**Events Calendar**

List of upcoming activities on campus.

What: Career Services, Evaluating and negotiating job offers workshop
When: Today, 11 a.m.
Where: Bldg. 124, Room 224
More Info: Call Career Services at 756-2501

What: Graduate and Professional School Day: Explore post-graduation options with more than 70 graduate and professional school representatives
When: Friday, 10 a.m.
Where: Chumash Auditorium
More Info: Call Career Services at 756-2501

What: Hearst Lecture Series, College of Architecture and Environmental Design
Dean B. Thomas Jones will speak on density, affordability and community feelings
When: Friday, 1 p.m.
Where: Craft Center
More Info: Call Mandarin Hudson at 756-5807

What: "We the Planet Tour," ASI Events presents "Baby Blues" and "Wiper Sleeper," Renee Underkoffer and two local activists
When: Sunday, 7 p.m.
Where: Rec Center
More Info: Call Diana Cozzi at 756-7007

What: Statistics Colloquium
Where: Bldg. 53, Room 215
More Info: Call Carol Erickson at 756-2787

What: "Klister's Story," Andrea Fuller Cooper will talk about her daughter's sexual assault and subsequent suicide in 1995
More Info: see EVENTS, page 2

**Speak er shares Iraq stories**

**By Amanda Strachan**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

At Tuesday night's lecture, Kelly Hayes-Rattt passed around a photo album much like any other album. It was the intermingling of pictures that showed that this wasn't an ordinary collection. Pictures of children smiling and playing sat next to those of adults who appeared uneasy and nervous as they passed dilapidated shfts of buildings.

"This is my toughest photo," Hayes-Rattt said as she held up an enlarged picture of a baby and his mother. "What moves me is his mom, the look on her face."

Hayes-Rattt explained that nine day-old Mushnu was dying of leukemia and cannot get the medicine he needs because of U.N. sanctions.

His leukemia is most likely the result of depleted uranium bombs dropped by U.S. forces, Hayes-Rattt said.

"She is doing everything she can to comfort her dying son... This really represents who the Iraq people are: Resilient," said Hayes-Rattt, political consultant and chair of the Iraq Study Group.

**Where did you get this paper?**

**By Michael Covaranz**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

Green is better. So is plastic. That is the philosophy behind the Mustang Daily's new distribution units sprouting up across Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo.

Replacing the old, wooden and sheet metal boxes, 25 green plastic distribution units provide more protection for the papers than their dilapidated predecessors.

Delivered this week, the units also offer a display for the front page.

"We are trying to locate the racks in high-traffic areas on and off campus," said Mustang Daily business manager Paul Bittick.

Five more new units have also been added to areas in downtown San Luis Obispo.

Off-campus units include locations near Albercento and Cal Poly Books, located on Foothill Boulevard, on Higuera Street near Cal Poly Downtown, next to Milagros, and south of Broad Street.

As of this week, Mustang Daily has increased its circulation to 7,000, up from 6,000, Bittick said.

The most popular locations to pick up Mustang Daily are near the University Union and Dexter Lawn, where units are often emptied by midday.

"Usually get mine at the business building or Dexter," said architecture senior Ron Brockett.

The Mustang Daily will be tracking what units empty faster than others' and supply more papers accordingly, Bittick said.

**Marching Band to play at UC Davis away game**

**By Michael Marquez**

**MUS T A N G D A I L Y S T A F F W R I T E R**

The Cal Poly marching band is looking forward to supporting the Cal Poly football team for the first time at an away game since 1999.

"Going to an away game this weekend will be the highlight of the year for us," Chris Welke, drum major player and journalism senior Chris Welke was fortunate enough to attend the last away game against UC Davis in 1999.

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This year they will use resources available from their band budget.

"The reason the band is able to afford the trip is because of the structured staff that made extra money available," said David Rackley, director of the Cal Poly marching band.

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the Education for Peace in Iraq Center

The pictures Hayes-Raitt shared with the audience of students and community members in Chumash Auditorium were from two trips she took to Iraq, before and after the war. The experience, she said, compelled her to share the humanistic side of war.

Headlines from The New York Times and Los Angeles Times of U.S. casualties but very little is said of the Iraqi people and what they are going through, she said.

"This is a woman who's been there and can offer a first-hand account of what's happening over there," said lime Levine, a local activist who asked Hayes-Raitt to speak at Cal Poly on behalf of Women and Black and Progressive Student Alliance.

