Seasoned journalists speak on feminism, politics, media

By Katherine Hays
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The media, politics and feminism were discussed at last night’s “The Good, the Bad, and the Media II,” one in a series of media panels.

Over 200 people attended an all-female understanding of different aspects of the print medium.

“We chose deliberately to gather an all-female panel, on the premise that women bring fresh perspective and spirit to their craft,” said Herb Kanum, student director and special assistant to the vice president.

Margaret Carlson, columnist for Time magazine, and Eleanor Clift, writer for Newsweek, represented the establishment element of the panel. Each has been reporting on White House issues since the Carter Administration.

“Working for Time is like working for IBM, and Newsweek is like working for Apple,” Carlson said of her 11-year job.

“You never imagine how long you'll end up being there.”

Carlson is currently the only woman who has ever had her own column at Time magazine.

Aside from her work with Time, she also is a regular panelist for CNN’s “Capital Gang.” Carlson said that CNN often gives a false impression of being an equal opportunity employer.

“There’s a rule at CNN, there must be one woman on the screen at all times, which sounds great,” she said. “But then you realize that even when there’s five people on the screen, there will still only be one woman.”

Clift, however, said she sees the glass ceiling in the high media ranks slowly rising.

“I really don’t think there is a role now that women can’t play,” she said. “Pretty much everything is out for the taking.”

Clift credits the changes in gender roles to an ever-changing media.

“Journalism and the roles we all play are undergoing changes because of this media explosion we’re experiencing right now,” Clift said.

Both Carlson and Clift agree that their jobs have been very rewarding over the years.

“It’s great because every day is anything-can-happen day,” Carlson said.

Clift agreed, adding that one of the most important things in life is to really enjoy what you do.

Angela Ards and Arianna Huffington come from completely opposite sides of the political spectrum but do share a relative новизнь the field of journalism.

Ards said her journalism career began just five years ago when she quit her academic job out of boredom, packed up her tent, and drove to New York in search of a new career.

Ards found herself at the Village Voice, fulfilling what she called its “affirmative action quota.”

“They were like, ‘Great, you’re a minority and a woman, you’re hired,’” she said. While Ards said she disliked the idea of getting a job based on her minority status, she took the job and blew them away.

“An opportunity is an opportunity, and see PANEL, page 2

Lucy’s record day

City and regional planning junior Tony Bagatar celebrated the second highest sales day at Lucy’s Too on Monday. In celebration, Campus Dining gave away balloons and popsicles Tuesday morning. That afternoon, the store went through 50 pounds of frozen strawberries.

by Sarah Goodyear
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Senior beefs up academic standards

Getting into any graduate program can be a daunting task. And, when there is only one opening, it is even more difficult.

Cal Poly animal science senior Noelle Grether was the only person in the nation accepted to Colorado State University’s Beef Industry Leadership Program this year.

During her four years at Cal Poly, Grether has accumulated a 3.9 GPA, which helped her get into the program.

“Grades have always been important to me,” Grether said. “I study, but I don’t spend hours and hours studying. I think it’s just the fact that I care about grades and I go to class. Part of it’s luck, but part of it’s hard work.”

She is currently the vice president of the South Coast Region California Young Cattlemen’s Association. The association represents cattlemen across the state and assures that laws are passed in Sacramento and Washington, D.C., to benefit the industry.

Michael Hall, animal science professor and department beef cattle specialist, said, “This organization is relatively young and has struggled in past years. Noelle has brought new direction and leadership to this organization.”

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Commencement goes virtual

By Victoria Walsh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Graduation ceremonies in June just got a little more mobile.

Using wireless, hands-free equipment, Cal Poly Television (CPTV) plans to air the commencement via the Internet and the closed-circuit news channel on campus.

Two reporters will wear Xybernaut equipment, a lightweight imaging system similar to a laptop, with a computer on either a head piece or a palm pilot. The reporters wear the equipment on their body, on a belt around the wrist or surrounding the head.

The reporters have the ability to move more easily using this equipment than usual, according to Joe Anthony of the Xybernaut equipment.

