Poly scholarships dwindle in market

>Half of the university's scholarships will offer partial payments, if any

By Grant Shellen

Half of Cal Poly's scholarships are suffering this year as a result of economic downturn.

Ron Weaver, Cal Poly Foundation investment administrator, said 107 of the university's 214 scholarship endowments will offer only partial payments, if any at all. Most of those 107 will not pay out at all, he said.

When an endowment is made, it is invested in accounts that typically yield a 9.6 percent return, Weaver said. Last year, the stock market declined so much that Cal Poly's accounts lost 1.6 percent.

"You have to have earnings to have a payout," Weaver said. "There haven't been earnings on the newer endowments."

The Foundation is required by law to keep the principal of all endowments, said Dale Texier, director of financial services. Money for scholarships comes solely from earnings off the investment of that principal, whether from the last fiscal year or previous years' reserves.

"Our objective is to retain the principle," Texier said. "It's illegal not to.

Statistics department chair Jay Devore said he was disappointed to learn that the Foundation could not pay out his department's only scholarship this year. He said he wondered if other scholarships would be cut as well.

"It would be a shame if at the same time that student fees are rising, money is not available to those who need financial aid," he said.

Devore said the Joyce Carry-Daly Scholarship, honoring a deceased faculty member, typically awarded $1,000 split among two or three students. Department officials still want to award the scholarship.

"We're either going to take money out of our discretionary fund or else we'll do some fund-raising among faculty," Devore said.

Even though Cal Poly's endowment pool lost money last year, it had a relatively high rate of return on its investment, Weaver said. According to a report issued by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the university's 2002 return ranked 71st out of more than 600 reporting universities.

"It shouldn't be a surprise to anybody that the stock market has gone

Lewis elected to Academic Senate chair

By Samantha Yale

Mathematics professor George Lewis has been elected Academic Senate chair for the 2003-04 school year.

"I was very flattered that I was elected... it was a nice surprise," Lewis said. He will replace current chair and industrial engineering professor Umy Moon.

Lewis, a faculty member for 36 years, acknowledged that next year will pose a challenge.

"There will be problems to keep the principal lif all endowments over the years."

The Academic Senate consists of 51 elected faculty representatives, four senior administrators and two students. Their job is to formulate and evaluate policy and procedures on academic, fiscal and personnel matters, according to the Academic Senate's Web site.

The senate chair heads the meetings, prepares the agenda and, through the senate, makes any changes in the curriculum among other duties, Lewis said.

He said changes initiated by the senate can affect other departments.

Budget cuts force increased CLA class sizes

By Josh Petray

In light of the recent CSU $326 million budget cut and increased student fees, the College of Liberal Arts will undergo increased enrollments in certain courses beginning Summer 2003 and extending into Fall 2003.

"There will be a good number of larger classes next year," said CLA Dean Harry Hellenbrand.

When similar budget cuts impacted the CSU system in the early 1990s, faculty members were pressured to allow a greater number of students into their classes, and it's possible the same could be happening in the near future.

Meanwhile, CLA will be losing 13 teaching positions, Hellenbrand said. This could mean larger class sizes in certain areas and a possible reduction in the availability of teacher office hours for (increased) student enrollments and less time dedicated to direct student-teacher interaction.

"Students come to Cal Poly for the face-to-face experience they get with teachers," English professor James Cushing said.

Within the CLA, each department will devise its own plan for implementing increased enrollment in certain classes, the majority of which are lower-division general education courses. Increased class enrollment will most likely include courses spanning the many CLA departments.

Students to be charged in GLBU egging

By Caitlin O'Farrell

One Cal Poly student and one Cuesta College student will be charged as the perpetrators who egged the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual United Booth last quarter.

Depot District Attorney Jacquelyn Duffy has filed criminal charges against the two. "Although I can't discuss the details of a pending case, charges have been filed and we expect the two students to be arraigned in early June," Duffy said.

The target of the egging was a Gay and Lesbian literature to promote the GLBU booth on Dexter Lawn.

"I was really disappointed, and it's a terrible mistake made," Tregenza director of Campus and Student Relations and Judicial Affairs

This code states that no person, whether or not acting under color of law, shall knowingly deface, damage or destroy the property of any other person for the purpose of intimidating or interfering with the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege... because of the person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation.

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and controversial issues sometimes arise.
"The general education program was revised...and that originated with the senate," Lewis said.
Current senate chair Menon and previous senate chair set a good example for him, he said.
"Menon was a very good chair," Lewis said. He has a sense of decorum. He holds meetings in an extremely cordial way. My predecessors have been very good...they set a very high standard.
Lewis said the current state of the Academic Senate is more independent than in previous years.
"The senate did not used to be an independent voice," he said. "It was not run by faculty, but by administration."
Lewis said the senate now works harder than ever.
"We have a situation now where there's been a tremendous change in faculty," he said. "We expect them to be devoted. I think it's very difficult for anyone not in the university, even students, to appreciate how much is demanded of young faculty."
Lewis said he thanks him's up to the challenge.
"I hope I'm not a disappointment to those who voted for me," he said.
Elrod said she's confident in Lewis. "He is an articulate, thoughtful faculty member who will do a great job facilitating next year's Academic Senate agenda," she said. "It will be a challenging year, but with open communication and involvement from everyone, we'll be able to move forward."
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down in recent years," he said.
Though the investment climate has been unfavorable for several years now, Texer said the Foundation has been able to offer payasons for most of the scholarships from account reserves. But this year, even those are dwindling.
"The reserves have been spent," he said.
The Foundation has examined its investment program, Weaver said, both as part of regular procedure and in response to recent economic conditions.
"Our program is always under review," he said. "We're going through our investment program from top to bottom."
So far, there are no major changes planned, Weaver said. The lack of return is only due to poor market conditions, he said, and Cal Poly's endowment pool is actually performing comparatively well.
"You can check around and see who on their personal investments only lost 1.56 percent last year," he said.

