Former pledge reveals Sigma Chi hazing

By Whitney Phaneuf
MUSTANG DAILY ARTS EDITOR

A member of the Sigma Chi Fall 1999 pledge class has brought allegations of hazing and selling alcohol to a minor against the fraternity and four of its members.

The charges are currently under investigation through hearings conducted by Cal Poly Judicial Affairs, and the case is being prosecuted by the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's office. A civil action suit and restraining order have been filed against both Sigma Chi and individual members this week by the plaintiff's lawyer. The suit states that the restraining order was requested after the former pledge and his family started receiving death threats by telephone.

Sigma Chi President Carson Kalin, as well as members Thomas Griffith, Jeffrey Farr and Chad McMills, are being charged with misdemeanors comprised of nine counts of hazing and one count of sale of an alcoholic beverage to a minor in a report filed March 22 by District Attorney Linda Luong. An arrangement for the defendants is scheduled for April 18 in San Luis Obispo Superior Court.

The agribusiness freshman freshman in September and participated in the first three weeks of pledging the Alpha Zeta class before he was dismissed from the pledging process by a majority vote from his pledge class on Nov. 5. In statements made to University Police, Luong and private counsel, the alleged victim said that Sigma Chi fraternity members hazed his pledge class. He cited incidents in which he and his pledge class were forced to consume alcohol and put his personal safety at risk.

The pledge retreat at Santa Margarita Lake on Oct. 11 is one among many activities where hazing is alleged to have occurred. The former pledge stated his class was taken to the lake by Griffith, Farr and McMills, and was forced to drink a keg of beer and six bottles of Southern Comfort. While fraternity members slept in their vehicles, the alleged victim claims that the pledge class slept outside in approximately 40 degree weather. He also said the pledges had to sleep on the ground and burn their clothes for warmth. In statements taken by Luong from fellow pledge class members, some agreed that clothes were burned, but dispute the allegation.

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AS! board may oust presidential hopeful

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors may decide to disqualify candidate Aron DeFerrari from the upcoming ASI election after he violated campaign regulations.

DeFerrari, who was one of three candidates running for ASI President, broke election regulations when he began campaigning before the specified date of April 16, said Leslie Moffitt, chair of the elections committee. DeFerrari violated election policy on two counts. He announced his candidacy in an article in The Creek Weekly and wrote about his campaign on his personal Web site, Moffitt said.

The elections committee, a branch of the board, will recommend at a meeting on April 5 that DeFerrari be removed from the race, Moffitt said.

The board will then vote and make the final decision.

DeFerrari, current ASI vice president, said he had not intended his newspaper article or Web site as campaigning.

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Census 2000

The Census 2000 van came to the Campus Market Tuesday. Census employees passed out packets, pens and buttons to encourage students to fill out their surveys.

By Carolyn Ficara
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A flashy van rolled onto campus Tuesday morning on behalf of the big count. It stopped in front of Campus Market. Posterin the size of people flanked the van. Long tables were stacked with information pamphlets, pencils, pens and buttons. A team of workers stood by to answer questions and take names for employment. Printed on everything were the bold, red letters proclaiming "United States Census 2000."

The van is one of 12 Census Road Tour Vehicles (RTVs) currently touring the United States. They are part of an effort by the U.S. Department of Commerce to inform the public of the importance of filling out the Census 2000 survey. The census uses its figures for federal studies and funds.

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News

Student attempts suicide in dorm

By Alexis Garbeff

"It seems so helpless and dark. Through intervention it can go away."

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director of Health Services

A freshman woman in Cal Poly's Fremont Hall was found dead in her room, attempting to commit suicide after her roommate found her and called police during finals week.

Cal Poly Police Chief Tony Aeilts said that on March 11 the student's roommate found the woman holding a knife to her wrist, talking about suicide. The roommate took the knife away and called University Police.

By law, California's 5150 Welfare Institution Code mandates police to send people attempting to commit suicide to an institution for 72 hours.

The student was sent to a San Luis Obispo County health institution where psychologists evaluated her.

Martin Bragg, director of Health Services at Cal Poly, said very seldom do police resort to implementing 5150.

"In a situation where someone is in imminent danger, we will always do an in-person assessment of the county crisis team to see if they need to be in a hospital setting. Depression almost always lets up. If you can be seen that lets up, the code helps to buy time to protect the person," Bragg said.

Aeilts' goal is to inform students that there are on-campus services that can help to pull students out of depression before they resort to suicide.

"The point of this is that there are services available on campus. Students are depressed and overwhelmed, especially during finals week, and people can help," Aeilts said.

Bragg recommends students to contact Cal Poly's counseling center, which is free of charge.

