Right wing looks to left coast

Libertarian favors no income tax, Social Security, big government

By Adrienna Benjamin
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

Hoping to build on his 1996 campaign, Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne is still in pursuit of happiness through liberty and no income tax.

“I am running for president because I want you to be free,” said Browne in an article for World Net Daily.

“We favor smaller government.”


“I want freedom in my lifetime,” Browne wrote in the book. “I want to be rid of the income tax. I want to be rid of Social Security so that I can keep every dollar I earn and spend it and save it.”

Browne and the Libertarian party believe that being free and independent from government is a great way to live. The Libertarian party, which was founded in 1971 and has quickly grown to become the third largest political party in America, believes that the government’s only role is to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud.

Bill Winter, the communications director of the Libertarian party in Washington D.C., believes that voting for the Libertarian party is the only way citizens will get what they really want.

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Winter said.

“Unlike Al Gore and George W. Bush, who want a bigger and extensive government, Harry Browne is fighting for an efficient and more moral government.”

Winter believes that the country was founded on limited government and limited virtue, which is why the Libertarian party favors small government.

“We not only favor small government, but we want to cut federal government out of all areas the Constitution does not provide for,” Winter said.

Aside from cutting down the federal income tax, Winter said Browne is using existing tariffs on foreign goods to pay for remaining government functions.

Bush and Gore propose increasing the size and scope of government through programs such as education, health care and Social Security.

Many students ignorant of Middle East conflict

By Matt Smart
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The conflict in the Middle East continues unabated as it has for the past 2,000 years.

According to news reports, Israeli authorities have prevented Palestinians from entering Israel since Oct. 6, when violence broke out in the most recent situation.

Before the crisis began, 120,000 Arabs were working in Israel, and now they are feeling the financial crunch because they cannot go to work or export goods. One hundred and fifty people have been left dead after a little more than a month of this current conflict.

For many Cal Poly students, this crisis is a world away. They are just trying to focus on their upcoming assignments. Tyler Heck, an agriculture business senior, is one of those students.

“I know this will sound ignorant,” Heck said. “The Middle East is on the other side of the world. I am just worried about my econ class final. I have 19 units.”

Heck is not alone. Dianne Long, political science department head, understands when Heck and others are coming from.

“In a sense, we are in a quiet rural area,” she said. “Many aren’t very aware of the issues that go on in the world and don’t see the connection, but we are a global economic community. Many people at Cal Poly will be working for companies that will be having global interests.”

This conflict has more importance than just economics. There are cultural and religious differences at work. Jerusalem is the center of three major religions: Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

Long acknowledged this by adding some historical context. After World War II, there was a resettling of people from one part of the planet to another, she said. This continues today with people pushing other people out.

Currently Israel appears to have the advantage both economically and militarily. Prime Minister Ehud Barak made a deal yesterday to remain in power for at least another

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These strange apparitions were seen on Dexter lawn Tuesday. Some people guessed that they were an art project. Others thought it was a Halloween prank. Alison Clarke, an art and design junior and student director of Dexter Art Gallery, said she had no idea what they were. Can you guess what these things are? E-mail us with your answers at news@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu.
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four weeks. Meanwhile, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has pledged that the Palestinian people will continue to fight.

For the past seven years, the United States has been acting as the negotiator between the two sides. For political science professor Carl Lutrin, this intervention is important and he sees the United States in a poor position due to its own political situation.

"The saddest thing is that the Palestinians don’t see us as honest brokers anymore," Lutrin said. "Whatever success we have seen has been largely due to Clinton. In 1988 it was a crime to talk to Palestinians. The problem for the U.S. is we have an election next week and we don’t have a new president until January." Lutrin once took classes at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In the closing statement of one class taught in English, the professor said, "There are a lot of problems and there will always be a lot of problems, but for millions of people this is a land of miracles and you can’t rule out a miracle."

POLYBRIEFS

> Foundation’s future
Blond Moulton, executive director of Foundation, will give a presentation titled, "The Future of the Cal Poly Foundation," at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 in room 111 in the business building.

