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By Sarah Doub
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

There would be no sipping Julian's coffee in the big fluffy chairs in the University Union, no buying books on campus, no reading this newspaper, no Cal Poly. All of this would be true if Julian McPhee had not been Cal Poly's president from 1933 to 1967.

Thursday was Cal Poly's History Day, and many former school officials and students reflected on the university's evolution. Former President Robert E. Kennedy and Carol McPhee Norton, daughter of President Julian McPhee, described many of the changes that took place during McPhee's era.

"Julian McPhee was the savior of Cal Poly," said Kennedy, Cal Poly's president from 1962 to 1979. "If he hadn't been president in 1933, Cal Poly would no longer exist."

During McPhee's tenure as president, Cal Poly developed from a small struggling junior college to a large college composed of seven schools.

In 1933, the legislature was close to shutting down Cal Poly, one of the reasons being that it cost too much to keep it. In the early spring of 1933, McPhee was asked by the legislature if he would be willing to take over.

"When the legislature asked how much funding would be required, McPhee came up with the figure of $75,000," Kennedy said. "Little did he know that the funding for 1932 was $150,000. The legislature moved quickly on the offer."

When McPhee and his family arrived in San Luis Obispo and moved into the president's house on campus, he learned what the previous year's budget had been. To survive, all salaries were cut in half, and much of the livestock was sold.

President of Cal Poly wasn't the only job McPhee had at the time. He was working half time as the chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Education. He was responsible for 10,000 Future Farmers of America, and served as the state director of Vocational Education.

"All of this meant that he didn't start dealing with Cal Poly's problems on a full-time basis until 1949," Kennedy said. "But the fact was, he was doing more half time than most people would have been doing full time."

McPhee loved his job, Kennedy said.

"I had contact with him for a regular basis for 26 years of my 39 years at Cal Poly," Kennedy said. "And I learned to appreciate not only his knowledge but his absolute dedication to his job." McPhee's

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By Raul Vasquez
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Occasionally Aaron Steed, co-owner of Meathead Movers in San Luis Obispo, would receive frantic calls from women in abusive situations.

"Steed could hear the fear and terror in the voices of these women who often didn't have anywhere to go and nowhere to store their belongings."

Since last August, Meathead Movers, working in conjunction with the San Luis Obispo County Women's Shelter, has provided free moving services to these women.

"We want to give women the chance to start their lives over," Steed said.

All services are coordinated through the county women's shelter. Meathead Movers, a full-service student moving company owned by Steed and his brother Evan, has been serving the community since 1996.

The company is staffed by Cal Poly and Cuesta College athletes.

"It's a great opportunity for Meathead, and I feel that it's important for us to improve our community," said Joe Hart, biology senior and Meathead employee. "It makes me feel great that we're able to help them."

During the course of Steed's conversations with his friends and other business people, the need for assisting women in these situations became clear. Several other area business people have taken Steed's lead and are also offering free services to these women.

Kim Conti, with Farrell A. Smyth Real Estate Company of San Luis Obispo, helps abused women locate housing. After being approached by Steed, she decided that helping these women was an excellent way to give back to the community.

"I try to help locate people who take section 8, because finding a house in this market is tough," Conti said. Section 8 is an assistance program for people with low incomes who can't afford to pay full rent.

Another local business that Steed inspired is College Auto in San Luis Obispo.

College Auto offers women a "pre-purchase evaluation" program, which helps them buy a car that will fit their needs.

"We're interested in empowering and educating women in these situations," said Kevin Bence of College Auto.

Many times the men have been in charge of taking care of the car, and College Auto offers several troubleshooting workshops. During these workshops, women are taught the basic skills of car maintenance.

"I thought it was a worthwhile venture," Bence said. "If I help someone in that situation, then it's worthwhile."

Other businesses that offer similar services to women are SLO Kickboxing, chiropractor Karen Hill and Trisha Phipps of TriQuest Financial.

