Ellerson's Game Plan
By Michelle Hatfield

Students of the past, present and future join to celebrate Cal Poly's history today and Friday with events including an all-university picnic and academic march.

The Founders Celebration is a reflection on Cal Poly's 100 years of existence.

"I think (the celebration) is more of a symbolic event to show the progress of the years," said Angie Hacker, Associated Students Inc. president. "It's good to see how far we've come. It's something visual."

A panelist discussion bringing together national leaders kicks off the celebration in the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. tonight. President of the California Institute of Technology and Nobel Prize winner David Baltimore is among the panel that will discuss the challenge of educating a diverse population for the economy increasingly based on science and technology. Other panelists include Cal Poly President Warren Baker, Rita Colwell, director of the National Science Foundation, Gary Bloom, CEO of Veritas, and Richard D'Mello, chief technology officer of Hewlett-Packard.

The celebration continues Friday morning with an academic procession from the PAC plaque to Dexter Lawn. Honored guests, Cal Poly alumni, faculty, student leaders and university administrators will march in traditional ceremonial caps, gowns and hoods. The march leaves at 9:45 a.m. and steers through the campus.

Hacker said there will be a lot of non-students visiting the campus Friday, but that the events are for everyone.

"A lot of big wigs and alumni are coming, but it's not just for the alumni, it's not just for the president," she said "It's for everybody."

Following the procession, a conversation meets on Dexter Lawn where Baltimore will give a keynote speech. After the speech, Baltimore, Colwell along with Dr. John Brooks Slaughter will receive honorary doctorates.

A university-wide picnic at the Sports Complex concludes the Founders Celebration. The picnic starts at noon and will feature free food, live music and games. Participants can play in a "mini-ball" tournament - an 1800s precursor to baseball - where players will wear vintage uniforms and follow all of the game's unusual rules. The game starts at 3 p.m.

Live entertainment will include a variety of music from alternative rock band Glider to punk rock band Army of Freshmen to jazz band Darrel Voss Quartet. The picnic will also feature a 100-foot cake in honor of Cal Poly's 100 years.

Hacker said the picnic has a lot to offer students.

"It'll be fun to get the students down there," she said. "It's something most students can appreciate. We haven't done a lot of activities there at the Sports Complex."

To maximize student involvement, classes have been canceled Friday. To commemorate the event, on-campus parking is free beginning at 5 p.m. tonight.

Because of the special occasion, Hacker said all students should attend the celebration.

"This is only going to happen once in our lives - we are one of the oldest CSU's," she said. "It's a good way to appreciate where Cal Poly is now."

CFA picket canceled

By Sonia Slutzki

The Cal Poly chapter of the California Faculty Association (CFA) reached an agreement with university officials Wednesday settling union complaints that certain terms and conditions were being violated. In exchange, the union agreed to cancel the picket planned for the Founders Day celebration Friday.

"It was a fair settlement for all parties," said Phil Ferret, a political science professor and head of Cal Poly's chapter of CFA.

The agreement affects only Cal Poly tenure professors. Ferret said, and it will allow faculty, in a few years, to receive full pay during summer quarters. In 1985, CFA members agreed to cut their salaries to 80 percent to alleviate the budget crunch of the 1980s. Ferret said it had also been agreed that once the budget increased, pay rates would go back to their original status. But in summer 2001, rates remained the same, in spite of a growing economy.

Other topics being disputed are salary disputes, tenure security, job security and faculty rights issues.

"The picketing related to a lot of items," Ferret said. "For the board agreed that since we made improvement in this issue we should tear picket." Ferret said that this agreement is only binding with the Cal Poly chapter of CFA. Other unions such as the California State Employees Association (CSEA), the Service Employees Trade Council (SETC) and the Academic Professionals of California (ATC), may still take part in Friday's picket.

At press time no further information was available.
Partisan politics resurface
WASHINGTON — Politics are returning to normal on Capitol Hill. In the midst of the nation surrounding the Sept. 11 tragedy, partisan politics were especially with the decrease in air travel since the tragedy. Though the administration is reluctant to approve a federal takeover of airport security, a more rigorous and federally operated training program for luggage screeners is being considered.

Poverty rate decline may end
WASHINGTON — Poverty rates fell to 11.3 percent last year, pushing record lows, but experts fear that lows may be revised in short order.

Last year offered the benefits of a growing economy, that brought new wealth to regions across the United States, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday. Poverty declined across racial groups and household types, causing numbers of U.S. residents living in poverty to decline by 1.1 million. While poverty rates pushed record lows, the median household income approached record highs at $42,148, just $39 shy of the 1999 record. In 1973, the record low in poverty level was set at 11.1 percent.

While the recent census report of the poverty rate tempts Americans to don a pair of rose-colored glasses, analysts caution that upbeat figures might reflect a golden era that has come to an end. Today's rising unemployment, declining consumer confidence and economic turmoil suggest that we may not experience such poverty declines in the near future.

Tornado damages Maryland
MARYLAND — A tornado tore through Prince George's County, Md., Monday leaving thousands of people without homes or power.

Nearly 2,000 people are without shelter for the near future as a result of the deadly tornado that damaged hundreds of buildings from College Park to Columbia. The tornado killed two sisters, both attending the University of Maryland. Authorities said that damage will be in the millions of dollars.

In Northern Virginia, 11,000 people lost power in the wake of a natural disaster and 5,700 people lost power in Maryland. Power is not expected to be returned to the areas until Friday.

