Parking pains will get worse

Construction on an engineering building will soon cause the closing of a large parking area.

Nicole Siviers  
SENIOR EDITOR

Cal Poly will use revenue from higher parking fees to construct a new facility on Mount Bishop Road.

Many students are frustrated with the parking on campus and the increased fees. General parking permits cost $75 for the quarter and $225 for the academic year, a 25 percent increase from last year.

"If we can have more confidence that we can find parking, it might be worth it," architecture senior Brian Bosch said.

The university will close lot H2-a, located at the corner of University Drive and North Perimeter Road, when construction begins on the engineering IV building in winter 2005.

The new parking lot on Mount Bishop Road will have 360 spaces and will be constructed during fall quarter. While the new lot is under construction, a temporary parking area with 76 spaces will be available on Mount Bishop Road.

Parking on Highland Drive and California Boulevard have been re-designated as staff parking. A new staff parking area is under construction at the corner of California Boulevard and North Perimeter.

Bosch is so frustrated with the parking at Cal Poly, he does not buy a yearly permit.

"I only buy quarterly permits because I never know what's going to happen," Bosch said. "Thank God I'm graduating.

"We're paying an exorbitant amount for the fees when most of the time you have to come an hour and a half early to find a spot," Pittman said.

In the early 1980s San Luis Obispo residents decided that drive-thru restaurants would increase air pollution. A Cal Poly senior hopes to convince the City Council to revoke the 22-year-old law.

Bush and Kerry face-off

in first presidential debate

Terence Hunt  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Sen. John Kerry accused President Bush Thursday night of committing a "colossal error in judgment" by invading Iraq.

"The world is better off without Saddam Hussein," the president shot back in campaign debate, adding his rival once said so himself.

"I agree with him," the president said in a jab designed to underscore his contention that Kerry is prone to flip-flops.

Kerry, a four-term Massachusetts senator, said he could do a better job than Bush of protecting the nation from the war on terror and keeping the world at peace.

"But we also have to be smart ... and smart means not diverting our attention from the war on terror and taking it off to Iraq," the Democrat said. "This president, I don't know if he really sees what's happening over there." Kerry said of Bush, the two men standing behind lecterns 10 feet apart on a University of Miami debate stage.

Surfrider benefit show Sunday

Art and music to benefit mother ocean

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Mustang Stadium to be renovated

$4 million donated by Poly alumni

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WEATHER REPORT

Surf forecast

Tonight
Morning clouds 72°

Saturday
Morning clouds 73°

Sunrise 6:57 a.m.

Sunset 6:47 p.m.
Parked
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Some students are frustrated
because the H-2 parking lot
is being replaced by an engineering
building.
"11'll rather have the parking,"
Donin Anderson, a computer sci-
cence junior said. "We don't need
more buildings when we can't even
afford to hire teachers to fill the ones
we have."

Amy Hewes, the director of pub-
lifications and communications for
the College of Engineering said the
benefits of the engineering plaza
will outweigh the hardships of no
longer being able to park there.
Hewes hopes the outdoor plaza
will appeal to the entire campus commu-
nity and encourage students of dif-
mferent majors to connect.

"It'll be a nice area," Hewes said.
"We want everyone here interact-
ing."

The target date for opening the
engineering IV building is 2006.
Cal Poly's parking plan focuses on
increasing pedestrian access and
vehicle efficiency while decreasing
the amount of cars on campus. The
planning process for a new parking
structure, near Mustang Stadium, is
scheduled to start in 2007. A third
parking structure is being planned, but
Cal Poly officials have not cho-
en a specific location for the struc-
ture.

"We are in the process of imple-
menting a campus access and mobil-
ity study that will in part result in a
tentative schedule for the comple-
tion of the future parking struc-
tures," Robert Kitamura, director of
facilities planning, said.

Cal Poly's resource for commun-
ing information, and the University
Police Department encourage stu-
dents, faculty and staff to consider
changing the way they get to cam-
pus.

