Health Center responds to birth control recall

By Christen Wegner
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Pharmacia Corporation has recalled all doses of its birth control drug, Lunelle Monthly Contraceptive Injection due to its potential of failure. The Cal Poly Health Center was notified Monday to immediately discontinue the use of the company's products. It is not expected to work to its full potential, said Dr. Burt Cochran, head of Medical Services at the Health Center. During their quality control testing, a few lots of the drug and

Once absorbed, the estrogen and progesterone work together with a woman's body to prevent pregnancy, according to the site. "When we received the notice we immediately wanted to get the word out to those students who are currently using the drug," said Bob Negranti, Health Services projects coordinator. Lunelle is somewhat different from the more widely-known shots like Depo Provera. Lunelle was only required once a month, while Depo Provera is required once every three weeks. Depo Provera also differ because it contains only the progestin hormonal component, which some doctors say isn't as safe and dependable as the estrogen and progesterone combination. It is unknown how many Cal Poly students were using the drug as a form of birth control, but the Health Center is in the process of contacting those individuals, Cochran said. "I don't know if we received any of the bad lots, but we want those students to know that they should now use another form of birth control besides the shot," he said. Cochran recommends that those students affected by the recall should see their doctors for precautions, said Cochran. The recall is nationwide and was conducted with the full knowledge of the Food and Drug Administration.

Parents hear from missing Poly student

By Andrea Coberly
MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

Parents of the Cal Poly student missing since Friday reported receiving a phone call from their son, younger brother Owen McDonagh last night. City and regional planning sophomore Emmet McDonagh, 19, was reported missing Friday afternoon. McDonagh was last seen by his Stener Glen roommates around 1 p.m. Friday, when he left to go on a bike ride. A search Sunday of the Poly Canyon and the Bishop's Peak areas were unsuccesssful, said Lt. James English of the San Luis Obispo Police Department. Owen said that his brother called from Los Angeles and was "in good health." His parents traveled south last night to pick up their son, Owen said. His brother did not elaborate on reasons for his appearance in the Los Angeles area.

For reasons unknown, a trace of McDonagh's ATM card showed at least one transaction made in Oakland around 3 a.m. Sunday, said Steve

McDonagh, Emmet's father said. The McDonagh family lives in San Francisco and said they had reason to believe he might have been in Northern California. "We're pretty sure he's headed to Oakland," Steve said in an earlier interview. "We used to vacation in Northern California. That's my guess." Emmet received the most recent phone call from their son, Emmet's parents last spoke with him Wednesday night, but nothing emerged out of the ordinary, his father said. "It's totally baffling," Steve said. "He's back with his roommates now, he seems to be in good spirits, but this whole thing seems planned. He didn't say anything to me. We don't get it." Journalism senior Sierra Fish, director-coordinator of Student Community Services, went to high school with Emmet and worked with him at SCS. Emmet is the director of Youth Education and a volunteer for Best Friends, a program that works with the

"I'm not one person here," she said. "I'm connected with the Brian Othmer Foundation. I can pick up the phone and call the foremost experts in the field when I have questions. That is one of the reasons I agreed to do this." The experts are chief scientist Sigfried Othmer, Ph.D., and clinical director Susan Othmer, who named the EEG Institute after their late son. Brian, who suffered with severe behavioral problems and epilepsy that caused Grand Mal seizures which were responsible for his death in 1991.

In 1985, the Othmers learned

By Rebecca Howes
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It looks like a combination of using the force and having telekinet

It's been a while since the last update on the Brian Othmer Foundation, a nonprofit organization that focuses on using neurofeedback to help people with a variety of behavioral issues. This week, they announced the launch of a new initiative called the Brain Center for Neurofeedback.

The center, located in San Luis Obispo, will offer services to individuals of all ages and backgrounds, with a focus on treating conditions such as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), anxiety, depression, and sleep disorders. The center will provide neurofeedback training through a variety of techniques, including biofeedback and traditional therapy.

The center also plans to offer workshops and outreach programs to help raise awareness about the benefits of neurofeedback and its potential for improving the quality of life for individuals with neurological conditions.

"The Brain Center for Neurofeedback is a unique and innovative approach to treating a range of neurological conditions," said Brian Othmer, the founder of the organization. "We are committed to providing high-quality care and support to individuals and families who are affected by these conditions, and we believe that neurofeedback has the potential to make a significant impact in their lives."

