Free bus rides may hit dead end

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

rumors that students will have to pay for busing may come true next quarter if campus officials decide to implement bus passes.

The Campus Fee Advisory Committee has been investigating ways to pay the $187,940 yearly bill for campus bus services, and one of the ways would be to create bus passes, said Frank Lebens, vice president for Administration and Finance.

"The money has to come from some source," said Lebens, who is a member of the advisory committee.

The committee is chaired by Associated Students Inc. President Sam Aborne and is comprised of students and school administrators. Its primary goal is to investigate sources of income to subsidize student busing. The committee will make a recommendation to Cal Poly President Warren Baker, who will make the final decision.

In the past, student busing has been paid for by different sources. Foundation picked up the bill one year, and Associated Students Inc. paid for it in 1998. Last year, Cal Poly was lucky enough to receive a grant from Regional Transit that covered the cost.

This year, the university used limited reserves to pay approximately $125,000 of

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CSU chancellor speaks to student press about future
By Adam Jarman

News

The times are a-changing, and so is the California State University. CSU Chancellor Charles Reed held a teleconference for campus newspapers Tuesday and addressed system-wide issues, especially specific issues. He focused on making the systems more student-friendly with a larger budget and lower summer school fees.

"We got the very best budget we could possibly get for the California State University," Reed said. He said the system received a $340 million increase over last year, the largest increase in the system's history.

The University of California system, Reed added, had a larger budget than the CSU, but he said much of those funds are allocated to specific purposes, such as $45 million for a UC to be built in Merced.

"The UC budget [included] a lot of one-time money to purchase land and other things for Merced," he said.

Reed said the CSU budget increase will greatly improve the quality of technology on system campuses.

Another issue facing the system is upcoming increased enrollment, known as Tidal Wave II.

Increased enrollment is a major issue for the system, and Reed said that there are 14,000 more students in the CSU now than there were at this time last year.

In order to accommodate these students, Reed said the state has allowed funding to lower the cost of the summer quarter and work toward year-round programs on all campuses. He said tuition fees for the Summer 2001 term will be adjusted to be the same as the fall, winter and spring term. Currently, summer is charged differently because it is more self-financing than the other quarters, which are heavily subsidized by the state.

Reed said he is looking to begin full-year-round operation within the next few years, but realizes more teaching staff will be necessary to make the plan work.

"We will have to hire more faculty members, find more office space and ask current faculty to teach in the summer," Reed said. He added that faculty will be paid more for working an additional term.

Reed said he is very excited about the financial aid opportunities available with the improved Cal Grant system.

"Every once in a while in the life of a university system or a state...something happens in a really big way," Reed said regarding the massive expansion of the Cal Grant program.

Gov. Gray Davis recently signed into law a bill with a total price of $12 billion to increase the financial aid available through the Cal Grant program. The program has been valued at about $33 million each academic year. This will jump to $100 million with this new bill. Reed said this will mean about a $45 million to $48 million increase at the CSU level.

"I believe this is one of the very best financial aid programs in the United States," Reed said. "It merges together merit-based and need-based programs.

He said the governor and legislature wanted to recognize students who worked hard in high school to earn good grades as well as those with strong financial need.

Additionally, Reed addressed issues from each participating campus, including decreased fall enrollment at Los Angeles area campuses due to the mass transit strike and concerns that CSU Fullerton is almost at maximum capacity.

This was the first in a series of teleconferences in which the chancellor will take questions from students.

Middle school spats turns to gunfire for New Orleans teens

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An argument between 13-year-old and 14-year-old students led to a gunfire on the grounds of a middle school Tuesday, eventually wounding both boys.

Witnesses told police that after an argument, the 13-year-old got a gun from someone who passed the weapon through a fence.

The 13-year-old shot the 14-year-old, then the 14-year-old grabbed the gun and shot the 13-year-old, police spokesman Lt. Mark DeFello said.

Police recovered the .38-caliber revolver believed to be used in the shooting at Carter G. Woodson Middle School in uptown New Orleans.

