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Baker may resuscitate Poly Royal name
By Victoria Walsh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Open House 2001 could be changing its name this week to something familiar to Cal Poly alumni.
The Open House committee has submitted a proposal to Cal Poly President Warren Baker that could permanently give Open House the title of "Poly Royal." The switch comes in time for the centennial celebration of the traditional Poly Royal.

Agricultural business senior Jeremy Ellis said the goal is to bring back the tradition Cal Poly once had. "There was nothing like it in the nation, and what better year than its centennial celebration?" Ellis said.

Although it will be called Poly Royal, none of its original format will be revived. In the past, administrators canceled classes the Thursday and Friday before Poly Royal weekend. Festivities continued throughout the weekend until classes resumed the following Monday.

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Sorority tourney supports healthy hearts

By Karin Driesen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Twelve Cal Poly fraternities helped the Alpha Phi sorority raise money and increase awareness for women's cardiac care in the first annual Slam N' Jam tournament this week.

The weekly fundraiser revolved around a barbecue on Monday, a basketball tournament between fraternity teams Tuesday through Thursday, and a lip sync contest on Thursday and Friday before Poly Royal weekend. Festivities continued throughout the weekend until classes resumed the following Monday.

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Student speaks on underdrinking at Sigma Chi party
By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard and Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITERS

Another student has brought forth allegations against Sigma Chi fraternity — this time regarding underdrinking at a winter quarter party.

In a statement made to University Police, city and regional planning freshman Francisco Sanchez, 18, claimed Sigma Chi members forced him to drink during a January 8 party at Sigma Chi. He claimed the brothers forced him to remain silent after drinking too much at their fraternity party on Feb. 11.

Sigma Chi is currently under investigation by Judicial Affairs and is being prosecuted by the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney because of allegations of underdrinking and selling alcohol.

Fraternity members Chad MCMullen, Jeffrey Parr, Thomas Griffith and Sigma Chi President Gabriel Calvo are being charged with nine counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor and one count of selling alcohol to a minor. These allegations were brought by a member of the Sigma Chi Fall 1999 pledge class who was dismissed by the fraternity.

Sanchez's incident could possibly be used to support the case.

"(Sanchez) is going to be a witness for us," said Christopher Dauwer, attorney for the alleged victim pressing charges against Sigma Chi.

Sanchez said he hasn't decided if he will testify in this case.

Cal Poly University Police Chief Tony Ardis said the case has been forwarded to the district attorney's office and could not comment about its status. The district attorney was unavailable for comment.

According to Sanchez's statement, he drank too much at the party and became sick after returning to Sequoia Hall later that night. Coordinator of Student Development Takashi Abiko called University Police.

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Cal Poly halts free printing
By Monica McHugh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Free on-campus printing is a thing of the past.

As of March 17, all black-and-white pages printed from open-access computer labs will cost 10 cents, and all color printouts will be 25 cents.

"It seems like 'the man' is always trying to bring us down," education junior Chris Brown said.

The measure, developed and instituted by the Information Technology Department, was enacted in an effort to reduce cost and waste of printing.

In the past, the library and College of Business combined have been spending $100,000 a year on paper and ink.

The money for this service has been coming from departments' budgets," said Dan Malone, interim manager for the Photocord Program. "They were spending so much money that they didn't have enough to buy new printers.

Under the new policy, new printers were installed in all computer labs over spring break and will be replaced every three years. Previously, when departments had to cover their own costs of printing, buying new printers was unheard of. In fact, printers in the business building haven't been replaced in eight years.

As it stands today, all students wishing to print must have money in a Campus Express account that can be obtained at the Lighthouse. Money can also be deposited into Campus Express drop boxes but won't be available for use until the following day.

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Printing fees will be deducted from student accounts using a current Cal Poly ID card. Students must remember that in order to print, they must have both their ID card and money in a Campus Express account. No cash will be accepted.

"Cost would go up if we had to have cash drawers," Malone said. "Collecting cash is very personnel-intensive."

The ITS department plans to install several "reverse ATM" machines around campus where students can deposit money and receive credit on their ID card. This will lessen the inconvenience of having to trek to the Lighthouse every time an account runs out of money.

Associated Students Inc. Vice President Aaron DeParran said the new printing policy will be most difficult and inconvenient for older students who are being forced to make the transition to printing for something that used to be free.

"Freshmen coming in next year won't care and will think that's just the way things are," DeParran said.

Will Young, an electrical engineering senior, is one of the many students unhappy about being forced to adjust.

"Now they're making us pay for paper we use to print. Next they'll want us to pay for the air we breathe! Needless to say, I'm outraged," Young said.