"Students can see one of our counselors anonymously and they will do an assessment of the student's life and family situation," Bragg said. "They see the next course of events, whether it is to refer them to counselors in the community or prescribe anti-depressants available at the Health Center."

Bragg stressed that depression is treatable.

"It is important to get people in and started (on treatment). It seems so helpless and dark. Through intervention it can go away," Bragg said.

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Joy Kent, census worker and Cal Poly alumna, said the majority of students she asked had already filled out their forms.

"Most students are interested in the census," Kent said. "They ask questions and make comments and are very willing to be counted."

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The Census Bureau 2000 Road Tour is one such strategy.

For three months, 12-28 foot motorhomes will travel to more than 400 cities throughout the country. The tour, which began Feb. 13, is expected to reach most people living in the United States. The RTVs will stop at carnivals, sporting events, community centers, events and schools.

On board, two videos in six languages (English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Tagalog) can be viewed that trace the history of the U.S. census, which began in 1790. RTVs will distribute informational pamphlets also available in six languages. The print and broadcast media providing advance publicity will run in 17 languages.

The Census Bureau has a "special places" classification for housing arrangements such as college dormitories, missions, retirement homes and jails. Census workers go to these places in person to ensure all residents are counted. They will be coming to Cal Poly dormitories in the near future.

"The Census Bureau is using every resource and method at its disposal to count every person living in the United States," said census worker Carl Rich. "The Bureau will keep working until the job is done, until they think the count is correct."

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Hunger hits home for students

By Kathyrn Techumper  MUSTANG DAILY STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

Hunger panels will hit the stomachs of some Cal Poly students during the second annual "Hunger and Homelessness Week" starting April 3.

"By getting involved in Hunger Awareness Week we hope to have so many people involved that it is hard not to notice us," said Joel Henderson, vice president of Student Community Services. "We want to make the student voice about hunger and homelessness issues heard. A lot of people have hunger and homelessness awareness weeks, and by being a united voice, we can put an end to some of their homelessness."

Students can get a free dinner at the Hunger Banquet on Monday. The banquet, developed by Chalmette, Louisiana, is meant to raise awareness about world hunger and an equal distribution of resources around the world. "A person goes into the hunger banquet and they get a ticket at random," said Yousse, co-director of Beyond Shelter. "The ticket determines where they sit, low, middle or upper class. We have all the food already prepared in those proportions."

Yousse said some students will sit on the ground, while others sit at a nice table. "It was a good experience. We get the goods and we have to make the students voice about hunger," said Yousse. "We had some of the same events like the hunger banquet, the homeless panel and the fast. But this year we doubled the events and we are having a lot more fundraisers." Henderson, who has been involved with the organization for three years, is working on the Student Walk to End Homelessness. The walk is designed to raise awareness for the EOC Shelter and the Prado Day Center.

"I'm hoping it will make people decide to help the homeless more either by voting more bills in or by helping people out on an individual basis," Henderson said.

Connie Abner, EOC Shelter program manager, said she hopes that people will recognize some of the shelter's needs.

"We need sleeping bags year round because clients might not get a bed because we are too full," Abner said. "We give them sleeping bags at night and since they are homeless and don't have anywhere to store them, they tend to lose them frequently."

The EOC shelter houses 49 clients, with an additional 24 at an overflow site. Clients receive dinner and breakfast along with a shower and bed for the night. "They come on site at 5 p.m. and they wait around back," Abner said. "At 6 p.m. we open the doors and they get on the bed list. They can come in and Jack if they don't close to stay here, so that puts our numbers up even higher in the evenings."

Almost said the shelter's greatest need is money. "Our greatest setback is that things we can't get donated to us, we have to do out of pocket," she said. "Something that I don't have money for so that the clients really appreciate is coffee."

San Luis Obispo County has 3,500 people who need food every day. Students can help ease this hunger problem with fund raising or by donating money to the shelter.

"They can also volunteer their time to help out the shelter to spend the night and help staff the center," Yousse said. "Students can work with different programs like the soup kitchen and the EOC shelters that serve food."

For more information about Hunger and Homelessness Week, students can contact the Community Service and Learning Center.

The census van rolled into Cal Poly and Cuesta College Tuesday.

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importance of an accurate count. One publication, "50 Ways to use Census 2000," lists some of the uses of the census. For instance, after the year 2022, citizens can use the Census to research their genealogy, quality of life issues, establish citizenship or obtain an inheritance. Other uses include planning for public transportation services and urban and rural development. It is also used to distribute more than $185 billion in federal funds. The Bureau continues to reassure people that privacy is protected by law. No information can be shared with welfare agencies, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Internal Revenue Service, courts, police or the military.

