TODAY'S WEATHER
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The art of peace

By Bonnie Guevara
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Out of 3,551 total class sections (excluding independent study programs), 292 classes from various departments have been cancelled this fall quarter.

To some students’ dismay, they have found that their courses fall under the 8 percent of cancelled classes.

However, it is the individual departments, not the university, that are responsible for the cancellation of classes. Furthermore, before any course can be dismissed, each department must get approval from the dean’s office.

Several factors contribute to the cancellation of classes, including sick or injured faculty members, reduction in faculty, faculty member time conflicts and low enrollment rates for the course.

“My students are still very much affected,” said Sherry Couture, political science junior. “It’s a little bit hard to get classes because of the lack of enrollment.”

The cancellation of classes is more common in the social sciences, education and business departments, according to Couture.

“Total enrollment for these departments is low,” Couture said. “There aren’t as many classes offered because of this.”

Couture said that the political science department offers too many classes, and some students take more than one class that conflict with each other.

Couture said that even though some students are affected, the university shouldn’t have to cut as many classes as they have. This year, she said, they may have to cut even more classes.

Students who have experienced the cancellation of courses find it frustrating and see it as something they have no control over.

“I had eight units cancelled this quarter,” said business junior Marta Castro. “I went to my department and they didn’t have enough faculty to teach the courses. It’s something I couldn’t do anything about. However, they will be taught next quarter.”

Three courses in the political science department were cancelled this quarter due to low enrollment and faculty reduction.

“Classes are usually cancelled because of inadequate enrollment,” said Sherry Couture, political science administrative support coordinator. “The associate dean likes to see classes in the double digits, usually in the twenties or high teens. If a class has under 10 students, it’s not going to fill and the class is cancelled.”

Despite what many students believe, Arsenault reassured students that classes are never cancelled in huge volumes. All majors have a tendency to cancel around the same amount of courses, she said. There is not one particular department that has cancelled an abundance of classes.

Sometimes a course is not cancelled, Arsenault said, but simply changed to a new time. After registration has begun and a course time

Chancellor: Money woes could continue

By Laura Dietz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A record-high enrollment in the California State University system and cuts in the state budget have made funding for the state’s schools uncertain, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed said.

The last budget cut occurred in May when $750 million was removed from the state budget, which provides funds for the CSU system. Reed said in a telephone press conference Wednesday.

More cuts are not expected, but Reed said that he was unsure of the situation and there is a possibility that further cuts may take place after next month’s elections.

“If there is a loss of money in November, I do not know how we would compensate,” he said. “I would guess that everything would be reduced.”

Despite a shrinking budget, this year’s enrollment is the highest ever, Reed said. Enrollment at CSUs peaked this fall, with 6,000 more students than the expected increase of 15,000. That means that out of the 21,000 new students, schools did not receive money for 6,000 of those students.

For Cal Poly, San Diego, Chico and San Jose State, this is a challenge, because Reed said these schools are close to reaching the maximum capacity they can hold.

Cal Poly faculty members are concerned that because of these problems, class sizes will increase and students will not receive the education they deserve.

The increasing enrollment at Cal Poly

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Morro Bay Harbor Festival to kick off this weekend

By Meredith Corbin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Morro Bay Harbor Festival has entertained people with live music, food and activities for 25 years, and some people say it is more fun than the Fourth of July.

The festival this weekend from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday on the harbor, near the water.

Some of the restaurants that will have booths at the festival include Windows on the Waterfront and Inn at Morro Bay. There will also be booths from vineyards including Casto Cellars, Daci Cellar Winery and Seven Peaks, in addition to five stages of live entertainment.

The Harbor Festival Organization is a non-profit group run by the board of directors. Martin Wagner, executive director of the festival, said that they have two responsibilities every year.

“Our mission is to promote off-season tourism and the livelihoods of the people who live in the city,” he said.

Wagner added that they also contribute significant funds to volunteer groups that staff the event.