"We didn't anticipate that over
three years ago, we'd have to
admit parking permits, but
like most costs in general, will con-
tinue to rise on a fairly steady, con-
stant basis," Cindy Campbell, asso-
ciate director of the UPOD said.
"Right now, riding the bus, walking
on biking remains the most conve-
nient and least expensive way to get
to campus."

Four bus routes serve the Cal Poly
campus. Cal Poly students ride all
city buses for free when they show
their Poly Card.

Debate
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Bush swiftly returned to his
theme of Kerry as a man who changes
his mind too often to be presi-
dent and his 1967 vote against the
war at the wrong time... I don't
want our troops?" said the Republican
president.

What message does that send to
voters? Arnett said.

The 90-minute debate unfolded
scarcely a month before the elec-
tional.

In her report, Arnett sites reduc-
ment to allow drive-thrus in San Luis
Obispo as her senior project.

"It was either a 20-page paper or
actually doing something," Arnett said.
"At least I can say I tried to do
something about it."

Arnett has worked closely with
Mayor Dave Romero and John
Mandeville, director of community
development, to create an amend-
ment that she will propose to the City
Council on Dec. 7.

Although Arnett said she had
many students are excited about
the possibility of an In-N-Out restaur-
ante coming to San Luis Obispo.

"Having an In-N-Out in town
would be cool because then you
wouldn't have to drive to Atascadero
for one of their burgers," mechanical
engineering senior Roni Solomon said.

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General Mills to make all cereals whole grain

More than 40 percent of the cereal giant's line — including Trix and Lucky Charms — will be nutritionally revamped

Osoba Freed
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — General Mills is converting all of its breakfast cereals to whole grain, making it the latest food company to undergo a nutritional makeover amid calls by government and consumer groups for healthier eating.

The move announced Thursday by the nation's second-largest cereal maker affects 29 cereals, including such popular brands as Trix, Golden Grahams, Lucky Charms and Rice Chex. The new recipes and packaging will be launched in October.

Several of the company's brands, including Cheerios, Wheaties, Total and Wheat Chex, are already whole grain.

General Mills officials said the switch is designed to make it easier for consumers to eat healthy food and it had extensively tested the new recipes on panels of consumers.

Just over a year of the company's cereal line is being changed, "so it's a huge undertaking," company spokesman Tom Johnson said. He declined to specify the cost.

A federal advisory panel looking at ways to update the Agriculture Department's familiar food pyramid recently recommended eating whole grain products rather than refined grains to reduce the risk of heart disease and other problems.

Fast food restaurant chains McDonald's and Wendy's have changed their menus to promote milk and fruit consumption.

Last year, Kraft Foods began reducing the fat content in 200 products and capping portions for single-serve packaged snacks. It also quit marketing snacks at school.

General Mills is second only to Battle Creek, Mich.-based Kellogg Co.

COURTROOM

Laci Peterson case update

Brian Skoloff
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA MONICA (AP) — A federal advisory panel looking at ways to update the Agriculture Department's familiar food pyramid recently recommended eating whole grain products rather than refined grains to reduce the risk of heart disease and other problems.

He also questioned from prosecutors Wednesday, Grogan testified that Peterson inquired with police only about once a month. But on cross-examination Thursday, Grogan quickly was forced to acknowledge that Peterson inquired about the investigation much more often. He clarified for jurors that when he previously said Peterson contacted police about once a month he was speaking of himself, and not referring to any conversations Peterson had with other officers.

"In actuality, Scott Peterson was talking to police every single day," defense lawyer Mark Geragos said.

Where's the Love? Rock star sued

SANTA MONICA (AP) — Rocker Courtney Love was sued Thursday by a travel agency that claims she canceled nearly $50,000 in airline tickets but refused to pay.

The lawsuit filed in Superior Court in Los Angeles asked the company to book tickets, hotel reservations and other travel arrangements for herself, her family, agents and staff last year. She authorized payment to her credit card but later withdrew it and sent checks instead, the suit alleges. One check was connected to her credit card but later was stopped.

The firm, New Act Travel Inc. in Koreatown, is seeking nearly $50,000 for the tickets as well service and bank charges, court fees and $1,000 in excess baggage charges.

