Admissions to utilize more e-mail

By Christine Powell

Getting information for students pursuing an education at Cal Poly just got easier.

Cal Poly is one of the first universities in the United States to integrate the newest software available for enrollment communication, innovating the way that college admission works.

E-coms, a new system that went into effect Sept. 1, is designed to increase and improve interaction with prospective students as early as the eighth grade.

E-coms is the name for the software developed by a company called Hobson. It is currently the most integrated, customized and complete college admission communication software for college and university admissions offices.

This software serves to make the college admission process more efficient by managing and filtering prospective student databases as well as maintaining correspondence.

"We know that these potential students are interested in and have the ability to further define their interests in our school," said James Maraviglia, executive director of Cal Poly’s Admissions and Recruitment.

"Constant communication can only help us to better serve their needs." Maraviglia said.

The software automates many of the communication functions necessary in the day-to-day operations of the admissions office.

E-coms allows the university staff to create customized student interest forms, survey-event response forms, and VIP pages for the Cal Poly Website. It also automatically imports and filters the names and information it receives.

"E-coms will cut costs, improve communication with students and foster closer relationships with prospective at Cal Poly than ever before," Maraviglia said.

The new communication system will cut costs by eliminating some of the mass-mailing and production costs averaged at $100,000 per year, as well as cut the costs included in hiring extra staff in order to e-mail individual letters and responses to prospective students.

Not only can Cal Poly reach more prospective students, it can now also point and reach individual students who fit into specific target markets.

E-coms offers the capability for admissions counselors to easily develop a direct relationship with prospective students. The object is to better provide information about the

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Localss throw party for Souza's big finish

By Jennifer Hansen

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With one episode left to go, Cal Poly’s "Big Brother" has a good chance of taking home $502,000.

Civil engineering senior Josh Souza is one of three contestants to make it to the end of CBS’s "Big Brother," the three-month long series that purports to turn 12 people in cramped living quarters, tapping every move they made. The last episode airs tonight and will reveal the first, second and third prizes of $500,000, $100,000 and $50,000, respectively.

Souza’s older sister, Melanie Dandridge of Santa Maria, thinks Souza has what it takes to win as long as his fans continue to support him.

"It’s going to take a lot of work - a lot of fan support for Josh to go all the way," Dandridge said.

Dandridge is happy to see how far her brother has gone on the show.

"He’s done pretty well - we’re proud of him," she said.

Dandridge said Souza decided to go on "Big Brother" as a diversion from his everyday life.

"I knew that he was ready to have a break from school and do something different than an internship for the summer," Dandridge said.

Dandridge said her family has tried to stay out of the spotlight while Souza was in the "Big Brother" house.

"We decided to lay kind of low, not get in the media too much, because we did not want too much overshadow what he was doing on the show," she said. "We wanted to let him go as far as he could on his own merit."

Dandridge said Souza is planning to come back to school to finish his last two quarters at Cal Poly. She is concerned, though, that he may have a hard time adjusting.

"I think that it is going to be an adjustment trying to come back and get back into his daily life as far as going back to school," she said.

"Now, everywhere he goes, people are going to know his name, they’re going to know his face."

Dandridge thinks Souza will be happy with whatever the outcome of the show may be.

"Whether he wins it, first, second or third, I think he’s going to be grateful that he made it that far," she said.

The last episode of "Big Brother" is tonight at 9 p.m. on CBS. More information about the show can be found at www.bigbrother2000.com.

Students learn tough credit card lesson

By Megan Shearn

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The first day of college is the "Day of Reckoning" for some students. As students walk through the University Union, they notice the enticing plastic dimming in the sun. The vendor calls "Come on, free T-shirt or sunglasses if you fill out this form. It will only take five minutes. Great for emergencies!"

"You can live like a lawyer now and live like a pauper later," said Ron Hard, assistant loan program manager for Financial Aid.

"Or, you can live like a pauper and live like a lawyer later."

Hard sees many students going in and out of his financial aid workshops in deep credit card debt.

"It’s too much of experience, getting out on your own and wanting to make it on your own," Hard said.

