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Professor performs in capital
By Matt Smart
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Music arranged by Cal Poly professor Craig Russell will be performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., tonight.

The arrangement will be performed by the Cuarteto de las Misiones, previously known as the Sun Luis Obispo Country Symphony String Quartet. The group changed its name when it began to specialize in the music of the missions.

Russell rediscovered the music he has arranged in various areas throughout Mexico and California.

"He has found all of these threads of musical history; he put them back together and we want to give them a voice," said Sandi Sigurdson, executive director of the Sun Luis Obispo Symphony.

The music that will be performed includes music on the California missions, music from the mountains of the eastern United States, as well as 18th century chamber music. Russell will also narrate the performance with information on the California missions and the founding of modern California.

Russell arranged the music this year for two violins, a cello and a viola. The performance will air on the Kennedy Center's celebration of California and the founding of the State of California, which will be known as Twilight Tuesday.

This part of the program's celebration of California State Day in the Millennium Stage series. According to Sigurdson, Rep. Lois Capps called the symphony "the real life project" and "a good representative of the country. People in the symphony told Capps of Russell's latest work, which included previously vocal music first performed by the Chumash and Salinan people.

With this information, the Kennedy Center chose Russell's music because of its strong ties to California history. Capps also nominated the Quartetto to play the music.

Russell is originally from Virginia and has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1982. He is the music department's interim chair for full quarter. This quarter he is teaching classes on American music history and music appreciation. Next quarter he is slated to teach music appreciation and a class on the middle ages and renaissance music.

In 1994, Russell served as the artistic adviser for Chanticleer's recording "Mexican Baroque." In 1995, the album was nominated for a Grammy. The album is the only American recording in the category of Baroque music.

Sigurdson had only the best to say of Russell, who is also a soccer coach and involved with groups such as Boy Scouts.

"He is kind, thoughtful and humble," she said. "He is the nicest man... he is just a grand man."

Students flock to hi-tech career fair
By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
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Students talked to Apprentices, played with Ping-Pong paddles and swarmed through crowds of people on Monday. And it was all in the name of job hunting.

The first ever Hi-Tech Industry Day flooded the top floor of the University Union and Chumash Auditorium with 100 businesses recruiting students and approximately 1,200 students looking for jobs.

Armed with resumes and questions, students walked from table to table, meeting prospective employers.

Hannah Feng, a graphic communication senior, talks to representatives of Agilent Technologies at the Hi-Tech Industry Day in the University Union Monday. About 100 businesses came to recruit students, and 1,000 students attended to get information about possible employment opportunities.

Fourth horse found over weekend
By Megan Shearn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The final horse of the four that were stolen from the Cal Poly Rodeo grounds about three weeks ago was found Friday in Orange County. The investigation is still continuing in an attempt to identify the thief.

Police had a tip on the whereabouts of the horse when the other three were recovered last week in Kern County.

"It all stemmed from that," said Sgt. Lori Hashim of the University Police.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department was contacted and it was able to confirm the identification of the horse.

The horse was taken to a secure location until it could be picked up by its owner.

While the police are not disclosing information about who had the horse in their possession, owner Leah LaGrande is elated that her horse, Molly, is back safe and sound.

"It was such a relief. I just bawled when I found out," LaGrande said.

The horses are prized rodeo horses. Molly is nine years old and worth $15,000. LaGrande received a phone call from the police on Friday. She and a Cal Poly police officer drove a mile from the horse in its possession, owner

Leah LaGrande is elated that her horse, Molly, is back safe and sound.

Downtown businesses extend hours
By Christine Powell
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Beginning tonight, downtown businesses will stay open past regular business hours in a new addition to downtown events. The event was organized by the Downtown Association and will be known as Twilight Tuesday.

For people whose night classes or work keep them from getting out during normal business hours, Twilight Tuesday can accommodate their needs.

"We wanted to start a new trend, make Tuesday night an event," said Christine Bragg, Thursday night activities coordinator.

Although it will take time for downtown businesses to adjust to the new extension of business hours, several downtown businesses have already extended their hours to accommodate the new event.

