Student voter registration deadline nears

By Jolie Waltz
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The time has come to elect the next president of the United States. Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush will face off on Nov. 7 and it's not too late to get involved in the decision making process by registering to vote.

Cal Poly students who have not registered to vote should do so by Oct. 9. The California Secretary of State’s election division Web site lists the requirements that must be met in order to register to vote. Students must be a citizen of the United States, a resident of California and at least 18 years old as of Nov. 7. Those who are on parole for the conviction of a felony or deemed to be mentally incompetent by a court are not allowed to register.

Students who have moved recently need to re-register to vote. Voter registration should always reflect a current residence address so that sample ballots and precinct information can be mailed to voters.

Cal Poly political science senior Josh Caier recently registered to vote.

“I registered at the County Clerk’s office on Monterey Street when I was applying for a passport,” Caier said. “They just had the forms on the counter and I filled it out while waiting in line. Voting is a simple way to take control of the future. That can’t be said until you register to vote.”

The County Clerk is not the only place in San Luis Obispo to pick up registration forms. The post office or a library will have forms available, according to Wendell Randle, voter precinct volunteer of 23 years. It just takes a few minutes to fill out the form.

Randle.

Local election offices, party headquarters in town and the Department of Motor Vehicles on South Higuera Street also have registration forms available. During the month of October, the Secretary of State’s office is encouraging grocery stores to display voter registration cards. Randle said many stores may have volunteers outside with registration materials.

Another alternative to obtaining a registration form is online. Business senior Sarah Weintraub registered by going to SpeakOut.com and downloading a registration form.

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Door-to-door booksellers earn cash

By Sonia Slutzki
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students who need to earn extra money during the summer have a new option: It’s called Southwesten. A company geared to help students gain experience about the business world sells books door-to-door.

The emphasis is not set on profits, the company says, but rather on gaining self-confidence and learning how to face the real world.

Yet, the company’s Web site features students, like “Tammy” from the University of Minnesota, making about $14,000 during her first summer with Southwesten.

Whether it’s the money, the experience, or both that draws students into Southwestern, one thing is certain: not everyone comes back with huge profits. Some said they didn’t really know what they were getting into.

Cal Poly industrial technology senior James Merson, one of the 3,000 students who worked for Southwesten this summer, described the experience as a turning point in his life. He now feels more confident about himself and carries a more positive outlook on life.

“We told the people that we were interested in selling Southwesten, some of our teachers did that,” Merson said. “It was a way to get extra money but also to see if Southwesten is something I would like to do.”

He made more than $9,000 and is now recruiting people for next year. In doing so, he will gain an extra profit based on how much his team of new students sells. Based upon a pyramid structure, students who stay the longest will make more money every time they come back.

But there is a difference between Southwesten and pyramid businesses. Pyramid businesses are known for benefiting those on top while taking money from those on the bottom. The percentage paid to the team leaders comes from the company as a bonus and not from the team’s profits.

Exactly how much a student can make on his or her first summer experience is not clear. While the Web site mentions $14,000 for “Tammy,” whose last name is never mentioned, even District Sales Manager Robert Hicks said the average profit is usually around $7,000 for new students during the three-month period.

But making the money is not that easy. According to the Web

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Poly students out in 6 years

By Megan Shearn
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The student myth that Cal Poly students graduate later than students at other colleges has been put to rest by a recent survey released by Cal Poly compared to other California State University campuses. Cal Poly students graduate at a higher percentage within the six-year time frame.

The Institutional Planning and Analysis department at Cal Poly tracked 1,676 first-time freshmen from 1993 to 2000 to compare graduation rates with other CSUs. Out of the total student number, 64.5 percent graduated within the six-year frame. This percentage is higher than all other CSUs.

“We have to use that six-year mark because it’s used as a standard to compare with the other CSUs,” said Bonnie Krupp, a research and planning analyst at Cal Poly. The other CSU campuses’ percentages were: Chico, 52 percent; Sonoma, 44 percent; St. Stanislaus, 42 percent; Pomona, 41 percent; Sacramento, 38 percent; and Humboldt, 46 percent.

Yet, at the four-year mark — only 10 percent of the students had graduated. That equals roughly 167 students. Whether that number is low or high for Cal Poly, Krupp is unsure.

"There is nothing to compete that number with, and there is a lot of human behavior that plays into graduating at the four-year mark," Krupp said.

Krupp believes there are other factors such as switching majors, working part time or being heavily involved in school that can play into a student’s delayed graduation date.

"Degree posting is another issue that affects the four-year statistics," students walking at the graduation ceremony without their degree posted could not be counted, Krupp said. A degree can be posted only when all requirements such as senior project or Graduation Writing Requirement are complete.

