Students learn tough credit card lesson

By Megan Shearn
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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 dimmer in the sun. The vendor calls "Come on, free $1" short 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 Rex 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 the lack of experience, getting out on your own and wanting to make it," Hard said.

Credit cards signal the responsibility of being an adult. The responsibility falls to the wears when that sweater at the Gap is 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 A.U. She now finds herself $2,720 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 pressured."

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 month."

It's not easy to keep track of it - the pizza, the $23 sweater and gas," said her aunt. "Expenses run up quick."

At the beginning of the year, the credit card vendors pull out all the stops for future customers. Yet some see a CREDIT, page 2

Graphic communication student Sheena McNed and engineering freshman Keith Victorine fill out credit card applications in the U.U. Credit card promoters get permission from El Corral to be on campus.
News

Farmers sue for water rights

The news article discusses a lawsuit brought by California farmers against the California Department of Water Resources to stop the state and federal agencies from taking over their water rights. The lawsuit claims that the farmers are being unduly influenced by the state's environmental policies.

The farmers are represented by the California Farm Bureau, and the suit seeks to protect water quality and the fragile Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Francisco Bay systems. The article highlights the tension between water policies that favor the environment and those that prioritize farmers' interests.

The suit is described as a last-ditch effort to retain control over water resources. The farmers argue that the state and federal agencies have been overly influenced by environmental considerations, which are not always in their best interests.

The lawsuit is part of a broader effort to protect and restore the Delta, a critical water source for both agriculture and urban areas. The article notes that the Delta is facing challenges from both drought and environmental regulations.

The suit is seen as a significant development in the ongoing water wars between farmers and environmentalists. It highlights the need for a compromise that兼顾 both water and environmental needs.

The article concludes by noting that the farmers are determined to protect their interests and that the suit is their last hope to do so.
Rancho has opportunities for service-minded students

By Kara Knutson

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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 Nepgo Mesa in Atascadero, grants approximately 5,000 people per year, including disabled individuals, senior citizens, youth groups and school children, to ride horses, ponies and interact with animals like lambs and pigs.

Beth Currier opened the ranch in 1985 after moving to the Central Coast from Chatsworth, Calif. She had polio in 1955 at the age of 12 and hasn't walked since. She loved riding, 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 5,000 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." Currier added that riding is therapeutic. It helps build muscle and balance, 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.

"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-regular basis." 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.

"We're always begging for volunteers," she said. "We want to volunteer to help any horse in need. It's what you can do, not what you can't do."

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Beth Currier ranch founder

The Ranch de los Animales for the Disabled will host three workdays Oct. 7, 21 and 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Volunteers will spend the day mending fences, cleaning water, washing, pulling weeds and cleaning tack, among other things. Volunteers will also receive a barbecue lunch.

"Anybody can come, but if they are under the age of 11 or 12 then they need a parent to accompany them," Currier said. "As long as somebody signs a liability waiver, they're welcome to come out. I'd like to see 25 or 30, the more the merrier."

Currier has been in the ranch with her husband. She has sold horses and has worked at the ranch for the past year and a half. She is a full-time volunteer who supervises kids, rooms and tasks behind the scenes.

Rusconi said a counselor told her about the ranch and she went there for therapy. She added that she's seen the therapeutic effects horseback riding has on people.

"I love being on a ranch, I love what I do," Currier said. There are three benefits to volunteering: free horseback rides, knowledge of horses and a good feeling.

"I'm fulfilled in life," she said. "This is what I enjoy doing more than anything else. I'm a wheelchaired cowgirl."

For information on the workdays, contact Beth Currier at 489-4751.

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 Correction

In the Sept. 28 edition, a page 7 photo of the band Princess Dead was misidentified as Cuspider.
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 for myself 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 opportunity 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. Sororities 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 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. These 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 the future.

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 where it is time to job-hunt.

It’s probably safe to say that those who 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 help the students who are willing to keep interested in the field. That 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 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 partying), 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.

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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, stress, and more sex (if they’re lucky), and it is extremely hard to make room for school (maybe sex and more sex, depending on the length of their 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 benign facade is the in 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 mommies won’t nag them to do their homework each night.

