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

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 WestUp Digital Textbooks.

Cal Poly students will one day be able to purchase e-textbooks online through El Coral Bookstore. El Coral Director Frank Cawley said, "The technology that will enable us to provide e-books is about a year away," Cawley said. "Right now we can't offer e-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."

Electronic engineering senior Chris Heiser 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," Heiser said. "And even then, reading for long periods of time on a computer screen is awkward. It just seems impractical to me."

According to WestUp 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 Deub, "If the cost of an e-book is the same as a used book, I might as well just buy the book."

Heiser 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 450 pages," Cawley said.

Cawley 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 Coral," Cawley said. "The faculty manuals we produce would be the first to be sold in electronic versions off our Web site. I see the regular use of e-books 10 to 12 years off."

While students Heiser and Deub prefer to have a book in their hands rather than scrolling down their computer screens, Cawley feels that Cal Poly is in a "very technologically brilliant university" capable of incorporating e-books.

ASl gets promised changes

By Victoria Walsh

While some students took the summer vacation to relax and revive, Associated Students Inc. President Sam Ahorne and Executive Vice President Lewis Smith took the opportunity to begin moving on some of Ahorne's campaign promises.

"It was a very productive summer," Smith said. "We had some meetings with the university to set down our goals and learn what their expectations were as well."

One of the first things the staff did was rejoin the California State Student Association, an organization that represents the student voice for all California State University students. It is the first time Cal Poly has joined in 18 years.

"We evaluated the usefulness of joining and decided that by being a member of CSSA, the university would be able to influence some of

Extended Ed: a practical choice

By Megan Shearn

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

"It's been called Cal Poly's best kept secret," said Ross 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 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 wait for the Cal Poly classes to be filled by Cal Poly students.

see EDUCATION, page 4

Two classes offered by Extended Education are Breeding and Foaling, and Lameness for the Horse Owner. The first teaches property investment for pregnant mares 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.
News

Some fall TV premieres delayed due to campaigns and Olympic coverage

NEW YORK (AP) — It's late September. The air is crisper, footballs are flying and after months of reruns, 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 Pepto-Bismol and the Tums," said Preston Beckman, executive vice president of strategic programming at Fox.

As the angling 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, their 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, many networks have held back their new material. Exception are the mini-networks (UPN, the WB and Fox TV), which have rolled out some new shows to entice bored channel surfer.

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 shuffling 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, as was ABC's new sitcom starring Gena Davies.

Fox has chosen not to cover the debates. But since it is broadcasting baseball playoffs and the World Series, some of its most popular programs won't appear with new episodes until November, including "The X-Files," "The Simpsons" and "Malcolm in the Middle." NBC is also covering the baseball playoffs, which has prevented "Providence" from starting until Oct. 22 and "Feastor" until Oct. 24.

Viewers may not be that concerned about NBC's schedule, since it's able to promote its programs relentlessly during the Olympics. Its rivals don't have that luxury, Fox, for instance, is airing more than 200 hours of baseball, basketball and boxing.

But in this "Survivor" era, the fall TV premiere season -- an institution in as old as television itself -- may be becoming an anachronism anyway.

"More and more, the networks are moving toward a year-round program development strategy," said Bob Flood, senior vice president of programming at Optimedia International.

"More and more, the networks are moving toward a year-round program development strategy." Bob Flood Optimedia International senior vice president

Take the two TV sensations of the past year: "Survivor" was a summer series, starting in late May and climaxing in August. "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" debuted in August 1999 and didn't join ABC's regular schedule until the following January.

Midseason can often be a launching pad for hits, such as "Providence" and "Malcolm in the Middle." Networks are more apt to try new shows at any point in the fall now.

Some producers of new programs actually prefer to start anytime but the fall, since it's easier in autumn, for their shows to get lost in the avalanche of new things and be overlooked by viewers.

Increasingly influential cable networks don't live by the same schedule, HBO's "Sex and the City" is a summer series, and "The X-Files" won't start up again until next March. Some cable networks save their high-profile programming for when the broadcast networks go on a break. June is usually premiere month for Comedy Central.

Some quick shuffling ensured NBC's prized Thursday night lineup pushed back its season premieres to Oct. 12. The CBS hit, "Judging Amy," was delayed for a week, as was ABC's new sitcom starring Gena Davies.