Crime Round Up

April 30
A canoe or kayak trailer was reported stolen from building 78, the Rose Float Laboratory. The owner of the trailer has not seen it in more than two months.

May 1
San Luis Obispo Police Department received a call that a vehicle had crashed into a wall at Poinsettia and Tank Farm roads. Both the driver and the two juvenile passengers were injured in the accident. One of the passengers lost a tooth and the other received a minor knee injury. The suspect was arrested under suspicion of driving under the influence and was booked in county jail with bail of $20,000.

May 3
Around 2:42 a.m., officers were contacted after the smell of marijuana was reported in a Sierra Mare tower. One citation for a controlled substance was issued. No matter how cool your R.A. tells you they are, they're still going to call the cops when they smell weed.

-Late Saturday and early Sunday, police reported multiple hit and runs and DUNs. Within a four-hour period three drivers were arrested and taken to jail. The first occurred at 10:48 p.m. when the suspect drove his Ford Explorer the wrong way down Higuera Street where the driver turned right onto Broad Street and struck four vehicles. The second offense was reported before 2 a.m. when the suspect collided into a house near the Chorro and Peach intersection. After the headlamps and belts were matched to the suspect's car, the suspect was linked to the destruction of a segment of the wall of the Palm Theatre. A final arrest was made after a hit-and-run driver was followed to his home by witnesses, where they contacted police. The suspect was later arrested on felony hit and run and felony DUI.

May 4
Early Sunday morning three men were arrested on suspicion of possessing a Molotov cocktail-type device in their vehicle, according to a brief in The Tribune. SLO Brew employees reported the three Santa Maria residents after they appeared to be trying to get into the business. They were wearing dark gloves and one had a canister of some type. All three were booked into county jail. A Molotov cocktail? Is this a Bond film or has the Russian Mafia taken an interest in SLO Brew?

May 5
Police officers reported to the Apple Farm Restaurant/Hotel after they received a call reporting a man assaulting a female. The woman was bleeding profusely from the head and face according to police. Witnesses told officers that the man appeared to assault the victim for no reason. The victim and her mother attempted to fight off the assailant but did not leave until witnesses came to intervene. The victim was treated for injuries at a hospital.

May 6
Around 4 p.m. the misuse of a campus credit card was reported at the Faculty Offices North Building. No further details were available.

---Compiled by Mustang Daily staff writer Devin Kingdom

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American troops find evidence of Iraqi weapons programs, Army commander says

WASHINGTON — American forces in Iraq are doing tests on a trailer that matches the description of a mobile biological weapons lab given by various sources including defectors, the Pentagon said Wednesday.

It was the first time the Defense Department has acknowledged it might have evidence of the sort of prohibitively unconventional weapons program that justified forcibly disarming Saddam Hussein.

"On the smoking gun, I don't know," Under Secretary of Defense Stephen Cambone said, when asked whether this was a breakthrough in the continuing coalition search for weapons of mass destruction.

Cambone said when the U.S. military has in its possession is the kind of mobile laboratory that Secretary of State Colin Powell described in a Senate hearing last month.

Cambone said experts had done initial tests on a trailer taken into custody April 19 at a Kurdish checkpoint in northern Iraq but said that more substantial testing is required.

Cambone said more testing will be required, noting that the surface of it had been washed with a caustic material and it likely would have to be disassembled.

The Pentagon said Wednesday to nullify thousands of mobile surgical units taken into custody.

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Cambone said he was doing research for his major-science award.

"I think Seoul is partly to blame" for allowing for second-parent adoptions" but had accessed a site containing such images in 1999.

The musician acknowledged using his credit card to enter a Web site advertising child pornography but said he was doing research for his autobiography.

"I am not a pedophile," Townsend said at the time of his arrest.

Townshend, co-founder of The Who, is suspected of possessing and distributing child pornography.

Townshend was arrested in January on suspicion of making and possessing child pornography.

Despite the controversy for itself. A decision is expected within 90 days.

The case concerns a Southern California woman, Sharon S., who gave birth via artificial insemination in 1999. Her 10-year-old son, Aden, was adoptable, the boy, Joshua. The couple split up while the adoption was pending and Sharon withdrew her consent to allow her former partner to adopt. Sharon's attorney, John Dodd, told the court that her client's consent was invalid to begin with because there was no law allowing for second-parent adoption.

Supreme Court urged to nullify adoptions by gay couples

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Supreme Court was asked Wednesday to nullify thousands of adoptions in which gay parents have obtained legal custody of children.

