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Day of the Dead celebrates loved ones

By Jennifer Hansen

Cal Poly said goodbye to someone very dear to many students last week.

Bob Walters, who was an adviser to the Greeks and Associated Students Inc., retired from his position after 12 years of service with the university. He is well known in the University Union, specifically the Student Life offices where he worked.

Emotions were high at last Wednesday's ASI Board of Directors meeting for those who worked directly with Walters. Members of the board voted for a resolution to make him an Honorarium Life time member of ASI. Criteria for the vote included his dedication and genuine love for those around him.

"He is like a father to everybody here," said Melissa Varakas, ASI chair of the board. "He's so influential, so there for the students. He was truly the most perfect adviser in a sense that he really cared for the students."

Interfraternity Council President Rajiv Dharndhariahka agreed that Walters was influential among the students he worked with. He always stood up and went the extra mile for the students, said Dharndhariahka. Added that Walters still cares for everyone and will be missed.

Walters also worked on other organizations during his tenure at Cal Poly including Week of Welcome, Fun Fair Committee Program Board, ASI Elections, IFCS, Council, Ethnic Programming Board and ASI Executive Staff.

Varakas said Walters decided to retire this year to spend time with his new wife, his high school sweetheart who he married a year and a half ago. He thought it was time to retire so he could enjoy life without having to work anymore, Varakas said.

Walters requested that ASI return from New York together for a formal going-away party for him. Instead the board surprised him at the meeting with the unanimous decision to make him a member of ASI for life, giving him the right to attend any board meeting and an invitation to ASI receptions, banquets and grand openings.

Varakas said it has been hard to walk into the Student Life offices where Walters' office was. Everyone is just hoping to move on, he can never be replaced, but his position will eventually be filled again, she said.

Since Walters was on double duty as adviser to the Greeks and ASI, his position is now being divided among

City experiments with art on public buses

By Jordan Roberts

Skeletions are generally known to be creepy, white objects that hang from the doorway in Halloween decorations or stand in the corner of a biology lab.

For students involved with La Comision Estudiantil, however, skeletons represent a new beginning and are used to celebrate their deceased loved ones.

Skeletions are also an integral part of El Dia de Los Muertos (the day of the dead), which is celebrated in Mexico and some parts of the United States and Central America.

Although the holiday is international, La Comision Estudiantil is one of four ethnic student leadership commissions working with the Multicultural Center. It is a group of representatives from Chicano, Hispanic, and Latino clubs to coordinate the different clubs and exchange ideas.

Maria Soto, an ambusiness senior and co-chair of El Dia de Los Muertos event, is a member of Alpha Pi Sigma, which is a Latina based sorority.

"La Comision just helps us keep the communication open between the clubs," Soto said. "We put on one event each quarter together through La Comision, and this quarter it is El Dia de Los Muertos."

By Christine Powell

Galleries, festivals and shows are some of the ways to enjoy San Luis Obispo's rich art community. Now, residents and visitors can see a piece of art simply by watching it drive by.

Bus art, the newest feature to San Luis Obispo's already unique atmosphere, was the brainstorm of local artist Liz Maruska of Los Osos, and consists of creating an artistic image, applying it to vinyl, and shrinking the vinyl around the bus. "Shrink wrapping the bus is the best way to describe it," Maruska said.

Maruska proposed the idea of decorating city buses to city council, which then approved the idea on a trial period.

Two buses will be designed for a two-year trial period.

Los Osos artist Liz Maruska will create the images, which are supposed to relate to the city and enhance the city's artistic appeal.

A funding source for the project has not yet been determined and the project will begin soon after a sponsor is found. The price of the project will depend on the extent of the graphics. Graphics will be decided jointly by the sponsor of the project and public art coordinator for the city.

Maruska's work can be seen locally at a mural on 2nd Street in Los Osos, where she used acrylic paint to depict a historical view of Buena Vista Park before it was developed. Another example is located at The Tribune on South Higuera Street, where Maruska painted on vinyl-emulsion-receptive coating then elongated the material to fit the length of the column. She has also used acrylic paints to decorate a 1972 Cadillac, which presently sits in her driveway.