Fox has chosen not to cover the debates. But since it is broadcasting baseball playoffs and the World Series, some of its most popular programs won't appear with new episodes until November, including "The X-Files," "The Simpsons" and "Malcolm in the Middle." NBC is also covering the baseball playoffs, which has prevented "Providence" from starting until Oct. 22 and "Feastor" until Oct. 24.

Viewers may not be that concerned about NBC's schedule, since it's able to promote its programs relentlessly during the Olympics. Its rivals don't have that luxury, Fox, for instance, is airing more than 200 hours of baseball, basketball and boxing.

But in this "Survivor" era, the fall TV premiere season -- an institution in as old as television itself -- may be becoming an anachronism anyway.

"More and more, the networks are moving toward a year-round program development strategy," said Bob Flood, senior vice president of programming at Optimedia International.

"More and more, the networks are moving toward a year-round program development strategy." Bob Flood Optimedia International senior vice president

Take the two TV sensations of the past year: "Survivor" was a summer series, starting in late May and climaxing in August. "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" debuted in August 1999 and didn't join ABC's regular schedule until the following January.

Midseason can often be a launching pad for hits, such as "Providence" and "Malcolm in the Middle." Networks are more apt to try new shows at any point in the fall now.

Some producers of new programs actually prefer to start anytime but the fall, since it's easier in autumn, for their shows to get lost in the avalanche of new things and be overlooked by viewers.

Increasingly influential cable networks don't live by the same schedule, HBO's "Sex and the City" is a summer series, and "The X-Files" won't start up again until next March. Some cable networks save their high-profile programming for when the broadcast networks go on a break. June is usually premiere month for Comedy Central.
ASI continued from page 1

the decisions made within the organization," Smith said. "It was beneficial for the school more by being a member instead of competing against it." Alternate and Lewis also chose to restructure the executive staff. Instead of 14 committees to be overseen by the executive vice president, there are now only five divisions within the executive staff of student government: Student Advocacy, Marketing, Outreach, Projects, Technology and Statewide Affairs. Each division has its own vice president who oversees the different areas within the division. Eddie Drake is vice president of Projects. Matt Harris is vice president of Technology. Veronica Shippy is vice president of Statewide Affairs. Stephanie Darwin is vice president of Marketing and Outreach. Ihsmail Hall is vice president of Student Advocacy. The executive staff also decided to restructure the withdrawal system for students. Instead of needing authorization from the professor and adviser to drop a class, a student only needs acknowledgment from the professor and adviser. Then the department head finalizes the process.

"Cal Poly has actually been doing the whole process wrong," Smith said. "It always seemed that the professor would have to approve the withdrawal, but really they only have to acknowledge the fact the student chose to withdraw. The department head has the final say. They close the deal on the whole process.

As well as changing the authorization to acknowledgment, they also changed the confidentiality of the withdrawal process. "Sometimes, the reasoning is very personal and the student doesn't want the adviser, the professor and all those other people to know what's going on," Smith said. "Now, the student can provide a confidential statement to the department head and it will only be the department head who knows the reasoning of the withdrawal."

ASI executive vice presidents

Eddie Drake is vice president of Projects. Matt Harris is vice president of Technology. Veronica Shippy is vice president of Statewide Affairs. Stephanie Darwin is vice president of Marketing and Outreach. Ihsmail Hall is vice president of Student Advocacy.

EDUCATION continued from page 1

While many people may take the classes to further their career or college credits, many others take the classes for personal interest.

"The food and wine classes are always full," Stoneham said. One of the most popular is the California Wine Appreciation, according to Whitworth. "The class fills up before the catalog goes out. We have a waiting list for it," Whitworth said.

Stoneham says the paralegal certificate courses are also very popular. "Most students believe these courses have given them a lot of knowledge going into the field," she said.

A move to the Internet is underway for Extended Education.

"We're starting to get more requests for online classes," Stoneham said. "Right now we have computer or math courses available." Stoneham said they hope to have more classes available on the Internet, as well as an online system of enrollment.

"People can be browsing online for a course and use their credit card to register immediately," she said. The program just acquired a new dean and some support 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 $90 per unit. Other classes cost between $20 and $250. Call 546-2551.