"We have had a lot of positive feedback," Bragg said.

Newman Center fountain vandalized
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Newman Catholic Center's trademark fountain lies in its pool today after vandals knocked the structure off its side.

The two-tier fountain, standing approximately 5 feet high, was toppled over and left in two pieces, said Sister Mary Pat White of the Newman Center.

"It looks like people had to do it without the help of any vehicle," she said, citing the lack of tire tracks in the surrounding rocks and flower bed.

She said the act occurred before Saturday morning, when the damage was found. A police report was filed Saturday with the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

White said neither she nor the police believe it to be a hate crime.

"I pray to God it's not a hate crime," she said. White added that she would not be surprised if the damage was the work of a vandal.

"The Newman Center fountain, located behind the Health Center, was damaged late Friday or early Saturday morning.

A fountain at the Newman Catholic Center, located behind the Health Center, was damaged late Friday or early Saturday morning.
Mideast talks slowly continue

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) - In an atmosphere of high tension and mistrust, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met warily at an emergency summit aimed at halting bloody clashes in the Mideast. Hours of talks yielded no cease-fire agreement by early Tuesday despite President Clinton's admonition that "we cannot afford to fail." Clinton pressed his diplomatic drive into the early hours, meeting with Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak until past 1 a.m., then meeting with Barak for nearly two more meetings were planned later Tuesday morning, and the eventual outcome was uncertain.

Nabil Abwardi, a senior aide to Arafat, said, "We still need a few hours and more American effort to know the result of these talks. Until now, we still don't have an agreement on anything. We'll know tomorrow morning.

An Egyptian official, Nabil Osman, said the seven leaders participating in the summit would gather together again later Tuesday morning. The marathon talks, lasting well past 14 hours, prompted Clinton to extend his stay into Tuesday, rather than departing on Monday night as planned. The main hangup was Arafat's insistence for an international fact-finding commission to assess the causes of the violence, an Israeli official said. Israel says it will only accept a panel led by the United States, its closest ally.

Barak, meanwhile, insisted on a halt to Palestinian attacks on Israeli soldiers and civilians and the re-arrest of extremists from the Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements who were released this past week. He has called for the Palestinian media to stop its calls for further attacks against Israel.

Clinton implored both sides "to move beyond blame" after more than two weeks of armed clashes on the West Bank and Gaza that have left about 100 people dead, most of them Palestinians. It has been the worst Israeli-Palestinian violence since 1993, when the Oslo peace accord launched the now-shuttered peace process.

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Mustang Daily Staff Writer

There's a different kind of space race going on at Cal Poly. It's not about making it to space first, it's just about making it.

"We're just giving people an opportunity to send something to space," said Jordi Puig-Suari, aeronautical engineering professor. "To put something in space really attracts a lot of attention."

Members of the PolySat team have been working since last October on what they call picosatellites and P-tubes.

Picosatellites are small satellites that weigh about one kilogram and are small enough to cup in the palm of your hand. P-tubes (Picosatellite Orbital Deployer) are the carrying cases for the picosatellites. After reaching space, the P-tubes release the satellites, which would orbit the earth. With the P-tubes, Cal Poly can deploy satellites for any organization, according to the PolySat Web site.

Cal Poly isn't the only university making these satellites either. Three universities in Japan, along with Montana State University, Stanford University and other schools, are involved in sending satellites into outer space.

All of the schools are working together under a large program called CubeSat, which originated at Stanford.

While the other schools are all making picosatellites, Cal Poly is the only school making P-tubes.

"It's big because everybody depends on us," Puig-Suari said. "If we don't make it, nobody does."

The launch of the satellites is scheduled for November 2001. There are plenty of deadlines to meet before then, because the satellites must be tested and shipped to a company in Utah for licensing and export. They will then be shipped to Russia where they will be launched into space.

After waiting numerous times for the Russian company to be ready, this launch date is expected to be the final postponement.

Puig-Suari is excited about the prospect of the entire project.