City hopes to increase downtown art projects

By Christine Powell

Bus art is only one of the steps taken by the city to increase public art in the downtown area. The city's creek project was one. Another example is the revolving sculpture program, put on hold due to a theft in the early morning of Oct. 20, in which the first sculpture, called "Hey Diddle-Diddle," was stolen from its display at the corner of Marsh and Chorro Street.

"The theft was discouraging for two reasons," said Wendy George, public art coordinator for the city. "First, because it reflects poorly on the community, and second because it happened at the beginning of the project..."
News

Crash blamed on mistake

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — The Singapore Airlines passenger jet that crashed in Taipei during a heavy rainstorm tried to take off on the wrong runway and slammed into construction equipment being used to repair the strip, an official said Friday.

The comment by prosecutor Soong Kweich came as officials from Taiwan, Singapore and the United States combed through the wreckage of the Boeing 747-400 at the start of their investigation, and as dozens of American citizens arrived in Taipei to claim the bodies of the victims.

The jetliner crashed late Tuesday night as a typhoon bore down on the capital, with high winds, heavy rain and low visibility, killing 91 of the 159 people aboard Flight SQ200 from Taipei to Los Angeles.

"From the crash scene, it's very easy to see that the plane had mistakenly used the wrong runway where there were scrapards of steel and two construction cranes," said Soong, a prosecutor at the Taiwan County district office where the Chiang Kai-shek airport is located.

In a live interview with ETTV cable TV news, he said the plane crashed after hitting the two cranes being used to repair the closed runway during the day.

Soong's remarks were the most specific account of what may have happened during the crash.

The official probe has not announced any conclusions. But it has concluded that the bulk of the wreckage ended up on the closed runway that ran parallel to the one that was supposed to be used.

The pilot and some survivors of the crash also have said they felt the jet hit something just before the accident broke it into three pieces and set most of them on fire.

Another theory being discussed is that the plane began on the correct runway, then quickly lifted off to avoid an object blown into its path and crashed onto the closed runway.

Officials at Taiwan's Aviation Safety Council, which is leading the investigation, could not be immediately reached for comment about the prosecutor's remark.

In Singapore, an official at the Singapore Airlines home office also declined comment.

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Mexican civilizations.

She said the display was scattered with little skull figures because they are very important symbols of El Dia de Los Muertos.

"It is a Mexican tradition not to be afraid of the dead, but to celebrate them," Soto said. "In our culture, skulls aren't considered scary at all. This day is all about recognizing that death is not the end and that your friends and relatives will never really leave you. They will always come back."

There were pictures of important figures in the Mexican culture, including Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo, who were prominent painters, and Don Miguel Hidalgo, one of the founders of Mexican independence. Each club in La Conmiunion brought in items to represent its members, such as sombreros, candles and pictures of deceased family members.

"I included on the altar the only picture I have of my grandfather, Fierro, who has passed away," Soto said. "I also included a tape of his favorite music, his favorite flower, and a bottle of tequila since that was his favorite drink."

Those who came to the Dia de Los Muertos display were treated to colorful Mexican sweetbread. Soto said one of the loaves of bread is called "The Bread of the Dead," and is used only during the holiday.

"Every Mexican celebration always includes food and drink," she said.

The idea of El Dia De Los Muertos came from the Olmecs, an ancient Mexican civilization, about 1500 years ago and was adopted by other cultures such as the Toltecs, Maya, Zapotec, Mixtec, and Aztecs. They believed that the dead came back to visit the living during the celebration. The dead were welcomed back since the natives believed that death was the continuation of life and an awakening, not an end.

Typically people visit the cemeteries on this day and decorate the graves of their loved ones. If the deceased are adults, usually bottles of tequila are offered.

Along with the decorations, people bring the deceased's favorite foods — and usually pack a picnic lunch for themselves to eat at the cemetery. Many people also wear skull masks and dance in honor of the dead as well as create sculptures of skeletons mimicking the living.

The clubs involved in this display were Alpha Pi Sigma, Imajen Y Espiritu, Hispanic Business Students Association, Latinos in Agriculture, Lambda Theta Phi, MEC/A, Nu Alpha Kappa, Society of Hispanic Professional Students, Sigma Omegas Nu and Xicana Commencement.

