Cal Poly students pack the meat

Students have the option of taking a lab where they have hands-on experience with meat. Melissa L. Doreck

The Cal Poly meat science lab works with beef, lamb and pork. They learn to cut the meat from the carcass to retail cuts.

Genetic engineering forum today

Nicole Sivers

The ballot measure will determine whether the country will adopt an ordinance prohibiting anyone from propagating, cultivating, raising or growing genetically engineered organisms.

"A lot of facts are being twisted," Wehner said. "We don't want the public to be misled, so we are going to discuss the issue with as much accuracy as we can.

"More information should dispel fears and enable voters to focus on the real issues," Dr. Elena Levine, Cal Poly professor

The three-unit class covers such material as muscle structure, what happens to the animal post mortem, how that affects meat quality, the meat industry itself, processing and packaging, government regulations and food safety.

The labs are designed to apply the principles and techniques learned in lecture.

"It doesn't make any sense until you start to cut (the meat)," Delmore said.

The labs work on beef, lamb and pork. During the lab, students have a chance to apply hands-on experience by cutting the product from carcass to rough cuts, and from rough cuts to retail cuts. They also get to taste their product.

There is an optional lab section that deals with harvesting, or slaughtering the animal.

"The process of harvesting an animal is not quite what people think, there isn't a lot of noise, it's very systematic," Delmore said.

Most students are interested in participating in the harvesting lab. The course is in very well with vet-science majors because they can see what an animal is like post-mortem, Wooten said.

Animal science sophomore Lauren Lukue was intrigued by the class and even declared a meat science minor.

"I see myself working in the meat industry because "No one knows about it, it's not an everyday job, and I like meat."

Lukue was involved with Future Farmers of America in high school, Meat, page 2

ELECTION 2004

Cheney and Edwards showdown

Tom Raum

CLEVELAND — Sen. John Edwards accused the Bush administration Tuesday night of bungling the war in Iraq and presiding over a historic loss of jobs. "Your facts are just wrong," Vice President Dick Cheney shot back in a crackling campaign debate.

In a clash at close quarters, Edwards accused Cheney of "not being straight" with the American people about the war. He said U.S. casualties are rising monthly and the United States is bearing 90 percent of the cost and suffering 90 percent of the dead and wounded.

"Cheney promptly challenged those figures, saying the Iraqi security forces had taken nearly half of the casualties. "For you to demean their sacrifice is beyond the pale," he said to Edwards seated a few feet away.

"Oh, I'm not," Edwards protested before the vice president cut him off.

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Confidential screening to help combat depression

Natasha Toto

Cal Poly students, staff and faculty will have a chance to participate in a free and confidential screening for depression as part of Mental Illness Awareness Week. National Depression Screening Day takes place Thursday and will be held in the UU Plaza from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives from both the Student Health Advisory Council and Cal Poly Health and Counseling Services will be distributing material and administering a free and confidential written survey for those who think they may suffer from depression.

Bob Negri, project coordinator for the Health Center, said that although the screening is primarily focused on students, anyone in the community is welcome to participate.

"It provides a way for us to get the word out that depression does exist," Negri said.

The goal of National Depression Screening Day is to provide people with a better understanding that depression and other mental illnesses, like generalized anxiety disorder and bipolar disorder, are not weaknesses and respond well to treatment.

Participants who want to evaluate their condition can contact Cal Poly's counseling services to go over their results. Psychologist Ele Asleholt said that counselors will be available all day Thursday to meet confidentially with students.

By examining the written test, students and counselors can identify common symptoms of mental illnesses and take steps to receive help.

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SMH statistics accumulated from previous Depression Day screenings

- 39 percent scored positive for depression
- 14 percent scored positive for bipolar disorder
- 44 percent scored positive for generalized anxiety disorder
- 36 percent scored positive for post-traumatic stress disorder

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MOM isn't here, eat dessert first, we won't tell.
Prosecution wraps up its portion in Peterson case

Kim Curtis
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REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Prosecutors didn't conclude their case against Scott Peterson Tuesday with a smoking gun or a dramatic flourish, but they effectively portrayed him as a man capable of murdering his wife, experts said.