San Luis Chevron
200 Monterey St • Uptown SLO
SLOChevron@aol.com • 543-4415

24 HOURS
NEW Chevron Food Mart
Only 1/2 mile from Cal Poly

450-3455  1115 Santa Rosa St.

50% off

P Urchase one custom frame and get a second frame for

(second frame of equal or lesser value)

Sale ends 11/10/00

Valid with other offers. Applicable to new orders only.

Chevron

San Luis Chevron
200 Monterey St • Uptown SLO
SLOChevron@aol.com • 543-4415

24 HOURS
NEW Chevron Food Mart
Only 1/2 mile from Cal Poly

CAL POLY STUDENT/ STAFF SPECIALS

FREE DRINK with FILL-UP

Free 20 oz. coffee or 32 oz. fountain drink with the purchase of 8 gallons of gasoline.

Just show your student/staff I.D. to the cashier.

Offer expires November 30, 2000 • Only one drink per visit
This offer excludes Parrot Ice drink

San Luis Chevron Business Improvement Hot-Line • 546-4890 • What do you want?

All coffee and fountain drinks are just

50¢

with your Cal Poly student or staff I.D.

Offer expires November 30, 2000 • No additional purchase necessary • This offer excludes Parrot Ice drinks
No Napster ban at Cal

By Anne Benjaminson
DAILY CALIFORNIAN

(U-WIRE) Berkeley: Rebuking 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, decline to limit access to the server.

"Just as a copying machine can be used to reproduce written works illegally, so can Napster be used for illegal purposes," James Delgosha, UC assistant vice president for information systems and computing, said in a statement. "However, both also serve many valuable and legitimate purposes."

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 an anticlimax in the battle between lawyers for the music industry and college campuses. In the spring, the recording industry named 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 (AP) - Four Germans, including two children, were rescued Saturday after the boat they were on in the Atlantic was hit by a large wave.

"The four were found afloat in their life jackets," a Spanish coast guard official said.

The official said the group was rescued by plane and taken to Spain's Canarian Islands.
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 that they will have to get along with the Republicans.

"There will be an effort for bipartisanship no matter what happens in this election," Clinton said. "But we win the majority it won't be so 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 song 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 five events, starting in California this weekend. The Capps stop followed a Saturday visit to San Jose to help Democrats win a Senate seat.

The new law is time by comparison to the vast acreage already 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 counter further environmental and conservation bona fides 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 as 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 state's seats 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 or historically and scientifically important 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 announcement on the 280th day of his presidency.

The driver, dead at the scene. He was rid­

The tire tread on the vehicle's left rear wheel separated on a used tire caused a Fatal Explorer to spin out of control and roll down an embankment Sunday, killing one person and injur­

ing five others, investigators said.

The tire with the separated tread was a General tire that had been installed 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 Pilbaray 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.

Brian Morales of Huntington Park, the 18-year-old brother of the driver, died at the scene. He was rid­

The tire tread on the vehicle's left rear wheel separated on a used tire caused a Fatal Explorer to spin out of control and roll down an embankment Sunday, killing one person and injur­

ing five others, investigators said.

Two were transported to Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, where they were listed in fair condi­

tion. The other three were treated at Pacifica Hospital for minor injuries.

The driver, 27-year-old Adolfo Morales of Downey, told investiga­

tors he was driving with family mem­

bers to an adult soccer match in Westminster when he heard a loud noise and felt the steering wheel jerk. The Explorer spun counterclockwise before pitching over the embank­

ment.

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 165,000 Continental tires, most of which were standard equip­

ment on Explorers. Federal investiga­

tors are examining the possible role of the tires in wrecks that result­

ed in more than 100 deaths and 400 injuries.

California amusement parks give visitors dangerous rides

BUENA PARK (AP) — Two dozen people were trapped 30 feet in the air for about two hours when a jacket pulled a roller coaster at Knott's Berry Farm, marking the sec­

ond accident at a Southern California amusement park in as many days.

None of the 25 passengers was hurt on the incident, but the accident at the Knott's Berry Farm, marking the sec­

ond accident at a Southern California amusement park in as many days.

