**Poly improves Web site**

By Amanda Hippé

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

Walking from class to class, students may notice the beautiful scenery and smiling faces that pass by. But now they will not need to leave the comfort of their homes to see the people and places of Cal Poly.

A new twist to the university Web page welcomes visitors with students’ smiles and picturesque landscape.

In October of 2001, 1,300 students from the Cal Poly community took part in an extensive survey and analysis. Throughout the almost two-year process, surveys were tabulated, designs were submitted by an art course, key stakeholders surfaced and requirements were made for Web pages.

According to the Web site’s history link, the Web Ad Hoc Poly Robert Assisted Scheduling Committee reviewed the final site on Aug. 27, 2003. The site debuted on Sept. 8, just before the start of fall quarter. Students and faculty alike are pleased with the final results.

“The site is much better than the old one,” industrial engineering and management student Bethany Hutchinson said. “The whole student population is located adds a nice touch to the site.”

The Web site is continually updated with campus and events. One of the improved features is the new Google-powered search engine. Viewers can now search the system and receive thorough results.

By far, the number one improvement is the look of the site, graphic communication lecturer Melanie Kronemann said. “The active motion on the page and the pictures invite me back to use the site,” Kronemann said. The site’s consultant Steve Berland was not available for comment.

Another Web site getting a facelift and positive reviews is CRASH, which stands for Cal Poly Robert Assisted Scheduling Helper and has been successfully getting student enrolled in the classes that they couldn’t register for in time.

According to the Web site, which can be accessed through https://crash.csc.calpoly.edu, CRASH has been helping students since its debut for the 2001-2002 school year. Original creator and designer J. Paul Reed, a Cal Poly alumnus, said he is pleased with how it has been maintained since its departure.

This quarter statistics confirmed 1,400 users with 4,600 requests to crash. About 750 of those requests were filled.

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By Thomas Atkins

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A $2.8 million grant was awarded to the College of Agriculture Tuesday by the California Department of Food and Agriculture for an institute dedicated to the study of specialty crops grown in the state.

William J. Lyons Jr., California's secretary of food and agriculture, made the announcement and described the program to the public at the environmental horticulture science unit. Lyons said Cal Poly was a good location for the program due to its proximity to specialty crop growers.

Agriculture professor Jay Noel said the event brought about 20 people including President Warren Baker and local media.

Overall, it went pretty well,” Noel said. “Although the institute is still a work in progress, we were funded enough money to get it started.”

The money was given to the COAG by the CDFA in a three-year grant, which will fund the institute's creation and research. The California Institute for the Study of Specialty Crops will become a part of the COAG and will bring many unique benefits to students, which include research on economic policy and regulations related to specialty crops.

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crop industries, sharing research findings with agricultural contractors and producers, and providing hands-on education for students.

"It is probably a good program, but I wish it wasn't slanted as much toward the business aspect," horticulture and crop science professor Jeffrey Wong said.

Noel said a specialty crop includes any crop that does not provide income or price support. Strawberries, wine grapes and herbs are a few of the fruits and vegetables included in the specialty crops category. Each year $479 million in county agriculture production comes from specialty crops.

Hollywood studios close piracy gaps

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood studios are hoping to clamp down on piracy by banning release special DVDs and videotapes for students, but some worry the move could hurt smaller movies that have increasingly captured the film industry's highest honors.

Instead of viewing films at home, Academy Awards voters will have to catch movies in theaters under a plan implemented Tuesday by the studios and trade group the Motion Picture Association of America. "Screener" copies are normally sent w0 0 0 0 0 0

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population of 5,200 people. At one time the total population was a few thousand people from various backgrounds living in Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, Portuguese, German, Swiss/Italian and Hispanic, comprising 94 percent of the town.

A two and a half year project is being implemented in the Guadalupe community to help improve the current situation. Interim department chair for the ethnic studies department and psychology professor Debra Valencia-Laver said the Guadalupe Speaks project is a "good program." "It is a great experience to meet residents and learn more about their past experiences," she said.

Stone has already completed four interviews with residents. One of the latest mini projects organized took place when 200 disposable cameras were distributed to the residents in Guadalupe. The residents documented their lives for a day and returned the photographs to Valencia-Laver. Several of the interviews will be documented and displayed through video projects, photo exhibits, community meetings and other means of communication. Ultimately, the footage will be cut down into a documentary and a portable kiosk form for people to see. All interviews, transcripts, videotapes and photographs that Cal Poly students conduct will eventually be on archives at Kennedy Library in the near future. It's a great opportunity for students to view these stories in our own small Guadalupe section at Kennedy Library, Valencia-Laver said.

