Students may get vote in Senate

Kimberly Tahsuda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's Academic Senate voted 27-12 to give two student representatives, approved by the Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors, the power to vote in the Senate on Tuesday.

"This is a huge leap," ASI Vice President Aton DeFerrari said. "This will give voting representation where Cal Poly students have not had it before."

The resolution will be brought before the general faculty for a second vote. A two-thirds vote in favor of the resolution is required for the resolution to pass.

"We want to begin to share the governance of the university," DeFerrari said. "We want students to start taking responsibility and start being accountable for where our curriculum is going."

Currently, the president and executive vice president of ASI designees are non-voting members of the Academic Senate. If the resolution is passed by the general faculty, the constitution of the Academic Senate will be amended to give two student representatives voting privileges.

"The issues this body handles are very important to the students," ASI President John Moffatt said. "We place a lot of value on the decisions of the Academic Senate, and we have a lot of respect for this body and the things it accomplishes."

DeFerrari agrees. "Everything that goes on in the Academic Senate is aimed at the betterment of the university and the students," DeFerrari said. "It is important for student representatives to have a vote because there are things decided that directly affect students lives."

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Deciphering California's seven political parties

By Adam Jarman
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There are seven official political parties in California. In order to maintain a grasp of what each candidate stands for, it is important to understand the fundamental ideals of each party.

**The American Independent Party stands for the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and looks to provide a strong national defense. Top priorities include ending the federal income tax and the Federal Reserve system and bringing back local control to education. The Web site is www.aipca.org.**

The Democratic Party sees the role of government as educating the citizens while protecting their rights. They support affordable health care, a women's right to choose and cleaner environment. Top priorities include improving schools, helping workers succeed in a high-tech era and getting assault weapons off the streets. The Web site is www.ca-dem.org.

The Green Party stands behind the 10 key values of see PARTIES, page 3
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ASI rules out 'C-' prerequisites despite Senate's decision

By By Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"It means the majority of the Associated Students, Inc. resolutions that C- prerequisites are unnecessary. ASI Vice President Anton DeFerrari said. "Some departments require that a C- prerequisite be met in order for a student to advance to the next course in a series, and ASI's resolution does not change regulations but does voice its disapproval of the current policy," DeFerrari said.

"The catalog is the student's contract with the university," DeFerrari said.

"The Academic Senate passed a resolution on the same issue last spring stating that C- prerequisites are acceptable when deemed so by the department."

"If a course is a prerequisite for a subsequent course, the department can require a C-grade before going on," Academic Senate Chair Myron Hood said.

President Warren Baker signed the Academic Senate's resolution August 30 indicating departments can allow the higher standard of C- and are responsible for enforcing them.

"This is in absolute conflict with what the Academic Senate has passed," Hood said.

"It is an issue of student freedom. The policy could stand in the way of a student's graduation, which he said, takes long enough." ASI board member Brian Cusano, who represents the College of Architecture, opposed the resolution. "It is an excellent way to set base standards...you should have a better understanding before taking the next course."

Hood said the policy allows department heads to place standards along the credit/no credit grading system.

Credibility credit only gives credit for a C-, he said. "Students should not study in order to perform well on tests made to teach "

Hood said it is an issue of the level of mastery students should be expected to have. "This gives me the feeling that many students think D is a good enough grade to go on," Cusano said.

Search continues for bus funding

By Melissa McFarland
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With bus ridership consistently on the rise, the question remains: How long will it stay free for students and faculty?

Since 1985, Cal Poly has reaped the benefits from the free-fare policy. Now, the search for funding continues.

A study indicates the company hired to find ways to keep the service free. "We have to come up with the funding somewhere..." which bothers me, because I have no clue where we're going to get it," said Jacquie Paulsen, commuter services coordinator. "I don't know what the Associates are going to come up with."

Cal Poly needs $62,910 to keep the service free.

"The sad thing is, I don't think our students and faculty will pay any attention that we've already given the city over $2 million (from 1985 to 1999) for this service," Paulsen said. "We will be the bad guys, no matter what we do."

If students and faculty are forced to pay for bus rides, Paulsen said she isn't very concerned.

"I don't think we have to charge for the bus — and if we did it would be such a small amount, anyway — I truly believe people will not go back to their old habits," she said. "Especially if they realize every time they get in their cars they're spending 30 cents a mile."