Cruise passengers left in ports
FLORIDA — Renaissance Cruises abruptly ceased operations Tuesday, leaving an estimated 2,000 passengers in ports.

The Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based line had eight ships in Europe and the South Pacific, each capable of holding 684 passengers. Each of the ships was estimated to be between 50 percent and 60 percent capacity. Two yachts are also under the company's control, each capable of accommodating 114 passengers. The company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy status, which allows reorganization. Renaissance blames the recent drop in business on the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Renaissance said that it would make arrangements to get passengers home, but spokesman Brad Ball said he had no information on refunds.

A brief compiled from the Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service by Mustang Daily Staff Writer Whitney Kobrin from Mustang Daily wire services.

INTERNATIONAL BRIEFS
South Asia
Afghanistan — Pro-Taliban demonstrators torched the U.S. embassy in the capital city of Kabul, Afghanistan, yesterday during protests against possible U.S. military actions in the region. International media reported the demonstration as the largest of its kind since the terrorist attacks last Sept. 11.

No American officials were in the building during the fires, since the building had been vacant since 1989, but several protesters, most of whom were government officials and students, suffered minor injuries as the crowd torched the compound.

According to BBC News, a Kabul police chief told the French news agency AFP that 12 police officers had been injured during the riots.

"We did our best to avoid this but the number of demonstrators meant we could not," he said. "There were thousands of them.

Middle East
Israel — Violence ensued in the Middle East on Wednesday after leader's met to secure a cease-fire.

Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres declared a restoration in security cooperation and maximum efforts to sustain the current cease-fire.

A Palestinian man in his 20's was killed and at least five others were seriously injured in a confrontation with Israeli forces at Rafah just hours after the leaders met. Four tanks and a bulldozer pushed over the border near Rafah in a violent strip of land near Gaza's border with Egypt.

The continuing violence is making a mockery of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's insistence that no negotiations should take place without 48 hours of complete calm, said BBC Middle East analyst Roger Hardy.

The United States has been exerting pressure on both sides to neutralize their conflict, hoping to bring moderate Arab states on board in its anti-terrorism campaign.

Europe
Italy — Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi kicked up political earth Wednesday with "eccentric and dangerous" comments regarding the superiority of Western civilization.

During a visit to Germany, Berlusconi said the West guaranteed respect for human rights and religion, something he said did not exist in the Islamic world.

Critics of the comments claimed that the Italian leader was calling for conflict between civilizations, especially during a time when Western leaders have attempted to ease tension with the Islamic world and reassure it that the campaign against terrorism was not a fight against Islam in general.

Although Berlusconi's spokesman defended the remarks by claiming they were taken out of context, Communist party spokesman Attila Nicotta compared the leader to the prime suspect for the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington — Osama bin Laden.

"The billionaire (Osama) bin Laden and the billionaire Berlusconi are cut from the same anti-Communist cloth," he said. "They both represent fundamentalism — one of the markets, the other of religion."

Compiled by Mustang Daily Managing Editor Sonia Slutzki.
By Candy Buster
MONTANA RAPIN

(U-WIRE) MISSOULA, Mont. - Montana State University's Jesse Miller, Danuwy and Craig Hall were used to be smoker-friendly, but now the smokers are moving outside to puff.

"This year, for the first time, all dorms on campus are smoke-free," Miller said.

"Smokers are supposed to stand at least 25 feet from the buildings, but many people don't ignore this rule," Miller said. University of Montana Residence Life Director Ron Brunell.

"Our biggest challenge right now is to move smokers out of the building," Brunell said.

Several students in Jesse Hall said that most smokers do not follow the 25-foot rule.

"You can tell by the cig butts by the door," freshman Kimi McCarthy said.

Smoke Sheen Thompson and Amy Brugger said they rarely smoke 25 feet away from Jesse Hall.

"No one really follows that," Thompson said.

Resident assistant Tori Pavlock said that second-hand smoke is always wafting in the door toward the front desk, as well as into the second- and third-floor windows of the building.

"One non-smoker, thinks that people should have the freedom to smoke in dorm rooms, especially since many of Jesse Hall's residents are living on their own for the first time.

"I say you should be able to do whatever you want," McCarthy said.

McCarthy's roommate smokes, and she said that she would not move the second hand smoke. "I have a bunch of friends that smoke, so it doesn't bother me," she said.

Sophomore Tim Reel said the new rule will do more damage than good because new students will be introduced to second-hand smoke, as opposed to when people were just smoking in their rooms.

"When winter comes, they're not going 25 feet from the building; they're going to stand right outside the door because it's too cold," Reel said.

Wyatt Larson said he was angered when he found out that Jesse Hall residents couldn't smoke in their rooms this year. The rule is unacceptable, he said.

"If you want to get away from smoke, you can just not smoke in your own room," Larson said. "What you do in your own room is your own business."

Pavlock said she thinks the new rule is a good change. She said fewer residents have been-smoking marijuana this year, because they cannot hide the smell.

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News

Nutritionist blames weight gain on 'portion distortion'

By David Simon
THE DAILY CARDINAL

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. - You can super-size it, you can big-gie-it up, and 12-ounce sodas are not even the largest sodas on the market anymore.

The belly-busting sizes may seem like a bargain, but in the end, even with new low-fat substitutes, waistlines are expanding nationwide.

New products hit the market as often as one can make it to the grocery store, and often those new snacks are high in fat or calories. Unfortunately, this can add up to four or five servings of meat on top of eight or nine servings of grains.

