**Deferred rush expected to be average**

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard  
MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

When deferred rush was implemented for the first time last fall, Interfraternity President Ahsen Mayes was a little skeptical.

She thought the new schedule, which mandated that all pledges must complete a total of 12 units before participating in rush, would discourage women from joining the six sororities on campus.

"I thought it was a terrible idea, but now I've seen it and it hasn't really changed their minds about wanting to go through the recruitment," she said.

In fact, she expects about 250 women to pledge this quarter — about the same number of people that have joined recruitment in the past.

Deferred rush was implemented by Joan Gonzalez, the former vice president for Student Affairs in 1998, said Rajiv Dharnidharka, Interfraternity Council president.

Last quarter was the first time women and freshmen felt the effects of the decision.

Students who hadn't completed 12 units prior to the week-long rush activities in September were only allowed to pledge informally and could not be officially accepted into any Greek house.

Deferred rush, which some regarded warily last fall, has gotten positive reviews this quarter.

"The quality of students will be high and they'll be more adapted to college," Mayes said. Generally, freshmen are most affected by the new system because they don't have 12 units completed before the September rush. Sororities adjusted to deferred rush by moving their formal recruitment schedule from September to January.

This means that people wishing to be recruited by sororities in September would participate in informal rush. Mayes explained that people were encouraged to visit all six houses but were not given organized tours. There was no formal application process, and they could not be accepted until they had 12 units under their belt.

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**Body of woman found**

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard  
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An unidentified woman was found dead in Montaña de Oro State Park Tuesday morning, according to Sheriff's Department officials.

The cause of the woman's death and her identity haven't been determined by the coroner's investigators and detectives, according to a press statement issued by the Sheriff's Department.

An investigative team is currently searching for the woman's identity and the cause of her death, said Sgt. Bill Souza, watch commander.

The woman was found at approximately 11:30 a.m. on a hiking trail at the base of a hill in an isolated part of the park, according to the press statement. Souza said he doesn't know further on where the body was found, except to say that it wasn't near water.

The body is described as a white female in her early 20s, 5 feet 2 inches tall, 125 pounds, with blond shoulder-length hair and blue eyes. She was wearing a dark blue sweatshirt, blue jeans and open-toe sandals.

Souza couldn't comment on the condition of her body, but said there was no blood. The possibility of a drowning has been ruled out and "it doesn't appear at this time to be foul play," he said.

She died less than four hours before she was found, according to the press statement.

Souza said the Sheriff's investigators have not located a vehicle and don't have any contact information for the woman.

Sheriff's investigators have taken fingerprints and received a few phone tips, but no further information concerning the woman had been discovered as of Tuesday at 8 p.m.

"If anyone's missing a roommate, please have them call," Souza said. "We need to determine who this person is." Anyone with information should call the Sheriff's Department at 781-4550.

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**Bush's historic Cabinet picks scrutinized by opposition**

By Sonia Slutzki  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

While most Americans were concentrating on every touchdown, extra point and interception building up before the Rose Bowl, President-elect George W. Bush was slowly revealing his own lineup.

He is expected to field a Cabinet made up of nearly all seasoned politicians and business leaders.

The new team, comprised of more women and minority members than ever before in U.S. history, is expected to be a diverse group.

Once Bush is inaugurated and the nominations are accepted by Congress, the new team's approach to governing would emphasize "results" and "accountability" by better managing bureaucracies, and possibly allowing self-regulation by businesses on environmental issues.

Bush's decisions have been both praised and critiqued by politicians and constituents alike.

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Officials continue power crisis discussion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration searched Tuesday for ways to broker an agreement Tuesday to save California's electricity crunch and avert the growing threat of bankruptcy for the state's two major cash-starved utilities.

High-level administration officials and all the major players in the California power crisis met behind closed doors to try to fashion a framework for resolving the problems facing the state's electricity supply system.

None of the participants talked to reporters as they entered the Treasury Department where the session was being held.

Federal options appeared to be few, and one key Republican senator already has warned against a bailout for the state, whose five-year experiment with electricity deregulation was described this week by Democratic Gov. Gray Davis as a "dangerous and colossal failure."