Professor will discuss decade of race in college

By Kelly Hendricks
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The celebration of Black History Month will continue tonight with a film entitled "Racism 101" and a discussion led by Ethnic Studies professor Charise Cheney following the presentation.

"Racism 101" is a program from the PBS "Frontline" series. It recounts experiences with race and racism at American universities during the mid-to-late 1980s.

"With it being Black History Month, we wanted to consider the balance of topics," Cheney said. "One of the options was showing a film dealing with the history of African American students and particularly students with the meaning of Black History Month. (However,) I thought the film was an extremely appropriate film that dealt with the larger issues of race and racism in the United States."

The film, which is only one of 101 presented examples of campus climates involving interactions between students, especially between black and white students. It highlights three specific incidents, which occurred on the campuses of University of Michigan, Dartmouth and University of Massachusetts.

"Basically, by showing this film, I'm trying to give students the opportunity to make connections between what occurred in the 1980s and with what they feel is continuing or not continuing today on college campuses," said Cheney.

Some students said they might consider other forms of transportation if the free service doesn't continue.

"I use the bus to go downtown on weekends," said Rosa Sanchez, a mechanical engineering junior. "But if it's not free anymore, I'll probably just start driving."

Paulsen said Associates is "diligently" working to find funding. "They're finding out where the majority of students live, so to see what we need with busing, which I think is above and beyond the call of duty," she said.

Cal Poly has hired the Associates to help find funding for the bus system in order to keep it free for students. Cal Poly needs to come up with $62,910.

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The Libertarian Party believes the government should be limited to protecting life, liberty, and property from violence, the threat of violence and fraud. Top priorities include: improving education by empowering parents to make decisions, increasing health care quality and access, and slashing the $81 billion state budget. The Web site is www.lp.org.

The Natural Law Party looks for proactive government, conflict-free politics and aims at increasing the quality of life for every citizen. It believes that scientific knowledge of natural law should be applied to public policy. Top priorities include: natural, preventive health care; to improve health and cut costs, educational programs that improve students' potential, and agriculture that protects the environment. The Web site is www.natural-law.org.

The Reform Party works to see that the American dream can be realized through free enterprise, justice and continued economic growth. Top priorities include: returning control of education to parents and local administration, strengthening victims' rights and laws against criminals, and reducing taxes. The Web site is www.cagop.org.

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Fall registration dates change

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The Fall 2000 CAPTURE registration date has been pushed back. Instead of starting on Friday, July 21, registration will start on Tuesday, July 25. The new registration schedule will be printed in the fall schedule book, which goes on sale May 19.

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tions from all CSUs and will send them to the governor, chancellor and CSU trustees. The state legislature and the board of trustees will use the resolutions to help decide if the proposal will become a mandated requirement.

“We have a grassroots, homemade community service learning program at Cal Poly that is working,” Keesey said. “We are asking that we be allowed to continue with our own program and decide whether growth in that program is merited or not.”

The Academic Senate fears that mandating community service will increase time before graduation and the cost to the university, and will undermine volunteer community service programs already in place on all CSU campuses.

“I think Cal Poly students do a lot of community service already,” Academic Senate Chair Myron Hood said. “We cannot mandate volunteerism. Community service should come from the heart and not be forced on individuals.”

However, Hood said he is confident that community service will not be mandated for CSUs.

“I think the governor has realized that the cost of administering the program is overwhelming, and he is backing down and encouraging each individual campus to work with existing curricular and co-curricular activities to encourage students to be involved with both service learning and community service,” Hood said.

The senate also voted to modify the definition of the “U” grade in the Cal Poly catalog.

When a student receives “U’s” in all classes, it usually means the student has unofficially withdrawn from the university. Students who withdraw, officially or not, can be required by law to return some portion of federal financial aid received.

“The financial auditors requested CSUs make the definition of the ‘U’ grade more clear to identify students who unofficially withdraw from the university,” Hood said.

Some members of the faculty minus the “U” grade. Hood said. Some give “U” instead of “F’s” and vice versa.

“This change is not a big deal and has a minimal effect on students,” Hood said. “The catalog change is so faculty understand more clearly the distinction between a ‘U’ and ‘F’ grade.”

The “U” grade change will be made in the 2000-2001 catalog.