"It's putting us big time on the map as far as other people getting to know us," he said. "The learning experience for the students is great."

Aerospace engineering senior Jeremy Schoo has been working on the project since it began.

"It's fun and it's definitely a learning experience," he said. "You have to make sure you do everything right and you come through. It's a lot of pressure, but it just makes us work harder."

Schoo, along with approximately 20 other students, works long hours on designing, developing and testing the satellites and P-tubes.

"It's just time consuming putting everything together, getting people on the same track and just keeping it together while managing classes and everything else," Schoo said.

While PolySat is about getting something to space, there are many different aspects involved in the process.

"The principle issue is they're teaching tools," Puig-Suari said. "So we're going to have electrical engineering students, computer science students, mechanical engineering students and aerospace students working together to do a complete sophisticated system.

One of the goals of PolySat has been to get as many people from as many different disciplines as possible involved.

"That's one of our big emphasis this quarter is to get the word out and it to get people involved because there is definitively a lot of work that can be done on it," Schoo said.

The PolySat project is overseen by aerospace engineering and computer science professors, and is cooperatively run by Cal Poly students. More information can be obtained at PolySat's Web site www.calpoly.edu/%20eaeer/polysat/index.html.

The Poly CubeSat project, above, is illustrated with renderings of CubeSats and the hazy Earth's surface laying far in the background. The CubeSat project is a section of PolySat.

Only stupid question is one unasked

Ever had one of those moments when you feel like there's something important you needed to know but were too ashamed to ask because it seemed incredibly stupid that you didn't know what it was you needed to know? If you answered no to the above, you're either lying or not a member of the human race. Of course, you could be an exceptional, know-it-all person, but then you wouldn't be reading this column because you'd probably know what it is about.

There are other beings that aren't afraid of asking those silly questions asked, and came up with answers. And these answers are now on the Internet where anybody could look them up without having to reveal their true identity.

Our first stop is www.learn2.com. These pages are great. They offer a whole bunch of free tutorials on just about anything you can imagine. Do you find yourself getting kicked out of people's houses with the last words being, "And don't come back!" No problem! They have a tutorial on how you can be a better houseguest. Have you been hanging out at Poly Escapes for a year and still don't know how to read those cool topographical maps? Have no fear - they've got it covered.

Our second stop will be at a website of somewhat more technical nature. It's not as pretty, but it's packed with useful or useless information, depending on your perspective. The address is html. Ever wondered about why your monitors stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon, how do they stick to Teflon...? The really cool thing is that if there's something you want to know, just send them an e-mail and they'll put it up in the unanswered questions section till somebody who knows the answer comes by and answers it.

Our last stops are going to deal with stretching the mind. Having people answer questions for us, as great as it may seem, is not something that should be done often. Every now and then issues come up that we must ponder upon ourselves so we may improve ourselves. Of course, not all of us have time to come up with these deep issues. So go here to get started: http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Olympus/2643 or http://www3.hmc.edu/~mtapper/rhe.htm. These sites will ask you to wonder. To think about earth-shattering issues. For example, if nothing sticks to Teflon, how do they stick Teflon on the pan? Try and wrap your mind around that!

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Would it kill you to sit still for an hour?

Environmental Design 101 is not the greatest class in the world. Among the students I have surveyed who have taken this class, I have found none that enjoyed taking it. It has been called "Catching Up on Sleep 101," and "The Bone-yard." For those of you who are not familiar with the class, it is an introduction to the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Roughly 500 students attend the class that meets in the theater. It's held twice a week at 8 a.m.

These are not the conditions for a very engaging class. It is big, it is early and it is attended primarily by freshmen. Naturally, the expectations for enthusiasm are low. Perhaps the enthusiasm level is too low. Last week we had a guest speaker come to the class to share his views and experiences with us. He had to contend with numerous conversations from students in the crowd, who didn't even attempt to speak at a whisper. There were very audible and highly inappropriate sexual remarks made. Some students, who were not engaged in conversation, chose to sleep instead.

