Sustainability Month aims to change the world

Holly Burke

This month students have the opportunity to change the world, or at least learn about how to change Cal Poly’s Sustainability Month.

Throughout January, Cal Poly will hold a variety of events with the theme “Sustainability: Resolve to Change Your World.” This coincides with the CSLU system’s newly issued sustainability policy. This policy encourages all CSLU campuses to take a number of steps to increase energy conservation, renewable power generation and sustainable building practices.

ASI encourages students to add improving and implementing sustainability to their own New Year’s resolutions.

“Everybody comes from New Year’s with high hopes. We intend to capitalize on this and encourage students to change positively for the environment,” said Andrea Ramirez, an ASI Board member.

The events are a part of the ASI program “Cal Poly: NEXT,” which fosters change and progress in cultural and environmental aspects of Cal Poly.

The events are also being held to adhere to the international “Talloires Declaration.” The environmentally-based declaration was created by international university administrators and leaders during a conference in Talloires, France in 1990. The declaration calls for universities to follow guidelines to ensure environmental awareness and sustainability. President Baker signed the declaration on behalf of Cal Poly in April, 2004.

“I am gratified to see the variety of serious and creative work being done all across the university to explore the issue of sustainability to assess its significance for the 21st century and to identify workable strategies for putting sustainability principles into practice,” President Baker said in a press release.

“Sustainability is becoming really important in industries in every aspect. Students today will be implementing the programs that are being developed now,” said Andrea Ramirez, an environmental engineering student.

Cal Poly hosted a conference on “Conservation of the Monarch Butterfly — Population Dynamics and Migration on Dec. 8-9. More than 100 researchers and monarch butterfly aficionados came to the conference to join students and faculty in an event that was sponsored by Cal Poly’s College of Science and Mathematics. The conference was financed by the biological sciences department and in part by a generous donation from Helen I. Johnson of Salinas. In Cal Poly’s first year hosting the event, the speaker is individually dedicated to monarch butterfly conservation efforts.

Society of Women Engineers hosts keynote speaker in an ‘Evening with Industry’

Nick Coury

The Cal Poly Society of Women Engineers (SWE) will host speaker Patricia Galloway to inspire and encourage women in a variety of engineering fields during an “Evening with Industry.”

Galloway will be speaking tonight at the first SWE meeting of the quarter. The Cal Poly chapter of SWE is the largest in the nation of over 300 campuses with 70 percent of its 500 members being women.

“Out our main goal is to recruit and retain women in engineering and to introduce younger girls to the dynamic and exciting field of engineering,” Sale, a civil engineering senior, said.

Cal Poly SWE was recently named most "Outstanding Student Program" in the nation, finishing ahead of Purdue University and the University of Texas at Austin. Last year marks the fourth year in a row that Cal Poly has won the award. "I heard about SWE before I even went to school here," said Andrea Shern, a civil engineering senior and SWE vice president of corporate relations. "I knew it would be hard to be a woman in engineering. I felt that SWE would be a mentoring avenue, and be a great opportunity for leadership."

Dr. Galloway will be speaking at “Evening with Industry” tonight at 6 p.m. in the Hewlett Auditorium. The meeting will promote ticket sales for their main event on Jan. 27. Tickets for that event are selling for $10 for SWE members, and $25 for non-members. More information can be found at www.swe.calpoly.edu.

Congress favors bill to cut student loans

Emily Martin

LOS ANGELES — In one of the last votes of 2005, Congress approved legislation which would cut funding for government-sponsored student loan programs by $12.7 billion.

Dubbed the "reconciliation bill," the measure would include a $12.7 billion cut from student loans to combat the federal deficit and fund tax cuts.

The House approved the bill before the holiday break in December, and the Senate approved the bill by a narrow margin of 51 to 50, with Vice President Dick Cheney breaking the tie. Because the Senate made small changes before passing the bill, it will return to the House for a final vote after the winter recess, which could come as late as February. If passed by the House, President Bush is expected to sign the bill.

Because the bill is likely to pass, the Undergraduate Students Association Council is focusing on preventing student fee increases.
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graduate student and sustainability
director of the Society of Women
Engineers (SWE).

