Substantial changes to registration

Nicole Slivers
MUSTAND DAILY

Students will face a number of changes when they sign onto the phone registration system, called POWER, for winter registration starting Oct. 27.

During the initial registration rotation, students will only be able to register for 14 units, but can be added to a waitlist for closed classes. "We want to spread desirable courses into the registration cycle," said Thomas Zuur, director of the office of academic records. "If you take the whole process, you will see students can make better progress toward degrees."

He said this will encourage students to only hang onto courses they really need. It will also work if people "play nice" and drop classes they don't really want rather than holding on to them he said.

During the open enrollment period, Nov. 19 to Dec. 30, students can register for a maximum of 22 units without prior approval. One of the biggest changes will be the debut of a waitlist option. "Waitlisting has been a high priority among students," said Linda Sandu, application management coordinator with ITS. When students attempt to register for a closed class during the initial or open registration period, they will be asked whether or not they want to be added to a waitlist. When a seat opens up, POWER will automatically enroll the student.

Students must meet the course requirements and have no time conflicts to be enrolled in a waitlisted class. POWER will continue to try to add the student rather than drop them from the closed class if it is no longer available for courses with co-requisites, such as a lab/lecture or recitation.

Students can monitor their place on the waitlist through POWER. They will receive an e-mail notification if they are successfully added. Waitlists will be frozen after 7 p.m. on Dec. 30.

"We want most of the seats spoken for and filled before classes begin," Zuur said. The only way students can add a class after Dec. 30, is to obtain an ePermit from the instructor during the first two weeks of the quarter processing more than 7,000 add permits. By streamlining for process staff will be able to concentrate on other functions. "We will be more efficient in service delivery to students," Carter said.

All registration transactions must take place through POWER. The phone registration system, CAPTURE will no longer be available. Fewer than five-percent of students see Changes, page 2

Local politicians attend campus BBQ

Scott Stener
MUSTAND DAILY

Abel Maldonado and Paul Brown attended a barbecue Thursday.

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POLITICAL ACTIVIST

Granny D’s coming to Cal Poly

At age 89, Doris Haddock, walked 3,200 miles across the United States to draw attention to campus hunger and poverty prevention center. Natasha Toto
MUSTAND DAILY

Doris Haddock, known to most as “Granny D” will appear at the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center tonight for a public discussion. The political candidate and author of the book “Granny D: You’re Never Too Old to Raise a Little Hell” will discuss her perspectives on practicing democracy and talk to students about her recent memoir.

Haddock’s speech is scheduled to begin at 7:35 p.m. and will last an hour. The event is sponsored by PREFACE, the Cal Poly Shared Reading Program on campus, that invited incoming students to read the novel over the summer. During their Week Of Welcome orientation, new students were separated into small groups to discuss the Haddock’s book.

The goal of PREFACE is to provide students with an introduction to the expectations of higher education.

As a special treat, Cal Poly recruited Granny D to come and speak to the community about her experiences. Patricia Ponce, the special assistant to the vice provost and coordinator of tonight’s event, said she is thrilled to have Granny D come to campus. "She is full of life," Ponce said. "Granny D has a fabulous spirit and is so inspirational.”

Tonight’s festivities are free of charge and participants are welcome to attend early for a reception and book signing with Granny D. The author will be signing books from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and will also be available for an hour after her speech. At tonight’s event, Granny D hopes to encourage students to get involved and not limit themselves in what they do in life.

"If you want something big to happen, you have to take it on yourself," Haddock said. "You can’t expect...

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WEATHER REPORT

Tues: Mostly Sunny 76°
Surf forecast
Height: 2-4 ft.
Depths: 50 ft.
Sunrise: 7:08 a.m.
Sunset: 6:26 p.m.
Granny gains from debates

Scott Lindlaw
LAS VEGAS - President Bush said Thursday the trio of prime-time debates with Sen. John Kerry demonstrated he is running on his record even as the Republican campaign acknowledged that Kerry had gained from the confrontations viewed by tens of millions of Americans.