Credit cards signal the responsibility of being an adult. The responsibility falls to the woman who is married at the Gap in on sale or the spring break trip will be a short jaunt to Mexico.

Amy Savage, a nutrition senior, signed up for two credit cards at the UU. She now finds herself $2,725 in debt.

"It was my first summer here, I was 18 and I signed up," she said. "I might not have gotten the second one if I wasn’t pressed."

Savage is aware how she abused her credit card.

"I’m pretty bad about buying clothes, and come around Christmas time I want to buy things for people," she said.

But Savage plans to take control of her bill. She says she owns only one and has thrown the rest away.

"I plan on making out a budget with my dad so I can pay them off," she said.

Her aunt is also going to help her out this year.

"It’s not easy to keep track of it - the pizza, the $23 sweater and gas," Hard said. "Expense run up quick."

At the beginning of the year, the credit card vendors pull out all the stops for future customers. Yet some

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Farmers sue for water rights

The facts seek to protect water quality and the fragile Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Francisco Bay and make the water system more reliable for farmers and cities.

The agency would take land out of agricultural production to rearrange the state's complicated levee system in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and provide usable habitat and flood control, said Kranz.

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CalFed officials had not seen the lawsuit and refused to comment. The lawsuit and refused to comment. The state's water system.

FRESNO (AP) — California's powerful farm group filed suit Thursday to stop state and federal agencies from gobbling up valuable farmland and water rights to overhaul the state's water system.

The suit is the second filed in two days against CalFed, the joint state-federal agency in charge of the massive water plan announced in 2000 that could cost more than $26 billion. It also said 2020 acres are currently targeted for purchase by a combination of state and federal agencies and that those purchases could reach $129 million.

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In this particular case, when students arc identified, they are invited by the dean to attend the university's Honors Program.

"It seemed girls were intimidated by the clapping and the frilliness of it all," Mayes said. "They thought it was lame or cheesy. But a lot of schools are getting rid of the frills riffs; it's not what a sorority is all about. There's more pressure on both sides and it's more real this way.

"Winter Rush will be more formal than fall, but not as formal as it used to be. It begins Jan. 19 and continues through Jan. 23. Freshmen will be permitted to participate and pledge, as long as they have completed 12 units. The fraternities have also changed the rush schedule, due to deferred rush. Rajiv Dharmadhikari, Interfraternity Council president, said the new format will benefit all the houses.

"In the past it was 17 houses competing against each other," Dharmadhikari said. "Now we are actually recruiting and we're not as formal.

"We also plan to get more transfer students to become involved in the Greek system in the future," Dharmadhikari said.

"They (credit card companies) are giving outrageous prices away," she said. "I've had to kick out one vendor for being such a poor credit risk.

According to Kaiser, the vendors bring in some revenue for the bookstore. But if the university said they couldn't go to 12 more, she said, "It's their right to set the rules."

"You need a credit card to rent a car, pay for hotel bills and airline tickets," she said. "That's the way the world is going."

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Rancho has opportunities for service-minded students

By Kara Knutson  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Animal and ranch lovers, listen up! Volunteers will have three chances in October to offer their time to perform maintenance tasks at Rancho de los Animales for the Disabled Inc.

The 7.5-acre ranch, located on the Nipomo Mesa in Arroyo Grande, allows approximately 5,200 people per year, including disabled individuals, senior citizens, youth groups and school children to ride horses, ponies and interact with animals like llamas and pigs.

Beth Currier opened the ranch in 1983 after moving to the Central Coast from Chatsworth, Calif. She had polo in 1953 at the age of 12 and hasn’t walked since. She loved riding horses, but people told her that if she couldn’t walk, then she couldn’t ride. "I couldn’t find anybody that would allow me to ride as a disabled person," she said. "I wanted a place where people were not told they can’t do something. It’s what you can do, not what can’t you do." Rancho de los Animales was born out of this desire.

Currier not only serves the 3,800 individuals who visit the ranch each year, but also takes ponies and a petting zoo out to schools, hospitals and community events such as the Special Olympics.

