Volleyball Victory

Ginger Bailey (14), Carly O’Halloran (6), and Kristen O’Halloran (4) give their teammates high-fives as they celebrate a victory over No. 6 Long Beach State in a grueling five-set match in Mott Gym Saturday night. See page 16 for the full story.

E-textbooks becoming trend for college students

By Jolie Walz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Electronic textbooks are making their way onto college campuses across the United States. Harvard, Georgetown and Ohio State are among the schools giving students the opportunity to download an e-book or use traditional textbooks, according to e-book publisher WireUp Digital Textbooks.

Cal Poly students will one day be able to purchase e-textbooks online through El Corral Bookstore, El Corral Director Frank Casiday said.

"The technology that will enable us to provide e-books is about a year away," Casiday said. "Right now we can't offer books online because there is no protection against one student buying an e-book on one Web site, downloading it and then e-mailing it to the rest of the students in the class."

Electrical engineering senior Chris Heister thinks e-books will not be the current trend on campus because they aren't as accessible in a regular book.

"Not all students have laptops that they can whip out to kill 10 minutes reading before their next class," Heister said. "And even then, reading for long periods of time on a computer screen is awkward. It just sounds impractical to me."

According to WireUp Digital Textbooks, professors and publishers like e-books because they provide links to newspaper articles and other supplementary texts, as well as audio and visual aids. The cost of an e-textbook is comparable to that of a used book, and from a publishers standpoint they are much easier to update than paper versions.

From the standpoint of journalism junior Sarah Doebel, "If the cost of an e-book is the same as a used book, I might as well just buy the book."

Heister agreed, and said that e-books might cost more in the long run.

"At least you can sell a textbook back. That's not possible with an e-book," he said.

The true cost of the e-book will include printing the downloaded text if students don't have a personal computer. "It can get very expensive printing out 400 pages," Casiday said.

Casiday said he believes e-books will grow exponentially as they are incorporated in primary and secondary schools and children grow-up feeling comfortable using them.

The e-book trend will not have an immediate effect on El Corral. "The faculty manuals we produce would be the first to be sold in electronic versions off our Web site," Casiday said. "We see the regular use of e-books 10 to 12 years off."

While students Heister and Doebel prefer to have a book in their hands rather than scrolling through their computer screens, Casiday feels that Cal Poly is "very technologically brilliant" capable of incorporating e-books.

Extended Ed: a practical choice

By Megan Shearn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

There's another education force on Cal Poly's campus where classes are shorter and cheaper, don't tell anyone, but they're more fun.

"It's been called Cal Poly's best kept secret," said Renee Whitworth, program supervisor.

The secret is called Extended Education.

The program is a non-profit, self-supporting division of Cal Poly. Classes range from wine appreciation to Adobe Photoshop. All classes are open to students, but they also benefit the personal interests of the Central Coast. According to Patricia-Ann Stoneman, the director of Extended Education, there are two different categories for the program.

"There are personal interests, those are non-credit and open to university, which is for students who are not enrolled in the quarter," Stoneman said.

The open university program is for anyone not currently enrolled in Cal Poly classes. Open university offers a variety of classes, including a few regular Cal Poly classes.

The program could be suitable for an ambitious high school student looking to get ahead, or a college student currently not enrolled. Extended Education students have to write for the Cal Poly classes to be filled by Cal Poly students.

Two classes offered by Extended Education are Breeding and Foaling, and Lameness for the Horse Owner. The first teaches proper pre-natal care for a pregnant mare and the birth and early development of the foal. The second course gives an understanding of what causes horses to become lame. All Extended Education classes are open to both students and non-students.
Some fall TV premieres delayed due to campaigns and olympic coverage

NEW YORK (AP) — It's late September. The air is crisp, football games are flying and after months of returns, television viewers are finally rewarded with new shows and returning favorites.

Well, at least two out of the three are true this year.

Fall is arriving a little late in TV land. And between the Olympics, baseball and presidential debates, television executives are wondering if viewers will have much of a chance this season to settle into old habits and create new ones.

"All the planets are aligned to make us run for the Pepsi-Bonzo and the Tom," said Preston Beckman, executive vice president of strategic programming at Fox.

At the urging of NBC, CBS and Fox, Nielsen Media Research pushed the official starting date of the new TV season back two weeks to Oct. 2. Since NBC is dominating prime time now with the Olympics, its rivals felt it would give NBC an unfair head start for ratings bragging rights for the season.

