**Poly receives high rankings**

Nicole Small  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

U.S. News and World Report has named Cal Poly one of the best public-master’s universities in the west for the 14th consecutive year. Overall, Cal Poly took seventh place in the Best in West category.

The only other two California colleges that ranked higher than Cal Poly on the list were Harvard University and Stanford University.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

15  
The university’s ranking for “Happiest Students”

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Number of years in a row that Cal Poly has been named one of the best public-masters universities in the west

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Cal Poly’s ranking for the Best in West category

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The College of Engineering’s ranking for public school programs

The College of Engineering earned second place out of public school programs that offer a bachelor’s or master’s degree in engineering, master’s and national universities and liberal arts colleges. All institutions must be accredited.

“We’re happy with the ranking. It’s a reflection of our students and faculty,” director of admissions and recruitment, Jim Maraviglia said.

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**Rankings**

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**Freshman a victim of robbery, assault**

Kristen Marschall  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

A Cal Poly student was a victim of robbery and assault with a deadly weapon on Friday night.

Ryan Alcaraz, 19, was found unconscious on the sidewalk near the corner of Monte Vista Road and California Boulevard, according to a San Luis Obispo Police Department press release.

The biochemistry freshman was transported to Sierra Vista Hospital at about 10 p.m. The police were contacted near midnight after emergency personnel determined that Alcaraz had been struck on the head and was the victim of an assault, authorities said.

Several people reportedly fled the scene when Alcaraz was found, but the police had not yet obtained a description of the suspect.

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**CSU system and faculty association fail to agree**

Ronnie Meehan  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

The California State University system and the California Faculty Association were unable to come to terms on several salary issues last month, but the CSU system does not believe the faculty had a chance to look at it they would too.

“(CFA) did not accept our salary increase... (CSU) is disappointed because we see it as a very generous offer — we feel that if the faculty had a chance to look at it they would too.”

—Paul Browning  
CSU media relations specialist

While the organizations have already come to an agreement on several economic issues, including healthcare and retirement, they have failed to come to terms on several others. Total salary compensation and an incentive and equity pay program for members of the bargaining unit are just a few of the issues that remain unresolved.

“(CFA) did not accept our salary increase, which we thought was quite good,” Browning said. “(CSU) is disappointed because we see it as a very generous offer — we feel that if the faculty had a chance to look at it they would too.”

A third party mediator will now be used to help negotiate a deal. The CSU system asked the Public Employee Relations Board to certify a declaration as the only option toward reaching a resolution and last Thursday PERB granted a certification of a state of impasse.

The CSU system claims they offered the CFA a proposal that includes a 24.87 percent salary increase over four years, starting in the 2006-07 school year. This increase would bring faculty salaries close to those of faculty at institutions used for comparison by the Postsecondary Education Commission.

CSU salaries are currently below these comparable institutions by approximately 14 percent. After increases in cost-of-living, the current proposed salary offer would close this gap an additional 12.5 percent.

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**SCORSESE PROVES HE RULES THE GANGSTER GENRE WITH “THE DEPARTED”**

Quick tackle Josh Mayfield and middle linebacker Kyle Shotwell proudly hold the Golden Horseshoe. Saturday’s game was Cal Poly’s first win over UC Davis at home since 1996.

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**What: Two ASI Student Government Interest Workshops**

**When:** Monday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m.

**Where:** UU 220

**For more info:** 756-1291

**What: Vince Vaughn and Jennifer Aniston duke it out in “The Break-Up”— catch it for free! Seating is first come, first serve.**

**When:** Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 8 p.m.

**Where:** Chumash Auditorium

**For more info:** 756-1112

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**What: Author Alice Sebold will visit Cal Poly to speak about her book and PREFACE’s pick “The Lovely Bones”**

**When:** Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m.

**Where:** The PAC’s Christopher Cohen Center

**For more info:** Call Patricia Ponce at 756-1380

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**What: Free Craft Friday — try something different for free!**

**When:** Friday, Oct. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m.

**Where:** The craft center in UU 111

**For more info:** Give the craft center a call at 756-1266.
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Drivers line up to buy gasoline for $1.98 per gallon at this Getty station in Jersey City, N.J., on Friday, Oct. 6.

E. Ashley Wright
THE CALIFORNIA AGREE (UC DAVIS)

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lettuce does not pass, Salinas-based Nunes Co. Inc. and Food and Drug Administration officials said Wednesday, and numerous other things.

