships.com know the sweepstakes may 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 grades 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 Cannon, 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.

Winner, chosen by a computer-generated random drawing, can win more than once. The odds of hitting the jackpot depend on how many log on.

"It's a low-energy path for people to get a shot at helping them pay for school," Digate said.

FreeScholarships is billing itself as unique in a Web world of quick money. Others have offered one-time scholarship sweepstakes. Embark.com, for example, just wrapped up a promotion with a grand prize of four years' tuition up to $80,000.

FreeScholarships is generating mixed reviews in higher education circles.

Buyer beware, cautioned Timothy McDonough, spokesman for the American Council on Education, a Washington-based higher education trade group.

"You're always concerned about the possibility of some kind of scam activity," McDonough 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," Geppi said.

The campus does not allow for this type of surveying to be done in classes, 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 Police Department, building 74.

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Geppi said the results may be used in coordination with the department's new strategic plan that focuses on proactive efforts toward law enforcement. He said an increase in proactive efforts toward law enforcement. He said an increase in proactive efforts toward law enforcement.

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Just the truth, no character bashing here

I was once told by Senators, "They (referring to us) must be without character — they must refuse to accept what is false, hate it and have a love for the TRUTH." It only worked that way. Truth these days is frowned upon and looked at as character hashing, true? No, character hashing, TRLITH. It thinks only worked that way.

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Teachers are a wonderful breed of people who are compassionate, sincere and committed to their jobs. Let’s see how David Blakely measures up. I started teaching for lack of anything else to do (Country News, Nov. 8, 1995, page 1). Oops, but someone regrets saying that. Okay sorry, no character attacks, just the facts.

It was in 1996 that the voters had enough and elected someone with character to the supervisorial position, that being Mike Blakely. No one can argue it any way you want, but in my opinion, Blakely had his chance in the past and just recently but he just doesn’t measure up to what is deserving of a supervisorial seat.

Tamas Simon is a political science junior.
By Ryan Miller
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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. 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 clippings 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 Jamman

MUSTANG 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 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 Woodrell’s novel, “Woe to Live On,” 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 unfolded 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 Roedel (Toby Maguire), Jack Bull Chiles (Skeet Ulrich), Daniel Holt (Jeffrey 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 endless war drama that does nothing to expand or accelerate the movie.

We cut away from seeing Jake and Jack grow as best friends, Daniel and Jake’s newfound friendship and Jack 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 igniting the customary fire within the viewers. These flat scenes do nothing to bring the emotion of the war to the audience.

Cooper’s most recent release is “Breakfast in New Orleans Dinner in Timbuktu.” This is his first visit to the Central Coast since June 1997.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7:10. Reserve tickets are $19.50 to $25 and are on sale now at all VALLITIX outlets, including Boo Boo Records and the Mustang Ticket Office. Tickets are also available at 1-888-VALLITIX and at VALLITIX.com.

Cockburn performs lyrical tunes at Cuesta

Singer-songwriter Feb. 16

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The winter blues— or hues — will be making their exit very soon to make room for spring. Put away the mundane colors of black, grey and dark blues, and think more color for this year's springtime fashion. According to Scott Kawa of San Luis Obispo-based clothing company Self-Clothing, minimalism is dead and variety is in.

"Before, everyone on the runway had one skirt length and pant; now, fashion will increase San Luis Obispo's slow fashion to higher speeds. Kawa sees fashion for spring in many different styles.

"The feminine pattern is back in. Lots of ruffles, embroidery, lace drops and accessories," he said. But for those looking for individualism, Kawa suggests bright colors and crazy prints with references from 70s and 80s. According to Chris Daniels, an art and design junior, it's all about the '70s and '80s.

"Men's sandals are in. Not the sport kind, but more Italian-looking." Daniels said. Another that should be donated are pleated skirts. Daniels recommends throwing them out instead.

Alternative to detail is also a common theme. Regan sees beading on the trim of pants and on shoes as a new trend for the coming fashion season.

"It's this year's bright color, like last year's hot pink. Turquoise jewelry will be really in too," Regan said. Advice to girls: Definitely begin packing iron as soon as possible because skimpy tank tops are still in. Daniels wants to see more spotty, opaque accessories.