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U.S. plane accidentally drops bombs on Kuwait practice range

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. Navy warplane mistakenly bombed soldiers during a training exercise Monday in Kuwait, killing five Americans and one New Zealander, Pentagon officials said.

The Navy E-2C Hawkeye was practicing "close air support" for ground troops at the U.S. bombing range, 45 miles northeast of Kuwait City, when it dropped explosive ordnance "on or near" an observation post, the U.S. Central Command said.

The command said in a statement that six were confirmed dead and live bombs on Kuwait practice range were in a "live" condition, and that all enlisted personnel were accounted for.

"It was a live bomb basically dropped on observers," he said. "It shouldn't happen and we all need to know precisely what went wrong."

The New Zealand government pressed for answers in the death of its soldier, acting Maj. John McNutt, 27.

"It's a tragic tragedy and ... we are now looking for an answer, detailed explanation as to how such a training exercise can go so terribly wrong," said Defence Minister Paul Swain.

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The New Zealand Army said it was killed immediately. A civilian official said there would not identify the dead and hurting Americans until their families were notified.

Two of the Americans killed were from the Army and two were from the Air Force, Defence officials said on condition of anonymity. Nothing more was known about the fifth U.S. soldier.

On Feb. 6, the submarine USS Greeneville struck a Japanese fishing vessel while surfaced off Hawaii, leaving nine dead, including four teenagers.

For hours after the accident the Pentagon made no official statement confirming the number of casualties.

Pentagon officials who discussed the matter only on condition of anonymity said initially that five people had been killed. They later passed the figures to a figure confirmed by the command in its statement.

The command said other military personnel hurt in the accident were treated at the scene. It did not say how many.

One Pentagon official said an estimated 50 people were injured. A second official said no civilians were involved.

President Bush, traveling in Panama City, Fla., opened a speech on his budget proposals and military spending with a brief mention of the accident.

"I'm reminded today of how dangerous our service can be," Bush said. "We lost some servicemen two years ago in Kuwait in a training accident. He led a moment of silence for the soldiers and their families.

Bush received regular updates, including one on the flight back to Washington from Panama, said Ari Fleischer, his spokesman.

A leading Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said: "We cannot take for granted the hazards that our men and women in uniform face on a daily basis in times of war as well as in times of peace."

The accident happened about 1 p.m. Monday in Kuwait, or 1 a.m. EST, about 28 miles from the Iraqi border. During a multinational training exercise in which ground forces direct strike aircraft to specific targets.

**News**

**Napster claims good faith efforts**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Napster Inc. and Sony Monday is doing its best to block all copyright songs that once flowed freely on the Internet's music-sharing service, including tunes by the heavy metal band Metallica.

But what about songs by "Metallica," "M&MC," or "Estatitique?"

Spelling tricks such as these have infuriated Napster's new screening technology. Nonetheless, Napster CEO Hank Boyr says his company is simply following the law as it tries to prevent a copyright infringement suit filed by the recording industry.

"The happy to see that I think Napster is complying with the injunction both in letter and in spirit," Boyr told reporters Monday in a conference call. But he downplayed the effectiveness of Napster's new screening tech­nology as a "work in progress.

Some songs are still slipping through the cracks, and other titles haven't been submitted by the recording industry in a format that Napster can easily block, Boyr said.

But as soon as the screening tech­nology started making a dent in online song trading, croaky Napster users began massaging font and song titles to circumvent the block.

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Five guys, a few computers and a dream

By Raul Vasquez
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Whether researching for a paper or downloading free music, the Internet can seem like a continuing and frustrating entity. Unwanted pop-up windows, three-hour-long download times, graphics that take forever to load—it's almost too much to bear.

Focusing on some of the problems of the Internet is PolyInteractive, a new Web consulting company formed by Cal Poly students and alumni in May 2000. The company is planning to focus on utility-driven Web sites, which emphasize easily accessible information. The company is in its beginning stages, and the five partners are putting a lot of sweat into their enterprise.