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Filling out the sample ballot ahead of time and bringing it with you to the polls will make voting once in the booth easier and much quicker.

The Voter Information Guide contains explanations of each proposition and candidate. It supplies pro and con arguments for each item on the ballot and proves to be very useful if you are unsure of an issue. One of these guides is mailed to each registered voter by the Secretary of State. If you have not yet received one, extra copies are available at the County Clerk/Recorders Election Office.

Voting at the polling place will be a lot more like filling out a Scantron this year. San Luis Obispo County has adopted the Accu-Vote scanning system that scans the votes of each ballot as they are fed into the ballot box. These machines then send the results to the country’s central office using a modem after the polls are closed. With this new method, results can be made available much sooner than using the traditional system of tallying all votes after polling places are open.

Polling places are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absentee ballots allow voters to vote without going to the polling place. Until 1975, only persons with a disability and a relative caretaker could qualify for this vote-by-mail service. Now, however, any registered voter can request an absentee ballot.

Requests for an absentee ballot must be received by the elections office by Feb. 29. A ballot will then be mailed to your home and needs to be returned to the County Clerk by 8 p.m. on election day. It is suggested that the ballot is mailed by the Friday prior to election day.

When voting on partisan officials, the candidates’ party is listed by each name. Non-partisan office candidates such as Superior Court Judge or members of the Board of Supervisors do not run under the guise of a specific party.

California has seven official political parties.

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Many Academic Senate members voiced that the resolution should be passed so the vote would go on to the general faculty as a whole.

“The main reason I support this is because I feel this is an issue that should be brought before the entire faculty,” chemistry professor Ralph Jacobson said. “I do not see any reason at all why the entire faculty should not have a say whether or not the constitution should be amended.”

Environmental horticulture professor Dave Hannings said the appropriate thing is for the general faculty to vote on the resolution.

However, some Academic Senate members said amending the constitution to include student-voting representatives will change the definition of faculty.

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ASI vice president

Academic Senate. Granting voting status to student representatives will make students co-creators of their academic environment.

“This decision takes students from second-class to first-class status on the Academic Senate,” DeFerrari said. “It empowers students and gives us some measure of parliamentary control.”

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Don't just sit there, speak up during class

Ever since I was in elementary school, one of the favorite mnemonics of the vast majority of my teachers has been, "Speak up! Don't just sit there!" How or Cal Poly, instructors seem similarly enthusiastic about having students interact with them in real-time, rather than just take notes like court reporters or robots. Yet I have experienced odd glances and comments from my classmates when I've spoken up — it has even been explained to me that in engineering classes especially, at Cal Poly, and that if I do, people will probably think not the norm for people to actually speak up in classes answer or had an idea, I responded. The instructors did — do this to bother anyone or slow the teacher down. I my classmates when I've spoken up — it has even been

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done to make an incorrect analogy or interpretation.

For instance, if I'm in a physics class and I'm learning a new concept, I might ask something like, "Oh, is that what this formula comes from?" I don't do this to bother anyone or slow the teacher down. I do it because it helps me learn. I am following what the teacher is saying. It also assists in letting me see my classes as related entities that feed off of one another. Interacting with the instructor also helps stop me from "tuning out" (I have Attention Deficit Disorder). I'm certain that if I was really causing a great distraction to the rest of the class or stopping the instructors from sticking to his/her agenda, they'd say something.

So to my more timid peers, I'd like to ask what exactly is it you are afraid of? That people will think you are dumb? That you aren't good enough? That you aren't prepared? That you don't know the answer? That you have the wrong idea or just the wrong wording? People have suggested I go to the teacher's office hours if I have something to say to the instructor. That's fine if I want the instructor to explain an entire problem to me, but it seems a bit excessive to attend office hours for the sake of one little question that can be answered in 10 seconds in the classroom.

Anne Cover is an electrical engineering junior.

Execution doesn't have to be electric issue

After seeing the gruesome depictions of electrocution in the movie "The Green Mile," I, a supporter of the death penalty, had to think twice about the fairness of execution methods. There is the constant argument about whether or not capital punishment is "cruel and unusual," but I believe that the death penalty is a fair punishment for violent crime such as murderers. The real issue, it seems, is deciding what methods of execution are cruel and unusual.

