Housing project under fire

By Kendra Hodges

Student Housing North, the largest student housing facility in the CSU system, will make its finished appearance at Fall 2006. The village will he in an area north of Brizzollar Creek on the northeast side of campus.

The plans include 2,700 student apartments ranging from one- to four-bedroom units, each with full kitchen and bathroom facilities, a swimming pool, retail food and other services.

The project has been planned on an aggressive schedule anticipating occupancy by Fall 2006. The village will be in an area north of Brizzolar Creek on the northeast side of campus.

The university is currently pursuing a partnership with Capstone West, a private university student housing developer. The administration believes working with the company will bring broader external expertise and will reduce overall project costs and long-term costs to students, said Executive Vice Provost and Chief Planning Officer Linda Dalton.

Some faculty members and students say the scale of the project needs to be dealt with more thoroughly, addressing the importance of an environmentally sustainable design. These aspects of the project are being pursued at a minimal level, mainly due to time constraints and financial factors.

“The basic problem with the project is they want to ram the development through,” said Kathryn McCormick, art and design club president.

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Enterprise project yields poinsettias

By John Pierson

Hollies, mistletoe, wreaths and trees are all symbols of the Christmas season. Another symbol, highly visible but often overlooked is the Poinsettia. This Saturday, students can buy their own at the Poly Plant and Floral Shop's Poinsettia open house, located at the north end of Via Carta on the Cal Poly campus.

The open house runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is part of an enterprise project that Christina Brim, Adrian Cisneros, Ginny Gunnels, Rodney Wilkinson and J.P. Williams, horticulture and crop science, have worked on since May.

The students have been working on the project almost every day since then. “We took cuttings in August, which took us 12 hours, and we have to hand water the plants every day, which takes two hours,” Brim said.

The enterprise project is a class offered in the College of Agriculture.

“It's financed by the Foundation,” said Pat Broering, secretary for the horticulture and crop science department. “The students submit a business plan and a budget, then get financed. They grow the crop, sell it, and then they share a percentage of the net profits with the Foundation and themselves.”

“The Foundation gets a third,” Brim said, “and we split the other two-thirds between us.” Brim said. “It works out to over $10 an hour.”

The project started with 3,000 plants, some of which have sold already. “We've sold 50 percent of the plants wholesale to local nurseries and florists,” Williams said. “We hope to sell the other 50 percent to students and the community.”

The plants range in size from 4-inch potted plants to 10-inch Christmas trees.

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Students showcase art

By Amy Hessick

Art and design students showcased the work they have created throughout the quarter in the first Pushpin on Thursday night.

The event, which is sponsored by Club 34, the art and design club, is the first of its kind at Cal Poly. All studio art classes, including photography, graphic design and studio art, were involved in the exhibition.

As opposed to a formal gallery where the pieces are judged, Pushpin showcases students' classwork.

“The point of it is not to decide what is the best piece in the show, it is more just a chance for the students to have their work out in the open,” said Kathryn McCormick, art and design professor and faculty adviser for Club 34.

The idea for the showcase came from McCormick, but she said that the students ran with it and planned the event. The intent is for the event to happen every quarter and make it a tradition in the department, she said.

“I like the idea that it's informal, and it's great for art majors to see what each other are doing,” art and design senior Kristin Crawford said. "It's an exciting and innovative way to show our stuff.”

Having a showcase at the end of the quarter not only gives students an outlet to show off their work but also helps raise the quality of work that is produced.

"Knowing that there is going to be a show at the end makes you work a little harder," she said.
Poly honored for number of degrees to Hispanics

By Lauren Johnson

The May issue of Hispanic Outlook lists Cal Poly in the top 100 of the nation's colleges and universities that award the highest numbers of bachelor's degrees to Hispanics.

According to the listing by the National Center for Education Statistics, Cal Poly places 104 and is one of 20 California State Universities to make the list.

The listing is based on the campuses that consistently rank among the top in the nation in this area.

"The Cal Poly is one of the most diverse university system in the nation, with students of color topping 53 percent, more than twice the national average for four-year public universities," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed.