The shooting happened just before noon in a breezeway between the school cafeteria and the main building.

Both students apponted conscious when they were taken by ambulances to Charity Hospital, said David Power, a police spokesman. They were listed in critical condition, said hospital spokeswoman Jean Patterson.

Police Chief Richard Pennington said police were checking into parents' claims that there has been a gang turf battle at the schools.

"We don't think this is gang related. We think it was two children involved in a fight and a third person came and gave a gun," police chief Richard Pennington said.

Mike Stowe, a 14-year-old seventh-grader, said he heard the shot and saw panicked students run inside the school. "I heard it and everybody started running. Everybody just ran," he said.

Smith said teachers made them stay in the classroom until it was safe.

More than 100 parents hurried to the school and lined up outside as officials let small groups enter the building to get their children.
Cal Poly students and Central Coast residents are now able to access more information about their health concerns and local hospitals.

Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center and Twin Cities Community Hospitals launched new interactive Web sites this month that allow users to register and create personal homepages that can track medical history, phone numbers and other important personal information.

"The purpose of the site is to provide information regarding services available at the hospitals and to keep the public aware of programs in the hospitals such as seminars and classes," said Dennis Pall, director of Marketing and Special Programs for both hospitals.

Among the more useful links is a physician finder that allows patients to search for a doctor according to that physician's type of practice. There is also an A to Z index of health topics and a link that allows users to see what type of insurance plans the hospital accepts, a very useful tool for students who are far from home and need more care than Cal Poly's health center can provide.

More options will become available on the Web sites in the future, according to Pall. Tenet Health Systems, the corporation that owns both hospitals, financed a program to redo the hospitals' Web sites in order to make them more interactive and user-friendly. The recent changes are only the first segment of options offered on the site, Pall said.

"We are trying to provide a virtual nursery where family members from across the country can see pictures of the new babies," Pall said.

The sites will also feature a link that allows people to e-mail get-well greetings to friends or family staying at the hospital. And if one needs to stay at the hospital for any amount of time, they can pre-register their stay on one of the sites.

"We are trying to have a virtual nursery where family members can feel when attempting to juggle a full load of classes," Pall said.

A free stress-reduction and relaxation training is taught from 7 to 9 p.m. in the San Luis Obispo General Hospital Annex located on Johnson Avenue and Bishop Street. This class is an introduction to an eight-week program that meets weekly and focuses on the practice of mindfulness, a stress-relieving technique that promotes living in the moment.

Dr. Mark Schecter, director of the mindfulness-based program, thinks students should definitely come to the introductory class to find out if the eight-week program is right for them.

"The program is about nonjudgmental awareness," Schecter said. "It focuses on trying to synchronize what is going on in the mind as well as the body." White said. "I have found this to be a personal experience in a small group for about six students due to the limited size of the class."

By Jordan Roberts
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Beginning this week, Cal Poly's Health Center offers "Freshman 101," an introduction to topics affecting new students. The six-week discussion group will focus on the freshman experience in a small group format, and is designed to help students adjust easily to college life.

Michael White, a counselor and pre-doctoral intern at the Health Center, will be leading the group.

"Freshmen who participate in the Freshman 101 group can expect to have their related concerns addressed in a supportive manner by peers as well as a professional counselor," White said. "I have found this to be particularly useful format for individuals to problem-solve their situations while learning from the experiences of others, thus becoming more effective at dealing with their situations.

White said she will also provide feedback, including some educational aspects and resource information.

"With my background in working as a counselor with high school and college students, I collaborated with the other counselors to develop a forum aimed at addressing the issues young people are dealing with in their transitions from high school student to college student," White said.

"Since the program is designed to meld with and address the crucial issues, people who participate are sure to get a lot out of it." According to Counseling Services, college can be both the most exciting years of an individual's life and the most stressful. Relationships and how one sees oneself often undergo dramatic shifts at the beginning of college.

"For most students, it's their first time living on their own and away from home. Newfound freedoms and responsibilities are bound to feel overwhelming at times," White said. "Whether experienced as stressful or exciting, it is a good opportunity for positive changes.