"We're going from most people eating small portions to now we just expect more," Freitick said. "We eat more and expect more for our back, and we're getting it."

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"The whole term 'low-fat' gives people the idea that it is guilt-free, and so they are doubling and tripling the portions," said Liz Freitick, a nutritionist at the University of Wisconsin Health Services. "You're better off sometimes eating a 1-ounce bag of roasted nuts instead of eating two of them because of the calories and fat."

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Red Cross warns of Web fraud with donations

By Michaela Ulubari
THE ROUND UP

(U-WIRE) LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Sept. 11's terrorist attacks have millions of Americans donating money through the Internet and experts warn to be aware of Web sites that are not donating the proceeds to appropriate charities.

The American Red Cross and e-mail advocacy groups warned on Sept. 13 of online scams in soliciting donations for victims of the terrorist attacks.

This Pentagon, consumer groups and members of the public have reported receiving unsolicited e-mail messages which urge people to donate money to the Red Cross or to fund for victims of the attacks and their families. Some of these e-mails are being sent by people with a sincere desire to help and contain accurate information. Others, however, have tried to persuade people to leave valuable personal or financial data, such as credit card numbers, at Internet Web sites that do not belong to legitimate charitable organizations.

"People are looking to use this as an opportunity to profit," said Phil Zepeda, director of online media at the American Red Cross. "It's almost beyond comprehension. It's a further tragedy beyond what has already hap­pened."

Some reports indicated that telemarketers operating fraudulent "swapsites" or magazine-subscription schemes may be promising consumers that a portion of their money will be provided to the disaster recovery efforts, but do not.

The Department of Justice warned citizens to act cautiously before sending money or giving their credit card information or personal data, such as passwords or Social Security numbers, over the telephone or the Internet to people soliciting them for donations for disaster relief. Legitimate charitable causes do not need to telephone or e-mail to solicit donations for the victims, or to obtain passwords or Social Security numbers for your accounts.

The Department of Justice warned that many of these spammers are trying to steal money or credit card numbers, "Many of these spammers are trying to steal money or credit card numbers," ScamBusters warned on its Web site (www.scambusters.org). "If you receive a request to send money to a particular organization, and you do not know the organization, it is probably fraudulent. ScamBusters recommends that you do not respond to the organization."

Investigators said Internet fraud collection card companies millions of dollars every year, although it is hard to put a price on it since many victims, too embarrassed to admit they fell for a scam, do not contact authorities.

According to the Department of Justice, the time frame for anyone to falsify or fraudulently hold himself out as, or represent or pret­end himself or herself to be, a mem­ber of or an agent for the American National Red Cross for the purpose of soliciting, collecting, or receiving money or material, is a federal felony for anyone who engages in mail fraud, wire fraud or credit card fraud.

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U S C students learn to use personal setbacks as motivation to succeed

By Scott Martindale
EAGLE TRIM.

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - He grew up in a home with domestic vio­lence. His role model was his single mother. And he saw the 1960's Civil Rights Movement in Los Angeles.

Each of these experiences contributed to the independent attitude of Antonio Villaraigosa, former mort­al candidate of Los Angeles and the 63rd speaker of the California State Assembly.

Addressing a packed audience at University of Southern California's Bovard Auditorium on Tuesday evening, Villaraigosa used personal experiences and motivations to explain "how we become what we believe," the topic of a new lecture series sponsored by Spectrum and the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences.

"I saw my mother beater," Villaraigosa said. "I was a high school dropout. I'm not the model student, if you will."

But Villaraigosa, who grew up in the neighborhoods of East Los Angeles, viewed his underprivileged background and personal setbacks as motivators for success.

"You want to be the opposite of what you see," he said. "I had to be on my own. That self-sufficiency played a role in shaping who I am today."

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's empowered Villaraigosa, who is Latino, to fight for justice and equali­ty in any age.

"When you went to Alhambra or any of the bordering cities (of East Los Angeles) on your bike, you were stopped and told to go back home," Villaraigosa said. "Just like in the south, those experiences make you realize you had to change the world." Villaraigosa worked for decades in the political, civic, community and labor arenas. All the involvements forced him to maintain a positive attitude and not become disenchant­ed.

"You have to get over the injus­tion," he said. "You weren't born with a silver spoon and you have to work to achieve."

Villaraigosa encourages younger generations to be activists.

"The generation of young people have the opportunity, the technology, the wealth to really improve the qual­ity of life for more people," he said. "The most important thing you can do is to get involved, to roll up your sleeves and do things."

Jennifer Welsh, a professor of geography who moderated the lect­ures, described the speaker's per­sonal, optimistic outlook as "a new vision for the American dream."

Villaraigosa believes USC is ideal­ly positioned within Los Angeles, a city eagerly awaiting change.

"This university is within ques­tion one of the preeminent institu­tions in the world," he said. "And yet it is situated in a part of the city that is entirely left behind."

Although Villaraigosa describes Los Angeles as a city of "haves and have-nots," he sees the city as the prototypical urban center of the world.

"This is the most perfect place in my estimation," he said. "When you look at the country, it's the only place in the world where the son of an immigrant can become the speaker of the most powerful state legislature in this country."

"Los Angeles is the most diverse place in the world," he added. "It's what all the great cities of the world will look like in 75 years."

For this reason, Villaraigosa was inspired to run for mayor of Los Angeles earlier this year.