Also Thursday, Love's trial on felony charges for illegal possession of painkillers was postponed to Nov. 3. In July, she was sentenced to 18 months in a drug rehabilitation program after pleading guilty to a misdemeanor charge of being under the influence of a controlled substance.

In New York City, she faces charges for allegedly striking a fan with a microphone stand in March.

Priest pleads not guilty to child molestation charges

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 40-year-old Roman Catholic priest pleaded not guilty Thursday to multiple counts of child molestation involving three male teenagers, officials said.

The Rev. Fernando Lopez, who entered his plea in Los Angeles Superior Court, was charged with four counts of felony lewd acts with a child, a felony count of sexual battery by restraint, two misdemeanor counts of child molesting and one misdemeanor count of sexual battery.

Lopez is a native of Ecuador who was ordained in 2001 and sent to Los Angeles diocese in Italy. He was named as one of three male teenagers, officials said.

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Lopez remains in custody Thursday with bail set at $500,000.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Oct. 13.

Lopez allegedly molested youths who were ages 14, 16, and 19 at the time; the district attorney's office said in a statement. He met the alleged victims through church contacts during his assignment at St. Thomas the Apostle parish in the Koreatown area.

Lopez, a citizen of Colombia, came to the United States in 2001 from Rome and was a member of a mission in Italy.

The incident allegedly began in 2001 and continued through the first half of this year, prosecutors said. If convicted, Lopez faces more than six years in state prison.
Poly professor emphasizes light in photography exhibit

The collection, "Natural Light and the Italian Piazza," is currently on display at the Performing Arts Center.

Emily Logan  
METHODOLOGY

To someone with a trained eye, art can provide different lessons and values that cannot be attained in everyday experience. For others, art is just pretty or dull or both. But for an artist, to create a work that communicates an idea, a philosophy, or a lifestyle, she has to take into account this variety of viewers she will have.

The exhibition, "Natural Light and the Italian Piazza," a display in the Performing Arts Center of more than 160 photos taken by architecture professor emeritus Sandra Davis Lakeman, provides the viewer with images of how light manifests itself in the architecture of Italy. And how this collaboration improves the lives of the people who live there.

Lakeman has many hopes for what the viewers will get out of the exhibition. The captions that accompany the photographs in the exhibition explain her ideas about light, such as the existential idea of light in reality. She also emphasizes a unity between the scientific and artistic views of light.

"We have a more scientific pursuit and direction, I would say, more than art," Lakeman said. "But people learn things in different ways, so I'm trying to combine art and science to make it much more memorable and understandable."

— SANDRA DAVIS LAKEMAN  
architecture professor

Davis Lakeman's photography collection has been on display in Siena, Italy as well as Portland, Ore. The exhibit will be on display in the PAC, above, until Nov. 30. Lectures on the exhibit will occur on Oct. 8 and 13. Most of Davis Lakeman's photographs of the piazza were taken in Siena, located in the province of Tuscany. The picture, below, is an example of the work that will be on display for the next two months.

Top 10

"It's My Sister's Music I Sweart"  
These are the top ten songs that professors don't own or didn't download, but secretly love to hear.

1. Madonna — Like A Prayer  
2. Hilary Duff — Come Clean  
3. Britney Spears — Everytime  
4. JoJo — (Leave) Get Out  
5. Enrique Iglesias — Escap  
6. Evanescence — My Immortal  
7. Jessica Simpson — With You  
8. Christina Milan — Dip It Low  
9. Kelly Clarkson — Miss Independent  
10. Avril Lavigne — Sk8er Boi

Living in Californiopnia

The University Union was buzzing with student activity as the Ford Focus brought its 'Californiopnia' festivities to campus yesterday during UU Hour. This year's event featured a live DJ, video game kiosks, cars on display, and contests for prizes. Students attending also had the chance to win a new car. A couple of years ago, ska band Save Ferris was the main attraction.

For more information and a schedule, visit www.sandralakenian.com.
Art show to benefit the Surfrider Foundation

Amanda Strachan

Local artists will join the San Luis Obispo chapter of the Surfrider Foundation to put on a free art and music show Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cayucos veteran's hall. The event, which is open to the public, will feature live music from local surf bands, local food and wine, alongside a display of photography, paintings, jewelry and videos. The exhibit's main theme will center on works that capture the beauty of the Central Coast.