Though many engineering and planning students are familiar with sustainability, students from other colleges may benefit from attend­
ing events.

"Sustainability is not solely
about technology, but is about
human behavior. It is education,
and how people's habits affect a
larger system," said Linda Vanasupa,
materials engineering department
chair and associate director of The
Center for Sustainability in
Engineering (CUNE).
The series of "Cal Poly NEXT
events will begin with a parade
Wednesday, beginning at 9:35 a.m.
on Dexter Lawn. The parade will
progress to the UI Pizza where the
Cultural Club Fair will be held
until 1 p.m.
The film "Environmental
Ethics: Examining Your
Connection to the Environment
and Your Community" will be
shown Wednesday in the San
Lunise Lounge (U1221) following a
speech by R. Thomas Jones, the
dean of the College of Architecture
and Environmental Design dean
from 7 to 9 p.m. The sustainability
club fair will take place on Thursday in the
UI from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. That night,
Farmers’ Market will feature dance
performances and a concert by
hoose, a local band that will use a
solar trailer provided by Pacific
Energy Company to power their
shows.
These events will be followed by
others on future dates, and will
include many guest speakers. For
more information visit www.asi.calpoly.edu.

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es, in order to reduce the reliance
on student loans.
The student loan cuts are part of a
$40 billion package to reduce the
federal deficit and are the largest
cuts in the history of the student
federal loan programs.
The reconciliation bill would
raise interest rates on student and
parent loans and cut government
subsidies to private lenders.
In the University of California,
67,000 of over 200,000 students
take out federal loans and will be
affected by these hikes in interest
rates, said USAC Internal Vice
President Jeanine Biniek.
She said the legislation would
increase interest rates from 4.7 per-
cent to 6.8 percent and result in an
average debt increase of $3,800 per
student receiving loans.
The legislation will have the
biggest impact on low-income
working students, said Ruth Obel-
Jorgensen, organizing director of
the UC Students Association.
These cuts may affect how many
hours students have to work each
week, Obel-Jorgensen said.
She said small amounts of
money do not make much of a dif-
ference to most lawmakers, but in
the life of a working student, the
fees add up. To students, "$100 is
a big deal," especially when one text-
book can cost over $100, she said.

Of those who rely on
loans to access higher education
will not feel comfortable taking on
such much debt," Biniek said.
Rosenthal said the regents are
careful about the financial aid for students and the federal role in
offering loans for students.
"Deans and provosts are not pri-
orizing higher education and the
affordability of a university educa-
tion," Biniek said.
WHO SAID THAT?
If you limit your choices only to what seems possible or reasonable, you disconnect yourself from what you truly want, and all that is left is a compromise.
— Robert Fritz

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.
— Walter Bagehot

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Ineffable: Incapable of being expressed.

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Winter 2006
Workshops & Events

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Schwarzenegger says accident won’t keep him off motorcycles

Peter Prengaman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Recalling his days as one of Hollywood’s most popular action heroes, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said Monday a weekend accident won’t stop him from riding motorcycles.

As an actor, he said, he had to sign contracts covering possible injuries from stunts.

“I did all those things anyway,” Schwarzenegger said. “I never played by the rules.”

The governor received 15 stitches in his lip after he and his 12-year-old son Patrick were involved in the accident Sunday near their Los Angeles home, his spokesman Margrita Thompson said. His son was uninjured.

“I was very lucky,” Schwarzenegger said during an appearance Monday at a health center for women and children in North Hollywood. “It could have been very different.”

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Schwarzenegger says accident won’t keep him off motorcycles

Nicole Winfield
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VATICAN CITY— Pope Benedict XVI condemned terrorism as a “moral perversion” and demanded religious freedom around the world. In an annual foreign policy speech to Vatican-based diplomats, Benedict stressed the need for forgiveness and reconciliation to bring peace in armed conflicts around the world. And he told the ambassadors that wealthy countries must do more for the world’s poor. Even half of what they spend on weapons “would be more than sufficient to liberate the immense masses of the poor from destitution,” he said.