"The degree has to be posted by the evaluations department," Krupp said.

Cal Poly has a large number of engineering and architecture students who graduate past the five-year mark.

"You have to take into consideration that this is a state university," she said. "We have students working, and other CSUs don’t have programs that are unique to us."

Unique programs include the five-year architecture program and the rigorous engineering program. The engineering program takes students more than the four years because of difficult coursework and the 206 units required to graduate, none of which are free electives.

John Mailler, a civil engineering senior, is one student who will be finishing at the six-year mark. He is the epitome of the focused over-achiever (Cal Poly student).

Mailler switched from computer science after completing four quarters in the major. He is also working towards a speech communications minor.

"Computers were a hobby of mine, but being in the field I started realizing that it just wasn’t for me," he said.

Mailler said he is also heavily involved in campus clubs. His long list includes WCB, Council, Society of Civil Engineering, Running Thunder, Associated Students face, Board of Directors, and president of the Freshman Hall Council.

"In order to finish between the four- or five-year mark you have to average 18 units a quarter," he said.

With Mailler’s busy life he can’t find time to take 18 units. "I can’t take the averages between 12 and 16 units per quarter," Mailler has no regrets about switching majors. When it comes to engineering, Cal Poly is in the premier school to learn the tricks of the trade.

"There are smaller classes, and because there is no masters or Ph.D program, the teachers focus more on the undergraduates," Mailler said. "When you get out you have to try hard not to get a job."
In East, Gore focuses on senior healthcare and prescriptions

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Al Gore toasted a 74-page Medicare marathon into the campaign contest over specific promises, promoting Honda senior sales. The vice president will push them into HMOs, and suggesting his Republican rival would force the elderly to welfare offices to "push them into HMOs and suggest their Medicare proposals:

The vice president, campaigning with his running mate on "The Side of the Road," said after George W. Bush's plan "is a plan that would run seniors through welfare offices" and would "violate their sense of dignity.

Bush denies the characterization.

The Republican nominee promises to phase in his drug plan, relying for the next four years on state support. Currently, just four of the dozen or so states that offer drug coverage to senior citizens are out of their welfare offices.

In remarks to several hundred seniors and baby boomers, Gore also asked distrust of managed care, saying, "I won't go along with plans that would force seniors into HMOs."

He cast Republicans as the natural enemies of the health care program serving 12 million elderly and disabled Americans. The other candidate, Bush, a "let's bash HMOs. They really have never had it better," Gore said.

Doubled "Medicare at the Crossroads," his book is a compilation of the Democratic presidential nominee's previously announced proposals, plus new detail on how he would stabilize Medicare participation in Medicare so that older Americans choosing managed care over the traditional Medicare fee-for-service plan would have reliable health coverages.

Both Social Security and Medicare in a Gore-Lieberman administration would be put into an account-based "trust fund," Gore said, promising to veto any bill that takes into their financing.

Gore repeated Clinton's administration's decision to tap into strategic oil reserves to counter rising fuel prices, a move he publicly advocated. He said the price of crude oil had dropped since the plan was announced.

Republican nominee George W. Bush, interviewed on CBS "The Early Show," called the plan "a bad idea" that takes national security risks and "is snared by short-term political gains.

For the year 2001, 65 managed-care providers have already notified the government that they will be dropping out of Medicare. This will require an additional $940,000,000 to switch HMO plans.

"We will no longer just accept the "disingenuous" ways of HMOs and senior citizens, all to enhance their bottom line," Gore said.

He proposed doubling to two years the minimum requirement for HMOs continuing with the government to provide health care to the elderly and disabled in Medicare.

"He also would double the penalty for HMOs who drop patients, barring them from receiving Medicare for two years."

"I also want to go along with plans that would force seniors into HMOs."

Al Gore
Democratic candidate

Bush stresses need for education change in Western tour

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — George W. Bush, taking a three-day "West Coast swing, is suggesting the nation is in the grips of an "education recession" even as it enjoys good economic times.

Racked by Republican Party ads, the Texas governor planned to focus on his education proposals at stops in Oregon, Washington and California.

"I believe every child can learn and I refuse to accept excuses when they don't and so should our society," Bush said in an interview broadcast Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America." He stressed accountability for schools, while criticizing Democratic rival Al Gore's plan for "empowering every child to read." Bush said Bush said in an interview broadcast Monday on ABC's "Good Morning America." He stressed accountability for schools, while criticizing Democratic rival Al Gore's plan for "empowering every child to read."

"The race now is virtually neck and neck from everything I can tell. It's going to be a hard-fought race, the wire," running mate Dick Cheney said in "Fox News Sunday."