The California Legislature has, since that decision, authorized adoptions for single parents and step-parents. But lawmakers never squarely addressed whether gay couples could adopt children until after a San Diego appeals court ruled two years ago that the so-called "second-parent" adoptions were illegal, the attorneys argued.

Last year, the Supreme Court put that appeals court decision on hold to decide the controversy for itself. A decision is expected within 90 days.

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Teenager admits taking student hostage at school

STUTTGART, Germany — A 17-year-old German admitted in open court Tuesday that he took four children hostage at their school last fall.

The teenager, whose identity was not released because he is considered a minor in Germany, is charged with kidnapping and hostage-taking at gunpoint. He faces up to 10 years in jail if convicted.

He is accused of entering his former school in the Stuttgart suburb of Waiblingen on Oct. 18 and taking four students hostage, holding them for six hours before surrendering. The children ranged in age from 11 to 14. He had demanded a ransom of $1.8 million and a getaway car.

He said he had targeted his former school because he had access to the computer room, where from time to time he still worked on the school's home page. The teen told the court he had $1,500 in debts.

Although he had been armed with an air pistol and a bullet proof vest, the teen insisted Tuesday he had not intended to hurt anyone.

Prosecutor Sandra Eberholtz told the court the youth suffers from psychological problems but said he was held back enough to select kidnap victims whom he thought he could control.

The hostage-taking came six months after a 19-year-old former student killed himself and 16 other people — among them 13 teachers — inside a high school in Erfurt, in eastern Germany. In the wake of the tragedy, parliament passed a bill in June to lighten German gun laws.

A verdict is expected on May 28.

South Korea's absence from nuclear talks brings frustration, relatives say

SEOUL, South Korea — When North Korea met last month with the United States over a nuclear crisis, South Korea's exclusion from the talks reminded many of the North's once-favorable bit of propaganda. That South Korea is a U.S. colony.

China participated in the April 23-25 talks in Beijing over the North's suspected nuclear weapons development, but South Korea was pointedly left out, frustrating many South Koreans.

"I think Seoul is partly to blame (for its exclusion) as it had acted in the past like, in Pyongyang's words, a "deaf, dumb and mute." Even though it was a sexual abuse as a young boy while in the care of his mentally ill grandmother.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily managing editor Maia Spencer.
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Federal college loan rates may hit historic low level

By Ben Feller
ASSOCIATED PRESS WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — Some relief is on the way for families struggling to cover soaring college tuitions. Lower interest rates are about to make federal loans cheaper than ever.

The changes, which could save borrowers hundreds to thousands of dollars over time, come as American families increasingly rely on debt to finance college education.

The interest rate on Stafford loans is expected to fall from 4.36 percent to 4.13 percent, down from 4.13 percent, according to Sallie Mae, the largest source of student loans.

For example, someone who consolidates $25,000 in recent debt could save almost $2,000 over 20 years, or $8 a month.

These new rates for the coming school year would apply to loans taken out after July 1, 1998. Those who borrowed earlier would also see savings depending on when their loans were issued.

These lower rates, while likely, are not guaranteed. Final interest rates on federal student loans will be determined at the end of May based on short-term treasury bill rates.

Halliburton paid millions for Iraq oil work

By Larry Margasak
ASSOCIATED PRESS WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON — Since extinguishing Iraq’s oil fields and performing related emergency work, Halliburton Co. has been paid an additional $24 million to supply Iraqis with oil from other countries and help restart the petroleum industry, documents showed Wednesday.

A spokesman for the Army Corps of Engineers, who provided the figures, acknowledged the agency purposely played down the additional work because, “We didn’t think the contingency was going to be exercised. We didn’t think the initial contract would be involved with operating facilities and distribution of the product, so we didn’t plan that up in the beginning in correspondence to Capitol Hill and in speaking to the news media.”

Cheney’s office has said repeatedly that the vice president has no role in Halliburton’s operations or its government contracts.

Saunders said KBR is procuring oil from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Turkey to meet desperate shortages, especially in Baghdad, where there was only a five-day supply of gasoline.

 Asked whether the administration had a perception problem, presidential spokesman Ari Fleischer said, “Congressman Waxman has never met a Republican he didn’t want to investigate.”

He said questions on the contract should be addressed to the contracting agency, not the White House.

A spokesman for Halliburton said the company’s initial announcement of the contract on March 24 disclosed the larger role for its KBR subsidiary.

The Corps wrote Waxman last Friday that the contract included not only extinguishing fires but “operation of facilities and distribution of products.”

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—Martin Luther King Jr.
Coming up this week

*ASI Elections - Today is the last day to vote for ASI president and vice president and board of directors.

*Rec Center Intramural Sports - There will be golf tournament May 16. Sign-ups for the events have already begun.

**Concert for Peace and Justice** - The Progressive Student Alliance will host the concert May 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Local bands Treluna and Mr. Poppin's Robot will perform.

*WOW Shopping Spree Fund-raiser - The WOW Orientation Program will host the Supermarket Spree May 14 at Albertson's. Two winners will be selected to race through the store for three minutes. Tickets can be purchased between May 5 and 12 at the Los Osos Valley Road and Foothill Albertson's, in the WOW office in the University Union and the WOW booth in the UU Plaza.