"People come here from every part of the world with the same hopes and dreams," he said. "If there was any­thing I did (during my campaign), I talked about bringing people to­gether."

Especially with the recession follow­ing the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Villaraigosa said it is more important than ever that America be brought together rather than divided.

This is a free country, a country of basic liberties," he said. "We have to be very sensitive and careful about what we do. To the extent that we're vigilant, we'll be OK."

Becoming Good Neighbors

One of the most exciting aspects of attending college is the opportunity to "live on your own." It is a first taste of freedom and the first chance to live independently from parents and family.

Exercising that freedom, however, carries a certain and unique responsibility for students residing in San Luis Obispo.

Our community is composed of a wide variety of people who have decided to live here because San Luis Obispo has much to offer, and its residents are proud of the community they have built over the years.

We ask students to practice good neighbor principles:

• Keep residences and yards presentable.
• Be mindful of noise — especially during late night and early morning hours.
• Be responsible for visitors' behavior.
• Restrict the number of roommates to the appropriate number for the residence's size.
• Be considerate of neighbors when it comes to parties.
• If alcohol is served, do it lawfully and in moderation.

We also ask you to reach out to your neighbors:
• Get to know those who live near you. The more you talk to your neighbors, the more you will find out.

• Communicating with those who live around you, your landlord, and others in the community will go a long way toward solving potential problems.

• Develop relationships that are mutually beneficial.
• Join the hundreds of Cal Poly students who actively make significant contributions to their neighborhoods through community service.

Better neighborhood relations are in everyone's interest, but they can only be realized if everyone, from the campus community to the community-at-large, works together. Please help to create an atmosphere of friendship, respect and trust in our community.
Letters to the editor

War can end vicious cycle of violence

Editor,

I'm kind of embarrassed by Ms. Adams' ("Military action would be immoral," Sept. 26) is something I'd expect from a college student. I'm from a nation almost adult supposed to be educating us by sharing her simplistic views.

People talk about justice, but they aren't willing to go all the way. So retaliation will just bring about more violent action against us. "Yeah, I believe it's called "enact," and in this case there are certainly no shades of gray. War is just the type of thing to end the "vicious cycle," unless we should just go about our business and

PSA statements have sentiments of Tolkien

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Stephen Metnulas is a mechanical engineering senior.

Take a lesson from a sweet old woman

Editor,

Like many Americans, I have thought long and hard about the unfortunate deaths of our fellow citizens. After all, the campus community meeting on Monday night, realized that all my emotions and thoughts are not unique. It seems that a lot of people agree with this sentiment.

The sad events that took place recently were the result of their government's wrong policies. Your government is perpetrating all sorts of atrocities.

The recent sad event in America was the result of these cruel policies and we meant to average this cruelness.

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Frank K. Higginbotham is a junior biology major.

Semester decision needs students' input

Editor,

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The vote on Monday was reported erroneously, but if the university continues to hold such polls and votes while leaving students out of the picture, then this is my opinion. If we were to go to a semester system, then we would have classes that spanned an extra few weeks, allowing a slower pace but requiring that stu-

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About 25 percent of the opinion pages are devoted to an opinion section. This means that, according to Gallup, only 6 percent of Americans support the "American people must know the truth about what is happening in the Middle East..."

They called the riots in Afghanistan a Global movement toward peace and justice, I cringed. When they complained about the movement set off by this tragedy, I was angered. When they stood to sound like the Taliban, I knew they were not sure if we were in war, but against America herself. Next time you choose to print shock tactics like this without providing supporting evidence, please try the paper first.

Stephen Metnulas is a mechanical engineering senior.
When fall quarter rolls around, the extensive hours of practice and preparation begin for Orchesis Dance Company. But unlike most other universities, Cal Poly lacks a dance major, proving that the members of this group do not simply dance for a degree. They dance because they love to.

"In Orchesis you get the type of people who dance because they love dancing, not because they are forced to be here because of curriculum requirements," said political science senior and Orchesis president Dana Campbell, one of six members of the company's executive board.

"If we had a dance major it's very possible that we would get a bigger pool of people, but not necessarily the people who really love it," she said.

Over the 30-year history of the company, which was founded in 1969 by Cal Poly dance teacher Moon Ja Minn Suhr at a time when dance was only a minor part of the university's physical education program, Orchesis dancers have consistently proven an unwavering devotion to their art. Last year, Orchesis placed in the top 10 at the American College Dance Festival (ACDF) in New Mexico among competing colleges such as Brigham Young University and UC Santa Barbara that actually offer a dance major.

Each year, the company's annual winter performance, for which they begin preparing the first week of fall quarter, draws more than 1,500 people to the Cal Poly Theatre. This year, the winter performance, entitled "Signatures in Dance," will feature various genres of dance including jazz, ballet, tap and modern.

"The performance is the best part about being a member of Orchesis, because we are exposed to a lot of professional choreographers who are excellent," Campbell said.

Company director Maria Junco explained that, although Orchesis members choreograph many dances for the winter performance themselves, each year the company also invites guest choreographers to construct pieces for the dancers.

Junco said that Bennison and Sayber Rawls, who are very well-known dancers in Hollywood, will choreograph the performance finale this year as they have in past years. Lisa Dero, of the Hoover Street Ballet and Los Angeles Chamber Ballet, will also return to choreograph as well as Cal Poly dance teacher Diana Stanton. Last year, it was the performance of Dero's ballet that earned Orchesis a top 10 performance at ACDF.