Recently in Alabama, convicted mur­derer Robert Lee Tarver was about to be put to death by electrocution when the court ordered the state not to proceed. The order may have been based on an appeal that said electrocution was cruel and unusual. The question may go to the Supreme Court. President Clinton may also look into the fair application of capital punishment and could suspend executions while the issue is being investigated. Illinois Gov. George Ryan has already done this in his state.

So how does one decide what is cruel and unusual? Some people might already disagree with me on the topic of the death penalty, but for those who do support it, there are many humane methods that are not necessary. Anytime with half a conscience who saw "The Green Mile" probably would not want to be the person pushing the buttons. Just watching the horrific convulsions of the electrocuted criminals in the movie was enough to make me sick. Who anyone would justify doing that in real life is beyond me.

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“Theatre you're playing cricket with the deadline paddle?”
A new graphic design exhibit brings the work of five top female designers to Cal Poly, offering students an in-depth look at contemporary design and showing the impact these successful women have in our society.

The University Art Gallery's exhibition, entitled "L.A. Big Wigs: Legendary Women in Graphic Design," is the first ever completely female graphic design show at Cal Poly. In the past, the gallery has exhibited the works of predominately male designers. The show, open Feb. 12 to March 8, aims to expose San Luis Obispo to groundbreaking female artists who display the diverse creativity of graphic design.

"These are women who have very different styles of design but who are all extremely accomplished in their field," said Carrie Schaefer, art and design senior and co-curator of the exhibition. Schaefer and co-curator Lori Jackson began working on the project about a year ago. They traveled to Los Angeles, meeting with artists, looking through portfolios and finally choosing five women from the area to present their work in the exhibition. The artists chosen — Kim Baer, Margo Chase, April Greiman, Rebecca Mezner and Deborah Sussman — represent all facets of graphic design, Schaefer said. Their work includes designs for the Web, logos, products, packaging and film, to name a few.

"People look to Los Angeles for what's going to happen in design during the year; it's representative of our culture and the world's culture," Schaefer said.

The idea stemmed from obstacles Cal Poly design students have confronted while trying to study this ever-changing field in a small town like San Luis Obispo.

"Design has to filter through a lot to get to a place like San Luis Obispo; with no large museums or big-city influences, we have limited access to what's happening right now," Schaefer said.

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By Larissa Van Beurden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly wind orchestra, co-founded one of the best wind ensembles on the West Coast, has been invited to perform in Sydney, Australia for the 11th International Music Festival. The students will perform in world-class concert venues such as the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Town Hall. The orchestra has also been invited as part of the New Zealand Concert Band Association to perform several concerts in some of New Zealand's most prestigious concert halls.

The trip is the largest the department has ever taken to Japan in 1988. Out of the 100 students who auditioned for the spot on the trip, 64 were chosen and are now trying to raise money for the high cost of performing in Australia.

The orchestra will perform a benefit chamber concert for the community on Saturday. "A Night at the Mission" will feature four ensembles playing numerous traditional and contemporary works. All proceeds from the concert will go toward the trip.

The exhibit was kicked off Saturday evening when four of the five designers spoke to students, faculty and community members, sharing stories about the adventures and experiences of being a designer. The lecture also gave audience members the unusual opportunity to ask the designers questions and meet them in a relatively informal setting.

"We want to hear about obstacles from the women, to learn about their experiences and understand their vision," Schaefers said. "To ask questions, you would ask someone who look up to you and respect them." Schaefers said they have great admiration for the women.

The lecture was followed by a reception in the gallery, where spectators viewed the designers' diverse works and spoke with the women about where they got their art from, in the latest collections.

"The show is unique because we get to see a different aspect of design and how it is changing," Schaefers said. "The exhibit provides people more than just a snapshot of anythin. It's going to be very interesting to see how the viewers will react to the show, and how they will react to the women who are interviewed."

The exhibit, open Monday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m., is located in the University Art Gallery, Deyser Building 34. The five designers, April Greiman, will be speaking tonight at 7:30 p.m. in building 3, room 213.

NOW film portrays female adolescence

Cal Poly's chapter of the National Organization for Women is showing the independent documentary "Run Like a Girl," February, 22 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the University Union, student center.

A part of Women's History Month, the film probes inside the experience of American women growing up in today's society. Shot by all woman crew, the straight-forward documentary exposes women to gross inequities in sports and beauty pageants, allowing the girls involved to tell their own stories.