According to the Cal Poly Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Analysis, in the 2002-03 school year, nearly 10 percent of graduates were of Hispanic descent. Twelve percent of graduates the year before were of Hispanic descent.

The percentage of Hispanic students between this year and last has remained the same at 9.6 percent.

The Multicultural Center on campus focuses on diversifying the student population by giving Hispanic high school students tours of Cal Poly.

"We try to encourage them and teach them the benefits of higher education," said Edgar Daza, student assistant of the Multicultural Center and industrial engineering junior.

Daza also said Latinos might also be persuaded to apply to Cal Poly because Latino Heritage Month runs between September and October, before college applications are due.

Among the 25,982 students of color who graduated from the CSU system in 2002, 11,664 Hispanics received bachelor degrees.

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trees.

The price runs from $5 for the smallest plants to $50 for the largest.

"The sale is the cause of an enterprise project, people who wouldn't normally buy a poinsettia will buy one," said Animal science sophomore Kristy Shippey, however, had a different perspective.

"I'd support an enterprise project, but not for poinsettias," Shippey said.

"I just don't associate them with Christmas. I'd buy mistletoe, though," she said.

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ment plans through before a lot of important issues have been properly dealt with," said English professor Steven Matsugami.

Community members have voiced their concerns to make the project a leader in sustainable design, which is environmentally sensitive and energy efficient architecture at previous open workshops on the project.

ASI and Academic Senate adopted resolutions urging leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification for the student housing North project and future campus projects. In a section of the resolution, ASI representatives stated:

"The CSU system as the public, higher learning institution of the state of California, has an obligation to lead the way in innovative, high-efficiency building designs. Cal Poly SLO is the leading university in the CSU system and houses a nationally recognized environmental design program, which employs and produces leaders in sustainable design professions, and has a special responsibility to lead the way in establishing energy and resource efficient design, building and operation standards."

"The administrative planning committee is addressing the ASI resolution and other issues of concern," Dalton said.

The use of sustainable technology such as maximum energy, water and material efficiency and building life expectancy, said Tyler Midford, ASI representative to the latest report of Architecture and Environmental Design.

"We hope Cal Poly would seize the opportunity to prove themselves as a leader in environmentally-sensitive and energy-efficient design," Midford said.

"We would like an open door policy to the decision process between the developers, the university, students, staff, faculty and the community in the goal of building a state-of-the-art living, learning sustainable environment.

— Look for more coverage on the Student Housing North project next quarter.

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Black women and their lives occupy the center of inquiry, with the following themes: mind, economics, gender roles, race and socio-political movements.

Professor Cherie Cheney will teach the course.

"Aspects that Cheney said she will cover are the issues of African American women's sexuality, their response to economic exploitation and their perception in hip hop music.

The course, along with other ES classes, aims to give students a better knowledge of groups they might not have had much experience with.

"Primarily, one of the things we do is engage in stereotypes, and in the class we attempt to deconstruct any stereotypes and students have about various groups," Cheney said.

The course, which will fulfill Cal Poly's multicultural requirement, will bridge two areas of study.

"The course is a first course to explore the experiences of African American Women throughout history and will also provide a combined look at gender and race issues.

"ES 325 helps to connect women and ethnic studies and brings up international issues about the intersection of sex and race," said Ethnic Studies Interim Department Chair Debra Valencia-Laver.
SAN ANTONIO — A first-of-its-kind genetic test will soon be available to help women with breast cancer make one of their most crucial decisions: whether to undergo the rigors of chemotherapy.

Genomic Health Inc., a Silicon Valley biotech company, said it has identified nearly two dozen genes that, taken together, can predict with a high degree of accuracy the likelihood that tumors will return in women whose breast cancer was caught at an early stage.

Currently, doctors ponder the chances of a relapse in pretty much the same way they have been doing for it almost a century: by looking at the patient's age, the size of the tumor and the tumor's aggressiveness.

NEW YORK — Rap and R&B have been consistent chart-toppers for the last few years, but in 2003 they took over pop music and the Grammy nominations on Thursday.