All Census 2000 surveys were sent to homes in early March. There is a fine of $100 if the survey is not completed.

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Yet the old adage is still true: ignorance is bliss. The more one knows, the more one realizes that life doesn't have any at all. Now I don't claim originality in regard to this idea, but what I'm trying to say is: it's more true for me. Sure, if someone who you think of as intelligent tells you that they are really ignorant, don't take it too seriously. Knowledge colors our vision of the world, constantly teaching us to change our perspectives and look at things in new light. Some of us may become really jaded by what we see, driven to the point of insanity, like the great philosopher Nietzsche. We hope we won't. We hope we'll see the mutability of our world and seek to change it accordingly.

Knowledge compels us to act on what we know. Once we have it, we can no longer sit back in a state of blissful ignorance and let things go on as they always have. No, knowledge gives us a responsibility to wright change. And change begins with the self. To become truly wise, you must become virtuous — the four cardinal virtues being wisdom, justice, moderation and courage. Possessing these virtues, we begin to have the integrity necessary to change the world, and the world needs a lot of changing. So don't just sit there! Use your knowledge for good!

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Quarter-long stress requires more spring-break recuperation time

Spring break: Translation time to relax, forget about school and catch up on your sleeping or drinking — depending upon your preference. Spring break freedom beckons to students across the country, but to the dismay of many students, this time is consolidated into one long week. How could the administration of such fine institutions as Cal Poly and similar universities throughout the country expect us to recover in just one week from the stresses and challenges of the previous 11 months? Students have done it before, but it seems to me that an extra week would help me to heal from my academic wounds.

According to SpringBreak.com, the spring break phenomenon in America is nothing new. In the 19th century, well-to-do college students would escape to the coast or to mineral hot springs as a "restorative cure" for the rigors of academic life. According to HistoryChannel.com, early "vacationers" denied that their trips were for recreation or pleasure, saying instead that health was the primary reason. Sojourners would spend the entire season at natural spring health resorts that were famed to have health-giving qualities. Areas that could boast an appealing climate, such as the mountains, were favorable destinations as well.

From this early desire to heal from the rigors of school life, students have forever transformed the meaning of spring break. With the passage of time, students have tried to cram more drinking, sports and trips to theme parks and other destinations into this one week. The 20th century also saw the beginning of the "road trip." Movies really launched the idea of spring break as we know it, with Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello at the forefront of the movement. Fun, sun and true love turned into the need for alcohol and other intoxicants. By the 1980s, Generation X moved away from drinking and packed in sports, trips, scuba diving and in some cases, job fairs. The 1990s saw the desire to head to alternative places, such as Panama City Beach, Honduras, South Padre Island, Texas, Palm Springs, California, and Cancun, Mexico.

Perhaps the appeal of these trips is the idea that they are once in a lifetime, the last chance to be wild before you're out of school, married and spending your vacations at Disneyland or the Grand Canyon with your kids.

For me, two weeks of sleep and relaxation is all I need. Spring break means a chance to meet up with my friends from home and catch up on where everyone is going and, if I'm lucky, do a little scuba diving out at the Channel Islands.

Spring break is about finding what makes you a healthier person so you can return to school refreshed and ready to take on the next big challenge. The original spring-break phenomenon of the mid-19th century lasted weeks, giving students a real chance to leave behind their academic anxiety and re-focus on their goals. The struggling students of today deserve the same courtesy of an extended break that past students once enjoyed.

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Our Census 2000

Editor,

Why isn't foreign policy an issue in this year's presidential election?

Al Gore isn't talking about how deadly a mistake it is to send military aid to Indonesia while mangled bodies of children shot by American-made guns are still being discovered in East Timor. George W. Bush isn't talking about ending the self-defeating Cuba and Iraq trade sanctions that are killing innocent civilians by the thousands. Why are they silent about military aid flowing to a Mexican government that systematically kills Zapataista leaders and associates? They aren't speaking against the proposed $1.3 billion military aid package to the murderous government of Columbia to fight the war on drugs while the source of the problem — poverty and reliance on coca crops — is largely ignored. They are not speaking of ending the shipment of weapons to Turkey while that government kills and imprisons its minority population (the Kurds) on a larger scale than seen in Kosovo.

And finally, why are the candidates not talking about shutting down the School of the Americas (SOA), a U.S. military training center in Georgia where, for the last half-century, graduates have left a dark cloud over Latin America that continues to rain blood? They are silent about U.S.-sided atrocities under the Clinton administration because they have absolutely no intention of changing policies and disavowing their leaders — multinational corporations and domestic arms producers. The companies financing these candidates — Shell Oil, Chiquita Banana and Lockheed Martin to name a few — demand foreign policies that promote a profitable business climate under the banner of neo-liberalism. This includes the forced opening of new markets by any means necessary through "free trade" policies, maintaining stability and the status quo in poverty-stricken nations, and keeping hold of important foreign natural and labor resources to exploit. The candidates are not forced to speak about many of these foreign policies.