Benedict described a global “clash of civilizations” taking root and said the danger was made even greater by terrorism, whose causes he attributed to politics as well as “aborrent religious ideas.”

“No situation can justify such criminal activity, which covers the perpetrators with infamy, and it is all the more deplorable when it hides behind religion, thereby bringing the pure truth of God down to the level of the terrorists’ own blindness and moral perversion,” he said.

Benedict stressed the need for all human rights to be respected, but said religious freedom was most important because it involves “the most important of human relationships: our relationship with God,” he said.

“Unfortunately, in some states, even among centuries-old cultural traditions, freedom of religion, far from being guar­anteed, is seriously violated, especially where minorities are concerned.”

He did not name any countries, but the Vatican has in the past condemned the Ayatollah Khomeini’s policy speech to Vatican-based diplomats.

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California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger speaks at a news conference and displays his injured lip on Monday in Los Angeles.

He and his son were treated for cuts and bruises at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica and released. Both were wearing helmets. The other driver was uninjured.

The accident occurred when a car stopped in front of him and he was unable to change lanes to avoid the vehicle. His ribs were broken when his chest hit the motorcycle windscreen.

Expressed concern about the plight of Roman Catholics in communist China, in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the Middle East, as well as in the former Soviet bloc where Orthodox Christianity is dominant. "To all those responsible for the life of nations, I wish to state: if you do not fear truth, you need not fear freedom!" Benedict said.

Benedict has indicated that he wanted to restore the diplomatic ties with China that were severed a half-century ago.

He did not repeat that message Monday, but a former Vatican foreign minister said China remained the top political priority for the pope's diplomatic initiatives.

"He is ready to open up, to enter into a concrete dialogue with China," Cardinal Achille Silvestrini told the church-affil­iated Telepace TV. The top religious priority for Benedict was unfreeing with the Russian Orthodox Church, Silvestrini said during a panel discussion to analyze the pope's speech.

"The Orthodox are certainly among the most immediate objectives of this pontificate," he said.

The pope mentioned a few specific religious conflicts in his speech, reaffirming that Israel has a right to live in peace "in conformity with the norms of international law" while the Palestinians must be allowed to develop democratic institutions for their future.

He said forgiveness was particularly necessary in Iraq, "which in the past years has suffered daily from violent acts of terrorism." Lebanese people must rediscover "their ancestral values to promote sincere and fruitful cooperation between different faith communions," he said.

He also mentioned Africa's Great Lakes region and Darfur, Sudan, where "defensiveless people have been subjected to deplorable violence." Benedict spent the bulk of his speech, delivered in French, arguing that world peace can only come from "a search for truth, and that truth brings about reconciliation and hope for the future." Benedict has often spoken about the need for the world to rediscover "what really brings about reconciliation in life." He has described a "dichotomy of relations" — the ideology that there are no absolute truths — that he says is taking hold in the modern world.

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Student art goes ‘officially urban’

Regina Nicolas has made art at the University Union Gallery “officially urban.”

Nicolas, a studio art senior who said her life has been impacted by the hip-hop culture, will debut pieces she has created that are a culmination of the elements of hip-hop culture using a variety of mediums like acrylics and cardboard. Her work will be displayed in the UU Gallery through Jan. 20.

“I have been doing it all my life,” Nicolas said. “Art is something I love to do — anything hands on.”

Nicolas’ outlet was gymnastics until hip surgery at the age of 16 forced her to quit. In search of a new form of expression, she found her release in paintings and three-dimensional pieces.

“I (used to) write, but art has that power of the visual image,” Nicolas said. “Even in poetry there is still grammar that you have to deal with, but with art you can express everything and there is no wrong.”

Nicolas’ art takes inspiration from the four elements of hip-hop, which include DJs, graffiti, rap and breakdancing, also known as “bee-boying.”

“I went to my first hip-hop show, Living Legends, in 1999 in Los Angeles,” Nicolas said. “It was the feeling (that attracted me); it was the fact that I wasn’t just going to listen to music. There were artists with art books doodling in the back, dancers, and everyone was really friendly. It was a different environment and had more of a feeling of community.”

Her exposure to hip-hop, along with the origins of the culture, gave her inspiration to continue creating unique art.