> Death penalty protest
Death penalty opponents will be marching through downtown San Luis Obispo Thursday afternoon. The Candle of Hope March is a 632 mile walk from San Diego to San Francisco. Local participants include the Progressive Student Alliance and Newman Catholic Center.
Hangovers can be less severe with caution

By Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

Chris woke to the pulse of dry heaves in his throat. His whole body wrinkled with discomfort, each heartbeat intensified the pounding in his head—a pounding sound than could be delivered by the most established heavyweight boxer. Soon after he awoke, the dry heaves were no longer dry and Chris stumbled his way from his bed, that he had been nested in not more than two hours before, to his bathroom. The pain of his condition made that 20-foot journey seem like a marathon without an end. Even after those two hours of sleep, Chris was still so drugged as when he left the party—drunk enough to only vaguely remember what led to his recovery.

After gaining enough consciousness to call on the aid of a friend, Chris spent the rest of the night and the entire day in bed forcing himself to eat Saltine crackers and drink flat club soda, which chased regular doses of numerous pain relievers. With each nibble and sip, he hoped that his stomach would take comfort in his efforts. "I'd never felt so bad in my life," said Chris Streeter, a graphic communication junior. "It was worse than waking up after a surgery. Normal didn't come until the next day, after a full night's rest. Pills did nothing for me...I hurt so bad and it lasted all day long. Getting out of bed was not an option. I spent the day sleeping, off and on."

For many Cal Poly students, coping with the agony of a hangover is a dreaded part of the college experience.

Hangovers can be less severe with caution

A hangover — most noted for causing headache, nausea and moans — is prompted by two effects of alcohol. Ethyl alcohol, the alcohol in all alcoholic drinks, enters the blood stream and inhibits the hormone that typically controls water use. When the hormone is affected, it causes abnormal urination, which expels more water than is being taken in. The resulting dehydration is one cause of a hangover.

The second cause is also due to the effects of ethyl alcohol. This time, however, it is changed to another chemical, acetaldehyde, which is poisonous to the body. The presence of this poison in the blood stream is responsible for most of the sickness associated with a hangover.

"The only pure cure for a hangover is not to get one," said Kim Koenigskreger, a speech communication senior and member of the Thoughtful Lifestyle Choices peer health team at Cal Poly's Health and Wellness Center. "This information outlines ways to avoid the aftermath of an intoxicated evening."

To combat the deleterious alcohol indices, it is necessary to drink a lot of water while consuming alcohol. Penni, an advice nurse in Sierra Vista's emergency room, suggested to alternate between water and alcoholic beverages. Her last name cannot be disclosed because of medical center policy. She added that this technique of switching back and forth will also keep the drinker more sober and help avoid other alcohol-related accidents.

As tempting as it may be, it is not a good idea to drink large amounts of water the next morning. That excess water can actually cause cells to swell, and in some instances, to pop. These adverse effects hinder the cell's ability to function properly. It is a better idea to go slowly rather than abruptly.

Drinking Gatorade and All Sport is also a good idea. These contain sugar and calms that replace what is lost due to dehydration. Helping a hangover hang on is keeping the right amount of nutrients in the blood. Penni explained that electrolytes help the hangover much faster than water alone. "But," she added, "stick with clear liquids until the nausea goes away."

Pennis said that heavily caffeinated drinks like coffee actually irritate the stomach and are worse than a diet soda, causing even further dehydration.

The only true cure for the biological effects of a hangover is Vitamin B1. The vitamin makes amino acids from the poisonous acetaldehyde and helps the body naturally and naturally react to the condition by creating protein. Good sources of B1 are found in unrefined whole grains, beans, peas, pork and brewer's yeast. Penni warns not to go too quickly to solid foods. "First you should try liquids and make sure they stay down...then try solid foods."

Another way to lessen the intensity of a hangover is to drink higher quality alcohol. Cheaper alcohol can actually contain great impurities that further poison the body. The greater methanol content in lower grades of alcohol causes worse headaches.

"It has a lot to do with your tolerance with alcohol," Penni said. Emergency treatment, she said, should be sought whenever someone thinks it might be necessary due to lightheadedness or headache. "You should seek medical attention if you are dizzy and can't make it up stairs," she said.

Chris's experience will live with him forever, but drunks can avoid such a severe experience with a little caution.
Wear “I voted” stickers with pride next week

Election Day is less than one week away. For a lot of us, elections are exciting things. As the day draws near, I get all giddy inside, like a child anticipating the approach of Christmas (actually I get all giddy when Christmas approaches, too, but that’s not my point). The whole campaign process builds itself throughout the months, with placards and commercials and telephone polls into a big climax on Election Day. If you are like me, you sit by the television eagerly awaiting the tally of all the votes to see if your guy won. Sadly though, most of us do not share this level of excitement in the election process. Some feel disillusioned by politics. Others feel overwhelmed by just having to vote.