None of the 25 passengers was hurt on the incident, but the accident at the Knott's Berry Farm, marking the sec­

ond accident at a Southern California amusement park in as many days.

None of the 25 passengers was hurt on the incident, but the accident at the Knott's Berry Farm, marking the sec­

ond accident at a Southern California amusement park in as many days.
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 periodic 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 and signed by then-Republican Gov. Pete Wilson.

The Democratic governor agreed 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.

Boga, learning that day that Parker had become pregnant by a former boyfriend, came to their apartment with a .38-caliber revolver and shot him in the back, according to court testimony and the governor's office.

Davis said in a written statement released Sunday by his office.

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 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.

"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.

"Before 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 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.
From CBS to Baker’s raise here’s our take

Thursday’s edition of Mustang Daily gave you brief insight into the challenges that Baker, our new resident hall director, will face during his time here. After reading the hard facts, here’s our interpretation of the summer’s biggest events.

Baker’s salary increase. The popular approach to this tidbit of information would be to gauze at his $44,916 a year salary. Needless to say, 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 graced with the talents of such a prestigious individual, why not support this venture? As it is, personal income is at an all time low for university staff. Baker’s raise is a step in the right direction, at a time when raising the odors of NEW MONEY is finally done.

Student spots in TV. So one of our own has been thrown into the depths of network television. CBS’ “Big Brother” is being broadcast 24 hours a day with the student body in mind. Much to the chagrin of the San Luis Obispo County downtown business community, student spots are being aired. While the idea of Baker being thrown into the spotlight is a great move, it is doubtful that any county in California is going to welcome Baker with open arms. The simple fact is, San Luis Obispo County is not considered to be in the heart of the student body. Baker could have passed in the hallways without anyone ever noticing him. And if Baker did, we would be the ones to determine his fate.

Unsigned editorials are the voice of Mustang Daily, however, they do not necessarily reflect the views of each individual staff member or the views of the university leadership. Letters should be typewritten and signed with major and class standing. Preference is given to e-mails. They can be mailed, faxed, delivered or e-mailed to opinion@mustangedaily.calpoly.edu

“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 around 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 becoming increasingly difficult to take more than a few steps without taking notice of Abercrombie fans, Structure shorts 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 hi-tech and logos. I admit that I have fallen prey to the ads as much as anyone else. Like a 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 point. Declining individualistic expression is, or something like that. It would be easy to write such runaway trends off as a fresh new phenomenon (fashions are such great scapegoats), but it extends much farther up than that, not just as much as the profs, who consistently amuse 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 cock 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 that, although not as high as the profs, who consistently amuse 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 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 that, although not as high as the profs, who consistently amuse me with their unintentionally retro yet-ups.

Jon Hughes is an English senior and a staff writer for Mustang Daily.

Letter policy

Columns, cartoons and letters reflect the views of their authors and do not necessarily reflect those of Mustang Daily. Mustang Daily reserves the right to edit letters for grammar, profanity and length. Please limit length to 350 words.

Mustang Daily encourages comments on editorial policy and university affairs. Letters should be typewritten and signed with major and class standing. Preference is given to e-mailed letters. They can be mailed, faxed, delivered or e-mailed to opinion@mustangedaily.calpoly.edu.

Opinion
Letters to the editor

Opinion

Fighting hurts more than victim
Editor,
Did you have a good time last Saturday night? Was it everything you hoped it would be? Did you throw a great party? Did you drink enough beer to down your measuring stick? 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 hoping?

He and his clan began to follow us into the street. We got out to the rest of the group that we might be gay. Guys were whipping off their shirts in the excitement of gay bash­
ing. Others were screaming horri­ble things at us. The typical­
looking college dudes face was running dark red. He became even­
more inspired by the support of his friends, but driv­
ven 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 just wouldn’t leave us alone. They turned to walk away a little faster this time. That was when the entangled college dudes bashed me repeatedly in the back of my head and right ear. Then, one of his sidekick jumped in and slammed his fist into my left ear before I could recover from the first punches.

He came over using a bush on the side of Stemmer Street and spun around, revealing his fists for protection, but they were finished with me. They didn’t want to fight me face on, and they didn’t reach 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?