Women in Black is an international network of women who protest for peaceful resolutions instead of war. "Our goal is to call attention to the futility of the cycle of oppression, violence, retaliation and retaliation that plagues the Middle East and other areas in our world," Women in Black participant Marilyn Farhar said.

Hayes-Raitt shared the story of a programming professor at Baghdad University who bumbled with his family as U.S. troops fired up and down the street as many civilians headed off to prove.

She shared stories of cluster bombs, 62 percent of which did not explode but now do in the hands and faces of children who pick them up.

"These are the legacies we are leaving these people, these children," Hayes-Raitt said.

Despite all this, Hayes-Raitt said she doesn't think we should pull out of Iraq.

"We are already there, now we have a moral obligation to stay and help them rebuild," she said.

In closing, Hayes-Raitt asked the audience to join her in doing three things: something personal, political and spiritual.

She also asked the audience to bring faith back into politics.

"We need to have faith in our government," she said.

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time was a completely relaxed atmosphere and we all had a great time. Even though the Cal Poly and Davis football teams are long-time rivals, the Mustang and UC Davis bands have a history of interacting well and on and off the field.

After the game it is a tradition for the teams to compete in a band-off competition. The two teams compete for up to two hours playing songs from their music folder, which holds two to three times the amount of coffee than a cup of medium roast will provide more of the anti-cancer compound.

A similar study using 24 rats displayed the same results. Rats that received dosages of methylprednisolone showed a 24 to 40 percent increase in phase two enzymes.

Yellow teeth, or bad breath will not hinder Cal Poly students in the coming months.

"I drink about three cups of coffee a day," said Evan Humphreys, an environmental horticulture science senior. "I get a little shaky now and then."

Good diet and exercise, and not smoking cigarettes can help prevent cancer, according to the ACS.

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until the other band runs out of songs to play.

"Technically Davis always wins the competition because they have more songs in their repertoire," Welke said.

"I'm excited to see the Davis band perform and see what they have to offer in the band-off competition," general engineering junior Michael Jones said.

The marching band leaves on Friday evening in charter buses for the weekend long trip.

This game will serve as one of the biggest football games of the year for the Mustangs.
WASHINGTON — The FBI will be able to more easily check a person’s background for potential terrorist activities under new national security guidelines issued Wednesday by Attorney General John Ashcroft.

Civil libertarians said the rules could invite abuses against innocent people.

The guidelines enable the FBI to conduct a “threat assessment” of potential terrorists or terrorist activity without initial evidence of a crime or national security threat, as required to begin a more formal preliminary or full investigation.

WASHINGTON — House and Senate bargainers agreed Wednesday to halve President Bush’s request for studying “bunker-buster” nuclear warheads and make other cuts in research into a new generation of nuclear weapons.

The negotiators also decided to include nearly all of what Bush wanted to continue preparatory work into a nuclear waste storage site at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert.

BOSTON — Brigham and Women’s Hospital has stopped performing a type of stomach-stapling surgery after a staple gun apparently misfired during an operation and the patient died.

The patient was included in a compensation $27.5 billion finance plan for the government’s new budget year. Lawsuits helped to push it through Congress in the past few days.

WASHINGTON — House and Senate bargainers agreed Wednesday to suspend construction of two nuclear power plants in North Korea, saying that the energy-starved communist state won’t get them unless it gives up its nuclear weapons program.

The move seems likely to kill the $4.6 billion power plants project, because the Bush administration opposes it and officials from the United States, South Korea, Japan and the European Union have agreed that a unanimous decision would be needed to resume construction.

VIENNA, Austria — A senior Iranian envoy acknowledged on Wednesday that his country made “mistakes” in reporting past nuclear activities but insisted suspicions that his country is trying to make atomic arms are unfounded.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Ali Akbar Salehi, Iran’s chief delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency, also said that an agreement opening Iran’s nuclear programs to full scrutiny by agency chief, John Bolton, would be ready for signing in two weeks.

— Associated Press

World Roundup

MOSUL, Iraq — Insurgents attacked three American military convoys in this northern city with rocket-propelled grenades and roadside bombs Wednesday, killing three Iraqi civilians and wounding five Americans, U.S. military and hospital officials said.

The attacks occurred in a city long considered relatively safe for U.S. troops, compared to Baghdad and the cities and towns in the “Sunni Triangle” to the south.