Cal Poly administration obviously notices this as an issue as well, as a long standing tradition, blamed it all on the Greeks, making 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 might have a lot going on, it’s usually due to 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 when those who show an inability to balance activities 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 imagine. It can't even buy Milwaukee's Best, the beer can ever imagine. It can't afford a TV machine? Our generation has been追逐 so many years or so, and it's obvious it's not getting any better. Which is worse than this uncharted, sad hamburger that is Hollywood? Well, honestly, one doesn't need to tell 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 release some classics, I began to think, who in the genius behind this very marketable money-making machine? Our generation has been able to put an end to "Dinner Dancing," "Grease," "Star Wars" and "The Exorcist," not to mention re-makes like "Psycho," "That Damned Cat," "The Perfect Murder" and "Love Affair," also known as "An Affair to Remember" and "Love Story.

A movie is made, watch it in the theaters and then if it really like them, it'll rent or buy it. That's the way it works. It shouldn't have started again 12 years later, only to repeat the process. Is society really so obsessed with 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 suc­cessful movie, book, television show and television sketch and make that into a new movie. In the last three years, society has been graced with such winners as "The Mod Squad," "Superman," "L.A. Confidential," "The Horn, Whisperers," "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 stop now before it's too late. Yes, Hollywood has always been simply about the money. But perhaps one of these days someone will start to actually make movies that are worth it. Maybe like E.T. or a group therapy session may have to start for these sites. "My name is Joe and I can't get off the Internet, even for holidays." I have found myself guilty many times of cruising the Internet for a good two hours. I search the Web for sites exactly like George. The Web sites have to be interactive and have to compete for something. I feel I've put my foot down and I've been trying to use my time more wisely. Strangely, I've found that it was just like breaking my resolution to watch the television. I had to allow myself so many min­utes a day. I couldn't take a break from homework by taking a quick Internet jaunt. I had to go outside and run.

Time away from "the beast" has made me see that the Internet is no longer used to find information, but is used for entertainment. George is a perfect example. People don't go to the Web site 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.

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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 Da Vinci painting at a second hand store. Don't waste a perfectly good brain on useless Internet sites. Ask your­self, before you put your time into this Web site? Can't find something better to do? Likes your last time looking for what George did for this country - not what cashier drawer he's in?

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Opinion
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 is just right, with his jeans, Doc Muddens and an Abercrombie and Fritch shirt. But he must have had water on his hair! Poor guy he's just trying to stay cool with the American public without even seeing the 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.george.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, over 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. Someone comes in and it can be addictive like E.T. A group therapy session may have to start for these Web sites. "My name is Joe and I can't get off the Internet, even for holidays." I have found myself guilty many times of cruising the Internet for a good two hours. I search the Web for sites exactly like George. The Web sites have to be interactive and have to compete for something. I feel I've put my foot down and I've been trying to use my time more wisely. Strangely, I've found that it was just like breaking my resolution to watch the television.

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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 conference rooms, as well as lounges in the dorms, never thought they would be paying full price to receive serv­ices that they thought they were 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 that appears to be a small price to pay, especially if a student's only other choice in housing would have been to live in their car. In five out of the six Yosemite towers, 20 students live four to a room in lounge/lounge rooms. In four out of 20, 10 students share Mountain dorms, 20 students live in the computer/conference rooms. Each room has been made to house six students. There are three bunk beds, six dressers, tables and a closet area. The room also includes computer hookups and phones. There are four openings in these rooms for more residents. The four dorms being used are Trinity, Muir, Sequoia and Fremont.

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FDA approves abortion pill after 12 years

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

The long-expected decision by the Food and Drug Administration allows Americans an early-abortion method already used in France, Britain, China and 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, the move also is sure to renew fierce political debate. Republican candidate George W. Bush, whose father's administration banned RU-486 imports in 1989, opposes abortion. Vice President Gore supports the pill's approval.

RU-486, which blocks a hormone vital to sustaining pregnancy, only works during the first seven weeks of pregnancy, when an embryo is about one-fifth of an inch; that is earlier than surgical abortions often are offered.