“I really like live music, but there is more of a cultural aspect to hip-hop,” Nicolas added. “Hip-hop has an art to it. Other genres have dances, but (hip-hop) incorporated more senses visually.”

Through her art, Nicolas wants to expose people to the music, because she feels there are many negative connotations associated with hip-hop such as guns, drugs and violence.

“What I wanted to do (with my art) was to bring it back to the fun that they had,” said Nicolas. “I wanted to bring back the four elements of what hip-hop is.”

Nicolas wants to cross the barriers and take what is generally seen as unwanted and turn it into something that people, who are anti-graffiti, would want to buy and display in their homes.

“I want them to enjoy the art. I hope when they see it, they smile,” Nicolas said. “My work is really playful and different, and when people find out it is related to hip-hop, it will create a better acceptance of a different aspect of hip-hop that they may not have been open to, but see it as an art in its traditional way.”

An opening reception will be today at 6 p.m. with musical performances. The exhibit is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
SADLY I MUST ADMIT THAT WHEN THE NEW YORK TIMES ANNOUNCED LAST MONTH THAT POTUS George W. Bush ordered the National Security Agency (NSA), which focuses on international and foreign surveillance, to spy instead on American citizens, I had been deeply disturbed. I suppose that for a man who once spied on those in power, the thought of his own government watching us isn’t much surprise. Bush’s 9-11 President Bush has repeatedly ordered the NSA to wiretap international telephone calls and e-mails of American citizens (a.k.a. spying); something the Constitution expressly forbids.

After the War with scandal with Nixon, who also ordered illegal wiretaps, Congress intervened in 1978 and established the boundaries for which such spying by a president may be legally permitted, only with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA). Bush ignored this law, which requires him to obtain a warrant from a special FISA court before spying on U.S. citizens.

WIRETAPPING, SPIYING PROTECTS UNITED STATES

Michael Rovito
THE MUSTANG DAILY
CINCINNATI — Terrorists live among us. That point has been drilled into American minds since the attacks of 9-11. However, the ongoing struggle over whether or not President George W. Bush has the authority to conduct wiretaps without a warrant fell out of favor Saturday. The Washington Post reported an arm of Congress said the president’s justification for conducting the wiretaps conflicts with existing law and hinges on weak legal arguments.

Congress attacked many of the claims and reasons Bush has leaned upon in recent weeks, in effect tearing down his defense for warrantless wiretaps. But even though it appears Bush has over-stepped his presidential power, the motives behind the misuse can only benefit the United States.

Sure, many people would be angry if they knew their conversations were being listened to by complete strangers, but isn’t that the price we pay for the world we live in? The attacks of 9-11 proved that there are those who are willing to live and work in this country in order to create a career that will later allow them to carry out an attack unimpeded.

In the Post’s report, Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) goes on record as saying, “It looks like the president’s warrantless snooping was not only illegal, but also ensured innocent Americans who did nothing more than place a phone call.”

This may be true, innocent Americans may have been harmed, but their lives were not destroyed for the country’s overall safety.

How would you know if the government is listening anyway? Just like at the airport, where security checks are often lengthy and involved, passengers must be inconvenienced by getting to the airport early, waiting through long security lines and having their ID checked countless times. But it is all for our safety.

One problem with Bush in defending the need for wiretapping, claiming many attacks have been thwarted by the strategy.

From an administration that I  am fully comfortable with your president regardless of your rights? Ask your institutional right of all American citizens — regardless of the Constitution — regardless of your rights? Ask yourself, has the president violated your rights? Do you really believe that in a time of war a president can conduct that war however he sees fit, regardless of the Constitution — regardless of your rights? Ask yourself, has the president violated your rights? Do you really believe that in a time of war a president can conduct that war however he sees fit, regardless of the Constitution — regardless of your rights?

Will our Republican Congress impeach a Democratic president for lying about a little harmless flattery — something that violated no constitutional rights — and yet allow this Republican president to reign unchecked and unbalanced, knowing he violates a sacred constitutional right of all American citizens — the right to privacy? I certainly hope not.

Bush’s justification for violating the Constitution and his own Constitution will be well received once Congress initiates a full investigation.