"It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to succeed in business and you should be prepared to work 60-hour workdays," said Chris Faryo, PolyInteractive vice president. PolyInteractive was formed by Erin Taylor, president and business senior, and Fargo after they met in May 2000. The business is planning to brainstorm some ideas about their enterprise. Unwanted pop-up windows, three-hour-long download times, graphics that take forever to load—it's almost too much to bear.

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Geared toward students, the classifieds are completely free to post or view. Sellers and buyers come from all over the Central Coast, which means there are more opportunities for both parties.

The response to the company has been very positive.

"People have been very excited that we're Cal Poly students, especially with the school's fine academic reputation," Fargo said.

A unique company built by students, PolyInteractive is on the cutting edge of technology, and has a personality different from other businesses of its kind.

"The difference between PolyInteractive and other Internet-based companies is that (we) address the exact needs of the customers without the unnecessary excess," Fargo said.

Internet long distance calls gaining popularity in colleges

By Jessamyn Go
WASHINGTON SQUARE NEWS

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK. Speech isn't always free—especially when you have to call long distance. Despite the myriad calling plans and offers, long-distance calls can still get pricey for college students on a budget. A not-so-new and under used technology may be the solution.

Free calls made from the computer via an Internet connection can be made to regular handlines in North America, thanks to services such as Dulpad.com and Net2Phone.com.

"It's free as long as you are calling the United States," said Noah Warren, a graduate student from the Department of Environmental Engineering at NYU's School of Medicine and a user of PC-to-phone calls.

The savings potential is what has and will prop VoIP into the mainstream. Net2Phone, which began operations in 1996, is already handling an average of 200,000 calls a day, and the two-year-old Dulpad.com already has 12 million registered users.

The ease of using the service is particularly appealing. Anybody can receive a call on a regular phone, and the only necessary equipment for placing calls is a computer and a headset. Both of these items can be purchased for as little as $10 in any computer or office-supply store. Computers with built-in microphones and speakers don't even need headsets.

According to Dulpad.com, approximately 95 percent of today's computers have the capacity to make Internet calls. "There is no cumbersome software or downloading equipment to contend with. It takes users just a few minutes to register, dial and begin talking with others," reported Digital.com (Frederick). Brad Garlinghouse, on the Web site.

Costs to the service include delays and unexpected line cutoffs.
Shallon Lester
Fox TV shows, I was just sad. What caught their eye in the first place? My ravishing beauty? My unattractive wit? Perhaps. But rather, I think that in me they saw freedom. An unattached, outgoing girl who watches "The Simpsons" and likes hockey? Come on! To them, I was just like one of the guys, only with better legs. Why couldn't I just accept a boy but never persuade him to stick around? Thus, I was confronted with the ancient question: Who do people cheat?

Many have said that it is purely biological. Men have a basic need "to replicate" and if you will, to as many women as possible. They produce more and thus ensure their immortality. So can female infidelity be explained? By the argument of instinct, the nurturing-security-craving feminine nature would only allow for cheating if the woman was truly desperate. Desperate is not a word that women like to hear. Depraved and immoral, yes, but desperate? Never! Rather, many have cited vengeance as their motive. "Spite sex" my friend Sam calls it. Depravation and malevolence seem opposite. To be depraved is to deprive of something indispensable like love, attention or sex. In failing relations, everyone realizes the person can't give you these things. So that aching need turns to resentment that manifests as skinny-dipping with a gay named Danny from the University of Kansas.

Which brings me to the phenomenon of cheating on vacation. I've dubbed this the "Narnia complex." Once you pass through the magic wardrobe of C. S. Lewis, words like "commitment" and "anniversary" melt away. Is the decision to cheat made by a person or a situation? An environment like a vacation plus a person with a quality your partner lacks equals trouble.