With no meaningful incentive to compete against the Olympics, most networks have held back their new material. The exceptions are the mini-networks (UPN, the WB and Fox TV), which have rolled out some new shows to entice bored channel surfers.

Then, just when the networks were ready to get rolling on Oct. 2, the first presidential debate was scheduled for Oct. 3 and the vice presidential debate for two nights later.

Some quick shuttling ensued. NBC's prized Thursday night lineup pushed back its season premieres to Oct. 12. The CBS hit, "Judging Amy," was delayed for a week, and so was ABC's new sitcom starring Gena Davis.

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sation," Smith said. "It would benefit
the school more by being a member
instead of competing against it."

Albence and Lewis chose to re-
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the student executive vice president, since they
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While many people may take the
classes to further their career or col-
lege credits, many others take the
classes for personal interest.

"The food and wine classes are
always full," Stoneuman said.

One of the most popular is the
California Wine Appreciation,
according to Whitworth.

"The class fills up before the cata-
gles goes out. We have a waiting list
for it," Whitworth said.

Stoneuman says the paralegal cer-
ificate courses are also very popular.

"Most students believe these classes
have given them a lot of knowledge
using into the ISchool," she said.

A move to the Internet is under-
way for Extended Education.

"We're starting to get more
requests for online classes," Stoneuman said. "Right now we have
computer or math courses available."

Stoneuman said they hope to have
more classes available on the
Internet, as well as an online system
classification.

"People can be browsing online for
a course and use their credit card to
register immediately," she said.

The program just acquired a new
code and some quiet change on the
horizon.

"Keep a watch, we may be getting
even better," Whitworth said.

Registration is going on now for
Extended Education. Costs for open
university courses are $30 per unit.

Other classes cost between $20 and
$250. Call 546-2531.
News

No Napster ban at Cal

By Anne Benjaminson
Daily Californian

(U-WIRE) Berkeley - Rebuffing the requests of music industry heavyweights, University of California officials announced Friday they will not ban Napster from university servers.

“Given the fact that Napster technology may be used for legitimate purposes and that the university does not monitor the use of its electronic systems, we see no justification for a blanket block on access to Napster technology,” UC General Counsel James Holst said in a statement.

The move came in response to a request by recording artists Metallica and Dr. Dre that 11 national universities ban Napster access because of potential copyright infringement.

But as of Friday, only Penn State University had complied with the request. Harvard, Stanford and Princeton Universities, along with the University of Michigan and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, declined to limit access to the server.

The university, however, said it would investigate reported incidents of copyright violation involving the server.

“The university does not condone unlawful activity, and we take appropriate steps when we are informed of any specific alleged infringing activity,” Holst said.

Napster officials Friday were enthused.

“We’re very pleased with the university’s decision to allow students to continue participating in the Napster community,” a server spokesperson said.

The past few days have marked somewhat of a anticlimax in the battle between lawyers for the music industry and college campuses. In the spring, the recording artists named major universities as defendants in their lawsuit against Napster, and all three took steps to ban the server from their campuses.

Germans rescued after days afloat

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Four Germans, including a toddler, were plucked from the Mediterranean Sea Friday by a Spanish rescue ship after they were adrift for over six days. The boat’s crew found the family near the southern tip of Spain.

The family was found Wednesday by two fishermen who had set out to look for the missing boat. The passengers were not identified.

The boat broke apart in the strong currents in the Strait of Gibraltar, which separates Spain from Morocco. The two men were rescued Wednesday and were returned to Spain.
Clinton helps raise funds for Lois Capps' campaign

LOS ANGELES (AP) — President Clinton predicted Sunday that Democrats could win a slim majority in the House but still have to get along with the Republicans.

"There will be an effort for bipartisan cooperation no matter what happens in the election," he said. "We win the majority it won't be so big that we won't have to work with them," Clinton said.

The president spoke at a fund-raiser for Rep. Lois Capps, a Santa Barbara Democrat targeted by the GOP this year. The event was expected to raise an estimated $200,000.

A swing of just six seats in the Republicans' current 222-211 majority could return the House to Democratic control for the first time since 1994.

Clinton was making the rounds of two-swing districts in California this weekend. The Capps stop followed a Saturday visit to San Jose to help Democratic control for the first time since 1994.

"We might even win the Senate back, but we do it just by a seat or two," Clinton said. First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton hopes to hold on to the Democratic Senate seat in New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. The Capps fund-raiser marked the 13th time this year that Clinton has headlined campaign events for congressional Democrats — a fund-raising record for a president.