For more information about the Brian Center for Neurofeedback, visit their website at www.braincenterca.org or contact them at 805-753-8663.
Students safe from sink hole

By Bonnie Guevara
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A hallow sink hole has established a home on the upper fields of the sports complex.

"We think a storm drain is broken under the ground sucking in the dirt," said Doug Overman, assistant director of Facility Services. "We're working on the hole right now."

The hole is currently between 10 and 15 feet across. Facility Services has been digging it larger to get underground to the storm drain, Overman said. It was discovered early Monday morning.

However, the hole has not yet succeeded in sucking in or harming any Cal Poly students - as of today.

"We checked the injury reports this morning, and they came back clean," said Joe Long, assistant director of Rec Sports. "Once the hole was discovered, we immediately called grounds, and they're working on it."

The sink hole will not disrupt the sports complex fields in any way, since the hole is off to the side of the playing fields.

"It should only take a couple days to fix," Overman said.

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Thursday.

"Our goal is to encourage participation among the student body and have the support of the faculty," Vazquez said.

ASI members said they hope that professors will tell students to support them as they rock away and also encourage them to register during their particular shift, said business junior Vazquez.

Voter registration forms will be available for students throughout the 24-hour campaign. Anyone who registers during the 24-hour campaign will receive a free hot dog, Vazquez said. A contest will also be held for each residence hall, with the hall with the most students who register during the "Rock-A-Thon" receiving a prize.

ASI Vice President Kaitlin Ayers said that it is important that people between the ages of 18 and 25 register to vote.

Studies have shown that this is a crucial age in the voting process, people who register at these ages become voters for life. Ayers also said that voting really helps to give Cal Poly a voice.

"We feel it is very important that students register to vote because it really affects the work we do on and off-campus," Ayers said.

 Anyone who wishes to rock for the campaign may sign up in the conference room of the ASI office.

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developmentally disabled.

"He's a genuinely nice person," Fish said. "He's really a tremendous asset to us here."

Fish said she last saw Emmet briefly in the SCS office early Friday. He seemed a little reserved, but nothing out of the ordinary, she said.

"I am really relieved and happy he is OK," she said.

Mustang Daily staff writer Jordan Schultz contributed to this article.

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By Greg Myre
Associated Press

JERUSALEM - In advance of a White House visit, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon urged Palestinians on Monday to overcome their leadership, calling it a "desperate regime that is leading you from failure to failure."

Sharon's unwilling stance with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has won the broad endorsement of President Bush, who has also called for Arafat to be replaced.

But Sharon, making his seventh White House visit in 18 months, could face hard questions from a U.S. administration that has chastised him for failing to work through a process aimed at resolving the 40-year-old Mideast conflict. Sharon spoke to reporters after meeting with President Bush, who is hosting Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas for a White House meeting on Monday.

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French and Basque cuisine mix it up in bistro setting

By Jordan Schultz

The typical college student's budget doesn't allow for fine dining, but on those occasions when splurging is called for, Le Fandango Bistro is a good option. Offering a unique menu selection set in a comfortable yet classy location, good for a first date or just a great cocktail.

Tucked away in an accommodating yet intimate small space next to The Library bar on Higuera Street, Le Fandango Bistro offers a charm that is reminiscent of European dining. The restaurant features Basque and French cuisine, a variety of food unfamiliar to many but definitely worth exploring.

The Basque region is in north-central Spain and spills over the border into France. Located on a coastal plain, the area offers a cuisine that is largely seafood-based. French-Basque owner and chef Michel Olaizola opened the bistro about three years ago, and owned a restaurant in Paris before moving to the United States.

However, Le Fandango's menu is far more exciting and varied than a typical seafood restaurant. Amid the selections, which include rack of lamb, nightly fish specials and filet mignon, diners may choose to indulge in delicacies such as escargot, frog legs and rabbit stew. Vegetarian entrées are also available.

Although Le Fandango does offer several elegant dishes and fine wines ranging from $16 to $420 a bottle, manager Antonio Moline said the restaurant is true to the bistro style. "A bistro atmosphere is not considered fine-dining," Moline said. "It's more casual than formal."

The absence of tablecloths, the rustic atmosphere promoted by walls of brick and the lack of snobby service support that description.

Upon recommendation, I opted for the "Bistro Salad" and "Shrimp and Scallop Fandango Style." Michel Olaizola owner and chef

While Olaizola and other chefs were preparing food in the kitchen, set in clear view of the customers, attentive waiters filled water glasses and breadbaskets. Spanish-style music played while diners sipped martinis and wine courtesy of the restaurant's full bar.

