The final inning:
Softball closes season with loss against Sac State, 4 words for Juan Gonzalez, MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Broken heart:
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Cal Poly, CSUs rake in donations
By Sarah Goodyear, MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly was named the third-highest fund-raising college in the nation by the Council for Aid to Education this month. The ranking is among all public masters institutions, which includes several hundred nationwide, during the 1998-99 academic year. California State University campuses accounted for nine of the top 20 universities in that category. The entire CSU system brought in $232.5 million in donations during 1998-99. Cal Poly raised $23.5 million last year in donations. During the past five years, Cal Poly has steadily increased its donations. The Center for University Advancement works with President Warren Baker, faculty and college deans to identify needs and connect with individuals, corporations and Cal Poly Foundation in seeking funds. Alumni play an especially important role, said Vice President for University Advancement Bill Field.

"We're creating a partnership between the university and the donors," Field said. "Over the past five years we've increased annual private support by more than 100 percent each year. We've been able to dramatically increase the amount of funding for programs.

The ranking comes one year after the National Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) gave Cal Poly the CASE Circle of Excellence for outstanding performance in fund raising.

Donations may come as either monetary support or equipment. Two weeks ago IBM donated $1 million worth in robotics equipment for the College of Engineering, Field said.

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Rates jump for extra campus telephone lines
By Kara Knutson, MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Some Cal Poly telephone line rates will increase by $10 gradually over the next four years. Full-time faculty and staff members will be exempt from this increase. Each department receives a phone line and voice-mail box for free, paying only for phone calls. However, any additional phone lines must be paid for by each department. Extra phone lines will be subject to the increased charges. Departments will not receive extra funds for the higher lines. They are expected to pay the extra costs out of their current budgets.

Cal Poly's Communications and Computing Services sent out a memo to department heads on May 1, notifying them of the future rate increase.

The memo said that Cal Poly's current phone line rates are $54.93 per month. However, the actual cost of a line is $25.

Cal Poly Information Technology Services telecommunications coordinator Benny Kazhab said Cal Poly is not charging enough.

"We're raising the rates to what it actually costs for the service," he said.

Starting in July, rates will increase by 7 cents to $55 per month.

Rates will reach $25 by 2004.

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Club earns praise for canoes, bridges
By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard, MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly boasts the most outstanding student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), proven from its recent win of the annual Robert Ridgway award.

The Society of Civil Engineers (SCE) was chosen from over 240 chapters of ASCE to receive the award because of its service to the community during 1999 and its many professional accomplishments. The award, founded in honor ASCE's 1925 president, was last won by Cal Poly in 1993.

"Without the support of our faculty advisor Gregg Fieg, two years of dedicated officers and the continual involvement of our club members, we could not have achieved the level of competence required to win the Robert Ridgway award," said SCE President Matt Moore.

"SCE has been on a recent winning streak. Last month the group claimed its sixth consecutive victory at the 2000 Pacific Southwest Regional Conference at the University of Arizona in Tucson. SCE members competed with 17 other universities at the conference. They took home first-place prizes in the

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Foreigners claim triathlon events
By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard, MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As athletes and volunteers, Cal Poly students swarmed the Wildflower Triathlon last weekend.

Public relations committee leader Amy Rice said more than 40 clubs and organizations provide the volunteer staff at Wildflower.

Industrial technology junior James Merson attended the event at Lake Nacimiento as a guest.

"It was a big party, but it was really relaxed because it was outdoors and everyone was comfortable with each other," Merson said.

He said the event was well-organized, and the volunteers received a free dinner on Saturday night. Bands were also hired to play at the event.

Although Merson was not required to volunteer, he said the people in his group all worked between four and nine hours a day. Some volunteers were placed at food or aid stations while others worked in security or festival management.

"It was great," Merson said. "They've got it together — it's just a bunch of college students out there having fun.

Unlike the volunteers, business senior Jason Sweet didn't have much of an opportunity to relax.

He competed in the Olympic course, which is a 1.5-kilometer swim, a 40k bike ride and a 10k run.

Sweet said the hardest part of the Olympic course was the run.

"It was really hard — I was dead-tired trying to complete the run," Sweet said.