The potential economic fallout from California's power problems became more apparent Tuesday when Intel Corp., the world's largest manufacturer of computer chips, announced it would no longer expand its plants or build new ones in the state until the electricity problems — including periodic threats of rolling blackouts and soaring prices — are resolved.

"Unless this energy issue is addressed it won't be just an issue of whether employers expand their operations here. It will be an issue of whether they continue to build their products here," warned Carl Guardino, president of the Silicon Valley Manufacturing Association, representing 190 California technology companies.

In the meeting Tuesday, the administration hopes to play "an honest broker role" among the parties trying to resolve the state's growing energy problem, said Gene Spelunky, President Clinton's chief economic adviser.

The private meeting brought together officials, including Davis, regulators and legislative leaders; the state's three largest electric utilities; nine of the major power producers and brokers, some of whom have been accused of price gouging; and the chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which has refused to impose wholesale price controls sought by Davis.

"We have very little direct authority over any of the parties," Spelunky told The Associated Press. "Our main role is to hope that by convening the parties and playing an honest broker role, we might be able to help the parties make some progress together."

Spelunky was being joined by Energy Secretary Bill Richardson and Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers.

The session was widely viewed as an attempt by Davis to enlist administration help in calming concerns on Wall Street and among the banking community over threats to the solvency of the California utilities.

Both Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Southern California Edison Co., which together serve about 25 million people, have testified near insolvency, accumulating more than $9 billion in losses since June. The utilities have seen wholesale prices soar fivefold, but have not been able to pass on the increases to retail customers because of state restrictions.

Last week, the state public utility commission agreed to a 2 percent to 15 percent rate hike, but the utilities said that was not nearly enough.
By Robin Nichols

Mustang Daily Arts & Features Editor

"Half the people who resolve to lose weight during the year, the site reported, said nutrition senior Shelby Wilson. "It's unhealthy to drop 10 (or more) pounds in a week." According to Phys.com, more than 40 percent of Americans planned to make a New Year's resolution to exercise more in 2001. According to data from last year, nearly 60 percent of those who made New Year's resolutions broke them during the year, the site reported. Wilson said there are some simple ways to avoid "workout burnout."

"It's important to set realistic goals, and start small and work up," she said. "Half the people who resolve to lose weight set a goal that they want and get discouraged when they don't achieve their goal. Attainable is the important word."

A good beginning to a fitness program could be to walk to school. This can snowball into an evening run, or a more comprehensive weight program. While reaching individual goals along the way to better health, a larger goal can be met later in the program. The motives behind the resolutions are also a factor in the goals people set. Society encourages thinness, when health should be more of a motivator, Wilson said. Continuing with a healthy diet, such as eating fruit and drinking lots of water, is something that should accompany a new plan toward total health.

A fun option for those looking to be rewarded for their weight loss can be found by visiting some Web sites, such as Cyberdiet.com. Participants can join the contest and post progress on the site, with the top 25 losers (of weight) actually winning in the end. The best piece of advice is to persevere, Wilson said. "Be patient with yourself in terms of setting goals that you can achieve," she said. "You have more time now, but in three weeks you're going to be in the library. Don't overwhelm yourself."

With fitness resolutions, keeping the workout going is sometimes difficult. Adding new things, like aerobics classes, can keep interest high.

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Don't repeat mistakes, end discrimination

Tonight, MTV will explore one of the greatest embarrassments in American history. I'm not talking about any single issue, such as slavery or the women's suffrage movement. At hand is a greater concern, one that continues to plague each and every one of us—it is our capacity as Americans to hate. And it's repetitive.

"Anatomy of a Hate Crime," airs tonight on MTV at 5 p.m. The commercial-free documentary will examine the life and death of Matthew Shepard, a college student in Wyoming who was murdered—simply because his creator decided he would be gay.

And it is nothing short of a tragedy when the greatest democracy in the world finds itself in a position simply because his creator decided he would be gay. It is in our capacity as Americans to hate that democracy in the world finds itself in a position simply because his creator decided he would be gay.

Don't repeat to hate. It's repulsive. And it is nothing short of a tragedy when the great democracy in the world finds itself in a position simply because his creator decided he would be gay.