On Saturday night, Clinton brought in an estimated $44 million for House Democrats at a fund-raiser in the exclusive Brentwood section of Los Angeles.

Along the same lines, motorists were trapped 30 feet in the air for about two hours when a jacket landed a roller coaster at Knott's Berry Farm, marking the secon

California amusement parks give visitors dangerous rides

RANCHO PALOS VERDES (AP) — Two dozen people were trapped 30 feet in the air for about two hours when a jacket landed on a roller coaster at Knott's Berry Farm, marking the second accident at a Southern California amusement park in as many days.

None of the 23 passengers was hurt on the junkpin ride. Park workers and city firefighters used 30-foot ladders to reach the trapped passengers.

The Forest Service paid $4.5 million for 784 acres at the southern entrance of the forest land around Big Sur, where spectators views of ocean reared by towering cliffs draw millions of tourists every year.

The parcel around San Carpitos Creek will be added to the 1.75-million-acre Los Padres National Forest in central California.

The new land is time by comparison to the vast acreage already placed under federal protection around Big Sur but carries large symbolic value.

It represents one of Clinton's last opportunities to expand his environmental legacy and an opportunity to bolster further environmental and conservation bonus claims to Vice President Al Gore.

"The work we have done on conservation is among the things I'm most proud of today," Clinton told the California chapter of the League of Conservation Voters. The national nonprofit environmental group that recently endorsed Gore for president Clinton said he and Gore have tried to further the conservation legacy of President Theodore Roosevelt, who began nearly a century ago.

"For more than seven years, now, Al Gore and I have fought to do that, most of the time with a Congress that was hostile to our environmental objectives," Clinton said.

Both Gore and his GOP presidential rival, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, want to pocket California and its 54 electoral votes — a fifth of the 270 needed for the presidency. On Monday, Bush is to begin a five-day West Coast campaign swing that includes California.

The money for the latest expansion comes from Clinton's 2000 land conservation budget, a $650 million that was the subject of a long partisan struggle in Congress.

Through two terms, Clinton has secured stronger protection for tens of millions of acres of scenic, threatened land and frequently angered Republicans in the process.

In April, Clinton set aside 355,200 acres to protect ancient groves of giant sequoia. Clinton made the trees a protected monument in the 1996 Antiquities Act, which allows presidents to safeguard, without a congressional approval, the fossil and scientific interest.

News

Tire tread thought to cause more fatalities

LONG BEACH (AP) — Tread separation on a used tire caused a Ford Explorer to crash, roll down an embankment Sunday, killing one person and injuring five others, investigators said.

The tire with the separated tread was a General tire that had been installed used two months ago, the California Highway Patrol reported.

The 1997 Explorer was equipped with four different types of used tires, the CHP said.

The vehicle went out of control on the southbound 405 Freeway shortly before 10 a.m., city fire Battalion Chief Rick Pillsbury said. It crossed six lanes of traffic without hitting another car and then rolled off an embankment, crushing the passengers under the roof, he said.

Bryan Morales of Huntington Park, the 18-year-old brother of the driver, died at the scene. He was rid­ing in the Explorer's rear seat and was killed by the impact, the CHP said.

All other victims, including a 4-month-old child who was strapped into a safety seat, were wearing seat belts and suffered only cuts and bruises.

Two were transported to Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, where they were listed in fair condition. The other three were treated at Pacifica Hospital for minor injuries.

The driver, 27-year-old Adriano Morales of Downey, told investigators he was driving with family members to an adult soccer match in Westmont when he heard a loud noise and felt the steering wheel jerk.

The Explorer spun counterclockwise before pitching over the embankment.

Investigators determined it was the tread on the vehicle's left rear tire that separated.

General's parent company, Continental Tire, announced last week that it would replace 102,000 Continental tires, most of which were standard equip­ ment on Explorers. Federal investi­ gators are examining the possible role of the tires in wrecks that resulted in more than 120 deaths and 400 injuries.

DANIEL RUSSMAN

Jill Redman/Tampa Tribune

Wanted: A bag of some sort of sandwich with a large, soft roll, perhaps. Why not try yogurt at Sweats Persuasions?'

Julian's is ready to serve you hungry for long hours. For the finest coffees, from whole beans to ground, to tea and lemons, try the Medici at Water Street. It is a good place to go to whenever you need a little lift for those that need it.
News

Davis allows release of convicted murderer

SACRAMENTO (AP) — For the first time, Gov. Gray Davis has allowed the release of a convicted murderer, a battered woman who shot her boyfriend in 1986 after he threatened to kill her, her son and her unborn child.