Through negotiations, ASI was able to get 10 free copies per quarter for students.

"Any more would defeat the purpose and prevent the service from being revenue-neutral," said ITS chief information officer Jerry Hanley.

As it is, a little over a cent of the cost of printing is being subsidized to keep the price at 10 cents per copy.

"The new policy is purely cost-recovery," Malone said. "Every penny is accounted for and goes into the printing service."

DeParran said, "ASI vice president, I feel there could have been other funding sources to make up for wasteful printing. But in terms of what ITS presented us with, we go as much as we could for students."

While students may be unhappy about the changes, ITS sees otherwise.

"We're trying to provide a better service," Malone said.

In the future, ID cards linked to Express accounts will be used for all cash transactions on campus.

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who aided Sanchez and later filed a report.

Sanchez was then involved in a sanction hearing against him, brought about by Cal Poly Housing and Residential Life. Sanchez claimed in his statement that the residents of the dorm and fraternity members knew he had been involved with this hearing.

The Monday following the party, Sanchez said he was approached by three Sigma Chi members asking him not to speak about the incident.

According to Sanchez's statement, Sigma Chi members Chris Eichhorn, Brian Henry and Jeffrey Parr told him not to blame Sigma Chi for his intoxication.

Sanchez felt threatened by such comments.

"Eichhorn told me that it was my fault that Sigma Chi would lose their charter because I got the cops involved," Sanchez said.

Henry, former pledge class president and currently an active member, said Sanchez had misinterpreted his comments. "I did not mean to threaten him at all," he said. "I have no reason to threaten him. I was my friend. Right after I talked to the police, I went and apologized to him."

Sanchez said, "He's just kind of scary, I guess, because it's a huge frat."

Landscape architecture freshman Casey Morris. Sanchez's former roommate, is a current pledge of Sigma Chi and invited Sanchez to the party. He has been relating Sanchez about how Sigma Chi is handling the incident.

Sigma Chi fraternity members told Morris on Wednesday that Sanchez should say he was drinking on campus, not at their party, Sanchez said.

In the police report, Sigma Chi members said they had hired security for the event. Parr told the police the guards were hired to check IDs and numbers from the guest list as they entered.

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"More raunchy fun than a barrel of sex toys."

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Students lend hands to Honduran community

By Victoria Walsh

Daily Staff Writer

While some students spent their spring break partying on the sands of Cancun, nine Cal Poly students and one staff member went to Honduras to help build a community affected by Hurricane Mitch.

Two students created the service project for a class. The result was a drainage ditch and a trash incinerator for the community.

On March 17, the group arrived in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, after 12 hours of travel. The group lived in a student-type hostel owned by a nun.

All their meals were prepared for them each day, consisting of plenty of tortillas, beans, rice and eggs. Participant and member of Student Community Services Carrie Cuenca said the heat affected them most.

"It was hardest for the girls because we had to work the whole time in jeans," Cuenca said.

The drainage ditch was built to help curb the mosquito problem and mobilize the water when the rains come. The trash incinerator will encourage the people to care more about their environment.

The community threw its trash over a hill and the landfill was quickly piling up.

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Watch your back.
April Fools Day starts and ends tomorrow, ushering in 24 nationally-sanctioned hours of pranks, tricks and practical jokes. The day gives license for virtually anyone to try anything to catch others off guard, from something as simple as the classic "pointing out a non-existing spider on friends shoulder trick" to the elaborately complex "glue all your roommates furniture to the ceiling of the Vatican palace." (This gets double points -- see what the Pope.)

Outside of Vatican City, April Fools' Day is celebrated heartily in Europe — especially France, where young children try to stick paper fish to each others backs. Here in the United States, the "kick me" sign has replaced the traditional fish, much as clubs and raves have replaced discotheques.

Elsewhere in Europe, certain countries are facing the threat of losing very prominent cities to the sea. Namely, Italy is watching Venice slowly sink beneath the waves as foundations quickly erode away from under the buildings.

In the United States, New Orleans is facing the same fate, although, unlike Venice, nobody is doing anything about it. Experts estimate that New Orleans will be gone within the next hundred years, much to the chagrin of thousands of Mardi Gras-goers, hundreds of which are seeking a new place to party as San Luis Obispo begins to crack down on the annual celebration. New Orleans also bears the unique distinction of being one of the only cities in which you can't bury people in cemeteries. Being that the city is below sea level, for some scientific reason, bodies sort of float to the surface. Remember "Weekend at Bernie's?" Imagine the April Fools jokes you could pull with that kind of information, although you'd have to do them within the next century.