By entering the Contest, you agree to accept the rules and regulations (if any) and mail in a separate stamped envelope, to: AT&T Take the 40 on and Rock Sweepstakes PO Box 7781, Melville, NY 11747. All entries must be received by May 31, 2009. No P.O. Box entries will be accepted. The contest is open to residents of the US, 18 years of age or older. To enter by phone, call 1-800-473-3839. You must be a residential or business phone customer of AT&T Wireless, AT&T Long Distance, AT&T CallPrefer, AT&T CallProtect, or AT&T CallFusion. You must also be a resident of the 50 United States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Only one entry per household per day is allowed. Entry by phone is limited to one entry per household per day. Entries not received or not within the time limits specified will not be eligible. No responsibility is assumed by AT&T for any error, omission, damage or destruction of any entries nor for any reason.

Entries must be mailed in a separate stamped envelope, to: AT&T Take the 40 on and Rock Sweepstakes PO Box 7781, Melville, NY 11747. Each entry must be postmarked by May 31, 2009. Only one entry per household per day will be accepted.

ATTACK TAKE THE MONEY AND ROCK SWEEPSTAKES

You could win one of 500 cool prizes— including the grand prize of 10,000 cash and a trip for you and three friends to the Hard Rock Hotel in Orlando, Fl. Enter today at att.com/college

It's sooo easy to increase your odds. If you live off campus, you can get 10 extra chances to win. Just register for the sweepstakes at the site, and sign up for long-distance with the AT&T One Rate Plan. You can sign up right then and there. Or call 877 COLLEGE. Either way, you'll get up to 100 free minutes of talk time. Sounds good, huh!

Monday, September 25, 2009

Changing majors is hard to do
Editor,
Taking physics and math in high school, I figured I'd continue into college with a major in engi­

neering. Soon enough, I checked the "architectural engineering" box on my Cal Poly application, thinking it was better to declare a major so early, it would only be reasonable to assume I could change majors later. Then, last year, I went through the living hell of changing majors to architecture.

I had just completed the first year of the ARCE curriculum before deciding to change to Architecture. Both of these majors are within the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Both of these majors have nearly identical first year curriculums. Yet, my application process was no different than registering for course from outside the CAED. It should be obvious that I didn't prepare any different than registering for courses from outside the CAED. It should be obvious that I didn't prepare and was not given a better chance for transfer over from an "easier" major, since ARCE is possibly the most selective architecture major on campus. Transferring from another college to the college of architecture should have been no different.

So, I am very happy with my decision to change last year became, by far, the worst experience of my educa­tional career.

Daniel Gonzales is an architecture junior and photo editor for Mustang Daily.
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. Taste like red tape and fatigue.

After one week of classes and extra-curricular activities, I foresee a long, arduous three quarters before I find myself in the midst of classes and internships. I've watched what I had hoped would be a happy, care-free senior year get scheduled and sucked away months in advance, leaving me with a full calendar, anticipation of hundreds of all-nighters and, probably, an acher.

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."

"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."

As many "BEFORE" as I've seen, I probably shouldn't've started filling out all of these forms the summer before I started at Cal Poly.

Still, I shouldn't complain. I do get to take some fun classes. And, I do get that swelling pride in my chest whenever I tell someone I'm a graduating senior, just as quickly, that pride in my chest turns to pain as I start to calculate the time and money I'll soon be sinking into graduation robes and all the necessary accessories.

When everything starts weighing in on me, I just set my eyes on June and remind myself that it will all be over. My alumni friends tell me this will be over all too quickly. Before I know it, they say, I'll be missing my friends and all the good things I love about Cal Poly.

Then, I think, lies the problem with the system. Seniors are on the verge of being shoved into the everyday life. School is ending forever. Their lives will never, ever be remotely the same again. So, as the days tick off and the time draws closer to leave, parting seniors want to spend every last moment with their college friends, visiting the Rec Center, attending the football games and choir performances and saying goodbye.

Instead, they are forced to burn away their free time completing massive senior projects and petitioning the school for permission to leave with the piece of paper they've worked so hard for and paid so much to attain.

At least, this is how I feel. As my life prepares to go through the biggest overhaul, basically since I was born, I find myself consumed with countless petty, but necessary tasks.

It's almost like school officials load us seniors up with so much work we don't have time to feel the pain of leaving.

And maybe that's a good thing.