Mike Sullivan

 Aren't we better than this? Haven't we learned from the mistakes of our past?

Our history of discrimination in the United States is an absolute embarrassment. We have enslaved a group of people based upon the color of their skin. We have denied our fellow Americans the fundamental, constitutional right to vote based solely upon their gender.

We must ask ourselves today: Are we prepared to repeat these same mistakes? Or are we finally going to start respecting the basic human rights of our brothers, sisters, cousins, neighbors, co-workers and friends?

Introspection is one of the most valuable personal skills, and it is key to understanding the perspective of the one in every 100 of us who endures the hatred and discrimination of a class citizenry in America. For reasons that to this day remain unknown, we have decided that it is socially acceptable to harbor and institutionalize hatred toward gay and lesbian people.

Astonishingly, it is still legal in 39 states to be fired from your job for being gay, lesbian or even just thought to be. This is an outrage! And if you don't stand up for those who are disdained now, who will stand up for you when the situation reverses?

MTV is taking a stand against hate and asking us to join. Let us be the generation known for its apathy, but for its progress. Let us be known for closing the doors on discrimination. Let us be inspired to action by the unfathomable murder of a college student.

Let us do what's right, rather than what's popular. Let us carry the memory of Matthew Shepard with us. Let us recall his tragic and untimely death when ever our friends use the word "gay."

Let us set the stage for love. Not tolerance, but acceptance. Not rights, but equality. Not respect, but love.

This column isn't an attempt to appeal to your sense of humanity—because the future of our great nation depends upon it.

Mike Sullivan is a computer engineering junior.
Letter to the editor

New building will hurt education

Editor,

At Cal Poly, there is consterna­
tion among the faculty with the tenta­tive plans for the new science and Math­ematics building. The faculty of­fices apparently will be substantially smaller than the pre­­sent offices that will be demolished and replaced with the new building. Instead of keeping the old building and building the new one in a different location, less centrally located on campus, the administration ha­
decided to destroy a usable build­ing in spite of expected increased enrollments, and thus, needed new space. This will cost the taxpayers din­
early more when more space is needed and the old building no longer exists.

Faculty offices are used to meet with students who have questions. Before or after an exam, it is not unusual for five or six students to come simultaneously to ask ques­
tions. There is barely enough room for this with the present offices; with the new ones, it will be diffi­
cult to work in main campus cou­ples. The new build­ing, in its presently planned loca­
tion, will probably add to the beau­ty of the campus, however, for purposes of education, adequate space is more important that beau­­ty. In addition, there will be hor­ri­ble space problems when portions of the present building are destroyed and before the new build­ing is completed.

I would like to make a modest suggestion. Neither the new build­ing, nor any nearby site, should be named after any member of administration who was in a posi­
tion to have any influence on the plans for this. It will avoid any appearance that the plans were influenced more for the desire for self-glory than for the ed­ucational benefit of the students.

Thomas Schumann is a physics professor.

Commentary in some respect accepted your definition of female as weak, passive, quiet.

When we let our parents were called shrews if we explored our sex­u­ality, we were teased about our breasts, we started telling dirty jokes that we didn't really under­stand. We were confused because, in the public school system, nobody had mentioned anything about sex until our bodies started chang­ing, for fear of pleasing of the religious right.

That was when they began to tell us about rape. Back then, it was simple. They said rape hap­pens when a strange man forces a woman (or a woman with whom the woman doesn't want to, and because he maybe has a gun or is stronger than him, he wins. And, they told us, if you are a good girl and you don't walk in dangerous places at night by yourself, don't worry.

Black-and-white line: "No problem," we told ourselves. We just won't walk at night.

Then high school happened and life as we knew it changed permanently. We entered a push­and-pull sexual battle, the hor­monal levels running high. The girls who had sex got shame, the boys who had sex got status. That double standard set the scene for a war in which the big issue has been added since we got to college – now, we face Rohypnol (the date rape drug) and the frightening possibility of acquaintance rape.

The line has become blurred. Now, the problem is impossible to avoid for anyone who actually wants to experience college. In order to "not walk at night," which some people still say ought to keep you safe, you had better not plan any activities or classes after a fall or summer quarter. You also better not ever get on the elevator alone – a rape might get on or go up a flight of stairs – one might be waiting. No parties – Rohypnol may be in the drinks – no dates, no sex.