"He lied to everybody," said Paula Canny, a defense lawyer and former prosecutor who has been watching the trial. "The strongest evidence the prosecution has is what Scott Peterson said and what Scott Peterson did."

After presenting 174 witnesses during the past 19 weeks, prosecutors called on Modesto Police Detective Jon Buehler to testify last. Buehler portrayed the 31-year-old former fertilizer salesman as a man on the run when he was arrested April 19, 2003, for his pregnant wife's murder.

Prosecutor Dave Harris showed jurors dozens of photographs of camping and survival equipment found in the Mercedes that Peterson purchased a month earlier, he said. Peterson also had several changes of clothes, including seven pairs of shoes, jackets, pants, shorts and sweaters. He had four cell phones, two driver's licenses — his and his brother's — six credit cards, including one in a girlfriend Amber Frey's name, and nearly $15,000 in cash.

But defense lawyer Mark Geragos showed photos of similar clothes and equipment found in Peterson's truck months earlier, portraying him as a guy who simply lived out of his vehicle.

Experts disagreed on whether the last day of testimony was as dramatic as it needed to be to stick in the minds of jurors.

Chuck Smith, a former San Mateo County prosecutor, said the prosecutor's case "ended with more of a whimper, than a bang." He said he believes it's most effective to end with a witness who brings the whole case together or who ends it with a powerful, new fact.

"The prosecution did neither," Smith said.

When Geragos begins calling witnesses when court resumes next Tuesday, observers expect him to present experts who will contradict scientific evidence like the age of the fetus and law enforcement officers who will shore up the defense's accusation that police targeted Peterson and failed to look at other possibilities.

Also revealed Tuesday in Buehler's testimony: Peterson also packed in the trunk, Buehler said.

Several flyers advertising a reward for Laci Peterson's safe return were found in the trunk, Buehler said.

On the day he was arrested, Peterson drove a curious nearly 170-mile route in Southern California in what prosecutors suggested was an attempt to evade police. Defense lawyers have maintained Peterson was trying to evade media scrutiny.

Prosecutors allege Peterson killed his eight-months pregnant wife in their Modesto home on or around Dec. 24, 2003, then dumped her body into the bay.

Defense lawyers maintain someone else abducted and killed Laci, then framed their client after learning of his widely publicized alibi.

John Lennon's killer again denied parole

ATTICA, N.Y. (AP) — John Lennon's killer will remain in prison for at least two more years after being denied parole Tuesday because of the "extreme malicious intent" he showed in gunning down the former Beatle in 1980.

Mark David Chapman, 49, was notified of the decision late Tuesday after appearing before a three-member panel earlier in the day.

"During the interview your statement for motivation acknowledged the attention you felt this murder would generate," the board wrote in its single-page decision. "Although proven true, such rationale is bizarre and morally corrupt.

It was Chapman's third bid for freedom. He was denied parole in 2000 and again in 2002, on what would have been Lennon's 62nd birthday.

The latest denial "is based on the extreme malicious intent you exhibited (when) you fired a handgun multiple times, striking your victim — John Lennon," the board wrote. Chapman has been in prison more than 23 years for shooting Lennon outside his Manhattan apartment building as the musician returned from a recording session.

He became eligible for release after serving 20 years of a maximum life sentence.

Before Tuesday's hearing, a letter sent to the parole board on behalf of Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, requested that Chapman remain imprisoned, according to a source close to Ono, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

In 2000, Ono said she opposed Chapman's release out of concern for the safety of herself and her children.

For his own safety, Chapman lives in housing separate from the general population at the Attica Correctional Facility, about 30 miles east of Buffalo, according to corrections officials.

His next appearance before the parole board will be in October 2006.
Voluntary rationing urged as flu vaccine supply halved

Laurn Neergaard
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WASHINGTON — Most healthy adults should delay or skip getting flu shots this year so that the elderly and others at risk from influenza can get scarce supplies, U.S. health officials said Tuesday as they scrambled to manage a surprise — and record — shortage.

British regulators abruptly shut down a major flu-shot supplier Tuesday, cutting in half the U.S. supply just as flu season is about to begin.

The Bush administration urged the public and doctors to begin voluntary rationing of the roughly 54 million flu shots that will be available this year.