Davis said there were "extraordinary and compelling circumstances" favoring the release of Rose Ann Parker, 41, but that the "gravity of her crime" persuaded him to add conditions to her parole.

Parker was scheduled to be freed Sunday. Davis delayed her release date until Dec. 8 and modified the terms of Parker's parole order by the Board of Prison Terms. In addition to conditions imposed by the board, Davis required her to undergo period- ic tests for marijuana use and attend parenting classes.

"Ms. Parker committed a grave crime. However, this case has all the characteristics of Battered Women's Syndrome, a now legally recognized defense which was not available at the time of her trial," the governor said in a written statement released Sunday morning by his office.

That law was approved in 1992 with the other conditions imposed by the board — that Parker submit to narcotics testing, join a drug-rehabilitation program and participate for at least six months in a domestic violence prevention program.

Parker was convicted in San Bernardino County of second-degree murder for the March 1986 killing of Arthur Boga, her boyfriend of four years with whom she had been involved in a relationship marked by violence and abuse, according to testimony cited by the governor.

She was sentenced to 15 years to life, and is currently being held at the California Institution for Women at Corona.

Parker believed she was in danger of losing her life, as well as that of her 2-year-old son and her unborn child, according to court testimony and the governor's office.

Boga, learning that day that Parker had become pregnant by a former boyfriend, came to their apartment with a .38-caliber revolver and threatened to kill her and her family members, according to Davis.

"Ms. Parker begged him to put the gun down, and when he did, she picked it up and shot him in the back," Davis said.

Because this was the first time a governor reviewed the Parker parole case, Davis had the power to reverse, affirm or modify the decision of the board, which sets release dates for all California prisoners sentenced to life.

On second review, a governor's options are limited to letting a decision stand or sending it to the board for a full review.

In about 30 earlier cases that have come to Davis' attention, he has reversed the board's decision or sent them back for a full review by the nine-member panel. His latest decision is the first time he has only modified a board ruling and allowed the inmate's parole to proceed, his office said.

The governor also said he wanted to ensure that Parker served the minimum amount of her term, which with good-time credits is up Dec. 8.


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"Real Men" and "Real Women" will attend a training program and present a sexual assault awareness program to groups throughout the year.

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• When you move into a new home or apartment, re-key the locks. Don't hide the keys outside the home. Instead, give one to a trusted neighbor.

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For more information and interview contact Susanne Kelley at 756-2600 or skelley@calpoly.edu.
From CBS to Baker's raise - here's our take

Thursday's edition of Mustang Daily gave us a brief that Baker's salary increase was considered as a mark in the right direction for a university of our size. However, it is hard to believe that there is a place in the state that hasn't heard of our unfortunate situation. At the very least, San Luis Obispo County deserves the right to enjoy justifications. It has expanded, it would seem, and it is, nonetheless, it is a big deal. This, in addition to U.S. News and World Report ranking (the real regional university in the West) proves that the reputation Cal Poly has earned is valid, not simply fancy, their decisions to work here.

Baker's salary increased. The popular approach to this tidbit of information would be to give us $14,916 in the way that there's more buildings and programs on campus that could better use these funds. But if the chancellor has decided that our campus should be grazed with the latest in the latest high-end technology, then we should all feel it. Hey, obviously the girl's got something new. After all, Cal Poly was always known when Women's Studies finally came online.

Summer construction. Does the name change of The Celler to The Park seem random enough? Sure, the idea of letting condos like the vending machine room might look nice, but we're all used to the other name. The change does nothing but confuse returning students, for whom, by the way, it will forever be The Celler. As for the parking structure, halfback, it's finally done.

Krebs' trial to move. Although this decision comes in the interest of justice, it is doubtful that any county in California would be able to have their precious real estate sit in the sun for the summer. Atter reading the hard facts, Thursday's edition of Mustang Daily gave you hints.

Commentary

Fashion conscious' means lazy

With the advent of the new school year, there is a fresh crop of eye candy walking about on campus. Guy or girl, straight or gay, one must appreciate the time-looking individuals that can be found all over Cal Poly. Early fall quarter is a great time, second only to the last half of spring, as the warm weather causes an increase in the number of people out and about with a marked decrease in the quantity of cloth covering them. It is lucky to be able to attend such an attractive university, a fact for which I am grateful daily after visiting friends at UCSD (what a bunch of rioters).