“The frustration for television reporters having to carry cases of equipment with them wherever they go,” Sites said. “The story is over before they even get there.”

The equipment will transmit a live picture to a mobile base unit about 300 to 400 feet away, which will then transmit the picture to the journalism building with a studio anchor hosting the ceremony. It will then be available at the CPTV studio.

The studio anchor will be able to talk to the mobile reporters and conduct interviews, Sites said.

The reporters will walk around the campus getting different shots throughout the ceremony, said CPTV technical director Steve Noone.

“They will be the eyes and ears of graduation,” Noone said.

The viewing will permit those who could not attend the graduation an opportunity to see it in real-time, Sites said.

The department is expecting a few other necessary pieces of equipment to arrive this week, which will enable CPTV to test everything prior to the ceremony.

“We’re not doing this unless it works,” Sites said.

Last year the department tried airing the ceremony through the television station, but due to technical difficulties, it didn’t work properly.

The Xybernaut equipment was originally created for military and inventory use.

Sites convinced the creators to permit him to test out the “wearable computers” for news reporting.

“We bring cameras for all the time now with the remote cameras in people’s rooms,” Sites said. “But Cal Poly will be first to Web cast a graduation ceremony using the Xybernaut equipment.”

Noone is also excited about using this advanced equipment.

“If this works perfectly by graduation, we will have done something that no one else has done before,” Noone said.

The CPTV team may also have the opportunity to use this equipment at the Democratic National see CPTV, page 5
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I just had to show them that they hired not just a black woman, but a black woman who was a competent reporter," she said.

Ards is currently an editor at Ms. Magazine and writes about social movements and youth culture.

Huffington's journey to journalism, while totally different from Ards, was also a case of proving she could be a serious journalist, she said.

"I know a lot of you know me as the political wife, my ex-husband did represent this district after all, but much has changed since that time," Huffington said.

She said her divorce and newfound role as a syndicated columnist forced her to look at issues in a new light and closely examine how she felt about them.

Huffington now divides her time between her column, guest appearances on such programs as "Crossfire" and "Firing Line," and writing her latest book, "How to Overthrow the Government."

Rounding out the panel was San Francisco Chronicle's seasoned journalist Carla Marinucci.

Marinucci said that while female roles in the industry are changing, there is still a "boys on the bus" mentality on the political trail.

"You have to put up with sort of an "animal house" atmosphere most of the time," she said. "For example, on Bush's last plane trip, a bunch of the guys were constructing this elaborate sculpture out of tiny Jack Daniels' bottles."

The lack of women on the bus is nothing, she said, in comparison to the lack of minorities.

"There are questions missing, perspectives that are missing because of the lack of minority representation," she said.

Dianne Long, chairwoman of Cal Poly's political science department and the director of women's studies, served as mediator for the discussion.

Long asked the women if they agree with a recent survey that said women are less politically active and knowledgeable than men.

The panel answered with a "rounding, "No!"

"It's the women in the community that lead the grass-roots community efforts. They are the ones involved in politics on the local levels," Ards said.

Angela Ards panelist

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Cal Poly's Community Service and Learning Center is recruiting Americorps members.

Job Description

Collaborate closely with the Public Health Department to outreach to undeserved families in outlying areas of the San Luis Obispo County. Provide health education, nutrition, basic parenting skills, training on car seat installation, automobile safety, and referrals to resources available to families, and to ensure that all children have access to affordable, quality health insurance.

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Engineering lab sparks interests

By Katherine von Stein
MUSTANG DAILY FEATURES EDITOR

Engineering freshman Shabtii Ghassaniem examine the hardware wires and plastic packaging of his lab creation.

Ghassaniem is one of several students designing and building a strobe light for IME 157. His industrial and manufacturing engineering lab is a high-tech shop where classes can show off their electronic creations.

Polytechnics went into an industrial and manufacturing engineering lab, a class required for electrical engineering students and also taken by students desiring in industrial engineering, manufacturing and various smaller classes where students can show off what Cal Poly’s engineers are learning and how their classes will prepare them for future careers.