The first information meeting is today in building 47, room 24B at 11 a.m. The Dolomite training will begin in week three in building 38, room 114 at 11 a.m.

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — Proponents of a Santa Barbara County split concluded a petition drive with collection of an estimated 36,000 signatures.

Advocates of a proposal to create two new counties from Santa Barbara have collected signatures of an estimated 36,000 signatures.

After the signatures are validat ed, the governor will appoint an independent commission to study the feasibility of dividing Santa Barbara County. Citizens for County Organization said they won't turn in the signatures to the county clerk until after the November municipal elections. legally, the group now has 60 days to deliver the signatures.

What has become crystal clear from the tens of thousands of North County residents out our teams have spoken with is how seriously strained the credibility of county government has become," the group said. "It is so very clear to us, to the present county, and they desire to do something about it," said Richard Coccoense, whose Tarter Group paid people to collect signatures.

Once the Board of Supervisors reviews the petition, the county's office has about four months to pick the nonpartisan, five-member County Formation Review Commission. The formation group will have six months to study whether the new county would be economically viable.

"Depending when various dead lines are met, the election could be held as late as 2006."
WASHINGTON — President Bush signed a $368 billion defense bill for next year, a measure Congress passed unanimously to underscore bipartisan consensus on the military's role in the fight against global terrorism.

The Senate gave the measure final approval in a 95-0 vote last Thursday, a day after the House passed the measure by 407-15, and the president signed it Wednesday.

The bill represents an increase of about 1 percent for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. That does not include spending for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Those costs were covered by a $62.4 billion emergency spending bill this year, and Bush submitted a request for an additional $66 billion as part of $87 billion spending proposal for Iraq and Afghanistan.

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**Reality TV shows don’t dispel homosexual stereotypes**

It all started with “Will and Grace.” Now shows like “Queer Eye for the Straight Guy” and “Boy Meets Boy” are coming out everywhere, one after another. Although these shows mark an evolution step in the biggest world of television, they are still marred with stereotypes and don’t dispel the ignorant view many hold about gays.

When you think of gay men, the “fashion-bred homosexual” stereotype springs to mind. This one “thing” about being a gay man is put forth in such a manner that gay men can feel threatened. They, the gay men, are depicted as vain and shallow. This character type is put forth in an attempt to show the world how degenerate homosexuals are.

Characters like Jack on “Will and Grace,” although providing a laughable foil to Will’s character, also reinforce the giddy “fairy” stereotype. Although Jack epitomizes what many believe gays to be, the show is actually making fun of such a perception.

Then, on “Queer Eye for the Straight Guy,” there’s a whole clan of gay men on a quest to improve the world through fashion and style further playing into the stereotype and stereotype. Although these shows ease into the realm of alternative lifestyles, I’m still waiting for someone to show gays without any emphasis on their sexuality. Age ago, MTV was able to do this when they brought Pedro to the “Real World” in San Francisco. For the first time, viewers were able to watch a man who happened to be gay living his life.

In today’s television line-up, the only show that comes anywhere near what MTV accomplished is “Boy Meets Boy.” Similar to “Who Wants to Marry My Dad?” and other reality dating shows, “Boy Meets Boy” centers around James, a young man who spent his whole youth trying to find true love. In a sick twist, the producers throw in a couple of straight guys, with our telling James, to make his decision a little more difficult. For someone with James’ final choice is a New Zealand getaway apparently worthy of fleeing homosexuality. The twist, however, proves to be a redempting quality. Wes, James final choice, puts it best.

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**Addressing the Catch-22 of credit**

Since I8, I have tried to be what the world wanted me to be. An adult. Worked, paid taxes, became a part of society and kept out of everyone else’s way. On my journey to becoming an adult, I have often heard that one “thing” about being a good adult. Maintain good credit.

I was informed that good credit could get you almost anything. High credit limits, low interest rates on auto loans, a cell phone with no deposit and so on.

Since I had no credit, establishing credit seemed to be the least of my worries. My first day of college offered me plenty of opportunity to establish credit. Each table or booth I passed had some type of credit card offer along with some choice T-shirts, calculators, 3-minute calling card that made that long credit card application worth filling out.