According to White, Counseling Services is always looking for new ways to reach out to students and help them make the most of their time at Cal Poly.

The discussion group will be limited to about six students due to the individual focus of the program. Starting this week, the groups will be offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Reserve a space by calling Counseling Services at 756-2311.

CORRECTION: In Monday's calendar, it was incorrectly indicated that the Swing Club has dance lessons scheduled for Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. The event is a dance scheduled for Sept. 29 at 8:10 p.m., with lessons before at 7 p.m.
Report shows sex ed may not be effective

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A girl in Matthew Wentzel's class of ninth-graders at Minnie Howard School wants to know who gets HIV/AIDS. "How people die," said a 15-year-old classmate in the back. When Wentzel told them there that among adolescents, heterosexual teens are at highest risk, the class was silent.

"That's the basic introduction," Wentzel told a reporter. "The realism of this epidemic hasn't really sunk in."

But the Virginia district's coursework isn't bad enough, or is too specialized, according to a study released today by researchers at Kaiser Permanente, a West Coast health-care provider.

"It has to evolve," said Tina Hoff, Kaiser's chief public health researcher. "We now have more information than we know what to do with."

Researchers have found that parents want their children to learn about reproductive health before parents and teachers in such classes are less likely to introduce information about obtaining birth control, as well as abortion and sexual orientation.

"Teachers are covering far less... than parents believe is needed," said institute President S. Alan Guttmacher.

"Abstinence messages are very important, but clearly the coverage of contraceptive topics is also crucial," Guttmacher said.

The Guttmacher Institute receives most of its funding from large foundations, though a small amount comes from Planned Parenthood of America. Unlike any other college course you can take.

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News

Corn used by Kraft, Taco Bell recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — The maker of a genetically engineered corn that is not approved for human consumption suspended sales Tuesday.

Arrests CropScience said it would halt selling the corn used by the Environmental Protection Agency approves to use in food. Kraft Foods recalled millions of packages of taco shells on Friday after tests showed that some were made with an Arrests corn variety known in Scotland.

The corn is allowed only in animal feed because of unresolved questions about whether it causes allergic reactions in humans.

"We just think that until we can get all this resolved, the safest thing for food companies and the consuming public is to stop sales," said Rick Rountree, a spokesperson for Arrests.

Arrests also will take steps to assure that corn being harvested this fall does not get into food channels. It said.

Kraft recalled the taco shells it sells in stores under the Taco Bell name. Taco Bell Corp. said it is universally replacing all of the shells in their restaurants later this week.

The corn, which contains a bacterium gene that makes it toxic to an insect, is the only genetically engineered crop not approved for food use.

The recall "demonstrates how little control federal agencies have over genetically engineered foods it is said Rebecca Goldberg, a biotech expert with Environmental Defense.

In a Monday letter to federal regulators, the Biotechnology Industry Organization, said farmers shouldn't be allowed to grow a crop that isn't approved for food use. That was one of four recommendations that Kraft made to the Food and Drug Administration in announcing the recall.

Aventis is a member of the biotechnology.

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3:30pm-5:30pm: Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi

Sunday, Oct. 1st - Individual Open House Events
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Don't just fix your eyes on that diploma

School has begun, classes are underway, the freshman have successfully found all their classes and have settled in. But that’s just the beginning – you’ll need to buckle down and get ready for the next nine months. It’s funny to me how after a while it becomes so mundane – you read, you take tests, and then eventually you graduate. It seems like forever ago when I first moved into Sequoia Hall and the people I met and kept my eyes open for that special guy who I was eventually going to marry.

Well, it’s almost over, all the people I met and became friends with are leaving. I’ve been trained for something I’m not sure I want to do, and I’m still single.

My view of college in high school was that of fun, friends, parties, freedom from my parents and maybe some studying. I wonder, is this really the view that most students come into this prestigious institution?

It seems to me that college has become something that is expected by society. It has become something that we as Americans in general have come to take for granted. We read our textbooks, we study, we are becoming better people, but we have become too lazy.