Overall, it's important to keep a few things in mind: If you're the cheater, you will be caught. Have we learned nothing from Shaggy? If your motive is revenge, the only person you're really hurting is yourself. He who does not trust enough will not be trusted. Third, if you're the mistress, know this: If they cheat with you, they'll cheat on you. So keep your head up and your eyes open, my darlings. Have a good spring break and if you run into Darts, tell him I say hello!

FS - Would you like to see my column more often? Let's heal the world and make cupcakes! Write me at sexanddolly@hotmail.com.

Shallon Lester is a speech communications sophomore.

Last Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the Ku Klux Klan to participate in the Missouri Adopt-A-Highway program in which volunteers pick up roadside trash and, in return, receive a sign recognizing their efforts.

The high court rejected without comment an appeal by the State of Missouri arguing that it could deny the Klan's application without violating the group's constitutional free-speech protections under the First Amendment.

Some critics of the case are saying the Supreme Court was wrong for allowing the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to join the highway program because it implies a message of state acceptance, and shows the Klan as a valuable member of society. These people are right.

The members of the Klan are not participating in the state-run program so they can all lend a helping hand in the highway cleanup program. They have alternative motives that are very apparent.

The portion of the highway that the Klan wants to adopt is a half-mile stretch on Interstate 55. This particular segment of highway just happens to be one of the routes that is used to bus black students to county schools as part of a court-ordered desegregation effort in the St. Louis area, a program that the Klan is opposed to.

What does it say to all the black children who have to go by the sign every time they go to school? It reminds them that there are people out there who hate them just because of the color of their skin. It's not right that a violent hate organization is being allowed to advertise on a public highway. The Klan only approves of Aryans, and everyone knows it.

The high court also rejected a separate U.S. Justice Department appeal arguing that the nation's civil rights laws would be violated by allowing the Klan to participate in a program run by a state agency that receives federal funding.

But, apparently the Supreme Court thought it was more important to protect the Klan's First Amendment right, because they supported the decision of the 8th U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals. The Court of Appeals said that the state of Missouri must allow the Klan to join the highway cleanup program, and that the state unconstitutionally rejected the Klan because of its views as a racial organization.

It's hard to believe that our Constitution allows groups like the KKK to voice their opinions of hate. Our world is filled with enough hate, and we don't need the Supreme Court helping racists promote violence. The Klan is clearly very violent. Throughout history, KKK members have been known for their atrocities toward blacks. It's not like they have only voiced their opinions of racial discrimination; they have actually participated in acts of extreme violence. The organization has hurt people both physically and mentally.

The Klan is not a valuable member of society. Its motives for adopting a piece of the highway are not altruistic in any way. KKK members just want to intimidate people, and it's immoral to allow them to promote their messages of hate.

The Klan should not be allowed to have a sign on the highway because it allows the group to be painted in a positive light. It's not an organization filled with do-gooders. The Klan is, and always will be, a hate group that should be condemned by society.

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Let's celebrate Chavez

Cesar Chavez died almost eight years ago. It has been more than 35 years since he set out on a historic nationwide campaign to gain labor rights for farm workers. His name has since become synonymous with his union, the United Farm Workers. But the labor leader who became a cultural hero through his quiet dedication to fighting for the rights of migrant workers is rarely mentioned in K-12 classrooms. Chavez was such a forceful personality that he remains difficult to forget, but his contributions to the farm workers' cause and his legacy in other areas of social justice are all too often casually dismissed.

Three years before Chavez died, he signed an agreement with the Mexican government, allowing Mexican farm workers in the United States to provide medical benefits to their families in Mexico.

Of course, Chavez did not grow up on Palmdale, one of the many homes of farm kids. Neither did he have the luxury of choosing to work in the fields, but Chavez had a contract to restrict the use of insecticides, permitting nesting of small birds in regular rows to minimize pesticide residue.

As a result, farm workers began to demand a living wage, the right to unionize, and better working conditions. This led to the formation of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and was the beginning of the farm workers' movement.