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gram."

The sculpture stood about 1 foot 6 inches high, and 2 feet 6 inches to 3 feet long. The statue was bronze, and depicted a cat standing on top of a tulip.

"I just hope that it won't discourage other artists from volunteering their pieces for display," George said.

Other projects in progress for downtown include public art park benches to be placed near the Higueras Street bridge after its completion, stained glass on the utilities department building on Morro Street, and art on the new restrooms planned to be built in the parking lot across from Big Sky restaurant on Broad Street.

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two people.

Pat Harris, a leadership coordinator in Student Life, will permanently take over as adviser to the Board of Directors.

Ken Barclay, director of Student Life, will temporarily advise the Greeks, including both the IFC and Panhellenic Council, with the help of Brooke Sozor, a graduate assistant. Barclay said both Greek councils will work together to recruit someone to permanently fill the position by spring or summer quarter.

Walters could not be reached for comment.

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Sea kayaking offers chance to brave wild ocean waters

By Megan Shearn

Sea kayaking can make a bold adventurer out of almost anyone. The Alaskan scenery illustrates the beauty that can be experienced on the sea.

If you want to try sea kayaking, rentals are available at Central Coast Kayaks and Poly Escapes.

Central Coast Kayaking costs are as follows:

- Kayaking solo for an hour costs $12.
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- Kayaking solo for an hour costs $10.
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- Soft racks to put on your car are also available.

Kayaking and rolling classes are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays at Grindall pool. The cost is $5 if you don’t have a boat and $3 if you do.

A short history lesson from the desk of Will

OK, I know last week I promised that I would finish my story on working as a commercial soft guide this past summer, including the tale of how I flipped a loadout of Girl Scouts. Unfortunately, I’ve spent every waking moment (or at least the better half of an afternoon) working on my review for my senior project so I decided to kill two birds with one stone and write this week’s column using the same research.

No, really, before you put down this article, remember that I am a recreation major so I’m allowed to do my senior project on cool things like the history of Poly Escapes.

Poly Escapes, formerly known as Associated Students, Inc., Outings, began in 1970 by former Cal Poly student and current Chumash Challenge Director Rod Neubert.

Neubert, an avid outdoorsman, student and current Chumash Challenge Director Rod Neubert.

Student volunteers would stretch out their course loads to 10 units a quarter just so they could spend an extra two, sometimes three years at Poly and be involved with Outings (Poly Escapes),” Neubert said. The Escape Route is located in the University Union and houses one of the most complete outdoor research centers in the United States.

"Professionals from Utah contact us for information that can only be found in our stacks in the Route," Neubert said. Along with an extensive rental service, a 50-foot climbing wall and their first-rate trip program, Poly Escapes also provides the students of Cal Poly an outlet for their adventure and risk recreation wants and needs.

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Today’s issue: Mixing Hollywood and Capitol Hill

Keep on telling jokes / Stay out of spotlight

The election cycle is winding down, and the candidates appear to be willowing out. It is rare to see them try and have fun by throwing in some humor. They should have started that earlier.

Most of this board by both major presidential candidates could be found in their appearances on popular comedians. George W. Bush and Al Gore have appeared on “The Late Show with David Letterman” and “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno” at separate times. Gore’s running mate Joe Lieberman has appeared on Comedy Central’s “Daily Show with Jon Stewart” and NBC’s “Late Night with Conan O’Brien.” Bush and Gore have each taped appearances for “Saturday Night Live” that air Nov. 5.

Candidates make these appearances in the last-night arena to appeal to young voters. The goal is to achieve a quick boost and appeal as young and hip.

These appearances in popular media speak volumes to a voter. They show me that both candidates are willing to face the popular media and face the power of a good laugh.

Bush’s appearance on Letterman turned into a comedy skit quickly. In his first appearance there was a time delay, and his jokes fell flat. The second time on the show, Letterman persistently questioned him on his policy and the show turned into another being political interview.