"The lab is a large room with an attached CAD (computer-aided design) and prototyping rooms," said Sanchez. "It resembles the same thing as printing," Rinzel said.

"It’s a good class," Ghassemieh added. "I liked it, it was fun. I learned a lot about industrial engineering." Rinzel explained that students used to paint their chassis (the metal body of their project) themselves, and at least two of the groups were more than stellar. Today, Central Coast Powder Coating paints all of the students’ chassis for free.

"The projects are unique and many show creativity," Rinzel continued. For example, different seat holes can be cut into the metal to make attractive and functional components. "They always come out different; each person puts their own flair into it," Rinzel said.

Electrical engineering senior Jesseth Sanchez is building a power supply. She said she likes to play with the electronics, but it can also be trying on her nerves. "Sometimes you get frustrated. The pieces have to fit exactly," said Sanchez.

"It’s a good class," Ghassaniem said. "I thought it was really challenging." Rinzel, a mechanical engineering senior, is nearly finished grading on her nerves. "Sometimes you don’t get the right chip," Rinzel said.

"I didn’t really want a stove light or a power supply. I figured being a senior, I could handle it," she said.

He credited his teaching assistant, graduating senior David Vanderveld, for making his challenge more manageable.

Vanderveld said, "Every project is unique and many students showed interest in. The projects are unique, and the students are interested in." Rinzel explained that a problem was a prototype, he took out a silicon water, a dishwasher and a CD. "They make these with photolithography, the same thing as printing," Rinzel said.

"I didn’t really want a power supply or a light or a power supply. I figured being a senior, I could handle it," he said. Rinzel explained that in the lab they write a proposal, make a cardboard mock-up, then build a prototype.

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For these positions, please submit a resume and cover letter stating your ideas for the position. Section editors can also include three clips of your work from the section you are interested in.

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Saying happy birthday to your friends and columnists

It’s your friend Harmony’s birthday today. We have a jam-packed schedule, 10 minutes (two of which you are taking) and then there’s work. I’m usually too chance in hell to be able to send a card and give them a gift, so here you go for forgetting.

Have no fear, the Internet is here! E-cards may still not be "the" substitute for good-old-fashioned cards made out of wooden trees, but they certainly help buy more time in situations like this one above.

Take e-cards.com for example, you don’t do they have a card for any occasion, each category has tons of subcategories regarding the type of card the person is interested in. Most of the cards at e-cards are light-hearted and comical, featuring humorous quotes and words. If you’re looking for something with a little more class though be beware of sending an out of the box card. It’s not something to be treated with care.

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Opinion

Prove to ASI
a new climbing wall is needed

Fifty thousand dollars. What could you do with that? Better yet, what if Associated Students Inc. had $50,000 to spend on new equipment or a new project for student use? Guess what, we do. A little-known gold mine on this campus, the ASI Capital Expenditures Reserve fund, is alive and well. In fact, it has over $50,000 in it right now!

On Monday, the people who manage the Climbing Wall in the University Union came to the ASI Board of Directors’ weekly workshop with a request: “Give us a new wall!” They claimed that the wall, a 10-year-old sensor project, is in bad shape after having been exposed to the elements of San Luis Obispo’s show-down climate. Furthermore, they argued, climbing is becoming a more popular sport in recent years, and Cal Poly should accommodate the sport’s growing popularity with a new, high-tech wall.

When I was a freshman, I remember climbing the wall for fun and enjoyment. Watching my arms and upper body swell as I ripped muscles apart on the different routes set up for me. But, to be honest, by the time I had climbed the wall, I’d grown weary of its appeal. I wanted bigger and better things. I went out to Bishop Peak with a few friends and really felt the rocks. That was real climbing. Climbing in the UU was perfect to get my feet wet, and that’s how it should remain.

Proponents of the improvement have argued that this new wall will be professional and will look like the wall we used to see on “American Gladiators.” For 50,000 beans, it better come with ice or Zap as well.