For example, in 1968, he began a march, rally, and boycott in the state of California, calling farmers to stop using pesticides that were toxic to farm workers.

He was also an advocate for the use of pesticides that were less harmful to the environment, such as those that were less toxic to birds and other wildlife.

Chavez's work as a leader of the UFW and his dedication to the cause of farm workers have left a lasting legacy. Although he passed away, the movement he inspired continues to fight for the rights of farm workers.

Let's make sure that his memory is not forgotten.

Let's celebrate Chavez.
Question:
Why can't Cal Poly students get the classes they need?

A. Because students do not know how to enroll.
B. Because faculty do not want to have students in their classes.
C. Because the University does not want the students to graduate.
D. None of the above.

Answer: D. Students cannot register for the classes they need because the CSU does not have enough faculty to offer those classes. From 1975/76 to 1988/89 the number of full time equivalent students enrolled in the CSU has increased by 16.8%, while the number of full time faculty has only increased by 6.8%. The Chancellor tells us that we don't have enough money in our budget to increase the number of faculty. But during that same period, the number of administrators has increased by 125%.

The California Faculty Association (CFA) is not only struggling to improve the future of our faculty, we are trying to improve the future of our university by promoting the funding of qualified teachers to teach the classes our students need, instead of increasing the class size.

Support the CFA for quality education and the future of our university.
University of Arizona. Harrick said, "These were quality wins. We beat five teams in the Top 25." Harrick and Letty Drozdell of Georgia State joined Eddie Sutton as non-Big Eight coaches to win the NCAA tournament, and they both went 25 games. Trumbull's explanation again can't be made without numbers, but was not received well.

"We did everything that we could do, and it was just a matter of taking NCAA at large bid was what we needed," said Trumbull coach John Boehm, whose Spurs went 23-6. "If we didn't win, we wouldn't win.

"We know that there will be playing with a lot of emotion," Southern Cal coach Pat Haden said. "It's hard to let ourselves get caught up in those emotions."

With Louisville failing to make the field as Demus' final cut, Arizona's Luke Olsen takes on the active coach with the most appearances at 23.

Jackson is a journalism freshman. E-mail him with comments at jacksonslc@calpoly.edu.

Do as a San Jose native, they are an local team, and we support them through thick and thin. It would be nice to see them on television occasionally, or at least read about them in the paper.

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FOOTBALL

Elliott said he knows there are better schools to go if student-athletes just want to play football. He doesn't think he was specifically interested in the sport, which is different from his experience at the Oregon State.

"As a coach here, you are more involved with the players, academic, emotionally, and try to influence time and objectives," Elliott said. In regards to the student-athlete environment, he thinks there are people anxious to see the team do well.

"It's a change and it's new," Elliott said. "I haven't sensed any apathy," Shepard said. "We're committed to throwing the football," Elliott said. "But we want to get the quarterback involved more in the Hindwire.

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**Ellerson plans to use option offense**

By Victoria Walsh

**Mustang Daily Contributor**

Unique.

Head football coach Rich Ellerson repeated this word over and over while discussing the status and the future of the Cal Poly football team and program.

"There is wisdom and strength to a new, unique approach," Ellerson said.

Having only been part of the Cal Poly coaching family for a short three months, Ellerson has already made some significant changes to the football program.

Ellerson was hired as head coach after former coach Larry Webb's contract was not renewed in December. His previous job was defensive coordinator at the University of Arizona.

Ellerson had a vision when he came to Cal Poly — he hired an almost entirely new football staff and recruited 18 new players.

"I knew exactly what I wanted, and the guys I got here fit that unique perception," he said.

Ellerson said there were four things he wanted his players to focus on to win. Play responsibly, play with great effort, create more turnovers and win the kicking game.

"Defensively, it's being aware of the football," Ellerson said. "Offensively, it's ball handling and decision making. Then, it's playing harder than your opponent."

