Bracing for budget cuts

Cal Poly prepares for possible 10 percent trims by state

By Stephen Curran
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A report to the California State University Board of Trustees confirmed what many educators had long feared—that the state's slowing economy could hit the university system in the pocketbook. At a Sept. 26 board meeting, trustees were told to prepare for permanent budget reductions up to 12 percent, although pressures on university services have been increasing in past years. However, no formal recommendations have been made.

"It's pretty obvious that the state is running into revenue problems," said Rick Ramsey, associate vice president for finance at Cal Poly. Even though the 2002-03 budget has not yet been approved, Gov. Gray Davis has asked state agencies to prepare plans for budget reduction, said Jim Foreman, principal budget analyst for higher education for the state of California.

"The governor has already said it's see BUDGET, page 7

Does Cal Poly want its ASI?

Referendum seeks approval of increase in ASI fees

By Whitney Kobrin
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Students will decide how much they want their ASI when they vote on a proposed fee referendum that will raise ASI fees.

Voting on a new fee referendum to increase Associated Students Inc. fees will take place on the Cal Poly campus on Nov. 14 and 15. The proposed fee increase would be the first ASI requested increase in more than 10 years.

"The need for a fee increase is the result of 31 years of inflation and the desire to enhance and expand current ASI programs, services and student representation," said Angie Hacker, ASI president, in a Sept. 20 release.

If the referendum is passed, ASI fees would not be increased until fall quarter 2002.

"Although the ASI fee increase would not go into effect until fall quarter 2002, students would see ASI begin to take steps necessary to improve its services and programs as early as December 2001," said Chris Madson, chair of the ASI Board Directors.

The Cal Poly ASI fee at its current cost places the university at No. 14 out of 22 California State University campuses that maintain ASI fees, Madson said. If the fee increase comes into effect, it will place Cal Poly at fourth. If the fees are not increased, Madson predicts that ASI may have to end some of its programs and services in the future, as ASI reserve levels are currently approaching their minimum.

"I think ASI is due to receive more funds," said Lainy Bettencourt, animal science junior.

"The fact that the school has been growing over the past 31 years makes it hard to understand how ASI has been able to continue operation without increasing funds," Bettencourt said. "Instead of continuing to charge us more, who doesn't administration re-evaluate how they are distributing funds?" Bettencourt asked.

When the ASI fee was first adopted in 1964, the fees were used for ASI Program fees, Children's Center fees, Athletic Scholarship fees and Student Community Services fees. The fee increase that ASI has requested will benefit ASI events, Poly Escapes, Club Services and student government. At present, ASI collects fees of $95 per year (including summer quarter), but the fee increase would provide an additional $65 per year to offer activities and support for student programs.

"I think the fee referendum is important because Cal Poly is a unique campus and it excels in every way, but we haven't developed an extensive student life program yet and the referendum would allow us to do so," Madson said.

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Fraternity survives in wake of suspension

Sigma Chi goes on with life as usual during rush week

By Malia Spencer
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"Life after death"—or at least life after Cal Poly. This mantra is being proudly displayed by members of the Sigma Chi fraternity on T-shirts seen around campus.

After being suspended from campus for 25 years, the men of Sigma Chi decided to continue their organization removed from Cal Poly and Cal Poly's Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC).

"We have done nothing wrong," said Sigma Chi President Joel Edwards. "It was a house decision to stick together and continue operations."

In spring 2000, four members of Sigma Chi were charged with nine counts of hazing and one count of furnishing alcohol to a minor by the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney. The charges against two members were dropped and all of the hazing charges were dropped when the district attorney learned that the student who filed the charges lied to police about the incidences that occurred.

However, Cal Poly Judicial Affairs still suspended the fraternity, citing that sufficient evidence was found that hazing and underage drinking had occurred.

As a provision of the fraternity's suspension, it is no longer recognized by IFC. Sigma Chi, therefore, is unable to participate in university-sponsored events, such as rush week, homecoming and intramural sports, said Interim IFC Advisor Ken Burgin.

However, the 17 current members of Sigma Chi who have been holding their own rush week. Through word of


Database to monitor foreign students gets start

By Sabine Eckle

ROTC

The Ranger Challenge is an annual event that is held at Fort Hunter-Liggett in Monterey County. All the University ROTC's from California, Nevada, Arizona and Utah compete in the event. Each of the 20 universities provides a team of 10 cadets, who engage in a two-day competition that is based on eight events: marksmanship, physical fitness, navigation, a rope bridge, a 10-mile road march with full gear and ruck sack, and a timed obstacle course are the events. Last year, Gritzke and the rest of the student's decision to come to BU is not likely," Leonard said.