For the past two years, he has competed in the Mountain Bike course, which he said is much easier than the Olympic
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course. The Mountain Bike course
consisted of a 2.5-mile swim, a 10-
mile bike ride and a 2-mile run.
The toughest event at Wildflower
is the Long course, a 12.2-mile
swim, 56-mile bike ride and a 13.1-mile
swim.

This year, Christopher Leigh of
Australia won the Long course
in four hours, one minute. He beat
Jurgen Zack of Germany by only 20
seconds. Together, the two broke
the record for the Long course.
The women's winner in the Long
course was juranne Krizman of
Arizona. She completed the course
in four hours, 44 minutes.

Cal Poly's Triathlon Team fin-
ished second in the collegiate
national championships. Thirty-four
students on the team competed in
the event.

Event results for the Mountain
Bike course had not been received
by Sunday evening, but results can
be found at www.tricalifornia.com.
Solving overpopulation

By Jennifer Beard

The number of women entering their prime reproductive years will increase from 1 billion to 1.5 billion by 2050, according to an article written by Gloria Feldt, national chairwoman of Planned Parenthood.

From a historical perspective, the baby boom of post-World War II saw the world population skyrocket from 2.5 to 4.1 billion between 1950 and 1975, taking demographers by surprise. In the next 50 years, we could see an even larger jump in population.

In 1994, at the International Conference on Population in Cairo, Egypt, experts agreed that giving women access to voluntary family planning services will improve women’s lives, the lives of their families and the quality of life on our planet. The hope is that such efforts will stabilize population growth.

The conference estimated that by 2000, $17 billion will be needed to cover the cost of providing reproductive services. The projection figure climbs to $22 billion for 2015.

According to Feldt, sex education and reproductive services lower the incidence of abortion and unwanted births, delay a woman’s first childbirth, result in fewer pregnancies and help to ensure that every child is wanted and loved.

Feldt also said that the use of sex education in the Netherlands, France and Germany demonstrates that informed adolescents make better decisions, delay sexual activity and have fewer unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections than adolescents in the United States.

The percentage of unwanted pregnancies in the United States is 60 percent, compared to 23 to 32 percent in Latin America and the Caribbean; 11 to 16 percent in India, Indonesia and Pakistan; and 21 to 44 percent in Africa.

On a local level, aside from the hunt to find a parking spot and a squeeze in some classrooms, overpopulation has affected Cal Poly in subtle and family planning services readily available.

Our egotistical misconceptum of our superiority is acutely manifested in a comparison to the cockroach. Documented as far back as 350 million years ago, our relation to this insect is nothing more than the length of supper in their relative time.

And, it is this “reputable” little roach that will be making a supper of our messes long after we are gone.

SOLVING OVERPOPULATION

If you thought the bus to class was already packed like a can of sardines, get ready to fight even harder for your elbow room, because the planet has twice as many people as it did in 1980 and global population continues to rise.

The major problem with overpopulation is the inability of our planet’s environment to support so many people. The more people we have, the thinner our resources are spread.

With over 6 billion people on Earth, now is the time to take action. Many believe one of the most powerful ways we can affect the growth of population is to make birth control and family planning services readily available.

The increased population has affected Cal Poly in subtle ways. Students tend to make responsible and educated choices about their sexuality, and there are fewer unwanted pregnancies diagnosed at the Health Center than ever before.

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Cal Poly students, like everyone else, face a crowded world in the 21st century.

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Love bugs

We’ve all experienced it. Living on a ranch of perfectly manicured grass, you close your eyes to soak in those hot, summer rays ... and then you feel it. It’s crawling up the length of your leg. Dear God, it just might make its way into your shorts! It’s an uncomfortable thought, and what do you do?

Do you flick it off and send it on its merry way, or do you crush its guts between your fingers in revenge for making you rise out of your comfortable position?

Why are we so incapable of coexisting with organisms that quite frankly save us from wallowing thus-high in our own excrement? The only reason our planet has flourished the way it has is because insects and microorganisms have been decomposing wastes for millions of years. We should be thanking these little “menaces,” not decorating the bottoms of our shoes with their guts.

Why is it that we find their presence so threatening? What causes us to rise in alarm at their discovery and further perpetuate this reaction by making horrific movies vilifying bugs? Once again, it is our ignorance that leads to our hasty actions. We do not understand the world of the woe creatures, and so we annihilate them.