As if natural assets aren't enough, almost everyone seems to be outfitted in the latest form-fitting styles, with the trendiest brand names, and in the most eye-catching designs. Perhaps it is due to the fact that school is just beginning (do people still dress up for the first day of school?), but there are definitely some very fashion-conscious people roaming around campus. It is difficult to take more than a few steps without taking notice of Abercrombie fans. Structure shirts or any number of other high-profile designer duds. I am well aware that fashion has always been important, but have people always been so impeccably dressed? I don't think it has always been this way, and I blame Gap for the current state. Those ridiculous, laughable, yet somehow irresistible commercials have wormed their way into our collective consciousness to the point that everybody is in love with them as well as Hollands and cords. I admit that I have fallen prey to the ads as much as anyone else. Like an episode of America's Funniest Home Videos, it is impossible to turn the channel despite the knowledge that you are about to witness something stupid and annoying (at least Gap hasn't tapped Bob Saget to be their spokesman yet). Anyway, the commercials aren't the whole point. Declining individualistic expression is, or something like that. It would be easy to write such runaway trendiness off as a freshman phenomenon (freshmen are such y great innovators), but it extends much higher up than that, not as much as the profs, who consistently amaze me with their unintentionally retro yet-ups. Sometimes I think that people are just too lazy nowadays to really care what they put on before leaving the house. I know that is the case with me. If it were remotely socially acceptable to throw on a sock on in Red Hot Chili Peppers' style and stroll around campus, I would do it (it would have to be a big sock, of course). As it is, I own more Gap stuff than most small European countries, just to please the interest of justice, it is doubtful that any county in California would be able to have their precious real estate sit in the sun for the summer. Atter reading the hard facts, Thursday's edition of Mustang Daily gave you hints.

Jon Hughes is an English senior and a staff writer for Mustang Daily.
Letters to the editor

Fighting hurts more than victim
Editor,

Did you have a good time last Saturday night? Was anything you hoped it would be? Did you throw a great party? Did you drink enough beer to down your unconsciousness? Did you do a do a fat stand? Did you see any cool fights? Did you get to bang anyone? Did you get to bash an innocent pedestrian in the head behind? Did you get in as many cheap-shot punches as you were able?

He and his clan began to follow us into the street. Weird got out to the rest of the group that we might be gay. Guys were whipping off their shirts in the excitement of gay-bashing. Others were screaming horrible things at us. The typical-looking college dude's face was turning dark red. He became evasive, inspired by the support of his friends, but drove mostly by some inner evil that only he understood. We tried to explain to them that the things they thought about had nothing to do with us, but they wouldn't be leaving us alone. We turned to walk away a little faster this time. That was when the enraged college dude began repeatedly punching the back of my head and right ear. Then, one of his sidekicks jumped in and slammed his fist into my left ear before I could recover from the first punches. I pulled myself up on the side of Stemmer Street and spun around, revealing my fists for protection, but they were finished with me. They didn't want to fight me face to face, and they didn't teach my friend for some reason. They just watched us walk away.

That night, I lay in bed, unable to sleep because of the ringing in my ears and in my head, pondering why? Why did they do this to me?

I'm sure you probably had to deal with troubles similar to the ones we had. We tried to explain to them that the things they thought about had nothing to do with us, but they wouldn't be leaving us alone. We turned to walk away a little faster this time. That was when the enraged college dude started hassling us from one of the patio parties, accusing us of being homosexuals. The words he used were not polite.

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First week down, graduation soon

So, another year starts.

The beginning of my senior year carries promise, excitement and the long-awaited completion of my official schooling. When I was in junior high, even high school, I could never comprehend a finale to the years and years of homework and tests, and now I can almost taste it. I can't even imagine what life will be like in four years where I'm not constantly learning and being graded. Now I am a graduating senior. I've been through many different levels of education and I've come to understand the process and how it can be a huge waste of time. Now that I'm about to graduate, I'm feeling a sense of pride in my education. In my first five days of school, I've been reminded of things that were important in the past, but now I'm excited about the future.

Unfortunately, as fast as I blocked out the past, I've been forced to think about the future. As I sit in the Rec Center, attending my class and waiting for the class to start, I can hear the sound of the clock ticking away. Time is running out and I'm getting anxious about the amount of work I have to do. I'm thinking about all the papers I have to write and all the tests I have to take. I'm thinking about all the things I have to do in order to graduate. I'm thinking about all the things I have to do in order to get into college.

