Married students attempt to turn love at first sight to love for life

By Caroline Lindahl
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Since 1997, the number of people divorcing each year has hovered around 2.5 million. According to divorce magazine.com, but for some Cal Poly students, defining these numbers means getting married in between classes.

"He's only left the toilet seat up twice in the past two years," psychology junior Heather Kredo said.

Kredo and her high school sweetheart Jeff Hamilton also recently got married. This past year, the couple plans to wait until after they receive their degrees to marry, they know that they will spend the rest of their lives together.

"We'll be more prepared if we wait (until after college) to get married," Kredo said. "Younger couples get divorced, and it doesn't work out financially."

Still others are making it work. Psychology junior Courtney Manuco met her husband in a high school chemistry class and discovered they had their own chemistry outside of the classroom. After four and a half years of dating, Manuco married computer science junior Joe Manuco.

"We were so ready to be together," Courtney said. "We're best friends, and we're only doing this once." While the couple talks to consider the option of marriage "if you know it's the right thing."

Often, knowing what the right thing is comes with experience, which usually comes with age. In 1997, the average age of marriage in the U.S. was 28.7 years old.
**Person on the Street:**

Students were asked what they think about the new UU revamping. Here are some of the responses.

- **Rafael Zastillo, senior construction management:** "I have been teaching for two years at the Rec Center, and I taught two before that voluntarily, so I have been teaching for four years," she said. "I don't teach straight ASL, I teach vocabulary and try to get my students to interact with each other and with me to practice signing."

- **Angélique Tang, a journalism sophomore:** "I have been teaching for four years," she said. "I have never learned sign language. It has its own grammar rules and structure." Cal Poly accepts transfer units from Cuesta and high schools that list sign language as the fulfillment for foreign language requirements, Currier said. "We have tried to do two things," she said. "The eight CSU campuses are working on a consortium with the other CSU campuses so that students can have more advanced foreign languages, including sign language." In addition, the CLA language lab will eventually allow students to study languages that are not available from an instructor on campus, Currier said.

- **Justin Weger, graphic communication senior:** "It is terribly unfortunate that they are eliminating the quiet room but I suppose we all need a little more bureaucracy."

- **Greg Siragusa, philosophy senior:** "They need to hurry up because I need to finish studying and I really can't get rid of all this ruckus."
National Briefs

Muslim Family Survives Arson, Alienation in Utah

HEBER CITY, Utah - Methad T abdoms always felt he was not well
come here. He had been threatened, his wife was spat at and his family
received a chilly reception in stores
around town. But he never imagined
that anyone would try to kill him.

Sunday night as Tahesh and his wife were preparing for bed, someone
deliberately set fire to the motel
owned by the Palestinian native.
The family escaped without injury
but watched their future and savings
crackle and burn.

Police believe that a man who
paid cash for Room 112 started a fire
upstairs and poured a flammable liq­
uid in the hallway. That person also
removed the smoke detectors, police
say.

Tahesh said he heard nothing
until about 11 p.m., when a passerby
drove into the motel's parking lot,
shouting that smoke was pouring
from the second-floor rooms.
Bystanders told authorities they saw
two people on the roof of an adjacent
building. One matched the descrip­
tion of the man who checked in ear­
tlier that night.

-Los Angeles Times

Justice Department to Probe

AOL Accounting Practices

WASHINGTON - The U.S.
Justice Department has launched an
investigation into the accounting
practices of AOL Time Warner Inc.,
fo cusing on business deals it
did in Dallas, Va.-based online division.
The Justice Department action,
continued by the company
Wednesday, comes a week after Chief
Executive Officer Richard Parsons
disclosed a separate probe by the
Securities and Exchange
Commission.

The company said its accounting
is appropriate and in accordance
with generally accepted accounting
principles, and its outside auditors,
Ernst & Young LLP, has repeatedly
confirmed that

The two federal probes follow a
Washington Post report that exam­
ined how the world's largest online
service generated advertising and
commerce revenue through a series
of unconventional transactions from
2000 to 2002. USA Today first dis­
closed the existence of a Justice
Department probe in Wednesday's
papers.
The company's recent troubles
have battered its stock prices. The stock
lost more than six percent of its
t value Wednesday and was trading at
around $12.2 at noon.