I had been submitting credit card applications for a year and all I had to show for my efforts were a stack of denial letters, a credit report full of inquiries and a blemish on my credit that I can’t forget about those torn T-shirts, broken calculators and empty calling cards.

How is it supposed to get this “thing” called credit if no one was willing like everyone else and everyone who has dealt with a credit card company before.

I was tired of going to the ATM to make sure I had cash in the walls, while the rest of the world was making purchases on a piece of plastic and making low monthly payments to pay back what they owed. I began to feel like I was placed on a mountain that, after every attempt in the world, was impossible to climb.

Finally after all this I gave up and I was accepted. Capital One accepted me. All I had to do was “just” sign the line and we were in. “They like me, they really like me.”

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The road to becoming an adult, and establishing credit along the way, has not been an easy one to travel. Whenever I came up with the bright idea, you can please make it a little easier in the future! Establishing credit became an adventure for me, and now that I have a credit card, all I ever seem to think about is how good it is to have nice things to buy without running out and buying about!

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**An appeal to Poly’s women, brethern**

Well Cal Poly, I survived my first week as the sex columnist. Aside from the Molestos cocktails, dead fish in the mail and the dozens of black roses delivered to one of my classes it was a pretty good start. Sure, there were a couple of letters to the editor calling for my head on a platter, but I even heard that a small herd of women nashed the stage during UH hour and publicly declared that I was the worst thing to happen to women since the dawn of time.

But, I digress. I am only one man, with limited talents and abilities. Who am I to place all women, all the time, while at the same time preserving the respect of my Cal Poly brethern?

I suppose if one good thing came out of all the (perhaps justified) tantrums, lip flapping and bra burning that occurred last week over me and my little column, it was the outrageous double standards existing on this campus and beyond. Take for example, last year’s sex writer, Shawnl Lester who, on a side note, is a beautiful buxom blond in her own right. Shawnl frequently wrote in her column about rampant promiscuity, personal below-the-belt shaving habits and her sexual fantasy to rape Justin Timberlake. Which are all things we have come to take for granted. Yet, because she was a female writer, there was no immediate call to arms by the men or women of Cal Poly to hunt down the vulgar threat to our way of life. No marches on Washington planned or pitchfork mobs gathered in the University Union.

However, when the writers of such articles, even when written as obvious jokes, are men instead of women, we are regarded as sexual predators and the purveyors of vice and debauchery. Shame on the Mustang Daily, the Daily, for being complicit and allowing such a pomposity to actually publish a sex article written by a man.

So, in the spirit of teamwork, camaraderie and fairness, I have composed on one occasion, on a rare female, or even male, devotion to take a sacred vow, after which all sexual double standards shall be vanquished from the earth forever. Please place your right hand on your bra.

1. If you have a name, do solemnly swear:
   • To never ask a man to open a jar of pickles for me again.
   • To never expect fashioned chivalry in a new fashion century.
   • To never use my cleavage as a weapon.
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There, that hits most of the key issues.

In exchange, we men will agree to curb any sexual behavior that resembles that of caged monkeys, pillaging barbarians or sailors on leave for a weekend in Tokyo. Sense 18, I have tried to be what the world wanted me to be. An adult. Worked, paid taxes, became a part of society and kept out of everyone else’s way. On my journey to becoming an adult, I have often heard that one “thing” about being a good adult. Maintain good credit.

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RIAA should change its tune

There is a good chance the person you were just catching in class with, sitting in class with, or sitting lunch with is actually a criminal. Not the go-getting, money-grabbing kind, but the sitting at a computer, listening to music kind. You know the type.

Since the Recording Industry Association of America has started issuing subpoenas for sharing copyrighted music files, the thousands and thousands of people who engage in this practice may find themselves slapped with costly lawsuits for criminal copyright violations. In response, the RIAA has been greedy and stubbornly believed that the same practices used for years are still applicable in the digital age.

The RIAA quickly managed to have Napster shut down by September of last year. While I understand the RIAA's dilemma — file-sharing programs like Kazaa and Napster, which make it more difficult for law enforcement to track file-sharing, have started issuing subpoenas for sharing copyrighted music files, the thousands and possibly millions of people who share files by subpoenaing their Internet service providers — once identified, these individual music-file sharers can be pursued to the fullest extent of the law.