Two days after taking mifepristone, women take a second drug that causes uterine cramping and bleeding as the embryo 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 mifepristone gives doctors access to the nonsurgical method.

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

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

Jane Henney
FDA commissioner

"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 scrutinized before under a former owner and former general manager, John O. In 1997, traffic on the Bay Bridge backed up while a DJ got a haircut on the span. In 1997, a traffic-teenager girl's glasses were stolen and the driver allegedly punched the rear to cover her naked body with WILD 107 jacket stickers.

Lopez also has no further to local police. Alameda County sheriff's deputies arrested him in 1997 on an unrelated warrant after he refused to stop encouraging listeners to defect 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 attempt 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.

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

Proposition 38 would give $4,200 vouchers to parents to send their children to private schools.

"It is clear that this proposal is based on a menu of lies and promises that are nothing more than bare-faced deception," he said. "I urge all Californians to reject this scheme at the polls."

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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 sailing, the Americans amassed the most medals in every sport through the first week of the Games.

Attention needs to be drawn to one of the most exciting, young talented Major League Baseball clubs out there, the Oakland Athletics. At the time of this article, they are in first place in the American League wild card spot.

Oakland's pitching staff is one of the youngest, yet most talented staffs around, anchored by a 24-year-old right-hander named Tim Hudson, who pitched a 10-3 victory Tuesday against the Anaheim Angels for his 19th victory of the season, one of the last ERA's in the league at 4.31. He also boasts one of the lowest ERA's for the critical pennant race month of September.

Another phenomenal young pitcher is 22-year-old Barry Zito. Zito has an ERA of 2.40 with a 6-4 record. He was Oakland's first round pick just a year and a half ago and was the sixth pick overall. Other talented pitchers include veteran Kevin Appier, who will eat innings anytime the bullpen needs a rest.

Omar Vizquel, who has been one of the most consistent leadoff hitters in baseball, has been exceptionally good since his return, and Gil Heredia, who has been effective relief, has come on strong. Jeff Tam has been outstanding in middle relief or as a setup man, as well as veteran Doug Jones. But the biggest acquisition for the bullpen 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. With good pitching plus good defense, the A's have nothing to worry about.

The A's also have one of the most explosive offensive lineups in baseball. They are second in the league with 231 homeruns, and third in runs scored and second in walks. All-Star first baseman Jason Giambi has been a pivotal part of that explosive offensive with a .374 batting average, 41 homeruns 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 had 11 homoruns. Second, I am unsure how well he 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, I got to say his last is: Ha! Your team is way out of contention this year. They touched Oakland for $120 million man Kevin Brown didn't do a lot to help you. In fact, his salary is over $15000000. I would love to see a deal like that. I think, at least, you could say the A's have been the best team in the league.
**Sports**

**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 go 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.

Matt Cannon, quarterback for Southern Utah, left last year’s game with an injury. This year he is averaging 189 yards rushing each game and has 324 yards passing. The running power of Cannon should give Cal Poly a run for their money.

"Cannon is the best running quarterback 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 Gregor, Southern Utah head football coach. "You hit him and he keeps getting up."

In 65 attempts this season, Burford has not thrown a single interception.

Football looks for another road win

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**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 Invitationals 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 11th.

"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 end for us."

"Stanford’s one of the most competitive meets in the country year to year, it’s gonna be a great weekend for us."

The Cal Poly men’s and women’s teams 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 DeRegis said. "We’re all real excited because we have a chance of winning (this conference)."

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**Sports 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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**Scores**

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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 1 p.m. The Mustang Roundup barbecue will be held on campus at Sky Grove.

There will be all you can eat tri tip barbecue and entertainment by local band "2-4-1 Day."

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

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**Schedule**

**FRIDAY**

- Men’s soccer vs. New Mexico
  - at New Mexico at 6:30 p.m.
  - at Mustang Stadium at 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

- Football vs. Southern Utah
  - at Southern Utah at 6 p.m.
- Women’s soccer vs. Cal State Bakersfield
  - at Mustang Stadium at 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

- Women’s soccer vs. St. Mary’s
  - at Mustang Stadium at 1 p.m.