-Washington Post

Senate Rejects Compromise

on Drug Benefit to Medicare

WASHINGTON - The Senate
Wednesday rejected a proposed
Democratic compromise aimed at
adding a prescription drug benefit to
Medicare.

Voting 49 to 50, the Democratic-
controlled Senate fell 11 votes short
of the 60 needed under its budget
rules to pass the proposal, a scaled­
back version of a more compre­
ensive Democratic bill that the Senate
defeated last week.

In all, the Senate has turned down
four plans during the past week,
including two backed mostly by
Republicans as well as the two shuttled
by Democrats. After rejection of the
fourth and final proposal, the Senate
approved 78 to 21 two less-
controversial initiatives as its only
likely legislation on drug costs this
year one to encourage development
of low-cost generic drugs and the
other to allow reimportation of
American-made drugs from Canada
where their prices are cheaper
because of price controls.

-Washington Post

International Briefs

Deadly Pufferfish Provides
Cues to Human Genes

A deadly Japanese fish may be the
next key to illuminating the myster­
ies of the human genome.

Scientists have reported decoding
the genetic sequence of the Japanese
pufferfish, Fugu rubripes, an expen­
sive delicacy that contains potential­
ly lethal poison in the lugs. The
fish has about the same number of
genomes as a human, all stored in a
DNA package one-eighth the size.

The simplicity of the fugu's
genome offers scientists an unprece­
dented ability to identify new human
genomes. The two vertebrates share
many of the same groupings of genes,
even though they last shared a com­
mon ancestor almost half a billion
years ago.

The project took only a year to
complete through an international
effort that included the Institute for
Molecular Biology in Singapore and
the U.S. Department of Energy's
Joint Genome Institute.

-Los Angeles Times

Angolans Take to Airwaves to
Reunite Families

LUANDA, Angola - Even Friday
afternoon, hundreds of Angolans
gather near this city's Independence
Cone to participate in a hugely pop­
ular reality TV show that was
launched two months ago. But this is
to "Survivor" or "Temptation
Island."

It is a mournful gathering of fami­
lies who arrive clutching faded black­
and-white snapshots, ID cards or
careworn letters to make televised
appeals about the whereabouts of
their loved ones, many of them miss­ing
for a quarter of a century during
this country's civil war.

Titled 'Nacao Coragem' -
Courageous Nation in Portuguese, the
language of Angola's colonial
master - the TV show was launched
soon after a peace agreement was
signed between the Angolan govern­
ment and the rebels following the
Feb. 22 death of guerrilla leader Jonas
Savimbi.

The Angolan government's
scorched-earth military policy of
removing the population from con­
tested areas, in addition to the rebels'
brutality against civilians caught on
the wrong side of the conflict, has left
hundreds of thousands dead and four
million out of 12.4 million Angolan
refugees in their own country.

"Nacao Coragem" has produced
just 50 reunions so far, but that does'
not deter the hundreds of people who
turn up every week.

-Newsday

Foreign Students: Misled,
Mistreated by McDonald's?

ABINGDON, Md. - When Peter
Kasprzyk and several other students
from Poland and Slovakia arrived in
the United States this summer to
work for the McDonald's restaurant
chain, they said they'd been told they
would make a lot of money.

But Kasprzyk couldn't buy an item
from the dollar menu with his first
paycheck. It was zero.

That's because he and four fellow
students were docked for $2,200
monthly rent on a two-bedroom
apartment they share in Abingdon
that normally goes for $750 a month.

Stanley Colvin, head of the State
Department bureau that oversees the
work-study visa program, said the
complaints were being investigated.