Moline said the restaurant pulls in a lot of regulars and tourists.

"Our prices do promote an older crowd," Moline said. "But we also get a lot of first daters and friends of the staff, basically people who know the food is worth the price."

Prices were comparable to similar San Luis Obispo restaurants, with entrées ranging from about $16 and up. Appetizers were around $8 to $12, and salads hovered around the $7 range. All prices are clearly posted on both the menu and on chalkboards featuring specials.

"We want people to have confidence that they won't end up getting deceived by prices," Olaizola said. "Our intention is not to be a snobby restaurant."

My food was excellent and prepared in a timely manner. I would have to agree the shrimp and scallops, bathed in a distinct and delicious sauce, could rival most appetizers in town. The salad consisted of typical greens and vegetables complemented by feta cheese, eggnog prosciutto and a tangy dressing. Joined by three other friends, I sampled their selections of French onion soup and salads and found them to be equally tasty.

For a date or a weekend with the parents, I would highly recommend Le Fandango Bistro for lunch or dinner.

Although it is a little pricey for a typical college meal but perfect for a special occasion, the restaurant provides attentive service, delicious food and an atmosphere that can be fun and romantic.

I'd also suggest taking advantage of Fandango's bar when the lines for The Library and Mother's Tavern are never-ending. The bar's specialty, the Flatliner Martini, was delicious and highly intoxicating. But do be on your best behavior.

"We like to get the smart college students in the bar," Olaizola said with a smile, "not the messy drunks."

Two diners bask in the afternoon light on Higuera Street at Le Fandango Bistro. The restaurant serves up both traditional French and Basque cuisine in downtown San Luis Obispo.

Quiz

Match the region of France with the product it's best known for. As these lists tend to be arbitrary, we've added some other random elements. Score bonus points for finding the bogus item.

A) Anchovies, thymus gland, olives, tomatoes
B) Creamy sauces, cheeses, teeth
C) Bacon, red wine, oxygen
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Morro Bay — three stacks, a rock and some crepes

By William Reitz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Those who eat a lot of restaurant meals knows that, over time, they all run together like some unending strand of tangled linguine. In Morro Bay, where seafood seems to be the rule, if one is looking for an alternative to the too-familiar clam chowder and fish & chips joints, there is a quaint little restaurant called Creperie Sophie.

Located less than a two-minute walk from the Morro Bay Embarcadero, it is a nice option if you are out shopping for a quiet dinner for two. It has been open for two years now and is known to Morro Bay residents as simply “the creperie.”

Dessert crepes may be spread with a jam or fruit mixture, rolled or folded and sometimes are flamed with brandy or liqueur at tableside.

Creperie Sophie is a perfect example of why restaurants, like books, should not be judged by their covers. At first glance, the exterior looks like a cute little French café. Upon entering the front door, the sounds of a French jazz-singer fill the air and a warm “Hello, sit anywhere” comes from Renata Stein, Cal Poly agricultural business student and employee at the restaurant.

Creperie Sophie takes its name and recipes from owners David and Aaron Bidermans’ grandmother, Sophie. A small collection of photos featuring Sophie greet customers as they enter the restaurant.

But the interior looks as if it was designed from a thrift store, or perhaps a Cal Poly sidewalk poster sale. The dining room has a mix of prints by impressionists such as Renoir and Van Gogh. The “eccentric friend’s living room” atmosphere is completed with other secondhand knick-knacks. Despite the clutter, it is decidedly “French.”

From a long tradition of French cooking and family recipes, local area brothers David and Aaron Biderman named the creperie after their grandmother, Sophie, from whom most of the recipes originated. There is a small pictorial tribute to Sophie, who is alive and well in Toronto, on the entrance wall.

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Morro Bay’s creperie has several small, Formica-topped tables with green plants, and seats approximately 25 people. If people-watching is your thing, you may be a little voyeuristic and watch the shoppers pass, as the dining room’s front window overlooks the sidewalk of Morro Bay Boulevard.

If it’s been a while since high-school French, don’t feel intimidated by the fancy French words, as this place is very approachable. The service was personable and attentive, without the stereotypical French attitude. The menu items are written in French but there is parenthetical, simple English breakdown for the not-so-gourmet customers. Plus, the food server was helpful with explanations of any unfamiliar dishes.