The presentation given to the board showed that the wall has an average of 20 climbers week with spikes in use during Open House and Week of Welcome. Great, 20 climbers a week — that’s about .02 percent of the Cal Poly population. The wall can’t possibly be a benefit wall on a regular basis. Obviously, these 20 people per week are significant and their opinions matter. But, don’t you think that 50,000 bucks can be used for a better project? Perhaps an integrated computer lab in the UU, Audio/video equipment in all UU conference rooms? New Rec Center equipment?

So what do I think of the wall proposal? I feel it is frivolous. I will not be voting for the expenditure. I would, however, be very much in favor of investing $50,000 to $70,000 in repairing and replacing damaged wall materials. We don’t need the American Gladiators or Crixus climbing gym-wall that is being proposed. It is a waste of YOUR money.

Do you think I am wrong about the wall? Do you think we should get a new one? I bet you don’t anything about it. Tonight, during the board meeting, this proposal is likely to be either approved or denied. But what do you care? You’re here for four or five years to get laid when you can and then to get out. The meeting is in UU 220 Tuesday at 5 p.m. Come prove me wrong. Show up and scream for your rights.

Eddie Drake is a political science junior who just double-dog dared you to care.

Judicial Affairs is just doing its job

It seems whenever Judicial Affairs is in Mustang Daily, it’s because someone’s mad that they got caught and their parents’ lawyer couldn’t buy them out of it. People are furious about Sigma Chi’s suspension from the campus for 25 years, and freeing Paul from the injustices of the campus judicial system is everywhere.

Well, if you didn’t know, port scams violate Cal Poly’s acceptable-use policy and violate everyone’s privacy. Paul found these people so he could use them anyway, and he got caught. So, while you’re freeing Paul, remember that he and his port scans were looking for “vulnerabilities” in everyone’s computer systems.

In Sigma Chi’s case, the 25-year suspension is underdying a kiss of death for the fraternity. However, if Judicial Affairs didn’t kick it out for hazing practices, then perhaps during the next pledge season someone could have wound up dead. In C.T. Calin’s May 15 letter to the editor “Cal Poly judicial system leaves much to be desired,” he writes about “truth and righting a wrong” because Stonebadder left a Mexico trip that never happened.

However, the truth is that the lie. Stonebadder told only get the district attorney off the fraternity’s back. But, there are other witnesses (notice the plural) that were victims of Sigma Chi hazing. Are they lying too?

So, let’s get it straight: Calan argues that the decision to ban the fraternity should be disimbed because Stonebadder lied. His argument isn’t valid because there is evidence and other witnesses who say Sigma Chi is guilty on other accounts of hazing. Calan wrote, “I have learned that blind trust in Judicial Affairs is misplaced. It had seemed that (Judicial Affairs Coordinator Arthid Tregenza) would be fair, unbiased and free of prejudice.”

To close things up, a judicial board consisting of students and faculty found Sigma Chi in violation; it was just Tregenza acting alone.

Furthermore, anyone with half a brain cell should have come to the conclusion that Sigma Chi was being unfair and prejudiced when it kicked Stonebadder out of the pledge class because they thought he was gay. It’s ironic because if Sigma Chi had played by the same rules it accuses Judicial Affairs of neglecting, Stonebadder would be a “brother” and the fraternity would continue to remain at Cal Poly.

It’s true; Sigma Chi is being made an example. And it’s probably true that hazing and underage drinking are commonplace in the Greek system and college life in general. The difference is that, unfortunate-ly or fortunately, Sigma Chi got caught.

Let there be no mistake — Cal Poly is a dry campus underage drinking and hazing are illegal. So now that the verdict is in and there’s no going back, let Sigma Chi be the example.

If you or your organization is caught participating in these activities, and there is evidence and witnesses, you may face the same harsh consequences Sigma Chi has.

Conceivably, the judicial board states that it must support the university Mission Statement to reach responsibility, integrity, accountability and ethical community values and standards. Sigma Chi put students at risk, and it’s the job of Judicial Affairs to protect students from these situations.

Students don’t seem to understand how Judicial Affairs helps students because the only students who speak out say they’ve been unfairly treated — and we all know that everyone on death row is innocent.

Because incidents are confidential, there seems to be a division between students and this entity, this scary unknown. Everyone makes mistakes, and therefore every case Judicial Affairs deals with is handled differently. It’s not always cut and dry.