Daily Mirror: $150
Video: $70
DVD: $90

CAMARILLO (AP) — A California Highway Patrol officer shot and killed a man who charged at him with a metal object in the bushes near a Sun Valley freeway overpass, authorities said.

The officer was exiting an Interstate 5 off-ramp at about 3:30 p.m. when a woman flagged him down and said she had been sexually assaulted by a man in the brush, CHP Officer Patrick Kimbald said.

The woman, who charged at the officer with a large metal object in his hand, Kimbald said.

Elk Grove (AP) — A pumpkin that grew to gargantuan proportions broke a state record, but it couldn't beat a monstrous squash raised under New England lightening and rain storms.

This year's winner of the giant pumpkin weigh-off at Elk Grove's 12th annual Harvest Festival registered 1,280 pounds, beating out another 120 California growers.

Grower Gary Miller of Napa said the 107-inch pumpkin "was just well behaved." Miller netted $6,400, the prize for the heaviest pumpkin.

MADELINE DAVIS — Although consumers may be pleased with the price of gas right now, it could be a short-lived phenomenon if experts warn that the long-term effects of depletion may result in higher prices in the near future.

"Those behind the killings are easily identified and numerous other things." But fatalities are rarely brought to justice, undermined by a sense of impunity that may have encouraged the killers of Anna Politkovskaya, a fierce critic of the war in Chechnya. As the European Union and the U.S. demanded a thorough probe into Saturday's contract-style killing, there was skepticism that the authorities would ever uncover the culprits of a series of killings of journalists in Russia under President Vladimir Putin.

A New York Times editorial said it killed 30 fighters in a battle Sunday with the country's most powerful Shi'ite militia amid growing American impatience with the Iraqi government's inability to stop militias responsible for escalating sectarian violence.

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Uppercoming Schedule
October 10 - 17
Tues: All Greek BBQ at the UKU, 6pm
Wed: Tri-Tip BBQ at the PAC Lawn, 5-7pm
Thur: Pizza at The Pike House, 5-7pm
Fri: Subs & Slideshow, at the AXO House, 5-7pm
Sat: Social at Alpha Phi, 5-7pm
Sun: By invite only: Interviews at the Pike House, all day
Mon: (By invite only): Fireside speeches

For the past five years, Sen. George Allen, has failed to tell Congress about stock options he got for his work as a director of a high-tech company. The Virginia Republican also asked the Army to help another business that gave him similar options. Congressional rules require senators to disclose the Senate all deferred compensation, such as stock options. The rules also urge senators to avoid taking any official action that could benefit them financially or appear to do so.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican House on Sunday sought to mount a public defense of Speaker Dennis Hastert over the page sex scandal that threatens his congressional control over one month before the elections.

But a House GOP leader under fire for his handling of the scandal involving former Rep. Mark Foley canceled a national broadcast appearance and one Republican lawmaker said those who participated in a cover-up would have to resign.

"Anybody that hindered this in any kind of way, tried to step in the way of hiding this, covering it up, is going to have to step down. Whoever that is," said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va.

The House ethics committee is investigating the matter. It finds evidence of a cover-up, the punishment could range from a mild rebuke in a committee report to a House vote of censure or expulsion.

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ata the gas pumps, oil-consumption experts warn that the long-term effects of depletion may result in higher prices in the near future. Several explanations for the
The Departed' raises the bar for crime drama

Ryan Charityn

"Heaven holds the faithful departed," will be the last line going through your mind before "The Departed" will be the last line you will ever experience.

delivering such oxymoron emotions since he directed "Taxi Driver" in 1976 when he started getting the best actors in Hollywood to kill each other on-screen.

It's no surprise then that his best brilliant works have always had something to do with a guy getting a bullet stylishly planted onto his chest and you've got a cast that most directors probably be his best antagonist performances for a long time.

The real standout doesn't go to either of today's pretty boys, but rather to the legendary Jack Nicholson. Seeing him in the best love/hate role he's had since The Joker from "Batman" was probably the sole reason Scorsese took on the project (at least it should have been). Top it off with Mark Wahlberg, in an unbelievably fitting role as a heroic, badnatured Boston cop (despite Wahlberg's real-life history of being arrested by them) and you've got a cast that was born for such a brilliant story.