This summer I went to the Gaza Strip for eight weeks. I thought I was going to learn English with nine other Americans to a group of Palestinian university students. Unfortunately, I learned that these people have several years of our history as Americans. They long for the freedom to go wherever they want, to study what they want to study, and only an elite minority have the chance to go to a higher education.

This trip opened my eyes to the fact that I, as an American, have it easy. I have the freedom only most people dream about, yet I take it for granted and waste it out of laziness. I wish I could go back and really take advantage of the opportunities that this step in life was supposed to offer me.

When I was a senior in high school, my friends thought I was crazy for only applying to two colleges, but to tell you the truth, it’s going to make you but for the fact that you enjoy it so much you can’t help but do it.

Angela Barley is a landscape architecture senior.

Free buses are the only answer

How many of you would like to pay to ride the bus to school? My guess is that not many of you are jumping for joy at the thought of bus fees. Right now riding the bus is free when you flash your student identification card. After this quarter that may no longer be the case.

Currently the free city bus ride program costs the university approximately $185,000 per year. This year, Cal Poly is about $63,000 short, having only paid about $125,000.

This is not a new problem. Two years ago, when I was a freshman, I remember talking to Anni Luker, then ASI chair of the board on the same issue. However, finding money to fund the program has actually been a concern for the past three years. Cal Poly has been lucky to fund the funds the past three years, but a long-term source of funding was never found. Consequently, money for the bus program is an issue again.

Frank Lebens, Cal Poly Vice President of Administration and Finance, said the Campus Fee Advisory Committee plans to make a decision within the next few weeks about how to raise funds for the bus program. Lebens said the two alternatives on the table right now are increasing parking pass fees or making students pay for bus passes. Bus passes would cost $45 per year or $18 per quarter. These two alternatives are only suggestions to raise the $63,000 needed for this year. Long-term solutions are still being brainstormed.

Increasing parking fees would cause an uproar on campus. Most students who take the bus to campus don't buy parking passes. By raising parking pass fees, students who drive their cars to school would be paying for students to ride the bus for free. No one said that life was fair, but that alternative is ridiculous.

As for the second option, I must concede that purchasing a bus pass would cost much less than a parking pass.

Being a broke college student, I have trouble coming up with money just to pay my monthly bills. I started taking the bus because it was free and I could avoid the traffic headaches on campus.

With all the money that I put into school, including miscellaneous expenses, the $18 per quarter that it would cost me to ride the bus is merely a drop in the bucket. I know I'm not the only student in this position.

Whether you take the bus because you're environmentally conscious, you don't want to fight for parking or simply because it's free, now is the time to join together. Now is the time to use your voice. This program has been around for 15 years. Up until the past three years, Cal Poly has been able to foot the bill. Where did the money come from prior to 1997? Why has funding only been a problem recently? These are questions we need answered and a problem we need solved.

Think about what the transit system is worth to you. Then contact the ASI executive office. Talk to ASI President Sam Aborn or ASI Vice President Lewis Smith. Let them know what you think. Give them any practical ideas you might have that could solve this problem.

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*Am I going to go postal on the Mustang Daily? Probably.*
Aid process needs work

Some might say my selfish writing about this subject, some might say I don’t understand the pragmatic ends served by the current system of need-based aid. What I do understand is this giving poverty-stricken students money to pay for most of the costs of their education and

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Davis signs bill offering tax relief to survivors of Nazi enslavement

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A bill providing tax relief to Californians who survived slave labor in Nazi Germany has been signed into law by Gov. Gray Davis.

The bill Davis signed Tuesday follows similar legislation passed in recent years that exempted from state income taxes any repatriations to those who survived the Nazi Holocaust during World War II. Holocaust victims, along with slave laborers, forced laborers and others who lost money or property to the Nazis may be receiving money from a new $5 billion "Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future" fund set up by the German government. About 3,200 German companies are joining the German government in contributing to the fund.