I have had conversations with some non-voters. One young woman said she did not feel comfortable voting because she was not informed enough and did not have the time to commit to learning about the candidates or propositions. A young man spoke with me last week about politics and government, but doesn’t even know if he is registered to vote. Another bright young woman I spoke with doesn’t really care about politics. She spoke about the elections as if they were something happening in another part of the world, totally apart from anything she was experiencing.

Does it bother you that these people won’t be voting next Tuesday? Maybe it doesn’t. I once had a professor who said that if someone were not informed enough to vote it was their fault with their. That would leave the country to be controlled by those who were concerned enough to participate.

To contrast that belief, a friend of mine told me that she thought a lot of people weren’t brought up in homes where participation in government was an example. She felt it was the duty of voters to convince non-voters of the necessity of voting.

Where do you fit into this? Are you a voter? Do you want others to vote? Or do you prefer having only those who care about politics involved in the process? Mustang Daily encourages you to persuade a friend who does not vote to register for the next election. Are you a non-voter? Do you feel that voting is something you could do other than vote? Do you have the time to really learn about policy? Do you even know who the candidates are? Perhaps you should review your old high school civics and government texts, and try to re-evaluate your importance in our political process.

Political involvement should no longer be monopolized by a few. You do not have to listen to the board of supervisors on public radio every Tuesday, or get a warm fuzzy feeling every time you pass a candidate’s placard along the street. You just have to care a little bit about how you think the country should work and try to find candidates who agree with you.

Next Tuesday, I’ll be up bright and early. I’ll drive to my polling place in Atascadero, pick up my ballot and cast my vote. I’ll get a little sticker that says, “I voted” with a likeness of the flag on it. I’ll wear it all day with pride. I’ll pass others wearing the sticker, and we will all get each other in the mood. The mood is contagious and you can’t help but pass along the excitement.

If you won’t be wearing the sticker next Tuesday, you should strongly consider getting one when we have elections again. The sticker means a lot to me, and I’m sure if you get one, too, you’ll understand why.

Chris Weber

Chris Weber is an architecture junior.

Hate speech is protected speech

There are few constitutional rights Americans treasure as much as the right to free speech. In many ways, it is what defines our country and its history. Our strong belief in these speech principles leads us to veritably condemn countries that oppress it. Because of our exceptionally strong feelings concerning freedom of speech, we have a hard time with those who use it in a vehicle of hate. We are torn between our desire to preserve the right to free speech and our notion that some forms of it are purely vile, potentially harmful and are underserving of protection.

The Internet has added a new facet to the debate. The Internet is a vehicle for information, and it is completely unregulated, meaning that anyone has access to anything that exists in cyberspace. Naturally, there are those who will take advantage of such uncensored freedom and promote their cause aggressively. It is the nature of some of these causes being promoted that has drawn the ire and concern of many. The Web is currently populated with a number of “hate speech” sites, each of which promotes one race, sex or sexual orientation over others. Some, like kkkukluksn.net, take a relatively mild approach, matter-of-factly presenting Biblical references and statistical “evidence” as to why their beliefs are correct. Others, like whitesnake.net, are far nastier, seeking to inflame, revile or humiliate others.

Whitesnake.net is basically an example of over-the-top racism. It is a page full of links to extremely offensive racist cartoons and games like the “Noose Lerty” cyber-banging game, “Actual” information about blacks (“Definition of a nigger”), and information about such things as David Duke’s political campaigns and Klan rallies.

The site is completely deplorable and disgusting. Any reasonable and intelligent individual will be shocked, appalled and probably a bit frightened by the hatred that resides on these sites, which is the very worst of humanity represented by those responsible for the content on the Web site.

The site is also the epitome of what’s great about free speech. The many slurs, jokes, and insults must be ignored and the main principle behind it appreciated: it is a glorious and wonderful thing to be able to speak with complete freedom and without fear of consequence, no matter what the message is.

The idea behind the promotion of hate and separation by whitesnake.net is no different than that of the progressive movement by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others promoting racial tolerance. Both cases involve the idea of a mere few placed out in the open for a public that must ultimately decide for themselves. Most have the same desire to choose the correct path. Those who don’t like the idea of someone else dictating what’s not acceptable have the right to free speech and it’s protected by our constitution.