"The senator's record is 20 years of out-of-the-mainstream votes without any significant reforms or results," Bush told thousands of cheering supporters in Las Vegas. "Kerry's widely viewed as a wimpy politician.

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Kerry's day included an appearance before the AARP's national convention in Las Vegas. The organization of Americans 50 and older lent crucial support to commercial Medicare prescription drug legislation passed by Congress last year. But the law was questioned by special interest dollars and now represent the interests of their constituents."

Haddock said on campaign.

"With hundreds of speeches given so far, co-author Dennis Burke said he helps Granny D research audiences.

"We collaborate a lot," said Burke. "But her favorite thing is just getting under a white yoga mat and writing."

Together, Haddock and Burke have traveled the country to tell the story of the woman in the spotlight with giant feathers who decided she was going to make a change.

Granny D strongly contends that people should embrace life and look for the good in everyone. She has sat down to prove that ordinary people like herself can create change.

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Paso wineries celebrate harvest

Melissa L. Doreck
MUSTANG GRIZZLY

More than 60 wineries in Paso Robles will work the crowds from all over the country to celebrate Harvest Wine Tour 2004 this weekend.

Each winery designs their own special events, including dinners, seminars, special tastings and concerts. "It's a great weekend to go see what Paso Robles has to offer. For students, it's so close, you can just come up and go to four or five wineries and then call it a day," said Matt Landre, the winery program manager for the Paso Robles Vintners and Growers Association.

Some of the events that are like a guest chef dinner at Justin Winery, can cost up to $150. But Landre said that there are also a lot of events that are more affordable, some are free.

"If you go, many wineries will have wine tastings and hors d'oeuvres and there are usually free. Or it will just be the normal tasting rooms, for which is only a couple bucks," Landre said.

Landre also pointed out that students are the guardian of the wealthy, brand- ing themselves as 

"This festival for more than 13 years that we (San Luis Obispo) have had to dip into reserve funds," Brown said. "By building the Marketplace, more tax revenue will make sure we won't have to do that in the future."

Local candidates will be setting up booths at the UU throughout October so students can learn more about local issues.

Facility will use the channel to retrieve enrollment sheets, waitlists and ephemeris.

The process for making changes to the portal and POWER was initiated in June of this year. ITS and academic records staff worked over the summer to update the current system.

"We were able to purchase additional software or equipment," Sandy said. "That stuff is expensive, so we just had to make do with what we had."

This is only a transitional period before People Soft will be used in 2005.

"Staff spent the end of the summer and beginning of fall testing out the new system."

"It's a good opportunity to meet winemakers and industry leaders," Landre said. "They'll all be going to be there this weekend."

The Paso Robles Vintners and Growers Association has conducted this festival for more than eight years. It used to be called the Harvest Wine Affair and it was more of an internal event. But a few years ago, the association now changed the name and opened it to the public, Landre said.

Since the Paso Robles wineries are renowned worldwide for wines that produce, concentrated, yet balanced wines with exotic flavors, according to a press release.

Lindre said there is no way the association can approxi- mate the number of visitors who will attend this year's Harvest Wine Tour.

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SANTA MARIA — The judge in the Michael Jackson molestation case Thursday rejected a bid by defense attorneys to throw out the grand jury’s indictment against the singer in a ruling that for the first time publicly detailed the conspiracy charge against the pop star.

Judge Rodney S. Melville also turned down defense requests to exclude evidence seized from a private investigator’s office and Jackson’s Neverland Ranch. He announced the rulings at the end of an unusual hearing where, for part of the day, reporters and members of the public were banned from talking, even before the hearing was underway.

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WASHINGTON — The trade deficit jumped to the second-highest level in history as surging demand for foreign oil swamped a small gain in U.S. exports, the government reported Thursday.

SEATTLE — Jazz junkies often must journey more than two blocks to find a Starbucks, which the company sees as a problem, its chief executive said Thursday.

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Newcomer Charlotte Martin channels Tori Amos

Martin's acclaimed debut album, "On Your Shore," might lead the young singer to stardom.