Yet, how does Bush defend his unwarranted violation of the Constitution? By pointing to the Constitution as the case in point; citing that it is within the scope of constitutional war powers as president to conduct war at his own discretion. Bush also claims that after 9-11, Congress authorized him to take all action necessary to prevent further terrorist attacks, despite Congress’s hijacking of 9-11 Commission’s report. The report stated the 9-11 attacks were not prevented due to a lack of intelligence information about the attackers, but was in fact due to the failure of the executive and its agencies (i.e. the FBI, CIA, NSA, etc.) to properly utilize the intelligence they already possessed. In essence, what we need to prevent 9-11 wasn’t more spying, but more effective action and communication within the executive branch.

The bootheel he’s got to the real issue here. Regardless of whether you are a Republican, Democrat or anything else. But much to your comfort, you are comfortable with your president spying on you and your fellow citizens. That point has been made, and you will not be able to use your unwarranted spying on Americans. And if so, what should be done? Will our Republican Congress impeach a Democratic president for the benefit that no constitutional rights — and yet allow this Republican president to reign unchecked and unbalanced, knowing he violates a sacred constitutional right of all American citizens — the right to privacy? I certainly hope not.

Thoughts? Comments? Perhaps you’ve got something to say. Let us know on the Soapbox and e-mail me at flooring@gnail.com or send in a letter to the editor.

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COMMENTS

One need only watch half an episode of “Law & Order” to understand that in America, authorities need a court-ordered search warrant before they can initiate any kind of search of a citizen. Apparently, Bush perceives the way to protect constitutional rights and American principles from being violated by terrorists to abandon such rights and principles. It’s reminiscent of the Cold War mentality that in order to save the world, it would be necessary to blow it up. Oddly, that idea wasn’t too popular on either side of the Berlin Curtain. Similarly, I doubtably, I doubt
Cal Poly freshman guard Chaz Thomas drives left against Long Beach State's leading scorer, Jibril Hodges.

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**The New York Times Crossword**

Edited by Will Shortz

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progress rate. Schools will also be given a chance to appeal any penalties, according to an Associated Press article released Sunday.

"We probably won't know for a few years what the effects of (the sanctions) are," Courier said.
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COMMENTS DON'T BODE WELL

The head of U.S. skiing on Monday called Bode Miller's comments about drinking and racing "unsavory" and "irresponsible," and he plans to meet with the champion skier.

Bill Marolt, the president and chief executive of the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, released a statement in response to the profile of Miller broadcast on CBS' "60 Minutes" on Sunday night. He said Miller's remarks "relative to alcohol use in conjunction with competition are unacceptable within the values expected of U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association athletes."

Miller told the CBS program that "there's been times when I've been in really tough shape at the top of the course."

"Talk about a hard challenge right there. If you ever tried to ski when you're wanted, it's not easy," Miller said. "Try and ski a slalom when you hit a gate less than one every one second, so it's risky, you know. You're putting your life at risk too. It's like driving drunk only there's no rules about it."

Asked if the risk meant he would never ski drunk again, the 28-year-old Miller replied, "No, I'm not saying that."

"Associated Press"

TOPSY TURVY CONFERENCE

Halftime into play Monday night, the standings in the Big West looked nothing like the pre-season polls.

Throw out UC Irvine at 1-0 atop the men's basketball standings entering Big West play and you're left with a three-way tie for second place: Cal State Fullerton (the consensus media and coaches' pre-season pick to win the Big West) alongside UC Riverside and Cal Poly.

Both the Highlanders and the Mustangs have pulled off huge upsets in the early goings of Big West play. Cal Poly knocked off Fullerton 83-70 on Jan. 2 and Riverside upset Pacific 83-71 on Jan. 7.

FRANK STRANZL

MUSTANG DAILY

MORE PROBLEMS FOR VICK

Former Virginia Tech quarterback Marcus Vick, Doug Miller's team last week for his букhness on and off the field, was charged Monday with pulling a gun on three teenagers during an altercation in a restaurant parking lot.

Vick surrendered at the Suffolk magistrates' office after three warrants were issued for his arrest Sunday, according to the Suffolk Daily News.