Bush conceded that the campaign had sharply cut back advertising in Illinois, a key battleground state, but said it was in response to a decision by Democrats to scale back their own ads, not an admission of defeat.

"We keep on with each other's advertising, and that's what you're seeing... Illinois is definitely a battleground state. We're going to contest it," he said.

The two campaigns traded fresh accusations over a video that in the "Trackway" way of bypassing Congress each time a new preventive screening process is developed and needs to be added to Medicare's benefit package.

As for Gore, he contends that his plan's "stated goal reflects a return to the older Republican alternatives to Medicare in the first place — relying on state-run programs, or private insurers, instead of a mandated insurance system for seniors.

Bush's $15 billion Medicare plan would ensure an "open-market competition" to Medicare, cover the elderly's poor, drug costs, through state-run programs and subsidize choice in drug plans for other Medicare beneficiaries.

California teens face obesity due to laziness

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For from their image as beach-loving fit-ness freaks, California's high-schoolers are growing alarmingly fat and lazy on a steady diet of potato chips and video games, according to a study released Monday by the Berkeley-based Public Health Institute.

If their habits don't change, a third of the state's two million teens could face "chronic and debilitating health problems" like diabetes, heart disease and cancer by their early 30s. At prices of states that choose being overweight can be twice the rate of their white and Asian-American peers.

The survey asked 1,100 teens to describe their eating and exercise patterns over the course of the previous year. Researchers said that though the questions covered just one day, the large number of respondents lends them generalization toward broader behaviors.

The study was released Monday to help open a two-day summit on teen health that begins Wednesday in Sacramento.

"This is the best time of their life. It's never going to get better than this," said Seidman, adding the vice president of the institute. "We have to really do something."

The researchers say many teen's getting worse; Teenagers are eating worse than their parents. For exam-

The study concludes that teens were twice as likely as adults to eat deep-fried foods, (stop here)

"Teen-agers are eating deep-fried foods, and each club will have ONE

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Observatory gives students a new perspective

By Robin Nichols

Ever wonder if there is life on other planets? Or if the constellations are really in the form of ancient gods? In an attempt to answer these questions, and many others about the vast infinitiy of outer space, the telescope was born.

This age-old technology was brought to Cal Poly's campus in the form of an observatory sponsored by the physics department. Where telescope-inventor Galileo worked with a simple machine of angled mirrors, today's equipment is of a much higher caliber and ability.

In the observatory, there are many different types of telescopes for students to use, especially students of the astronomy program. Some money from the Cal Poly Plan, along with cooperation from the department and the dean, allowed the physics department to purchase newer computer-controlled telescopes for the observatory.

The most advanced piece in the department's possession is a MXC color CCD camera and the 12-inch LX200 computer-operated telescope. This has attached to it a color camera, which can be used to take pictures of the portion of outer space being viewed in the scope. The first pictures taken by this telescope can be seen by visiting professor John Poling's Web site, www.calpoly.edu/~poling, and clicking on the link "Telescope color CCD camera pictures." Moon phases and optimum viewing times for planets and constellations are available at the physics department Web site, www.calpoly.edu/~phys/Observatory.

The observatory is open to students and the general public two nights a week, for approximately an hour each time. At any given session, student assistants give a short instructional lecture to viewers about the names and locations of various constellations. Then the group is taken into the viewing dome and is given a chance to look through the available telescopes.

According to Poling, increasing light features around campus have created viewing problems, and might necessitate moving the facility. However, for now, the observatory is located on campus, in building 52, room E8. For full hours, check the department Web site.
wrote a successful student works 26 days per month. Mirson worked 14 hours a day, six days a week, to make it happen.

"I look for people who understand hard work, the kind of person who looks for an opportunity and not just a job," Hicks said.

Students are selected through a process of recommendations and interviews. For example, a Cal Poly student receives a call from a "team leader." Hicks said, "It was like going to military camp." He explained, "It's about who people who don't care about money. They just want to make money and they don't care how"

The training consisted of listening to motivational speakers, learning selling techniques, memorizing speeches, doing role playing, and often running from one place to another. She would often get back to her temporary home at 10 p.m.

"It's like the first time in my life I had a hard time," Hicks said. "After a few days, Kings returned to California saying he was needed to make a decision before leaving for Nashville and not all about the program had been made clear.

One detail was the fact they were never told exactly where the company headquarters were located. Hicks said many students who don't like the program find it hard to adjust from the college schedule, which is generally more relaxed, to a working schedule of at least 10 hours a day.

"The training is full blast— it's hard, it's tough, and we never hid that," Hicks said. "Some students will run from one place to another to get used to the idea that every single moment is important to him."