It is interesting to note that San Luis Obispo has the largest Mardi Gras festival outside of Italy, which is losing Venice in much the same way as the U.S. is losing New Orleans. It's like some crazy Bermuda Triangle of sinking cities and always coming out second best. I wouldn't be surprised if Atlantis was located at some central point between California's Central Coast, Louisiana and Italy. In fact, I think I remember reading somewhere that right before Atlantis sank, it was rumored as having the second longest gum alley in the world. Unfortunately, all records of the fabled land were lost when the whole place vanished. Nobody expects their continent to just fall out from underneath them, so nobody thought to save all of their important documents in floating, waterproof casks. Think of the increased risks for alcohoholics just because you didn't save it before your computer crashed. I know many of you do back up your work, but how many of you seal it in Zip-Loc bags just in case?

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Better ways to spend college than drinking the night away

You're taking 15 units and have lots of homework. You also have a job, not to mention a girlfriend or boyfriend. By Friday you're completely exhausted and all you want to do is go out, have a good time and relax. You can think of no better way to relax than drinking beer with your friends. You drink eight beers, and even though you had a hangover, you're ready to party again the next night. With such a busy schedule, it's understandable that you'd want a few drinks once a week, but eight beer since several times is too excessive.

Scenes like the one I just described are common for college students. According to a Harvard School of Public Health Study of 128 college campuses, released on March 14, 44 percent — or two out of every five college students — are binge drinkers. The study defined binge drinkers as people who consumed at least four to five drinks in a row on more than one night during a two-week period.

How many students at Cal Poly would be classified as binge drinkers? Let's do the math. Poly has approximately 16,472 students. If two out of every five students are binge drinkers, that means 7,247 Cal Poly students drink too much.

That's a problem. Alcohol lowers your inhibitions and causes weight gain. It lowers your inhibitions and causes you to do things you normally wouldn't do otherwise, like pee on the side of a building in a public place. Alcohol impairs your ability to drive, creating the potential for serious accidents. It also plays a factor in starting fights between friends, and opens the door for people to take advantage of you.

However, binge drinking takes these effects to a new level. We're looking at increased risks for heart disease and liver damage, not to mention the increased risks for alcohol poisoning, alcoholism and, in a worst case scenario, death.

None of that sounds fun to me. So, why do 7,247 students regularly choose to take such chances? I know several people who fit the category of binge drinkers. Five drinks are just a warm-up for most of them, but only some actually like the alcohol. Most don't care; they just want to get drunk. They like to drink because it's fun; it loosens them up and makes them more sociable. Based on the number of parties going on around my house every weekend and Cal Poly students' affiliations for drinking, it would be futile to say, "Don't drink." However, I will say this: There are more creative, less expensive, less harmful and less dangerous ways to have fun on a weekend besides binge drinking.

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Instead of a cartoon, the Mustang Daily would like to experiment with a new scratch and sniff Ink. So....

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"You guys don't understand — I really get off on this stuff."
Opinion

Woodstock’s Delivers SLO’s Ultimate Pizza!

Flipping through channels the other night, I came across a WWF wrestling match. My eye was not caught by the wrestlers, throwing one another through tables or smashing chairs over one another, but by a sign held by a fan. It read, “Rock, your the best!” Read that statement carefully if you didn’t catch the error. If there was even a remote chance that my friends and family would see me on television, I’d be sure to make my signs grammatically correct.

Proper writing helps establish credibility. Most employers will quickly toss out a resume with grammatical or spelling errors. Often they won’t look past a cover letter if they find a mistake. To them, time is money and people who make errors aren’t worth their time.

Improper writing also does not help a writer’s cause when making statements in a letter to the editor. When large audiences have to develop an opinion about what someone has to say, the writer should use utmost care. He should state his message in a clear and concise manner. Otherwise, he may be the laughing stock of the newsroom. (We chuckle a lot in this newsroom.)

Even personal letters need good writing. Let’s say your friend writes a letter to tell you how she’s doing in English class — good writing will get you far. Some majors may write memos to their bosses or fellow employees. Ag majors may be required to write reports about their crop’s successes or failures. Good writing can make the difference between a mediocre report and an outstanding report.

Good writing also allows others to classify the author as a member of an elite group: the educated. Imagine the last time you caught a spelling error. What did you think of the author? You may have thought the author’s writing was not good enough to be read in contrast to the audio and visual content on television. A spelling or grammatical error on an American Web site makes me wince. I’m amazed they invested the time to learn the HTML language to make a Web site but couldn’t pencil in time to learn the English language.