Now there is a liberat­ed, modern lifestyle. The Meri­anner Webster Dictionary defines rape as either "carrying away by force," "sexual intercourse by a man with a woman without her consent and clearly by force or deception," or "unlawful sexual intercourse of any kind by force or threat.

I call for a new definition of rape. It has become too hard to determine what it is. According to statistics, 90 percent of rapes go unreported because it isn't the strange man with the gun forcing you down anymore. Of the rapes that are reported, 60 percent are committed by our dates, boyfriends, husbands, families, friends or co-workers.

These are much, much higher than the experts believe. If you have ever stayed home because you were afraid to walk somewhere alone or ride the bus alone or go in the elevator alone, you have been raped of your right to be a free American citizen.

If you have ever had to go on the birth control pill purely because you wanted to drink at a bar party, you have been raped as a consumer.

If you have burned your little black dress because you thought it was too low or high-cut to wear anywhere anymore without tempt­ing men to rape you, you have been raped of your freedom of expression.

If you have ever had to speak to the clinic for the morning-after pill alone because you didn't know whether it was rape or how to tell your friends or family, you have been raped of your pride.

If you thought a husband, boyfriend or long-time sexual partner had a right to your body simply because you had slept with them before, you really have become a possession to him and

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Dhamidharka said that most pledges who aren’t able to join a fraternity immediately because of deferred rush aren’t upset about it because they expected it going into the recruitment period.

Although pledges are expecting the delay in recruitment, Dhamidharka said it’s unfortunate for freshmen because they’re just arriving at college and getting adjusted. It’s the time when they want to join a group of people.

For more information on fraternity and sorority rush, call Student Life at 756-2456. Applications for fraternity rush are available at the Women’s Center in the University Union.

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and planning analyst and co-chair of the Cultural Awareness Committee (CAC), co-sponsor of the contest.

Gail Simmons, administrative assistant for Agricultural Education and co-chair of CAC, said the CAC held a similar contest in 1998 to honor a professor who had died. Joyce Curry-Daily died in 1998 after serving 30 years as a statistics professor, Simmons said.

“We thought maybe we could bring this contest back because it was very popular,” she said.

Krupp said the CAC was looking for a way to bring the contest back and worked with the Centennial Committee for an avenue.

“This is an important issue,” Krupp said. “I think it’s something that would make you feel really good to share a picture you’ve taken or something you’ve created. It’s also a good opportunity to display work.”

Entries will be judged by a panel of three, said Craig Nelson, interim director of Cal Poly Fund.

Separate panels will be used for both the poster and photo contests and will be made up of a student and two staff or faculty members.

“They will be ranking the photos using their own criteria,” Nelson said. “They will be looking at the photo alone without the name of the entry.”

Photos will be on display in the Reserve Room of the Kennedy Library beginning Jan. 23, and winners will be announced at a reception Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. in the library.

The first place winners will receive $100, $50 for second place and $30 for third place.

For details and contest rules contact Gail Simmons at 756-2503 for the photo contest or Harvey Levenson at 756-6151 for the poster contest.

All entries are due by 5 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Academic Programs Office in building 1, room 317.

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"It was the game where you look at the score afterward and you hate to lose," Schneider said after a grudge match that saw 16 lead changes. "But it was an exciting game for everybody who played."

The Mustangs (5-7) travel to UC Riverside on Saturday for another non-conference game at 7 p.m.

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**Islanders outscore Cal Poly 19-14 in overtime**

By Brian Milne

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

The Mustang backcourt played a different type of basketball game Monday night.

The problem was, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi forward Michael Hicks didn't do it. Hicks, who smoked the Islanders for 40 points Nov. 26, scorched the Mustangs for a career-high 47 in the Islanders pulled off a 113-108 overtime win in front of a stunned crowd of 2,341 in Mott Gym.

"This is unbelievable," explained freshman shooting guard Jamail Scott after his team's fifth straight win. "The last four games have been to the wire. Somehow we have to pull this one out. We have to make some changes in practice or something."