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**POTASSIUM IODIDE TABLETS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE LIVING NEAR NUCLEAR PLANTS**

Cal Poly is in an Emergency Planning Zone of SLO County's Diablo Canyon Power Plant. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (www.oes.ca.gov) is making available a 2-day supply of potassium iodide for each person who resides or works in an Emergency Planning Zone. The recommendation is that households near nuclear power plants should keep potassium iodide pills on hand to protect people from getting thyroid cancer due to an accidental or intentional radiation release.

This program is on an individual, voluntary basis and additional information as well as iodide tablet order forms can be obtained by calling 800-550-5234.
A streak of yellow jets past, leaving all who behold the flash breathless with wonderment. No, it is not lightning — it's a BananaMan. The 2003 BananaMan Chase will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at Laguna Lake Park in San Luis Obispo. The event is put on to unite community members and is geared toward families, said event coordinator Alyssa Galvan.

There are several different races to compete in: 5K fun for competitive runners, the two-mile walk, one-half mile run, a 75-yard dash and the diaper dash. The registration fee ranges from $7 to $20.

"The events themselves, although competitive in nature, are going to be so much fun," Galvan said. "We have a ton of prizes to give away."

All participants get a free Jamba Juice, a free T-shirt and a race bag with prizes. "We basically have to buy a packet full of random things that have been thrown together," said industrial technology senior Jessica Alexander. "You are then expected to construct a package that will protect an egg while being dropped from various heights."

Students will compete against industry members and must follow a strict set of guidelines and rules. They will then be judged on five separate sets of criteria, including egg protection, information visible, containment, utility of use and marketing.

Not only are the packages expected to protect the egg from the drop, but they must also have a creative appearance and the ability to open and close. Students spend an average of 10 hours constructing their package.

"This has been consuming me for the past two weeks," Alexander said. "First of all, it is a major part of my grade for two different classes, and you also want to give a good impression of yourself and your packaging ability to your peers and the people in the industry." Alexander said thinking of creative ways to protect the egg with the supplies they are given is stressful.

"In the packet this year we received things like a pipe cleaner, Band-Aid, rubber band, piece of bubble gum and a beer coaster," she said. "It is really challenging to find a method of putting these things together so that the egg will not break."

Poly President Chris Burns said that the egg drop has been going on for about 10 years, and almost 200 students and industry members will compete this year. The actual competition, which will be located on the corner of Chorro and Higuera streets, will use a scissor lift to bring contestants to the initial height of 10 feet. All projects that survive that drop will continue competing until reaching a 50-foot height.

"There are usually three or four projects that survive the drop," Burns said. "Then we do what is called the UPS toss, where the packages are basically dropped and thrown on the floor until they fall apart."

Business senior Heather Nystrom has gone to the event the past two years. "I have a good friend who competes," Nystrom said. "It's really fun to see what works and what doesn't. Everyone just has a good time."
The meeting will begin with "Drinks and Grieving" Friday night in the Learning Fine Arboretum. On Saturday, attendees will wake up to a ranch-style breakfast, and tour the animal science facilities, where students will discuss each operation. The facilities tour will end at the horse unit, where the Cal Poly Horse Sale will take place at 2 p.m.

Hall said the primary objective of the event is to raise awareness of major changes that have occurred throughout the department and the industry in recent years. It also gives current students the opportunity to meet alumni who work in the industry.

The funding for the event came from alumni who donated items for the silent auction and money from ticket sales, Hall said. About 600 students are enrolled in the animal science major, department head Andy Thulin said.

The most popular concentrations are equine science, pre-veterinary medicine and range resource management. Cal Poly has one of the largest animal science departments and equine science programs in the country, he said.

"One thing that the students have in common is that they all love animals," Thulin said. This common interest manifests itself into many different career paths. About half of animal science majors go on to graduate or veterinary school after they graduate, while others pursue careers in pharmacology, research and development, animal sales and biotechnology.

Thulin said there has also been an increasing number of animal science graduates going into fields such as human genetics and cloning because of their previous hands-on experience in animal experiments.

"When it comes to experimenting with embryos, they just don't try that stuff in humans," he said.

For more information about the event, contact Hall in the Cal Poly Animal Science Department at 756-5398.

- Andy Thulin

Animal science department head

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"It took a while for the police department to respond to the crime, and the students at the booth got the impression that they were brushed off," said Pat Harris of Student Life and Leadership.

The situation was not immediately treated as a hate crime, so the students were upset, Harris said. But she added that the police have followed up on the investigation, she said.

"The Cal Poly student responsible has been punished in several ways, including a fine, and they are very remorseful and have accepted responsibility for the grievous mistake made," said Andith Tregenza, director of Campus and Student Relations and Judicial Affairs.

The criminal side of the investigation was dealt with by the University Police Department and has since been passed on to the San Luis Obispo District Attorney's Office.

"After conducting an investigation, we identified two suspects and submitted the case to the D.A.'s office about three weeks ago," said Tony Acielo, San Luis Obispo Police Department chief of police. "It's up to their office what they will release because now it may affect the prosecution of the case."

Following the incident, UFP Commander Bill Watton worked on the investigation and helped in the identification of the suspects.

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Style not superficial in ASI elections

By Cathy Ayers

Campaign posters saturate walkways. Sandwich board signs greet students at every campus entrance. Associated Student Inc. elections must be drawing near.