Vacine should be reserved for babies and toddlers ages 6-23 months; people 65 or older; anyone with a chronic condition such as heart or lung disease; pregnant women; nursing home residents; children on aspirin therapy; health care workers who care for high-risk groups; and anyone who cares for or lives with babies younger than 6 months.

For everyone else, "take a deep breath. This is not an emergency," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "We don't want people to rush out and look for a vaccine today.

The government cannot impound existing vaccine to enforce these recommendations. It has urged voluntary rationing before, during a shortage in 2000 — but never before has the nation lost half its supply.

"We will need the help of the public," said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson.

On Tuesday, British regulators suspended the license of Chiron Corp. for three months, citing manufacturing problems at the factory in Liverpool, England, where Chiron makes its leading Fluvarin strain.

The rest of the U.S. flu shot supply — the 54 million doses — is coming from a different manufacturer, Aventis Pasteur, which already has begun shipping.

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Travolta and Phoenix burn brightly in 'Ladder 49'

Emeralda Cisneros

Full of gore, beer and rescues, action film "Ladder 49" opened this past weekend. The destructive fires were not the only hot eye-catching subjects in the film. The steamy cast gave the audience another reason to look.

"Ladder 49" stars Joaquin Phoenix ("Gladiator") and John Travolta ("Pulp Fiction"). The film shows the life of Jack Morrison (Phoenix), a rookie who joins Ladder 49. The movie revolves around Morrison who gets trapped in a burning building. While awaiting rescue, he reflects on his life, career and family.

The company is led by Chief Mike Kennedy (Travolta). The chief plays a major role in Morrison's life. Kennedy becomes his mentor and helps him cope with some emerging problems balancing his family life and job. Travolta does a great job such as playing this parental role. His character takes care of these issues in his own life and sets an example for the rest of the men.

Director Jay Russell did a great job showing their lives as regular suburban folks. The firefighters were more than co-workers. The men share their lives with each other. It shows them attending their respective children's birthday parties and singing at each other's weddings. Yet Russell transitions well from family time to his job as a firefighter.

The camaraderie of the men is shown through the jokes played on each other: Hiding live geese in co-workers lockers, pretending to be priests to hear co-workers' confessions. The film shows real life situations such as pairing up live geese in a burning building. While awaiting rescue, he reflects on his life, career and family.

Besides Phoenix and Travolta, the other major star of the film is the special effects. The explosions were deafening, the pyrotechnics used for film's spectacular fires. Russell, using the effects, painted a vivid image of the inferno.

The power of applied intelligence.

The recording industry blames the rise of online music piracy, the unauthorized peer-to-peer services like LimeWire.

The RIAA said the lawsuits were brought against unnamed "John Doe" defendants, identified only by their computer Internet protocol addresses.

The tactic allows the plaintiffs to seek subpoenas requiring Internet access providers to reveal the names of their customers.

Thursday's complaints included 32 people who the RIAA claims used university computer networks to distribute copyrighted recordings on unauthorized peer-to-peer services like LimeWire.

Students in the lawsuits attend such schools as Columbia, Kent State, New York University, Stanford, University of Connecticut and Michigan State University.

The RIAA said the lawsuits against students were aimed in part at highlighting some of the recent efforts schools have made to offer legal music services as an alternative.

"Students get the benefit of high-quality, legal music while schools get to spend less time worrying about their students getting into trouble," RIAA President Cary Sherman said.

The recording industry blames lagging music sales in recent years on the rise of online music piracy.

While some surveys have shown the number of people engaging in file-sharing has declined since the RIAA began its legal assault, other data show millions continue to share music, movies and software online.
‘Fahrenheit’ could indicate role of media in future campaigns

Amanda Kowalski
THE SHORTRONG

ARLINGTON, Texas — Michael Moore hates President George W. Bush, but by November will anyone care?

Moore wrote and directed this summer’s controversial film "Fahrenheit 9/11," bashing Bush’s administration, his handling of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the war on Iraq. The film, already the highest-grossing documentary in history, comes out on DVD and video Tuesday and will reach an even broader audience in the weeks leading up to the Nov. 2 presidential election. The movie even got the film industry’s blessing, earning Best Picture at this year’s Cannes Film Festival.