Cal Poly groups like the ski, scuba and the recreation administration clubs have all volunteered their programs, and they get about 40,000 people attending each year.

“It is a big boost for Morro Bay’s economy,” Wagner said.

The city of Morro Bay contributes to the festival with incidental tasks.

Andrea Luckey, Morro Bay’s Parks and Recreation director, said that besides dealing with processing permits, there are many local organizations that help.

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Harbor Festival offers five stages of entertainment for visitors.

Central Pacific Ski Club experiences life without Poly

By Stephen Harvey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With the falling of the leaves, clubs are getting started again. Getting their names out and fund-raising to let people know that the clubs are back in business.

But one club has been strangely absent these first two weeks - the club: They are back but the scenery has changed.

Last year, the Cal Poly Ski Club was removed from the ASI Club roster after ASI’s insurance company became concerned about the club’s reputation. It was deemed too "high risk” and coverage was dropped, said April Matthews, marketing chair for the club.

"It's gonna be a make or break year," said Melissa Patton, ski club president a fourth year materials engineering student. "This year will set the stage for the years to come."

Ken Pardue, director of Student Life, said that the ski club was kicked off-campus because the state had an issue with continued alcohol abuse.

"The group couldn’t control alcohol on trips," he said. "They became a liability issue.

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and approving permits on Harbor Day, they like attending and enjoy­
ing the community event. “It is so much fun because it brings a lot of people into the city,” she said.
The Harbor Festival 5K fun run has been an activity at the festival in the past, and David Arrington, Morro Bay’s Parks and Recreation rec. supervisor said that they plan to do it again this year.

“It is a good way for athletic people to go out and run in the morning, and then enjoy the festival for the rest of the day,” he said.
The city of Morro Bay has had a long-standing partnership with the Harbor Festival Association.
Rick Alger, Harbor Director for the city, said that they are happy to help every year.

“The festival is a good time,” he said. “It is a great place for athletic people to go to listen to the best local bands and taste the best food.”

About every department in the city is involved in the event, and Alger said that public works does barricades like the sand for the sand structures, while the police help with security and traffic control.

“The festival is a fun community event for people of all ages to pitch in at,” he said.
The city of Morro Bay’s fire department has made a contribution to the festival. The department provides full paramedic coverage with an emergency response vehicle on site, fire captain Jerry Parker said.

“Based on what I see, I wish they did the festival three or four times a year,” he said.

Tickets for the event will be available at the gate for $7, and wine tasting costs $12 per person.

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has been changed, it is the depart­ment’s responsibility to add a new

and informing students of the change as early as possible.

HAROLD S. ARSENEAU, University of Southern California, said that it is the department’s responsibility to add a new

section at a different time. In addi­tion, it is each department’s respon­sibility to call and e-mail students about the new course
time.

“I can’t stress enough to students how important it is to have their

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on her, and doctors said her temperature had climbed to 108 degrees. She
died Wednesday shortly after arriving at a hospital.
Nausik Burgess, 28, who was working
her first day as a job in downtown
Atlanta, was charged with murder
and cruelty to children. A hearing
was set for Thursday.
The high temperature in Atlanta
was 85 Wednesday. Temperatures
inside closed cars can climb 45 degrees
higher.
Auntie died one day after the death of a Macon infant whose mother left
her in a hot car for four hours last weekend.
Eight-month-old Reagan Gray had
been on life support since she was
found Sunday in a parking lot.
Her mother, Sherron Davis Gray,
told police she thought she had taken
her baby to a relative's house before she went to work.
She could face charges of child cru­
elty, abuse, endangerment or neglect.
District Attorney Howard Sams has
said, and other charges were possible
because the child died.
Pa. teacher sues district for
allegedly violating free speech

A Pennsylvania high school
principal who says he was sur­
deed for what he had scrawled on a news­
paper.
Gardner said the notes were related
to a book he was writing about how to
overcome adversity.
"Ousama bin Laden did us a favor," the
notes read. "He validated us, awakened us and strengthened our
resolve."
According to the lawsuit, Gardner
threw the paper in a wastebasket in
the teachers' lounge. He was then
allegedly surrounded by armed school
guards and detained for an hour in
front of Arthur J. Rooney Middle
School. He was suspended and later
reinstated.