"Animals give unconditional love," she said. "They won’t tell you you can’t do something." Carrie said that riding is therapeutic. It helps build muscle and bone mass, improve strength, coordination and balance, and generally improves a person’s emotional well-being.

Providing these services is expensive. It costs $150 per week to feed the animals and $6,000 per year for liability insurance, not to mention transportation and veterinary fees.

However, not one person who visits the ranch pays a dime. Nor does any of the ranch staff receive salaries.

The RAD Thrift Store in Santa Maria is Rancho de los Animales’ sole source of income.

"Sixty percent of the business they do is in clothing, but it can be furniture or any household items," Currier said.

Currier also said it takes a lot to maintain these animals and their environments.

“We’re always begging for volunteers,” she said. "We only have six to eight volunteers that come on a semi-

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**Bike groups celebrate auto-liberation**

By Henry Orren

DAILY CALIFORNIAN

(U.WIRE) BERKELEY — A group of pro-bike, anti-fossil fuel Berkeleyans parted Sunday at the Pyramid Ale House in Berkeley’s closest equivalent to the all-American bike rally.

The event was the fifth anniversary celebration of the Berkeley Coalition for Bike Access, the group’s semi-annual Bike Film Festival.

It featured a wide variety of bike-related activities, including bike parking, bike music, bike limbo and even a huge vegan bike birthday cake.

Although the tenor of the evening was decidedly light-hearted, it was not without weighty political overtones. Cyclist Kris Worthington and Ken Bakowski were on hand, as well as members of the Berkeley and Emeryville city councils.

Worthington spoke about the plans to bike battleground project. The coalition is proposing a network of bike-only streets to link all corners of the city. "I’m lucky enough to be an everyday cyclist," Worthington said. "I’m looking forward to the day when it’ll be possible to ride all the way across Berkeley — without having to the right next to a car, ever." Some of the coalition’s other projects include "traffic calming workshops," environmental clean-ups, bicycle training and bicycle riding programs for school children. Then Mugs fired up his projector for the bike film festival.

Nearly all of the short films shown were produced by local artists. Some of the strongest entries were the Media Foundation’s "Autosaurus," a bike artist’s conception of the automobile apocalypse in the not-too-distant future, and "Car Bomb."

With a frothy glass of Pyramid Ale in his hand and a smile on his face, one bike enthusiast summed up the ambiance of the evening’s footnotes with a toast.

"This is riding the bike, leaving the car parked and the gas tank full," he said.

Correction

In the Sept. 28 edition, a page 7 photo of the band Princess Deas was misidentified as Cupidori.
Today's issue: Do clubs hurt more than help? Opportunity abounds/Opportunity stresses

Although the thought that campus clubs may be a turn-off because of the association with spending even more time on campus, there is a silver lining of opportunities that those of us who are not involved may not see.

Speaking from experience as a transfer student, it is difficult to meet people with similar interests. It may be the same for freshmen starting off at Cal Poly; the only difference is the open opportunities freshmen have to meet friends in the close-quartered dorms.

Although labs may hold different opportunities than lectures, it is rare when lasting friendships are established while meeting in the typical classroom setting. This is why there are organizations and clubs on campus—students can link up with people who share similar interests.

Clubs and organizations offer the perfect opportunity to meet people while engaging in activities that you believe in or want to help support.

And if fun is what you are looking for, not all clubs are based around academics. Sometimes and fraternities are arguably an instant way to meet friends. Students are accepted into these organizations on the basis of similar personality traits and interests of those already involved in the organization.

Most also offer the opportunity for members to eventually rent off-campus housing. Considering the housing situation in San Luis Obispo nowadays, this is a definite plus for students not willing to sleep on a friend's couch or pay an exorbitant amount for housing.

Religious organizations on campus also offer a group of people who share the same beliefs. There are many to choose from, some even have their own fraternities and sororities. The same is true for ethnic groups. What a perfect way to meet those who have the same background or upbringing.

For anyone interested in squeezing the most out of their college career here at Cal Poly, consider those involved are able to network and find opportunities easier than those who are not.