Instead of enjoying a senior year full of reminiscing with old friends and easing into "the real world," I'm scrambling to get units in the right places and clocking hours into my required internship. I'm loads of fun and I'm excited to be here. I'm excited to be part of the Mustang Daily team.

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Border residents dream of new state

HAPPY CAMP, Calif. (AP) — Residents near the California-Oregon border along the Jefferson-Hyde Historic Route have high hopes of seceding to form a 51st state. They've got the hats and T-shirts printed up, the slogan "Jeffersonian," after founding father Thomas Jefferson. The state of Jefferson would encompass Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc and Butte counties in California, and Coos and Curry counties in Oregon.

Residents of these areas say they have more in common with each other than with the urban San Francisco Bay area. Southern California or Portland, Ore. Siskiyou County alone is sparsely populated, with about 44,200 residents in an area roughly five times the size of Rhode Island.

The secession movement does not have universal support in the region, however. Some believe it has an anti-environmental aspect that could threaten the scenic, mostly unspoiled country.

"What started out being a rather fun kind of attention-getting situation has become a fairly polarizing movement that is pretty intolerant," said Carol Wright of the Klamath Forest Alliance, a grass-roots environmental organization.

Others like the idea of a 51st state, but they don't think it will come to pass.

"We will like the Jeffersonian ideals and all," said Mark Dean, executive director of the Yreka Chamber of Commerce. "It takes as a nice, historical story and a political state of mind, but not anything we think is going to come to fruition."

The idea has been around for about 150 years, but hit an all-time high in 1941, when residents tried to get a road built so they could ship out deposits of copper, chrome and manganese mined in the area.

Some gun-toting residents even went so far as to blockade a highway and hold a torchlight parade where they inaugurated their own governor.

The federal government built the road during World War II to bring out minerals to help with the war effort.

The dream of Jefferson state lives on, but even if enough support is drummed up, it will be an uphill legal battle.

The Oregon and California legislatures would have to approve it, as would the U.S. Congress. The new state would have to adopt a constitution, set up a legislature, provide universities and colleges and license and regulate doctors, lawyers and other professionals.

IMF asks consumers and producers to fix oil price dilemma

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — Europeans tried to paint a picture of unified, enthusiastic support for their flagging currency Sunday, amid fears the United States will only halfheartedly behind last week's surprise intervention.

Addressing the other major threat to the current economic expansion — high oil prices — the International Monetary Fund asked producers and consumers to achieve stable prices at reasonable levels.

The sinking euro and rising oil top the agenda as the IMF and World Bank open their annual meetings here Tuesday, and all eyes will be on financial markets Monday to see if last week's efforts to prop up the euro and push oil lower will work.

A synchronized move Friday by the United States, Japan, the European Central Bank and other allies to buy the euro on foreign exchange markets immediately boosted the currency. The euro surged from about 86 cents to 90 cents — but halved those gains by the end of Friday trading — after U.S. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said America had a vital interest in a strong dollar.

The statement cast doubt on the euro's commitment to the interven­ tion and perhaps future interven­ tions, which essentially weaken the dollar to give a boost to the euro. The euro, the common currency used by 11 European Union nations, has recently plunged to record lows.

Before markets open Monday, European finance officials were busy putting their own spin on Summers' comments, saying the intervention had solid support from all members of the so-called Group of Seven industrialized countries, including the United States. Meanwhile, President Clinton said Friday he would tap into the U.S. emergency oil stockpile to push prices lower.

IMF officials introduced a new plan Sunday to stabilize the global oil market by bringing producers and consumers together, halting it in a major breakthrough in the cur­ rent crisis, which has seen oil prices surge to a 10-year high above $30 per barrel, triple the price of early 1999.

In the past, it has been difficult to get producers and consumers to agree on plans for the oil market. However, and the latest effort was short on details.

As top global financial figures gathered in Prague, protesters are threatening to disrupt Tuesday's opening ceremonies.

Many are vowing to repeat the "Battle in Seattle," when mass demonstrations outside a World Trade Organization meeting last year deteriorated into violent clashes between demonstrators and police and became a rallying cry for many of the enemies of economic globalization.

There have been no serious trou­ bles yet in Prague, but early Sunday, a group of 520 protesters, mostly Italian, were held up in a train that was stopped at the border with Austria, where officials denied entry to four of them because they had participated in riots that marred the WTO in Seattle.

So far, demonstrators have not turned out as the tens of thousands some analysts had predicted, but many citizens are frightened and numerous small businesses will stay closed this week.