Okay, that's not quite as rude. The speaker may not have even noted that he had a thick accent and his time class could at least muster enough discipline and respect to sit still for one hour and pretend to give a lecture. He's an accomplished architect who is responsible for designing a very prominent Cal Poly landmark. You would think that the students of EDGES 101 would be willing to give his undivided attention. But this was not the case.

The speaker, who was a man, was addressing 500 students, half of whom were still in their pajamas. As he shared his views and experiences with us, he had to contend with numerous conversations from students in the crowd, who didn't even attempt to speak at a whisper. There were very audible and highly inappropriate sexual remarks made. Some students, who were not engaged in conversation, chose to sleep instead. Okay, that's not quite as rude. The speaker may not have even noted that he had a thick accent and his time class could at least muster enough discipline and respect to sit still for one hour and pretend to give a lecture.

Can you imagine what it is like to stand in front of such a crowd and get that kind of reception? It must have been quite disheartening for the speaker to find out that tomorrow's architects, planners, designers and engineers are not interested in something as fundamental as the planning process.

Now, I must admit that the presentation was not entertaining. The speaker's slides were stolen, so he had to rely entirely on his speeches to interest his audience. This was no easy task, as he had a thick accent and his microphone was turned down entirely too low. These factors aside, the students in EDGES 101 (or elsewhere on campus as I am sure this is not isolated to one class) could at least muster enough discipline and respect to sit still for one hour and pretend to give a pass to their campus their undivided attention.

Those who did listen attentively during the presentation probably share my grief. Those who did not, demonstrated to the speaker, and their peers, that they are very impolite and have a very small attention span. I will not go into detail, as I am sure this is not isolated to one class, but I will say that the students in EDGES 101 are very disheartening for the speaker to find out that tomorrow's architects, planners, designers and engineers are not interested in something as fundamental as the planning process.

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Commentary

Students populations in California are growing, the cost of natural resources are rising and the need for dorms is expanding. Now is a good time for Cal Poly to consider planning earth-friendly dorms. At Northland College, a small liberal arts college in Wisconsin, students have the opportunity to live in the Environmental Living and Learning Center, an environmentally friendly dorm that cost the university $4.1 million. At full occupancy, the dorm can hold 114 students.

The housing costs $550 more than the traditional double-occupancy dorm per person, per year. The traditional housing is similar to what Cal Poly currently offers to all students.

The dorm includes a 120-foot-tall wind tower and three solar arrays, 14 solar panels to preheat water, furniture made from recycled materials, linoleum floors made from organic materials and waterless compost toilets. With all of these green energy-saving tools and earth-friendly recycled materials, 8 percent of the dorm's electricity is saved. The solar panels help cut costs by decreasing hot water preheating by nearly 30 percent. Are these savings in energy and products worth the extra dollars?

In my mind, they are. They will set the precedent to make even bigger strides towards earth-friendly residences. But not everyone has extra cash to help save the planet.

A business major I talked to told me that living in such a dorm sounded cool and he thinks people would consider it. He also mentioned that Cal Poly is the perfect place to do it, but he did not think people would come here based solely on the eco-dorms.

A liberal studies major brought up the point that if students were given the choice to choose, the housing arrangement would not work. But with student enrollment rising, the dorms would fill up after all. This situation might force those who don't have much money into eco-dorms that cost more.

A close friend of mine, a history major, brought up her concern about waterless toilets. The waterless toilets require a handful of wood chips to be thrown in after the user is finished. "It seems that we would not work.

Do you love it when people pull phallic symbols out of their messenger bags?"
Letter to the editor

'Mafia' member says it's all in fun

Editor,

My name is Angela Hacker. Let me tell you a little about myself. I'm a third year psychology major and I have a cat named Petite.

I carry around a $10 Nerf dart shooter, an obvious symbol of my violent character. This fluorescent-colored piece of plastic most definitely serves to both endanger the lives and sanctity of select fellow immature and hostile students at Cal Poly.

I act as a banner for my crusade towards increased social insensitivity and desensitization and the advancement of racial humility and gang violence.