No American soldiers were reported killed Wednesday by hostile fire. But one 1st Armored Division soldier died of wounds from a “non-hostile gunshot” at a checkpoint in Baghdad, the military said.

MOSADISHU, Somalia — In lawless Mogadishu, where U.S. officials fear al-Qaida members are plotting their next attack, the word is out: catch a terrorist, collect rewards as high as $5 million.

At least four al-Qaida terror suspects are in Somalia, Kenya officials and U.S. experts say, and Americans are trying to capture them in a country without an effective central government for more than a decade.

— The Associated Press

College Roundup

ONG BEACH — Posters on the California State University at Long Beach campus promoting delaying sex until after marriage were defaced and stolen last week by vandals with clipping veins.

The signs featured a picture of wedding rings and read, “For better sex, sign on or one of these.” Near the library, Posters were crumbled on the sign, and stalks were broken. Some posters were defaced public forums when vandals crossed out the words of previous posters and replaced them with their own views.

One sign was defaced in red ink with “Your fantasy, my loss,” crossed out and again in black with the message, “Your propaganda lies.” Another sign read, “The church supported slavery.”

— Associated Press

— University Wire
Deal lets students download

Penn State University reached agreement with Napster to provide service for free

By Alex Veiga

LOS ANGELES — Pennsylvania State University students will be able to listen to music online through an agreement reached with the recently relaunched Napster 2.0, music industry sources said Wednesday.

The university said in a news release it had entered into an agreement with an unnamed party to provide digital music at no cost to students.

"To this point they've been pretty thrilled," Rosenberger said. "There's kind of an all-encompassing effect that some of the illegal services don't have that the students really liked." Spanier co-chairs the Joint Committee of the Higher Education and Entertainment Communities with Cary Sherman, head of the Recording Industry Association of America. The committee was formed to find ways to curb illegal music sharing on college campuses.

"(Spanier) is a real leader in this, and he's talked in the past about ways to do this," said Josh Bernoff, an analyst with Forrester Research, Inc. "By doing this, they manage to not only potentially block piracy, but remove the reason why anyone would want to do it."

As far as he knows, no other university has used such strategy to combat piracy, Bernoff said, but he expects other schools to follow suit.

"Software maker Roxio Inc. launched Napster 2.0 on Oct. 29. The Santa Clara, Calif.-based company acquired the Napster brand from the ashes of the free pioneer file-sharing service, which was forced to shut down in 2001 after a legal battle with recording companies.

Napster 2.0 users have access to more than a half-million songs from all the major music labels. They can download individual songs for 99 cents and albums for $9.95. The service also offers access to unlimited downloads for $9.95 per month."

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Serial rapist, murderer sentenced to death

VENTURA (AP) — A man convicted of killing a college student and raping a dozen women apologized to his victims Tuesday before being sentenced to death.

"I wish I had gotten caught a lot sooner so I wouldn't have caused so much terror and pain," Sanchez said before his sentencing.

Sanchez, 32, of Simi Valley, was convicted in August of first-degree murder, kidnaping and attempted rape in the slaying of Megan Barroso, a Moorpark college student. Her bullet-riddled car was found in July 2001 about a mile from her home and her remains were found a month later in a Simi Valley ravine.

Sanchez admitted killing Barroso, but denied raping her. He also pleaded guilty to sexual assaulting a dozen women in Simi Valley between 1996 and 2001.

"I wish I had gotten caught a lot sooner so I wouldn't have caused so much terror and pain," Sanchez said before his sentencing.

He also read a rhyming poem directed to the Barroso family in which he apologized for her slaying.

Sanchez's father, Art Barroso, told the court that "the defendant has left me a severely damaged person mentally, emotionally and physically." He also said that Sanchez's death would not repair any of the damage done by him.

During the penalty phase of his trial, Chief Deputy Public Defender Neil Quinn said he urged the jury to spare Sanchez from the death penalty because he suffered from mental disorders that left him unable to control his violent tendencies.

"It's been my impression that this trial was a trial in search of a murder weapon," Quinn said after Sanchez was sentenced.

By Robert Jablon

LOS ANGELES — On the basis of new DNA evidence, a man who has spent nearly his entire adult life in prison has been charged with murdering five women a decade ago when he was free between sentences.

Ivan Hill, 42, is believed to be the so-called "60 Freeway Slayer" who left bodies in communities around the Pomona Freeway east of Los Angeles in late 1993 and early 1994, authorities said Tuesday.

When he is serving a prison sentence for a series of armed robberies, had been scheduled to be released in February.