One note: the prices are not similar to those for fast food, nor is the time necessary to prepare these crepes, baguette or croissant sandwiches, soups, and homemade soups and salads. Lunch or dinner for two will easily cost about $30. Beer and wine are available.

Creperie Sophie is open Friday through Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and brunch is served Saturday and Sunday starting at 10 a.m. The restaurant is located at 355 Morro Bay Blvd.

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Brown v. Board of Education, which made racial segregation illegal, has our society truly come since the 1954 landmark court decision. While we love to espouse the rhetoric of an equitable society, it is true even though his race and gender both played important parts in his success story; these factors offered him opportunities not available to others around him.

Franklin, they leave out the fact that he was a white male. This American Dream, with hard work and patience the dream can become a reality for them, because they believe in this system of meritocracy. However, the system remains one based upon merit.

When people tell the rags to riches story of Benjamin Franklin, they leave out the fact that he was a white male. It is true even though his race and gender both played important parts in his success story; these factors offered him opportunities not available to others around him.

A clear example of this is in the area of education. How far has our society truly come since the 1954 landmark court decision Brown v. Board of Education, which made racial segregation of schools illegal? Although this decision declared de jure - by law - "separate but equal" schools unconstitutional, did it really end the de facto segregation or institutionalized racism? Although desegregation was a key goal of the Brown case, equitable resources and opportunities were also sought.

Fifty years later, are schools comparably equitable? The answer is no, and this is a fundamental problem in our society. First, we must ask ourselves why schools do not receive the same funding and resources. This has to do with the inherently unequal distribution of funds for our public schools. The majority of funding for public schools in California is tied to property taxes, which means that the students who live in rich areas have the richest public schools.

In fact, the wealthiest 10 percent of school districts spend an average of 10 times more for public education than the poorest school districts. The disparity in funding seems unfair to most people and even the U.S. Supreme Court, in San Antonio v. Rodriguez (1973), the Supreme Court acknowledged "the education provided to Mexican-American children in San Antonio was inferior to that offered to Anglo children."

However, instead of trying to rectify the problem or even hinting that Congress should address the inequities of school funding, the Court decided that education was a 'fundamental right that it enjoyed Constitutional protection.'

The reality is that nearly 20 percent of minorities attend minority-majority schools that have fewer qualified teachers, fewer college-required courses, fewer Advanced Placement courses, fewer extra-curricular activities and larger class sizes than their Anglo counterparts.

The government, to "solve" this problem, has come in with a corporate style approach, cutting money to poorly performing schools that already receive the least amount of funding. One must continue to do this, even though even after study after study concludes that unequal resources explain almost all of the differences among student performance, even when controlling for race and socioeconomic background.

The state of California has added to the problem by ending affirmative action programs on University of California and California State University campuses, under the guise that desegregation was achieved solely on merit. But that is not the case; it is true even though his race and gender both played important parts in his success story; these factors offered him opportunities not available to others around him.

However, these arguments ignore all the resource inequities of our public schools and their ties to race, as well as ignorance of white male privilege. If predominately white schools have better resources, more through PR stunt and misinformation, but about diverting our attention from a failing economy (which war can fix at the cost of lives), corruption scams from Bush-supporting corporations and disastrous environmental laws (logging in national forests - just passed) that wouldn't see the light of day if we weren't conveniently distracted.

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In the words of Andrea Cohen, "It is social responsibility," and I cannot find a better example of that than in the Cal Poly Foundation.

Alexandra League is a business administration junior.

Don't let Bush administration distract you

Editor,

We should take a moment to applaud the brilliant maneuvers of the Bush administration, for they have simultaneously succeeded in taking attention away from problems at home and the general failure of the "War on Terrorism" with another war, the benefits of which are doubtful at best.

Look first to Jason Starkney's letter ("Reason for Iraq attack not just because of oil," Oct. 11) for a typical embrace of Bushian tactics. Not only does he lump together Saddam and al Qaeda in two instances, despite the continued lack of any observed connection, but also he echoes Bush's claims about Hussein's desire to acquire weapons of mass destruction and use them, another "fact" which still has no hard evidence in fact, even the CIA intelligence is against Bush on this one, as they released a statement that the probability such an attack is very low. They did, however, go on to say that going to war would likely provoke Saddam into acquiring and using them.

As for Mr. Artack's letter ("Letter writer makes inaccurate statements," Oct. 11), it is true that Reinheimer's letter ("Attack on Iraq has hidden motives," Oct. 9) is misleading, but are you looking at your counter-arguments?