The daily lives of billions upon billions of microorganisms actually reproducing in the darkness under our feet is quite frankly an idea we do not care to dwell on for long. I suppose it is too “dirty” of a thought.

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Factoids for entertainment belittle science

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My favorite is No. 40: "If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction." I say, prove it! Pick some standard values for Chinese walktimes and walking speeds, flip the theoretical rate of population growth necessary to keep the end of that line growing forward. I come up with a theoretically annual growth rate of 150 million. China's real annual growth rate? About 15 million. The statement is off by a significant magnitude, plus or minus a couple million people. You connivers! You wonder why I even waste my time disproving such statements? It's because I'm disturbed, not so much by the ridiculous fibbing that fills factoid lists, but by the combination of willing belief demonstrated by my forwarding friend (plus the lure of becoming a member of some other subsequent derelict of responsibility when I gripped at). It seems that science has so bewildered people with wild developments that we are now willing to believe anything presented in logical order with standards. I want every statement questioned and re-proven in the minds of readers before it is awarded belief, especially in the presence of dry-bob-data. I have to think that the people who believe these unsupported claims are the same ones who vote on issues instead of reading them deeply.

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Ethan Pratt is a mechanical engineering junior.

Gonzalez departure leaves Cal Poly with broken heart

Georgetown University just ripped the heart out of Cal Poly. Vice President of Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez will head for the Washington, D.C., campus in early August, leaving Cal Poly without its most vital organ.

During his six years at Cal Poly, Gonzalez has maintained the university's most crucial function: strong, productive relationships with students. Gonzalez interacts with students daily, in formal settings such as Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors meetings and in personal settings such as memorial services for slain student Rachel Newhouse.

At these functions, Gonzalez is more than a university front-man. He's an active participant, always willing to share his ideas and his emotions. At services for Newhouse in the last two years, for example, Gonzalez opened his heart, a rarity among university community leaders. His words communicated his sincerity and earned him enormous respect and appreciation.

When President Warren Baker announced his decision to take the job at the Naval Chicago, Gonzalez was there to take the hit. He broke the news to the ASI board, and he had to face the directors' anger and disappointment.

Gonzalez has also stood firm in the face of criticism, especially from Cal Poly's Greek community. His support for deferred naval and disciplinary actions against Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Chi this year have received some negative feedback. However, Gonzalez made it clear that his principles of academics and safety are priorities for Cal Poly.

In going to Georgetown, Gonzalez clearly left Cal Poly with the last of the top players in the building. In the fall, Baker and Provost Paul Zingg need to find more than a vice president of Student Affairs to replace Gonzalez. They need to find a student advocate and an emotional leader.

Gonzalez is in for a pleasant surprise once Gonzales makes himself known among students and staff. We hope Cal Poly can eventually heal the wound left by his departure.

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Ethan Pratt

Devalued Bill

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Student finds 15 minutes on 'Change of Heart'

By Steven Geringer
MUSTANG DAILY ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Alex Thapar could have had another date — maybe more — but instead he took the $250 and ran.

Thapar, a business junior, appeared on the television show "Change of Heart" two months ago as a date for Tiffany, a sophomore at University of California Los Angeles who was fed up with her boyfriend. Thapar was set up by the show's producers to replace Jed, whose flirtatious ways with Tiffany's roommate had him on the verge of getting dumped.

The show, which airs Tuesday at 10:30 p.m. on cable Channel 11, has couples go on dates with strangers and decide in front of a live audience whether they should stay together or have a "change of heart."

Thapar didn't care as much about pursuing a relationship with Tiffany, but said his main reason for participating in the show was the $250 payoff, in addition to the $100 the show provided him for the date.

"I figured that even if the date sucked, I still get to keep the money," Thapar said.

Thapar, who was working at an Abercrombie and Fitch store in Los Angeles over winter break, met the show's producer, who encouraged Thapar and his co-workers to try out for the show. Thapar eventually applied, did an interview on tape and was selected for the show.

"I just did it for fun," Thapar said. "I didn't think I would make it and I did."

Thapar was then contacted by the show's producer, who gave him Tiffany's phone number to arrange plans. Shortly thereafter, Thapar went to Los Angeles for the date.