Gore concealed an interview to the media powerhouse, Rolling Stone. They put his mug on the cover of their liberal magazine in the midst of his debate performances where he bares his inability to tell the truth. It would appear to the average reader that this comes across from Rolling Stone and would be appreciated, but in a current pull being held on the magazine’s Web-site, viewers are asked to vote online for either Gore or Bush. Bush leads by 5 percent. Chance are, Gore was warned of this in advance.

President Bill Clinton has recently made a brief film that is playing on www.akritic.com. This film shows that his presidency is winding down and that reporters are no longer listening. It is good to know that Clinton is aware of the truth and that he can laugh at it.

All of the risks that these politicians are taking in appearing human are great. They should take more.

It would be great to see all the presidential candidates on “Whose Line Is it Anyway?”. Let’s have them appear in a week’s worth of live episodes airing before the presidential debates begin. Let American comedy know them up. That would give us a better idea of what they are like, and they would be more comfortable when it came time for them to talk about real issues. It might also help the candidates keep some of their personal antics out of the debates.

Youths easily relate to fun. They relate even better when they see famous people being humbled in a fun way. That is why appearances on prime time comedy shows work for politicians.

Let us take the politicians out of their public appearance arena. Put them into one-on-one or one-on-two settings so that we see them flex some real muscle.

Have the candidates choose their cabinets and let us watch them play a game of rugby. That would be fun. That would be comedy.

Matt Smart is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Call me a party pooper, but I think that Al Gore and George W. Bush should spend more time sticking to the issues rather than exchanging comedic monologues with Letterman and Leno.

I guess it’s “all the rage,” though, for presidential candidates to put in appearances on popular TV shows to display their hip side. Bush looked so cool, yackin’ it up with Leno and spouting a scary as Halloween mask of Al Gore. It was the only thing my friends and I were talking about the next day. “Oh wow, what a stellar guy that George W. is, he had such a sense of humor on Leno last night – that makes me want to vote for him.”

Actually the conversation went more like this: “What an idiot. He was so stiff talking to Leno, he couldn’t even take off the red tie and blue suit to let down his barriers.”

Gore looks to these comedic and popular outlets to show his “human side” as well. He made an appearance on the MTV show “Choose or Lose.” The “Orphah Winfrey Show” and “The Late Show with David Letterman.” On “Choose or Lose,” Gore was schmoozing with the MTV crowd, answering environmental questions such as “Do you choose paper or plastic?” On Letterman, he read off a Top 10 list titled “Top 10 Ways Campaign Slogans, the number-one slogan being, ‘Keep America Great.’” It sounds cool as that president got in “The West Wing.”

Need I mention the air-shushing incident with Rolling Stone?

The thinking behind appearances on these shows is that the candidates want to appeal to younger voters. They want to show the men behind the finely pressed suits, starched white shirts and neck-choking ties.

Appearing on Leno and Letterman supposedly brings the real candidate forward – the kind of candidate that can crack a joke and be a “real human.” These aspects will supposedly provide a presidential connection to the American public, the part of the public that probably doesn’t vote.

“If you want to reach nonpolitical people, which is, let’s face it, most Americans, then you go to Letterman or Leno,” said CNN anchor William Schneider.

What does this say about the American public? It says that since we don’t have the intelligence to watch CNN or C-SPAN, the candidates have to whore themselves out to the popular mass medium.

The stereotypes of the stiff Guy vs. the Mr. America guy, not how he delivers a punch-line on late-night television.

The candidates need a campaign to come in and say, “Here is my position on the S & L, tax credits. You’ve supposed to show you’re a regular guy.”

The presidential candidates are not regular guys. They are campaigning for president. This person will represent and run our country. The American public should care more about what he does in the Oval Office, not how he delivers a punch-line on late-night television.

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The quest for the dream graduate school

By Suzanne Knighton
THE TECHNICIAN

(U-WIRE) RALEIGH, N.C. - In case you've lived in a cave for the past decade, the job market has become more competitive. More and more bachelors of science or arts degree is going to get you as far as a high school degree did 30 years ago. If this fact isn't disheartening enough, the graduate school application process is more complex than undergrad. However, you, the student, should not fear. There are plenty of resources to guide you in your search.