The year's top-selling artist topped 50 Cent. Two of the year's biggest hits came from R&B-singer Revenue. In October, every spot on Billboard's top singles chart was held by a rap or R&B artist.

Grammy voters took notice, doling out six nominations each to Beyonce, Jay-Z, OutKast and Pharrell Williams.

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Thursday sacrificed import tariffs he had imposed last year to help the battered U.S. steel industry, defying a threatened trade war with Europe and Japan but creating political problems for himself in states that could be key in next year's election.

The president declared that the 21 months the steep tariffs were in place had given the U.S. industry a chance to consolidate and modernize and were no longer needed as a result of "changed economic circumstances."

However, the decision prompted an angry response from the steel industry and its political supporters, who accused Bush of breaking a campaign promise and turning his back on an industry that was still in need of protection from unfair foreign competition.

BALTIMORE — A federal prosecutor was found shot and stabbed to death in Pennsylvania on Thursday after failing to show up at the trial of an aspiring rapper and his former associate accused of dealing heroin.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan P. Luna, 38, suffered multiple stab and gunshot wounds, said U.S. District Judge William D. Quarles Jr. Luna's service weapon had been removed from the gun closet, said the judge in the case said.

LONDON — Auction Web site eBay removed a listing Thursday for a kidney wanted by a British man who was attempting to sell one of his kidneys to help pay medical treatment for his sick daughter.

Peter Randall put a reserve price of $85,000 for the kidney on an advertisement in an Irish newspaper. He advertised in The Sun newspaper that he was trying to raise money for special therapy for his 6-year-old daughter Alice, who suffers from cerebral palsy. Randall and his partner, Jennifer Stanbury, 44, said the treatment had given them hope their daughter might walk.

PALO ALTO, Calif. — There are about as many Stanford University undergraduates enrolled in classes with the words "film," "cinema" or "documentary" in the title as there are enrolled in the entire Department of History and Social Anthropology, according to the school’s online student information system.

A new film studies program is being developed at Stanford to expand the university's options for areas of study. Currently, undergraduate students can only minor in film studies, but Cognizant Dean of the Humanities Keith Baker is leading a committee responsible for creating a new interdisciplinary Film and Film Studies program.

The Art and Art History Department, which currently oversees the film minor, will house the new program.
The perks of procrastination

For years, I've been perfecting the art of procrastination. A correctly executed strategy significantly raises productivity. As the timetable narrows and the deadline approaches, the immediacy of the task at hand increases incentive to work. Output per hour is always higher when the paper I'm writing is due the next day. There is a threshold point, though, at which the clarity of my thinking diminishes. It's a vicious balance.

But my most productive hours are when I'm supposed to be doing something completely different. Nothing leads to the discovery of newfound interests — almost everything starts to look more exciting than the academic subjects accorded to them in their volumes. Rated as a function of the number of inches that encyclopedia editors have particularly devoted to the categorization, classification and compilation of progress based on Western standards. And since Western civilization has been alciMuparisons are inherently flawed. Any study the West conducts will honor very types of encyclopedic sources that Murray uses as his standard of evaluation, surmount — delegitimize the Murray analysis.

It is a widely accepted way to determine the influence of a discovery. But thinking control doesn't require the physical movement that older experiments did, and the computers were mentally incorporated into the animals' brains. For paralyzed people, this means a great advance in the quality of their lives. Instead of depending on others, they will be able to do everyday activities by themselves as quickly as their brains will allow them.

Paralyzed people can't be thought-controlled, but robots are still a few years off, this study is a boon for humanity. The monkeys' signals have proven to be very similar to human ones, and the researchers have also improved their performance over time. It takes the monkeys close to two days to learn how to move the robotic arm, and then they can use it to write, draw, and play computer games.

Research has shown that when a tool is repeatedly used in a similar environment it becomes assimilated with their appendages. It is simply incorporated into the body's image of itself. This means any prosthetic would soon function as a regular limb just as the arm, finger or leg would. If this technology is kept within limits and each prosthesis and robot is created to complete the movements needed to function in everyday life, then this is a great discovery.