It's true. Attending classes is one thing, but attending club meetings is like going to specialized workshops where the club advisers, who are often professors. Those professors are very interested in the field of study and will do anything they can to help students make the most out of their education before and after they graduate. This includes information on seminars, job openings, internships, conferences and other events that may be useful in helping a resume. Developing relationships with those who carry weight in your desired field, such as professors, can also mean adding another name to your list of references when it is time to job-hunt.

It's probably safe to see that those who do take the time out to read the black print on those often annoying fluorescent flyers seen in halls and on chalkboard clips may be the ones who are able to secure the jobs that they desire right out of college. Many club participants have internships with prospective employers well before graduation.

This is not an advantage limited to a select few. Some students may be surprised at how far professors are willing to go to help the students who they know are interested. It is their passion to teach, and that passion is derived from a dedication to a subject area that they truly believe in.

(Why else would they put in the long hours for the pay they receive?)

As a graduating senior, I am now experiencing the anxiety that comes with knowing that I will soon be kicked out into the real world. The relationships that I have developed over the past three years are one of the resources that kept me going. In a time of many decisions and expectations, knowing that there are people in the profession that are on my side is a comfort and something solid to turn to.

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It is a phenomenon as familiar as the Aurora Borealis or crop circles. Pretty much everyone knows someone who has fallen prey to it. A freshman comes in with wide eyes, ready for the college experience (and not just the drinking and puking), lacking the important tool called management. The student gets involved with a number of extracurriculars and not enough curriculum, and promptly flunks out of school. I can't count on two hands the number of people I know who have had to leave after two or three years, and I don't know that many people.

It doesn't take a 2.5 GPA student like me to see the problems that arise. First, no matter how liberal one's parents were during their teenage years, college is an enormous adjustment from the sheltered world of high school. Freshmen are thrown into a world of sex, drugs, boozing, sunbathing, and more sex (if they're lucky), and it is extremely hard to make room for school (maybe sex, more sex, and sex, depending on the length of your refractory period). If today's freshmen are anything like I was, they see studying as something resembling vomit stains on the carpet pretty annoying, but not worth putting in too much effort to take care of.

Anyway, aside from the commonly recognized distractions to academic survival, there are some that are largely overlooked yet may have just as much of a detrimental effect. While many believe that clubs merely serve as a recreational outlet to students, they can often take on too large a role, monopolizing time in the already busy schedule of first-year freshmen.

On the surface, clubs aren't evil. Most are just there to allow members to learn a few things, volunteer their time, or party with fellow members with some sport or honor society as a front (nothing wrong with that). The problem lies in the fact that freshmen will naturally be attracted to some of these clubs, yet devoting time to them is not the best way for them to make the adjustment into big boy and girl life where mommy won't nag them to do their homework each night.

Cal Poly administration obviously notices this as an issue as well, but as a long standing tradition, blame it all on the Greeks, mandating a deferred rush that doesn't allow freshmen with fewer than 17 completed college units to pledge a fraternity or sorority. While it is highly unfair to single out the Greek system among all of the other organizations on campus, their thinking is along the right track (for once): let freshmen have a quarter to focus solely on adjusting to academics and finding their niche at school.

It's unfair, however, to single out freshmen as the only ones with time management issues. Transfer students and returning students alike can easily fall into the same trap of too much commitment with so many club choices available. As much as Poly students bitch about being so busy and stressed, there is no shortage of clubs in existence, each of which requires plenty of man (or woman, or freshman) hours to operate. Maybe there are just too many damn clubs for people to distract themselves with.

Of course, as long as people have varied interests and seek distraction from academics there will always be a ton of clubs to serve them. I guess there just comes a point where those who show an inability to balance academics and school must be helped to focus on studying, no matter how annoying it is. And I guess I should clean up that vomit from last weekend.

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Hollywood gave up

Hollywood is poor. It is suffering worse than any starving college student can ever imagine. It can’t even buy its Maybush’s Bots.” the world’s cheapest beer known to human kind. The industry has been suffering for about five years or so, and it’s obvious it’s not getting any better. Who are those so-called unchurched, sad bastards that is Hollywood? Well, honestly, one fellow told me. The people within Hollywood are much too proud to admit to such a thing. I just kind of came to that conclusion after watching some old movies… in the theater.