While Leonard said he acknowledged the U.S. government's right to know what and where students are studying, he also highlighted some of the program's disadvantages.

"It's unfortunate, because it represents an impediment for international students. It raises the barriers for them to come to this country to study when we should be doing it to lower them," said Maj. Paul Edwards, director of the International Students and Scholars Office.

"BU will probably be among the last schools to implement the database," Leonard said. 

Expected to be nationwide by the end of 2003, Congress has provided initial funding for the program, which will be supported by a $95 registration fee collected from individuals applying for student visas.

The database contains the same information that international students are required to provide to INS Form l-20, including name and address, nationality, place of birth, and degree program, date of enrollment and academic status.

Leonard, who recently attended a conference in Charlotte, N.C., on the new technology, does not expect the implementation of SEVIS to affect research programs and academic life at BU. 

"BU is a private school and the chances of an additional $95 fee people notice it," he said.

According to Leonard, BU and other schools with large international enrollments have been deliberately excluded from the test group of schools because the technology cannot yet handle the volumes of information.

More than half a million foreign students enter the U.S. on student visas each year, according to government reports. Until 1998, BU had the largest number of international students in the country, a title since usurped by New York University and the State University at Stony Brook.

"The most wonderful place on Earth"

Sigma Chi

Asi Student Directory

Each year the Associated Students, Inc., produces a Student Directory which is made available to all students faculty and staff at Cal Poly. The ASI Student Directory provides a listing for all students attending Cal Poly. This listing includes Name, Phone, E-Mail Address, Major and Class Level for each student on campus. Anyone who does not wish to have their personal information included in BU last fall failed according to Leonard, but this year's number is expected to be slightly lower. The Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 authorized the creation of the database and includes a provision that schools also include information on any disciplinary action taken against students who have been convicted of a crime.

The act was adopted after lawmakers learned that one of the men who drove a truck full of explosives under the World Trade Center in 1993 entered the U.S. on a student visa to study engineering at Wichita State University. 

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By Susan Okie
THE WASHINGTON POST

There is no reliable evidence that having regular mammograms reduces the risk of dying of breast cancer in women of any age, according to Dartmouth researchers who performed a new analysis of all the major studies that have addressed the issue.

This surprising conclusion by members of the Cochrane Collaboration, a respected international body that assesses medical evidence, contradicts the intense disagreement, researchers said, even in favorable studies, whether deaths of some study participants were caused by breast cancer or by other diseases.

The two most scientifically sound studies, which the authors called "medium-quality, found no reduction in breast cancer deaths among women who had mammograms," said Francis LeBlanc.

One reason there has been such intense disagreement, researchers said, is that even in favorable studies, the benefit of mammograms in reducing cancer deaths appears modest, at 8% and passed through Miami, Florida, on its way to Africa.

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This primary infection period is critical: For up to 3 weeks, the immune system has not yet made anti-bodies and virus levels are high in the bloodstream. Also during this stage, high amounts of the virus are shed into the genital tract, making the stage a highly infectious one.

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This does not explain why the weapons in the banks are no longer in use are not enough to satisfy the Protestants. The problem is that the banks have already started to close down. The IRA has not used its guns since 1997. The IRA received most of its weapons from the arms dealers and arms from the West. While some of its weapons were destroyed, others were still in the hands of the IRA.

To open Nov. 19.

A third dubious letter was sent to a family in the town of Nyeri. Governments around the world are now heightening anti-terrorist defenses.

Studies for HIV do not work during this primary infection period because as the virus is highly transmissible very soon after an infected person's first exposure, the immune system has not had time to produce antibodies against the virus.

The benefits and risks of mammograms have been passionate debated among doctors and patients for years. Scientists are puzzled that some studies found a reduction in breast cancer deaths among women who had mammograms and studies have also found that mammograms have been positive for anthrax. It was mailed from Atlanta on Sept. 8 and passed through Miami, Florida, on its way to Africa.

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Above, from left to right, 'Bandits'stars Billy Bob Thornton, Cate Blanchett and Bruce Willis plan a bank robbery in order to start their own resort in Mexico. Right, robbers Thornton and Willis disguise themselves in order to carry out their plan. 'Bandits' made $13 million in its opening weekend.