International Briefs

Professor finds world's funniest joke
LONDON (AP) — Drum roll, please — an online search for the
world's funniest joke has produced a winner.
In a controversial experiment called LaughLab, a British psychology
professor asked thousands of people
around the world to rate the humor
value of a list of jokes; they could also
add their own favorites.
In December, Richard Wiseman and his associates announced the
front-runner, an old gag involving fic­
tional detective Sherlock Holmes and
his sidekick, Dr. Watson. But in the
final tally of some 2 million votes for
40,000 jokes, announced Thursday, a
joke about a couple of New Jersey
hunters out in the woods when one of
them falls to the ground. He doesn't
seem to be breathing, his eyes are
rolled back in his head.
"The other guy's voice comes back on
the line. He says: 'OK, now what?'"
"There is silence, then a shot is heard. The guy's voice comes back on
the line. He says: 'OK, now what?'"
"Many of the jokes submitted
received higher ratings from certain
groups of people, but this one had real
universal appeal," said Wiseman, who
has published a book based on the experiment.

Week after Hurricane Isidore, Merida, Mexico still struggling to recover

MERIDA, Mexico (AP) - Fields
facing papaya trees from the ground,
flodding fields across the low-lying
province and killing livestock, Mexican Agriculture Secretary Javier
Uraga said.
The storm robbed many fishermen
of their boats, leaving families without
an income after they already faced the
loss of their homes and belongings.

Mother Teresa moves one step
closer to sainthood

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Mother Teresa
won a step closer to beatifi­
cation Tuesday, when a Vatican com­
mitee approved a reported miracle
attributed to the late Roman Catholic
nun, church officials said.
The Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints committee that hanc­
les the process leading to sainthood
approved reports that an Indian
woman in her 30s was cured of a stom­
ach tumor due to the intercession of
Mother Teresa, officials said.
"We are very grateful to God for
this wonderful grace, and we are very
happy," Sister Nirmala, head of the
order founded by Mother Teresa, the
Calcutta, India-based Missionaries of Charity.

Briefs compiled from the Associated Press service by Mustang Daily
staff writer Abbey Kingdon.
By Rebecca Howes

The Banger Sisters is a lot like a one night stand — it’s fun while it lasts but when it’s over you’re left feeling empties.

There are many good things about this movie that are over with before they really begin. The character of Harry is one of those things. Harry could have stolen the show given the opportunity. Amusing at first, he grows on you with his idiosyncratic mannerisms just enough to make you want to see more of him. It was as though director Bob Dolman realized this fact in the middle of the movie and decided to tone down his character as an afterthought. I keep wondering what Harry was doing when he wasn’t in the scene.

The movie consistently introduces complex, eccentric characters living out intensely funny scenes, but they disappear from the plot too soon, leaving the audience with a movie that has a lot of unanswered questions.

Suzette (Goldie Hawn) is a washed-up party girl who gets fired from her bartending job at the Whisky A Go-Go in L.A. Down and out, she packs up her beat-up car and heads to Phoenix to receive a relationship with her best friend from 20 years ago, Lavinia (Susan Sarandon). The two were dubbed the “Banger Sisters” by Frank Zappa because they depht with so many rock stars and ravers in the “free love” era.

On the way to reunite with Lavinia, Suzette runs out of money and is forced to pick up a hitchhiker named Harry (Geoffrey Rush). Harry is a neurotic screenwriter with writer’s block who is on his way to Arizona to murder his father.

Once in Phoenix, Suzette goes to see Lavinia. Parked outside Lavinia’s house, Suzette sees that Lavinia has moved on with her life and is now married with a family and a nice home. Suzette never stopped living in the past and 20 years later she has nothing to show for it. Suzette decides to return home without contacting Lavinia.