-Baltimore Sun

Briefs compiled from Washington
Post and Los Angeles Times wire
services by Summer Mustang staff
writer Laura Dietz.
**Film**

Austin Powers flick is worth weight in Gold(member)

By Paige Havercroft

The local festivities, to be held at the San Luis Obispo Veterans Memorial Building from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, are just one example of similar celebrations held by Buddhists from around the world.

"It is a big deal in Japan," said Sandie Hirase, publicity chairman for the Jaycee Foundation of the Oxnard Buddhist Temple, who has lived in Japan.

According to http://mothea.nrf.go.jp/EN/EN/Ihodou/club/festival50.html, "Chon is a time we (Buddhists) set aside to remember family and friends who have died.

We remember their lives with gratitude and appreciation. It is said that during the year, on this day only, the iron pot of hell is opened for the deceased.

To help ease this temporary transition to the physical world, the Buddhist scripture, the Ubon Satta, calls on living family members to rely on light, dance and a variety of foods to entice ancestors upward.

People traditionally hang lanterns in front of their houses in order to guide their ancestors’ spirits, according to www.jpans-guide.com. The most important feature of the service is the offering of food. The ancestors are offered rice, vegetables, fruits, cakes, sweets and flowers at home altars or at temples.

Holding to that belief, the Obon Festival in town will feature a variety of food booths. A sit-down teriyaki dinner will be served from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Vet’s Hall, Hirase said.

There, Japanese clothing vendors, a potter, an embroidered silk vendor, a Chinese brush technique artist and a Japanese embroidery artist, a sadako, will also be at the festival, Hirase said.

"One of our members put her daughter out for artists and vendors at other festivals," Hirase said. "The search, though time-consum- ing, will do more than stimulate local consumerism, and is great for other people to experience other cultures, on all possi- ble levels," Hirase said.

At Cal Poly, there are opportunities for students to experience other cultures and religions.

Terry Ingram, an environmental biology science senior, took a class in Buddhism here at Cal Poly in the spring with professor Judy Saltzman. "Taking the class taught me the basic teachings, beliefs and schools of Buddhism," Ingram said.

But Ingram, who will attend the Obon Festival if she is in town, said that learning about Buddhism should not end in the classroom.

"The main reason to attend the Obon Festival would be to actually talk to people who practice the religion, to get direct and personal teaching," she said.

There will also be several martial arts demonstrations at the Obon Festival. The shows — everything from karate to judo and jujitsu — will each run about 45 minutes and feature adult class partici- pants. But not all of the entertainers will be grownups. Chibiki tanko-traditional Japanese drum playing — will feature children ranging in age from eight to 15. You'll be able to dance and groove to people who practice the religion, to get direct and personal teaching," she said.

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Following the Japanese Buddhist teachings, the Obon Odori is yet another method to raise the deceased from the nether world, according to the website.

Members of the San Luis Obispo Buddhist Temple practiced the dance for a month and will perform at the fes- tival, Hirase said.

"Goldmember," the film, is one of the more funny parts of "Goldmember."
Children get a head start on possible career in opera

By Navid Niakan
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Central Coast children who might seldom see names like Domingo and Pavarotti, instead of Jordan and Sosa, have good news. A summer opera camp is coming to San Luis Obispo for children between the ages of eight and 15. The Pacific Repertory Opera (PRO), formed 17 years ago by current stage director Jill Anderson and the late Jen Cook, is offering its two-week camp from Aug. 5 through 16 at the Mt. Carmel Church in San Luis Obispo. The camp will meet six times a day, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., and will provide opportunities for children to learn about vocal techniques, musicianship, acting and stagecraft.

Administrative director Melody Ward said the PRO wanted to bring the Coast to the Central Coast to make opera affordable to residents. Tuition for the two-week camp (60 hours of instruction) is $125 for the first child and $200 for additional children.

"We chose ('Mikado') as our full stage production because it's a fun opera and the children get to dress up in costumes of Japanese royalty," Ward said. "The expected enrollment at this summer's camp is about 16 kids. The average number of kids in past years has been 17 to 18, and the most to ever enroll at the summer camp was 23 during the summer of 2000, Anderson said.