Emily Logan

Before I even heard Charlotte Martin's debut album, "On Your Shore," I had read at least 10 reviews that compared her to Tori Amos. I even got a little flustered because I figured they were just comparing her to Amos because she's a woman and she plays piano.

But after only one full listen to the album, I realized the similarities are uncanny. Not to say Martin is copying Amos in any way—on the contrary, I found Martin's album to be fresh and dripping with talent.

In the past few years, there has been a rash of female piano-pop artists including Vanessa Carthag, Norah Jones and Alicia Keys. Though each of these artists, particularly Jones, is talented but Martin has an edge on them all.

From the very first song on the album, Martin exhibits a flair for building energy and texture within her songs. This title track, "On Your Shore" begins with a delicate piano lick and her voice floating above.

Her lyrics are simple yet poignant, and each song communicates a different issue or emotion, such as anorexia, depression and lost love.

One of my favorite things about this album is the string arrangements. In many of the songs it's just Martin, her piano and a string orchestra, which creates an ambiance that is rarely sought by artists today.

Like one of her influences, The Cure, her songs build to the middle, with drums, backup vocals and strings entering the mix only after the main melody of the song is established in the piano and vocals.

I don't want to dwell on her similarities to Tori Amos, but she has adopted many stylistic techniques that Amos uses. For example, she strongly accompanies certain beats on the piano for emphasis. She also uses many backup vocal tracks, often with thick effects on them, which creates a muddier but ethereal texture.

The highlights of the album include "Steel," "Madman" and "Haunted," which also happen to be the more upbeat songs on the album. Martin is particularly good at angst-y rock songs and should do more of them. The slower songs also deserve high merit. Her voice is sultry and she has a control in slower songs that is unparalleled.

The last song on the album is the incredibly beautiful "Wild Horses," written by Mick Jagger and Keith Richards. Ironically, Tori Amos did a very similar cover of the same song years ago. Although it would be very difficult to screw up such a well-written song, Martin improves upon it by injecting her smooth, sweet style and adding a vocal solo section near the end.

As a lyricist and someone who is sick of artists being popular simply because they're female and sexy, Charlotte Martin is a breath of fresh air. However, the quality of her live shows will be a big factor in whether she lasts or not, but as long as she doesn't die her hair red, she'll be good to go.

Top 10 War Protest Songs

The following songs, no matter their age, have remained modern classics for any anti-war cause, from Vietnam to Iraq.

1. Marvin Gaye — "What's Going On"
2. John Lennon — "Imagine"
3. Bruce Springsteen — "Born in the USA"
4. Creedence Clearwater Revival — "Fortunate Son"
5. Bob Dylan — "Blowin' in the Wind"
6. The Who — "My Generation"
7. Bob Marley — "Buffalo Soldier"
8. The Byrds — "Turn! Turn! Turn!"
9. The Doors — "Unknown Soldier"
10. Buffalo Soldier — "For What It's Worth"

Be a member of G-Unit: And read the Mustang Daily

Former Beach Boy Brian Wilson performs the song "Heroes and Villains" during a rehearsal at a sound stage in Burbank last September.
South Park creators get ready to defend the world

Anthony Breznican

LOS ANGELES — Sometimes Trey Parker and Matt Stone are trying to make you laugh, and sometimes they're trying to make you squirm.

The "South Park" creators do all of the above with their new film, "Team America: World Police," which narrowly avoided an NC-17 rating by trimming a hardcore sex scene, between puppets.

"Team America" is inspired by the old "Thunderbirds" puppet sci-fi adventure TV show. Parker and Stone, who delight in pushing the limits of both comedy and taste, borrowed the format to mock the actor, Ciarán, as an undercover opera-process. They recruit a Broadway actor, Ciarán, as an undercover opera-process. They recruit a Broadway

work of joints and hinges awkwardly bumping and grinding. After the scene was cut, the movie ratings board gave "Team America" an R.

"It's still funny," Stone said of the scene, "but nowhere near what it was. The scene itself is so funny and innocuous. It's not mean-spirited. It's not edgy. It's just what kids do. We all did that with dolls growing up.