Thapar said he and Tiffany went out to dinner, attended an observatory and then attempted to go to a club. Since Tiffany was under 21, the two decided to rent a movie and watch it at Thapar's place — and that's about all that happened, Thapar said.

"We both agreed that the date was a little lame," Thapar said. "We then decided to space it up."

The two explain on the show that Thapar spent the night, but he claims that the story was embellished.

"It comes out pretty scandalous," Thapar said. "But I wasn't romantically interested in her."

In the end of the episode, Tiffany and Jed are forced to choose whether they want to stick it out or break it off. Jed decided to stay together, but Tiffany had a different plan. She picked Thapar.

"She e-mailed me a few times," Thapar said. "She told me that she shaved her head. She's a little weird."

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal had an explanation for his sluggish start against the Phoenix Suns — he got too much rest before Sunday's game.

"I just tried something new last night," he said with a smile. "I went to bed at 11. I usually go to bed at midnight or later. I haven't gone to bed at 11 for about eight years. I was sluggish, I picked it up."

O'Neal overcame a 1-for-7 shooting performance in the first quarter to score 37 points, grab 14 rebounds and block four shots as the Los Angeles Lakers rescued the Suns 105-77 in the opener of their Western Conference semifinals.

Just about every member of the Suns, or so it seemed, took a turn guarding O'Neal, and after the first quarter, no one had much luck.

"When I get the ball in the blue area, there's not much anybody can do," he said. "I'm pretty skilled by now."

The Suns certainly agreed.

"There's a way you can stop him. It's just not legal," said Corie Blount, a former Laker. "He's hitting jump-shots, turnaround shots, I give that credit to him. Once he's doing that you can't do much."

O'Neal's dominance was never more evident than one sequence early in the third quarter. He missed from close range, got the rebound over Longley, missed again, got the rebound again, and scored.

Five straight points by O'Neal gave the Lakers a 69-54 lead with three minutes left in the third quarter, and shortly thereafter, the sellout crowd of 18,997 at Staples Center broke out the chant of "MVP, MVP."

It was 75-60 entering the final quarter, and the Lakers then went on a 15-4 run to clinch the victory.

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Game 3. Another Bucks blowout in Game Four set up the crucial Game 5. Indiana managed to win Game 5, but there’s no way they could have done it without Miller. His playoff career-high 41 points carried the Pacers over the Bucks, who completed Indiana and deserved the win. With the clutch shots, Milwaukee stumbled, and down went the Pacers’ biggest test yet until the Lakers in the NBA Finals. These elimination games have come out to be exciting, with the favored teams advancing, but without some clutch performances by playoff-tested teams.

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eighth innings. However, coming into the ninth, the team was behind 5-3. Tillman led off with a single, pinch-hitter Bryan Gant walked and pinch-hitter Chris Martinez laid down a sacrifice bunt that was mis-played and allowed Tillman to score.

Head coach Ritch Price then sent Mark Riddle up to pinch-hit, and he responded with a three-run homer to give the Mustangs a 7-5 lead. The Hornets then tied the game in the bottom of the ninth. Cal Poly scored a single run with another Martinez RBI single, and Tanner Trooper moved from left field to strike out the side in the bottom of the 10th for his third save of the season.

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it was an unassailable season," Boyer said. "But we had some wonderful jobs we wanted to accomplish and we accomplished those.

Boyer cited one of those goals as giving younger players a chance to gain valuable playing time. With two new gaps at second base and center field, this experience could prove valuable next season.

After losing 3-4 and 3-5 Saturday, Sacramento State came out Sunday looking for revenge. Homer infielder Medgar Cashaw set the pace in the first inning with a solo blast over the left-field fence to give her team the early 1-0 advantage. The Hornets' second run came in the third inning when infielder Patty Villa singled to left, bringing in two runners and giving her team a 2-0 lead. Sacramento State's string of fielding errors kept the Mustangs in check until the fifth inning when a single by freshman Holly Hollis brought Nensa in from second. It was the only run the Mustangs would score.
Two key wins for Cal Poly baseball

By Christian von Treskow

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Roadrunners drop home opener, 2-0

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By Matt Sterling

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Sports Trivia

**Yesterday's Answer:**
John Elway is the oldest player to score a touchdown in the Super Bowl.

No one submitted the correct answer!

**Today's Question:**
Who is the only NBA player to average a triple-double for an entire season?

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