Anderson said she believes the children benefit a great deal by attending the opera camp.

"They get to have fun, make friends and build their self-esteem," she said. "At the same time, they get musical training, vocal training and stage experience."

Although the camp is directed toward young children, some Cal Poly students are familiar with the opera camp.

"I know of a couple Poly students who attended those opera camps in years past and said it was a good experience," said business junior Sean Stafford.

"The more mature ones pick it up quicker, but they all learn the music pretty well," Anderson said.

Jill Anderson PRO stage director

Other Cal Poly students have no appreciation for opera and choose to participate in other hobbies.

"Opera just isn't for me," said Ryan Pritman, a fantasy senior. "I would rather play sports and spend time on things that are more exciting."

Ward said she believes children like to attend the opera camp because it is an original multimedia form, which involves dancing, singing, acting and art.

"Some children pick up the vocal or acting skills sooner than others," Ward said. "But they all learn the music pretty well."

Many of the children who attend the opera camp pursue a career in opera or other performing arts.

At the end of the camp, the children will present a fully staged production of an adaptation of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado," the beloved comic operetta about the Japanese town of Titipu and its royalty.

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The final production will be performed at the Mt. Carmel Church and is free to the public.

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Movie Listings

By Paige Havercroft
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Palm Theatre 541-5161
Full Frontal (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15
Elling (R) 1:30, 7:00, 9:15
Lovely and Amazing 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15
Sunshine State (PG-13) 4:00
Fremont 541-2141
Signs (PG-13) 1:15, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
Masters of Disguise (PG) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
The Country Bears (G) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00
K-19: The Widowmaker (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:15, 10:15
Minority Report (PG-13) 9:20
Downtown Centre Cinema 546-8600
Austin Powers in Goldmember (PG-13) 11:30, 12:45, 2:00, 3:15, 4:30, 5:45, 7:00, 8:15, 9:30
Road to Perdition (R) 11:00, 1:45, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00/10:20
Stuart Little 2 (PG) 12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:20
Men In Black II (PG-13) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15
Mr. Deeds (PG) 12:10, 5:20, 10:15/10:30
The Bourne Identity (PG-13) 2:35, 7:45
My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 11:30, 1:50, 4:20, 6:45, 9:10

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Comics books regaining popularity

By Brian Kent
SUMMER MUSTANG

Stacks upon stacks of comics are there for customers to look through at Captain Nemo's, on Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo.

"I started reading comic books when I was six," he said. "That is actually how I learned to read. By first grade I had words like 'astronaut' and 'astronomical.'"

By Paige Havercroft
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Captain Nemo opened the Palace door to an environment fit for all, a San Luis Obispo Disneyland, if you will.

The store was lined with aisles of bookshelves filled with thousands of comic books for people of all ages. And just for a moment everyone could forget about their relationships, school, work, and bills and just immerse themselves into a happy, stress-free place.

"It's a form of escapism," said Raymond Hanson, partial owner of Captain Nemo. "Some people who collect comic books are reading back to a nostalgic look on their childhood. Some just want to get away; it's a lot cheaper than a trip to Las Vegas. Other people just get hung up on the story lines."

"With the help of Hollywood and the recent release of "Spiderman," comic books are becoming recognized as an important part of popular culture again."

The workers of Captain Nemo's have noticed a dramatic increase of their sales. Post comic book lovers are reuniting with their old passion for comics, and now Hollywood has helped spark interest in some new recruits also.

"It brought people who were readers in their youth and are now in their 30's, 40's and 50's and showed them hey, comic books really aren't geeky and bad," Hanson said. "They are no longer embarrassed because they are a comic book fan."

Taylor Williams, a Captain Nemo's customer for 7 years, has been coming comic books since the fifth grade. His favorite comic is 'X-Men' because of the art and storyline.

"I like collecting the older editions because they are better than the newer ones," Williams said. "I am just going to sit on them for awhile and wait for the value to increase."

Hanson has been working at Captain Nemo's since 1980.