"There's no doubt in my mind he would have gone right out and started all over again," Sheriff Lee Baca said at a news conference.

He is accused of strangling Betty Sue Harris, 37; Helen Hill, 35; Dennis Goldsmith, 35; Cheryl Stevens, 14; and Debra Brown, 33. Hill also is suspected of killing a sixth woman but no DNA evidence was available, District Attorney Steve Cooley said.

The bodies were found Nov. 1, 1993, and Jan. 12, 1994. Hill had been freed from prison in early 1993 and was arrested again in February 1994.

That was the only period of his adult life when he was not locked up, said Capt. Frank Merriman of the sheriff's Homicide Bureau. Hill was sent to jail at 18 for a robbery-murder, Merriman said.

DNA was extracted last year from evidence taken from one of the victims. A match to Hill was found in a California database of DNA taken from crime scenes and convicts and criminals, authorities said.

Other evidence also linked Hill to the killings, officials said, declining to give details.

The sheriff's department's crime lab has a two-year backlog of DNA evidence for 2,200 unsolved rapes and murders, assistant director Dean Guadalupe said.

Cooley said he was confident that prosecutors would seek the death penalty.

San Jose PD posts sex offender info online

SAN JOSE (AP) — The San Jose City Council has decided to post on the Internet names, photographs and locations of the city's 28 high-risk sex offenders.

The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to let police officials post the information on the depart-

ment's Web site, making it one of a handful of California jurisdictions to do so.

Currently, residents have to visit police or sheriff stations to view the information.

There are about 2,500 registered sex offenders in San Jose, including 1,800 who are deemed serious offenders and 28 offenders who are categorized as high risk.

High-risk offenders have a record of multiple offenses and have a high probability of striking again, police said.

The police site will post offenders' photographs, their names, their physical descriptions, the block numbers of their residences, and the crimes of which they were convicted, Deputy Chief Rob Davis said.

The state's Megan's Law — which allows local police to release information about sex offenders — does not prohibit departments from providing it over the Internet.

A growing number of California cities, including Cupertino, Fremont and Palo Alto, and counties including San Diego and Contra Costa, post Megan's Law information, including maps and lists of offenders online. The Merced County Sheriff's Department Web site is the only one that posts photographs of its high-risk sex offenders.

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Cheaper traffic-signal change devices threaten intersection chaos

By Travis Reed

MINNEAPOLIS — It’s every motorist’s fantasy: save time by making a red light that was just seconds ago green without so much as easing off the accelerator. That dream may soon come true, with profound implications.

The very technology that has for years allowed fire trucks, ambulances and police cars to reach emergencies faster — a remote control that changes traffic signals — is now much cheaper and potentially accessible to civilians.

No bigger than a dashpup radardetector, the device is known as a mobile infrared transmitter, or MIRT, and can be purchased for around $300.

The possibility of its proliferation is unsettling public safety and transportation officials.

“It has the potential to be a huge problem,” said Steve Misgen, a Minnesota Department of Transportation signal operations engineer.

MIRts are the triggers in so-called “traffic pre-emption systems,” which are comprised of two parts: a receiving device mounted on a vehicle, and an infrared transmitter normally placed in emergency vehicles that has a range of around 1,500 feet.

The technology has been used for about three decades and is widely deployed. A U.S. Department of Transportation survey of the nation’s 25 largest metropolitan areas last year found them at about 26,500 intersections across the nation.

A cheaper MIRT available since January from Fac of America, which is based in Fridley, Minn., costs less than half the previous price of other systems, yet has a range of about 800 feet.

Misgen is the trigger in a technology arms race with law enforcement agencies, though he insists he has strict safeguards for use of the devices.

But a handful of MIRTs were being offered for sale on eBay when The Associated Press checked Monday. And kits for building similar devices are also available online.

One of the eBay sellers first indicated anyone could buy the device. However, in response to a follow-up query, the person said it would be sold only to an authorized person. The seller declined an interview.

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We all know about spit tobacco. It's deadly, more addictive than cigarettes, and pretty disgusting, too—unless you happen to like steppin' in puddles of warm smelly spit on a hot day. It's cancer-in-a-can, cowboy-in-a-coffin.

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The National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) says it's "proud to be associated with" the spit tobacco industry. What? Proud to associate with products that kill when used as directed?