After being assistant director for 11 years, Junco, whose credits as a dancer include performing for the Momie Michiko Modern Ballet Company in Sendai, Japan, the San Francisco Lyric Opera and the Bridge Dinner Company in Mexico City, took over as director of Orchesis last year when Sube retired after the
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company's 10th anniversary.
Although the responsibilities of director entail an extensive time commitment, Junco said that the benefit of seeing students grow and reach their potential as artists definitely outweighs any drawbacks.

"Being a witness to the devotion of these students is a truly exciting journey to take," Junco said.

Maria Junco

Orchess director

"You don't have to be a dancer, minor and skill levels are fairly var-
ied," she said. "Just the experience of auditioning is worth it."

Smith added that the variety of men and women who audition for the com-
pany make for a friendly environment.

"In Orchesis there is a great atmo-
sphere among the girls," she said. "It's not like many dance studios where there may be a lot of competition between the individual dancers. Everyone wants what's best for the company as a whole."

While this Orchesis Dance Company is an ASI club, because it is also an academic organization (dancers must enroll in Dance 244S) it receives the majority of its funding through Instructionally Related Activities (IRA). However, this year Orchesis will receive substantially less money as the IRA begins to fund more and more activities. Smith said that the adverse effects of this decrease will most likely be felt for years to come. To combat the decline in funding, throughout the year Orchesis will be selling dance T-shirts for $11 to raise money for ACDF and the winter per-
fomance, which consists of six perfor-
mances over two weekends beginning Feb. 1.

Orchesis auditions took place this week. For further information about the dance company please visit orches-
is.calpoly.edu.

Clear Channel names 150 songs too sensitive to play on radio

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• "Rooster"
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• "Falling for the First Time"
• "Barenaked Ladies"
• "Sure Shot"
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• "Love is a Battleground"
• "Pat Benatar"
• "Rock the Casbah"
• "The Clash"
• "Traveler's Band"
• "Creedence Clearwater Revival"
• "The End"
• "The Doors"
• "Knockin' on Heaven's Door"
• "Bob Dylan"
• "Guns and Roses"
• "When You're Falling"
• "Peter Gabriel"
• "You Dropped the Bomb on Me"
• "The Gap Band"
• "Bennie & The Jets"
• "Daniel"
• "Rocket Man"
• "Elton John"
• "That'll Be The Day"
• "Buddy Holly and the
Crickets"
• "Catch Me Into Me"
• "Dave Matthews Band"
• "All songs by Rage Against the Machine"

"The Mousetrap" is "a clever who-done-it that is the longest-running play in theater history.

John Schlenker
director; The Mousetrap

and includes other genres of theater that complemented a particular ses-
son. Slowly the company began to add thrillers during Halloween (this is where The Mousetrap fits in) and started to perform "A Christmas Carol" annually in December.

Comedies of the 1920s and 30s have also become a frequent part of the Great American Melodrama's calendar.

"The comedies incorporate both song and dance, and that's usually what I look for when actors audition to become a part of the theater," Schlenker said. "I'm always looking for people who can do it all - act, dance and sing."

Although Schlenker travels to New York City, San Francisco and Los Angeles to audition actors for the Great American Melodrama, he said he loves to use local people when a particular play calls for more than the 10 actors that are a constant part of the theater.

"In my experience, I have found some wonderful vocalists in this area," Schlenker said. "I'll usually contract local actors for a fall, spring or summer season depending on how many roles are needed."

"The Mousetrap" opens tonight and plays through Nov. 11. Shows are presented Wednesday through Sundays with times varying. Tonight's premier will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are $13 and $10 with discounts for senior citizens, students and military.

For reservations or more information about the Great American Melodrama in Oceano, please call 489-2499.

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By Erica Tower
MUSTANG DAILY ARTS AND FEATURES EDITOR

"The Mousetrap" is "a clever who-done-it that is the longest-running play in theater history."

When producer John Schlenker created the Great American Melodrama in 1975, he had no idea that it would grow to be one of the longest-running and most successful theaters of the Central Coast. In fact, since its establishment some 26 years ago, the longest dark week, and a half.

Tonight, the twisted Agatha Christie murder-mystery "The Mousetrap" premiers at this veteran theater in Santa Maria. Once he came to the Central Coast, he im-

ited from front of the judges (the execu-
tive board and the director), who make the final decision.

When choosing a new dancer, the judges look for potential, because technique classes are offered through the week, Campbell said.

"Performance quality is also a big factor," she said. "If you don't have perfect technique, but are a beautiful dancer and we can't stop watching you, then of course, you'll be chosen."

Smith said that anyone can try out as long as they are a Cal Poly student or staff member in a one-day workshop and then per-
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arts...
Swing Club sponsors dance to aid disaster victims and families

By Leslie Edwards

The Cal Poly Swing Club is sponsoring "Swing Aid," its first dance of the year, to help the victims and families of the recent tragedies on the East Coast.

"All you have to do is show up," said Justin Wilcox, vice president of the club. "Swing dancing is great because it gets people, old and young, out together and having a good time."

"Swing Aid" will be held Saturday in Chumash Auditorium. Admission is $4 and lessons are free with admission. Beginning lessons are from 7 to 7:45 p.m. and intermediate lessons are from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. The dance will begin immediately following the instruction, and will last until 11:30 p.m.

"We just had this huge tragedy, so (the Swing Club) thought, why don't we hold a benefit to help these people?" Wilcox said. All proceeds from "Swing Aid" will be donated to the American Red Cross for their relief efforts in New York and Washington, D.C.