In addition to campaign speeches and forums, candidates also spend a great deal of time formulating slogans, symbols and images to visually market themselves to the student body. The art of visual campaigning ranges from attention-grabbing symbols simply displayed on a poster to pure bombardment of information.

"Posters have a bigger effect (than candidate forums)," said political science professor Alasha Doan. "The average student doesn't attend forums and at the end of the day, it is the number of votes that matters."

Doan said, although one poster may be of more visually appealing than another, the quantity of information a voter is exposed to has a greater influence than the quality.

The more often voters see a candidate, the more likely they are to remember and vote for that candidate.

However, there are visual techniques a candidate can use to make his or her poster stand out over others. "Symbolism is always very important," Doan said.

Elections committee chair Anna Balatti said candidates are limited to one 4-by-4 foot sign at each campus entrance, and their election posters must not exceed an 8-by-11 inch boundary.

"If you have to read a big long thing, it won't catch your attention."

Jordyn Cutlet graphic design senior

"I think if (a poster) is clean and recognizable, able to read fast, it is more likely to be effective. If you have to read a big long thing, it won't catch your attention."

The concept of simplicity and symbolism appeal to students when evaluating the campaign posters of current candidates.

"The 'P' people have the best typography," said Kerry Ko, a graphic communications senior.

Graphic design senior Matt Allen agreed. "Pausch and Parnell have a logo that sticks in your head," he said.

While some candidates choose to use simple, memorable logos, others use color to make a bold impression. Kaitlin Ayers and Pedro Vazquez, as well as Alison Anderson and Olga Berdal, use vivid colors in their campaign art.

Art professor Tera Galanti said high contrasts in color scheme are a good way to grab the attention of viewers. She added that black, red and white are colors that symbolize power.

Galanti said specific techniques that a candidate uses to portray himself or herself appeal to different audiences. She says a voter's frame of reference to particular techniques depends on what qualities appeal to the individual voter.

Another effect ASI candidates use is the manner in which they present themselves in photographs that appear on campaign posters. While candidates Luke Parnell and John Paasch dress in Cal Poly shirts and pose casually, Kaitlin Ayers and Pedro Vazquez have a more lighthearted appearance in their photographs.

Ko said the way a candidate dresses influences her opinion. "If someone dresses sloppily, then they don't appear very organized," she said.

Galanti agreed that personal presentation influences a voter's opinion. She said a professionally dressed candidate would appeal to a voter who is looking for professionalism and organization in a leader. On the other hand, candidates who appear casual in their photographs also attract voters that would like to see a more laid-back leader in office.

Whether candidates rely on the quality and appeal of their visual campaign or on the quantity and prominence of their name posted around campus, artwork plays a major role in influencing the opinion of voters.
Arts & Culture
Thursday, May 8, 2003

For extra flavor in local scene, add Joose

By Luke Darling
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With a second album slated to come out in mid-July and a recent performance at Wildflower, San Luis Obispo band Joose will play the University Union stage today at 11 a.m.

Joose has been a part of the local music scene for years, but has recently gained more attention within the Cal Poly community thanks to concerts put on by the university and shows at downtown bars. The band members see the enormous opportunity that Cal Poly holds, with so many music fans and large audiences within striking distance.

"Any time you have access to that many people or that large of a group, whether it is a college, city or other organization, you obviously want to take advantage and get your music out there," said guitarist and vocalist Sam Sharp.

Joose — Sharp, bassist Todd Weher, guitarist/banjo player Brenden Wood, drummer Dustin Bouldas, percussionist Robin Chilton and saxophone player Scott Mann — has a different sound that people may not have heard before. With songs that include banjos and harmonicas, the band has garnered many labels.

"We've been called blues rock, funk rock," Sharp said. "We are really diverse.

"The band doesn't care what you call it, so long as their music is out there and people are listening.

"Joose's unique sound and the diversity of music that comes from their shows is an aspect that UU Hour Student supervisor Ashley Harris picked up on at a show down town. She said it's one of the main reasons she booked the band.

"I heard them at SLO Brew one night and everyone was dancing and having a good time," Harris said. "People just really seem to enjoy them.

"With the UU and Wildflower shows in a short period of time, the band members feel they are catering toward a great college audience.

"Our niche is definitely the college scene and college circuit, and people have been really receptive toward that," Weher said.

No 'Fools': Local funk rockers Joose wrapped up a performance at Wildflower and will release their sophomore effort in July. In the meantime, the band plays UU Hour today at 11 a.m.

"Fools Paradise" is a bit more mature and slightly more rocking than before," Sharp said. "It will be a good sophomore effort.

Like most local bands that are unsigned and independent, Joose recorded the album in individual segments whenever they had money saved up from concerts.

"We were putting up the cash from shows and concerts that we played, and the CD is definitely independent," Weber said. "There's going to be better sections of songs and it is some of our best work this far. I'm really excited about it.

"Joose isn't stuck in town as far as concerts and shows are concerned. Sharp said the band has been traveling quite a bit, with recent shows in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

"We're always trying to give our music out to anyone who wants it," Sharp said. Joose hopes to start touring nationally after it plays at the Fourth of July's Concerts in the Plaza.

"Nationally touring is definitely a goal," Sharp said. "We love playing locally, but we want to throw out our music to as many people as possible.