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Bush bans partial-birth abortion

By Jennifer Loven

WASHINGTON — President Bush signed legislation Wednesday banning a certain type of abortion, handing the disputed procedure's opponents a long-sought victory even as a federal judge at least partially blocked the new law from taking effect.

"For years, a terrible form of violence has been directed against children who are inches from birth while the law looked the other way," Bush said as he signed the ban on a procedure called partial-birth abortion by its critics. "Today, at last, the American people and our government have called partial-birth abortion by its name, 'abortion by dismemberment.'"

Bush signed the measure that bars doctors who bring a suit. He was concerned that the law contains no exception in the woman's health is at risk, or if the child would be born with all-or-denial by government, because it does not come from government — it comes from the creator of life," the president said, receiving another lengthy standing ovation.

But a short-range groups say the law has overly broad language that "This right to life cannot be granted or denied by government, because public opinion had not yet shifted to support such a move.

Supporters argue the law applies only to a procedure done late in pregnancy — and relatively rarely — and that the procedure is never necessary to protect the health of the mother.

As Congress has found, the practice is widely regarded within the medical profession as unnecessary, not only cruel to the child, but harmful to the mother and a violation of medical ethics," Bush said.

But abortion rights groups say the law has overly broad language that could criminalize several safe and similar hills, arguing that they lacked an exception to protect the health of the mother.

The procedure, which usually involves puncturing the fetus' skull, is generally performed in the second trimester.

Two weeks ago, Bush signed the legislation 50 m 50 activists who chanted and held signs saying "Keep Abortion Legal."

The procedure, which usually involves puncturing the fetus' skull, is generally performed in the second trimester. "We are pleased to sign legislation he said that the procedure is never necessary to protect the health of the mother."

Supreme Court has found otherwise," Kopf said.

Besides Nebraska, hearings were also being held in San Francisco and New York City Wednesday on similar challenges.

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COST OF LIVING

Bay Area voters approve minimum wage hike

By Lisa Leff

SAN FRANCISCO — Voters in one of the nation's most expensive cities decided overwhelmingly Tuesday that employers should have to pay their workers a minimum wage that mirrors the cost of living.

Proposition L, which imposes an $8.50-per-hour minimum wage on virtually all employers in the city, passed with 60 percent of the vote. California's hourly minimum wage is $6.75, and the minimum required under federal law is $5.15, which is far below the federal poverty level for a full-time minimum wage earner with a family.

The vote makes San Francisco the third city in the nation to set its own, higher, wage threshold, and supporters now hope to build momentum for similar measures in other U.S. cities. One such effort, in Madison, Wis., may appear on a ballot in March.

Washington, D.C., already guarantees its workers $1 more than the federal minimum, which Congress last raised in 1997. Earlier this year, in New Mexico, the Santa Fe City Council set a local minimum wage of $8.50 for all businesses with at least 25 employees.

San Francisco's measure is more ambitious because it doesn't exempt small businesses from the mandate. The new wage takes effect in 90 days for large for-profit businesses, and will be phased in over two years for nonprofit organizations and firms with fewer than 10 employees.

Supporters estimated that 27,000 San Francisco workers who currently earn below $8.50-an-hour would directly benefit. The measure was opposed by the restaurant industry, which said it amounts to a job-killing raise for waiters who already earn tips.

City contractors already are required to pay their employees an hourly "living wage" of $9 for non-profits and $10.25 for for-profit companies.
Fashion over Function?
Trucking trend catches on, but is it a fad or a way of life?

Fashion is always changing, usually based on what the icons of pop culture are wearing. What makes a fashion trend or popular is the famous people spotting it. Particularly popular in today is the retro look.

Doctor Evil spotted one. Pharrell of The Neptunes is never without his. Jason Mraz and Ashton Kutcher wear one on their noggin.

The mesh, or trucker, cap — once reserved for, well, truckers — is now being carried with a Cal Poly logo in the El Corral Bookstore. "I said 'you're kidding.'" said Mark Haupt. "I think girls just do it for the look," he said. Business administration freshman Jon Duong owns a trucker hat that he pre-ordered a month before the trend, trucker hats are proving popular. "I saw a little old man wearing one, but he's probably had it since the 1980s," Billingsley said. "They've sold well," she said. "We started with one style, now we're up to four, and there's more on the way. It's a fad." Despite widespread use amongst male pop-culture icons, trucker hats are for women too.

"They're definitely a trend," said Jon Billingsley, owner of Reign, a men's and women's clothing store in downtown San Luis Obispo. "It's kinda cute. They sell really well." Billingsley estimated the store has sold about 200 in the last month.