The Ultimate Grad School Survival Guide By Leslie Mitchell suggests a nine-month time frame for the application process. However, if the process is not new beginning, you are not too late. The GRE can be taken this month, and scores can be admitted by Dec. 15. Students applying for this coming school year beginning in August or September, registration for the graduate record exam will begin in February prior to next school year.

For those of you who are off to a late start, request letters of recommendation and applications from schools of interest now. Also, develop a checklist of materials each school requires for admittance in order to keep organized. By November, begin writing the statement of purpose. Recommendation letters should be collected, and campus visits should be completed. In December, the statement of purpose should be written and applications mailed by Dec. 15. David Zonderman, professor of history and head of graduate school programming at North Carolina State University, says that when a student is considering graduate school, the first step is to make sure graduate school is for that student.

Most schools are highly selective, and certain programs suggest that if a student's G.P.A. is lower than a 2.9, that person should enter the job market instead. "A work for a student in undergrad could be 'B' work in grad school," Dr. Zonderman warns. He also stated that NC SU takes some students provisionally where they enter as a Post Baccalaureate Student, the PBS Program. These students usually had one or two bad semesters earlier in college and showed potential in other requirements like the GRE and the letters of recommendation.

Dr. Zonderman also suggests that the best resource to start with is the professor, especially if the professor has known the student for more than one semester. He or she can give direction for focus of interests and determine chances of acceptance. Prospective students should narrow their choices down to five schools based on the program, faculty and location. Choosing a program can be difficult, especially in the sciences. Thomas Weinworth, professor of botany at NCSU, says a student must really specialize in the sciences. Considering ecology, plant or animal ecology can be areas of focus. There is the molecular level, or one can specialize in population biology or ecosystem levels.

Finding a faculty person to serve as a mentor is another step in the application process. Most graduate schools do not accept students until a faculty member at that school has chosen the student to do research under him or her. According to Wentworth, choosing a grad program is nothing like choosing an undergrad program. One of the most important decisions is choosing a faculty member to act as a mentor. The mentor is chair of the student's committee and is a primary contact for planning academic programs. He or she supervises the student's research, and provides funding if funding is available.

The GRE is the next rather tedious and expensive step ($650 to take the test). Zonderman suggests taking the test early in the fall in order to get scores in on time. There is a multitude of books and software to prepare for the general and subject tests. For general information, go on the Web and pull up www.gre.org or call 1-800-GRE-CALL. Check out www.800score.com/gre1234.html, which provides free software for downloading with tests and advice on how to take the test.

Acquiring letters of recommendation is one of the most important components of the application process. Developing good relationships with faculty as an undergraduate is important. This can be done by volunteering or working for a professor, interning, participating in academic clubs, or working as an officer and writing a thesis while in an honors program. Usually, letters from two faculty and one employer are recommended.

For a two-year endeavor, there is much to be done for the graduate school application process. Following a set time frame and communicating with faculty and employers will quicken the process and make it seem less painful.
Cornell, Lockheed Martin to pioneer grad education

By Peter Lin

CORNELL DAILY SUN

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. - Starting this semester, the College of Engineering will cooperate with Lockheed Martin, a company that provides advanced-technology products and services, to pioneer the concept of Cornell University graduate education for full-time employees.

The project is part of Lockheed Martin's Engineering Leadership Development Program (ELDP), which helps its employees throughout the country enroll at local colleges. It benefits student-employees by exposing them to the different aspects of their work projects, in addition to teaching them technical skills, according to student-employee Catherine Reeser, graduate.

"I want my career to be more than sitting at a computer bumping out template documents," Reeser said. "This program exposes us to all facets of a project ... I can see the value behind getting into classrooms is going to be a degree at one of the best universities in the country."

"We're going to evaluate it after that to see if the program is advantageous for both sides, like we would for any other program." The student-employees add to the collective experience of the Cornell community, Hayes noted. "These are the best and brightest of Lockheed Martin's recent hires," Hayes said. "They bring work experience as well as experience from other schools to Cornell."

Lockheed Martin and its employees are also enthusiastic about the program's benefits. "We wanted to pursue an academic program that is genuine to all areas in Owego" Keefe said. "And systems engineering is critically important to everything we do here." I was thrilled that the ELDP linked up with Cornell," Keefe said. "It's motivating to know that the work I'm putting into classes is going towards a degree at one of the best universities in the country."