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With the slip-and-slide personalities of the characters, it's hard to understand what they are thinking in any given scene. As individual actors, Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton and Cate Blanchett provide beautiful performances, just don't plan on leaving the theater with a new perspective on life. Willis plays a suave thief who is polite to a fault, but has a quick temper when pushed too far. Thornton is a nerdy crook who has an obsession with his health, which fluctuates according to what other characters convince him he might have. Heh and Blanchett, with her character's compulsive self-deprecating humor and the ease with which she warming to Willis and Thornton, and it spells trouble. The actors play off each other beautifully and that is the only saving grace for the film. By the end of the film you actually begin to feel something for the characters.

Its entertainment value is as deep as the plotline with one situation leading straight to another. Don't go into "Bandits" expecting to be falling over in the aisles laughing, and don't go into it expecting to be gripping the edge of your seat, either. There is enough humor in the movie to break up the long stretches between action, but not enough to make the movie a comedy. The storyline straddles the road between romantic and action; when the actors aren't robbing banks, they are chasing after one another. There is also a bit of stealing in the body of the plot. The motive for the bank robbing is to start a resort in Mexico. I was instantly reminded of "Shawshank," it is never revealed why Willis and Thornton were in jail to begin with. Despite the slip-and-slide personalities of the characters, it's hard to understand what they are thinking in any given scene.

As a whole, the movie left something to be desired. Perhaps if it had focused on one genre of film it would have been stronger. Also, there was very little back plot to show the motives for any of the characters, other than the blatantly obvious. It did have enough twists and turns to keep the audience's interest, though.

There are a few surprises in the film, but there are enough blatant clues that anyone can figure out what will take place next before it happens. I don't think this film is worth seeing unless you are a big fan of the actors or are looking for a cheap way to rest your mind.

The owner of Socal Cinemas sits on cannot be bought, but decidewd to walk away from it along with many other theaters during a bankruptcy, said Jeff Harrington, manager of the Fremont Theatre and Mission Cinemas for the past six years.

"This location didn't work into Edwards multi-gate plan," Harrington said. "The theater has always been profitable, but why pay attention to San Luis Obispo when you can pay attention to somewhere like Fresno which makes $4 (million) or $5 million a year." Harrington said.

According to the Associated Press, Real Cinemas, which owned Edwards Cinemas, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy as a result of a shift in ownership to a group led by Denver billionaire Philip Anschuetz. According to the Associated Press, filing for bankruptcy was the best way for the company to reconstruct its debt.

Because the lease for the Fremont Theatre and Mission Cinemas is still undergoing negotiations, the only change taking place so far is that a student discounted price of $6.50 is now offered by the theaters.

Besides the new student discount, once the negotiations are complete, the Fremont Theatre and Mission Cinemas will undergo small cosmetic changes, Harrington said. Such improvements will include new carpeting and paint. Everything else will stay close to the same. Harrington said. Operationally, nothing will change at the Fremont, including employment.

Buster Freeman, an employee of Fremont Theatre for the past two years, said the only changes he's seen at the Fremont Theatre and Mission Cinemas are better movies.

Since the property that the Fremont Theatre and Mission Cinemas sits on cannot be bought, the only thing in negotiation is how much the monthly lease of the buildings will cost.

Harrington said Socal Cinemas is looking to lease the Fremont Theatre and Mission Cinemas and Downtown Theater combine into one 11-screen theater. This would be unlike the past when there was competition between the seven screens of the Downtown Cinema and the four screens of the Fremont Theatre and Mission Cinemas.

Student discounts come to Fremont Theatre

By Lacie Grinshaw
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

When students go to the movies, they're usually looking for the best deal. At least, that's what psychology freshman Tiffany Erps looks for. When she wants to see a movie, she'll usually go to the Fremont Theater and Mission Cinemas is still undergoing negotiations, the only change taking place so far is that a student discounted price of $6.50 is now offered by the theaters.
LOS ANGELES — When watching a film crafted by writer-director Richard Linklater, such as the pleasantly rambling cinematic chain letter "Slacker" or the subly obfuscatory last night of high-school comedic odyssey "Dazed and Confused," one can see the debt balance the filmmaker strikes between life-like spontaneity and meticulously devised order.