This was, of course, my aim when I purchased the assault weapon, not to mention to intentionally offend all those who have ever been victimized by any type of group violence. The other 70 sick and twisted individuals currently playing "Mafia" and I are obviously in it because we are just far too ignorant to see the direct parallel comparison between foam balls and bullets, or between a game's name and a social crisis.

In actuality, we're all out for blood and trying to achieve great game by appearing on the front page of Mustang Daily.

Now, seriously, let's lighten up a bit. "Mafia" is a game between a group of friends (all rather intelligent and compassionate people), and that in all it was ever meant to be while you don't have to believe it's cute — no one asked you to. Do not waste your time and yours insulting my character by pinning world social issues on my own personal intent and on a game that involves foam discs and darts. Please. It's more like a game of chess than a game of violence. It's strategy, it's friendly competition, it's money, and it's damn well organized and fun.

Here are a couple little life remarks for those of us who sometimes forget about fun. Not everything that slightly resembles or mimics something else is meant to support, commend and glorify it, and not everything on the front page of a newspaper has to be controversial or negative.

That's all I have to say because, unlike some that have just a little too much time in their day, I've got better things to do than argue about plastic toys.

Angela Hacker is a psychology junior.

Russian television viewers receive news from nudes, thanks to the current affairs program, "Naked Truth."

"Naked Truth" has gathered interest and has become a cult television show in Russia. Svetlana Pesotskaya is the reporter who reads the news while taking of her top or having it removed by a pair of hairy male arms. But she insists that the show is a serious news program, according to an article written by Moscow writer Marcus Warren (campaign.com.au).

She says that they are trying to shock the audience so that the show stands out. According to the article, a major party leader has agreed to come on the show, so it seems to be working. If it is working for Russia, they should continue with it. But it doesn't mean that we should even think about trying it.

Now, I don't know what the Russian news anchors look like, but can you imagine some American news anchors working in the buff?

Nothing would make me change the channel faster than seeing Barbara Walters blubber about Bosnia with her boobs bursting out. She's a great reporter, but I'm sure she's no nude model.

And what if Hugh Downs was sitting next to her on the set of "20/20" in the same state of undress? We might find out that he is more voluptuous than Barbara Walters. Worse yet, we would find out who has tan lines and who doesn't. Taking the news seriously would become virtually impossible.

As I've stated above, a major Russian party leader has agreed to appear on the show. I think that nude news would attract our major leaders as well. Bill Clinton, for example, would never pass up an opportunity to engage in conversation with a naked woman. Judging from the looks of his past relationships, he would probably be excited about seeing Barbara Walters naked.

I don't think "The Today Show" would be quite as nonsensical as "Naked Truth." Matt Lauer and Katie Couric could most likely hold their own in their birthday suits, but when they cut to Al Roker for the weather, I would definitely want my remote nearby.

Because of censors, we are lucky enough to never have to see famous news anchors in the nude. This is one time I completely support censorship. The censors in Russia are obviously not as strict as the ones here in the United States. And, hopefully, their reporters are in better shape than ours. Their thinking behind this strategy of news is obvious: sex sells.

If people find out that they can see the news reported by naked women, they will most likely check it out at least once. If not, they will at least tell their friends about it and spread the word.

Here in the United States, the general public would never watch Barbara Walters and Hugh Downs report the news side by side in the nude. Their show is popular enough already, so a public stunt such as this will never be tried.

But if it were tried, it would provide quite a shock to the American public. It would shock people enough to want to smash their television sets with sledgehammers.

If they got two supermodels to report the news in the nude, it would probably be a different story. But then they would have to change the title from "20/20" to "60/24/18/6."'

Jayson Rowley is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Twilight Tuesdays to rival the success of downtown's Thursday night Farmers Market, participating businesses hope to draw more customers during the three-month Twilight Tuesday trial period. Businesses also hope their customers take advantage of available discounts.

Free parking and plenty of available spots are another bonus. Business is typically down on weeknights, and all spaces are free after 6 p.m.