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Halloween has come and gone, but a witch hunt continues in the state of Oklahoma. A 15-year-old girl was suspended from high school last year for allegedly practicing witchcraft. She is suing the school district with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for violating her rights to free speech. Brandi Blackbear of Tulsa, Okla., was suspended from school in December after she was accused of being a witch. The suit alleges that the school discriminated against Blackbear and violated her constitutional right to free speech. The school says it had no choice but to suspension her for allegedly engaging in witchcraft activities. Blackbear denies the accusations and claims she was targeted because of her religious beliefs.

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Mustang Daily

Oklahoma 'witch-hunt' threatens free speech

By Mike Gilmore

Editor,

My high school paper had better serve its purpose and serve its purpose well. Teachers and students alike sometimes fail to recognize that the school can recognize that their actions threaten free speech. Letters communicated to the editor that his beliefs should be viewed as intolerant. He claims he is a champion of religious tolerance, but his actions suggest otherwise. He has violated the First Amendment by punishing students for expressing their views on religious matters.

In the last few issues of Mustang Daily, it seems as if everyone has been throwing around the words "witch" and "witchcraft" with no regard for the true meaning of the words. It is basically impossible in today's society to speak about one's beliefs without being labeled intolerant. This is the reason why I wrote this article. I want to show that witchcraft is not a real religion and that it is not a part of our society. Witchcraft is a social construct that has been created to uphold certain values and beliefs.

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For the Yankees, money runs show

Well, well, well, the Yankees just won another World Series. Surprise! I'm not. The Yankees have the most money.

The Yankees' payroll was $92.5 million this past season. That's $4 million more than the Red Sox, $6 million more than the Braves, and nearly six times more than the team with the lowest payroll. In fact, the highest payroll teams have more than four times the payroll of the lowest payroll teams. This is due to the Yankees' strategy of building around their stars and acquiring new talent through trades.

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Jerusalem (AP) — A Thunderbird car bomb killed two Israelis near a crowded Jerusalem market on Thursday, escalating tensions as Israeli and Palestinian leaders put off a truce announcement meant to end five weeks of fighting.

Islamic militants claimed responsibility for the attack, which killed the daughter of Israeli political leader Yitzhak Levy, leader of the National Religious Party. Yitzhak Levy has served as a minister in several Israeli governments. He left his post in Barak's government because of disagreements over the peace process.

His daughter had just moved to Jerusalem and was bringing her belongings to a house in the area at the time of the explosion, police said. One witness said he tried to pull her from the flames. "I saw her on the ground and her legs had been blown off," said Yvonne Hassam. "I hoped she was alive, but she was dead." Hundreds of onlookers clogged the streets as policemen pushed the crowd back. Some young Israelis chanted, "Death to Arabs" and "We want revenge."

A group calling itself the military wing of the Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the attack. In a statement, the group said the bombing was carried out "in reply to the enemy's crimes against our Palestinian people" and promised more attacks.

He said it was standing by the truce reached Wednesday night in a meeting between Arafat and Israeli cabinet minister Shimon Peres. The agreement was intended to stop the fighting and open the borders of closed-off Palestinian areas.

However, neither Barak nor Arafat appeared ready to formally announce the truce Thursday night. The Palestinian leadership issued a statement Thursday urging Palestinians to "stick to peaceful means" in protest, but it fell well short of what Israel had expected. Arafat, who met in Gaza with the European Union peace envoy, Miguel Montalvo, said the ball was in the Israeli court.

"We are still waiting for the official response of the Israeli government, especially after we had declared our statement by the name of the Palestinian leadership," Arafat said in English.
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questionable for this Saturday's game. "Our guys are thankful every time we play and no one gets injured," Welsh said. "The team feels much better when injured guys come back."

Linebacker Vic Greco injured his shoulder and did not play against Hofstra last week, but will be ready this Saturday. In 1997, the stadium attendance record was almost broken against Northern Iowa, Welsh said. He hopes it will be broken again this Saturday afternoon.

"We've had some great games with Cal Poly," Danbar said. "It's a good rivalry."

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playoff team their past three games, averaging 29 points per game.