"There is a lot to be learned from comic books, but it is not taken seriously by graphic artists or by fine artists," he said. "It is an over-looked art form."
Bank dress code not preventative of robberies

Saturday morning dress code: hats, hoods and sunglasses to ward off memories of the Friday night drink specials. As you try to recover the damage done to your account at your local bank, you may be forced to remove your hangover camouflage.

Due to a sharp rise in bank robberies after Sept. 11, the Massachusetts Bankers Association recommended several preventative strategies for security on the east coast, according to the Boston Globe. One recommendation suggested posting signs instructing patrons to remove hoods, hats and sunglasses upon entering the bank.

But, can that simplistic request deter or, moreover, prevent a robbery? Articles of clothing mask a perpetrator, but if a robber plans to strike he will do so regardless of the weather.

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with or without a disguise. Since many banks don't want to appear as armed fortresses, they use these signs merely as a deterrent, making it easier for would-be criminals to rob.

Bank robbers make customers think that they're safe by displaying intimidating signs regarding clothing, yet minor threats like these do little to thwart robberies. The FBI reported that theft in Massachusetts's banks increased by 70 percent last year, from 156 in 2000 to 265 in 2001. Furthermore, nationwide, bank robberies jumped 9 percent.

In response, the MBA unveiled a "Massachusetts Most Wanted" Web site that displays the surveillance of suspected bank robbers and establishes a reward program that pays tipsters who help catch criminals. The Web site, located at massmostwanted.org, also provides other ideas such as security packets, which consist of double doors that don't allow access until the first door closes, thus discouraging thieves from even attempting the crime.

Other suggestions included barriers at the teller counter, with counter-to-ceiling bullet-resistant glass and armed guards at bank entrances. According to a Reuters article, shortly after the magazine arrived at newsstands, 10 former Enron employees bartered clothed in their positions.

The August issue of Playboy magazine showed 10 former Enron employees bartering their bodies for art. According to a Reuters article, shortly after the magazine arrived at newsstands, women from WorldCom Inc. and Arthur Andersen LLP began calling Playboy to pose for the magazine.

This opportunity to profit under the guise of a collapsing corporation is becoming an unusually trendy.

By putting the chance for fame and fortune ahead of all other priority, they have demonstrated where they stand on moral issues. These women may not have been part of anything illegal at their employment, but they have stood by their conviction to make a name for themselves regardless of the price they pay.

That is a commendable sentiment. They have allowed themselves to be played by the highest bidder, and now that bidder is Playboy magazine. This publication has become a platform for these women. It is allowing them to demonstrate their effective "business practices." They manage to profit from the bankruptcy of their former employer by making headlines as an object of lust.

These actions illustrate the character, priorities and credibility of the women involved. Not every woman has the guts to be photographed naked, especially after years of working behind a desk.

It takes the standard career woman to that degree right out the window, along with their career, and show the world that a decent smile and some work with an air-bush can lead to greater places.

However, none of the attention these women are receiving is necessarily deserved. They have bred the requirements for a photo shoot and they showed they look like money and compliments. Their pictures in Playboy are one of the biggest compliments they could be given for their appearance.

The extreme nature of their desires—to be in Playboy—just results in an unsight­ly impression of women that once had successful careers with a reputable firm. Working for a firm that goes under is always unsightly, but by volunteering to objectify themselves these women have denied themselves any credibility or praise for handling a difficult situation well. They have marketable skills and other options, besides posing nude.

Barry Hayes is a political science junior.

Letters to the editor

U.S. no place for apathy after Sept. 11

Editor,

Sierra Fehl belittles as "an excuse for paranoia" Mr. Ashcroft's sober request for increased vigilance among average citizens ("Terrorism should inspire action, not fear," July 25).

Now maybe folks in San Luis Obispo can still stomach that kind of apathy; but 9-11 should have taught otherwise.

The evening of September 10th, I was still fuming over an argument at BAW airport in Baltimore. There, a former friend handed me the bag at an airport with a gregarious exhor­tation to "be careful, it's heavy."