New officers for the Swing Club were recently elected, and they are making plans to revitalize the club's image. They put up posters around campus and will be involved in some off-campus events this year as well.

"We will join forces with the Salsa Club for some groovy activities this year," Wilcox said. The Swing Club is also planning field trips to visit other Swing Clubs in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Seattle, Austin, Phoenix and Denver.

One major event the Swing Club will take part in this year is the SLO Swing Ball, a night of dancing and competition among all swing dancers on the Central Coast.

This year the Swing Club plans to send many of its members to Austin, Texas, for the Austin Lindy Exchange, inspired by the dance the Lindy Hop. This style of dance is one of the most popular forms of swing and was named after Charles Lindbergh for his "hop" across the Atlantic Ocean, Wilcox said.

"An exchange is a weekend in which swing dancers of a particular city open up their homes to out-of-town swing dancers for a weekend of non-stop dancing festivities," Wilcox said.

He added that the Swing Club hopes to host an exchange in San Luis Obispo sometime this year.

Throughout the school year, the Swing Club offers free swing dance lessons on Monday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. building 5, room 225. All lessons are open to the public.

"There's no actual membership fee because everything's basically free," Wilcox said. However, dance passes can be purchased for $10, which entitles members to entry at all dances for the fall quarter.

For more information on swing dancing in San Luis Obispo, visit www.sloswing.com.

Singer-songwriter Anne Murray will perform in the Christopher Cohen Center at the Performing Arts Center on Sunday at 7 p.m. Her credits include four Grammy Awards, two American Music Awards, three Country Music Association awards.

Anne Murray is going on a concert tour that will return to Cal Poly after a three-year absence. "She is a gentle pop singer who comes with a flashy band, flashy stage show, and scenery," said Ralph Hoskins, director of Cal Poly Arts. Murray's career extends over three decades with 51 albums. Her popularity has garnered album sales over 50 million. Murray has numerous music awards — in addition to her four Grammys, she has also been awarded two American Music Awards, three Country Music Association Awards, and 11 Canadian Juno Awards.

Murray has enjoyed sold-out audiences at Carnegie Hall and Radio City Music Hall in New York, The Palladium in London, the O'Keefe (Hammingshead) in Toronto and the National Arts Centre in Ottawa. Her international acclaim has also led to many T.V. appearances and video specials.

Her show will be a combination of her greatest hits plus her newest CD, "What A Wonderful World." Murray's publicist Marlene Palmer said:

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Ralph Hoskins, Cal Poly Arts director

"You can work through emotions with music," she said. "Music very often is a wonderful catalyst — it's very soothing."

Palmer said many college students, whether they know it or not, may have grown up listening to Murray's music because of their parents or for her children's songs.

"Many students may come to the show because it's like a familiar friend," she said.

Palmer added that Murray also has a wonderful sense of humor that will reflect in her show.

"She tells stories or homes in on something someone will do in the crowd," she said.

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By Lauren Chase

Multi-Grammy-winning singer and songwriter Anne Murray will perform at the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Sunday.

The Vancouver Sun credited Murray with "...a warm voice with a timbre that invites you into song — without artifice — the audience loved her," according to a news release. Cal Poly Arts presents the Christmas Cohen Center concert as part of its 2001-02 subscription series.

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FutureTruck aims for better SUV gas mileage

By Karin Driesen

Mustang Daily Opinion Editor

Over the past few years, sport utility vehicles have slowly become a part of American culture. However, concerns about fuel efficiency and emissions make some people wary of SUVs. This year a group of Cal Poly students is participating in a national competition that aims to design SUVs compatible with the future.

FutureTruck, a four-year program with yearly competitions, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and several industry organizations and companies. This year, Ford Motor Company is providing the vehicles, mid-size Explorers, to the participating teams. Fifteen teams from universities across the country and Canada will spend the next several months designing their entries for the June 2002 competition.

This year, Cal Poly was the only university out of 22 to be chosen for a spot in the competition. After receiving an invitation to apply, students formed the Cal Poly FutureTruck, club last spring and wrote a proposal explaining their design and goals for their entry.

The club consists largely of mechanical engineering students, but various departments, including architecture, electrical engineering and environmental engineering, are involved.

Brian Dellaripa, a mechanical engineering senior and one of the team leaders, said the club is looking for more participants to help with different aspects of the project.

"A lot of this project isn't just building things," he said. "We have about 35 active participants currently and an interest list that's pretty large. The more we get, the more teams we have, the more concentrated we can get, and the better we can make the truck."

Dellaripa added that the club is looking for people in business-related majors for certain areas of the project.

"We pay for a $20,000 budget," he said. "There's a lot of fund-raising and marketing involved."

In addition to the Explorer, Ford is giving each team $10,000 to get started.

The project will take place mainly at Cal Poly facilities, such as engineering labs and machine shops, and may receive work space from local repair shop College Auto.

Cal Poly FutureTruck will renovate its vehicle with a serious hybrid system. Ryan Hoost, club president and mechanical engineering senior, said this is different from most of the hybrid cars on the road, which are parallel hybrids. The series hybrid uses a home-grown gas combustion engine (HECC) internal combustion engine, which will be converted from a 1.9-liter Volkswagen turbo-diesel engine, with a generator to give power to an electric motor. In a parallel hybrid, the engine and electric motor together give power to the car.

The vehicle will be designed to have increased fuel economy. It will use a lightweight body, a removable battery pack, which is expected to help lower green house-gas emissions by two-thirds.