Exhausted, Suzette needs a place to crash before driving all the way back to L.A. Penniless, she returns to the hotel where she dropped off Harry. Without asking him, she moves into his room, disrupting his obsessively organized life.

Eventually Lavinia’s 17-year-old daughter, who takes acid at her prom and ends up incapacitated at the hotel where Suzette and Harry are staying, reunites Suzette and Lavinia.

Suzette longs for the life that Lavinia has while Lavinia longs for the freedom that Suzette has. Though they have gone their separate ways both women have lost the meaning of what they are.

The next thing you know Suzette is staying for dinner and Lavinia is choosing food for her husband, chopping off her hair, wearing clothes that are really nice and getting stoned in her basement.

The next day Suzette is going back to L.A. with Harry and Lavinia is back on good terms with her family. It seems that it only takes 24 hours to get your life in complete order these days.

Lavinia’s daughters are hilarious subplots that, like Harry, could have been elaborated on. It seems like a waste of time to introduce complex characters only to stop short of giving them a voice. It appears that Dolman’s time would have been better suited in panning deeper plots for Hawn, Sarandon and Rush.

This film is funny at times, yet tries to be many things to too many people. In the end it loses its power.
Local poet's latest offering is a gem

By Bonnie Guevara

What makes good poetry? Poetry is therapeutic to some, but to others it's confusing and meaningless. Some love it, while others hate it and can't understand it.

"I always feel like I never understand the deeper meaning," journalism senior Meghan Nowakowski said. "I feel like I never get it."

However, those that do understand poetry appreciate how it's a one-of-a-kind medium, an art that gives fulfillment both to the writer and reader.

English professor Adam Hill is one of those people. "I find it inspiring more than anything else," Hill said. "Poetry is a much more concentrated and intense gene into life. It's the incredible moments and the over-looked beauties (in life). It's unlike anything else."

Local poet Michael Hannon has just released a new book titled "Trusting Oblivion." Hannon was born and raised in San Luis Obispo, and his work has garnered attention both here and abroad and has been widely published in journals and anthologies. He is also the author of two other full-length collections: "Poems and Days" and "Ordinary Messengers."

This newest offering, "Trusting Oblivion," captures the true honesty and high quality of writing behind his poetry. With his remarkable talent, each poem is vibrant with colorful words and images; his sweet selections of poetry offer something for everyone.

The book is divided into five sections, each of which deals with the issues of life, love and the struggle to survive, as is this passage from the "Love's Body" section:

"All the love in the world, I'm thinking, while deep in the tub a blue light beams me up, weightless in the body Time has imagined."

Michael Hannon
"Love's Body"

Five distinct sections of poems comprise "Trusting Oblivion."
Opinion

Professors need to lighten up on rules

L et's face it: College is stressful and college students are competitive. Sometimes running on a water bottle or balancing on a half empty coffee cup is the difference between something that will pacify one's nerves, but what happens when professors forbid our pacifiers?

Has your crunching on corn chips or slurping from a water bottle ever turned heads in class, or cost you a glare across the dreaded divide between professor and student? If you've found yourself in this situation, one of two things is happening: You skipped kindergarten or your professor is really uptight.

Professors that incorporate classroom etiquette values into their course, or worse yet, place an emphasis on their personal values in our lives. They forget that their influence is developed within us, their students, and this can be good or bad. When I am in a lecture hall and the professor stops lecture to note when a late student comes in, I feel a sinking fear that any mistake or slight impertinence in my day might stain my ethic in the eyes of my professor. Instead of learning the material for the day, I learn that I must be perfect.

But I must admit we are creatures of habit, and we learn through imitation. If a professor establishes a professional atmosphere in his or her classroom, students are less likely to take the material seriously. I've noticed that if a student respects a teacher, then the student will imitate the teacher's behavior and value system.