But will Moore’s film or Michael Wilson’s film, "Michael Moore Hates America," actually affect voting?

Political and media watchers at the university are divided, some say absolutely not, while others say the films will definitely come into play.

Visiting communication professor Lael Morgan said Moore created a film unlike anything previously made.

“For it to be knighted with the Cannes Film Festival award puts it in a whole new light,” she said. “There’s been all sorts of media portrayals of presidents but nothing like ‘9/11.’”

So will it affect the campaign? Because of all the other variables involved in this year’s election, that could be hard to determine, Morgan said.

“There’s a lot going on here,” she said. “I think we’re going to have a hard time figuring out what happened after it’s all over. I don’t have a clue what people are going to do. It’s certainly going to be different.”

Political science professor Mark Cichock thinks there will be an impact but what kind of impact is hard to say.

Passing out copies of his books and films, Michael Moore reaches down from the stage at Metropolitan Park in Jacksonville, Fla. Moore was in Jacksonville as part of The Michael Moore Slacker Uprising Tour 2004.

Top 10

These are the top ten songs brought diverse artists together to make some timeless, beautiful music:

1. David Bowie & Freddie Mercury — “Under Pressure”
2. Sonny & Cher — “I Got You Babe”
3. Simon & Garfunkel — “Sounds of Silence”
4. PJ Harvey & Thom Yorke — “This Mess We’re In”
5. Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell — “ Ain’t Nothing like the Real Thing”
8. Frank & Nancy Sinatra — “Somethin’ Stupid”
9. Prince & Sheena Easton — “U Got the Look”
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‘Same, Same but Different’

The Far East has never been the most popular place to study abroad. Students usually pick Europe or maybe Australia. Photography senior Mike Karautter chose Thailand.

“I’ve always been interested in eastern cultures,” Karautter said. “My two and a half months there were a life-changing experience. It opened my eyes to what is out there in the world.”

Karautter snapped hundreds of photos of his adventures that took him as far as Laos, Vietnam and Nepal.

His photos will be the first exhibit, entitled “Same Same but Different,” named after a local Thai saying. The exhibit will be displayed in the Photo Option Gallery located in Kennedy Library.

“It was amazing to connect to the people there,” Karautter said. “The culture there is exotic and different from here, yet I was able to create friendships with locals easily. At our bases we are very similar.”

Even with all the photographs, Karautter said that it is still difficult to express how great the experience was.

“With my show, I want to create a desire for others to experience what I experienced,” Karautter said.

The official unveiling of the exhibit will take place on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

— Mustang Daily
Seeking an end to parking problems

I'm going to take a guess that you've driven to school, tried forever to find a parking spot, silently cursed in your head countless times and then got your day started in a really awful mood.

The other day my friend couldn't find a parking spot so he just skipped class and drove home. When you thought last year was bad, BAM, it just got a whole lot worse.

The reality is that parking structures aren't being built tomorrow and the university's Master Plan doesn't call for a campus full of vehicles. As expressed lately, even bikers are up in arms over transportation. Times are changing and we need to figure out our alternatives quick.

The geographical breakdown of the student body shows that approximately 20 percent of students live on campus with the majority living within a mile or two of campus. The problem arises when students who live relatively close drive to school whether it's bad weather, carrying too much to school, or that you don't own a bike, it still con geses congestion. Parking is a problem and I need your advice for a solution.

My vision is a university-run shuttle system with a specific route with stops no more than two miles outside of campus. We would have a few shuttles running at peak times and we could count on the university to schedule the routes and timing around classes.

Here's where you come in. Would you like to see a campus shuttle specific for the university that runs a specific route around your apartments and throughout campus? Even though every good and perfect gift comes from above, this one would obviously come at a cost. How much would you be willing to pay, $2 to $3 bucks or $10 per quarter for this kind of system? Or would you like to see the SLO bus utilized by the campus more and have more routes at more times? By the way, the university subsidizes SLO Transit by a signific ant amount since students are the majority of the ridership. I don't know all the answers, but the trick is, e-mail me what you think and I will. Don't worry, there isn't going to be any fee increases for a shutt le anytime soon, but I am interested in the concept and what you think.