With logos ranging from "Pimp" and "420" to "Cute" or "Hottie," as well as brand name labels like Billabong and O'Neill getting in on the trend, trucker hats are proving they aren't just for truckers. "I saw a little old man wearing one, but he's probably had it since the 1980s," Billingsley said.

Sporting the 1980s look isn't always about style; comfort is an important factor when pondering a purchase to most students. "I like them because they're mesh," business administration freshman Eric Sung said. "They keep your head cooler, and they look cool. They're kinda SoCal."

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Even though the trucker hat is in style, not everyone agrees that it is a style. There's a disagreement over whether trucker hats are a trend or a way of life. "I've had mine for years," political science junior Angie Eckhardt said. "Growing up, I wore mine when we went hunting." Eckhardt lamented the sanitization of the fashion. "The trend now is all main brands like Roxy or Quicksilver, but their hats are so clean," she said. "It cracks me up that every time you try to look all trash. It cracks me up that it's a style, when I have it in the heart."

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Excited?

Eager fans of "The Matrix" trilogy apparently could not wait until movie theaters opened to show their love for Keanu Reeves, as the "P" was donned with "Neo," the name of Reeves' character in the film, Wednesday.

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Nutrition labels won’t fight fat

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mericans are overweight. We like to blame everyone but ourselves for this problem, which explains why a lawsuit was brought against McDonald’s for getting him fat. In a move that would fool this irresponsibility, the Food and Drug Administration is considering requiring restaurant menus to provide nutritional information on menus. Because of pressure from nutrition advocates, the FDA is advocating labels on restaurant menus that display calories and other nutritional values. The logic behind this movement seems to make sense at first, but people see that their real participation has 60 days to die, they may decide to choose a healthier entree. Food companies are already required to put nutritional values on food packages, but people are still...
Medicinal marijuana smokers are not criminals

Many of the striking grocers are students

Editor,

What Ryan Hill ("Striking grocers don't deserve support," Oct. 31) has failed to realize is that not only the men and women who "scan things and push buttons" at grocery stores that are affected by the strike; it also includes meat cutters, produce clerks, deli workers and pharmacists. Without these employees, who would be there to stock the shelves, prepare and package your meals and make sure you have enough gas, cards bills. To complete my statement, I invite you, Mr. Hill, to go to a picket line and read your letter to the editor out loud and please make sure I'm there to see the reaction.

Jon Lew is a food science senior.

Cuts to grocers' benefits are unwaranted

Editor,

This is a response to Ryan Hill's letter ("Striking grocers don't deserve support," Oct. 31) in which he not only misrepresents the real grocer strike but calls people who strike "uneducated and unintelligent.

It is most unfortunate that Mr. Hill has engaged in an ad hominem attack against people who support the strike, like me. This section is meant for people who want to express their views in an intelligent and civil manner, not for people who simply wish to spout their diatribes.

Mr. Hill stated that one of the reasons he is not supporting the strike is because he feels that the strikers should "pay something" for their benefits. To achieve his "fair distribution" of the benefits, Mr. Hill proposes that the employees of the stores have earned large profits over the last several years and their executives have made off with millions of dollars; these cuts are simply unwarranted.

I urge Mr. Hill to do some basic research before writing any further letters concerning this topic and to refrain from name-calling. As to his final statement that he will continue to cross picket lines, I'm certain that the strikers who are also Cal Poly students trying to get a college education don't appreciate it.

Will Weatherford is a business administration sophomore.

Liberals don't accept conservative views

Editor,

Liberals philosophically accept the right of every view, but articles like Samantha Yale's "Cal Poly is conservative in every sense" (Nov. 3) make it clear that "every view" does not include conservative views.

She starts off by expressing her contempt for the fashion sense of Cal Poly conservatives. She praises Goth and punk styles because "they express a glimpse of one's interest." But don't the sonatry and fraternity T-shirts she bemoans do the same thing? And doesn't a conservative style lend at conservative interests? Could it be true that some people dress similarly not to fit in, but because they have similar views? I know what you're thinking, "Yeah, that was the point of the article, Cal Poly students are conservative," true, but why did conservatives get bashed for "wearing the majority?"

Daniel Ebbeling is a mechanical engineering sophomore.

Tips for Cal Poly students to stand out

Editor,

Over my extended stay here at Cal Poly I've learned a few things that I've learned from other people, like how to cross the street on campus when ever I please and, most importantly, how to have my own unique style.