At the same time, this can increase the distance between students and professors. When professors demand certainty, they will reward the students who conform and punish those who do not. This criticism is too personal; it has nothing to with the exchange of information and ideas between equal individua ls.

Last time I checked, education is still about that exchange, and not about what can make a professor's whim.

I believe that the best teachers are those who are also partiers. Their instruction is more effective than that of throned professors with their ivory tower tetes. Some stumbling process must occur with child rearing. It is a mystery to me, so I won't even try to understand the psychology.

These "parent-professors" are able to separate what is important to them (i.e. prompt attendance, perfect spelling, no eating in class, etc.) from what is truly essential to our learning process as students.

I firmly recall my classes with my favorite professors at Cal Poly. I enrolled in midrashical training and enjoyed it so much I enrolled in a class this quarter solely because he taught the course.

What made those professors so great?

They treat students as individuals. They enjoy their time with us, and don't treat our time together as rigid teaching policies. I've grown academically and personally from their class atmosphere of honesty, maturity and openness.

I reference this article to the parents in their subject or their ability to communicate a passion for learning.

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Letters to the editor

Parents teach children wrong message in war

Editor,

Upon reading Omar Haws's letter ("Come on in 12 killed in war with moderate terrorism," Mustang Daily, Oct. 3), I had several reactions. The first was empathy for the two children recently killed in Jerusalem. Certainly, the second was sympathy for the two children recently killed in Jerusalem. I also could not help thinking that if the one had not been throwing rocks (which can be deadly weapons), he might still be alive.

The child was probably throwing rocks at the soldiers atop of his Latvia during their presence in his homeland.

The cause of this hate is most likely a result of information given to him by his parents and other elders, since children rarely take it upon themselves to form factual views against groups of people.

Parents of Palestinian children should stop teaching their children to hate Israelis. Likewise, Israeli parents should not instill hateful views of Palestinians in their children.

The problem is that this find to be much too difficult to accomplish in a society that sends their children crowded into crowded places to blow themselves up.

Keeping "the struggling Palestinian people" in your prayers will do absolutely nothing. Palestinians need to realize that militants among their society have placed them in this position. It is only when people like Arabat are cast aside, and violence discouraged, that the Palestinian people will be seen as a political group.

Until then, all Palestinians are lumped together and seen, unjustly, as violent and unreasonable people. This unjust view is a direct result of past Palestinian action, and not the fault of the U.S. support of Israelis.

Omar also makes a comment about total lives lost: "I have not seen a statistic of how many Palestinians had been killed in the past few months, but I estimate that the total number of deaths is now greater than 3,000 lives for our sake in the war with moderate terrorism.

To what are you referring as "terrorist attacks"? I hope that you are not trying to make the cover-up of small tragic activity a terrorism. Engaging the enemy is not terrorism; blowing up a crowded civilian market is.

Christopher C. Artac is a general engineering senior.

Dress to impress makes school bearable for men

Editor,

To the women who spend six hours in the morning primping, plucking and preening, don't you ever stop and think how much that act as a beauty queen, please ignore Christine Wegner's advice ("Cal Poly finds less, not beauty pageant competitions" Oct. 1). That is, except for the part about wearing non-lacerating shoes, because the sight of blood makes me a bit faint. After all, if you stop dressing in an alluring fashion, what reason will shallow and socially inept guys like me have to go to school?

I believe in not ladies, you're providing a public service to the pathetic portion of losers to whom I belong. To us, hot women dressed in captivating outfits only exist as flickering images on TV during beer commercials or as 640x480 jpg pictures on porn Web site sign-up pages, and seeing those creatures in the real world confirms their existence. It's analogous to not believing in Bigfoot after seeing a picture of him, then walking outside, running into Bigfoot and having your arms out of your sock et and savagely club us with you. I for get that there are bigger threats to the human species, than what's kind of a funny image.