The film will be used as an educational tool to provoke discussion, following a screening, of issues such as gender roles, body image, peer pressure and societal expectations.

For more information on the event or NOW, contact the Women's Center at 756-2602.

Flair vs. Hogan: battle for dentures and diapers

I recently made one of the worst mistakes of my life. I turned into fast day 4 weeks WCW Monday Nattos. To my delight, I saw the german Ric Flair take on the balding, over-tanned, crippled Hulk Hogan. And to think that the WCW is wondering why it is losing fans when the people were two old timers. I hear that some Hollywood producers are thinking of making the next installent of the "smoppy Old Men" series. This time around, the film is called "Grumpy Old Wrestlers," starring those pathetic wastes of time. None to WCW. Push your younger stars like Kidman, Gaberah Siussmin are already repre-

"I don't think the WCW is the most interesting talent. Why not take a break, work less, not do so many dangerous moves and get paid more? Sounds logical to me. Believe me when I say that I would love to see Sabu with the ECW, but he won't get what he deserved. It seemed that in the past year his job has been to help the younger talent ever. He is just as deserving as anyone else in the locker room to represent the ECW as their champion. Rumor has it that Sabu will be on Nitro by the end of the month. If he does wind up leaving, expect to see Super Crazy fill his spot for ECW.

The album has no obvious radio single, sticking with The Cure's, headstrong commitment to achieving success without compromising the integrity of their music. The Cure, on the independent label Fiction since 1976, has never tamed their music to mainstream trends to be commercially successful. The band's enormous following has always allowed them to achieve anything they want, teetering in and out of major radio airplay, without catering to the demands of a larger record label.

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Proposition 22 is simple Editor,

I am writing about the current campaign to pass Proposition 22, the protection of marriage initiative. Opponents of Proposition 22 keep trying to make it seem like this initiative will take away rights from gays and lesbians. This is dishonest and unfair scare-tactic campaigning at its worst. Let's be very clear: Proposition 22 is not hatred or discrimination toward any person or their family, and it doesn't affect any of the gay rights laws currently in the books in California. It has no impact whatever on domestic partnership benefits, hospital visitation rights, child custody battles or any of the laws passed for the benefit of the gay and lesbian community.

Proposition 22 is not hard to understand. It is straightforward and just 14 words long: “Only marriage between a man and a woman is valid or recognized in California.” That’s all it says, and that’s all it means.

There’s nothing “anti-gay,” “hateful” or “extremist” about Proposition 22, or the millions of honest and thoughtful Californians who support it. All Proposition 22 does is clarify existing California law. I would resent being called a bigoted extremist just because I want to keep the definition of marriage as between a man and a woman.

That is why I plan to join millions of Californians voting YES on Proposition 22. We understand the difference between respecting someone’s body’s right to be in relationships of their own choosing and allowing an indifferent and politically charged minority to redefine marriage for 32 million people.

Tim Riley is a civil engineering senior.

Affirmative action is not color blind enough Editor,

The last Mustang Daily I read contained a letter that expressed a strong opinion against affirmative action. This is something that people need to think and talk about. It’s a very big issue in this country and will probably remain a big issue for years to come. It’s also an issue that brings up a lot of emotions and hostility from both sides of the debate.

I am against the current state of affirmative action, especially in college admissions. These are my reasons:

First, the college gives up a beautiful opportunity to be completely colorblind and fair. When you send in a college application it has no race assigned to it. It is merely a record of your accomplishments. Some will argue that minorities deserve preferential treatment because they come from lower-income households and underfunded schools. It is very hard to excel in academics in an under-funded high school. It’s very hard to maintain a good high school grade point average if you have to work after school to help support your family. It’s also very hard to do well on standardized tests such as the SAT or ACT. It is not your native language and your parents have a limited education. But, to say that all minorities have faced such hardships is just not true.

By the same token, it is also not true to say that no one she has faced such hardships. A system that would give special consideration for such things could be completely colorblind and would still do the job of getting those in the lower economic classes into college.

Another reason why I am against affirmative action is that it creates a dangerous chain of logic. If women and minorities are given special treatment to get a job or be admitted to school, then they must need it. If they need special treatment to compete with white males, then they must be inferior. This is obviously not true of the Christians represented in the column, but that’s not how the vast majority of Christians really are.