Each student must find housing on their own, and by the end of the season, any books that weren't sold are returned to the company for a full refund. The ratio of students who participate in the program is usually 30 percent female to 70 percent male. Students come from 300 universities throughout the nation and the world. The only set restriction is on international students who are not U.S., French, or United Kingdom citizens and do not have an F-1 visa (working visa). The company was created in the 1950s when a group of people started selling Bibles door to door. The company was interrupted during the Great Depression. Upon returning from World War II, a group of veterans, who had sold Bibles before going overseas, put the company back together and formed Southwestern Co. Eventually the company started providing other books, giving students a way to finance their education. Students come from 300 universities throughout the nation and the world.
Ancient skeleton returned to American Indian tribes

PORTLAND, Ore. — In a setback to scientists, the U.S. Interior Department decided Monday that Kennewick Man, one of the oldest skeletons ever found in North America, should be given to five American Indian tribes who have claimed him as an ancestor.

The decision comes after four years of dispute between the tribes and researchers, who hoped to continue studying the 9,000-year-old bones that have already forced anthropologists to rethink theories about where the original Americans came from.

In a statement, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt said the remains were "culturally affiliated" to the tribes and were found in the Columbia River shallows near the tribes' ancestral lands.

"Although ambiguous in the data made this a close call, I was persuaded by the geographic data and oral histories of the five tribes that collectively assert they are the descendents of people who have been in the region of the Upper Columbia Plateau for a very long time," Babbitt said.

However, the fate of the bones may be decided in court.

Professors who studied the bones for the Interior Department have said Kennewick Man appears to be most strongly connected to the people of Polynesia and southern Asia.

The find has helped force researchers to consider the possibility that the continent's earliest arrivals came not by a land bridge between Russia and Alaska — a long-held theory — but by boat or some other route.

Pieces of the skeleton were sent to three laboratories, but none was able to extract DNA for analysis.

"Clearly, when dealing with human remains of this antiquity, concrete evidence is often scanty, and the analysis of the data can yield ambiguous, inconclusive or even contradictory results," Babbitt said.

He said if the remains had been 1,000 years old, "there would be little debate over whether Kennewick Man was the ancestor of the Upper Plateau Tribes."

But "the time link back to 9,000 years made the cultural affiliation determination difficult," he said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is often called "America's Main Street," but for the last five years, only foot traffic has been allowed on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House. That would change under a plan unveiled Monday.

Officials in the nation's capital said thousands of vehicles could drive past the White House each day without endangering the safety of the president and his family.

"We can figure a way to reclaim America's Main Street from the fear of terrorism," District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton told a news conference promoting a plan to reopen Pennsylvania Avenue.

President Clinton has expressed a desire to see the street reopened if security concerns can be addressed, said Norton, the district's nonvoting representative to Congress.

The Secret Service, which has responsibility for the security of the president, closed a three-block section of the thoroughfare after the April 19 entry by a truck bomber at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Williams, other elected officials and local business leaders are hoping a $100,000 study conducted by the Rand Corporation will allay concerns.

The closure has forced about 29,000 motorists to detour each day, leading to gridlock in the city's central business district during peak travel periods.

It involves a 15- to 20-minute additional commute," said Terence C. Golden, chief executive officer of Host Marriott Corporation.

The plan calls for the addition of two 60-foot-long pedestrian bridges spanning Pennsylvania Avenue between the White House grounds and Lafayette Park.

They would "limit the size of vehicles that could actually pass in front of the White House," to 7.5 feet said Gary Haney, a design architect.

Carol A. Koons, the plan's consultant, said she was pleased with the outcome.

"I believe the Secret Service will take a look at the proposal," said Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., who attended the news conference.

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Family values take back seat to work today

What does your family mean to you? Is it something you cherish? Love? Despise? What led you to hold your family in that regard?

If you choose to have a family of your own, how do you want to shape it? Will devotion to your family reign free or will your family be secondary to you as you climb the corporate ladder that works for you/wife/yourself.

I firmly believe that family issues and values are very much in this crisis these days. Devotion is at an all time high. It seems that home is where the heart is, which means the families that we anchor in the future may be caught in the same emergency.

What is causing such deterioration in families?

Personally, I like to point at our attitude. It appears (and I am grossly generalizing and not speaking for all people) that we see work to be another spoke on the capitalistic wheel than to take care of the most important things in life. The phrase “love is what makes the world go ‘round’ is not for the family. Familiar and spousal love is something that is inherent to our souls.