Corporate-owned stores, such as the Gap, Express and Barnes and Noble have always stayed open later than privately owned stores, but Twilight Tuesdays will give corporate-owned stores a chance to bring in a little more business than usual. Surrounding stores will also be open and hope to attract more customers.

Participating businesses including Crazy Joe's, Coverings, Twisted Orbits, The Novel Experience and Cal Photo will remain open until 9 p.m.

"We're going to do the same thing we do after home football games: 15 percent off everything that's not on sale," said Kit Shank, manager of Cal Poly Downtown. "It's a good opportunity to buy merchandise - stuff that probably won't be discounted before Christmas."

Downtown restaurants including Mo's Smokehouse and Tortilla Flats are participating in Twilight Tuesdays and will offer dinner discount specials with a student's budget in mind. Mo's has offered free and homemade food for years and is now serving a Twilight Tuesday special that comes with a free side order of homemade potato chips with any purchase of two dinners.

At the other end of Hagura Street, Tortilla Flats will feature a "Feast on Fridays" special for $2.95. Customers can choose from chicken, steak, or veggie tacos that include guacamole, sour cream, cheese, beans and rice. The Twilight Tuesday event is expected to come in handy during Christmas time. Locals can save on dinner costs and gifts without the holiday season rush and parking woes.

News

U.S. tuition costs rise nationwide

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of a college degree continues to rise faster than inflation, with tuition and fees at public four-year colleges up an average 4.4 percent and even more at private schools, the College Board reported Monday.

Its survey also found that loans provided a growing chunk of the extra money students need to pay for college degrees.

Average in-state tuition and fees at public four-year schools this fall is $5,510 per year — $148 more than last year, according to the survey. On-campus room and board now averages $4,960, up 5.1 percent.

At private four-year colleges, tuition and fees average $16,332, up 5.2 percent from last year. Room and board on campus is now $6,209, a 4.2 percent increase.

Only public two-year schools, chiefly community colleges, stayed below the current inflation rate, but barely. Tuition rose this year to $1,705, up 3.4 percent, the survey found.

Private two-year schools boosted tuition and fees to $7,458, a 7 percent rise.

This pattern follows an old, familiar trend, said Joni Finnney, a policy analyst at the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education in San Jose, Calif. "Colleges and universities have a very difficult time controlling their costs," she said.

"These institutions were understaffed in the early part of the 90's," Finnney said. "But they're more than made up for lost ground."

But Stanley Beekman, president of the American Council on Education, an umbrella group for higher education, said, "Given the large, fixed costs of most campuses, in personnel and facilities especially, these numbers show institutions are working hard to hold the line on increases."

The recent increases push past inflation. The Consumer Price Index rose 2.7 percent in 1999, the first eight months of this year, consumer prices rose an annual rate of 3.3 percent. Last year, college tuition and fees rose less than 5 percent.

The survey continues what has been happening for most of the 20th century, said Morton Schapiro, a higher education economist and president of Williams College. Expect for the late 70's and early 80's, college cost-increases have largely have exceeded inflation, he said.

"About 20 years ago, there was a period of time when the real cost of higher education was falling. But then they more than made up for that," Schapiro said.

Despite the increases, college remains affordable and a good investment, College Board President Gaston Caperton said.

"In both earning potential and learning potential, you cannot beat the value of a college education," the former West Virginia governor said.

The College Board's figures reflect the costs for 6.4 million full-time undergraduates — 54 percent attending four-year public institutions, 27 percent at four-year private schools, 17 percent at two-year community colleges and 7 percent at private two-year schools.

A majority of students need grants or loans — or both — but their exact numbers are unknown, a College Board spokesman said.

Last school year, loans made up 59 percent of a record $68 billion in financial aid. A decade ago, loans made up just over 41 percent of student financial help.

The pool of money from federal, state and school sources last year was 4 percent greater than a year earlier, but 88 percent more than a decade before, taking inflation into account.

The New York-based College Board is a nonprofit organization that administers the SATs and.provides higher education information. It surveyed more than 1,000 schools to find out undergraduate changes for 2000-2001. The comparison includes data based on federal, state and school statistics from 1999-2000. Current grant and loan figures are not available until the school year ends.