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Kapp says that Christians condemn the gay and use their money only to cater to racists and rich people. I can’t tell you how many Christian ministers I know of that help less-fortunate people here in the United States and all around the world. I know dozens of Christians who have spent their spring breaks and summers in Roman Catholic orphanages, Indian slums, Russian prisons and Guatemalan villages, helping the poor and oppressed instead of getting internships that will help them make more money in the future.

Real Christians do follow the example Jesus cited as meaning Christ-like: “the picture of Christians portrayed by Kapp does not show the real picture of who Christians are.”

Joe Demers is an architectural engineering sophomore.

Editor,

As a Christian, I feel it is my duty to speak up when we are misrepresented. In Nancy Kapp’s recent editorial, “If you profess Christianity, look deeper,” (Feb. 16), Christians are said to be hypocritical and not truly following Jesus’ teachings. This may be true of the Christians represented in the column, but that’s not how the vast majority of Christians really are.

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Kapp says that Christians condemn the gay and use their money only to cater to racists and rich people. I can’t tell you how many Christian ministers I know of that help less-fortunate people here in the United States and all around the world. I know dozens of Christians who have spent their spring breaks and summers in Roman Catholic orphanages, Indian slums, Russian prisons and Guatemalan villages, helping the poor and oppressed instead of getting internships that will help them make more money in the future.

Real Christians do follow the example Jesus cited as meaning Christ-like: “the picture of Christians portrayed by Kapp does not show the real picture of who Christians are.”

Joe Demers is an architectural engineering sophomore.

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Is administration using athletics?

Editor,

We, as a whole, are here to get an education. Recent that fact it is a nice thing to have a group identity and unity, which is the true purpose of having athletic competitions, to null spirit. As a student organization, we are here to support the students, which means supporting the student-athletes. The athletic department here at Cal Poly has forgotten what good sportsmanship is all about because they have forgotten the very basic idea of what they were created for, the students. The administration is using athletics for purposes that were never intended; namely, making money, and furthering the careers of certain administrators.

The athletic department has dis­allowed; whether directly or indi­rectly, student halftime shows because they are less than the Dance Squad's performance. It will cut into the valuable advertising time of the athletic sponsors. I guess the $75 per student from fees is not enough. Why are we here, to make money off of our athletics or to create student unity and spirit?

Over the last four years, I have watched as the amount of paid seat­ing has grown from approximately $200,000 to $500,000. The Mounties Athletics has worked hard to bring the community and children to the games, perhaps to foster community relations but more likely for the $36 a family must pay just to get in. The students have invited the family and community to the games, the community has not invited the students. Why are we here, to make money off our athletes or to create student unity and spirit?

Recently, there has been a kernel of spirit developing here at the games, however, the administration has decided this is a bad thing because students' ideas of fun and entertainment run contrary to the ideals of parents with children, who have been invited to our domain and in truth should have no rights to complain. That a family must be astoundingly important to the athletic department if they are willing to crush the budding spirit which is the foundation of intercollegiate sports. Why are we here, to make money off of our athletics or to create student unity and spirit?

Perhaps absolute power is not the computer, perhaps it is money. But students first!

Eric Peabody is an architecture senior.

Dan Marino defense

Editor,

First of all, I have to say, I enjoyed Joe Nolan's satirical article about the Dan Marino defense. Yet all of these men have high school stats but more likely for the $56 he's made people out of the arena to the Super Bowl. The most glaring example was the Sper Bowl where player's wives (most especial­ly the permanently coifed Brenda Warner, Kurt Warner's wife) got more on-camera time than most of the players. It seems that sports broadcasts, particularly those for the NFL, like to manufacture human interest. When they see on some­thing of substance, like ARC did with the Warners and the tragic loss of their parents, they milk it for all it's worth.

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Jon Hughes is a journalism senior.

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Forum

Maybe Shaq can shoot free throws

CHICAGO (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal can't shoot free throws. Never has, never will.

It's the lone blemish on his other­wise impressive game, and one oppo­nents take advantage of with glee.

Hack-a-Shaq isn't just a neat-sound­ ing phrase, it's practically an art form for teams desperate to stop the big man.