Relationships with others begin with these emotions found only in the family. If we abuse this, then how can we expect to appreciate others and even love ourselves? I see the career emerging as the top priority in the lives of Americans. Men, who have always been the traditional bread winners, are working more and more hours. Women, who are becoming some of the hardest working and most dedicated careers, see the job market opening up since the dawn of the ‘80s. They are going for all our narrowing the economic gender gap by the decade. Soon, the man and the woman will share the premise of “ Bringing home the bacon."

So where does this leave the family? Well, children don’t have the father or mother around like they once did. Forty years ago, a child left home alone was considered a capital offense in most minds. Without the nurturing of a mother and the guidance of a father in their lives, how can they grow into a mature adult capable of relating well with others? The love capacity to take a back seat. The child sees their parents centered around short lived careers rather than relationships and minus that philosophy: career first, family second.

Children need to have at least one parent at home, especially in the preschool years. Both parents shouldn’t have to worry about working, but they do since our society places such an influence on economic achievement. Ends are not met by family ties anymore. Money talks, and that is why, conversely, parents must work and re-emphasize their relationships with their children and each other. Divorce and illegitimacy follow.

“Why don’t parents spend time with their kids? Where are our hearts and self-worth? In money! Perhaps we fought too hard in the 1950’s for the American dream, and now dollars again reign supreme. Taken away, it sadness, hearts, souls. Is there any solution for family values? I’d like to know what you think.

Michael Deen is a philosophy junior.
Most Californians are not weirdos

We all live in the same country – a state that runs rampant about different states. Mississippi is full of backward inbreds. New York hate the criminals at every corner. North Dakota is well, North Dakota. And California is a state to be feared upon by many. At least that's what I was told while living 10 long years in Iowa.

Technically, I'm a native Californian. I was born here, my parents were born here, and so on. I lived here from birth to my elementary school days. My father mentioned he found a job for a catalytic converter writer in Iowa. Three months later, my two sisters, my parents and I took off for Iowa. We drove a huge Ford truck with a camper on back, towing a horse trailer. Even driving to our new home we put up with stereotypes people flipping off screaming out their car windows.

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Man escapes from San Quentin

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP)— A convicted sex offender who scaled a race wire fence Monday in a pre-dawn escape from San Quentin State Prison was recaptured after 12 hours and about 50 miles away at his girlfriend's Santa Rosa home.

Edward Marsal was arrested without incident about 1:30 p.m. by investigators from the state Department of Corrections, who were ordered to be on the lookout, said Stephen Greenland, assistant secretary of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency in Sacramento.

"They were not hanging out at his girlfriend's house," Greenland said.

It was not immediately clear how Marsal made his way to north to Santa Rosa, which is about 30 miles northeast of San Francisco.

"It's just a fact that we don't know," Greenland said.

Marsal, 51, was being housed in a minimum-security facility cell block with hundreds of other inmates, and somehow managed to walk out of the building unnoticed between the 1 a.m. and 3 a.m. head counts, said prison spokeswoman Vernell Crittendon.

About 200 feet away near a perimeter fence that is 14 feet high and topped with razor wire, a pair of gloves and a blanket were found on the ground. Authorities believe Marsal threw the hockey goalie's razor wire before scaling the fence.

"It doesn't look like he had any assistance from inside," Crittendon said.

Marsal now faces an escape charge. He was sentenced in May 1994 for molesting a 12-year-old Santa Rosa girl. He had a tentative release date of July 2003 and was scheduled to be paroled as early as May.

The prison, which opened in 1852, is California's oldest and houses its death row. It was designed to hold nearly 3,180 inmates but currently houses 5,952.

Crittendon did not immediately know how many other inmates escaped from San Quentin or exactly when the last one took place, except that it was at a three-year span.
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That's the way the game is played. Throw mud at everybody, see how much sticks.

Last week, IAAF anti-doping chief Arne Ljungqvist accused the same U.S. officials of failing to disclose 12 to 15 positive drug cases among track and field athletes in the past two years.

Craig Marshack, executive director of USA Track & Field, responded by labeling those allegations absurd. In light of Hunter's positive test, his reassurances are anything but.

Right now, these games have as much credibility as Davca Conger. They have been run too many times to be a battle between doping games - ours against theirs, and everybody's against the IOC.'s. The performance-enhancers of choice change - human growth hormone and EPO are in vogue at the moment - but the athletes' willingness to act as games pigs does not.

On the eve of the Atlanta Games, 198 U.S. athletes, most of them Olympians or aspiring to be, were asked if they would take performance-enhancement substances if they were guaranteed of winning and not being caught. Only three answered no.

For a second question, the guarantees were changed. The athletes were told they wouldn't be caught and would win every competition entered for the next five years, but that the side effects of the drugs. More than half still said yes.

There is no longer so much an Olympic ideal as Olympic reality, and reason to wonder if one will survive the other. When once we marveled at human achievement, we now immediately suspect better living through chemistry.