So here are some tips that will make you one in a million.

1. Get yourself a mesh hat. Nothing screams original like a mesh "trucker" style. You might like truckers, but I bet they think you're a bunch of sissies. Whatever you do, don't wear it forward or backward. It has to be crooked. You wouldn't want to look stupid.

2. Buy a dog. Every girl loves puppies. And what better time for your dog to get his only outdoor time than during UU Hour? Dogs love nothing more than concrete and large crowds. Added bonus: Tell everyone that he loves to drink beer. Once your puppy gets too old to look cute, just pick him up and buy another.

3. Exaggerate alcohol consumption. And tell everyone. Sample: "Dude! Like me, Samantha and Darcia splurged two 30 packs last night!" Conclude with how much school sucks and how Ocean Space is still the best movie ever made.

4. Walk into feed establishments with your shirt off, but at least wear something other than a plain Jane. Write that every girl inside to know you work out and spend more time at the pool than the library. I understand how hard it is to get your shirt on in time during the walk from the car to the dorm.

And make sure you don't take your sun glasses off once you get inside; it looks cooler that way.

5. Acquire some party accessories. You will need something to accompany your mesh hat and faded pants at a party, so invest in a few of these items: Sweat bands, leather wristbands, a cowboy hat, aviator glasses and a vintage belt buckle.

Jon Mann is a graphic communication student.

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Sports

I saw the looks on their faces," coach Mark Conover said. "They weren't giving it to him.

Maccas said he didn't mind that Rickets won. For one thing, Maccas said he was glad the trio was able to hold off hard-charging UC Santa Barbara runner Jeff Gardina who posted a 25:40.2, fourth-place finish.

Sophomore Brandon Collins, who took fifth on the team and was the men's cross-country team did not have anybody coming even close to him last weekend for me to hear about.

The Mustangs goal heading into Regionals is to get second place amid a field that will feature top teams such as Arizona, Arizona State, Oregon and current No. 1 Stanford.

"We're not even worried about Stanford," Maccas said. "They're going to finish first and win the national title. What we're focusing on is getting that second spot."

Graham Womack is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer who unfortunately does not write his columns as fast as the cross country team runs.

"It's been imperative that the team stay together and things be harmonious." Conover said this is the deepest team he's ever coached, that there are 11 potential members of the men's cross-country team.

Conover said this is the deepest team he's ever coached, and it's a good problem for a coach to have.

The top six runners on Saturday for Cal Poly finished within 21 seconds of each other.

"If Matt hadn't slipped and we would've run Ben, we would've had seven guys within 20 seconds of each other," Maccas said. "That's what it's going to take to get to Regionals."
Running Thunder

The perfect race is an elusive dream all across country teams try to attain but rarely achieve.

Commentary

That race is one in which each member gets a phenomenal time, all within several seconds of each other, on the way to victory lane past exhausted competition.

I never took part in that kind of race in the three years of cross country I took. It took until the end of see GOLDEN, page 15

Soccer to take on Big West's best

Mustangs shown no love

**Mustangs daily staff report**

Vannie Dennis was selected as a member of the Big West Preseason All-Conference Team Wednesday at the conference's annual media day.

Dennis' teammates did not garner the same respect; they were picked to finish fourth in Big West play in both the coaches' and media poll.

The Mustangs finished second in last year's Big West Conference tournament, falling three points short against Utah State for the conference championship and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Dennis was a first-team all-conference selection in 2003. He was not named to the 2004 Big West Preseason All-Conference Player of the Year despite leading the Big West in points (176 points per game), rebounds (7.2) and blocks (2.1).

UC Santa Barbara was selected to finish first in the 2004 Big West Conference, followed by Utah State and UC Irvine.

The Mustang women were picked to finish eighth in the conference by coaches and sixth by the media; they finished 6-10 in the conference season last year.

The coach said he was selected to repeat. Pacific was picked as the runners-up while Cal Poly was picked as the runners-up while Cal Poly was picked as runners-up.

• Cal Poly women looks to add conference tournament title to regular-season crown

**Mustangs daily staff report**

The No. 20 Mustang women's soccer team (14-6-2 overall, 7-2 Big West) will travel to UC Irvine on Nov. 7 as the No. 1 seed for the 2003 Big West Tournament.