Well, well, look who went 11-­for-12 from the free throw line Tuesday night in the Los Angeles Lakers' victory over the Chicago Bulls.

"Once I develop some consistency, I'll be all over," O'Neal said.

But that doesn't mean he doesn't want to get better. Every day after practice, he spends time with his wife and their son, who has been teaching him how to shoot.

"I do everything else so well, they won't let me do it," he said. "Once I shoot 80 percent, they'll let me do it.

It's a secret," he said. "Let's just say he's a great basketball player, but he's not the best at free throws.

O'Neal acknowledges he's doing something different, but he won't say exactly what.

"It's a secret," he said. "Let's just say I'm having it now and all I've got to do is keep working on them, become consistent and I'll be unstoppable.

Jesse Munoz is a journalism fresh­man.

Kurt Warner's wife

Editor,

What is up with the wife shots (or, as I have heard them dubbed, "wife-cam") that have recently dominated sports TV broadcasts? They've always been around, but it has gotten ridiculous. The most glaring example was the Super Bowl where player's wives (most especial­ly the permanently coifed Brenda Warner, Kurt Warner's wife) got more on-camera time than most of the players.

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The Titans currently sit tied for center court opportunities resulting from Irvine's double digit scoring. A fractured collarbone limited him to the man left alone." Irvine held the junior to 5-9 times three (players) on Chris,'" Bjorklund is having a stellar season and is second in the conference in points. "I think in 10 seasons, Denver Broncos after 10 seasons, the Baltimore Ravens, sources confirmed Wednesday night. The Mustangs will also rely on their defense. Although he lacks classic tight end size and is a willing but only average blocker, Sharpe still has good speed and is adept at splitting the safeties deep up the field or finding the open spaces in a zone defense. A factured collarbone limited him to only five games in '99 and he caught 23 passes for 224 yards and no touchdowns. It snapped a streak of seven consecutive season with at least 50 receptions, a record for a tight end. Sharpe played in seven Pro Bowl games and three times went over the 1,000-yard mark. For his career, he has 552 catches for 6,983 yards and 44 touchdowns.

Shannon Sharpe headed to Baltimore
Denver (AP) — Shannon Sharpe, whose 552 receptions make him one of the most prolific tight ends in the history of the Denver Broncos after 10 seasons, has retired. Sharpe has agreed to contract terms with the Baltimore Ravens, sources confirmed Wednesday night.

Point guard Jason Kidd had a season-high 22 points against Fullerton, the Mustangs and renewed hopes of a tournament birth. The Mustangs recorded 18 3-pointers and had five players score in double digits.

Love, said he believes his team will and try to do the same thing." The latest blowup began with 7:14 left in Dallas' 112-99 loss to Milwaukee. Rodman complained that the Bucks should have called him for an illegal defense. As Sam Cassell went to shoot the free throws, Rodman went to the other foul line and sat down in protest, drawing another technical and automatic ejection. "I told him, 'Why don't you kick me out for a reason? Let me hit somebody first. That's a reasonable thing to old tricks again."

DALLAS (AP) — Dennis Rodman ejected: That's old stuff. This time, Rodman is taking a new approach. He wants to do it as a guide, not as a drunkard." I don't know who gave David Stern all the power in the world to utter this kind of mindless horse-nose talk in the world, but this league has gone to hell," Rodman said after his ejection from Tuesday night's game, only his second with the Mavericks. "It's ridiculous."

Rodman, speaking on his way from the locker room to the parking lot, then challenged the commissioner to settle their differences with his fists.

"I wish me and David Stern can some damn gloves on, and get it over with and we can see who'll come out the winner," Rodman said. "Me and him."

Rodman did not say what he would do and suspended for his words and actions. There was no immediate comment Wednesday from the NBA. The latest blowup began with 7:14 left in Dallas' 112-99 loss to Milwaukee. Rodman complained that the Bucks should have called him for an illegal defense. As Sam Cassell went to shoot the free throws, Rodman went to the other foul line and sat down in protest, drawing another technical and automatic ejection. "I told him, 'Why don't you kick me out for a reason? Let me hit somebody first. That's a reasonable thing to old tricks again."

Rodman actually was having a good game until being tossed. He had 16 rebounds — the most by a Dallas player this season — and added six points and four assists in 36 minutes. Teammates said Rodman was so upset that the Bucks were not called for fouls while playing rough defense against him.