More than a million Holocaust survivors, a third of whom were German and French, are expected to receive $7,500 each from the fund by year's end. "The very least we can do is allow them to keep all of the hard-fought reparations to which they are entitled," Davis said in signing the bill.

Win with Campus Express Club

Three lucky Campus Express Club members will win prizes in Fall quarter's Campus Express Club drawing.

One Cal Poly student will receive reimbursement of Fall quarter in-state tuition, one member will gain a textbook credit of $200 to his or her Campus Express Club account, and one member will get a $50 Campus Express Club credit. To be eligible to win your textbook reimbursement, members simply join Campus Express Club or add to their memberships by September 30. To win the $50 credit, add $50 or more by the same date.

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Prospective members can join by completing and returning a form from one of the Express Stations located near or in most restaurants on campus. They can also join by visiting Customer Service (Bldg. 19) or going to the Foundation Cashier (Bldg. 15). If your PolyCard hasn't already been activated by Customer Service in the atrium of Light House, Value can be also be added to existing Campus Express Club memberships at the above locations, or by calling (805) 756-2849 or (805) 756-5939 to add value using Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

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Olympic spotlight bright for women athletes

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Their unexpected Olympic victory four years ago was just a taste of things to come. Their World Cup win over China three years later captivated a nation and created untold numbers of new soccer fans.

But then, in Atlanta, we didn't know the names of the women soccer players. Now we do Mia Hamm, Brandi Chastain, Julie Foudy.

So this time, with the spotlight growing, what else is there but to wish them well again?

"We had such great success in Atlanta," Foudy said. "So when you come into an event like this, your internal expectations are so high. You come into an event believing you should be on the gold medal podium."

So far, the women are on track.

Despite a difficult Olympic draw, Hamm said the team feels the final after beating Brazil 0-3 on Sunday. Taking inspiration from the U.S. softball team, which came from behind to win a gold medal, the women dearly want to beat Norway, one of their top rivals.

"We like that Norway brings out the best in us just like we bring out the best in them," said U.S. coach Tony Tangney.

The gold-medal game will be broadcast Thursday on MSNBC, along with men's basketball and the gold-medal men's tennis match. In prime time, NBC will show women's springboard diving, synchronized swimming and rhythmic gymnastics. But the magic event in prime time will be on the track, where Marion Jones, already a gold-medal winner in the 100-meter dash, takes up the next phase of her quest for five golds with the women's 200-meter final.

Barring a surprising failure to qualify, Jones has a possible showdown with Cathy Freeman in Thursday's final. The Australian star of Aboriginal origins shielded her hometown crowd with a victory in the 400 meters on Monday night. She made a late decision to run in the 200.

Talk about a growing spotlight: Not only will Jones have to deal with the intense pressure of her medal quest — she's now coping with the sudden, unwelcome revelation that her husband, shot putter C.J. Hunter, tested positive for steroids.

NBC to drop baseball coverage next season

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC opted not to keep its package of major league baseball games, clearing a handle for Fox to grab the exclusive TV rights for the sport's postseason.

"We have notified major league baseball that we have passed on their offer and we wish them well going forward," NBC Sports president Ken Schanzer said Wednesday (Tuesday EDT) from Sydney, Australia.

Fox has offered about $2.5 billion in a bid to land major league baseball's entire postseason package from 2001-06. The Associated Press learned that figure, which would also cover an extension of current deals for regular-season games on Fox and its cable outlet, was confirmed by three TV industry and baseball sources speaking on condition they not be identified.

Baseball's five-year postseason contracts with Fox, NBC and ESPN expire after the World Series.

NBC and ESPN had until Tuesday to match Fox's bid, industry sources said. ESPN spokesman Mike Soltys would not comment on whether the cable channel had also passed.

Fox officials declined to comment Tuesday.

The last time one broadcast network owned the full baseball package was 1990-91, when CBS lost hundreds of millions of dollars in a $1.257 billion deal, partly because of a steep decline in ratings and partly because of a national recession.