Victoria Walsh is a journalist, senior and Mustang Daily staff-writer.

Student discount would fill Performing Arts Center seats

In the midst of the Cal Poly hustle and bustle, nestled toward the entrance of the campus, sits the Performing Arts Center. Easily one of the best aspects of the San Luis Obispo community, the PAC provides a necessary artistic outlet that is hard to find throughout the county. The PAC has different performances scheduled almost every weekend, from theater to music concerts - a variety that should please just about everyone.

However, one of the few things the PAC forgets to include when planning for audience participation is a very necessary student discount. It seems odd that the PAC can just forget about such a huge part of the San Luis Obispo population, even though it shares the campus with us.

So many students would easily attend some of the performances available at the PAC, but when they have to shell out $40-$50 for a ticket, they're not going to do it. Almost every other vendor in town provides some sort of discount or deal for Cal Poly students, and it's no wonder why. With more than 16,000 students attending the university, they provide a huge majority of the income in San Luis Obispo.

If the PAC wonders why there is such a low student attendance, it's because they haven't made it student-friendly. The PAC has not attempted to present itself in a way that is attractive to Cal Poly students. Students already complain about paying $7 for a movie ticket. What is the possibility they want to pay seven times that much for a play?

The PAC probably doesn't care too much about low student attendance - they sell out for most of their performances. But if its representatives complain about low student attendance, they need to do something about it.

Providing a student discount in a student environment isn't such a foreign idea. San Luis Obispo is a college town, no matter how hard the locals try to ignore it or light it. The students do a lot of business in the area, and requesting something as simple and natural as a student discount doesn't seem like it should be that big of a deal. It's not like the PAC doesn't like Cal Poly. It allows the university to use it for classes, and student organizations have been able to use it for club purposes. Why can't it create some sort of discount for everyone else to enjoy?

It's been five years since the PAC was built. Five years is long enough for the PAC to realize that without some sort of incentive to entice the students over that part of the campus, it's not going to happen anytime soon.

Let's say, for a $40 ticket Cal Poly students pay only $25-$30 - a noticeable cut, but a worthwhile one.

Once the word spreads about the terrific discount the PAC provides to Cal Poly students, everyone will want to buy a ticket, no matter what the performance is.

Victoria Walsh is a journalist, senior and Mustang Daily staff-writer.
Border residents dream of new state

Residents near the California-Oregon border along the Jefferson-Historic Route have high hopes of seeing it form a 51st state. They’ve got the hats and shirts all printed up for the 150-HAPPY CAMP, Calif. (AP) — Residents near the California-Oregon border along the Jefferson-Historic Route have high hopes of seeing it form a 51st state. They’ve got the hats and shirts all printed up for the 150-

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.

Residents say the idea is appealing because they feel neglected by the two governments to the north and south of the region.

Supporters say that lawmakers have imposed regulations that interfere with their lives on the area, that secessionists are more serious for locals by the chrome and manganese mined in the area.

The state that Jeffersonians are opposing would be named Jefferson, after founding father Thomas Jefferson. The state of Jefferson would encompass Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc and Lassen counties in California, and Coos and Curry counties in Oregon.

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.

Residents say the idea is appealing because they feel neglected by the two governments to the north and south of the region.

Supporters say that lawmakers have imposed regulations that interfere with their lives on the area, that secessionists are more serious for locals by the chrome and manganese mined in the area.

The state that Jeffersonians are opposing would be named Jefferson, after founding father Thomas Jefferson. The state of Jefferson would encompass Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc and Lassen counties in California, and Coos and Curry counties in Oregon.

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.

Residents say the idea is appealing because they feel neglected by the two governments to the north and south of the region.

Supporters say that lawmakers have imposed regulations that interfere with their lives on the area, that secessionists are more serious for locals by the chrome and manganese mined in the area.