"They were grabbing his shirt, and that frustrated him," Mavericks guard Erick Strickland said. "He didn't deserve to get ejected."
**Warriors trade Starks in three-way deal**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tony Kukoc, the last key player from the Chicago Bulls’ championship dynasty, was traded to the Golden State Warriors on Thursday with a 90-67 thrashing of the Mustangs last week at Mott Gym.

**By Christian von Treskow**

Cal Poly has a chance at revenge tonight against the UC Irvine Anteaters at Irvine. Irvine embarrassed the Mustangs last Thursday with a 90-67 thrashing in Mott Gym.

Cal Poly enters the game 2-8 in the Big West Conference and 7-13 overall. A win by the Mustangs would catapult them into a dead heat with the Anteaters for fourth place in the conference’s Western Division.

A major factor to Cal Poly’s success will be its ability to limit Irvine’s backcourt. Despite their lackluster record, the Anteaters boast one of the conference’s most talented players in guard Joey Green.

Green, last season’s Big West Freshman of the Year, is currently seventh in the league in scoring with 17.5 points per game. In last week’s win at Cal Poly, he had a career-high 29 points. Together with backcourt teammates Sean Jackson and Malachi DuKES, the trio combined for 68 points on 25-39 shooting.

Mustang head coach Jeff Schneider knows defensive efforts must be improved against Irvine’s guards for a win to be possible.

“We have to do a better job of closing their guards down,” Schneider said. “That’s going to be a main focus for us. We have to do a strong defensive job on their guards.”

Schneider believes the Mustangs must also exploit the backcourt and try to control the game quickly Wednesday, and they did.

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**Sports Trivia**

**Yesterday’s Answer:**

The Miami Dolphins were the Kansas City Chiefs’ opponent in the NFL’s longest game. Congrats Albert Lee!

**Today’s Question:**

Which former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher holds the record for strikeouts in a World Series game?

**Please submit sports trivia answers to: sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu. Include your name. The first correct answer received via email will be printed in the next issue of the paper.**

**Sports**

**Rugby: team of tough guys**

Last weekend, the Mustang rugby team spent three days in Arizona playing big-name rivals University of Arizona and Arizona State. Both schools are consistently ranked nationally, boasting large and substantial rugby programs. Yet the Mustangs, the same team that practices on the little dirt patch behind the tennis courts, beat both universities in decisive style. Arizona fell 22-18, and ASU lost by a whopping 36-5.

Let me introduce some of the serious and unknown heroes of the team.

Of the five starters, John Kennard is the only captain. He’s fast, he’s quick, he’s got more moves than a stick of hot tamales and he’s about as slippery as one too. For someone who’s never played rugby before this year, Kennard has demonstrated intelligence mixed with good-old-fashioned work ethic in picking up the game in an amazing short time.

Last year’s captain and the emotional heart of the team is Dennis Yee, a Southern Californian all-star. Yee has played rugby for five years at Cal Poly and for two years at his high school in San Jose. He knows the game inside and out better than anyone on the team. When I asked him how he played last weekend, he casually mentioned that he knocked out an opposing player, giving him a concussion. Considering the fact that he stands 5-10 and weighs over 230 pounds, it’s not hard to imagine.

“Dennis is often compared to a bullfighter on offense,” fellow starter Mike Hamilton said. Hamilton is another player who has a reputation for making his presence known. Standing 6-3 and weighing 225 pounds with bleached blond hair, he definitely has an intimidation factor. He too gave another player a concussion and was named see ARNS, page 10

**For further information, see ARNS, page 10**

**Schedule**

| TONIGHT | • Men’s basketball vs. UC Irvine | at Irvine | 7 p.m. |
| FRIDAY | • Baseball vs. San Francisco | • in SLO Stadium | 5 p.m. |
| • Women’s basketball vs. Long Beach State | • in Mott Gym | 7 p.m. |
| • Men’s tennis vs. New Mexico State | • at Stockton | 10 a.m. |
| SATURDAY | • Baseball vs. San Francisco | • in SLO Stadium | 1 p.m. |
| • Men’s basketball vs. CSU Fullerton | • at Fullerton | 7 p.m. |
| • Men’s tennis vs. Nevada | • at Stockton | 10 a.m. |