Conveniently, the mass media minimizes public outcry by maintaining an entertainment-based, superficial focus. From now until the November presidential election, the airwaves and major newspapers will be saturated with the usual overdose of gossip and meaningless sound bites. Important foreign policy issues and news will be completely ignored. You won't hear about the United Nations General Assembly vote from November that once again condemned the United States for its continued blockade on Cuba by watching NBC News. Likewise, the WTO protests in Seattle, with so many students involved, somehow didn't deserve an ounce of coverage in the Mustang Daily. Much of the information that really matters can only be found through foreign and alternative media sources. "Foreign policy is largely dictated by the profit motives of corporations backing presidents, not by the actual individual. And while the media remains uncritical of this, the average voter is reduced to a hollow shell. The election process alone will never alter current foreign policies of murder and oppression. Our only hope for change is external political pressure coming from normal folks like you and me, willing to unite in one strong voice of resistance."

Jesse McGowan is a political science junior.

Opinion

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SLO Symphony and Gilbert Reed Ballet collaborate to make history at PAC

By Christine Powell
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The San Luis Obispo Symphony will play from the orchestra pit of the Performing Arts Center April 8 and 9. The symphony will accompany the Gilbert Reed Ballet in performances of two world premieres and three revivals, making Central Coast history.

Simultaneously serving as an orchestra while staging dancers in full, theatrical ballet was not possible before the completion of the PAC.

The spring 2000 program of exquisite music and dance is a collaborative effort between artistic director Gilbert Reed, conductor Michael Nowak and soprano Maria Jette.

Opening the program will be a revival of Reed's poetic "A Lark Ascending," accompanied live for the first time featuring violinist Kathleen Lenski. Lenski's passionate interpretation of the famous score will soar to euphoric heights with lead pas de deux. Theresa Slohodnik, a professor at Cal Poly, has a total of three principal roles in the event. She describes "A Lark Ascending" as "poetic and pure."

A revival of Reed's "Percussive" will open mid-program to the music of John Cage. A modern work, "Percussive" challenges the classic vocabulary, stretching its possibilities. Also in revival is the critically acclaimed, psychological ballet "Asylum," in which principal dancer Slohodnik will reprise her role as a haunted, institutionalized woman. "The role is challenging in that the portrayal must accurately present a disturbed woman without being too melodramatic," Slohodnik said.

The world premiere ballet of Samuel Barber's "Knoxville Summer of 1915" will close the program. Barber's sumptuous music, with the prose of James Agee, will again feature Jette with the San Luis Obispo Symphony. With sets by Gilbert Reed Ballet set designer Robert Halón and delicate period costumes by Kimberly Eaton, "Knoxville Summer of 1915" promises to be "a dream-like feast for the eyes and ears," Slohodnik said.

The Gilbert Reed Foundation is a nonprofit organization devoted to the performance of professional ballet and the education of children through Student Ticket Block Sponsorship, an organization where sponsors obtain blocks, or sections of seats, so students can attend events and learn more about the arts. The organization targets junior high school and high school students as well as at-risk teens.

Curtain times are 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 9. Tickets are on sale now at the Performing Arts Center box office. Call 756-2787 for more information.

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New eateries offer variety, 24-hour computer access

By Katherine Hays and Shannon Akins

Virtual World Cafe

Night owls now have a new hang-out. Virtual World Cafe, the new computer-access coffee cafe in town, is open 24 hours, seven days a week. Located between Rite Aid and Albertson's on Foothill, there is an unlimited flow of local coffee, espresso and desserts, accompanied by quick computers and technicians to answer computer questions.

Virtual World Cafe is partly owned by business administration senior Leticia Martinez. The cafe is Leticia Martinez's senior project, and along with her business partners knowledge in computers, made the concept a reality.

Virtual World Cafe currently runs eight PC computers and plans to add a couple Macintosh computers as well as numerous laptop docking stations. Virtual World also features a TI connection to the Internet, which is far faster than today's standard modem. It also offers access to scanners, digital cameras and fax machines.

Forestry sophomore Sun Littlefield said Virtual World's technology will help out in the future. "They have a fast connection, good hardware and an extensive software collection," he said. "This is definitely going to help since Cal Poly doesn't have any 24-hour computer labs during finals."

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**Veteran indie rockers return with a masterpiece**

U/WIRE — The latest release from Yo La Tengo, "And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside Out," is a spacious, introspective follow-up to 1995's masterpiece "I Can Hear the Heart Beating as One."