Old college friends Parker and Stone are mostly tickled by what they see as the silliness of the ratings board decision. Parker points out that the pervasive gruesome violence, such as the guts, bullet-riddled bodies of puppet celebrities, didn't raise any eyebrows.

The old phrase "equal opportunity offender" applies generously to this movie, which attempts to place the world's population in three groups: sissies represented by the Hollywood pacificists like Tim Robbins and Michael Moore; jerks played by hard-charging "My country, right or wrong" nationalists on the "world police" team; and psychos, terrorists, dictators and global criminals.

In "Team America," jerks need the sissies to keep them in line, and sissies need the jerks to protect them from psychos. Overall, the movie is just meant to provoke people, regardless of their politics.

"That's much more interesting than, 'Here's what we think!'" Stone said. "We don't know anything about foreign policy or anything. We don't know anything about anything."

Trey Parker and Matt Stone get ready to stir up more controversy with their new film, "Team America: World Police." The film only received an R rating after they cut a scene featuring hot, one-on-one puppet sex.
Carbohydrates are part of a smart diet

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America's obesity problem seems epidemic proportions, more and more Americans are taking desperate measures to lose weight. The low-carb craze that began in the early '70s as "Dr. Atkins' Diet Revolution" has since become the consumer eye once again in the 2000s as "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution."

Once again, the diet goes against the grain (no pun intended) promising rapid weight loss while eating foods like red meat and cheese. Even though the Atkins diet may seem enticing, there are plenty of reasons to rethink this type of weight loss approach.

First of all, nutrients tend to be thrown upon the term "diet" because it implies a quick fix or restrictive eating habits, rather than long-term changes that result in a healthy lifestyle. A healthy diet strives for variety, balance and moderation—principles that Atkins seems to overlook.

The Atkins Diet earned its claim to fame by restricting carbohydrates and advocating the consumption of eggs, meat and dairy; however, all are high in fat, so cholesterol which have been linked to obesity, heart disease and stroke.

By severely restricting a particular food group you deprive your body of vital nutrients that are essential for the maintenance of various physiological systems. Health professionals agree that a low-carb, high protein diet can strain the kidneys, leading to further complications like osteoporosis. Furthermore, the long-term effects of the diet are still unknown so it's wise to be skeptical.

Although the Atkins approach does result in rapid weight loss, most is due to a loss of water and muscle mass as your body tries to compensate for the lack of carbohydrates in the diet. According to the Institute of Medicine, the organization that sets the recommended daily intake of nutrients, the brain requires a minimum of 1.3 grams of carbohydrates a day. Far from the scant 20 grams that Atkins recommends, a healthy diet implies a quick fix or restrictive eating habits, rather than long-term changes that result in a healthy lifestyle.

The prevalent question concerning our generation is do we let a murderer, tyrant that supports and harbors terrorism free to continue on his current path? On Sept. 10, 2001 that question could be argued but following the deadliest attacks on our great land, I believe wholeheartedly that the actions taken in Iraq were vital. On Sept. 10, our nation was blinded to the idea that an ideological group was out to annihilate us and the Middle East was a hatched breeding ground for fanatic terrorists.

We have the luxury of learning from history and history tells us that a containment of a gathering threat is unacceptable. It was thought that we were holding Hitler before his eventual invasion of Poland. Europe gave into Chamberlain's appeasement, Germany was allowed to arm itself as well as enter the Rhineland, both breaking the Treaty of Versailles.

America has paid a great price in money and more importantly lives. Each life is precious, but more lives will have been lost years from now if they were not laid down today. If we do not fight to preserve our freedom today we will one day be fighting to reclaim our freedom and New York City will become our own personal Jerusalem.

Perspective is necessary to understand where we place this war, as a success or as a failure.

Greg Malin
Industrial engineering senior

Don't get mad; give your feedback in ASL survey

We (students) get mad when our parking fee goes up; We're mad when our tuition goes up and we don't know why; We're mad when we can't afford the college-based fees any longer. But can we be mad if we don't ask questions and be part of the process? Not really.