The state that Jeffersonians are opposing would be named Jefferson, after founding father Thomas Jefferson. The state of Jefferson would encompass Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc and Lassen counties in California, and Coos and Curry counties in Oregon.
NFL Scoreboard

St. Louis 41
Atlanta 20
Cincinnati 0
Baltimore 37
Detroit 21
Chicago 14
San Francisco 41
Dallas 24
New England 3
Miami 10
Philadelphia 21
New Orleans 7
Tennessee 23
Pittsburgh 20
Arizona 3
Kansas City 23
Oakland 23
Cleveland 20
Seattle 20
San Diego 12
NY Jets 21
Tampa Bay 17

49ers beat Cowboys, 41-24

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 touchdowns 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's face before halftime."

but minutes before Tongue was thrown out of the game, Dallas cornerback Darren Woodson was also ejected. Woodson, upset that referee didn't call a penalty when 49ers center Jimbo Smith stepped on his face after the whistle blew, kicked the ball and then threw his helmet.

San Francisco and Dallas, who used to meet in Super Bowls, have both fallen from grace.

With each other's automatic bids to playoffs endangered, it was a meeting of two teams finding their way.
Football upsets aren't what they used to be

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

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

The Bruins 29-10 at unrated Oregon Saturday wasn't a total surprise since the Ducks were favored, but the Badgers' 47-46 double overtime loss at home to Northwestern was a shocker.

UCLA (5-1, 2-1 Pac 10), which pulled off two upsets of its own to move from unrated to No. 6, turned to No. 15 in this week's AP poll, while Wisconsin (3-4, 0-4 Big Ten) fell 10 places to No. 17 after nearly escaping without a loss despite massive player suspensions ordered by the NCAA.

Last week, the Bruins beat a No. 5 Michigan 23-20 and Stanford upset a No. 7 Texas 27-24. On Sept. 9, there was more of the same as a No. 15 Washington beat a No. 4 Miami 34-29 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 to them seems surprising. UCLA and Oregon 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 appear, just 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 plan together, or prepare or work like we used to do anything but that," he said.

All this from a coach whose team went 1-8 in '99 and finished 13th in

"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 on tap next Saturday? Consider No. 3 Florida (4-0, 2-0 SEC) at Mississippi State (2-2, 2-2, No. 4 Virginia Tech (3-0, 1-0 Big East) at Boston College (2-1, 1-1) and No. 5 Kansas State (4-0) at Colorado (0-3).

As the first month of the season closes, 22 of 115 F-A teams remain unbeaten and 17 are ranked.

The biggest surprises among the unbeaten include Auburn (4-0) and South Carolina (4-0) of the Southeastern Conference, Pittsburgh (4-0) of the Big East and North Carolina State (4-0) of the ACC.

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

Alabama (4-1) and Penn State (1-4) remain the biggest disappointments after both lost again on Saturday in the Crimson Tide beating by 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 1990. The Lions are off to their worst start since coach Joe Paterno took over from Big Ten in 1966.

"We can't go out and buy a bottle of scotch, that's 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 21-game losing streak to open the season and Hunter's loss since, beating two ranked teams along the way.

At Columbia, S.C., Erik Kainen replaced an injured Phil Petty and promptly threw a fourth-down, 25-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 keet of an American woman won a 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 skein 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 moved into its second gold medal game in four years, and the female "Dream Team" moved easily into the Olympic semifinals.

Wilkinson, 22, was an unlikely candidate to duplicate the 1996 success of a longshot New Jersey teen named Kerri Walsh. She was in fifth place entering the final round, while the Chinese teen champion of Qing Nan, 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 knee brace to protect a foot broken in March, removing it only after walking the 10-meter tower.

Wilkinson postponed her surgery until after the Olympics - a decision that's hard to deplore now. The injury is said to have hit the last six months that it's not that bad," Wilkinson said after ending China's string of victory at four straight Olympics.

The medal count after nine days of competition: The United States leads with 35-121 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 for defenders throughout the game, knocked Brazil out of the Olympic soccer round with her goal in the 60th minute.

The score, Hamm's 17th in international games, stood up as the defending gold medalists reached its semifinal victory. Goalie Bri Andress made one of two goals to 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, ET). The United States already beat Norway 2-0 in an opening-round game.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Next stop, the medal round. The United States dominated Australia 12-1 in seven innings, a game stopped by the Olympic "mercy rule." Curb's Javier Sotomayor won a silver medal in the high jump during a driving rainstorm. The 1992 Olympic gold medalist was suspended for two years for a positive test for cocaine in 1999.