In 1964, a post-Soxie Indian and total unknown named Billy Mills colored two of the world's most accomplished distance runners with his final five strides over 10,000 meters on a rain-soaked track in Tokyo and hit the tape with a time 30 seconds faster than he had ever run before in his life.

If something so improbable, so exhilarating, a magical as what happened to Mills were to happen this week in Sydney, men in white lab coats would be waiting at the finish line. Along with his lawyer.

These were easy games to be cynical about, and that was before the specter of drugs stomped all over the stage. Professionalism, commercialism, semiscientific and simple greed are burying the illusion of sport even here, at what used to be its quadrennial breath.

So far, five athletes have been expelled for flunking drug tests, and a number of others were caught cheating in tests conducted before the games.

A dozen years after the Ben Johnson fame, the tears raised by his past for moral use are more potent, not less, than ever. There is considerable evidence that drug users are ahead of the people trying to catch them.

Maybe it's time to push for truth-advertising, regulations instead, so that not like at the racetrack, when you pick up a program, you can find out what medications the thoroughbreds are on.

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Paus ready to start Saturday for Bruins

LOS ANGELES (AP) - UCLA quarterback Cory Paus has received medical clearance to play, and will start Saturday night against unbeaten Arizona State if all goes well in practice.

"I haven't made a clear-cut decision to do anything yet," Bruins coach Bob Toledo said Monday, a few hours after learning Paus had been cleared to play. "If Cory's ready to go and he's 100 percent healthy, he'll start."

"After Wednesday, we'll definitely be able to say something. If he's not 100 percent healthy, I'm not going to let him go out there and get hurt again.

I'm not rushing Cory back if he's not ready to play, I won't play him."

Paus, a third-year sophomore, started UCLA's season-opening 35-24 victory over then-No. 1 Alabama on Sept. 2, but separated his throwing shoulder on the game's first series and hasn't played since.

Paus started seven games last season, completing 95 of 197 passes for 1,336 yards and seven touchdowns with nine interceptions. He missed playing time due to three different injuries, the final one a fractured left collarbone sustained in the next-to-last game.

Paus beat out Ryan McCann, another third-year sophomore, for the starting job last month. McCann has done the bulk of the quarterbacking for the 15th-ranked Bruins, who lost at No. 22 Oregon 29-10 last weekend after winning their first three games to rise to sixth in the rankings.

Toledo said McCann, who sustained bruised ribs and a slight hamstring pull against Oregon, would probably start against ASU if Paus isn't ready.

"If Cory is ready to go and he's 100 percent healthy, he'll start," Bob Toledo

That's assuming McCann feels well enough to play.

"He was the starter before," Toledo said of Paus. "I don't think anyone's done enough to go ahead of him. He threw the ball a little bit last week, he hasn't taken a snap (in practice)." I'd like for him to show me he can put the trigger, know who to throw to, run the offense."

McCann has completed 60 of 112 passes for 689 yards and four touchdowns with two interceptions. He was just 13-of-35 for 152 yards against Arizona State.

"Our offensive game plan has been cut down to a third of what we normally do," Toledo said. "With Cory's experience, we'll be able to put some things back in."

Toledo said he was disappointed UCLAs passing game wasn't more effective at Oregon.
Olympic gymnast stripped of gold

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) – A 16-year-old Romanian became the latest drug casualty of the Sydney Games, losing her 15th-around gymnastics gold medal after testing positive for a banned stimulant.

Andreea Raduca was permitted to keep her other two medals Tuesday after testing positive for pseudophedrine, the International Olympic Committee said. The 16-year-old had apparently ingested the drug in cold medicine.

Raduca's first gymnast stripped of a medal for a drug violation, becomes the second athlete to lose a Sydney gold. She is the sixth positive of 4,000 tested.

She was allowed to keep her gold from the vault competition and a silver from the vault.

One day later, the report of a positive drug test for U.S. gold medalist Marion Jones' husband, C.J. Hunter, dominated the Olympic news.

The team doctor who gave Raduca the cold medicine was expelled from the games and suspended for the next two Olympics — 2002 in Salt Lake and 2004 in Athens.

TRACK: After a day dominated by drug stories, U.S. track star Michael Johnson — sporting a pair of gold track shoes — needed just 43.64 seconds to retain all the attention to Australia's Olympic Stadium.

He became the first man ever to win the 400 in consecutive Olympics, and took a leisurely victory lap following his Olympic farewell. The 33-year-old Johnson has won three Olympic and nine world championship medals, all gold.

Teammate Alvin Harrison took the silver.