One of the ongoing battles the players will have to face is proving to see FOOTBALL, page 7

**NCAA committee explains tournament point system**

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — NCAA selection committee chairman Mike Tranghese repeated the point system the committee used to select which teams advance to the NCAA tournament's 65-team field.

Their schedules simply weren't strong enough.

And Tranghese issued a warning to all schools that hope to qualify for future tournaments: play better opponents whenever possible.

"This committee and I guarantee you, future committees will put more emphasis on non-conference schedules," Tranghese said Sunday night, after the paintings were unveiled.

Tranghese repeatedly reiterated the point. He cited weak non-conference schedules as the reason teams such as Alabama and Richmond were kept out of the field, and Georgetown was seeded No. 10 in the West Region after entering the week ranked No. 18.

"I can tell you Georgetown got seeded as low as they did because of their non-conference schedule," Tranghese said. "I think what got Georgetown over the hump was that they went to Notre Dame late in the year and won. I think they had to win that game, and I think, they knew it.

Other teams, however, were rewarded for playing strong schedules. The most notable was Georgia, which became the fifth team, and first since Villanova in 1991, to be chosen as an at-large team with 14 losses.

They are the 11th team, and first since Texas in 1997, to be picked as an at-large with just 16 wins.

"When we looked at Georgia they were 16-14 and 9-7 in the No. 1 conference in the country," Tranghese said. "They played the toughest non-conference schedule in the country, and we just thought it would be unfair not to take that into account."

The Bulldogs were seeded eighth in the East Region, setting up a first-round game against another bubble team rewarded for its strong RPI ranking, Missouri.

But Georgia coach Jim Harrick thought his Bulldogs deserved a better seed.

"We beat Tennessee twice, we won," Ellerson said. "They beat us there to seal­ low.

I have a theory that the War­ riors are not actually being run by owner Chris Goban and General Manager Garry St. Jean, but by a brigade of runaway 200 animals. How she do you explain the horrific personnel decisions this organization has made in the past decade?

At one point this team had a start­ ting lineup of Tim Hardaway, Latrell Sprewell, Chris Mullin, Chris Webber and Ronny Seikaly, all in their primes.

The first four have all been to multiple all-star games, and although Seikaly hasn't, his wife is Sports Illustrated cover model Elsa Benner, and she

**Lakers’ media coverage is nauseating**

One thing I've despised since arriving at Cal Poly is the all-inclusiveness of local media to the Los Angeles Lakers. It's an overt act of jumping on the band­ wagon of the new team spaceship.

The Golden State Warriors, whose home is in Oakland, receive almost no newspaper coverage in The Tribune and they are only on television when they play the Lakers, yet the two teams are located nearly equal dis­ tances away from the Central Coast.

But I also was watching the Warriors take on the Lakers last week, an expla­ nation of this phenomenon was obvi­ ous.

The Lakers boast two of the game’s top five players in Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant. They also have a storied franchise with a great tradition of success, and claim many of the game’s greatest ever as their own: Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, George Mikan and Jerry West, to name a few. These are celebrity-packed home courts and the gorgeous Lakers Girls (with Paula Abdul and Megan Fox) have a great tradition, and the Lakers themselves have a great franchise.

The last time I turned on a Warriors home game, I had seen a bigger crowd at Danny's. The Warriors were anan­ ylized by the Clipper s, the laughter­ stock of professional sports for 20 years. This is tough for me and the other eight Warriors fans out there to swallow.

Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Michael Jordan, and, hopefully, get into sync quick."

"Right now, I'm just trying to get rhythm," he said. "If you notice, I'm a little jerky junky. My No. 1 priority is to try to find my rhythm and, hopefully, get into sync quick."

Mike Timlin and Steve Kline completed a four-hitter, each pitching two innings. Kline struck out the last four batters.

"Beware National League," McGwire said. "We've got a nice staff."

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