ASI doesn't want you to be mad. ASI is for the students, by the students and that includes you. Yesterday ASI launched a survey that will have a huge impact on the student-funded facilities on campus (Recreation Center, University Union, Sports Complex).

I know you might be saying, "I already took a survey more than a year ago, they already have my input," but ASI is a representative of all the students and wants you to be proud of YOUR facilities. You could sit back and let others take the responsibility of deciding the future of your student facilities on campus or take two minutes to give a little feedback.

In the last survey, one-third of Cal Poly students let ASI know what facilities they believed were inadequate, so why don't you get back to them and tell them what you think of the solutions? Go to: www.asi.calpoly.edu

Tracy Winters
University Union, Advisory Board

Open up and share your sentiments with friends

I am writing after a recent incident where, for the second time in my life, I was told long after the deed was done that I should have backed up and let things "chill" with a friend I admired.

I find it extremely amazing that too much attention really gets to me, people although it may not be that the side of the point. I am the type of person who becomes very involved in the life of people I care about. This has, on more than one occasion, turned out to be an undesirable trait, and I am now going to begin to change my habits. But I want all Cal Poly students to take my failure being a decent friend as a lesson that you need to talk to each other, make others aware of your thoughts.

I have a deep feeling that all of us would know each better if we just opened up and shared our sentiments, rather than keep them bottled up and carry them from place to place, when it can truly hurt.

Had I, the betrayer of trust, known what I was doing I would have long ago corrected my habit, and might have been a better support to the company of friends. Lost good luck to you, my friends.

Dan Weiss
City and regional planning

Stand up for what this country was founded on

I enjoyed reading the recent piece "Re-thinking the American way of life." It covered eloquently the problems many of us on the left face: we love our country, yet we can't stand in imperialistic history. Thus, when I read Casey Comstock's letter, I have to say I disagreed with just about everything he said.

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I would like to point out that in terms of aid by proportion to GDB, the U.S. ranks 22 out of the 22 out of the 22 our GDB. Denmark ranks at the top, giving 1.01 percent of its GDB while the U.S. gives about 0.1 percent (The U.N recommends 0.7 percent). Clearly, France was definitely NOT the only country to the left face: we love our country, yet we can't stand in imperialistic history. Thus, when I read Casey Comstock's letter, I have to say I disagreed with just about everything he said.

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Finally, by love your country does not mean to blindly follow in the lead of elders while madly waving an American flag. It means standing up for what this country was based on: the freedom to speak out and challenge our leaders when they get it wrong.
El Niño could be boon to spring skiing

Robert Weller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — After years of drought, ski resorts may finally be in luck. Experts say El Niño may mean loads of fresh snow for the crucial spring skiing period.

"Last year we didn't get the snow we needed in March," said Kevin Wright, spokesman for the Loveland Ski Area. Unseasonably warm weather was blamed for cutting spring skier and snowboarder numbers from California to Colorado. Nationally, skier days were down slightly from the year before, but still the third best ever, despite lower spring numbers.

"Now I am seeing optimism like I have never seen. The wet summer combined with one of the snowiest falls we have ever seen at Loveland has created a buzz," Wright said. Loveland planned to open Friday, in earliest opening in six years. Climate specialists Klaus W. Wolter of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said a strengthening El Niño could mean a better spring, but it is unclear whether it will have much, if any impact, this winter. "The wetness now is consistent with El Niño. The signs are good but this is not something that is in the bank," Joani Lynch, spokesman for Mammoth Mountain in California, hopes predictions of a strengthening El Niño are correct. "We typically get immense amounts of snow in El Niño years," Lynch said.

The first Utah resorts probably won't open until next month but lodging reservations are up 10 percent from last year, which saw record skier numbers in the state, said Nathan Rafferty of Ski Utah, the trade group representing resorts.

Happy Friday!
The Mustangs face a 2-3 team, but don’t be fooled. Texas State has a strong running game and has faced tough competition.

Matthew Robinson scores in the shot into the right corner of the net in the first overtime period. Matthew Robinson scored in the first overtime period. The Mustangs have faced tough competition in the first overtime period.