Hate speech Web sites are not a threat in the way many people think they are. Sites like whitesnake.net pose no real danger in terms of their influence over visitors to their web pages. It is absurd to think that people who accidentally stumble across the site will somehow be brainwashed into adopting its hateful ideals. Mostly, those who arrive at the site will do so by their own free will.

The real threat of hate speech Web sites is the fact that they indicate the existence of a large subsurface of stumped thinking individuals. We must find a way that such racist and hateful ideals are passed on only by a few, when in fact the number is greater. Still, the fear these creators do not entertain to stop them of the important and right free speech.

There are those who claim that such vile examples are a sign that our society is progressing in a downward spiral. The problem with hate speech on the Internet doesn’t indicate any more about our society than we knew already. There are bad, sick people out there who use it in order to make living miserable for others. Despicable though they may be, we must resist the temptation to curse such people and instead fight back through the only means possible: free speech.

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Letters to the editor

Boy Scouts foster morality in youths

I don't want to create the same feeling of controversy and disgust that Victoria Walsh has created in her article against the Boy Scouts ("Boy Scout board should encourage acceptance," Oct. 27), but I must say that she is promoting pure ignorance and arrogance. It is so ironic that the same agenda that thrives and lives on the premise of acceptance of all, actively rejects and opposes those who believe contrary to what they say. Ms. Walsh said, "It's time to put away our discriminatory choices and just begin to accept everyone."

Well Ms. Walsh, practice what you preach. The Boy Scouts have been a service-oriented and upstanding organization for almost one hundred years. They have survived this long by teaching young men to be physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight (Scout Oath). They have stepped to the plate to instill and promote morals in youth, and Ms. Walsh wants to frustrate them.

I know that she thinks that the word "moral" is subjective, but it's not. Being morally straight is living by a higher law that neither she nor myself can alter according to our personal whims. The Boy Scouts don't reject or "hate" gays, it's just that homosexual tendencies are contrary to the beliefs and morals they have outlined. I believe that one of the most important issues that needs to be approached is the inappropriateness of the possible situations that may arise. As a 13-year-old kid, I went on many trips and camp-outs with my Boy Scout leaders. I was very vulnerable to their influence. It is more likely that a homosexual man may do something to morally harm young boys than a heterosexual man.

There is a tiny minority trying to force their way into and change a group that disagrees with their chosen lifestyle. Let's not promote the moral destruction of a group that tries to do good and teach young men likewise.

Jesse York is a landscape architecture sophomore.

Celtic holiday is misunderstood Editor,

From reading the commentary ("Halloween is an evil day straight from Satan," Oct. 30), I took Megan Shearn's attempt to equate the history of the Celtic religion and the Halloween celebration, or Hallows Eve as it is known in Ireland. The truth is that two hundred of Internet research hardly qualifies one as an authoritative figure. In fact, Shearn's selective perception of the facts molds her commentary into afactless account of history.

Even the title, the first word absorbed by the reader, is false. For one, the Celtic celebration of the festival of Samhain (pronounced "saw恩") is not an evil day straight from Satan, as the headline states. The Celtic religion pre-dates Christianity by hundreds of years. How could "diabolical worship ceremonies" be conducted without the knowledge of a devil, or sin for that matter? Even more ignorant is her perception that the Irish were responsible for bringing this evil holiday to America. According to Jack Santino, noted Halloween author and cultural professor at Bowling Green University, Halloween is a family-oriented holiday marking the culmination of the summer harvest. In fact, the celebrations and preparations of Hallows Eve began in early days of October. Throughout the month, young children go door to door and perform rhymes in return for pennies, fruits, and nuts. Teenage boys gather piles of wood for bonfires, and a great Hallows Eve feast is prepared.

On the second night of Oct. 31 the meal is eaten, fireworks exploded, bonfires lit, and children tell stories and look for prophetic signs in the games that are played. Further, in all my research on the Celtic religion and Halloween, I have never come across any mention of spirits being "confined to ani­mals," as Shearn purports. I do know that those who have died within the year, are, indeed, with the earth again on Halloween night. This is in accordance with the Celtic belief that on this night the realms between the physical and spiritual worlds are close. Families who have lost a member over the course of the year leave candles in the windows to guide their loved ones home, where food and drink is left for them by the warmth of the fire. This is done to appease the suffering of the spirits who have spent a year in a place much like the Catholic purgatory.