With the recent race to re-release some classics, I began to think, who is the genius behind this very marketable money-making machine? Our generation has been able to pass on these old movies. “Grease,” “Star Wars” and “The Exorcist.” Who do these people think they are? The people that made these great movies are just like those who are doing the re-releases.

If a movie is made, people watch it in the theaters and then if they really like it, they’ll rent or buy it. That’s the way it works. It shouldn’t start again 12 years later, only to repeat the process. Is society really so entranced by John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John riding off into the sunset in a thing, red convertible that they have to see it on the big screen? Haven’t we all seen that movie enough times already?

It seems that the people in Hollywood are getting lazy. The norm now is to find the most suc­ cessful movie, book, television show and television sketch and make that into a new movie. In the last three years, society has been grasped with such winners as “The Mod Squad,” “Superman,” “Los Muermos,” “The Home Whippers,” “A Night at the Roxbury” and coming soon, “Charlie’s Angels.” Does Hollywood think we don’t see what they’re doing?

The re-releasing may have seemed like a good idea when it started, but now it’s happening too often. I understand the reasoning behind Star Wars, which was a very smart, very profitable decision. For the most part, all of the movies have been large successes at the box office. Money-wise, it’s completely worth it. However, it’s getting old. We don’t care about the new, added scenes in “The Exorcist.” It’s boring. It may have been good in its original setting, but certainly not now. See, it’s already beginning to backfire. Better step now before it’s too late.

Yes, Hollywood has always been simple about the money. But perhaps one of these days, someone will be able to add some interest to actually make an original movie or to re-release an original from 10 years ago.

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Addictive Web sites waste time

Have you seen the commercial for the dollar coin? Our founding father George Washington has never looked so fashionable. His ensemble included only his jeans, Doc Martens and an Abercrombie and Fitch shirt. But he must have washed his hair! Poor guy he’s just trying to stay cool with the American public before he gets to use that dollar coin.

Well, one Web site isn’t ready to get rid of George. As a matter of fact, you can track George. At www.whereisthgeorge.com you can track that last precious dollar bill you spent at 7-11 around the country.

To track a dollar bill, the person enters the denomination and serial number of individual bills, along with the zip code of where the bill was last obtained. The serial number must match up with the previous entry to see where it was last. At this time the Web site only tracks bills in the United States and Canada.

According to a Wired News article, “the site has logged more than 40,000 bills, the most by any user. Can you say, ‘I have nothing else to do?’”

The concept of the Web site is original but it can be addictive like E-hugs. A group therapy session may have to start for these sites. “My name is Joe and I can’t get off the Internet, not even for holidays.”

I have found myself guilty many times of cruising the Internet for a good two hours. I search the Web sites exactly like George. The Web sites have to be interactive and I have to compete for something. I’ve put my foot down and I’ve been trying to use my time more wisely. Strangely, I found that it was just like breaking myself off the television. I had to allow myself to see the Internet. I just kind of set my own limits and I’ve been pretty much successful in doing that. I still have to admit I’ve tried to track the dollar bill a few times.

“Time away from the Internet” has made me see that the Internet is no longer used to find information, but is used for entertainment. George Washington is a perfect example.

People don’t go to the Internet to find out more about the dollar or George Washington. They go because it’s a toy of a game. The Internet has started to travel the same way as the radio or television.

Every couple of decades some invention comes along that sweeps up the attention of the public. At first it was the radio. Families would sit around for an hour to listen to Jack Benny. When television came along, listening to the radio time turned to “ellese time.” The public wastes three to seven hours a day watching television. Television has dumbed down American intelli­gence with sitcoms and soap operas. No one watches the news on TV. People turn the knob to find out what their favorite celebrities are doing. MTV is up to. The television is solely for entertainment.

The Internet has taken holds from the television. It is a clear winner with at least a two hour a day from the man who has access to the Internet on his machine. What time is there to left? What time is there to read a good book, have a personal conversation (not via e-mail) or go on a trip?