Yo La Tengo are the pioneers of a vast musical world, and their songs possess exotic atmospheres and emotional textures. More than anything else, Yo La Tengo is a band that crafts songs about having time to think. Every ounce of feedback and every straining chord combines to a mood feeling of emotion that can be as precise as a thermostat.

Yo La Tengo has a habit of releasing great albums in a matter how stripped-down or experimental their direction has been. "And Then Nothing..." is no exception. It's a complete masterpiece. When you have this kind of commitment and loyalty, your art is bound to yield a harvest. With this new album, they've found a wavelength into which all of these number have tuned their transistors. There is no main-repeating the historic message the band wants to communicate. They are in it for us.

Their bottomless well of musical knowledge stems from an era in which Kaplan spent his days as a music critic. Kaplan writes most of the songs for the band, plays lead guitar and occupies most of the vocal time. His wife, Georgia Hubley, plays drums for the band and also writes songs. Her celestial, euphoric voice is one of the main reasons Yo La Tengo is capable of producing such heart-wrenching works.

"And Then Nothing..." opens up with a song called "Everyday." The organ immediately sets a repentent, lovesick mood. Hubley's voice soars with lonely words as Kaplan matches her sentiments with teaching, narcotic guitar chords that beg for attention. The second song, "Out Way to Full," is a sonnet that serves as Kaplan's answer to his wife's cries for help in the previous song. "Let's Save Tony Orlando's House" is reminiscent of French keyboard perfectionists Stereolab, but also conjures up the first whiffs of the last album's softer electronic sound.

By this point, it's obvious that the album is building toward something, and the ninth song, "Cherry Chapstick," is the emotional outburst that Yo La Tengo has been edging toward.

The song opens up with Kaplan's wailing guitar, and for the first time this album, he lets loose, and the jam culminates into a neurotic blend somewhere between the Velvet Underground and Jimi Hendrix.

You don't know what to expect from "Night Falls on Hoboken," except that the name implies that the end is near, and that the listener isn't quite ready for it to end. This song begins as a lullaby with a sweet soprano voice that sounds like Hubley, but is really Kaplan's voice backed by Hubley. After about five minutes, the lullaby falls away into the abyss, and for the next 10 minutes you are in the psychedelic universe of Yo La Tengo's instruments. Then it ends, an ingenious ending and "Nothing" turned itself out to be a fine work of art.

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University anthropologists examine 3,000-year-old skeleton found at construction site

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — This week Michigan State University anthropologists will begin examining a 3,000-year-old human skeletal remains found at a Bay City construction site.

Bay City officials granted the university permission Tuesday to examine the remains, found Friday by MSU archaeologists in 4-and-a-half feet of sand during a routine search for historical objects at a planned construction site.

The archaeologists were examining an area near the Marquette Street Viaduct, slated for construction later this year. City officials had hoped to replace the 72-year-old viaduct, closed since 1997, with a street-level railroad crossing by October.

The city is scheduled to accept bids on construction work for the railroad crossing project April 5. "At this point it is premature (to say) what to do with the bones," said John Kolesar, Bay City director of engineering and public infrastructure. "It depends what they are. If they are Indian we will turn them over to the tribe. If not, they will become artifacts for a museum.”

Kolesar said the discovery of the remains shouldn’t delay the city’s construction project unless archaeologists unearth other significant artifacts.

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The following quotes were included in the civil action suit filed against Sigma Chi and its members, and the district attorney's criminal case against four members.

- "I found the victim) to be rude to the ladies, lacking unity with the pledge class... unwilling to cooperate with others... and almost completely void of the virtues every Sigma Chi possesses." - pledge active Will Fuller describing why the alleged victim was dismissed from the fraternity in the district attorney's report.

- "I wasn't comfortable around him, I liked him, he was okay but I think he's gay and maybe there was a little homophobia going on." - pledge class president than Henry describing the alleged victim in the district attorney's report.

- "You and your family aren't going to buy your son's life. He is gone, and we'll see him come to trial and kill you." - one of several threats Sigma Chi members allegedly made to the alleged victim's father. Police taped the conversations.

- "I told them that priorities in life should consist of family, religion and school. When these obligations were met, there is time to invest in Sigma Chi. Nothing is more important than putting your education first. No one needs to know!" - pledge class president Tim's father. Police taped the conversations.

- "Everything that you do and see during the course of pledgeship is strictly confidential. No one needs to know!" - from the Sigma Chi 1999 Fall Pledge Manual.

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that pledges were forced to drink the alcohol provided.