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Letters to the editor

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Amen to the Third Wave of feminism


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Humor doesn't shadow degradation

Editor, In response to the letters "Letters subscribed to a double standard" and "Medicine does not represent all views," Oct. 11) in which the authors viewed "Nothing fresher than fresh men" as funny, I just want to say that taking advantage of vulnerable women, or fresh men or anyone else, is not funny. In this day and age, any business model to maximize this loss, the RIAA has been greedy and stubbornly believed that the same practices used for years are still applicable to online sales and business practices and create a system of online music sales, the industry has sought to continue to maximize this loss.

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Big issues on the line in the 2004 presidential election

Thursday, October 2, 2003

Thirteen months from now, American voters have the chance to change the world. This is no overstatement. America is at a historically significant crossroads: The direction we take will fundamentally alter the world. Because of the tremendous importance of next year's election, those who are registered voters need to register now, and registered voters need to do their homework. There is a lot of homework to be done — this is no election without critical issues.

Take health care, for example. Denison University reports that 45 million Americans are currently without health insurance. Of course, many high-profile drug runners have been incarcerated by the government. Yet, the scourge of drugs has not been eliminated. A similar situation can be seen in the failures of the Prohibition era. And, it is observable today in the rise of programs like Kazaa Lite, which makes it more difficult for law enforcement to track file-sharing. Attempting to fight file-sharing by attacking its purveyors rather than working with them will surely lead to the defeat of the RIAA, because new technologies will always come into existence.

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There is a solution to this difficult dilemma. If the RIAA were to work out arrangements with file-sharing programs like Kazaa by which these programs would charge users and bar unauthorized users, I predict we would see record company sales dramatically increase. Also, illegal downloading would drop because the programs being used to share these files would be shut down. Both sides would have a compromise, but it will benefit all parties involved in the long run.

The current springing on and suing of customers by the RIAA should especially concern students. After all, don't such draconian measures open the door for more unscrupulous behavior in our personal lives, a trend that is likely to continue for years to come? We should all encourage the RIAA and file-sharing programs to arrive at fair alternatives — for artists, consumers and companies.

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Recall
Poll: Schwarzenegger leads candidates
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SACRAMENTO — Buoyed by a new poll that has him leading all recall candidates, Arnold Schwarzenegger said Thursday, the election, actor Schwarzenegger stepped into the role of campaign manager, with a speech outlining his agenda for the first 100 days in office.
"We're ready to take the office," he told a crowd of about 400 supporters.
"We're ready to take action.
We're ready to return California to the people.
The actor-turned-politician repeated a number of pledges he has previously made during his campaign.
On his first day in office, he said, he would repeal the stippling of the state car tax; then move to have the state budget audited and call a special session of the Legislature to enact spending cuts.
He also intends to seek a percentage of Indian gaming revenue and renegotiate state employee union contracts.
The address came a day after a new Los Angeles Times poll showed Schwarzenegger had support from 40 percent of likely voters. Democrat Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante had 32 percent, and Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock had 15 percent.
The poll also showed the effort to oust Democratic Gov. Gray Davis succeeding by a 56 percent to 42 percent margin. That marked a dramatic shift from a Sept. 12 Times poll that had support for the recall stalling, with 50 percent of voters supporting it and 47 percent in opposition.
The Sept. 12 survey by the Times also had Bustamante leading with 30 percent, Schwarzenegger had 25 percent, and McClintock had 18 percent.
Schwarzenegger's surge came after a strong performance in last week's debate and follows the withdrawal of former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth, another moderate Republican.
Schwarzenegger also has raised millions of dollars in ads of his label over the past two weeks. He planned to set out on a four-day statewide bus tour Thursday.
Davis campaign spokesman Peter Ragone downplayed the latest poll results, saying the campaign remained fluid.
Still, Democrats were planning for the worst. The state party and a national Democratic group called Democracy for America's Future was holding a conference call Wednesday to announce $100,000 fund-raising campaign to help pay for potential post-election legal challenges.
Davis also turned again for help to one of the party's most popular figures. His campaign released a radio ad featuring former President Bill Clinton criticizing the recall and saying that beating it is "the right thing to do."
Bustamante may have lost chance
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Commentator-turned-politician Arianna Huffington pulled out of California's recall race as a new poll showed releasing strong support for ousting Gov. Gray Davis and installing Arnold Schwarzenegger to replace him.
Huffington, who was one of Davis's most prominent supporters, made her announcement, saying that her presence would give Davis little chance to change in order to defeat Governor.
"No one can defend how much money I get from the Latino community or from African-Americans, or from the Jewish community, or any other group," Huffington said in an interview on Univision.
Huffington said she would withhold endorsing anyone for now.
"I want people to vote their conscience, but make sure that whatever their vote is, it does not put Schwarzenegger in the state house," she said.
Her support slipped from 3 percent in Sept. 12 to less than 0.5 percent in the latest Times poll of 815 likely voters taken from Sept. 25-29 with a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.
Huffington's exit could help Bustamante — the Democrats' best hope of thwarting Schwarzenegger should Davis lose the recall vote.
Appearing at a San Francisco news conference while Huntington made her announcement, Schwarzenegger said he was disappointed at the loss. "She brought a lot of color and a lot of excitement to the race," he said.
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Cut Out & Carry With You
Although school, work and other recreational activities take up time, students still find plenty of amusement with an old standby — cartoons.