Aspiring comics try to deliver laughs, but clowns at weekly stand-up nights

By Luke Darling
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

They may not be Richard Pryor, Robin Williams or Martin Lawrence. But the group of comics that performs at 2 Dogs' Coffee presents a free show once a week no matter how many awkward silences there may be.

Every Monday night, the regulars at 2 Dogs' perform on a small stage in the coffee house, which is located between Togo's and Hudson's on Monterey Street. The venue may not resemble the Apollo theatre in New York, but the novice comics use the small setting as practice for new material.

"We use the weekly show as a venue to test material for shows that will suck less," said performer Matt Heck.

"It's really good place to practice a routine.

Nearly all the performers are pursuing careers in comedy, but at the same time they still keep strong day jobs. Tommy Clack, the emcee at the show, is a cook during the day and at last Monday's show appeared on stage in his white uniform as he raced from work to the show.

Many comedians at 2 Dogs use the venue after a weekend of auditions and performances in Los Angeles to keep new material fresh and test it out.

Megan Teubner, an assistant manager at 2 Dogs', said the weekly show has been going for around four to five months and usually keeps a regular slate of performers and attendees.

"I'd like to promote the weekly show heavily and say (the performances are) in the nine to 10 range... But really, they're in the five to six range."

Megan Teubner

2 Dogs' Coffee assistant manager

"It's really like the same crowd, same setting and feel," Teubner said. "And, surprisingly, the same jokes.

"Since the show is a test pilot for new material and performances, the performers and audience members are all very honest about the varying levels of quality each week and how it can be off one night and on another week.

"Being the assistant manager, I'd like to promote the weekly show heavily and say they're in the nine to 10 range and we have quality performances every week," Teubner said. "But really, they're in the five to six range.

Even though 2 Dogs' comedy night is in a small setting and practically unknown to the community, it does not mean the performers are exempt from the dreaded heckler.

Last Monday night was no exception, as two drunken skateboarders wandered in before heading downtown to the bars. The guys were exceptionally loud and immediately laid in to Clack as he tried to warm up the crowd for the next comedian.

Clack fired back quickly and burned the drunken heckler with a shot.

"Laid in to Clack as he tried to warm up."

"You may laugh or you might take your coffee to go, but at least you can give some support to some local comedians giving the art of comedy a shot.

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**Letters to the editor**

**Candidates’ cancellation disrespectful**

**Editor,**

As Trinity Hall president, I am writing to express my disgust at Luke Farrell and John Paush’s last-minute cancellation of their appearance at the ASI Candidate Forum in Sierra Madonna Hall on Sunday evening (May 4). HBC worked very hard to put this forum together in order to educate students on the candidates. Farrell/Paush claim that they are for “every student, everyday,” yet they failed to show up to speak to their students for just one hour. Housing and Residential Life currently represents more than 2,700 students and next year it will represent more than 300 additional students. Farrell/Paush’s blatant disregard for this significant constituency on the Cal Poly campus shows me that they are not fit to be president and vice president of ASI.

Dana Riccarda is a psychology freshman and Trinity Hall Council president.

**Writer presented nothing new**

Editor,

I’d like to extend my gratitude for Benjamin Cander’s wonderful re cognititon (“God calls us to repent our sins,” May 11). For one, it was really impressed with his ability to digest so many biblical passages and take them back up for all to see and its often excellent argument in the essay. He was most thoughtful when Benjamin reminded the campus that “we are sinners and can do nothing good on our own.” And here I was, thinking that I had done at least a few good things in my life. Jones, was I mistaken — it must have slipped my mind that I had to join first whatever God-in-the-sky sect that Ben subscribed to (and then profuse my inherent crassness as a horrid, sinful human being) before ANYTHING I did in life would be “good.” At least, that’s what was necessary for Ben to do in the essay. And if it worked for him, hey, why not THE WHOLE CAMPUS find it?

I’m glad to see that so many Cal Poly students are proficient in their ability to memorize and “cut n’ paste” beliefs instead of using brainpower to find one’s own beliefs. It suits them just fine.

Ben Eisenman is a political science junior.

**Concept of sin contrary to logic**

**Editor,**

Benjamin Cander’s letter (“God calls us to repent our sins,” May 11) is atrocious. The concept of Original sin is the single-most destructive concept in the history of mankind. Morality requires a choice, and where there is no choice, there is no morality. If man is guilty of evil, it means that he had no choice in the matter that he had no power to choose otherwise. If he did not choose, he can be neither good or evil. To hold man for something he had no choice about is contradictory to morality. To punish man for something done before he was born is contradictory to justice. To hold man as guilty, when he cannot possibly be innocent, is contradictory to reason.

Original sin holds morality, justice and reason in contempt, and for one will not accept the guilt this concept accords unto man.

Ray Cavalcante is a physics sophomore.

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Opinion

Mr. Personality anything but a fountain of love

In the first season of "The Bachelor," Amanda and Alex's relationship unfortunately came to an end. The ABC tried again in this show's second season, but the same sad tale for Aaron and Helene. Then Fox attempted to test true love with Joe Millionaire, but Evan and Zora remained "just friends" after his marriage proposal. You would think after the poor success rate that finding love on reality television people would stop watching these shows and America would stop watching, but Fox is trying again with its new series, "Mr. Personality" and 12.2 million viewers tuned in for the premiere (OK, so it might have been one of them). In case you haven't tuned into Fox lately, "Mr. Personality" is a reality television show that requires its contestants to compete at this time, they will only get subsidies for public schools and thus forcing public education to improve. The idea is that if students have a choice as to whether to go to school, then public schools will have to improve their quality in order to be compared with private schools.