Just 15 minutes earlier, Australian Cathy Freeman captured the women's 400 — a victory that brought the crowd of 110,000 to its feet and left the Aboriginal runner in near-hock, knelling silently on the track.

Drained and overwhelmed with the excitement of victory and the relief of expectations fulfilled, Freeman removed her shoes and took a victory lap in bare feet. Ten days earlier, she had lit the Olympic flame during the opening ceremony.

Her gold helped boost Australia's medal count to 43 — 12 gold, 20 silver, 11 bronze — its highest Olympic haul ever.

In the men's 10,000 run, Haile Gebreass of Ethiopia repeated as gold medalist with a late kick.

In the Olympic debut of the women's pole vault, Stacy Dragila sailed 15 feet, 1 inch to claim the first gold. She trailed at three attempts to break her own world record.

Tatiana Ciganeva of Russia won the silver and Vala Hokatalle of Iceland the bronze.

The Americans remained atop the medal table with 58 (23-14-21), ahead of China's 48 (21-14-13) and Russia's 47 (14-14-19).

SOFTBALL: It took twice as much effort for the U.S. team to make the gold medal game, as the American women swept a day-night doubleheader against two teams that had earlier defeated them in Sydney.

To make the gold medal game against Japan, Lisa Fernandez struck out 13 in shutting out Australia 1-0.

Dot Richardson's fifth-inning single scored the only run of the game as the Atlanta gold medalists took a huge stride toward defending the title.

Peaking Japan would be sweet revenge, giving the Americans victories over all three teams that beat them in the preliminary round. In the first game Monday, the U.S. team beat China 1-0.

DRUG TESTS: It was the biggest question of the Sydney Olympics: How will this affect Marion?

"This" was the report of a positive test for steroids by U.S. gold medalist Marion Jones' husband and coach, world champion shot putter C.J. Hunter.

He could now face a two-year suspension — news that came just two days before Jones resumes her quest for five Sydney gold medals.

Hunter denied the charge, but the report caused a tremendous hullabaloo on the busiest day of Olympic track.

"I think it's very sad," said Kim Butten, the 1996 silver medalist in the 400-meter hurdles. "I hope it doesn't affect Marion. It's tough no matter how you look at it for her."

Despite the news, the U.S. Olympic Committee said Hunter would receive support — staff credentials and tickets that would let him stay with Jones in training and at the Olympic Stadium.

"We don't want to do anything that will upset Marion's emotional support," USOC spokesman Mike Moran said.

Men's VOLLEYBALL: The U.S. team heads home from Sydney with a perfect record — of ineptitude. The volleyballers ended their Olympic experience with five losses in five games, the last one Monday to Italy by scores of 21-25, 25-18, 25-18, 25-18, 25-18.

Summer Olympics Medal Count

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High hopes for volleyball team
I expect Cal Poly Volleyball to have an exciting season. With the senior leadership of Melanie Hathaway which she showed last sea­son and three starters that started last year as freshmen, we have got a lot more experience out there on the court. Expect to see Worthy Lien step up and fill the shoes of Kari DeSnoo. With so much returning tol­er, I expect beating Santa Barbara again this year to be highly likely. That looks to be a great game that one should miss. Go Poly!

Joshua Nelson
Civil Engineering Senior

FOOTBALL
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"We're working as hard as we can to get there," Wells said. "There are a lot of guys that are out there. Somebody's got to pick it up for the other guy."

Players that have stepped into the start­ting role include offensive linemen Matt Merritt and Neil Crooms, linebacker Ryan Swart, tailback Raj Thompson and defensive back Jesse Wilson.

"It's good to be playing against winning teams," Wells has said. "You are a junior transfer from Modesto Junior College. People are stepping up and doing their job."

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Cal Poly's defense has been hit hard by the injuries. Four defensive players are out for the year, with three others out for at least one game. After giving up 629 total yards of offense to Montana, Cal Poly will rely on such players as defensive lineman Billy Belfi and linebacker Vic Greco to lead the defense. Sophomore Isaac Dixon and junior Ron Cooper will replace the injured Joe Martineau at linebacker.

Even with so many injuries early in the season, Coach Wells remains optimistic.

"A lot of young guys are stepping up and replacing the guys that aren't there," he said. "The greatest thing that could happen now is that we slowly get guys back."

Cal Poly is also a healthier team this season after an injury-plagued 1999.

"So far we've avoided major injuries but everyone has been but­tered and bruised after games," Jung said. "It's just been a battle on the road." Jung returns after missing the entire final six games last year with a bro­ken leg.

The keeper has been an iron cur­tain in the past, setting a school record with 97 saves and five shutouts in 1998.