The Internet is a place with a wealth of information. Abusing it wastes time and intelligence. While I’m glad that I can use the Internet for research papers and little questions in the back of my mind, I now find it a waste of time to track a dollar bill or bid for a Prada purse on L *@MB@R or search web sites. Don’t waste a perfectly good brain on useless Internet sites. Ask yourself, “Do I really need to see that Web site? Can’t I find something better to do!”

Life is short. I’ll spend my time looking for what George did for this country — not what cashier drawer he’s in.

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Overflow housing disrupts life for students in residence halls

It would be a safe bet that the 40 students who are living inside the conference rooms, as well as lounges in the dorms, never thought they would be paying full price to receive services that they have been promised. This is a win-win situation for anyone. I believe that these 40 students are lucky to have a place to stay.

In fact, the Department of Housing and Residential Life purchased new furniture for the students. The students have slightly larger rooms and computer con­nections. It is true they are lacking a cable TV connection, but it appears to be a small price to pay, especially if a student’s only other choice in housing would have to be living in their car.

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No one watches the news on TV. People turn the knob to find out what their favorite celebrities are doing. MTV is up to. The television is solely for entertainment.

The Internet has taken holds from the television. It is a clear winner with at least a two hour a day from the man who has access to the Internet on his machine. What time is there to left? What time is there to read a good book, have a personal conversation (not via e-mail) or go on a trip?

The Internet is a place with a wealth of information. Abusing it wastes time and intelligence. While I’m glad that I can use the Internet for research papers and little questions in the back of my mind, I now find it a waste of time to track a dollar bill or bid for a Prada purse on L *@MB@R or search web sites. Don’t waste a perfectly good brain on useless Internet sites. Ask yourself, “Do I really need to see that Web site? Can’t I find something better to do!”

Life is short. I’ll spend my time looking for what George did for this country — not what cashier drawer he’s in.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Capping a bitter 12-year battle, the government on Thursday approved widespread use of the abortion pill RU-486, a major victory for abortion advocates who said it could dramatically alter abortion in this country.

The long-awaited decision by the Food and Drug Administration allows Americans an early-abortion method already used in France, Britain, China and 10 other countries. The action is expected to make abortion in the United States more accessible and more private.

Coming in the final weeks of the presidential campaign, it also is sure to renew fierce political debate.

Republican candidate George W. Bush, whose father's administration banned RU-486 imports in 1999, opposes abortion. Vice President Gore supports the pill option.

The pill, known chemically as mifepristone and by the brand name Mifepriva, will be available to doctors in about one-fifth of an inch; that is easier than abortion surgeries often are. One pill would be taken on the first day, another on the second day.

Two days after taking mifepristone, women take a second drug that causes cramping and bleeding as the uterus is expelled, much like a miscarriage.

"For those who choose to have an early termination of their pregnancy, this is a reasonable medical alternative," said FDA Commissioner Jane Henney, who approved mifepristone based on studies that found it 92 percent effective in causing abortion — legal although not formally FDA-approved — they said it ignores the "nistorical method."

"At long last, science trumps anti-abortion politics and medical McCarthyism," said Eleanor McCullen of the Feminist Majority Foundation.

Mifepristone "may turn the tide against anti-choice intimidation," she said.

Jane Henney FDA commissioner

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Although some doctors already use a cancer drug called methotrexate to cause abortion — legal although not formally FDA-approved — they said it ignores the "nistorical method."

"We didn't expect for the issue to cause such a major disturbance," he said. "We're looking into it and we intend to cooperate in every way...."

The station has been surrounded before under a former owner and frequency, 107.7. In May 1999, traffic on the Bay Bridge backed up while a DJ got a haircut on the span. In 1997, a teenager's girl friend sued after the driver allegedly cut the minute to cover her naked body with WILD 72 bumper stickers. 

Lopez also is no longer a local police. Alameda County sheriff's deputies arrested him in 1997 on an unrelated warrant after he refused to stop encouring listeners to deface a Castro Valley sign.

"What you have is a very significant fiscal impact for very little public benefit in return," he said. 

Proposition 38 is backed by Tim Draper, a Redwood City venture capitalist. He claims that vouchers would allow children caught in failing public schools to attend better private schools. He says the state will eventually save money once public school students shift to private schools and the state no longer has to pay their costs.