The only factual account Shearn gives is the sacrifice of animals. However, these animals were killed to feed the sick during the winter. In thanks for a bountiful harvest and to ward off death and illness during the long winter, the Celts gave homage to Samhain, which is different than the accounts given in the Old Testament, where lambs are sacrificed, or the human sacrifices of the Aztec religion, or even the celebration of Columbus Day, which marks the discovery of the native America and the slaughter of thousands of natives in the name of the Christian Lord.

So one, relate with the spirituality of Halloween, more so than any other holiday. I am not a Satanist nor a witch, but I do relish this defiant night. Furthermore, I wish to correct the falsities in Ms. Shearn's self-righteous article, not to mention the inquisitions. In her commentary ("Animal rights play big in rodeo," Oct. 19), Shearn states: "Animals are not humans. Thus, they do not possess the same brain capacity or intelligence of humans." She writes this in defense of the rodeo and its treatment of animals. To me she makes the perfect politician, flip-flopping on an issue to meet her beliefs.

Steven Schneider is a Cal Poly graduate.

Our school has spirit Editor,

I am concerned with the lack of acknowledgment the school is giving the spirit organizations on campus. In a comment, "Cal Poly athletes need support," Oct. 30, Brian Milne raised the issue of school spirit. While I agree that the school shows a lack of support for the athletes, I think that all too often the spirit organizations go unnoticed.

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Taipei, Taiwan (AP) — A Singapore Airlines jumbo jet speeding down a runway in darkness and rain slammed into an object before takeoff for Los Angeles and burst into flames Tuesday, killing at least 68 people and injuring dozens more, airline officials said.

Another jumbo jet had hit one of its planes on the runway while trying to take off at Taipei’s Chiang Kai-shek International Airport. Airline officials said the pilot, Capt. C.K. Feng, also reported hitting an object, but no one offered an explanation of what it might have been. A China Airways official denied initial reports that the jumbo jet had hit one of its planes on the ground.

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“I felt like we bumped into something huge,” said Dave Villenueva, 33, of New Berlin, Wis., who was standing outside the Changi Wing Methodist Hospital, stopped in a hospital gown and smoking a cigarette. “It looked like the front and then fell off.” From there, it just started to fall apart, I ran to the escape hatch with the stewardess but we couldn’t get it open. Two feet away from me, I saw flames.

“Everyone was just panicked,” he said. “I tried to get on the escape hatch on the top just a bit and saw a lot of smoke. The doors were just incredible. But eventually we got it open... We were not at all scared it was going to blow up.”

It was Singapore Airlines’ first major accident in 28 years of operation, and it came in inclement weather. A typhoon packing 90 mph winds was whirling off Taiwan’s southern coast Tuesday, lashing the island with rain and prompting officials to set up disaster relief centers.

Emergency aviation officer Billy K.C. Chung said 68 people died, 72 were injured, 15 were unaccounted for and 24 people walked away from the accident. Earlier, Singapore Airlines Chairman Michael Fann said 66 people were killed.

“Speaking in Singapore, Fann said the plane “crashed on the runway during the takeoff.”

“We wish to express our sincere regret to all concerned,” he said. “This is a tragic day for all of us.”

Clements said Singapore Airlines would provide all travelers with $2,500 immediate compensation.

“We should wait for the investigations, but the early indications are that the plane did momentously take off,” he said.

There were 20 crew members and 159 passengers on board.

Besides the Americans and Taiwanese, airline spokesman James Boyd in Los Angeles said there were also 11 Singaporeans on board, 11 Indians, eight Malaysians, five Indonesians, four Mexicans, four British, two each from Thailand, New Zealand and Vietnam and one each from Australia, Canada, Cambodia, Germany, Japan, Philippines, Ireland and the Canary Islands.

Villenueva and two other survivors said they felt the plane smash into something on the runway while trying to take off at Taipei’s Chiang Kai-shek International Airport. Airline officials said the pilot, Capt. C.K. Feng, also reported hitting an object, but no one offered an explanation of what it might have been. A China Airways official denied initial reports that the jumbo jet had hit one of its planes on the ground.

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“I felt like we bumped into something huge,” said Dave Villenueva, 33, of New Berlin, Wis., who was standing outside the Changi Wing Methodist Hospital, stopped in a hospital gown and smoking a cigarette. “It looked like the front and then fell off.” From there, it just started to fall apart, I ran to the escape hatch with the stewardess but we couldn’t get it open. Two feet away from me, I saw flames.