"I kind of like the confines of a structure," Linklater said. He went on to describe how he is able to "really come loose within those confines. I think we're going to impose a genre, and it's a structure, but within that, you can really do anything."

A fitting statement, since Linklater's newest work, "Waking Life," which opens Friday in limited release, is about the freedom to do anything, specifically when one's mind separates itself from the material universe to enter into an anything-goes dream state.

Linklater observed that the narrative of "Waking Life," shaped around a series of conversations a drifter (Wiley Wiggins) trapped in a dream state, closely resembles the "digestive linearity" of "Slacker."

"In 'Slacker,' I was thinking how your mind goes through a day, and in 'Waking Life,' I think how your mind might operate in another realm of consciousness," he said. "I think it's my own challenge to try and tell a movie that doesn't sound like a movie, doesn't work on paper as a movie, but that is close to how we think, or how time unrolls, or how your mind processes information — I'm trying to go at more of a mind thing."

"Waking Life" marks Linklater's foray into the subconscious part of that "mind thing," a subject he has been enamored with for as long as he can remember.

"'Waking Life' is really personal — what Wiley, the main character, goes through, in that sort of really happened to me, kind of that idea of waking up into another reality," he said. "I accept quote-unquote 'unreal' things as kind of real, like my dream life as a kid was always very vivid. When you're a kid, you don't have a set model of reality as much."

For example, the film's opening, which features Wiggins' character as a young boy being levitated into the sky, is plucked straight from Linklater's own past dreamland experience.

"I call it a memory, rather than a dream, because it seemed real," he said of that particular recollection from his childhood.

In order to create a visual representation of Wiggins' character's drifting subconscious, Linklater enlisted animator Bob Sabiston and his unique "interpolated rotoscoping" software. After Linklater shot and edited "Waking Life" as a live-action film, Sabiston and his animation team creatively painted over every frame using the software. The result is an animated film with an intricate detail of character and movement that comes unassumingly from the project's live-action origins.

"I've been thinking about this film for a long time," Linklater said. "'Slacker' I was thinking how it would work, how I could make that work, if that could be a movie, so when I saw the software Bob was designing this whole 'interpolated rotoscoping' thing I thought, 'Well, that's the way that film could work.' It's not traditional animation I don't think I've ever done that, I just don't think that way but it was the way this looked, and the way it took cues from the real world (that convinced me)."

Linklater saw Sabiston's animation as the perfect way of taking the audience into the disorienting universe of "Waking Life."

"I like the animation because it's sort of like the way your brain works when you imagine or re-imagine a memory," he said. "I love the idea of watching this film, what your brain's going through deciphering the reality and unreality of it. It kind of puts you into some kind of overdose — I want the viewer to be on that state of consciousness. That altered state is the right way to take in "Waking Life.""

"Waking Life" is not the only Linklater experience viewers can take in this fall. "Taps," his cinematic adaptation of a play by Stephen Belber, comes to theaters Nov. 2. That film marks Linklater's first attempt at using digital video, a tool he likens to the animation of "Waking Life" in that it acts mainly as the perfect way of telling certain stories he is interested in.

For someone who has been working on back-to-back projects, Linklater comes off as amazingly relaxed and laid back in person. Perhaps this is the groundwork for the same regulated yet leisurely aesthetic that appears in his work, or maybe it is just the satisfied demeanor of an artist who has found the ideal medium for his dreams.
As most of us are already aware, it's midterm time again, which means time to search out activities in order to procrastinate and distract ourselves from the task at hand. My method of avoidance for this week was my roommate's September 2001 issue of "The Underground Wine Journal.”

With my newly acquired expertise extending to the one time I bought a $6 bottle of wine at Albertson’s, I had expected "The Underground Wine Journal” — despite the claim being "undetected" — to be a pretentious, inflated piece of literature that I would have absolutely no interest in reading. Aside from the pretense of subterranean origins, the round-sounding home the

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Despite its claim to being “undetected” — to be a pretentious, inflated piece of literature that I would find it impossible to differentiate what they consume is flawed. However, in reading the extensive amount of wine reviews in the “Wine Journal,” I find it impossible to differentiate what descriptive adjectives constitute a good review from a bad review.

The Browns affirm that a large number of people, when faced with a bottle that “doesn’t seem quite right,” will describe it as “corked.” Corked wine, according to the Browns, has the flavor of wet, musty cardboard. Apparently any number of other things can go wrong with a bottle of wine, and many magazines and Web sites provide an exhaustive list of “flawed wine” categorizations, most with their own names and apparent classification systems. There seems to be an attempt to describe what smells and tastes, in the researchers’ opinions, “wrong.”