Another incident cited in the report filed by the district attorney also involves alcohol distribution by fraternity members at a Sigma Chi pledge party on Nov. 4, according to statements by the alleged victim. He stated that at this pledge party he consumed six shots of Southern Comfort and a beer before he blacked out and had to be taken to the hospital to have his stomach pumped. His statement in the civil action case also said he could not remember being taken to a hospital facility, but was informed about it later by a member of Sigma Chi.

Following his dismissal from the fraternity's pledge class on Nov. 5, a dispute over a fake ID ensued between Sigma Chi members and the alleged victim. This conflict was followed by harassment from Sigma Chi members, according to the alleged victim, which included death threats made by telephone from Feb. 24 through Feb. 27 to both him and his parents.

These allegations and others have had University Police investigating the case for about a month, said Juan Gonzalez, vice president of Student Affairs and key spokesperson on the case. Based on the University Police reports filed late February, the District Attorney's office recently got involved in the case seeking criminal prosecutions against the four named individuals. Paul Davis, former Sigma Chi president and Interfraternity Council president during the alleged hazing, declined to speak about the allegations at this time. District Attorney Luong also declined to speak about the case until it is resolved.

University Police Investigator Ray Bennett will be referring all questions about the case to Gonzalez.

Any sanctions against the Sigma Chi organization based on these charges is unknown while Judicial Affairs conducts an in-depth investigation. Another hearing Friday will discuss the allegations made against the fraternity.

"The university has serious concerns about their behavior," Gonzalez said.

Individuals in the case have had several hearings with Judicial Affairs, but any disciplinary action taken against them by the university will remain private, Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez also asked that the pledge who filed charges against the fraternity have his name withheld from this article for safety reasons.

"We're very concerned and we're taking extra precautions for his safety," Gonzalez said.

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and tossed the tinkeul over the dugout.

Winner Jon Lieber gave up one run in seven innings.

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Baseball getting up to speed with ‘dotcom’ era

NEW YORK (AP) — Bobby Valentine sat down at his desk and watched his future on a tiny computer monitor in his office at Shea Stadium.

An up-and-down season that almost cost Valentine his job at New York Mets manager had led down to a high-tech form of scoreboard watching. How fitting that one of baseball’s most computer-savvy managers turned his team on back into the wild-card race through pitch-by-pitch updates on the Internet.

"That was kind of radical," Valentine said, recalling the Oct. 3 day when Cincinnati lost to Milwaukee, allowing the Mets to move into a tie for the wild-card lead with one game to play. "In a few years we will look back at that and say, 'Can you believe we used to watch pitch by pitch?'

Computers and the Internet have many more practical uses than their nonexistent updates of games. Managers see hit charts to position defenders, coaches use computer models to detect flaws in swings, scouts deliver detailed reports on a player who has been called up from the minors, players communicate with the public on their own Websites, players can follow their favorite team from anywhere on the globe.

Computers have changed baseball like they have the rest of society. There is a new era in the game. Call it Tribunal.com.

"The NEA's been using computer scores and I think major league baseballs just starting to catch up with the computers now," Red Sox pitching coach Joe Kerrigan said. "The things you can do with them are amazing. We're just scratching the surface."

Kerrigan, who heavily relies on technology, seals off odd statistics about his pitchers with ease: Pedro Martinez was 15-2 when he had an extra day between starts, went 8-6 in 36 starts last year, and nine home runs again were his solo shots.

Kerrigan keeps a database on all his entire staff, tracking the number of first-pitch strikes, pitches per inning, and other information he finds useful.

His boss, manager Jim Williams, looks at the numbers but would rather rely on more old-fashioned methods, like his own eyes.

"I don't put that much emphasis on them because those stats are, in fact, after the fact," Williams said. "They're pretty good at hot-stove dinners, baseball writers' dinners after everything's completed, but how about for the moment, for this moment, for this at bat, for this pitcher?"

Valentine and his staff use them for more than dinersome conversation. Valentine and hitting coach Tom Robson use a tool called biokinetics to turn video of swings into a computer model that allows players to see their precise movements in good and bad swings.

Valentine spends a few hours a day on the computer, reading out-of-town newspaper coverage of upcoming opponents, checking out reports from scouts, and studying hit charts to determine where to position his defenders.

"It is comforting," Valentine said. "It's better to be as prepared as possible for that one guy who asks the question so you can come up with the answer. It doesn't necessarily help winning that particular game but it sure helps with your credibility.

"Getting computer accepted wasn't always so easy in a sport not so eager to change. Even today, Valentine complains that he can't book his laptop up to the Internet in most parks on the road in most because of rules prohibiting outside phone lines in visiting clubhouses.