For instance, your statement about C.A.E.E. is true, but you aren't looking at the whole picture. While fuel cells might come in the far offshore, car companies are still lobbying for the lowering of fuel and exhaust regulations now, and succeeding. This is called "greenwashing." And Bush's "view," if you can call it that, on Alaskan drilling in a national park is programmed by a massive negative public response.

Which brings me to my point - Bush's war is about the threat, which exists mainly through PR stunt and misinformation, but about diverting our attention from a failing economy (which war can fix at the cost of lives), corruption scams from Bush-supporting corporations and disastrous environmental laws (logging in national forests - just passed) that wouldn't see the light of day if we weren't conveniently distracted.

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Entertainment club means business for students

By Lauren Chase
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The life of a college student is not only mentally draining, but it depletes the checkbook as well.

Getting a degree means shelling out a great sum of money in order to voluntarily spend years studying, writing papers and designing projects. Most students will not see the financial benefits of their years spent at Cal Poly until after they graduate. However, two members of Cal Poly's Entrepreneurship Club, Jason Kaltenbach and Brandon Carey, don't have to wait for heavier pockets.

They are industrial technology seniors — and they mean business. Last June the two created a business.

The California Polytechnic State University Foundation's Annual Audit FY 2000-01 has been completed.

The training technology is a little 20 years old but it remains virtually unknown as an alternative to medication.

"Neurofeedback was discovered by medical paradigms, it will take longer than medication put me on the couch," said Derick Othmer, chief scientist. "It made me non-motivated and fat. I'm a fitness teacher so medication isn't the answer. Neurofeedback training allows me to get things done."

Dickinson has suffered with acute anxiety and frequent panic attacks for decades. She said that neurofeedback training has changed her life in a positive way. "I would wake up terrified before," Dickinson said. "I worried about the past and the future. I was never in the moment. Neurofeedback has taught me to live in the present, what is happening right now."

The two members took Brian to a clinic twice a week for neurofeedback training. They began to see immediate changes in his behavior.

"Brian never smiled or engaged anyone in conversation," Siegfried said. "Two months later he began to flourish academically and his social skills improved. He smiled. He engaged my wife in conversation in the kitchen. We were amazed at his progress."

Brain's behavior changed so much that he was able to attend school at Cal Poly, where he majored in computer science and excelled at mathematics before his death.

He even designed some of the computer games that are used in neurofeedback training today.

Brain isn't the only Cal Poly student to benefit from neurofeedback training. Alumnus Debi Dickinson sees Ingram three times a week for training to treat anxiety and panic attacks.

"Medication put me on the couch," said Dickinson. "It made me non-motivated and fat. I'm a fitness teacher so medication isn't the answer. Neurofeedback training allows me to get things done."

Dickinson has suffered with acute anxiety and frequent panic attacks for decades. She said that neurofeedback training has changed her life in a positive way.

"I would wake up terrified before," Dickinson said. "I worried about the past and the future. I was never in the moment. Neurofeedback has taught me to live in the present, what is happening right now."

The training technology is about 20 years old but it remains virtually unknown as an alternative to medication.

Siegfried said he believes he knows why.

"Neurofeedback was discovered by psychologists, not medical doctors," he said. "The medical world doesn't learn from psychologists. If any radical new idea threatens existing scientific or medical paradigms, it will take longer to be accepted."

"It's a great place to compare notes with other students about their business," he said. The club is a guideline for students already involved in a form of entrepreneurship or those who want to put their aspirations to work.

Club members own their own businesses and others own real estate, said international business sophomore Chris Miller, co-president of the club.

One member is an Internet web host provider, and another is selling a product to skydivers that will enable them to turn on a video camera as they are in the air, using just their mouths.

"It's a pretty high-tech thing for college kids to be doing," Miller said. Miller started a business that developed Internet and software applications when he was 15 years old.

Currently, his company is in the process of developing paperless transaction software that will make the home and auto-buying processes completely paper free.

Kaltenbach and Miller agreed that the entrepreneurship club is a motivational tool; students can look at the success of other members and feed off of their experience.