Scott and senior point guard Warende Favors poured in 28 points each, as the tandem fooled out with four points apiece in the Mustangs' first loss of the year in Corpus Christi.

But Hicks got the better of Cal Poly 5-7 and 0-2 in the Big West Conference, draining 18 of 31 from the floor (58 percent) and 11 of 13 from the three-point line.

> Islanders forward Michael Hicks scored 47 points.

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Mustang center Chris Bjorklund was forced to watch the heroics from the sidelines after he was benched with about five minutes to go in the second half. Bjorklund, who had poured in 23 points and tied a career high with five threes, wouldn't return until 15:2 seconds left in regulation for defensive purposes.

Cal Poly head coach Jeff Schneider also sat the 6-foot-6-inch, 235-pound big man for the last 308 seconds of overtime, before inserting Bjorklund for freshman Vernice Dennis -- who fouled out with 1:15 left.

"It was a thing where Jamail was stepping up," Schneider said of his decision to bench Bjorklund during crunch time. "I wanted (Scott) to be the guy we went to at that time."

"I was wondering what was going on because I thought I was playing pretty well tonight," Bjorklund said. "Anytime you have to sit down is pretty devastating, especially if you're the senior team captain. But I'll fight through it."

"Scott and Favors picked up the slack in Bjorklund's absence."

Scott sent the game into overtime on a pair of free throws with 10.7 seconds remaining in regulation, and gave the Mustangs a 102-98 lead on a three-point play with 1:51 left in overtime. Favors grabbed seven boards and hit seven of 17 from beyond the arc. Both added five points in overtime.

But Hicks would have the last laugh, stripping Scott in front of the Mustang bench with 17 seconds to go, before putting the game out of reach.

"Both (Hicks) and Jamail were able to get the ball and both those guys made a lot of big plays," Schneider said. "I thought Warende made some good shots too, but Hicks was just consistently.

The Mustangs stayed with the Islanders (7-9) in the first half behind seven-10 shooting by Bjorklund.

**Intramural team signups begin today**

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Want to work off those extra holiday pounds? Sign up for winter intramural sports, begin today at 10 a.m. in the Rec Center and provide a way to do this.

"I play (intra­murals) because they help me get off my belly,"explained Destiny Doury, an agribusiness senior, who has participated in women's soccer for the last three years.

"I play football in fall, and soccer whenever I can since it is such good exercise. The level of competition in indoor soccer here is high, which I enjoy."

This quarter's intramural leagues include men's and women's five-on-five basketball and co-ed four-on-four basketball. For men's, women's and co-ed teams, four-on-four indoor soccer and six-on-six volleyball are also offered.

Tournaments will be held in whiffleball, table tennis, three-on-three soccer, and punt, pass and kick.

Destiny Doury, an agribusiness senior, has participated in intramural basketball for the last three years. She said she particularly enjoys playing on the women's team with her friends, since she felt she brought them closer.

"I also thought the co-re teams were fun, but they were frustrating at times," Doury said. "At first, the guys wouldn't pass the ball at all, but then when they realized that we were good and could actually play basketball, things changed. Guys on the co-ed teams need to realize that it is different than playing in the men's leagues. We totally had to prove ourselves every time, just because guys have stereotypes about girls in sports."

Students who already have a team formed should attend the Intramural Business meeting next Tuesday in the main gym at 7 p.m.

Those looking for a team to join should go to the free agents' meeting next Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the main gym.

While working out at the Rec Center freshman year, business senior Wiley Corcoran heard about intramural sports, and signed up to play.

"I have played intramural football every year since then because my friends have formed teams, so it was fun," Corcoran said. "But I also love playing basketball. I like to7on the court and take turns on the court."

There is a certain feeling you get when you outperform others in basketball. "It seems like something should go beautiful things for the ego," Corcoran said.

Intramural sports are available for all Cal Poly students, alumni, faculty and staff. Games are scheduled once a week for five weeks, plus playoffs. Each quarter more than 250 teams and 2,000 participants play intramurals. For each sport, players can choose which sports to play.

**Sports Trivia**

**Yesterday's Answer:**

George Blanda was the first player in NFL history to score 2,000 points.

**Congrats Ryan Miller!**

**Today's Question:**

Which NFL team drafted John Elway?

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