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MATT WECHTER
Students still watch, enjoy cartoons — when they have time

By Meghan Reerslev

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

She sets her alarm clock Friday night before going to bed to diminish the risk of oversleeping and missing her favorite Saturday morning cartoons. The shows remind her of childhood, a stress-free period of her life, long before the rigors of college.

Many college students scoff at the idea of missing precious hours of sleep, yet they are not anti-cartoon.

"Cartoons are funny; I grew up with them. But the comedy of the cartoons I watch now is a little more sophisticated with a more mature humor," said general engineering junior Tony Sarracino. "I even have old episodes backed up on my computer if I miss them during the week."

An informal survey of 40 students indicated that 55 percent of male and 41 percent of female Cal Poly students watch cartoons, illustrating that growing up does not necessarily mean giving up childhood pleasures.

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People still question the psychological indications of adults watching these programs despite the number of cartoon watchers. Cal Poly psychology professor Linden Nelson and cartoons themselves do not indicate psychological problems.

"However, the hypotheses hasn't been strongly supported. In fact, there is an alternative theory that it is the unexpected punch lines that make people laugh, not sex or violence."

Cal Poly students dismiss the psychological theories, stating that the cartoons are purely for entertainment and relaxation.

"Shows like 'The Simpsons' and 'Family Guy' are great because they make fun of political things," agriculture engineering sophomore Todd Bentson said. "The political cartoons are much more interesting than the cartoons we watched as a kid. The writers behind the cartoons are geniuses."

Other students agree with Bentson's cartoon preference. The shows of choice were "Family Guy" and "The Simpsons," which tied for first, while "South Park" came in third. Other favorites included "Ducy," "Dragon Ball Z," "Futurama," "Rugrats" and "SpongeBob SquarePants."

Most students who do not watch cartoons said it was due to a lack of time, not because they do not appreciate the humor.

"We have cable but there is so much more fun stuff to do than sit in front of the TV and waste two hours of your life," civil engineering junior Riley Gerbrandt said. "However, I still like the cartoons even though I don't watch them. They're all about being a kid, and I don't want to grow up too soon."

While many students may not have as much time as they did in their youths, cartoons are still a popular form of entertainment and recreation. Instead of "Inspector Gadget" and "The Snorks," though, students tend to focus on shows like "Family Guy," "South Park" and "The Simpsons," which mix humor and political commentary into the formula.

Cartoon addicts, enthusiasts, occasional watchers and non-watchers alike all held to the childhood tradition of cartoons, including art senior Sabina Baezi.

"In the end, it is pure entertainment," she said. "There will always be something that draws people to watching superheroes fly about their TV."
Madam's new target market — bookworms

By Daniel Fries
DAILY FORY-NORK (CALIFORNIA STATE U.-LONG BEACH)

LONG BEACH — These days it seems everybody is eager to share his or her life story. Politicians, journalists, athletes, musicians, actors and celebrities have all written books. Even Hollywood's most infamous madam has gotten into the act. Heidi Fleiss, who became famous in Hollywood for running an illegal sex business in the 1990s, has written a tell-all book about her life.

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"I'm never going to tell. No matter how much money you offer me," she said.

LISTEN UP

Thursday hits, misses with 'War All The Time'

By Andrew Mabe
DAILY FORY-NORK (CALIFORNIA STATE U.-LONG BEACH)

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Unfortunately for the Thursday party, the heat the band is packing this time does less damage than in the past.