The future of this campus is very exciting and entails a whole lot of change. We will come back to a campus that is more pedestrian friendly with an increase in open space and essentially more Dexter facilities. With so much congestion and so little green space this will make our campus much more cohesive.

With that said, there is truly a need to find alternatives for transportation. The University Police Department is even sponsoring an upcoming campaign called Parking; You've Got Options centered on alternative transportation methods.

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Some thoughts from the bicyclist himself

I'm one of the bicyclists who was stopped by the UPD last week. It's nice to see that other students feel the same way I feel about this.

I can't count how many times drivers on campus have almost hit me on the roads. How many times have I had run-ins with other bicyclists? Not once.

How is it that two-ton trucks are allowed to shave through pedestrian traffic on campus roads where pedestrians walk (Pepsi Co has to get in to sell us more junk, eh?) pushing us onto the curbs and into the bushes, but riding along on a bike that's barely wider than the rider who is on it and going the same speed as the pedestrian traffic is a heinous crime? Obviously, a bicyclist flying down a path that is weaving in and out of people is not only annoying but also dangerous. Therefore, wouldn't a sensible speed limit for bikes be logical?

Perhaps the UPD can inform us as to why delivery trucks are allowed, but bikes must be pushed around.

The UPD's own rule book states in Section 20: "Bicyclists Rights and Responsibilities - Everyone riding a bicycle within the campus has all the rights and is subject to all of the duties and responsibilities incumbent upon the driver of an automobile."

Tyson Tate
Computer science sophomore

UPD altering classifications, boxing up campus security

Thank you UPD. I just wanted to write a letter thanking the University Police Department for their hard work during the last few years. In fact, if you look at the UPD's website they are giving credit for an awesome 40 percent decrease in crime over the last five years. How did UPD perform such a drastic feat? According to a message from the chief of police, "It is a result of the strong partnership we have, with our community which includes an active and specific focus upon eliminating the root of problem issues."

Wow, now that would be impressive if they hadn't done something much easier than massive changes to the fabric of our society.

Unfortunately, all they did was change the fact that offenses to residence hall policy (i.e. being caught with a girlfriend who had a sleeper bed, a beer, or god forbid, being caught with an empty beer can, which were both against campus policy) were counted as crimes for the last four year and now they are not. So, basically, there were 585 liquor law violations on campus in 2001, 410 in 2002 and ONE in 2003. Unfortunately, nearly all other crimes have increased since 2001.

Another unfortunate thing is I am living in a city of 1 million people where the drinking age is 16, being drunk or drinking in public is openly tolerated by the police and I feel just as safe as I do walking the streets of San Luis Obispo.

To the UPD and Cal Poly Foundation: Get a grip on reality and realize what crime really is.

Adam Heitzman
Industrial technology senior

Election season highlights government's incompetence

Another unfortunate thing is that our government is what we need. There is a grander scale that we are not, it does not approach us. As we meddle about with our many fine tunings our ideological progress is stagnating. We may kid ourselves through promotion of the "proper" cause, but no real changes will come until we hurt so badly that we yearn for them. No grass roots movement will be able to get up the task, no righteous cause can muster the power. It must come from hurt, it must come from need.

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LOS ANGELES — A Caltech professor who once played a physicist in the movies and a Santa Barbara researcher who is trying to untangle the mysteries of the universe, politics and video games shared the Nobel Prize Tuesday for a discovery they made three decades ago.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the $1.3 million prize to David Politzer, David Gross and Frank Wilczek for a 1973 breakthrough that explained the unusual properties of the strong force which binds the fundamental particles known as quarks into protons and neutrons.

Their work is part of the foundation of modern physics.

Gross is now working on string theory, which has the calculated and somewhat mysterious effort to mathematically explain all the major forces of the universe including electromagnetic, gravity and the strong and weak atomic forces.

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Politzer did not attend a Caltech press conference after the announcement.

"We think he's really got a bad case of deja vu," Caltech spokesman Deborah Williams-Hedges said.

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The Nobel committee indicated he will attend the ceremony.

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Sex columns in college papers stir controversy

Campus newspaper sex columns elicit a myriad of reactions from strangers, administrators, and college communities. Dana Hull, the columnist for The Daily Californian's popular "Sex on Campus" column, explains the boundaries between entertaining and advising.