The newest look off the runway by top designer and fashion house Gucci. 'It's this year's bright color, like last year's hot pink. Turquoise jewelry will be really in too," Regan said. 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.

Followed by a social with free pizza and beverages. Performance Art Center presents dress rehearsals for free Saturday at PAC

By Monica McHugh

Mustang Daily STAFF WRITER

Just because the San Luis Obispo Symphony's Saturday Series has been sold out since 1999, people may have to miss out. On the day of each concert, the symphony and Performing Arts Center presents free dress rehearsals.

"We wanted to offer an opportunity for our friends and neighbors to hear the classical concert," said Patty Thayer, assistant director of the San Luis Obispo Symphony. Dress rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. and the atmosphere is more relaxed than a usual performance. Arrive is causal and no ties are allowed. Children and grandparents are encouraged to attend and sit as long or little as they like. Remember, the orchestras needs silence to hear what's going on.

The next performance and free dress rehearsal is on Feb. 5 and will feature music from Brahms, Bernstein and Beethoven with pianist soloist Edith Orloff. Although the concert is sold out, there is another opportunity to see the show. A small number of seats are held at all performances for Cal Poly students and can be purchased during the day of the performance minutes before the show starts for $8.

The next concert is March 4 and features contemporary classical music by local composer and Cal Poly professor Craig Russell. "Offering free dress rehearsals obliterates the idea that symphonies are only for the elite," Russell said. "Anyone can come and see a great performance."

Craig Russell
music professor

CATHOLIC? HUGRY? In Los Osos or Morro Bay?
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By Megan Shearn

Mustang Daily STAFF WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — In tiny Belfast, Maine, they check their lob­ ster traps at the crack of dawn. They press tight to the laundry. They make doughnuts and take ballet.

They study "Mob Dick" in school. They go to church. They have a chance to see the symphony in an environment I am comfortable in," said city and regional planning junior Danny Sparks.

For those who went for a really good seat, arriving early is recom­ mended. Dress rehearsals in the past have had up to 1,200 atten­ dees.

If you can't make it to any of these performances, on May 6 the 29th Saturday Series Season will come to an end with "Mahler's Tragic Symphony."

Film maker Wiseman goes to town in 'Belfast, Maine'
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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 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 doors 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 "Chemex.

"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 reason 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.
White supremacist wants chapter at Northwestern

(UWIRE) 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 tell T-shirts memorializing Smith, a man who Hale said "died in essence so everyone could speak his mind. We hope the T-shirts will show the dangers to our civil liberties."

Hale said he was surprised by Smith's actions last fall. "We believe in legal and peaceful social change," he said. "The media ignores our cavelous about violence and we are being characterized falsely as a violent group."

Hale, who needs 15 signatures from Northwestern students to receive recognition from the administration as a religious group, was attacked Jan. 21 while distributing literature at Northwestern.

A crowd of 200 gathered to protest Hale. After he was hit with snowballs and insulted by the crowd, Hale was escorted away by police for his own protection. Three men, none of whom attend Northwestern, were arrested for disorderly conduct.

The Northwestern administration hinted that even if Hale collects the requisite 15 signatures, they might reject his application for recognition.

Hale said the conflict between the World Church of the Creator and the Northwestern administration is largely a first amendment issue. "Universities are considered bastions of free speech and free thought. The Northwestern administration is trying to end that," Hale said. "Although Northwestern is a private institution, it surely serves federal money and has multiple student groups. They shouldn't be allowed to keep us out."

Ralph Sue Shafman, a member of the executive committee of Bloomington United, a local group dedicated to combat hate and promote diversity, said she 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 yard, not in our town, not anywhere" is working on projects to promote diversity.

Doug Bader, 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 have been delayed," he said. "We're working on becoming a productive and less reactionary group."

Bader said that if Hale came back to Bloomington, residents should "expect an outcry about this, like at Northwestern."
Bjorklund's consistent scoring has been one of the few things the Mustangs have been able to get excited about this season.

NCAA sets new eligibility standards for freshmen

Cal Poly's football team announced Wednesday that it had signed 24 student-athletes to national letters of intent.