The Mustangs will face No. 4 seed UC Irvine in the first semifinal match Friday at 5 p.m. at Titan Stadium. No. 2 seed UC Santa Barbara will face No. 3 seed UC Riverside in the other semifinal match.

The Mustangs have won five Big West Conference titles, including this year's regular-season championship; they also won in 1999, 2000 and 2002. UC Irvine going into the 2003 Big West Tournament as the No. 4 seed with a 10-4-5 overall record, 4-2-3 in the Big West. They had two Big West road games last week to finish the regular season.

They defeated UC Riverside 1-0 and then fell to Cal State Fullerton 5-1. The Anteaters were led by Hayley McDonnell, who has seven goals and five assists, and Kim Lloyd, who has five goals and three assists on the season.

Anteaters coach Marine Cano is in his 10th season. He is the 15th winningest active coach in Division I by victories in women's soccer.

The winner of each match will play for the Big West Championship and the automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Tournament on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. The NCAA Selection Show for the Women's College Cup will be on ESPNews at 1 a.m.

At 16-1-2 overall, the No. 20 Mustangs set a new school and Big West single-season record for wins with 16, surpassing the 1997 Cal Poly Mustang team that went 15-8-4.

Cal Poly junior forward Erin Martin received Big West Player of the Week honors for the second week in a row. Martin helped the Mustangs up its first regular Big West undefeated season at 7-0-2. She has three goals and one assist for the week, including the game-winner against Utah State.

She has picked the right time to come on strong for the Mustangs, helped them remain undefeated last week in conference play, as she scored a goal in each of their wins.

Martin has six goals and two assists on the year with a four-game goal scoring streak.

Mustang goalkeepers Greta Shidorn and Liz Heil each picked up a win and a shutout over the weekend. The Mustangs set a new school record with 13 shutouts, surpassing the old Division I record that was set in 1993 with 12.

As of Oct. 26th, the Mustangs as a team are ranked fifth nationally in goals-against-average (1.45), tied for sixth in shutout percentage (.65) and fourth in win-loss Percentage (.682).

**Conference tournament moved**

**Mustangs daily staff report**

The championship game is set for Sunday at 1 p.m. It will be broadcast on KVMU-TV, DirectTV channel 31.

The conference tournament is being revised after a six-year hiatus. Cal Poly won the tournament in 1996 and lost in the final to UC Irvine in 1997.

Cal Poly's matches will be carried live at www.gopoly.com.

**On deck...**

Tomorrow, learn why we are supposed to hate UC Davis, this week's football opponent. Read about what to expect from the 2003-04 women's basketball team, which has only two returning starters. This week's Mustang Daily Athlete of the Week will also be named.

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**Schedule**

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| W Todd | Cal Poly Invitational |
| W Todd | UC Davis |
| W Todd | Idaho |
| M Soccar | Portland |
| M Soccar | OSUN |
| Volleyball | UC Irvine |

**Stats**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT**

The first victory since he infusion was the team's victory in the second day of play Tuesday. The Mustangs watched a 12-stroke lead from Monday rapidly dissolve Tuesday on the front nine of Blacklake Golf Course, but overcame the surge by the UC Riverside Highlanders and Wyoming Cowboys to win by three.

The tournament comes five weeks after the team's best performance of the year at the Lady Vandal Fall Invitational, Sept. 28 to 29 at the University of Idaho. Cal Poly had a three-stroke lead at 291 and a five-stroke lead at 315.3, good for an overall score of 946 in three rounds and a tie for fifth place in that tournament.

The fledging golf program gained big with its win.

"I think it was a wonderful thing," Rebecca Norris said about the victory.

Her teammates have played better than ever this fall, with scoring average plummeting, she said.

Norris' scoring average has improved from 81.8 in 2002 to 73.3 this season; she shot a school-record 70 earlier in the year. Drago is also down from the 86 she averaged last year, averaging 82.8.

"A big part of that is attributed to Scott Cartwright being our coach," Norris said. "He's improved some of my game, making some improvements to my putting and putting me in a new driver.

Cartwright, in his first season coaching Cal Poly, said he has a particularly deep core of athletes, but that they've become more servant hearted and motivated and they hope he will make more advances heading into Big West play in a few months.

"We hope to improve or three shots per person in the spring," Cartwright said. "If we can do that, we can contend for the Big West championship.

**FILE PHOTO**

Senior forward Vannie Dennis and the Mustangs were picked to finish fourth in the Big West Conference; the women picked sixth.

**Mustang Daily Bar**

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