On one hand, it seems terribly unfair not to develop this technology to its full potential because it is the people who have lived with disabilities. These people would benefit most from this technology as their own brains will allow them to control their own prosthetics. If this technology is kept within limits and each prosthetic and robot is created to complete the movements needed to function in everyday life, then this is a great discovery.

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Letters to the editor

Ads are male oriented for a reason

Editor, 
Hey Gia ("Alcohol ads offend women? Dec. 3), I'm an engineer (i.e. freaking genius), and I'm going to try to explain why you are and then remonstrate at you a bar and remind me not to buy you a beer.

Common sense enemy. Women being 50 percent of the population does not mean they supply 50 percent of the total profit for alcohol companies. It's about the Remnants baby, not trying to make porteresses women who have lived with disabilities. These people would benefit most from this technology as their own brains will allow them to control their own prosthetics. If this technology is kept within limits and each prosthetic and robot is created to complete the movements needed to function in everyday life, then this is a great discovery.

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Critical letters don't sound mature

Editor, 
You want to know what I love? I love when I am reading Mustang Daily while eating lunch and someone asks me to get them something. It makes me laugh so hard I shout carrots out my nose. That is basically the only reason I read the paper. You want to know what I hate? When I am reading the paper the day after my car-crash-spraying incident and I see that someone has written in whining about how the person who wrote the awesome article the day before was so insensitive, and how dare the Mustang Daily editors print such an article, and how dare they allow something that is so funny to destroy the integrity of our great newspaper and blah, blah, blah.

Please don't try to make yourself sound smart and mature by writing in to criticize someone who wrote a legimitarily funny letter. Does anyone really want to sit down in the University Union every day and read about politics or why people should be more mature in our letters to the editor? No. We have C-Span and Ge class for that. I'd rather read any day another letter to the editor about abortion. I'm just being immature and immature? Maybe, but at least I'll be enjoying myself .... until I have to clean up the carrots.

Balen Gore is a computer science senior.

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Letters to the editor
Caucasian club a bad idea

The Washington Times noted how McClelland’s mother, Deb, Nearly, tried to speak with her daughter about the debacle.

"I tried to explain to her that it was a very touchy issue, but she just said, ‘Why?’” Mrs. Nearly said.

If McClelland truly didn’t know why the issue of race and cultural preservation is a ‘touchy issue’ today, then she had no business swimming in the waters in the first place.

If one decides to publicize their opinions about diversity, however one may define it, they must expect reactions of anger, confusion, and opposition, or very little will be accomplished. The most to be hoped for is exactly what happened elsewhere: Unrest and media coverage, very little else.

Are we ever going to get along and give every person of every race, creed, sexual orientation, gender and veteran status equal opportunity to live and participate in American society?

Doubtful.

Does that mean we shouldn’t try to correct that, whether through affirmative action or Caucasian clubs? Not at all.

But as we do, we need to be strong. There’s no crying in baseball or the politics of race. If you can’t stomach the blows, find someone who can to represent your cause.

In the battle for ideals, everything is personal. This doesn’t mean an idea is being oppressed, it means that it’s being challenged.

There’s nothing wrong with advertising. Perhaps this is just our latest evolutionary advance.

Advertisers have discovered a way to mentally turn down the volume on the advertisements we hear every day. The TV viewer is more than a passive button pusher. Every one of us.

The average American television viewer is happy to laugh at all these boys’ antics and quick wit. Yet most viewers are hard-pressed to actually discuss the inequalities queer people experience in society. After the Massachusetts ruling on gay marriage, media polls claim that the majority of Americans oppose gay marriage. Maybe the poll should ask “Do you think Jack should propose to Will if the Fab 5 handle the ceremony?” I bet those numbers would be different.

Staf Editorial of the Indianapolis Daily Student at Indiana University.

Gay TV helps stereotypes hurt

The bourgeois media now has gay stereotypes on every channel. You can turn on any channel at any moment of the day and see--gay positives," says "Will & Grace" and "Queer Eye For the Straight Guy," you might think everything is fine for the queer community.

Not at all.