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The repeated allusions to war could just as easily be seen as a strength, as it was on "Full Collapse." Both albums play from beginning to end as a thematic story, although the chapters seem to have been placed arbitrarily in this one.

A new trick Thursday pulls out on this album is manipulating the recording fidelity of their instruments while keeping the vocals well-mastered. Presumably, this nice little trick will not be used in contrast during particular verses. However, the production quality on the album as a whole is noticeably worse when compared to "Full Collapse."

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Fast food acquires new meaning

By Lance Gare
THE INDEPENDENT (MENDOZA, CA)

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Nothing beats a good road trip — especially when you can stop on the way and scrounge up some dinner, or who knows, maybe even win West Virginia's Roadkill Cook-off.

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News

Governor signs bill
to extend Megan's Law

MORGAN HILL — Gov. Gray Davis signed a bill extending Megan’s Law Wednesday, preserving the public’s right to view California’s list of sex offenders until 2007.

On Monday, the Assembly recon­ vened to approve the bill extending the law, after the original version had died from partisan bickering on the last night of last month’s legislative session.

But some Republican lawmakers said the database should include more detailed information and be easier to view.

“Ensuring that the public has unim­ perturbed access to potentially lifesav­ ing information is critical to our com­ munities,” Davis said in a statement. “The Megan’s Law database is a vital tool for parents who want to make sure their children are safe.”

California has required sex offend­ ers to register with local law enforce­ ment since 1997. In 1999, the state offered Megan’s Law, which allows the public access to high-risk or seri­ ous offenders’ information, including the neighborhoods where they live.

Despite Monday’s last-minute personal appearance, Davis signed the bill into law.

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This dominating, focused Mustang team ran off to parts unknown Sunday.
The game marked the first time this season goalkeeper Liz Hill has not been scored on. The way Hill played in the first half, it seems the five opponents that she shutout must have had players with wooden legs. None of the teams are ranked in the top 25.
The Broncos took advantage of Cal Poly’s lack of prior competition, immediately pushing into Mustang territory. Tiffany Roberts first scored at 13:30 on a 15-yard header so fluid that I’m wondering if her forehead had thumbs. Santa Clara looked just as unchallenged less than ten minutes later at 21:31, when Bronco forward Kristi Candau hooked a free-kick around three Mustang defenders and past a diving Hill.
Cal Poly couldn’t match the Broncos. Throughout the game, the Mustangs slogged downfield, not anticipating well and passing poorly, particularly within the 18-yard box and getting few looks on goal. The Mustangs’ best chance of the half, a minute before the break, with scant Bronco defenders near the center of the 18, ended when she was called offside.
Mustang play improved in the second half. Hill shut down Santa Clara, even as the Bronco got off nine shots. The Mustangs shot twice more than in the first half and nearly punched one in at the 70-minute mark, taking shot after shot in the 5-yard box before Bronco goalkeeper Julie Rieder finally

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The team, led by senior Sean Beck, finished second last weekend at Santa Clara. All in all, the Mustangs are a team of depth.

Golden Graham

Beck being watched for Buchanan award

Nation's fifth-leading tackler is one of 16 on list for defensive prize

Cal Poly junior linebacker Jordan Beck has been added to the list of football players being considered for the Buck Buchanan Award, presented annually to the top defensive player in NCAA Division I-AA by the Sports Network.

Beck, Cal Poly's leading tackler the last two years, is on pace to break the school record for tackles in a season and career. Beck currently is fifth in the nation in total tackles with 12.5 per game and has 50 tackles in four games this fall.

The committee consists of NCAA players, coaches, media, the Sports Network, and the Sports Network Cup, bestowed on the nation's top I-AA defensive player.

By the numbers

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The volleyball team has held opponents to a stingy .182 hitting percentage. Cal Poly has allowed more kills than their foes (755-728), but have made up for it by forcing more hitting errors (386-311). They held Cal St. Fullerton to a .150 average in their last contest, but it was a losing effort.

Beck's 73 tackles this season are second in the nation among defensive ends.

Golden Gramer

Mustangs

"It's not like the Mustangs are soccer's re-enactment of "Our Gang,"" Beck said. ""Cal Poly won the Big West title in a rain-soaked testament against UC Santa Barbara last season."

Cal Poly is currently No. 12 in the nation among defensive ends.