Critics of the voucher plan believe it is unconstitutional for public money to go to religious institutions, blunting the separation of church and state. Last year the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of school vouchers for Cleveland, Ohio. They said that the program does not change upon the constitutional separation of church and state since no public funds are used for that purpose. As an argument for vouchers is that they will increase competition among private schools, thus forcing public schools to improve. The idea is that if students have a choice as to whether to go to school, then public schools will have to improve their quality in order to be compared with private schools. Colorado recently signed a school voucher program into law, which will help 20,000 students pay for private school by 2007. "No longer will we focus on what's best for the system, now we will focus on what's best for the children," said Colorado Gov. Bill Owens.

Although voucher programs may seem like a good solution at first, they will only cause more problems for public education systems in the future. Obviously the public education system is broken. The government should take measures to fix it instead of focusing on school choice. Vouchers do not help the root problem, and they will not be able to permanently repair public schools.

School districts receive approximately $4,000 in government per student. If a student leaves a public school, then that school loses aid. The money transfers to the private school the student chooses to attend. Therefore, the already failing public schools continue to lose money, which will result in fewer teachers, poorer curriculum and no supplemental education programs.

If school districts are already poor, then how will they be able to improve on the basis of competition? Public schools will not be able to improve if they lose money. In already failing school districts, schools would continue to deteriorate if students could go wherever they wanted.

Vouchers do not make sense for low-income families either. Since the voucher is a set amount of money for tuition, parents are left to pay the difference. Many families in the poorer school districts would not be able to afford private school, even with vouchers.

Letters to the editor

Free speech should still be intelligent

Editor,

This is an open letter to Zubin Koshy. Mr. Koshy, your April 24 letter ("Let the good goddess rise") was an embarrassment to our university and to yourself personally. Like the other Federalist papers in our "pro-pseudo-intellectual" pro, your uneducated, self-righteous, delusional, personal glorification was a waste of ink, paper and the First Amendment. Of course I fully expect the standard barrage of letters decrying my statements, but for now, I would like to invite you to consider a dialogue. For too long, much of what we read and hear about is simply written by those who are looking for attention. Instead, let us discuss and agree to disagree. Perhaps I'm wrong.

Mr. Koshy, you have the chance to stand up for your beliefs and openly debate them with me. I'm not trying to beคำสั่ง, but I expect to be defeated by your silence. And by the way, if you think this is what it looks like to be a Democrat, then I'm afraid that you've taken to the First Amendment. Perhaps I'm wrong.

People like Mr. Koshy love to shout slogans — from ink, paper and the First Amendment. Mr. Koshy, you have the chance to stand up for your beliefs and openly debate them with me. I'm not trying to be defeated by your silence. And by the way, if you think this is what it looks like to be a Democrat, then I'm afraid that you've taken to the First Amendment. Perhaps I'm wrong.

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David Coley is a history major and a member of Mr. Koshy's "uneducated army."
Review board considered for U. Colorado police

By Sarah-Jane Wilson
Colombian Daily/Colorado Daily

(U-WIRE) BOULDER, Colo. — Almost a week after the University of Colorado police released a report on an internal investigation that exonerated officers accused by students of excessive force, some of the students say they are looking for a way to move forward.

Several students had felt that CUPD’s internal investigation of student and police conduct at a Jan. 29 altercation at CU’s University Memorial Center had been biased. They are now wondering if any kind of third party review of police conduct.

Almost a week after the University of Colorado police released a report — coinciding with finals week — Pendergrass said students had been engaged in dialogue and were interested in working with police to establish some kind of third party review of police conduct.

“Even if we can’t get a review body set up to look at this particular incident, if we could establish a procedure for the future if incidents like this happened again,” said Pendergrass. “It would be a positive step.”

CU police Chief James Fadenrecht has always worked for his department. “It’s probably been a decade or more since that discussion has even been out there,” Fadenrecht said. “Often times when they are proposed there is concern that there is the potential for special interest groups to impact policy.”

It is possible for greater numbers of students to become teacher aides at colleges like University of California, Los Angeles and UC Santa Barbara, where there are numerous graduate programs. The CLA, which has only two graduate programs in English and psychology, does not have as many teacher assistants as its UC contemporaries to the south.

“Cal Poly prides itself on small classes and continuous contact with professors,” said English department chair David Kann.

Meanwhile, the average class size (within the college) will increase about 5 percent, Hellenbrand said.

Outside of the CLA, various colleges are dealing with enrollment issues in different ways, and planning for increased enrollment within the CLA is still taking place within the departments.

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Despite negative influences in pro sports, Cal Poly athletes avoid steroids for a variety of reasons

By Meredith Corbin

Steroids are usually taken to help improve performance, but the ironic thing is that steroids can damage an athlete's career. These dangerous drugs are one of the reasons college athletes get kicked off their teams every year.

Steroids have influenced many athletes, both competitive and non-competitive. Many students have the idea that these drugs will enhance their performance, but they are mistaken. Not only do steroids injure various parts of the body, the long term negative effects are considerable.