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IRVING, Texas (AP) - The artistry of previous meetings between the San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys was missing. The bitterness wasn't.

This meeting was ugly and emotional. These teams were playing more for pride, far removed from the NFC titles they played each other for six times in the past.

San Francisco defeated the Cowboys 41-24 Sunday, and receiver Terrell Owens rubbed it in by going to midfield after both of his touchdown catches to celebrate on the TV.

"We are nowhere where we should be, but it gives us a boost," Steve Mariucci 49ers head coach

San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci and Cowboys coach Dave Campo both apologized to each other when they met at midfield after the game. Both refused to elaborate what was said then, or to their players after the game.

"I went to the star the first time because it was the right part of the game and I wanted to get a spark going in my team," Owens said. "It was a spur of the moment thing. I guess I should have picked my time better (on the second one). I wanted to get back in Emmitt." 

Six minutes before Terrell was thrown out of the game, Dallas cornerback Darren Woodson was also ejected. Woodson, upon that referee didn't call a penalty when 49ers center Jeremy Newberry stepped on his head after the whistle blew, kicked the ball and then threw his helmet. San Francisco's and Dallas' officials, they said, had not planned to do so. Mariucci and Campo both took issue with the penalties and the way they were administered.

The 49ers beat the Cowboys, 41-24.

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Football upsets aren’t what they used to be

(1) — Another week, another double whammy for the best teams in college football.

The latest victims of "Who Wants To Upset A Top 10 Team?" were UCLA and Wisconsin, which lost for the first time this season.

The Bruins 29-10 loss at unranked Oregon on Saturday wasn’t a total surprise since the Ducks were favored, but the Bruins’ 47-44 double overtime loss at home to Northwestern was a shocker.

UCLA (3-1, 2-1 Pac-12), which pulled off two upsets of its own to move from unranked to No. 6, turned to No. 15 in this week’s AP poll while Wisconsin (3-1-1, 1-1-1 Big Ten) fell to place No. 17 after nearly escaping without a loss despite massive player suspensions ordered by the NCAA.

Last week, the Bruins beat a No. 3 Michigan 23-20 and Stanford upset a No. 3 Texas 27-24. On Sept. 9, there was more of the same as a No. 15 Washington beat a No. 4 Miaml 54-29 and South Carolina stunned a No. 9 Georgia 21-10.

A common thread in these upsets was all but one came on the road.

Wisconsin lost at home. At this point, Nebraska and Florida State are a solid 1-2 in the polls and anything upsets up are considered rare. On Saturday included UAB beating LSU 15-10 and South Carolina edging Mississippi State 23-19 and moving into the Top 25 at No. 23 — for the first time since 1993.

Upsets it appears, aren’t what they used to be.

"I expected to win," Northwestern coach Randy Walker said after beating the two-time Rose Bowl champions at Camp Randall Stadium.

"We don’t put a lot of plan together, or prepare or work, we just do something, but that’s what we did," he said.

All this from a coach whose team went 1-8-1 in ‘99 and finished third in the Big Ten.

"I don’t consider it an upset, just a big win."

Maurice Morris
Oregon running back

the 11-team Big Ten Conference. Maurice Morris, who ran for 119 yards and two touchdowns in the Ducks’ win over the Bruins, said, "I don’t consider it an upset, just a big win."

Are there more big upsets to top next season? Consider No. 3 Honda (4-0, 2-0 SEC) at Mississippi State (2-2, 2-5, No. 4 Virginia Tech) (3-0-1 Big East) at Boston College (2-1, 5-1) and No. 5 Kansas State (4-2) at Colorado (6-3). As the first month of the season closed, 22 of 115 F-A teams remain unbeaten and 17 were still on the unbeaten list. The biggest surprises among the unbeaten include Auburn (4-0), North Carolina (4-2) of the Southeastern Conference, Pittsburgh (4-3) of the Big East and North Carolina State (4-3) of the ACC.

The wins include Army (0-4), Navy (0-4), Utah (0-4) and Colorado (0-3).

Alabama (4-3) and Penn State (1-4) remain the biggest disappointments after both lost again on Saturday. The Crimson Tide beat Arkansas 28-21, the Nittany Lions by No. 12 Ohio State 45-6.

Bama, with national title aspirations when the season began, is off to its worst start since 1992. The Lions are off to their worst start since coach Joe Paterno took over from Big Ten in 1966.

"We can’t sit out and buy a bottle of Michelle’s. We’re going to make everybody better," Paterno said after his worst defeat in 35 seasons as Penn State’s head coach. "It’s one of those years. You’ve got to fight your way out of it."