For instance, according to the Browns, “Brett” causes earthy and/or manure-type smells; "Dekeeza" causes a flavor of fresh dirt or cement; "Mercaptan" smells of garlic, onion or skunk; “Saltar” smells of... well... sulfur; and "Varietal Acidity" smells strongly of vinegar.

I was unaware that these tastes and smells would be considered “wrong” for a beverage intended for human consumption. However, the supposedly appealing descriptors of the "flawed wine" are not what I would consider appealing. (Appealing adjectives for wine, in my opinion, are illustrative terms for what I like about wine.) Actual adjectives for good wine include the following, as taken directly from reviews in the Wine Journal: tannins, toasted nuts, delicious, round, sweet, well-balanced, and “toasty” — all adjectives that describe what wine should be.

These are abstract and possibly hallucinogenic assertions (“notes of tart green stems and broken twigs” — just what does a broken twig taste like?) and rather violent accounts of “assaults” or “attacks” on the palates.

Flavors described in the reviews include gamy notes, deli meats, jammy fruit, dry flowers and slate, among others. I would rather experience an assault on my palate of wet, musty cardboard than my palate of broken twigs and deli meats, but perhaps this is what I like about "The Underground Wine Journal.”

I should perhaps be one — filling our forms is a great way to procrastinate.

Kat DeBakker is a journalism senior.

Mustang Daily

Opinion

Learning about wine can be a fascinating way to avoid studying

Editor,

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News

Sacramento students stage sit-in at president's office to protest class schedule change

By Layla Bohm

THE STATE HORNET

Office, protesting the way in which he changed the schedule. held signs and sat outside Gerth's front of California State University

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"What we're worried about, is that we allow him to pull the wool over our eyes, and he will be doing this next," Gardner said.

The organizers of the sit-in encouraged fellow students to attend the special ASI meeting that would address the issue Wednesday afternoon.

"We want (Gerth) to understand that the students are not OK with it," Gardner said.

Wednesday classes held between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 50-minute classes held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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going to happen," Foreman said. "What the final level of reduction will be has not been determined.

In accordance with the California Constitution, the governor must present a budget plan to the Jim 10 every year. The trustees will meet Thursday to finalize the submission of the coming fisca­

"Nothing is easy. The first things to cut are the things about people.

"I think we can change the debate," she said. "We have been sold a bill of goods about the idea that early detection saves lives."

The Danish study also found that women in the studies who got mammograms received more aggres­

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"But the total number of deaths is the same.

"And the people that they are supposed to be serving are the people that we are serving.

"So, he added, some of the researchers in charge of the studies have refused to hand over the data.

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Student 'refines' suit against CSU system

By Hillary Cargo

SACRAMENTO — Some details have been changed in Steven Goldstein's $320,000 lawsuit against the Board of Trustees of the California State University system.

"I've refined my argument," said Goldstein, a San Jose State University senior and six-year resi­

"Sometimes it takes a civil suit to get people to know that there are rules on the federal government to do an inves­

"The university's violations against students.

"People are too busy and can't think of the fact that they are disre­

"In each of the past seven years, the CSU system has received increases in its bud­

"Currenty, the CSU budget goes through several stages and reviews before its final approval on June 15. In November, the Board of Trustees adopts the budget request and submits it to the State Department of Finance, which will negotiate the changes with the govern­

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Sports

By Collin Hester
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

During the first half of the sea­son, the Cal Poly men’s soccer team got off to a rocky start as mat­tormine and turned to become victo­rious. However, the players’ confi­dence remains high heading into the second half of the season.

The team began its season with high expect­ations, but encountered a tough road schedule and some un­expected problems. A few players had to quit the team­hood to academics.

In early September, goalie Bretton Jung broke his leg in a match against Long Island University. This is in­

third consecutive year with such an injury.

“This was a blow we did not need,” head coach Wolfgang Gartner said. “It took us a while to digest that final blow.”

Their record overall this season is 1-7-3, with canceled games against Michigan and East Carolina. Despite their losses, the team’s morale is high.

“So far, the season hasn’t been going too well, but, amazing­ly, our team’s morale has been able to stay up,” mid­fielder Barrymore Matthews, a graphic communications senior, said. “We’ve been playing better than average. On a scale from one to 10, we’ve been playing around eight.”