Despite their entertainment value, I wonder how beneficial such shows are to the gay community. Shallow-thinking queer viewers are quick to point out that TV shows have decreased the amount of anti-gay material that they are bringing queer people into every living room in America. Give me a break - hate crimes against queer Americans have been on the rise in the last 10 years.

First off, not all queer men — and I do say men, because the media could care less about queer women — are luminaries in the field of aesthetic success. My roommates will be the first to admit that some of my comrades and I should lobby for an episode called "Queer Eye for the Queer Guy." This show is nothing more than comedic pro p a g a n d a wrapped up in a big, rainbow ribbons.

Each episode is filled with shots of the gay_ROOT_men's closets, where the straight fashion dilettantes betray their unoriginal, cheap, purchased merchandise. And the viewing public rejoices at this unabashed capital promotion. Then, gay TV is no more than a rainbow package; music, no more than a few bars of a hit song that you’ve heard a thousand times.

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Ask a guy what he wants for the holidays and the standard response of "nothing" will ensue. But unless the man in your life is a bona fide Mr. Scrooge, he probably won't turn down a gadget or two.

Fill his stocking with the latest and greatest, and you'll keep him from feeling blue, so read on to find gift-giving ideas for the couch potato, the multitasker and the forgetful one, too.

For the multi-tasking guy, get a gift that will keep up with his busy, fast-paced lifestyle but make him relax while he's on the go. TDK Electronics is making beautiful music this season with their CD softcase and integrated speaker. They call it an iMAspeaker. The outside it looks like a conventional CD holder but hiding within are NXT flat panel speakers. Anytime, anywhere — now it doesn't matter when the need for Jingle Bell Rock hits. iMAspeaker can connect to any portable audio player or notebook PC to create a portable stereo system.

iMAspeaker comes in a variety of disc capacities and has an internal mesh accessory pocket for CDs or an MP3 player. Powered by AA batteries, music can be played with the CD case zipped or unzipped. A case that keeps CD's safe and sound while blasted tunes — that's music to the ears.

Radio Shack's two radios with batteries and an overnight charger. It has 22 channels and distinctive rings for each radio, so one person can talk to another without the rest of the group listening, perfect for setting up practical jokes.

And the beer-guzzling macho man will be in his element with the first season of the Man Show on a three-disc DVD set. Original hosts Jimmy Kimmel and Adam Carolla will have any guy jumping with joy for the "girls-on-trampoline" segments. The DVD set costs $37.48 at Maximonline.com — that's $4.50 less than in the stores! Plus, shipping is free for both DVD sets.

Know a guy who's planning a road trip with his buddies? Then get him a walkie-talkie to keep in touch with the group without having to burn his cell phone bill.

But as the holidays draw near, the television becomes a source of sleigh bells and holly berries — not exactly man-friendly programming. So turn his snoring into laughter with either of these two DVD discounted finds.

South Park (Complete Second Season) is out and ready to fill the ears with blashphemy. All episodes from season two of Comedy Central's all-time highest rated series comes in a three-disc collector's edition DVD set with special features. Buy now from Maximonline.com and it costs only $37.48 — that's $12.50 less than competitive prices.

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A story of ultimate gifts under the tree, the man in your life finds one of these ultimate gifts under the tree, he'll know that Santa made his list, checked it twice and decided he was less naughty than nice. When it comes to Santa, nice guys never finish last. Happy Holidays!

Stories by Lauren Wecht

Photo by Matt Wecht
Saturday
Creekside Lanes - Attleboro
All American food & drinks - Cover $5
Frog & Peach
Band: Pennyroyal - 21+
University Cafe
Kizhn, Bob & Carver: Rock - Starts at 8:30 p.m.
Mother's Tavern
Band: Joes - Cover $5 to $10 - 21+
Nautiicall Team
Ambient lounge 7 to 9 p.m.
The Great
Dance to the music of DJ MRT - Cover $8, 18+, $5, 21+
Tortilla Flats
Saturday Release with DJ Fliz - 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Sunday
Creekside Lanes - Attleboro
All American food & drinks - Cover $5
Frog & Peach
Band: Pennyroyal - 21+
Limerock Cafe
Dancing - Jazz & Non-Stop! Starts at 8:30 p.m.
Mother's Tavern
Korakia at 8 p.m. - 21+
Tortilla Flats
Hot Salsa and Swing - 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Monday
Frog & Peach
Band: 20s Orchestra Matl. - 21+
Mother's Tavern
Korakia - 21+
Nautical Team
Accoustic / Singer/songwriter - 7 to 9 p.m.
The Grad
Monday Night Football - Cover $8, 18+, $5, 21+
Tortilla Flats
Bits and Beyond - 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.