"It is a lot of baseball. Take it from someone who knows," said former CBS Sports president Neal Pilson, who owns a consulting firm. "It will force Fox to delay the start of its entertainment season every fall in order to cover the playoffs and the World Series, but I am sure they have taken that into account.

"Fox probably believes it has drawn a good deal financially. It has kept its cost escalation at a very modest number."

In the current deal, Fox and NBC split the league championship and alternated televising the All-Star game and World Series. Now Fox could hold the rights to all those events for six seasons, in addition to its regular-season rights.

The extra load of first-round playoff games could be eased by shifting some to cable channel Fox Sports Net.

Baseball wanted to close a new deal during the regular season, which is scheduled to end Sunday. The roughly $417 million average annual worth of the package represents about a 45 percent jump from the $290 million the old deals totaled — $220 million for Fox's postseason rights and Saturday games of the week, $47 million for regular-season games on cable channels Fox Sports Net and FX, $80 million for NBC's postseason, and $43 million for ESPN's postseason package.

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Pick up an application in the Women's Center or call 756-2282. Applications due October 15, 2000.
U.S. softball comes back to win gold

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — In weather more suited to the "Fall Classic" than the Summer Olympics, the U.S. softball and baseball teams both won in dramatic style — a gold for the women, a berth in the gold medal game for the men.

The softball finals and the tests were not held Tuesday for the American men's soccer team, a loss in its first-ever bid to reach the Olympic finals.

Completing an extraordinary comeback from the edge of disaster, the U.S. softball team successfully defended its Olympic gold medal with a 2-1 come-from-behind victory over Japan in a rain-soaked evening.

"We've been very unlucky in this whole tournament, but luck finally went our way," said Laura Berg, a U.S. softball player.

Plating in its fifth extra-inning game Down Under, the Americans — unable to catch a break much of the Olympics — took advantage of a mistake to defeat their Athens gold.

After a pair of eighth-inning walks, a shot to left field by Laura Berg was misplayed by outfielder Shinn Koeki, who held a glove on the ball but couldn't hold it.

"There's a monkey on it, and the ball just went out of her glove," Berg said. "We've been very unlucky in this whole tournament, but luck finally went our way!"

All the way.

Before Koeki could recover, pinch-hitter Jennifer McFall scored the game-winner, and the U.S. women left for a third home run and celebrating at home plate.

With five days of competition left, the United States capped the medal count with 63 (25 gold, 15 silver, 23 bronze). Russia was next with 51 (17-14-20). China and Australia came in 3rd with 44 (12-20-12).

BASEBALL: The U.S. team, on a dramatic bottom-of-the-ninth home run by Doug Mientkiewicz, took a step toward turning baseball into the international pastime. The blast by Mientkiewicz led the Americans to a 6-2 victory over South Korea and a berth in the Olympic final against mighty Cuba.

It marked the first time that the Americans had made the Olympic gold medal game, and they will face Japan for the bronze.

After a thunderstorm halted play for two hours, the Americans took advantage of a base-loaded opportunity in the eighth. In the ninth, after getting the leadoff man aboard, Corky Decken was picked off.

In the midst of the missed opportunities, Mientkiewicz drilled his home run over the right field wall. Last week, in a qualifying game, Mientkiewicz roped an inside-the-park home run to beat the South Koreans. 4

MENS SOCCER: Disappointment and accomplishment. The U.S. men's team could feel bad after making the Olympic semifinals for the first time, then losing 1-0 to Spain for its first defeat in Sydney.

Pete Vives was the lone American soccer Tuesday, netting a penalty kick just before halftime, as the U.S. squad was unable to rebound from an early 2-0 deficit. They managed just a single shot on goal in the second half.

The Americans still have a shot at the bronze and their first Olympic soccer medal Friday when they take on Chile, Spain, the gold medalists at home during the 1992 Barcelona Games, will battle Cameroon's Indomitable Lions in the Saturday gold medal game.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL: The U.S. team advanced to the Olympics semifinals after a thrilling, two-hour victory over South Korea. The back and forth battle lasted five sets, with the Americans ultimately winning on a disputed call by 25-24, 27-25, 23-25, 16-14.