Other opponents include Gov. Gray Davis and nearly every school-related group in the state, as well as business, union, local government and community groups.

The FDA in 1996 declared mifepristone a safe and effective early abortion method, but delayed full approval because Danco had problems satisfying manufacturing and other final requirements.

President Clinton and the FDA's four-year investigation shows the decision was "purely one of science and medicine," he said. The FDA "went out of its way to do a lot of serious inquiries.... They took so long because they were making a good decision."

"The public has a right to know whether the abortion pill will be imported from the People's Republic of China, a nation that is a leading source of tainted drugs," NRLC said.

FDA Henney cited anti-abortion evidence in her decision to keep the manufacturer secret, and to keep secret the names of FDA employees who reviewed the drug. The FDA also increased security in some of its offices.

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State treasurer opposes school vouchers

SACRAMENTO (AP) — State Treasurer Phil Angelides announced his opposition Thursday to the school voucher initiative on the November ballot.

Proposition 38 would give $4,000 vouchers to parents to send their children to private schools.

Angelides, a Democrat, said the initiative would cost the state $33 billion within four years to pay vouchers to the parents of current private school children and much more that would go to "people who are more high-income than low-income."

"Never before has the FDA approved a drug intended to kill people," said Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., who promised legislation calling for severe limits on how doctors could administer mifepristone.

On the campaign trail, Bush called the FDA's decision "strong," saying "I fear that making this abortion pill widespread will make abortions more and more common." His campaign said he elected. Bush wouldn't have the authority to overturn the FDA's decision, but he would order a probe of whether the agency's review was influenced by politics. 

One praised the pill's availability. "Today's decision is not about politics, but the health and safety of American women and a woman's fundamental right to choose," he said. 

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**Sports**

**Summer Olympics Medal Count**
(as of 5 p.m. Thursday)

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The victory leaves Norway as the only nation with an all-time winning record (15-13-2) against the United States. The Norwegians are also the only team to beat the Americans in a World Cup or Olympic tournament, the other victory coming in the 1995 World Cup semifinals.

Germany defeated Brazil 2-0 to take the bronze, its first ever medal in women's soccer.

With the soccer medal and gold in tennis and air rifle, the Americans remained atop the medal chart with 75 (31 gold, 18 silver, 26 bronze). Russia followed with 58 (19-23-16), while China had 56 (26-15-15).

**FOOTBALL**
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interception and his six touchdown passes is just one shy of Andy Jeff's season total of 7 in 1999.

Wide receiver Kasim Osgood caught two touchdown passes in the game against Montana State and has a positive outlook on this weekend's game.

"We had good practices this week," Osgood said. "Our defense will have a good game. They should shut down Cannon and their offense."

Cal Poly likes to throw the ball a lot, while the Thunderbirds have more of a rushing offense, Gregory said.

Key players to look for on Southern Utah are wide receiver Randy Clark, defensive lineman Blake Shadle, and linebackers Bryce Shields and Spencer Woolston.

Cal Poly has been plagued with several injuries this year including five starters. The most recent injury was that of running back Raymond Thompson. He suffered a head injury and an appearance in the Southern Utah game is doubtful.

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**Game at the end of regulation tm a 1 year of injury time, tied the clincher.**

After the United States, with barely stretched goalie Siri Mulinix for the header by Tiffeny Milbrett.

Winning two golds proved easy for the U.S. women's soccer team could do.

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**Reader likes A's, mocks Dodgers**

Attention needs to be drawn to one of the most exciting, young talented Major League Baseball clubs out there. The Oakland Athletics, who at the time of this article debuted with a score of 9-7.

The ballpark is no slouch either when effective relief is needed. Jeff Tam has been our standing as middle relief or as a setup man, as well as Veteran Doug Jones. But the biggest acquisition for the ballparks has been the closer Jason Isringhausen, acquired from the fire-sell happy New York Mets, who were also gracious enough to give up Terrance Long, the A's starting centerfielder and sure bet for Rookie of the Year in the American League.