"The method was greeted with some skepticism, yet the efficiency of the new system helped win converts. "To find out what was going on in the minors you had to call or have for mail reports to come in," he said. "The statistics were always a week or two behind what was happening. The information wasn't at your fingertips. It has made all the difference in the world."

Smith acknowledges that there are still managers who are wary of using computers to tell them what count an opposing manager is most likely to look at or pitch out.

But he says those holdouts are at a disadvantage for not using a tool that can turn thousands of pages of scouting reports into a few pages of useful information.

"There are still people who are gun shy," he said. "There is a lot of skepticism that they can tell you who can do what. But it helps you make judgments by making info available complete and accurate."

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Small markets next to get new ballparks

(AP) — Up next in baseball's ballpark building boom: the small markets. Fancy, fan-friendly ballparks built in the last 15 years have revitalized franchises (Cleveland, Baltimore and Texas), sustained others (Atlanta) and established new fan bases (Denver, Phoenix).

This season, San Francisco, Houston and Detroit enter the new home-field derby with fashionable new stadiums.

Beginning next year, the small markets start cashing in on a construction craze that, until now, has only widened the gap between the prosperous franchises and those that live from paycheck to paycheck, like Montreal and Minnesota.

Seattle was the first of the smaller markets to abandon a 1970s-era multipurpose stadium monstrosity for a lavish new, baseball-only home. Safeco Field, opened in July at a cost of $517 million, didn't prevent Ken Griffey Jr. from leaving town, at least for one more year, but fans' minds off Alex Rodriguez's possible departure, too.

The next to go this year: Pittsburgh and Milwaukee, two playoff-challenged teams that previously defined the term small market.

Not far behind, Cincinnati, which is breaking ground for the new park that will replace characterless Cinergy Field, and San Diego, which expects to break ground in May.

In baseball these days, it seems franchises can build a new ballpark faster than they can build a winner. The Brewers were gearing up for a girls opening of Miller Park this season, only to push it back a year as the Buck had a crane accident last summer killed three workers and caused $120 mill in damage. Nevertheless, the new parks are expected to attract their long-term financial stability of the small-market teams and improve their short-term ability to compete for talent.

The increased revenue produced by the Pirates' compact new riverfront park — with 18,000 seats, PNC Park will be the NL's smallest — will permit owner Kevin McClain to bump his 2001 payroll to $45 million. That's less than half that of the Yankees, but it represents a feathery increase from 1997, when Albert Belle earned more than the entire Pirates roster.

Their ballparks, with their close-to-field seats, numerous concession stands and shimmering green grass, will be the antithesis of multipurpose stadiums like Three Rivers, Cinergy and Veterans.

In Three Rivers Stadium, our fans came to see baseball games," said Steve Greenberg, the Pirates vice president for club development. "In PNC Park, they'll see baseball the way it should be played. It will make baseball an event, not a commodity."

The Pirates probably would have left Pittburgh after 113 years if PNC Park hadn't been built. It also appears that only a long-in-the-works new park will keep the fan-striped Expos from leaving Montreal. Finances remain up in the air. It's not just the fans who are excited by baseball's present and future.

Peters second baseman Pete Boone can't wait for San Diego's ballpark.

"I've seen the model and it's going to be awesome," he said. "It's going to be down by the water, in that kind of climate. This is the best in baseball."
Softball can put an end to streak

Poly has dropped 11 straight games

By Christian von Treskow

Today’s doubleheader against non-conference opponent San Jose State provides the Cal Poly softball team with a much-needed opportunity, a chance at a win that would put a stop to an 11-game losing skid.

The Mustangs currently sit dead last in the Big West Conference with a record of 0-6. All six losses have been at the hands of nationally ranked conference opponents, most recently to No. 11 Cal State Fullerton. The Titans are in first place in the Big West.

Despite the tough losses, Mustang head coach Lisa Boyer remains positive and expressed confidence in her team’s ability to bounce back.

“I feel very confident in our team’s ability to win. Hopefully, the players feel the same way,” Boyer said. “I’m going into (today’s) games looking for good things to happen, and I think they will.”

San Jose State enters the game with a dismal 9-19 record. The Spartans have struggled this season with a .272 batting percentage compared to their opponents’ .334 percentage. They are led by seniors Kara Kannez, batting .355 with five home runs and 14 RBIs. Pitching has also been a sore point for San Jose State. The Spartans’ top pitcher is freshman Brooks Reed, who has appeared in 14 games, with a record of 5-6.

see SOFTBALL, page 15 The Cal Poly softball team has lost 11 staright games, including all six league games.

Baseball wins, softball losses abound during break

By Matt Sterling

Sports Editor

While most Cal Poly softball students chose to spend spring break as far from campus as they could, Mustang athletes remained in training and competing in games.