His ban was later cut in half, allowing him to compete in the Sydney Games. The gold medal went to Sergei Khizin of Russia, the only competitor to clear 7 feet, 8 1/2 inches.

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 marred by a cold, driving rain, led by winning pitcher Kurt Abbott and four RBI by Brent Abernathy.

The Australians (2-4) finished out of medal contention.

Cuba (6-1) clinched the top seed in the baseball medal round by virtue of its 6-1 victory over the United States.

Hang with the buds, stretch out and relax, work on school stuff... or not.
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 digs mark in her career at Cal Poly. Hathaway had 13 on Friday and 15 on Saturday, bringing her career total to 1,225.

The first four games of the match were split between the two teams, setting the stage for a dramatic final game that would decide the match. In the final game, there were 15 lead changes and nine ties. Molly Duncan served the final two points for Cal Poly by hitting an ace to 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.

Carlly O'Halloran contributed with 47 assists and 10 digs. Defense help came from both Cindy Elvers and Kristen O'Halloran who came up with 8 digs each.

The win against the 49ers raised Cal Poly's overall record to 7-4 and their Big West record to 1-1.

Cal Poly travels next to Utah State for a conference game on Thursday.
Sports

Volleyball shocks No. 6 Long Beach State

By Matt Smart
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After a disappointing loss Friday night to No. 16 University of Pacific, the Cal Poly volleyball team regrouped and upset No. 6 Long Beach State Saturday night.

On Friday, the Mustangs lost in three games 15-7, 15-4 and 15-11 Saturday, they won in five games 15-10, 15-13, 15-1, 15-11.

Melanie Hathaway led the offense against the Tigers with 10 kills. Kristen O’Halleran, a sophomore outside hitter, contributed with 9 kills.

During the game, Hathaway reached the 1,000 dig mark. Following the game, she was not focusing on her milestone.

“They played better volleyball. We struggled all around,” Hathaway said. “We had a tough time, but we will pick up and play better (Saturday).”

Hathaway led the team with 15 digs and was followed by Carly O’Halloran who had 11 digs. Molly Duncan and Kristen Sayegh both had 9 digs.

“Our passing did not go well, but we did not get down on ourselves,” Sayegh said.

Cal Poly assistant coach Marlon Sato said the team did see VOLLEYBALL, page 15

Kristen O’Halleran prepares to hit the ball Saturday night against Long Beach State as Melanie Hathaway looks on. O’Halleran had nine kills in Saturday’s victory while Hathaway had ten.

Football gets first victory

San Francisco Giants 8-3 Sunday to stave off elimination in the NL wild card race.

The Giants clinched their first NL wild-card berth with a 5-2 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Arizona remained 6 1/2 games behind New York, the NL wild-card leader, and would be eliminated with one more loss or one more Mets win.

Matt Williams hit a grand slam in the 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 6 1/2 games behind New York, the NL wild-card leader, and would be eliminated with one more loss or one more Mets win.

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

Chris Sigler passes the ball to a teammate in Sunday’s loss at Mustang Stadium.

Johnny Cummins battles a Gonzaga defender for control of the ball.

Sports Forum

Here’s the chance to sound off on current sports issues. Tell Mustang Daily what you think and get printed in next week’s paper.

- Football—what will their final record be?
- Volleyball—how will they compete in the Big West?
- Will the Giants make it to the World Series?
- Are the 49ers on their way back to the top?
- Who will be the next Dodger manager?

Scores

VOLLEYBALL

Pacific

3

Cal Poly

0

FOOTBALL

California State

35

Montana State

14

Long Beach State

15-11

Cal Poly

15-10, 15-13, 15-1, 15-11

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Butler

7

Cal Poly

6

Briefs

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 6 1/2 games behind New York, the NL wild-card leader, and would be eliminated with one more loss or one more Mets win.

Schedules

THURSDAY

- Women’s volleyball vs. Utah State
  * at Utah State
  * at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Men’s soccer vs. New Mexico
  • at New Mexico
  • at 2 p.m.

- Women’s soccer vs. Cal State Bakersfield
  • at Mustang Stadium
  • at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Football vs. Southern Utah
  * at Southern Utah
  * at 6 p.m.

Please submit sports forum letters to sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu

Please enclose your name, letters received via email will not be printed in the next issue of the paper, space permitting.