For good credit, pitching defense is probably right. Wrong. The A's also have one of the most explosive offened lines in baseball. They are second in the league with 231 home runs, and third in runs scored and second in walks. All-Star first baseman Jason Giambi has been a pivotal part of that all-star offensive offense with a .311 batting average, 41 home runs and 133 RBI. If you ask me, he should be the American League MVP hands down for two reasons. One, he has been exceptionally good down the stretch, especially in September where he has belted 11 home runs. Second, 1 am unsure how well the A's would be able to contend without him healthy as he has been most of the season. With John Jaha out for the season early, Giambi has helped propel the A's to a possible division championship, something that has not happened since 1990.

As for you Dodger fans out there, all I gotta say is ha! Your team is way out of contention in this year, down half of what Oakland has. Kevin Brown didn't do a lot to help you. In fact, his salary is over $15 million, but with Giambi he gets $27 million payroll! It just goes to show you that you can't buy a team - you have to come from your farm system, and the A's obviously have one of the best.

Shane Sadler is a Mechanical Engineering Senior.
Football looks for another road win

By Jayson Rowley
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After getting their first win last week, the Cal Poly football team is looking to continue their winning ways.

They will travel to Utah this weekend to head to head against the Southern Utah University Thunderbirds with a chance to even their record at 2-2.

The teams have met 13 times in the past and Cal Poly leads the series 8-5. Cal Poly dominated last season's game with a 38-10 win.

Mustangs lead series 8-5

By Jace Rowley

Southern Utah, left last year's game with an injury. This year he is averaging 129 yards rushing each game and has 242 yards passing. The running power of Cannon should give Cal Poly a run for their money.

"Cannon is the best running back in the country," said Larry Welsh, Cal Poly football head coach. "They have a challenging offense."

Cal Poly has five interceptions in three games so Welsh is confident that Cal Poly is up to the challenge.

The Mustangs have lost 13 of their last 15 games on the road but won last week's game on the road at Montana State.

Cal Poly offense is coming off a strong offensive game against the Bobcats last week. Not only was it the first win of the season (35-14), but quarterback Seth Burford completed five touchdown passes to break the school record.

"Burford is a tough guy with great composure," said C. Ray Gregory, Southern Utah head football coach. "You hit him and he keeps getting up."

In 65 attempts this season, Burford has thrown his single...

Runners head to Stanford

By Mike Gilmore
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Stanford Golf Course will look a little bit different this weekend as runners will overtake the greens in Palo Alto.

The Cal Poly men's and women's cross country teams head north to race at the Stanford Invitational on Saturday.

"Stanford's one of the most competitive meets in the country year to year," coach Terry Crawford said. "It's gonna be a great weekend for us."

The Mustangs had a tough race last week at the Minnesota Invitational where both the men's and women's team finished a disappointing fifteenth.

"We had a bad race in Minnesota, so we'll be using this to get some confidence back," senior Adam Boothe said. "We've always run well there (at Stanford). We've never had a bad race, and it's gonna be a great weekend for us."

Terry Crawford cross country head coach

race as a team (at Stanford)."

Last year, the men's team finished third at the meet, which features some of the top competition in the country each year.

This year, the men's team hopes to finish in the top two in the race, although they will be competing against Stanford, who is ranked No. 2 in the nation.

"We want to go in there and give them (Stanford) a tough race," Boothe said.

The goal for the women's team is to finish in one of the top two spots among Big West Conference teams in the meet.

"This is the best we've been since Cal Poly was Division II," senior Jennifer DeReyo said. "We're all real excited because we have a chance of winning (the conference)."

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Sporty Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

George Brett won batting titles in three different decades.

Congrats Joe Baranek!

Today's Question:

Who set the decathlon world record after failing to qualify for the event at the 1982 U.S. Olympic Trials?

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Briefs

Spirit Club holds barbecue

Cal Poly's Spirit Club will be holding their first event of the year on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The Mustang Roundup barbecue will be held on campus at Poly Grove.

There will be all you can eat barbecue and entertainment by local band "24 Days."

The Spirit Club is a newly formed club encompassing Running Thunder, Mustang Band and Cheer.