"We hand picked the artists. We wanted to go with artists who try to represent or stay with what's important to us, like maintaining our coastline," Matt Fleming, director of the local chapter, said.

Colleen Cinos will display her art at Sunday's event.

"Most of my art is oriented around surf and there are not too many venues for that but there is a lot of interest in that type of art," Cinos said.

More than 35 artists will have pieces on display; there will also be a tiki carver from the Easter Islands carving in the indigenous style.

Four live bands, Rain For Rent, Island Time, Siko and Surfside will perform.

Local businesses such as the Wild Horse Winery, Trader Joe's and New Frontiers will provide donations.

"We'll have some killer food, and we'll be pouring wine from Wild Horse," Fleming said.

All of the proceeds from the event will go to further the local chapter's water testing efforts and various projects that aim to keep the local beaches and coastline clean.

The event began as a Cal Poly senior project. Journalism graduate Nicole Elder interned with the San Luis Obispo chapter of Surfrider and then decided to put on the event as her senior project.

"Last year was a success," Fleming said.

What started out as a senior project, seems to be growing into an annual event with the second Fall Art Benefit for the local San Luis Obispo chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. The event, on Sunday, will feature paintings (above), jewelry and photography. Local businesses donated food and beverages to the event with all proceeds going to the foundation. Four bands will also perform at the event.

Download of the day

Dusty Springfield
"Son of A Preacher Man"

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Law abuse may evict residents

Staff Editorial

The Daily Tribune

BOSTON — The Supreme Court made a decision Wednesday to hear a case that could give the government vast power over people’s private property, enabling it under the Eminent Domain clause to raze people’s homes and replace them with health clubs or hotels, all under the name of the “public good.”

Under this clause, state governments have the right to seize property if they feel it could be used for a greater cause, such as the expansion of a highway or the renovation of a dilapidated housing complex.

In Connecticut, however, the clause was recently used not to revitalize areas in need of reconstruc- tion, but instead to construct a new riverfront hotel and conference center, according to The Associated Press.

The state claimed the seizure of the riverfront property in the name of the “public good” would allow the government to seize people’s private property, violating their right to due process of law.

The Supreme Court, the state should have approached the homeowners in a more civilized manner. Officials should have offered the homeowners the market value of their homes or the opportunity to relocate.

The pursuit of ‘coolness’

Valerie Willis

ALLEN HUME DREW

NORMAL, Okla. — Our college campus has numerous faces. During this momentous period we attempt to pursue dreams, success and careers. What most people fail to realize, however, is that we all fall victim to the pursuit of the quiet monster called “coolness.”

The problem in college is that many people think they are so cool that they have actually exceeded the highest levels of coolness, but the truth is they are far below coolness standards that they have become deaf to the pleas of society begging them to reco­ ver any sense whatsoever.

After having witnessed this trave­ sity numerous times during my tenure at Oklahoma University and also having committed a few faux pas myself, I have started observing the habits of “cool” people in order to relay them to those less fortunate in hopes that someone may benefit.

But actually, it means you have to get off your bike and walk the damm thing. In the span of about 12 minutes, I watched the cops give out around six tickets. I was puzzled.

These poor students are helping the environment, soothing the parking situation on and off campus, and doing good for their own bodies only to be ticketed for rid­ ing in a zone that is obviously wide enough for bikers and walkers. I mean, how many people have been seriously injured or killed from being hit by a bike? Would UP Police rather have those people adding to traffic congestion and environ­ mental pollution? Give me a freaking break!

Charme Fields

Architecture sophomore

Think twice before listening to Rush Limbaugh

Last year, controversial radio host, Rush Limbaugh spewed his divere hate onto the sports world by saying that all-pro quarterback Donovan McNabb was receiving special treatment and praise from the media because he is black.