In the future, there needs to be some changes made that bring students and Judicial Affairs closer to understanding each other’s view.

Shannon Akins is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Convention in Los Angeles, Sites said they are still in negotiations.

The future is the present for these students, Sites said.

"Now reporters can do more with

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ination, and it has gained great strength because of her direction."

It is good experience for Grether who wants to be involved in agricul­
tural policy and government when she finishes school.

"I'd love to be working in a state capital being influential in the decision
making and being known — being able to go and talk to members of the legis­
lature and really communicate with them as to the needs of the beef indus­
try and livestock industries," Grether said.

Grether has been involved with many elements of the beef program at
Cal Poly. Last year, she lived at Hardman Hall, the residence located
at the beef unit, where she performed daily care and management for a large
group of cattle. She was also in charge of the entire feed inventory and bidding
for the beef units on campus.

This year, Grether recently served as co-secretary of the Cal Poly Bull Test.
She currently handles all the records for four herds of purebred cattle on
the campus.

Grether began her involvement with government and livestock long
before she came to Cal Poly.

less resources and less people," Sites said. "Our goal is to bring the 21st
century to the (journalism depart­
ment)."

To watch the ceremony, a SKK

At 15 years old — just after her fam­
dy moved to San Luis Obispo —
Grether joined 4-H and began raising
animals for sale at the California Mid­
State Fair. When she was a sophomore
at San Luis Obispo High School, she
showed her first heifer.

During high school she was also
involved with Future Farmers of America and the Youth in
Government program.

"Government has always interested me — and politics, too," Grether said.

"My first quarter here, I realized, 'Hey,
I can mix the two by getting into rep­
resentation and legislation of agricul­
ture.' I could combine the two. It keeps
your feet wet in both areas."

Despite all of her accomplishments,
Grether never had the advantage ot
coming up on a ranch. Her agriculture
activities have always been through
school and 4-H.

"I really appreciated the fact that in
my major I was allowed to choose a large portion of the classes I wanted to
take," Grether said.

Hall said, "She's quite a young lady.
For not coming from an ag back­
ground, coming into the field and
becoming one of the top students of
the field is quite remarkable."

Grether will begin her studies in
Fort Collins, Colo. in January.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, May 24, 2000 Meeting #00-19
5:10 PM - University Union 220

Highlights

• SCS Grant Annual Report to the Board for Approval
• Approval of Summer Interim Board
• Approval of Vice Chair of PSC
• Approval of Assistant Vice Chair of PSC
• Co-Sponsorship report
• Phase II of ASI/UU Master Plan presented for approval by PSC
• Approval of Climbing wall proposal
• Bill #00-01: Creation of ASI Lobby Corps
• Bill #00-02: CSSA Membership
• Approval Resolution to Recognize Domestic Partner Health Insurance
• Approval of Resolution to Modify Section 21 354 (2% @ 55 Full and Modified formula) and Section 21024 (Military Service Credit as Public Service)

(Items on this agenda are subject to change without notice. For any updates check out the Board of Directors Agenda on the web at: asi.calpoly.edu

ASI NEWS

• APPLICATIONS FOR THE ASI PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR THE 2000-2001 ACADEMIC YEAR ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ASI STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICE, UU202. Applications are due ASAP. For further information please call Darren Cordova at 756-1291.

• APPLICATIONS FOR THE ASI EXECUTIVE STAFF FOR THE 2000-2001 ACADEMIC YEAR ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ASI STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICE, UU202. Applications are due ASAP. For further information please call Sam Aborne or Lewis Smith at 756-1291.

• CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CSU GRADUATES: The California State Parks (CSP) has recently received grant monies for recreation-related programs. CSP expects to hire more than 300 graduates (in a variety of majors) as Park Rangers and other park-related classifications in the next three years. For more information, contact Arturo Alemos, Recruitment Manager, at 916-653-0898.