Cal Poly athletes have a reputation of not doing steroids partially because their coaches tell them about the dangerous side-effects. Steroids speed up the way the body releases testosterone, resulting in severe mood swings. Getting too big quickly causes muscle strains.

The No. 1 reason coaches educate their student-athletes about steroids is because if they were caught, the face would get kicked off the team, and might force their college eligibility.

Pete Corkery, assistant track coach at Cal Poly since 1996, said that coaches educate their student-athletes about steroids because if they were caught, the face would get kicked off the team, and might force their college eligibility.

"The biggest problem with steroids is that the students are cheating their teams," Corkery said. "They don't hurt you at the time you're taking them, but then they eventually affect the way your mind and body work," he said. "They can affect an athlete's cardiovascular performance. But, steroids not only cause cardiovascular problems that can eventually lead to heart attacks, but they also have negative effects on the brain."

"Steroids can give you an advantage when you first start taking them because they make you go faster, but eventually they destroy your performance because you can't focus and you lose your running ability," Ever said.

Football athletes at Cal Poly are serious about not taking steroids because they are randomly tested more often than other sports.

"I could never bring myself to try them," Mike Pavao said.

Business senior and weightlifter Jesse Bender has never considered doing steroids because his football team was so strict about drug use.

"Try them when I attended Tulane University," said Peterson, who transferred to Cal Poly last year. "They were really good, had a lot of anabolic effect on strange parts of their bodies and when all of us were exhausted after training, they never got tired."

Competitive athletes at Cal Poly are not the only students who are aware of the danger steroids can cause. Other non-competitive athletes are also conscious of the drug.

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"I could never bring myself to try them," Pavao said. "They make you too bulky and they can hurt your heart in the long run. They also make you emotional and unstable."

Steroids are a problem because people are not educated about them. Cal Poly's sports staff works hard to keep its athletes in good shape and cannot take any chances on a student doing the drug. At Cal Poly there hasn't been a problem so far; these athletes can continue doing their best without steroids. It will pay off in the long run.

"I never had to deal with punishing an athlete for the illegal substances two or three times a year, and the football team gets hit more than any other sports team," he said. "If they find anything, you lose your scholarship, get kicked off the team and are ineligible to play sports at any other college. It's just not worth it."

It is not hard for an athlete to tell if another teammate is doing steroids. Chris Peterson, a speech communication junior, is a quarterback for Cal Poly's football team and knew some people who tried steroids.

"I knew of a couple guys who tried them when I attended Tulane University," said Peterson, who transferred to Cal Poly last year. "They were really good, had a lot of anabolic effect on strange parts of their bodies and when all of us were exhausted after training, they never got tired."

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Colleges sports scandals have revenue potential

Controversy and scandal have befallen sports since the day a male (we'll call him Jeff) first realized he could throw a rock back and forth with his next-cave-hole neighbor (Phil), everything was just fine and dandy until Phil realized that Jeff was actually trying to kill him. This type of behavior continued well into the 20th century, when primitive men and women took notice and game attendance often goes up. This leads to greater funding, and before you know it, the team is better off than it was before its forward got drunk and plowed his '57 Chevy into a local bait shop with the coach's 16-year-old daughter in the passenger seat.

It seems that sports controversies end up benefiting the schools at which they occur. When a college sports team is in the news, people take notice, and game attendance often goes up. This leads to greater funding, and before you know it, the team is better off than it was before its forward got drunk and plowed his '57 Chevy into a local bait shop with the coach's 16-year-old daughter in the passenger seat.

Does this mean that schools like Cal Poly, whose academics are a greater concern than sports, should stir up some scandal of their own? Say we start with some illegal recruiting — of NBA players. Get some local slam to donate a boathouse of money so we can rent O.J. Simpson or Magic Johnson as a business major. The men's basketball team did great this season, even making it to the Big West Championships. But a non-kosher recruit would bring in fans by the thousands.

Then we should work on some bad behavior. We don't want anything that will really hurt anyone, so maybe a football player should streak across the field during a game, shouting "Learn by doing!" Headlines ensue. All right, maybe those aren't the best ideas.

It is possible that people watch sports for the actual playing of the game. But when college sports have a role model like professional sports to look to, there's no doubt scandals will occur.

Back in the 1980s, people in the Bay Area loved turning into AV games to see if John Cusack was in the outfield or Alameda County Jail. In the '90s, Dennis Rodman attracted attention for, well, being Dennis Rodman. And before bribery of judges and drug use, the Olympics always generated some good-old-fashioned news stories.

Does this mean that college teams have to resort to scandals to attract attention? The responsible answer is No. Good sportsmanship and playing by the rules ensure a fair chance for everyone. Any troublemakers should be disciplined appropriately to send a message to other players that with privilege comes responsibility.

But if a scandal involving your team breaks out, call a good publicist and watch the cash roll in.

Grant Shellen is a journalism senior. He has never been illegally contacted, and is sort of bummed about it.

SPORTS

Cal Poly Sailing

Full steam ahead

Mustang sailing team took top 10 finish at Pacific Coast Championships

By Samantha Yale

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Mustangs' top 10 finish at the Pacific Coast Championships helped them remain in the top 10 among West Coast teams.

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