And to those of you who adjust your top, fidget with your short skirt or almost expose yourself to an entire building, I have just one question. Where the hell is the buttoning? Why did I miss this class? That's two questions.

Hmmm? What's that? No, I've never had a date or a girlfriend. Why do you ask?

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Switching majors shouldn't be hassle for Poly students

You just turned 18 and finally have the right to vote, along with the ability to buy cigarettes and porn legal­ly.

Score! Now you have the exciting choice of what university to attend for the next four years. No parents, no rules. It's absolute freedom.

Commentary

Do you think you would ever limit the freedom by choosing to go to a school that not only makes you declare your major before you are accept­ ed, but also makes it virtually impossible to change that major once you're in?

Say goodbye to that freedom!

That's exactly what Cal Poly's President Warren J. Baker wants to do. At the annual Fall Convocation (big meeting where important campus employees decide the fate of Cal Poly students), Baker told campus staff that Cal Poly's been pretty kick-ass this past year. For the 10th students who switch majors because then they take longer to graduate.

But important campus employees decide the fate of Cal Poly, so it looks like we won't be able to change it.

declare a major without really knowing what that major is all about. Many campuses in the West.

one? It doesn't really make sense to change the rules on us after we've already started playing the game.

Exactly what kind of balance is that?

It's hard enough for the average entering freshman to declare a major without really knowing what that major is all about, let alone decide a career. I can't imagine having to declare a major with the possibility of never being able to change it.

And what about students like me, who are already here and aren't quite sure that the major they declared is the right one? It doesn't really make sense to change the rules on us after we've already started playing the game.

Add to this the fact that one of Baker's highlights was that Cal Poly is the only public campus in the country where graduating in seven years, or sticking withing into a new person what college is all about?

that freedom by switching majors if he or she wants to, and to graduate when they are in.

I don't doubt that making us stick with our original major is going to get us out of this institution faster. Many people can't get into major classes, and become stuck because those classes are prerequisites for others. That sounds like a problem for me, not students switching majors. Obviously, the stu­ dents who are trying to get the classes actually like the majors they are in.

Director of Admission said it is clear to him that there will be some new opportunities and challenges. Then why not take the oppor­ tunity to help students instead of challenging us with more problems than we already have?

Reducing the number of people who switch majors, in hopes that students will graduate sooner, might make sense to someone like Baker, who graduated more than 30 years ago.

It might be silly and childish, but I thought we could be whatever we want to be. Shouldn't it be a student's choice to switch majors if he or she wants to, and to graduate when they want to? Isn't finding yourself, experimenting and grow­ ing into a new person what college is all about?

This should be true whether it be changing your major for the fifth time and graduating in seven years, or switching with the major you declared and graduating in three and a quarter. Whatever the situation, we have the right to choose how to live our lives.

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is a very big concern, said Manzar Forohar, history professor and president of Cal Poly’s California Faculty Association chapter.

“We need better planning by the administration,” Forohar said. “They accept too many students and push them into classes, and the classes are getting larger and larger. It’s bad for education.”

The number of enrolled students in the CSU system is expected to increase again next year by approximately 25,000 students, Reed said. He said he plans to ask the legislature for more money, but the future largely depends on the November election.

Proposition 47, the Kindergarten through University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002, is critical to the future of state universities, Reed said, as it would provide schools with $250 million. The money would pay for construction projects on various campuses. According to the CSU Web site, the money spent at Cal Poly would go towards renovation and replacement projects for the engineering and architecture buildings.

“Proposition 47, if it passes, will only be half of what we need, but $250 million will help,” he said. The California State Employees Association and the Chancellor’s office all support Proposition 47, Forohar said.

“It is good for everyone,” she said. More faculty will be hired this year to accommodate the larger number of students in the system, Reed said. There are positions for 1,200 more faculty members, both lecturers and tenured-track professors, which they hope to fill this year. Cal Poly faculty said they are concerned by the high cost of living and the lack of benefits that have made retaining educators at the school difficult.