A block by Logan Tom gave the Americans a 15-14 lead in the decisive set, and the winning point came on a South Korean shot that was ruled out. Despite the protest, the Americans were soon celebrating — and were one win away from a medal.

Romanians protest, return other medals

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Romania has returned six of its remaining two medals in the Olympic women's all-around gymnastics competition to protest Andreea Raducan's loss of her gold medal for taking gold medication containing a banned substance, Roman national television reported Tuesday.

The "gold, silver and bronze medals have been returned although initially (coach) Octavian Belu favored keeping the gold and silver medals which the Romanians had worked for months," Romanian TV said in the report from Sydney.

Belu was reported to have said that 16-year-old Raducan had decided to give up gymnastics, television said. Belu could not be reached for further comment.

The 4-foot-10, 82-pound Raducan was stripped of her gold from women's all-around Tuesday after she tested positive for pseudohemine, a banned substance. This is the first gymnast ever to be stripped of a medal because of a drug violation.

The action by the International Olympic Committee's executive board meant that Raducan's teammate Simona Amariu must now go up to the gold, while Romanian Maria Olaru got the silver. Liu Xuan of China then got the bronze.

Raducan has appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and a hearing was scheduled for Wednesday.

The Romanian team director who gave her the drug was expelled from the games and segregated through the 2004 Summer Games in Athens.

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For more information and interview contact Susanne Kelley at 756-2600 or skelley@calpoly.edu.
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Courses are set up in parks and golf courses, with varying terrains such as grass, dirt and concrete.

"I think there's a lot more thought that goes into (cross country) than if you were on the track," Booth said.

"There's a lot more strategy involved. You've got to know what your strengths are and how to use them to best your advantage," Crozier said.

After qualifying for the NCAA Championships last year, this year's men's team hopes to finish in the top ten nationally.

"It's not something that's easily attainable," senior Terry Blackwell said. "Our whole team has to put it together there."

A team can run up to seven men at each race, but only five can score points. Points are allotted according to the place the athlete finishes. The winner of a race receives one point.

The team with the lowest score wins. Although cross country is a team sport, runners insist that it is somehow different than other team sports.

"I think almost any other sport has a catch of some sort or a fall back they can rely on if they make a mistake," Booth said. "Running to me, there's no judges, there's no rules set up. It's a team sport but it's not like you're depending on your offense or defense to pull you through."

Along with running for and building muscle, running has a therapeutic effect as well.

"It's a releiver of stress," Crozier said. "Other sports use running as a form of punishment and we're doing it because we love to."

The fact that running is often looked upon as punishment could be a reason that runners are so often misunderstood.

"If you believe in your coach like we do, you're gonna be very well prepared to run fast. Our team puts total trust in our coach."

Adam Bootho
cross country senior

"People can see themselves playing football and basketball," Booth said. "No one understands what we do."

Since training is sometimes complicated, Booth said it's important to have a coach you can trust.

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**No turf in L.A. for USC**

LOSA GELES (AP) — Since USC will play on artificial turf Saturday for the first time this season, Trojans coach Paul Hackett thought it would be wise for his team to practice on the surface.

"No such luck in L.A."

"We talked about being somewhere where we practice on turf and we found out there's none in Los Angeles. This is a problem," said Hackett, whose eighth-ranked Trojans play at Oregon State this weekend.

"If you're in the NFL, the owner builds 60 yards (of artificial turf) outside and you go out and practice on it. We don't have that option," the coach said Tuesday. "We're playing one game a year on turf. We played one game last year. We've got the special magic shoes and from there, we just have to go play."

The eighth-ranked Trojans will work out on artificial turf for the first time after they arrive in Oregon on Friday.

"We'll try to practice at a much higher tempo than we do on a normal Friday because we have to find out how our feet will work on the turf. It is a different surface," Hackett said.

"This team we're about to play is built on speed, and it will be played on artificial turf, which heightens speed."

The game at Reser Stadium pits two teams that have each won all three of their games. The contest will be the Pacific-10 opener for both.