"He's bounced back very well after his experience last year," coach Wolfgang Gartner said. "He's the same as he was before the injury, but he will be. It will just take some more playing time."

The Mustangs hit the road again this year, traveling to New Mexico State and New Mexico in the next two games. Offensively, the starting seven that are over 6 feet 1 inches.

Up front, sophomore Cory Pasek and junior Johnny Cummins have filled in nicely for Anthony Dimich, who transferred to UC Santa Barbara after leading the team in scoring with seven goals.

"We're doing fine without him," Cummins said. "Scoring goals hasn't been a problem, giving away goals has been a problem."

The Mustangs, coming off a 4-13-1 season, also return one of the largest starting squads in the nation, starting seven that are over 6 feet 3 inches.

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on Friday, traveling to New Mexico
for the first of three straight road
matches.
Sports

Men's soccer at crucial point in season

By Brian Milne
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly men's soccer team was happy to get some home cooking on Sunday, despite being served a 4-1 loss by Gonzaga.

After going winless in five straight road matches, Cal Poly (2-5-1 overall and 0-1 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) found itself in Mustang Stadium for the first time since Sept. 3.

The Mustangs opened the season with home wins over Cal State Monterey Bay and Valparaiso, but have fallen victim to a grueling road schedule that included Santa Clara (previously ranked No. 2) and Conference USA powerhouse Marquette.

Cal Poly fell to Santa Clara, 3-1, and battled No. 18 Marquette to a 3-3 stalemate but have since lost three straight.

"We're kind of at a critical point in the season," junior goalkeeper Benson Jung said. "We're on the verge of playing well, and we've had the opportunity to win every game."

The Mustangs' defense has been good enough to win some of the tough games, but their offense has failed as well.

By Mike Gilmore
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's training room is a bit full this season, with many football players staying in there instead of on the playing field.

The football team has a tough road ahead after an injury ridden start.

"This is unbelievable. I've never seen anything like this in all the years I've been playing football," said linebacker Joe Marinkevich, who is out for the year with an ankle injury.

Marinkevich was injured after a tackle in the first game of the season against Sacramento State.

In the first two games of the season, Cal Poly has lost five starters for the year, with three others out for at least a game. Players out for the season include Marinkevich, defensive backs Spencer Faddis and David Richardson, defensive lineman Eric Weeks and running back Dominic Washington.

Washington was expected to carry the bulk of the rushing for the team this season, taking over for Cal Poly's career rushing leader Craig Young.

In the first two games of the season, Cal Poly lost 17-16 to Sacramento State and 53-6 to Montana. Against those teams, Cal Poly's offense struggled, managing just 23 first downs compared to 54 by the opposition. Cal Poly will need to get help from backups, as well as improved play from the rest of the team in order to turn things around this season.

In the third game of the season, against Montana State, the team showed their best game of the season as they defeated the Bobcats 35-14.

Olympic glory tainted by drugs

We were waiting for someone to put their stamp on these games, and unfortunately we may have found him.

And just like Ben Johnson at Seoul, Tonya Harding at Lillehammer, the bomber at Atlanta, and whichever U.S. hockey star bungled up the furniture at Nagano, C.J. Hunter will be remembered for all the wrong reasons.

He reminded us why the Olympic motto, "swifter, higher, stronger," will never go out of date.

Jim Litke

Drugs. Everybody's on them.

Or so everybody else says.

Try to name one Olympian today who is above suspicion. For Americans loved to point fingers at the rest of the world — East Germans, Chinese, Romanians, even Canadians. The gesture has come full circle.

On Monday, international track federation officials confirmed that American shot put world champion, C.J. Hunter, husband of Olympic gold medalist Marion Jones, tested positive for the banned substances nandrolone and ketotestosterone in a meet in Oslo last July.

A shot putter testing positive for steroids hardly qualifies as shocking. Hunter's proximity to Jones might be. Besides casting his game shadow over her quest to become the first female track and field athlete to win five medals in one Olympics, it sets more than the usual number of tongues wagging.

One of them belonged to International Olympic Committee drug chief Prince Alexander de Merode. He accused U.S. track and field officials of covering up five positive drug tests before the 1988 Seoul Olympics. It didn't help his credibility that de Merode couldn't recall their names or whether they won any medals during the games.

The U.S. Olympic Committee said the cases were published 12 years ago and the athletes involved were cleared because they used the drug, ephedrine, accidentally.

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Briefs

Brick named Big West Player of the Week

Women's soccer player, Brick was named Big West Player of the Week for her three goal and assist performance this past weekend.

The goals were Brick's first three of the season, and the award was Cal Poly's first of the season.

She scored two goals and picked up an assist against Butler and scored a single goal against Montana.

Schedule

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 7 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.