South Carolina, which plays Alabama at Tuscaloosa on Saturday, has Coach Lou Holtz’s Gamecocks ended a 2-1 game losing streak to open the season and haven’t lost since, beating two ranked teams along the way.

At Columbia, S.C., Erik Kimrey replaced an injured Phil Petty and promptly threw a four-down, 23-yard TD pass with 44 left to lift South Carolina to yet another unlikely victory.
USA women dominate Sunday in Sydney

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The heir to an American women's gold medal in platform diving, the Olympics offered no competition for women in soccer or basketball.

Welcome to the 21st century.

On Sunday, Laura Wilkinson ended America’s 16-year reign of diving dominance by shocking the defending champion Chinese on the 10-meter platform. As she dove for the gold, the women’s soccer team advanced to its second gold medal game in four years, and the female “Dream Team” moved easily into the Olympic quarterfinals.

Wilkinson, 22, was an unlikely candidate to replicate the 1984 success of a longshot New Jersey teen named Lesley Beckett. She was in fifth place overall while the Chinese teen veteran of Beijing, Yao, and Li Na were one-two.

But on her third dive in the finals, Wilkinson grabbed the lead and never surrendered it. Making her victory even more unlikely, she wore a walking shoe to protect a foot broken in March, removing it only after failing the 13-foot tower.

Wilkinson postponed her surgery until after the Olympics — a decision that had to be made now.

The pressure was so great that after the last six months that it’s not that bad,” Wilkinson said after ending China’s string of victories at four straight Olympics.

The medal count after nine days of competition. The United States leads with 52 (12 gold, 12 silver, 19 bronze), followed by China and Australia.

SOCCER: The biggest American star scored the biggest goal in the team’s biggest game thus far in Sydney. Mia Hamm kicked around the defense throughout the game, knocked Brazil out of the Olympic soccer round with her goal in the 60th minute.

The score, Hamm’s 175th in international games, stood up as the defending gold medalists notched a 1-0 semifinal victory. Goalie Briana Scurry made sure the gold would be enough with a super save 10 minutes later on a shot by Brazil’s Roseli.

The Americans take on Norway, which defeated Germany 2-1, in the final Thursday (Wednesday night EDT). The United States already beat Norway 2-0 in an opening-round game.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: Next stop, the medal round. The United States (6-1) dominated in a 93-70 victory over the United States in 36 years.

> The United States basketball team advanced to the medal round.

BASEBALL. Next stop, the medal round. The U.S. baseball team pounded Australia 12-1 in seven innings, a game stopped by the Olympic “mercy rule.”

The Americans (6-1) dominated in a game marked by a cold, driving rain, led by winning pitcher Kurt Ainsworth and four RBI by Brent Abernathy.

The Australians (2-4) finished out medal contention. Caba (6-1) clinched the top seed in the baseball medal round by virtue of its 6-1 victory over the United States.
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Santa Barbara and the Mustangs made this trip even more painful for the 49ers.

Before the game, Hathaway was honored for reaching the 1,000 dig mark in her career at Cal Poly. Hathaway had 13 on Friday and 15 on Saturday, bringing her career total to 1,025.

"It was a physical match and we played pretty well," he said. "Pacific was much more in control. I think our team will progress as the season goes on."

Steve Schlick
volleyball head coach

Steve Schlick's desires were fulfilled Saturday when Cal Poly defeated Long Beach State for the first time since 1987.

Long Beach was beaten the previous night by Cal Poly rival UC Santa Barbara and the Mustangs made this trip even more painful for the 49ers.

The win against the 49ers raised Cal Poly's overall record to 7-4 and put the Mustangs up one at 14-13. On the final play of the game middle hitter Worthy Lien and outside hitter Kristen O'Halloran teamed up for the assisted block ending the match.

The win against the 49ers raised Cal Poly's overall record to 7-4 and the Big West record to 1-1. Cal Poly travels next to Utah State for a conference game on Thursday.
Volleyball shocks No. 6 Long Beach State

By Matt Smart
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Men's soccer drops match to Gonzaga, 4-1

Football gets first victory

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Diamondbacks defeat Giants, 8-3

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Matt Williams hit a grand slam in a seven-run second inning, and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the San Francisco Giants 8-3 Sunday to stave off elimination in the NL wild card race.

Arizona remained 8 1/2 games behind New York, the NL wild card leader, and would be eliminated with one more loss or one more Mets win.

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