“Everyone was just panicked,” he said. “I tried to get on the escape hatch on the top just a bit and saw a lot of smoke. The doors were just incredible. But eventually we got it open... We were not at all scared it was going to blow up.”

It was Singapore Airlines’ first major accident in 28 years of operation, and it came in inclement weather. A typhoon packing 90 mph winds was whirling off Taiwan’s southern coast Tuesday, lashing the island with rain and prompting officials to set up disaster relief centers.

Emergency aviation officer Billy K.C. Chung said 68 people died, 72 were injured, 15 were unaccounted for and 24 people walked away from the accident. Earlier, Singapore Airlines Chairman Michael Fann said 66 people were killed.

“Speaking in Singapore, Fann said the plane “crashed on the runway during the takeoff.”

“We wish to express our sincere regret to all concerned,” he said. “This is a tragic day for all of us.”

Clements said Singapore Airlines would provide all travelers with $2,500 immediate compensation.

“We should wait for the investigations, but the early indications are that...
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Schlick also sees Lien as a team member who is always looking to improve her game. "She is someone who is very con-
sious of the people around her," he said. "(She) not only wants to get
better herself, but wants to help
everybody else on the team as well.
Lien is definitely a team player,
she said. "Being only a sophomore, Lien
looks up to some of the older players
on the team, like senior outside hitt-
ers Melanie Hathaway and Cindy
Eders. "Melanie has a very strong pres-
ence on the court and she will get
the job done," Schlick said. "She
knows where to put the ball. She
digs very well. She sees the scene."

"It's just something inside," she
said. "I hold strong and hopefully
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Gartner also said the team's tough
schedule has played a role in the
teams," he said.

Preparing for the next game is a
spiritual experience for Lien. She
gathers with the team and thinks
about what has to be done in a
game. She usually says a prayer and
imagines herself in the game, being
prepared and playing well.
At the end of last year's season, Lien
was faced with the trauma of
having surgery on her shoulder. The
injury had been occurring over a
four- to five-year period. When her
shoulder was examined, a small tear
in her rotator cuff and stretched lig-
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Men's soccer hosts top-ranked San Jose State

By Mike Gilmore
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The top-ranked men's soccer team in the nation rolls into San Luis Obispo on Wednesday night to face the Mustangs.

The San Jose State Spartans come into the game undefeated with a 16-0-1 overall record. This is the third straight week the Spartans have been ranked number one in the NSCAA coaches' poll.

Cal Poly will attempt to play the role of the spoiler against San Jose State. The Mustangs are 4-10-1 overall with a 2-3 record in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play. They have lost three straight games and five of their last six.

With only two league games left, Cal Poly can finish no higher than third in the league.

"We've had seasons where the ball was bouncing our way and this year we've had none of that," said head coach Steve Schlick. "She has been a starter for us during her freshman and sophomore seasons, and she does some great stuff for us on and off the courts.

Schild attributes Long's front-row play to agility and being able to block at a high point. Long has fast feet and is very mobile, contributing to her skills in front of the net.

Lien came to Cal Poly from La Habra, Calif., after playing volleyball at Servosa High School and on club teams. Although Lien played basketball and ran track, volleyball took over her life because club teams played all year. Volleyball simply became her passion.

"I love volleyball," Lien said. "I don't know how to explain it really. I've been doing it for so long and it's a part of my life now. I can't imagine me not doing it."

Before Lien came to Cal Poly, she visited the campus during her freshman and sophomore seasons, and was sold on the university by the players and coaches.

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Lien decided that Cal Poly was the right place to be. Her decision was based on the positive atmosphere surrounding the team, as well as with the coaches and the players. Ultimately, this helped Lien decide that Cal Poly was the right place to be.

Lien is majoring in child development and plans on working with disabled children. In addition to volleyball, she is involved with Athletic Ambassadors, an organization that helps other teams and sports with their games and events.

The team practices everyday except Sunday and plays on Fridays and Saturdays, as well as the occasional Wednesday or Thursday. Volleyball is time consuming, Lien said, but it is the reason why she is here.

Lien is the youngest of seven children. Being away from her family has helped her develop a strong relationship with her teammates. In fact, she considers them like a second family.

"Our team is great," Lien said. "We're always there for each other, we hang out. We're friends on and off the court. There are no enemies on the team at all and they're some of my best friends."

Having a camaraderie with her teammates also helps in difficult situations such as a loss on the court.

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