The 21-year-old Vick was charged with three misdemeanor counts of brandishing a firearm, and was released on $10,000 bond.

Police said the parents of a 17-year-old boy reported that Vick pointed a weapon at their son and two others during an altercation at a McDonald's in Suffolk, a southeastern Virginia city where Vick's mother lives, Sunday night.

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49ers dispatch Mustangs

Long Beach State outscored the Mustangs 52-30 in the second half to pull away with the win.

Dan Watson

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There was no Larry Bird in Mot Gym Monday night. No Peja Stojakovic. No Ray Allen. But there was something like a three-point contest in the first half.

The Mustangs shot 4 for 13 from beyond the arc and entered the break ahead 36-27, while the visiting Long Beach State 49ers went 0-9.

Wring up in the second half, the 49ers began to drive to the hoop, dicting the long ball for a more physical style of play.

Cal Poly men's basketball had no answer surrendering 52 second-half points and fell 79-66 in a Big West conference game.

The Mustangs are now 1-8 on the season when scoring less than 70 points.

Once both teams discovered the effectiveness of driving to the basket, the second half provided a bruiser to the final play.

The 21 free throws attempted in the final 20 minutes by the 49ers were a reflection of the aggressive play.

"We knew if we got to the basket, the refs would make the calls," said 49er guard Aaron Nixon, who finished with a team-high 15 points.

In the first half, the Mustangs were as three-point happy as Kobe Bryant on heat-check, and Long Beach was just as happy to compete.

Bromley paced the sideline cause - like a guy analyzing his income statement - see Basketball, page 7

Cal Poly senior forward Gabe Stephenson leaps for a rebound in the first half of last night's game. Stephenson finished with five rebounds on the night.

NCAA takes stand on academics

The NCAA will release public standards for graduation rates for athletes in June. Beginning this year, all NCAA institutions are subject to academic progress report standards. Schools that fail to reach the standards in eligibility and progress toward graduation will receive sanctions from the NCAA.

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The Mustangs lose

Frank Stranzl

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A trio of Division I sports are in the greatest jeopardy of NCAA sanctions when the organization's governing body releases an academic progress report next month according to an Associated Press article released on Sunday. The sanctions shouldn't affect Cal Poly athletes but have brought the "student" in student-athlete to the forefront of a national debate.

Several Cal Poly coaches took the time to respond to the latest report from the recent NCAA meetings in Indianapolis. The concern is that Cal Poly won't be affected.

"We're a little different at Cal Poly," assistant track and field coach Danny Williams said. "We take the student part of student-athlete seriously. We're producing young minds rather than young physical specimens."

Williams said while larger institutions recruit athletes with the intent of fielding a dominant squad on the field, Cal Poly recruits well-rounded athletes who fit into the academic flavor of the campus.

"For the type of student we recruit, I think all the coaches would agree with me that we're not recruiting players to set them up to fail," he said.

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"The first question assistant track and field coach Jack Hoyt asks recruits is the athlete's SAT score. Cal Poly won't admit a scholar athlete with a sub-1600 SAT score (based on the 1600 score exam), he said.

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Harsher penalties will be assessed beginning in 2007-08 should schools fall short of the standards.

Williams said that while the academic progress report seeks to balance athletics with academics, the results may be skewed.

"One thing that baseball, men's basketball and football have in common is a matriculation to the pros," he said. "Why should a student leaving early be held against that school? Some of the information that comes out is a little tilted."

In a society where professional sports superstars are portrayed as role models, Williams said many athletes go to college to "chase that golden ring that is the pros."

The lack of lucrative professional outlets in female sports and low-revenue college sports is one of the reasons those athletes succeed academically, Williams said. While a football, baseball or men's basketball player can make a profitable career playing in the NFL, MLB or NBA, most athletes have no choice but to pursue non-sports career after graduation.

Each school will be given a yearly assessment and the opportunity to explain abnormal circumstances for a low NCAA, page 7

Student Athlete Graduation Rate*

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Total Athletes = 103
Grad. Rate = 49%
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*Statistics based on NCAA survey for 1997-98

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