While accomplishing all these goals, the team intends to maintain customer satisfaction in performance, safety and affordability.

"From the outside you probably won't be able to notice that it's different," Hoost said. "Once you pop the hood, that's when you'll see all the difference."

All of these things will be tested at the competition June 11-21. Event categories such as safety inspection, off-road, fuel economy, acceleration, and an oral presentation will take place at Ford's Proving Grounds in Yucca, Ariz., the California Air Resources Board in El Monte, Calif., and the California Motor Speedway in Fontana, Calif. The first place winner receives $6,000 at an awards ceremony in Los Angeles.

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L.A. claims title as smuggest metropolitan region

LOS ANGELES TIMES STAFF

(Los Angeles Times-Washington Post Wire) LOS ANGELES — What the smog gods give they take away, and this year appears they will take away the air pollution crown from Houston and return it to Los Angeles.

As the summer ozone season sets in, it leaves behind more polluted days in the four-county Los Angeles region this year than in the eight-county Houston area.

That means that the distinction of being the nation's smoggiest metropolitan region, which Houston usurped two years ago, falls again to Los Angeles, although most of the smoggy air in this area occurs in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

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Richard DeMillo - Chief Technology Officer, Hewlett-Packard
Rita Colwell - Director, National Science Foundation
John Brooks Slaughter - President and Chief Executive Officer, Cal Poly

Friday, September 28, 2001
9:45 a.m. Academic Procession, Christopher Cohan Center to Dexter Lawn. Honored guests, including representatives of colleges and universities across the country, and Cal Poly alumni representing their classes will join faculty, student leaders, university officials, pipers and drummers for an academic procession in full academic regalia.

10:30 a.m. Founders Convocation, Dexter Lawn. Hear the Keynote Address by Nobel Prize Winner David Baltimore, President, California Institute of Technology, and music by the Cal Poly University Singers.

12:00 p.m. All-University Picnic, Sports Complex. Cal Poly students, faculty and staff are invited for an afternoon full of fun, picnic fare, desserts, live music, games, student contests, a Townball tournament and more.

News
Senate unanimously agrees to military construction bill
By Nick Anderson

LOS ANGELES TIMES

(Washington Post Wire) WASHINGTON — In a prelude to a torrent of military funding to come, the Senate unanimously agreed Wednesday to spend $10.5 billion in the coming year on construction projects for the armed services, including upgraded barracks and family housing.

The Senate action followed unanimous approval of similar legislation in the House last week. Both bills raise by 17 percent the amount appropriated for military construction in fiscal year 2001, which ends Sunday. Both also exceed by 5 percent what President Bush had requested months ago.

The two versions, which have only minor differences, must be reconciled by a House-Senate conference before being sent to the White House for the president's signature.

While stable, the new appropriations had largely been decided before the nation began mobilizing for a war on terrorism in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who heads the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on military construction, said the amount approved "barely scratches the surface" of what will be needed.

Aside $1.2 billion for building or refurbishing barracks — up 72 percent from fiscal 2001 — and at least $199 million on medical facilities.

The Senate action followed unanimous approval for the current fiscal year, is also expected to increase substantial-ly in coming weeks and months as the Bush administration assesses new defense needs and requests more money.

In addition, the Pentagon is in line for a substantial — though yet undetermined — share of a $40 billion emergency-spending package that Congress approved within days of the terrorist attacks. On Friday, the White House announced that the military would receive about half, or $2.5 billion, of the first $5.1 billion to be spent.

With the scope and duration of the anti-terrorism campaign still unknown and U.S. forces now massing in the Middle East, no one can yet be sure how much money will be spent on the military in the coming year and beyond. But it seems clear that the amount will go up, way up.

Christopher Helmman, a senior analyst at the Center for Defense Information in Washington, guessed that military spending in fiscal 2002 could rise to $375 billion.

"And that's just back of the envelope," he said, "You could be looking at more than that.

Johnasso of the Council for a Livable World, an advocate in Washington for arms control and nuclear disarmament, said: "I don't think anyone will stand in the way of a large increase in the military."

That was the case with the military construction legislation — approved 97-0 in the Senate and 461-0 in the House. The legislation would set aside $1.2 billion for building or refurbishing barracks — up 72 percent from fiscal 2001 — and $4.1 billion for housing the families of military personnel, an increase of 13 percent. In addition, at least $13 million would be spent on child-care centers and at least $199 million on medical facilities.
Media cut back on world coverage, leaving Americans in the dark

Coverage of international news by the U.S. media has declined significantly in recent years in response to corporate demands for stronger profits and an increasingly fragmented audience.

By David Shaw

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Los Angeles Times — Washington Post Wire — LOS ANGELES — Conventional wisdom and conventional media lore has held that there was nothing to worry about. But a number of prominent journalists say that the world was becoming an uncertain and confusing place, and that the media were not prepared to cover it. This is why they do bear some responsibility," said Martin Baron, editor of The Boston Globe.

Jim Kelly, managing editor of Time magazine, said even "relatively sophisticated Americans could be forgiven for thinking that the world was becoming more like us. After all, how many stories have we read in recent years that led to another McDonald's opening in China? But much of the world was becoming as North America, is that there were 282 correspondents overseas." And The Dallas Morning News has done that in Mexico, for example, and The Mercury News in San Jose, has done it in Vietnam.