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"Call Poly produces an excellent product," Torres said. "The epee team dominates in our league." The foil and saber teams are fairly new to the program and place between first and third in the intercollegiate league, he said. "We also give our novice students a chance to be competitive," Torres said. "Anyone can compete who wants to." The fencing season lasts throughout the academic year, ending with championship fencing tournaments in the spring. The club competes using all three fencing weapons: foil, epee and saber. The foil is a modern version of the dueling rapier, and has a rectangular blade, approximately 35 inches long. All three weapons must be used with a set of equipment worn by fencers for both protection and scoring.

One set of fencing equipment includes a mask, jacket, weapon and gloves. Not only do competitive fencers need this, but they must also have a scoring apparatus for each team of four players competing. This is an electronic machine that counts the number of hits during a fight (individual fencing match). These can cost about $1,500.

All students are welcome to join the club and can do so by attending the meetings, which are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in the fitness room of the Rec Center. Interested students can also check out the club's Web site at www.fencing.calpoly.edu to find more information.

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John Voeight contributed five goals and goalie Jose Plater had five saves, a low number indicative of a team playing great defense. A significant benefit of holding the No. 1 ranking is that the team can cost about $1,500. The team will face tough competition, including UCLA's club team and Fresno State to determine who will be the national champs.

In the final game of the tournament, the Mustangs needed to score 17 goals to retain their No. 1 ranking. They responded by pounding Chabot College 18-1. The ranking is determined by the number of goals scored.

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Mourning out for season

MIAMI (AP) — A common but serious kidney ailment will keep Alonzo Mourning sidelined for the entire season, depriving the Miami Heat of their biggest star and the key to their quest for an NBA title.

Doctors said Monday that the illness, first spotted just after Mourning helped the U.S. team to the basketball gold medal earlier this month, was focal glomerulonephritis, which leads to kidney failure in about half the cases. They said there were no immediate plans for a kidney transplant or dialysis.

"I feel great right now. We've pretty much got a hold on it, the whole situation right now," Mourning said at a news conference in which he disclosed his ailment publicly for the first time.

"The main objective is to get me healthy so I can live my life normally, so I can see my babies grow up, and I can enjoy my family.

"And at the same time, possibly do the things that I know and love and that's the game of basketball. But the main objective is to get me healthy." Pat Riley, the Heat coach who spent a season training free agents and redesigning the team to complement Mourning's talents, said his star center was following the proper course.

"Alonzo Mourning will not be playing professional basketball this season, and we're totally convinced that the only thing that should be on his mind is getting healthy," Riley said.

The 30-year-old center made his first public appearance since Oct. 3, when he attended the team's media day. Training camp began without him the following day, and he has not practiced because of his condition, which was discovered during a routine physical two weeks ago.

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Mustang fencers dominate league play

By Keri Christofelis
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Football, volleyball or basketball usually come to mind when talking about popular college sports. Cal Poly has an up-and-coming group of athletes that are less well known, but very dedicated to their unique sport.

The Cal Poly Fencing Club has existed for many years on campus, but has become much more serious and competitive during the last few years. The club offers fencing instruction for all students, beginning through advanced, and fields a competitive team.

"We compete regionally and with other colleges such as Davis, Berkeley and UCSB," head coach Eric McDonald said. McDonald coaches with help from three assistant coaches and two student coaches, all who volunteer their time to the organization. These six instructors divide their time between many novice and advanced fencers, with club membership peaking at 45 students this quarter.

"With much-needed equipment and little financial support from Rec Sports, the student-run club holds two or more fundraising events throughout the year. This allows them to pay for traveling fees and more equipment when needed. "It's the students that play the largest role in keeping the club visible and operating for the other students," McDonald said.

The club is run by President Juan Torres with assistance from Vice President Jenny Destreicher, Secretary Kevin Craig, Treasurer Josh Cohen and Treasurer Heather Nelson. They are responsible for organizing competitions and practices, as well as other aspects of the club.

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