USC has a 26-game winning streak against Oregon State dating back to 1967, and has outscored the Beavers by an average of 38-10.

All that doesn't impress Hackett.

"The last four or five years at Oregon State have been quite different," the USC coach said.

"Everyone talks about the streak, but that was mostly years ago."
Cross country athletes push themselves with a very rigorous training workout schedule

By Mike Gilmore
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Imagine a sport where the athletes run up to 100 miles a week, 50 weeks a year, simply to line up 10 times during the fall to see who is the fastest. Members of the Cal Poly cross country team know this routine well.

"It’s just a part of our lives," senior Adam Boothe said. "Runners typically, they see, have a higher pain threshold than other athletes. Our bodies aren’t made to do what we do on a daily basis."

This daily grind includes a morning run of three to four miles followed by an afternoon workout determined by the coach. This workout can be anything from six to 11 miles run at a pace of 4:45 per mile to a 20-mile run.

"Cross country training involves a lot of running," assistant coach Mark Conover said. "We use a mix of mileage run at different paces throughout the week."

Conover, a former Olympian in the marathon, prefers running to other sports because of its simplicity. "You can do it anywhere at anytime," Conover said. "Just put on shorts and shoes and there you’ve got it."

Cross country races are run on courses of varying length. The women’s team typically competes on 3-between-mile courses, while the men’s team usually races on 5-mile courses.

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Women’s soccer has high hopes with early season play

By Jon Hughes
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Heading into the 2000-01 season, few Cal Poly teams will have higher expectations than the women’s soccer team.

After last year’s thrilling run to the Big West championship and the NCAA tournament, many wonder if the team can repeat or improve upon their success of a year ago.

Coach Alex Crozier said that great things could be in store for the Mustangs.

"We have the potential to be as good or better (than last season)," Crozier said of the team, which graduated six starters from last year’s squad. "We are just a little less seasoned right now, but we’re just as talented as last year."

The team’s current three game win and shutout streak could certainly be a sign that the Mustangs are on the right track. After a slow start saw them go 1-4, the team has picked it up in all areas.

The defense has been stellar in not allowing a goal in the past three games, and the offense has made strides as well.

The Mustangs scored 10 goals over the past weekend, including a 7-0 romp over Butler University on Saturday. Crozier singled out two players from the squad as having performed exceptionally well – Natalia Garcia and Megan Schlegel.

Garcia, rebounding from an injury that forced her to sit out last season, has been a wall in the goal so far. She has contributed heavily to the current shutout streak, and her play is a model of consistency for the team to follow. In the Sept. 15 overtime victory against Washington State, she recorded nine saves including two second-half saves to preserve the scoreless tie.

Schlegel, Crozier said, has been especially valuable this season. "She has always been a great goal scorer, but she has stepped it up all around so far this year," he said. Schlegel has scored game winners.

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday’s Answer:
Albert Belle was the first player to hit 50 home runs and 50 doubles in the same season.

Congratulations Steve Corino!

Today’s Question:
Who was voted Outstanding Boxer of the 1988 Olympic Games despite not winning the gold medal?

Please submit sports trivia answers to sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu. Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

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Briefs

McSorley’s stick did more damage than fall
WALNUTCREEK, British Columbia (AP) — Merv McSorley’s blow to Donald Brashear’s head with a hockey stick did more damage than the Vancouver player’s fall to the ice, a doctor testified at McSorley’s assault trial Tuesday.

Dr. Roy Averill, the Canucks’ team doctor, said Brashear was unconscious and having a seizure when he reached Brashear’s side. He was rushed to the ice after British Columbia Killarney assistant coach Terry Steinbauer kicked the head during an NHL game on Feb. 21.

Schedule

THURSDAY
• Women’s volleyball vs. Utah State at Utah State • 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
• Men’s soccer vs. New Mexico at New Mexico • 6:30 p.m.
• Women’s soccer vs. Cal State Bakersfield at Mustang Stadium • 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Football vs. Southern Utah at Southern Utah • 5 p.m.