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Charges against NFL star Ray Lewis get into a solid flow offensively. "We have to be able to execute some plays in this game," said coach Bob Williams. "That's the key for us to stop."  
Thursday's game, Cal Poly will continue its home game schedule against Boise State Saturday. The Broncos are 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 brutal stabbing murder charges against NFL star Ray Lewis were stabbed to death by someone who knew "something about anatomy," a medical examiner said Wednesday.  
The two victims' wounds were directed into vital areas and both men quickly bled to death, said Dr. John Parker, a Fulton County associate medical examiner.

"A lot of times in a fight with a knife, you see just mumbo, people spraying around and it was a lot of things, like that," Parker said. "This wasn't like that. These were well-directed wounds into vital areas. They knew that they were doing."  
Lewis is charged with two counts of murder in the Monday stabbing deaths of Richard Lollar, 24, and Jacinth Parker, a Fulton County associate medical examiner.  
Lewis is quick to acknowledge the importance of his client. "This is a nice rivalry, " Schneider said. "All six games have gone to the wire, and I'm equally as impressive on the boards, led by guard Erick Ashe. Ashe leads the team with 12.8 ppg and has recorded 35 3-pointers this season. Following the loss of Baker, Lewis stepped up to lead the team. In last year's Big West tournament, Cal Poly scored 22 points with six 3-pointers.

Forw ard Jeremiah Mayes is key to the inside game for the Mustangs.

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Chris Bjorklund is in the top 30 nationally in scoring, averaging 19.6 points per game.

John Rocker doesn’t belong with Atlanta anymore

Chris Rocker doesn’t belong with Atlanta anymore. 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 4-poster.

The truth is, Bjorklund isn’t looking for credit. He doesn’t earn praise. He only wants one thing: wins. Lately, the wins have been hard to come by. The Mustangs are 1-5 in the Big West, but luckily for them, are only one game out of the fourth and final playoff spot. They’ve also gotten a few of the tough games out of the way and start a crucial home game tonight.

While many teams may have fallen apart after such a rocky conference start, the Mustangs won’t. Bjorklund, who’s very vocal in practice and during games, won’t allow his team to get discouraged, not with them only one game out of the postseason picture.

“We really need leadership on this team since we only have one senior,” Bjorklund said. “Guys look up to the juniors and seniors for guidance; I know I did when I was a freshman. It’s important because when you’re in a game you can get a little tight and you need someone to let you know what you need to do. I think you think young players are just looking for motivation, and I think you see BJORKLUND, page 10

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Mustangs entering must-win territory

By Christian von Treskow
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

One of the Big West Conference’s fastest growing teams comes to Mot Gym this Thursday when the Cal Poly men’s basketball team battles the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos. The game is critical, it’s a must-win for the 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 this season. 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 season.”

Mayes has been one of the few bright spots in Cal Poly’s losing season.

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday’s Answer:

The starting quarterbacks during the Miami Dolphins’ undefeated season were Bob Griese and Earl Morrall.

Congrats Barbara Cheves!

Today’s Question:

How many NBA championships have the Boston Celtics won?

49ers’ coaching moves

SANTA CLARA (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers filled two coaching vacancies Wednesday, naming George Seifert from special teams to wide receivers and naming Bruce DeHaven as special teams coach.

Seifert replaced Larry Kirksey, who left the team to become assistant head coach for wide receivers at Texas A&M last week and was DeHaven joins the 49ers after 13 years as special teams coach for the Buffalo Bills. DeHaven was fired by the Bills after Tennessee’s “Music City Miracle” in which the Titans scored on a last-second kickoff return to beat Buffalo in the playoffs.

Raiders’ coaching move

OAKLAND (AP) — Ron Lynn, a veteran of 17 years in the pro football coaching ranks, has joined the Oakland Raiders as defensive backs coach.

Lynn, whose appointment was announced Wednesday, moves to the Raiders after serving in the same capacity for the New England Patriots from 1997-1999.

Schedule

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• Men’s basketball vs. UC Santa Barbara
  • in Mott Gym
  • 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

• Women’s basketball vs. Cal St. Fullerton
  • in Mott Gym
  • 7 p.m.

• Baseball vs. San Diego
  • at San Diego
  • 2 p.m.

SATURDAY

• Men’s basketball vs. Boise State
  • in Mott Gym
  • 7 p.m.