Peter Arnett, a longtime foreign correspondent for CNN, Associated Press, wrote in 1998: "For the average citizen of the United States, there is no international news available anywhere unless there is a major crisis. ... Individual papers that have cut back on foreign news have virtually jettisoned all serious international content. The average reader only sees two or three stories on front-page foreign news in a week — virtually give it up."

A 1998 study by the University of California, San Diego, found that only 2 percent of total newspaper coverage focused on international news, a drop from 10 percent in 1985. A year later, in a study of mainstream dailies conducted for the American Journalism Review, Carl Sessions Stepp found that the percentage of front-page foreign stories declined from 22 percent in the 1980s to 5 percent in the 1990s.

The amount of time network television devoted to international news declined in 1997 from 45 percent of total coverage in the 1970s to 13.5 percent in 1995, according to a 1997 study by the University of Virginia.

The amount of time network television devoted to international news has declined still further in recent years, said Dan Rather, anchor for the "CBS Evening News," in a speech at Brown University last spring that the total had fallen still further — to 6 percent — this year.

The Torsdall Report, which maintains a quantitative analysis of network newscasts, analyzed ABC, CBS, and NBC's combined total of 1,382 minutes of news from their foreign bureaus last year. The report found that the total had fallen still further — to 6 percent — this year.

The "sad irony is that we've identified globalization as one of the dominant issues in the world today, and yet one of the first things many editors cut back on is foreign news," said Stuart Wilk, managing editor of The Dallas Times Herald. "We are the only source for all required and recommended textbooks. GET the books when you need them. Reserve or buy your texts online.

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Sited on a hillside near the entrance to Poly Canyon, a 200-unit apartment-style complex will house 900 students. Apartments offer the university greater flexibility to meet the various needs of students. This is the first student housing project to be built at Cal Poly in more than 25 years.

Engineering III
Completion date: December 2002

Nearly 38,000 square feet will house facilities for Aerospace, Civil and Environmental, Materials, and Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering departments. Engineering III is under construction next to the Advanced Technology Laboratories.

Telecommunications Infrastructure
Start date: December 2001

Telecommunications in all state-owned buildings will be upgraded over a two-year period.

Building Permit Process

Campus construction projects (large and small) must be submitted to Facilities Planning for permitting. The building permit process formalizes all project planning and code compliance reviews. An application and detailed information is available on the Facilities Planning web site.

Construction Site Visit Policy

This is an exciting time on campus and we at Facilities Planning would like to accommodate requests for construction-related site visits. Please review our policy on the Facilities Planning web site.
Muscle Daily

Thursday, September 27, 2001

UCLA study looks into whether laughter is the best medicine

DAILY TRAIN STAFF
(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES —
Laughter is known as an audible sound of joy, but it may also be a useful tool of pain management, according to an ongoing study at University of California-Los Angeles' Johnson Cancer Center.

The Johnson Cancer Center's Laughter Study focuses on the effects of laughter on sick children, using subjective and objective data in responses to stress and pain.

The objective information includes measurements of heart rate, blood pressure, duration of pain tolerance and saliva cortisol levels. The body releases cortisol and epinephrine hormones in response to stressful situations, according to the research.

The body's stress response may adversely affect the immune system, therefore changing the healing process and depressing the body's natural defenses.

According to previous research, however, humor has had the opposite effect.

UCLA's study began when Sherry Hilber, a former TV executive, collaborated with researchers at UCLA. She solicited funds for the study from relatives of great comedians such as Charlie Chaplin, Henny Youngman and Louis Costello.

"We're just finishing the pilots right now and the studies will follow," said Dr. Margaret Sabin, professor of psychiatry at UCLA.

If the results show effective relief from pain, hospitals around the country may implement programs that incorporate humor and laughter in the treatment of pain. Some procedures and chronic or long-term illnesses.

Several studies in pain management have shown that humor has positive results in suppressing pain. Other well-documented treatments of pain management, such as music therapy, recreational therapy and distraction methods, are already used, thanks to well-documented studies that prove the efficacy of such treatments.

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"Distraction between duration for acute, or immediate, pain relief and humor is also being explored. One example is directing a young child while he is receiving a shot. Most likely, the child will experience less pain due to the distraction. It is still unclear if a child suffering from a chronic illness like cancer would feel the same type of relief from humor and laughter.

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U.S. News has a well-known journalist and a Pulitzer Prize winner who suffered from a joint disease, often credited with a form of laughter as a way to conquer pain, said Dr. Marilyn Jordan-March, associate professor and associate chair of Nursing at the University of Southern California.

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The last time the teams had a place they could call home here on campus was in 1999. The last two seasons they have been without a home court, making trips out to the Arvida Bay Country Club and matches and practices. The women have begun fall practices at Cuesta and the men at Sinzheimer.

“I’m very excited about getting our teams back on campus,” said Athletic Director John McCutcheon. “This will have a very positive effect on recruiting.”

Beam echoed McCutcheon’s sentiment.

“We’re the only Division I program in the nation that doesn’t have it’s own courts on campus,” Beam said. “Obviously, that’s had an effect on recruiting.”

“The guys are really excited because they will be playing in front of friends and will have easier access to the courts, which will be a big help,” Beam said. “In the past year, we have had to make tremendous sacrifices to make the team successful.”

He added that being off campus has made it much less convenient for players to get taped and iced before and after practices and games.

Beam said he hopes to have the courts ready for play by Nov. 16 for the Cal Poly Invitational Tournament, allowing the team an opportunity to bring the trophy home — literally.