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I was shocked, and after looking carefully at the signs that are posted near Dexter Lawn I could see why the guy who got the ticket was shocked too. The signs say WALK and directly under that is a picture of a bike and then it says ZONE. Now to me, that means walk or bike zone.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GARDEN GROVE, Minorities now compromise a majority of residents in Orange County, California's quintessential swath of white suburbia, newly released census data show. Two other suburban counties—high-growth Riverside east of Los Angeles and wealthy San Mateo south of San Francisco—also joined 17 other California counties that as of 2000 had reached majority-minority status. Statewide, 35 percent of California's 35.5 million residents were minorities, compared with 53 percent of 34 million residents in 2000. One city that perhaps best illustrates the rapid changes in an area once known across the country as white, conservative and Republican, is Garden Grove. The city near Disneyland noted for its tidy single-family homes was incorporated in 1956, at the height of the postwar population boom that transformed Orange County from a quiet rural area to a sprawling suburb.

"We do really have a real salad bowl here," says Mayor Bruce Broadwater, noting that 82 languages are spoken in the households of the Garden Grove school district. The city is also home to one of the country's largest mosques, located in what was once a Protestant church. Each year Garden Grove plays host to a Korean Festival, a Tet Festival and an Arab Festival, as well as its enduring Strawberry Festival, which recalls its earlier agricultural days.

Broadwater, who has lived in Garden Grove for 33 years, says the city has taken pains to "make sure that everybody has a seat at the table." But some newer residents say fitting in hasn't always been easy.

Katelyn Nguyen, 22, recalls being called out of class as a child by her teacher at an Asian health technique that involved using coins to rub her body with oil. "It happened all the time. They just didn't know," said Nguyen, who moved to Orange County from Vietnam when she was 9 months old. She said she has been called derogatory names. She finds television's "The O.C.," which depicts a rich, white crowd living in Orange County's Newport Beach, as amusing in how far it differs from her own reality.

"It's kind of like that," she said. "There are a lot of minorities out there that have nothing."}

BARBARA STEVENS, 41, who emigrated to Orange County from Malta in 1968, said he has been enabled to a different kind of way. Needs arrivals Asian immigrants, he said, said, stay away from his door because he doesn't speak Vietnamese.

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The donation and now the dream

San Diego Chargers owner donates $4 million for the renovation of Mustang Stadium, a project in the making for years

Kimberly Mascolline

Every year, thousands of people pass through Mustang Stadium's gates to partake in home football games, soccer games and pre-game commencement ceremonies. "Truth be told, the stadium is a little old." But beginning spring 2005, Phase 1 of the Mustang Stadium renovation will start. Thanks to a $4-million pledge from Cal Poly alumni and San Diego Chargers owner, Alex Spanos, and his wife, Faye, the project has reached its starting point. Chris Baker, interim associate athletic director, said this donation puts the total amount raised so far to $9.6 million. Phase I will cost a total of $13 million to complete.

"His gift is the single largest gift ever given to the Cal Poly athletic department," Chris Baker said. The athletic department made a presentation to Spanos and gave him a proposal. "I knew he was a generous man," interim athletic director Alison Cone said. "I was pleasantly surprised by the size of the gift." Although raising money has been a slow process, Chris Baker said it has picked up in the past few months because of the gift from the "Spanos." The gift has made the project a reality. The department has been working on raising money for the stadium project for three years and Baker said in this time they have received various gifts. Cone admitted that the current stadium needs a little help. "Our teams are high-level teams and they deserve a nice place to play," she said. Phase I of the new facility will renovate the west side of the stadium, adding a press box, luxury suites, a president's suite, television and radio booths and two coaches boxes. The west side will extend over California Boulevard, bringing the seating capacity to 10,000 people. The stadium currently seats 8,500. The stadium lighting will be replaced and the playing surface will be upgraded to include a proper irrigation system and new turf.

The main entrance to the stadium will also be replaced by a Memorial Plaza to honor the 1960 team members who lost their lives that evening. "Cal Poly plans to create a Memorial Plaza, thereby ensuring permanent remembrance of the 1960 team members who lost their lives that evening," Cal Poly President Wartman Baker said in a press release on gopoly.com. "We feel that permanent recognition on the Cal Poly campus of the young men who lost their lives and lost their friends and teammates is long overdue," Baker said.