"Students sex columnists are particularly zealous for boundaries between entertaining and advising," says Hull.

For a generation exposed to television shows such as HBO's "Sex and the City," the columns are must-reads. "Sex in the City," the columns are entertaining and informative.

However, while many students enjoy the columns, others find them explicit and offensive. "Sometimes, I get FUCKED up when I find a column with explicit language," says a student.

Critics argue that the columns reinforce stereotypes and stereotypes that college students are naive and inexperienced. "I've read a few columns that talk about first-time sex and I felt like I was the only one who had ever experienced that," says a student.

Some alumni, like Melinda Myers, a four-year-old psychology major, have been written for five years by The Daily Californian's "Sex on Campus" column. "I've always been interested in the psychology of sex," says Myers.

Critics argue that the columns are not well-received in the academic community. "I've had professors tell me that the columns are not well-received in the academic community," says a student.

The Daily Californian's "Sex on Tuesday" column first appeared in January 1997, making it the nation's first sex column in a campus paper.

"The launch of the column was very controversial," says Hull.

In the future, the columns may be replaced with more informative content. "I think that the columns will eventually be replaced with more informative content," says a student.

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(4.0, 4.0) and Northern Colorado (4.1, 4.1) at Southeastern Louisiana. Jackson caught nine passes for 246 yards and three touchdowns in the Bears' loss at home to UC Davis. The 246 yards was the second-highest total in UNC history. It was the second straight game that Jackson went over the 200-plus receiving yard mark. The game also marked the fourth 200-plus receiving yards game in Jackson's career at UNC. Jackson also tallied 323 all-purpose yards with 65 punt return yards and 12 kick return yards. The 323 all-purpose yards ranks as the second-highest total in UNC history behind last week's 349 all-purpose yardage effort.

Nicholls State, which runs a triple option, was held to 125 total rushing yards and fumbled the ball away twice. Dahl had 17 tackles including 12 solo stops. The dozen solo tackles tied the school record set by former Pioneer Jerry Dahl against South Dakota State in 1974. He had one fumble recovery and one tackle for loss. Dahl leads the FCS with 36 tackles including 18 solos and two tackles for losses. He also has three fumble recoveries, a sack, one pass breakup and an interception. For the fifth time in his Cal Poly career, Jones returned a punt for a touchdown. His 89-yard wrap in the second quarter came 82 seconds after the first Mustang touchdown of the game, giving Cal Poly a 14-0 lead. In the first half, Jones also has three career kickoff returns for touchdowns. In all, Jones returned four punts 131 yards to Saturday's 14-7 win over South Dakota State. He broke Cal Poly's record for career punt return yardage. Jones also had five catches for 35 yards.

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**Snapshots from a Mustang Olympian**

Former Mustang Stephanie Brown spent her summer competing in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

Christina Joslin  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

It was an experience she'll remember all her life. Stephanie Brown, 24, stands 6'4" tall and uses her towering height to help make her an exceptional athlete and fierce competitor.

Brown had the pleasure of attending the Olympic games in Athens, Greece this summer to compete in the discus throw. Brown, a San Luis Obispo county resident and former Mustang, went to Arroyo Grande High School and came to Cal Poly with a full scholarship.

During her years as a Mustang, Brown played on the women's basketball and track and field teams. For the track team she took the shot put and discus.

Brown was a six-time All-American in indoor and outdoor track and field. She started her Mustang career in 1999 finishing 20th at the NCAA's and first in the Big West in the discus through.

In 2002, Brown was again tops in the Big West in the discus, a feat she matched the in 2003 again.

Last year, Brown competed in the Big West in the discus and finished 14-3-3 a year ago, capturing the Big West title with a 72-1.1 mark. Willie Sims leads all Matador scores with six goals for 12 points. Alec de Mattos has three goals and an assist for seven points. Goalkeeper Rafael Lefau has a 4.53 goals-against average and .756 save percentage with seven shutouts in nine matches.