My Take: Miami
San Diego (8-8) at Seattle (2-7)
These are two of the worst teams in the NFL, but that doesn't mean this won't be a great game, especially when a team is going to win their first game of the season. San Diego, even though without a win, has done relatively well this season. San Diego has lost four games by three points or less this year. Seattle has the worst defense in the AFC. This makes it possible for San Diego to run and throw all over the Seahawks for a touchdown and two field goals. San Diego will win their first game of the season in front of a empty stadium in Seattle.

My Take: San Diego
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Pardales scored the goal with an assist from defender Frank Santilli.

"It was a frustrating game," said Cal Poly head coach Wolfgang Gartner. "It was a tough match because they are a very composed team."

Penalty cards were distributed throughout the night. On a controversial call, Cal Poly midfielder Brian Rogers was given a red card and ejected from the game. The situation almost became a bench-clearing brawl but referees were able to get the situation under control before any punches were thrown.

But the controversy wasn't over. Gartner continued to protest the call from the sidelines until the referee issued a red card to him and ejected him from the game, with only 20 seconds left.

"We played all right but it was not a pretty game," Gartner said. "Anything could have happened, it just didn't happen for us."

The Mustangs will play at Cal State Fullerton on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. and will makeup the postponed UCSB game on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m at Mustang Stadium.

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No. 1 Spartans slip past Mustangs, 2-0

By Jayson Rowley
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly soccer had a chance to upset undefeated San Jose State on Wednesday night, but the Spartans showed the Mustangs why they are number one.

The Spartans had already clinched the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Mountain Division crown, so Cal Poly was playing in an effort to ruin a practically perfect Spartan season (16-0-1).

The game was a scoreless battle nearly all of the first half was scoreless on both sides. The game seemed to be an even matchup.

The only quality that San Jose seemed to possess that Cal Poly didn't was excellent ball control. The Spartans played good soccer using precise passing and control, something Cal Poly didn't have, as passes missed their mark.

In the final minute of the first half, Martinz scored the Spartans' first goal after a corner kick from midfielder Gareth Williams.

The second half brought more all-around excitement than the first. Mustang midfielder Spencer Frankenberg almost scored on a breakaway until a Spartan caught up to him with a slide tackle, resulting in a Cal Poly corner kick.

The Mustangs were unable to capitalize on corner kicks against San Jose State.

Cal Poly scored the second goal at 73:00. Midfielder Isias Martinez scored the second goal.

Matt Sanchez

What's up with the 49ers? Why can't they seem to win a game? It seems as though each week they play great, just to lose in the end. Jeff Garcia, Terrell Owens and Charlie Garner are all having All-Pro years, but it's being wasted because the 49ers can't finish games.

Great win last week for Buffalo and Tampa have put both teams at 4-4 and kept them alive for playoff berths. In the last two weeks, St. Louis and Minnesota have each lost their first games of the season. Look out for San Diego this week. I believe the San Diego Chargers will come out on top.

Week 10: Kansas City (5-3) at Oakland (7-1): Oakland has won five games in a row, but won't win their sixth.

Oakland is too banged up in the running game. Oakland needs an efficient running game to open up the passing game for Rich Gannon. Kansas City will exploit Oakland's overloaded defense by throwing over the middle to open a few more on Monday night, and if he doesn't sit out some games he will win this game back to back. T. Davis, Terry Davis, has completed 168 of 270 passes for 2,256 yards this season. Davis is one of the worst quarterbacks in the league, and his numbers won't get better this week against a formidable Miami defense. Miami is 0-50 with two minutes and four seconds left.

Last week, they only won because of a punt return and interception return for touchdowns. That kind of luck won't happen again this week against a very stingy Pittsburgh defense. Not that Pittsburgh is an offensive juggernaut, but Jerome Bettis will carry them. I just hope that both teams are at least able to score a touchdown.

My Take: Pittsburgh (6-2) at Detroit (5-3): Last week, I thought Detroit could pull the upset over Indianapolis, but I was stupid. Detroit isn't as good as their record makes them look. Charlie Batch is one of the worst quarterbacks in the league, and his numbers won't get better this week against a formidable Miami defense. Miami is