Approaching security, I asked why and was excitedly told an Egyptian jeweler in Ohio had filled it with silver. She had countered the bag as a favor for her "Egyptian friends" in Laurel, Maryland. (Note: several 9-11 hijackers resided in Laurel, Maryland.)

Understand, this was a young, intelligent, aerospace engi­neering graduate candidate who knew quite well I'd lost my brother the next morning, terrified that my brother had made a
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tribal decision to "be careful, it's heavy."

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**Staff housing hits snag, first complex set for 2004**

By Jennifer Dwyer

The Sun Last Obispo housing crunch suffered by staff will finally be relieved, he said.

"We understand each other and don't let our problems come between us," Kredo said.

Marcus added that deleting the desired national. divorce rate is intimidating. "It's a scary thing, but no one divorces in our family so we've had good role models," Marcus said.

Good role models aside, most stu­dents are reluctant to "say, 'I do.'"

Recruitment administration senior Vanessa Condon said, "I don't want to be single without contemplating marriage, and I can't see being married and it's not appropriate to say, 'I do.'"

"I planned to"}

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hung up the phone and leave the country. I guess she knew that I would use my investigative reporting skills to track her down and bring her to justice.

"I didn't tell you because I knew that you would get mad," she said.

I told you, that girl is a real genius. "I have no evidence against you," said Marcus. "Jesus, Laura, what if you had AIDS? Would you hide that from me too and sleep with me anyway?"

She didn't answer the question, and I was sure that I didn't want to know the answer. She told me that she had sex with a guy three months prior to our getting together, and that is when she was infected. She swore up and down that she had been treated, but that the treatment must not have been effective. I don't know if it was psychosomatic or what, but I began to feel ill. I've been tired a lot that week, hadn't I? Not my usual self. Who knows if it was the news or if I was really infected, but I wasn't willing to take any chances. I kept appointment for the STD screening.

I arrived early and waited for my name to be called. Ten minutes later, I seemed already 10 years old, and my mind began to work overtime. What if she did infect me? What she could she possibly have? What if I had AIDS? I've never practiced safe sex with women. I was always more a doctor than a man. I will never go.

"I was unconvinced."

I had many partners in the last year, but it's been less than heterosexual sex has been active with anyone but Laura. You do the math. Still, she seemed unconvinced.

I spent the next hour at the center. I wanted to be sure that I was OK so I got tested for everything from gonorrhea to syphilis. There were cultures, urine tests and blood to be drawn, but there isn't a universal test for STDs.

I was told that I would receive a call within the next week or if any of the tests were positive. I could come back in two weeks and get my AIDS results.

So much for instant peace of mind.

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The myth of lesbian sex being less risky than heterosexual sex has been active with anyone but Laura. You do the math. Still, she seemed unconvinced.

I am going to go ahead and treat you for Chlamydia, with an antibiot­ic, since you've been exposed to it."

"I'm not going to be able to take a sexual history questionnaire."

"With this project the university will better be able to recruit and retain more faculty," he said.

Ambach estimates that because of the construction delay, the university needs about 55 new faculty members each year.

By Jennifer Dwyer

"Tell me something you're trying to do that the rest of the suit makes it impossible," Lynch said. "With CEQA, you don't have the right for an interview or deposition."

"I was unconvinced."
Brian Reed played for the Central Coast Roadrunners this summer. He will be a captain for the Cal Poly soccer team next season.

**Boy of summer**

By Sierra Z. Fish
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

When Brian Reed was in his senior year of high school, he went out in his front yard to juggle his soccer ball, with his little sister keeping count.

His little sister stopped counting at 2000.

Brian Reed not only plays for the Cal Poly soccer team, but also for the Central Coast Roadrunners, a minor league team that feeds players to Major League Soccer.

Reed, a journalism senior, finished his spring quarter commitment to Cal Poly and joined the Roadrunners five weeks into the their season.

"This gives him about six to seven weeks of play time," said Larry Smyth, one of the owners and coaches of the Roadrunners. "Brian came to us with a positive attitude. He definitely holds a spot on the roster and is a talented player to have on the team."