The Memorial Plaza will have copper pillars that stand the height of each player. The pillars will each have a biographical plaque about that player.

"I think (the new stadium) will create a completely different game experience," Cone said.

Phase I of the Mustang Stadium renovation will not be completed until the fall of 2006. Games during the 2005 season will still take place in the current stadium although there will be no west side bleachers.

Phase II will include a renovation of the existing east side bleachers to include men's and women's athlete locker rooms, official's locker rooms, public restrooms and food/retail service spaces. Phase III includes north side bleachers and future expansion.

The north-side bleachers will add an additional 2,250 seats to the whole facility. The athletic department has not begun to raise money for phase II or III.

Hall of Fame game nears for Mustang football

MUSTANG STAFF REPORT

Football plays its inaugural Great West Football Conference game Saturday night, hosting South Dakota State State (3-1).

Kickoff in Mustang Stadium is set for 6 p.m. with KXTY (99.7 fm) to broadcast the contest live, beginning with the pregame show at 5:30 p.m. PDT (Rand Scovil, Joe Harper, Dick Mason).

South Dakota State earned its first win over a Division I-AA school last Saturday, defeating Southern (La.) 31-24 in Baton Rouge as Brad Nelson threw four touchdown passes, including the game-winning 10-yard strike to Greg Fett with just under five minutes to play. Southern, the 2003 black colleges national champion, looked to a 21-7 lead 16 minutes into the game but could not hold on. The Jackrabbits drove 83 yards on 13 plays for the clinching score. Nelson completed 19 of 14 passes for 223 yards and Josh Davis caught 12 passes for 138 yards and two scores. Anthony Watson rushed for 110 yards on 27 carries.

Cal Poly posted back-to-back wins over Big Sky Conference teams on the road — 15-20 at Idaho State and 27-14 at Montana State — before taking last week off. The Mustangs are off to a 3-2 start for the second straight year and have won four straight and 11 of their last 15 dating back to the 2002 campaign.

At Montana State on Sept. 18, senior corner璽ack Karl Ivory returned an interception 41 yards for a touchdown, Cal Poly's fifth touchdown by the defense in three games, and junior fullback Adam Martinez added the clinching TD on a nine-yard run with two minutes to play. It was Cal Poly's sixth straight win over Montana State.

Martinez finished with 87 yards on 14 rushes while Jeremy Konaris added 68 yards on nine trips as Cal Poly amassed 217 yards on the ground. Junior quarterback John Mende, on his 21st birthday, took over for Cordell Webb late in the first half and completed eight of 13 passes for 107 yards. Webb's effort led Cal Poly's first touchdown — a 26-yard pass to Darrell Jones with 6:58 to play in the first quarter. Cal Poly and South Dakota State are meeting in football for the first time.

The Jackrabbits are in the first year of transition to Division I after being a member of the North Central Conference since 1922. Cal Poly posted a 7-4 mark in 2003, the best in six years, and the seven wins are the second-most in 23 years. This year's Mustang roster is dotted with several two- and three-year veterans, led by senior linebkecker Jordan Beck, senior wide receiver/cornerback return specialist Darrell Jones, senior offensive line璽man Ben Coban and senior running back Geno Randle.

In all, 47 lettermen and 18 red-shorts returned, joined by 20 newcomers.

Beck, a 2004 Back Buchman Award candidate who broke the school record for career tackles earlier this season, South Dakota State is coached by John Stiegelmeier, in his eighth season with the Jackrabbits. Stiegelmeier (South Dakota State 1979) is 45-44 overall and previously served as an assistant coach at South Dakota State (1998-96), Wisconsin (1987-88), Northern Iowa (1984-86), Eau Claire North High (1981-83) and Northern Iowa (1982-81), where he earned his master's degree.

Saturday is Hall of Fame Weekend, with five new inductees into Cal Poly's Athletics Hall of Fame to be introduced at halftime. They are former women's cross country and track and field coach Lance Harter, football player Monjou Ancich, basketball player Horace (Tinky) Williams, women's soccer standout Kolleen (Kassie) McNamara and pole vaulter Dave Hamer.