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CHUMASH CHALLENGE
"The team building workshop really broke a lot of barriers that everyone had, so it enabled us to get together and work as a team easier when everyone was open with each other."
- Alpha Gamma Pledge Class

Poly Escapes
Come CLIMB!!! One of Poly Escapes many attractions is our 15 foot artificial climbing wall located just outside the Escape Route in the lower level of the UU. One session of climbing costs $2 per person, or you can also buy a quarter pass for $10. We have all the equipment and knowledge needed for any level of climbing. So if you have never climbed before, but want to start, this is where you should be. Hey, it's a great excuse to not go to class. Questions???? call 756-1287 or stop by.

MCPHEE'S CENTER
All The Pizza I Can Eat! All The Bowling I Can Handle? That's right every Monday night from 6:00 to 10:00 at MCPhee's you can have all of the pizza you can eat plus all of the bowling you can handle, all for just $7.50 per person! Don't forget all video games are set at just .25 per play.

Club 221
Club 221(U.U) proudly presents "Drawing on Inexperience, an exhibition of children's art," Exhibit dates: March 29 thru June 2. "Drawing on Inexperience" features an ingenious compilation of SLO County children's art emphasizing the creativity, spontaneity and inter-subject relationship of art in educational curriculum. Additionally...Club 221 can be reserved for private functions. i.e. poetry reading, private receptions, guest lectures) Questions? Contact Club 221 (805) 756-6119.

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ASI/UU Programs & Services Committee Meetings are held every other Thursday beginning April 6, 2000, 6:00 p.m. in UU220.

College of Architecture and Environmental Design Council Meetings are held every Monday, 5:00 p.m. in Dexter-Fireplace Room.

College of Business Council Meetings are held every other Tuesday, beginning 4/4/00, 8:00 p.m. in Building 3, Room 113.

College of Agriculture Council Meetings are held every Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. in UU220.

College of Engineering Council Meetings are held every Monday, 6:00 p.m. in UU220.

College of Liberal Arts Council Meetings are held every Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. in UU219.

College of Science and Math Council Meetings are held every Monday, 7:00 p.m. in UU219.
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Stampede level fund for $500, which gives everybody two season tickets for any sport.

President-elect of Mustang Athletic Fund Brooks Wise said they made about contacts with the annual givers.

"Even those who usually give $25, to have them raise that another $25 and then have that matched, that's $50 that was just given for scholarships," Wise said.

"The Challenge" began in February of 2000, but the bulk of the money was raised within eight weeks.

"The Board of Directors sponsored a phone-a-thon for about six consecutive Tuesdays," Wise said. "They decided to compete with each other to see who could raise the most money. They really had a great time doing it."  

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Jean threw.

► Nicole Dansby, softball sophomore. Dansby was selected First Team All Big West, led the league in triples and led her team in stolen bases and runs.

► Kari De Soto, volleyball senior. Selected First Team All Big West, Volleyball Magazine All-American, sixth in the nation in blocks per game and seventh in the nation in hitting percentage.

► Jen Dyer, swimming senior. Held the team's best time in the 100-meter breaststroke, 100-meter freestyle and 200-meter backstroke.

► Michelle George, soccer senior. Big West Team Selection, academic All-American and led the team in scoring.

► Paula Serrano, indoor track senior. Was selected indoor All-American, was NCAA champion and qualified for the Olympic trials.

► Taryn Sperry, basketball senior. Led the team in scoring, field-goal percentage and 3-point-field-goal percentage.

► Melissa Velarde, cross-country senior. Placed 4th at NCAA West Regionals and was the top team finisher at that event as well as at the Big West meet.

Another important honor given out is the Male and Female Scholar Athlete of the Year. This award is given to athletes who score points both on the field and in the classroom.

"We think it is extremely important to recognize students who are able to balance athletics and academics," Sullivan said. "It's been a great season overall and this is a great opportunity to honor all of our athletes."
The man behind the money

By Katherine Hays
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Cal Poly athletics is close to gaining $200,000 in new scholarships thanks to the hard work of Assistant Athletic Director for Annual Fund Mike LaPlante.