Nanette Pietroforte is a Mustang Daily feature editor who enjoys a good laugh.

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Mandatory Club Meeting!

Thursday, April 6th
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See Ya There!!!

‘S call 756-7576
Perhaps you have a three-hour break between classes, or maybe you just want to unwind after a hard week. Either way, Laguna Lake Executive Golf Course offers a courteous, relaxing environment for golfers of all levels. Nestled against the Irish Hills, The Laguna Lake Municipal Golf Course offers nine holes of well-groomed greens.

The course boasts a friendly staff willing to help beginning golfers better understand the rules and etiquette of golf. Popular for its easy access and great student rates, the course also offers the opportunity for students to enhance their skills with lessons from PGA Professional Ken Doran.

Private lessons range from $35 for a half-hour lesson to $125 for three one-hour lessons. The on-site pro shop provides retail and repair services at competitive prices.

Typically, most beginning golfers may shy away from a course due to initial costs and a lack of understanding for the game. Paul Taylor, at the Laguna Lake golf course, has keyed into this fact and has developed a ten-play pass which can be purchased for only $50. This completely transferable pass will never expire and provides an awesome opportunity for a group of students to get together and golf off the same pass.

Although walk-alongs and club-sharing are not allowed, the pro-shop has club rentals for only $1 and is more than willing to give advice to eager learners.

The course is open 364 days a year (closed Christmas Day) from 7 a.m. to dusk, which makes for an ideal source of evening entertainment during the summer months.

The course is also accessible on the web through the Park and Recreation section of the www.slocity.org site, or you can reach them directly at www.ci.san-luis-obispo.ca.us/lagunalakegolfcourse. So, regardless of the stresses you may incur during the week, take a break and unwind at the Laguna Lake golf course.
In Pacific, the Mustangs face a formidable pitching team that has a proven ace in Steve Fischer. Fischer leads the Tigers with a 5.5 record and an ERA of 2.89. Overall, the team’s ERA is 4.15, more than two and a half runs lower than the Mustangs’. Price acknowledged the strength of the Tigers’ pitching staff.

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**Similarities abound in Final Fours**

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — The Final Four’s historic joy to the heart of basketball country comes 20 years after the first. Two decades later, not much has changed.

In 1980, two teams from the Big Ten — Iowa and Purdue — made it to Indianapolis. In 2000, two teams from the Big Ten — Michigan State and Wisconsin — made it to Indianapolis.

In 1980, two of the teams that made the national semifinals — Iowa and UCLA — were unranked. It didn’t happen again until now, with Wisconsin and North Carolina reaching the Final Four despite not being in the final regular season poll.

The 1980 Final Four was held in Market Square Arena, a building that serves the weekender’s ball since the Pacers moved into Conseco Fieldhouse. This will be the third Final Four held in the RCA Dome and each had North Carolina as one of the teams.

UCLA reached the Final Four as a No. 8 seed in 1980, one of only two teams to do that until this year when North Carolina and Wisconsin got to the last weekend of the season.

On Saturday, Michigan State, the only one-seed to reach the Final Four, played Wisconsin, with Florida, a sixth seed, facing North Carolina in the second game. The winner plays Monday.

**Mustangs look to continue hot streak**

By Chris Arns

The surging Cal Poly baseball team will try to continue its recent success when it opens a three-game series against Pacific this weekend at San Luis Obispo Stadium.

The Mustangs have been on fire lately, winning five of their last seven, including a three-game sweep of New Mexico State. Cal Poly also played well against Pepperdine and took the first game of a series against Sacramento State last weekend before losing the remaining two games.

An overwhelming factor in the team’s improving play has been the change in weather. The recent sunshine has allowed the Mustangs to practice more often at San Luis Obispo Stadium, located at Sinsheimer Park.

"The main difference (in the team’s performance) is the weather," head coach Ritch Price said. "Being able to practice out at Sinsheimer has been key for preparing properly."

The team has also relied on the big hit of first baseman Steve Wood. The Big West Player of the Week for March 20 has been the most prolific Cal Poly batter on offense lately, batting .331 (13-for-39) with three home runs and 18 RBIs over the last seven games. Wood had connected for a home run in three consecutive games before the streak ended — to Sacramento State in the first game of the series last weekend.

"He’s played very well lately," Price said. "It’s mainly because a lot of the other guys have helped out. Everyone’s been doing well, when that happens, it gets contagious."

Price noted that Wood’s recent performances reminded him of another slugger known for his offensive prowess.

"It’s played very well lately," Price said. "He’s played very well lately."