"We're trying to do the whole inspirational thing," Miller said. "The club allows students and local professionals to collide in a comfortable environment which facilitates business. It's inspiring for students to see their peers so heavily involved with a business at a young age, and that's what the club is all about."
Cal Poly Women's Volleyball

Simply overwhelmed

Mustangs are no match for No. 7 UCSB, suffer 3-0 sweep on the road

By Graham Womack

SANTA BARBARA — Despite a valiant dogfight, the Cal Poly women's volleyball team could not beat UC Santa Barbara, falling to the undefeated Gauchos 3-0 Saturday night before a crowd of 625 at the Thunderdome at UCSB.

The Mustangs could do little to keep pace with the Gauchos, slipping to 5-10 overall and 4-3 in Big West play. It took the Gauchos just an hour and forty minutes to beat the Mustangs 30-24, 30-25 and 30-19 in three short, fleetingly-battled games.

The Mustangs simply could not find an answer to the Gauchos' front-line attack, which sent Poly players diving after shot after shot. Middle-blocker Danielle Bauer particularly dominated, accounting for 22 of Santa Barbara's 58 kills, with a game-high 44 percent success rate on her kills.

"I thought we played well," Cal Poly head coach Steve Schlick said. "We're just not quite there."

Dual towers Worthy Lien and Kristen O'Halloran led the team with nine kills apiece, and the Mustangs' left side hitter Jessica Diepersloot added a team-high 11 digs.

"They were one step ahead of us," Diepersloot said. "Although I had an authoritative Lien kill, nearly all rally points went to UCSB."

Big West MVP-candidate Bauer guided Gauchos fans to their feet multiple times, clenching multiple rallies with menacing spikes.

The loss in no way ended the Mustangs' playoff hopes, but it extended the Gauchos' current winning streak against Cal Poly to six games.

The Gauchos improved to 14-14 all-time against the Mustangs.

For the most part, the Mustangs weren't brought down by their performance. "We usually play really badly against Santa Barbara," Lien said. "I thought this was the best we played at their home."}

Cal Poly's Greta Shirdon

Goalie goes from 'short leash' to stardom

Nation's No. 6 ranked goalie didn't pick up soccer until eighth grade

By Chrissy Roth

Most kids begin playing soccer around the first or second grade and finish their career at the end of the eighth grade when they realize competitive high school soccer is not for them.

But for Greta Shirdon, goaliekeeper for the Cal Poly women's soccer team, this is when it all began.

Growing up in a single-parent Peruvian household in Santa Barbara, Shirdon was held on a short leash. While her mother was adamantly against women playing sports, Shirdon was forced to settle for unorganized games in her physical education classes.

It wasn't until after a friend witnessed Shirdon kicking a ball in eighth grade that she received praise for her natural, untamed talent.

Shirdon immediately joined her friends' traveling club soccer team.

"While it was a constant battle for my mom to let me play soccer, (the games) quickly became my outlet to get out of my house and go on weekend trips," Shirdon said.

Starting off as a forward, Shirdon soon became the replacement goalie after the starter was injured.

Greta Shirdon has led five shutout wins this season as the Mustangs' last line of defense. Being thrown into the position, Shirdon admits she was completely lost in the net.

"I remember my first save," she said. "The ball was coming at me and I held a Superbowl live under my left arm to get out of my house and go on weekend trips." Shirdon said.

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Annette Cruteau, Cal Poly fullback

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Greta Shirdon has scored goals on the season as the Mustangs' last line of defense.

Shirdon's coach handed her two videotapes made by professional goalies about the fundamentals of being a good goalkeeper. It was while studying these videos that Shirdon learned how to properly pick and run like a goalie and, most importantly, how to save a ball.

"I still have the videos," she said. "I watch them every once in a while for inspiration."

Shirdon's newfound performance is due to her newly found confidence.

"I don't really care about stats," Shirdon said. "They're just numbers and I wouldn't want them to get in my head."

While Shirdon credits most of her success during this season to her team, her coach attributes it to her newfound focus.

"Greta is so much more focused this year," coach Alex Crezier said. "Everything with her is good. There's nothing out of balance, and it reflects on the field."

By the numbers

21-9

Scoring edge through 13 matches for the women's soccer team

9

number of women's soccer players who have scored goals this season

3

regional rank of the Cal Poly men's cross country team

TRIVIA

Which Cal Poly coach was recently inducted in the Tennessee Lady Vols Hall of Fame?

Submit answer to: jacksofftcalpoly.edu

When was the last time the Cal Poly women's volleyball team made it to the NCAA tournament?

2000

Congratulations, Christine Tang! Sports editor Jacob Jackson can be reached at 756-1796 or jjackson@calpoly.edu.