The baseball team continued its winning ways at the beginning of the break, defeating Pepperdine University in Malibu, the Mustangs’ fourth win in a row after their sweep of New Mexico State the previous weekend.

Steve Wood could do no wrong in that game, batting 3-for-5 and driving in 11 runs during the three games. In the third game of the series, Wood accomplished the rare feat of hitting for the cycle — getting a single, double, triple and home run in the same game. Wood also hit his 114th career home run, which set a new Cal Poly record. For his torrid hitting, Wood was voted Big West Conference Player of the Week. Wood became the second Mustang to receive the honor, joining shortstop Brian Olsedy who won it earlier this season.

The Mustangs added a win over Sacramento State to bring their winning streak to five before dropping the last two games of the series. The record now stands at 10-15 overall and 4-5 in the Big West Conference.

The Mustangs play host to Cal State Christian College today at 2:30 in SLO Stadium.

Coach Lisa Boyer and the softball team didn’t fare as well over the break, continuing to add to their losing streak, which now stands at 11 games.

However, all 11 of those losses came against opponents ranked in the top 20 in the nation, including a pair of games against No. 4 UC Berkeley. During the difficulty stretch, the team has been outscored in 11 runs during the three games.

Not everyone on the team was dumping, though. Outfielder Nicole Brady added seven hits last week to bring her season total to 26. The Mustangs can put an end to their losing ways when they play a doubleheader today vs. San Jose State.

Men’s and women’s tennis also saw their seasons continue, with the men’s team most recently picking up a win against Dartmouth College, improving their record to 9-5.

The women’s team competed at the UCI Spring Invitational, picking up a fourth place finish. Danielle Brandtlin and Danielle Hustead led the team with victories in Irvine.

Track and field also put up strong results, with both the men’s and women’s teams placing second in the Spring Break Invitational in Irvine. Each team finished within 12 points of first place.

see CUBS, page 13 Cubs open baseball season with win in Japan

TOKYO (AP) - A world away from Wrigley Field, the Chicago Cubs were winners.

No beer-guzzling bleacher bums at the Tokyo Dome for the 2000 major league opener Wednesday night. Instead, fans stuffed on sushi with chopsticks and washed it down with sake.

A same-sex couple held hands in the box seat. Crown Prince Naruhito and Princess Masako sat in the Royal Box, and later rested with Sammy Sosa and Mark Grace.

Baseball truly turned international and the Cubs, coming off a last-place finish and without a World Series title since 1908, beat the New York Mets 5-3 in the first major league game played outside North America.

"At home, opening day is completely different than it was today," new Cubs manager Don Baylor said. "But today was very special."

Mike Hampton had a disappointing start for the Mets, walking a career-high nine in just five innings and taking the loss. He struggled to get his throwing on the mound, and many batters also had trouble with the dirt in the batter’s box.

"They’re having a tough time getting out of it," commissioner Bud Selig told Fox Sports Net, which broadcast the game back to the United States. "They need to work on the dirt a little bit."

Hampton did blame the foreign soil.

"The consistency of the mound wasn’t something I was used to, but I wasn’t the problem," he said. "I wish I could’ve performed a little better."

A mostly quiet, sellout crowd announced at 35,000 watched the opener Wednesday night.

Mike Piazza, who visited the U.S. Embassy with Sosa before the game, hit a two-run homer for the Mets and, in keeping with Japanese "besho" customs, he was presented with a stuffed doll when he reached home plate. Piazza followed tradition, too.

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Sports Trivia

Today’s Question:
Which former New Orleans coach was the first to hire and induct into the NFL Hall of Fame?

Briefs

NBC jumps on WWF bandwagon

NEW YORK (AP) — Two years after losing the National Football League, NBC is getting back into football — with a highly unusual partner.

The TV network said Wednesday it is joining with the World Wrestling Federation, the marketing machine that turned boxers into hot TV fans, to launch a no-holds-barred "extreme" football league.

The WWF announced plans for the eight-team XFL league last month, but investors shunned the idea, sending the company’s stock plummeting.

NBC’s announcement that it plans to televise the XFL’s games and make a major investment in the league gave the WWF’s shares a boost Wednesday.

The companies insist that the league will be a real sport, not entertainment programming like WWF wrestling, in which chair-smashing, outrageous antics and bizarre story lines are the preferred tools for luring viewers.

Schedule

TODAY

• Softball vs. San Jose State
  • at the softball field
  • 1 and 3 p.m.
• Baseball vs. California Christian College
  • in SLO Stadium
  • 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

• Baseball vs. Pacific
  • in SLO Stadium
  • 7 p.m.
• Tennis vs. Air Force Academy
  • at Carmel
  • 1 p.m.

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