d the season of giving

Dear Santa Baby, this year the ladies would like the holidays to be bright and shiny, with snow on the ground, stars in the sky and your red filled with all it can carry.

But if the thought of fulfilling our entire wish list is overwhelming and a little bit scary, then we’ve narrowed it down to velvet and leather, the cheap stuff that won’t make you too weary.

In the kitchen of the poor Cinderella student who prefers a turquoise Chinese silk umbrella, the perfect gadget to get a girl pucker up under the mistletoe.

It’s a spirited gift to give to a holiday party hostess-with-the-mostest. It may even impress the lucky lady in your life enough to get her to packer up under the mistletoe.

The bottle slip is made of lush red velvet topped with a featherly white fur neck. The glass slips are made of the same white fur and rest around the base of a wine glass.

The wine bottle slip is $12 and the set of four glass slips are $10. Call Lush Life at 1-866-587-4543.

What to do when your hands need to be free, but you’re craving some tunes? Listen to Torre & Tagus’ Autoscan FM radio — it’s the perfect gadget to get a girl rocking’ around the Christmas tree. Whether you’re at the gym burning off the holiday chub or see HERST, page 8

Talbott’s quilted suede gloves $44
Torre & Tagus’ Autoscan FM radio $28
Conair Deluxe Thermal Spa $59.99
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waiting at the airport for a holiday flight, this music player is a great gift for the girl on the go.

It is compact (four inches long), light (1.5 ounces) and can be hooked onto a coat, pants pocket or hat. The tiny tunes come in vibrant hues of orange, yellow or blue, making them easy to find in the dark depths of a purse or bag. They cost $28 each and are available at the Jennifer Kautman boutique call 1-310-854-1058.

Buying any of these presents will prove you are yitt-yittly savvy. But be sure to be a sincere giver, because every lady values the thought much more than the gift. Happy Holidays!

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News

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By Anita Chang

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**BBQ and B-ball this weekend**

- **Running Thunder will provide free food between doubleheader Saturday**

  *By Amanda Strachan*

  Running Thunder, Cal Poly's spirit club, will host a free barbecue Saturday for fans between the 2 p.m. women's basketball game versus UC Davis and the men's game against Sac State at 7.

  "The goal is to improve Poly pride," Kenneth Witham, Running Thunder president.

  Cal Poly students are not always the most spirited when it comes to sports. One campus organization is seeking to change that.

  The men also want to average last year's surprising loss to the Hornets. The Cal Poly women's team will face UC Davis who is in their first year of transition into Division I.

  "What better way to boost student's interest than by offering free food?" Witham said.

  "School pride is something Assistant Athletic Director Chris Baker said he would like to see an improvement in.

  When changing the Cal Poly logo a few years ago focus groups were asked what the word mustang meant to them, said Baker.

  "They responded with words like leader, pride, active, hardy, determined," said Baker.

  Baker said he would like these same words to see describe Cal Poly students' cheering and support of their athletic teams.

  School spirit may not be a top priority for many but there are benefits besides getting free food.

  Witham said cheering helps ease the stress of school.

  "The players themselves attributed 8-10 points to the students' cheering," Witham said.

  "When a school's athletic teams are doing well the benefits filter back to the students. Athletic success is also attributed to the university as a whole.

  The more wins there are the more recognition the school gains and the more opportunities there are for the school to be identified by other schools, employers and potential philanthropists.

  "What it breaks down to is that schools that are known for athletics like Duke, Miami, and Cal can recruit heavily — it's free advertising," Witham said.

  Therefore, the more Cal Poly wins, the more resources there may be to build better teams in the future.