UC Santa Barbara is 8-6-1 for the season and has already won one Big West match, defeating UC Riverside 3-0 on Sept. 23. Lomeshin on the Gauchos' record is a 1-1 tie at San Francisco last Friday. UCSB, which hosts Cal State Fullerton on Wednesday, is coached by Tim VomBorst (sixth season, 74-30-7) and finished 16-5-1 a year ago, 7-3 for second place in the Big West. The Gauchos are led offensively by Drew McAlby with eight goals and three assists for 19 points and Neil Jones with five goals and three assists for 13 points. Goalkeeper Dan Kennedy has a stingy 0.21 goals-against average and 953 save percentage with seven shutouts in nine matches.

UC Poly is 4-8 against Cal State Northridge and 7-10 against UC Santa Barbara since moving to Division I in 1994.

Football's Jones Honored

One player each from Northern Colorado, North Dakota State and Cal Poly earned Great West Football Conference player of the week honors for their performances in games on last Saturday.

All three players are two-time GWFC player of the week award winners.

Northern Colorado wide receiver Vincent Jackson was chosen as Offensive Player of the Week for the second straight week while North Dakota State strong safety Craig Dahl picked up defensive player of the week honors for the second time this season. Selected as Special Teams Player of the Week was Cal Poly wide receiver/kick return specialist Darrell Jones, the second time he has won a player of the week award this season.

Cal Poly defeated South Dakota State 14-7 while Northern Colorado fell 30-20 to UC Davis in Great West Football Conference games Saturday. In non-conference contests, Southern Utah routed McNesse State 56-14 and North Dakota State was a 24-14 winner over Nicholls State.

Games scheduled for Saturday include a pair of Great West Football Conference matchups — Cal Poly see Soccer, page 12

**SPORTS**

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**A challenging two games await Mustang men's soccer**

**MUSTANG STAFF REPORT**

The Cal Poly men's soccer team, which has yet to win at home in three tries after winning a pair of tournament championships to start the season, will open Big West Conference play this week with two matches — Wednesday at Cal State Northridge, starting at 3 p.m., and Saturday at home against No. 1 UC Santa Barbara, starting at 7 p.m.

Cal State Northridge has won three straight and is 5-3 overall with wins over Dartmouth, American, UNLV, Las Diego and Alabama A&M. The Matadors are coached by Terry Davila (sixth season, 56-41-9) and finished 14-3-3 a year ago, capturing the Big West title with a 7-2-1 mark.

Willie Sims leads all Matador scorers with six goals for 12 points. Alec de Mattos has three goals and an assist for seven points. Goalkeeper Rafael Lefau has a 4.53 goals-against average and .756 save percentage with seven shutouts.

UC Santa Barbara is 8-6-1 for the season and has already won one Big West match, defeating UC Riverside 3-0 on Sept. 23. Lomeshin on the Gauchos' record is a 1-1 tie at San Francisco last Friday. UCSB, which hosts Cal State Fullerton on Wednesday, is coached by Tim VomBorst (sixth season, 74-30-7) and finished 16-5-1 a year ago, 7-3 for second place in the Big West. The Gauchos are led offensively by Drew McAlby with eight goals and three assists for 19 points and Neil Jones with five goals and three assists for 13 points. Goalkeeper Dan Kennedy has a stingy 0.21 goals-against average and 953 save percentage with seven shutouts in nine matches.

UC Poly is 4-8 against Cal State Northridge and 7-10 against UC Santa Barbara since moving to Division I in 1994.

Football's Jones Honored

One player each from Northern Colorado, North Dakota State and Cal Poly earned Great West Football Conference player of the week honors for their performances in games on last Saturday.

All three players are two-time GWFC player of the week award winners.

Northern Colorado wide receiver Vincent Jackson was chosen as Offensive Player of the Week for the second straight week while North Dakota State strong safety Craig Dahl picked up defensive player of the week honors for the second time this season. Selected as Special Teams Player of the Week was Cal Poly wide receiver/kick return specialist Darrell Jones, the second time he has won a player of the week award this season.

Cal Poly defeated South Dakota State 14-7 while Northern Colorado fell 30-20 to UC Davis in Great West Football Conference games Saturday. In non-conference contests, Southern Utah routed McNesse State 56-14 and North Dakota State was a 24-14 winner over Nicholls State.

Games scheduled for Saturday include a pair of Great West Football Conference matchups — Cal Poly see Soccer, page 12