To compensate for the players who left the team, Gartner recruited fresh­men that are now on the active roster, and said that they have earned their playing time by their commit­ment, skills and desire to play.

The away games were hard on the fres­hmen, as they had just come into double overtime. Six of their seven losses are by one goal.

“Everybody still has high hopes and high goals for the season, but we just have to get over this hump,” Matthews said.

“We basically have to win all our remaining games to win the confer­ence,” head coach Alex Crozier said. “But we’ve been in a hole the past two years, so we have some exper­i­ence with this situation.”

For the third consecutive year, Gartner’s team opened up the season 0-3. In each of the past two seasons, the Mustangs rebounded to earn NCAA berths at the end of confer­ence play.

“Nobody’s panicking,” Crozier said. “There’s some concern, but we can pull out of this. It’s just a matter of getting past the attack. We’ve been too tentative.”

Crozier said the team has been ex­acting this week, focusing on attacking the goal.

Practice has been a little more physical than usual.

“We’re beating each other up,” red shirt freshman Alesa Jonkevich said. “We’re really picked up the intensity this week.

“We aren’t a very physical team, and other teams show us around. That’s something we have to overcome so we’re coming to be more physical in practice.”

Picked to win the Big West in the preseason polls, Cal Poly did­n’t expect to have to overcome such hurdles this year.

Forwards Megan Schlegel and Sandy Oquenda returned after totaling 34 combined points last year. The Mustangs have received solid play at goalie from sophomore Greta Shirdon, who boasts an impressive 0.92 goals­against average. Crozier said she’s been pleased with the defense, particularly the play of junior Brooke Ramirez. And in several matches this season, Cal Poly has equaled its opponent in shot opportunities.

So why isn’t the team scoring goals?

“There’s no doubt in my mind that we’ll win the next game or two,” Crozier said.

Seth Burford is ranked fifth overall in passing yards. Who is ranked first?

BUCHANAN EXAMINATION

According to The Sporting News, Burford has an 81.6 quar­terback rating, fifth among all seniors in the Pac-10.

I’m not going to assume the title of head­coach, but we’ve definitely improved, so our improve­ment is not going to be a graphic communications senior.

This confidence remains high heading into third consecutive year with such an injury. "That was a blow we did not need," head coach Wolfgang Gartner said. "It took us a while to digest that final blow."

"If we knew that, we'd be scoring by the bag," offensive lineman Ben Nicho­ld said. "We're looking for some revenge here."

"It's definitely an advantage playing at home," Carly O'Halloran said. "They are coming in with a lot of confi­dence, but when you play the No. 1 team, you have nothing to lose."

The Mustangs also have a home game tomorrow against U.C. Irvine at 7 p.m.

Fighting to reach their goals

By Jacob Jackson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Many students can empathize with the plight of the Cal Poly women’s soccer team.

Having been denied the goal for weeks, the Mustangs hope to bring the opposition home this weekend and score.

The stats at Cal Poly contests haven’t seen much action this season. Through 13 matches, the Mustangs have scored only 10 goals. Despite the lack of scoring output, the team has managed to claw its way to a 3-7-3 record with grit and tough defense.

Entering their second weekend of conference play, the Mustangs find themselves with their backs against the wall.

Cal Poly hosts Idaho on Friday night at 7 p.m. and Utah State on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Mustang Stadium. The Mustangs haven’t had a home match since the start of school.

"We basically have to win all our remaining games to win the confer­ence," head coach Alex Crozier said. "But we’ve been in a hole the past two years, so we have some exper­i­ence with this situations."

Matthews, a midfielder, returns as a captain for his senior year.

Matthews, Newton and Evan Clark "are showing resiliency and character, and they are good, positive influences on this freshman class," he said.

After one goal-loss to UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly travels to U.C. Santa Barbara tonight and U.C. Riverside on Sunday afternoon.

It is necessary to approach their future games with the same attitude, intensity and optimism as before, Gartner said.

"If we think the team feels just the way I do," Gartner said. "These games, one at a time, are difficult, particularly the road ones, but they are winnable. We will be extremely compet­itive in each one of them, no matter what the outcome."

"Everybody still has high hopes and high goals for the season, but we just have to get over this hump," Matthews said.

"The confidence is always going to be high," Newton said, "no matter where we go or who we play."