LaPlante, along with former Associate Athletic Director Chuck Slopper and an anonymous donor, created "The Challenge" to collect $100,000 in new donations to the Mustang Athletic Fund. The fund is just $5,000 shy of its $100,000 goal.

When it is met, the anonymous donor will match that amount, doubling the total to $200,000 for Cal Poly athletics.

LaPlante said he is very confident about making the goal.

"We have until June 30 to raise the money and there's still a lot of people to call," LaPlante said.

The anonymous donor, a former Cal Poly football player, contacted LaPlante in November 1999.

"He (the anonymous donor) wanted to know how he could help the program and increase the scholarship," LaPlante said. "He decided that for every new dollar donated, he would match that.

The Mustang Athletic Fund presented "The Challenge," as they called it, to alumni.

Most of the money has been given through the

see LAPLANTE, page 7 Mike LaPlante has been critical to the success of the Mustang Athletic Fund.

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The annual "Night of the Mustang" awards ceremony will take place tonight, marking the end of the 1999-2000 athletic season. The "Night of the Mustang" honours Cal Poly athletes for stellar performance during the ceremony, the most coveted and secretive are the Male Mustang awards.

There are nine men nominated for the Male Athlete of the year; Alberto Garza, wrestling junior. He is ranked 98th in the nation.

►  Chris Bjorklund, basketball senior. He was Big West scorer and the team in scoring.

►  Steve Wood, baseball senior. Young is the all-time career rushing average.

►  Steve Stehrenherger, swimming senior. He was Big West champion in the shot put, hammer throw and qualified for the Olympic trials in both events.

►  Steve Wood, baseball senior. Wood set the career home-run record at 41 and was second on the team in hitting with a .346 batting average.

►  Craig Young, football senior. Young is the all-time career rushing average.

The Department of Athletics will continue to review candidates for the Male Athlete of the year.

Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

Who was the first NBA player to record a quadruple-double?

Congrats Andy Castagnola!

Today's Question:

Who was the first NBA player to record a quadruple-double?

Please submit sports trivia answer to sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu

Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

Michael Irvin set to retire before training camp

(AP) — NFL and Dallas Cowboys officially confirmed Tuesday that Michael Irvin, an eight-time Pro Bowl performer and the No. 10 receiver in history with 750 catches, will retire before training camp begins.

As reported in December by several media outlets, Irvin suffers from the congenital condition known as cervical spondylosis. Meaning he has an abnormality that narrows spinal passages. The condition, reaffirmed within the past two weeks by at least two experts, makes Irvin significantly more susceptible to permanent paralysis.

Neither the condition nor the diagnosis has changed since December, said sources close to Irvin, both of whom noted the receiver likely is just being diligent in undergoing a final round of physical examinations before officially announcing his exit from the game. A published report Tuesday revealed Irvin has been advised by doctors to retire.

"It's been obvious for some time now," agent Steve Endicott said, "the way this was heading. It's up to Michael, though, when it comes to announcements and timing. He's a man who is devoted to his family and, while he might miss the game, he won't do anything to jeopardize his health.

Irvin, 34, signed a six-year, $32 million contract extension last year but the deal was voided by reaching certain performance levels almost before it was dry, so he technically is an unrestricted free agent. No franchises have contact with Irvin, however, about playing in 2000. The Cowboys have been preparing for Irvin's exit and in March traded their second-round pick for wide receiver Joey Galloway, formerly of Seattle.

Owner Jerry Jones said at a league meeting Tuesday in Baltimore that it was his understandingIrvin has been preparing for his retirement and, in March traded his second-round pick for wide receiver Joey Galloway, formerly of Seattle.

Michael Irvin: Wide receiver

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Baseball players take Big West honors

Cal Poly had three baseball players honored Tuesday when catcher Keith Anderson, first baseman Steve Wood and starting pitcher Joe Smith were all selected for the Big West Conference's All Tournament Team.

Anderson hit over .300 for the Mustangs, while Wood led Cal Poly with 16 home runs, giving him the school's career record of 41. Smith ended his career at Cal Poly with a 2.4 season for the Mustangs.

The "Violent Crime Policy," will cover other criminal conduct and will be renamed the "Personal Conduct Policy."