This is Reed's first year playing for the Roadrunners, along with fellow Cal Poly teammate Chris Sigler.

"Larry Smyth called me about the tryouts," Reed said. "I wasn't nervous. It is another opportunity to play. It doesn't matter what uniform I'm wearing or what cleats - I am out there to win."

Reed plays defense for Cal Poly and the Roadrunners. His versatility allows him to play both sweeper and outside fullback.

"He has good speed," Smyth said. "People can't get around him. We figured we would be thin on defense this year, and Brian has really filled that void. Against the L.A. Heroes, Brian even centered a ball to Spencer Frankenberger for the game-winning goal."

**Intramurals**

Purple Pandas march into final

By Bonnie Guervara
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Some will walk away with championship t-shirts, while others will take home nothing but disappointment as the recreation center's intramural summer sports begins.

For the Purple Pandas, its been a summer of working, occasionally going to class, and most importantly playing basketball in the Cal Poly Rec Center intramural men's division.

With a league-leading 5-0 record, they entered the playoffs and defeated their first opponent.

The Purple Pandas credit some of their success to their colorful team name.

"We wanted a team name that intimidated people," said Sean Fitzgerald, a recreation administration senior.

On Aug. 5, the nine members of the Purple Pandas hope to add their team photo and legacy to the Rec Center intramural championship team wall. They will face No. 2 seed Randy's Sweethearts in the championship.

"People can't get around him. We are competitive, athletic drive and a lot to pursue exercise. For the Purple Pandas, it's been a blast," Fitzgerald said. "It's still competitive but everyone has a great time."

The intramural basketball championships will take place on Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Mont Gyn. For more information contact the intramural office at 756-6044 or the Rec Center at 756-1366.

SLO Triathlon

Poly athletes run triathlon

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Athletes of all shapes and sizes hit the streets of Fort Ord on July 28 during the 23rd annual Santa Cruz Obispo Triathlon. The fastest was Arroyo Grande's Chris Neria. He finished the swim, bike, and run course in a time of 1 hour, 10 minutes and 30 seconds.

But the triathlon gave other athletes a chance to compete in a triathlon without much emphasis on competition.

"The event stresses completion," Ogden said. "Everyone who crossed the finish line got a medal."

Cal Poly computer science major Andrew Ware agreed. He said that from the beginning of the event, he could see that this race was about personal satisfaction.

"In the pool there were people doing the sidestroke and backstroke and thought we could tell they were just kind of doing it to finish," he said.

Ware, 23, runs regularly but this was his first triathlon.

"I've been a runner for quite a while," Ware said. "I've always been interested in the triathlon, so finally this summer I decided that since I was sticking around here for the summer (I would do it)."

Not everyone held Ware's relaxed approach to the race. Looking calm but determined in his neon green Cal Poly triathlon uniform was Cal Poly triathlon team president Kurt Brockett.

Although several of the triathlon team members decided to sit out the event, Brockett elected to compete. "It's still a little nerve racking that you're going to go do a triathlon," he said. "It's not something you just do on a Sunday just for fun."

Brockett said that many Cal Poly triathletes choose not to participate because it throws off their training schedules. The San Luis Obispo Triathlon is considered a sprint distance race as opposed to the longer Olympic size races the team usually runs.

One Cal Poly triathlete chose not to race at the San Luis Obispo Triathlon to prepare for the L.A. Triathlon. Jill Terway, who finished 20th in the women's division at the Joe Triathlon, is considered the top female triathlete at Cal Poly. She was on hand to cheer on her fellow team members. She said she chose to sit this race out not only because it would interfere with her training schedule but because of her competitive nature.

"I didn't want to get hurt, I tend to be competitive so I wanted to save it," Terway said.

Just because the race's emphasis wasn't on competition didn't mean it wasn't a cakewalk. The San Luis Obispo Triathlon was a half-mile pool swim, a 15.3-mile bike ride, and a 3.7-mile run.