Reed said affordable housing for faculty at Cal Poly is being planned, and he is anxious to have it built. “Not every CSU is having problems retaining teachers, but there are several like San Luis Obispo,” he said. The added housing will not be enough, Forohar said, because they are selling it at market price, which faculty cannot afford on their current salaries.

| Candidate comes to Poly |

They are still planning on having a booth in the University Union, Matthews said. She added that they might have to pay for it or get a campus club to sponsor them.

CPSC also announced their trip location for this year. The club is going to Whiterail Ski Resort from Dec. 14 through Dec. 21. Another big event for the club is a kick-off barbeque at Cuesta Park this weekend from noon until sunset.

Students’ dues are $30 for new members and $25 for returning members. Along with getting free admission to club events, students also get a card that gives discounts at various stores and restaurants around San Luis Obispo.

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Not much has changed from last year other than the location of meetings and how the club is insured. Its insurance is now through the tour company they use for their big ski trip, Matthews said.

Mechanical engineering junior Zach Pearson is the vice-chair of marketing for the club.

“Basically we are trying to get (CPSC) out there,” Pearson said. “There won’t be much of a change, but since we are no longer a Cal Poly club we changed the name.”

Pearson said that they are still planning on having a big presence this year. They are still planning on having a booth in the University Union, Matthews said. She added that they might have to pay for it or get a campus club to sponsor them.

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**Sports**

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**Mustangs to host Big West foes**

**By Olga Berdal**

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Despite a slow start to the season, the Cal Poly volleyball team heads into this weekend's matches with hope and confidence.

The Mustangs (3-9 overall, 2-7 Big West) host Idaho and Utah State this weekend in Mott Gym.

Coach Steve Schlick said that both the Vandals and the Aggies have strong teams and should provide a challenge.

"We're expecting battles in both situations," Schlick said. "We have some great matches coming up."

The Mustangs, who had a tough preseason playing top-ranked teams such as Hawaii and Stanford, have grown as a team as a result of the experience.

"I don't think our record is a true indicator of our strengths," Schlick said. "Experience can definitely play a role against higher-level teams." Schlick also noted that many of the women on the team have been stepping up against more experienced opponents.

The team needs to regain the confidence that was lost during the difficult preseason, middle-blocker Worthy Lien said. "Our preseason wasn't too hot," she said.

Lien said that since the Mustangs lost a few games, the team got into the match and Schlick agreed that in order to win more games, the team is going to have to work as a whole.

"Two or three people aren't going to win for us," he said. "The whole team has to play well."

Fortunately for the Mustangs, the team has a history of doing well against this weekend's opponents.

The Mustangs hold a 9-3 advantage over the Vandals in the all-time series, and a 10-4 edge over the Aggies.

Last season, however, Cal Poly and Utah State each won on their home court. But the Mustangs seem to have improved since then.

"I feel that we have definitely shown growth in our skills," Schlick said. "We are getting contributions from a large number of people."

Last weekend, the Mustangs split their matches with a win over Irvine, and a loss to No. 6 Long Beach on Saturday.

Cal Poly hosts Idaho (4-7, 1-2) today and Utah State (6-6, 1-2) on Saturday. Both matches begin at 7 p.m.

"We are a top team, and we can beat them," Lien said.

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**Cal Poly Cross Country**

**Surrounded with talent at last**

**By Rachelle Ackley**

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Cal Poly women's cross country team returned this season with key runners from the 2001 Big West championship team, while the men hope to regain a championship title after losing last year to UC Santa Barbara.

Both teams got off to a good start at the Stanford Invitational Saturday — the men finished second and the women 13th.

The men's lineup changed this season with a influx of freshmen and transfer students.

"The new recruits are making a huge impact," said head coach Tony Crawford. "I saw these guys could take care of themselves.

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"The team champion at the invitational was freshman Andy Coughlin, who finished in 10th place with a time of 24:09 on the 8K course. Bickert, a junior, finished in 13th place with a time of 24:14."

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