But what makes it all one truly worthwhile package isn't the fact that Scorsese's name and a dozen others are flashing in bright lights all over it; the film works because Scorsese's filmmaking soul and the cast's untapped talent were injected into the film's core. DiCaprio says it best halfway through the film with the line "I'm in the room with a mass murderer and my heart rate is jacked...but my hand is steady." Scorsese skilfully creates a vicious Boston crime world with so much history. It tosses you in with casual, believable killers and all the while your heart is racing the Indy 500. But you're stable, your hand is steady and you are fully aware of all that is happening around you in a world you don't want to be in."The Departed" is an experience. Period.

Despite a background love story that never quite goes anywhere and a runtime of 2 1/2 hours that will cut up your day, "The Departed" is easily one of the most ruthless, fast-paced and painfully satisfying films you will see this year. As for those wondering if it's better than "Goodfellas" or "Casino," stop asking stupid questions. It's a Scorsese mafia film and as they say in Boston, "nuff said."

MOVIE REVIEW

"The Queen" has more than a bee in her bonnet

Musse Haile

MEDFORD, Mass. — Stephen Frears spares no time peeling away the layers and cutting straight to the heart of his new movie, "The Queen." Frears, also the director of the Oscar-nominated "Mrs. Henderson Presents" (2005) and "Dirty Pretty Things" (2002), takes on the circumstances surrounding the English government and royal family immediately following the death of Princess Diana.

The movie's characters define much of what writer Peter Morgan tries to convey through his screenplay. The royal family of England, in "The Queen" at least, is true royalty in every sense of the word. However, unlike precious monarchs, they function purely as figureheads.

Throughout the film, the royal family spends its time going for portraits, moving from castle to castle and hunting. As nobility, they enjoy the benefits of, well, nothing, and that's the thing that being a figurehead: There's not a lot to do, except to develop an obscene sense of self-entitlement.

Frears uses the family as a foil against Tony Blair, the newly elected prime minister of England. Played by Michael Sheen from "Underworld" (2003), Blair comes across as the modern, a opposed to the classical, direction England has headed in the years since Princess Diana's death.

The real beauty of the movie lies in the way Frears blends fact and fiction. Although he recreates the crash scene of Princess Diana's death, he uses real news footage throughout the movie to inject an element of reality into the film. Throughout the movie, tensions run high between Queen Elizabeth (Helen Mirren) and Blair. The two are radically different, complete with conflicting ideas stemming from their respective countries and generations. Their differences become painfully clear after the death of Diana, and each person's individual reaction to the death is what defines the film.

Helen Mirren gives a stunning performance as the frigid sovereign Queen Elizabeth. However, it's the rest of the royal family who really steals the show. James Cromwell as Prince Philip is perfect as the befuddled Royal Consort, and Cromwell's interpretation of this particular figure embodies the idea of the royal family even more than Mirren's does.

After Diana's death, Philip is incredulous that Elizabeth has to do anything more than appear to the public. As an observer, it is easy

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Get some cash as a Hearst tour guide

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Low on cash? Determined to stay in San Luis during breaks, but not the behind the desk type? Leading tours through the grounds of one of California's state monuments may be just what you're looking for.

California State Parks is hiring Hearst Castle tour guides. Instead of heading home to mom and dad, you could be taking visitors on a tour through Casa Del Sol, Neptune and Roman pools, the castle library, Casa Grande and more.

"One thing people would like to do is stay in the area over the summer. This is one of the times this particular job can help," said Hearst Castle director of public relations Dan Eller. Eller has worked part-time at Cal Poly as a lecturer for the College of Liberal Arts.

The job applies to Cal Poly students in a number of ways. "It is excellent exercise and there is a uniform, so you don't have to worry about buying an extensive wardrobe, which can get expensive," Eller said. Tour guides would work during the times of the year people travel the most because a majority of the visitors to the castle are tourists.

"Weekends, holidays, they're when people travel. This can work out around the student's schedule," he said.

The positions available are the guide trainee and the guide I, known as the permanent-intermittent (PI) position. To qualify for the PI position you must have at least six months of prior public speaking experience. Eller said the experience doesn't necessarily have to come from a paid job. It can be from volunteering for the Red Cross and having to speak, being a member of ASI or different things on campus that would require you to face and speak to a large variety of people.

If you haven't had any prior experience you are required to start at the guide trainer level. Trainees work one season to gain the needed experience and then take a civil service exam to try and move on to the PI position.

“There are so many interests and aspects about this monument that it can work out for any student," Eller said. The experience gained and the improvement of public speaking skills are a few of the highlights, he said.

Working for a state agency entitles the employee to certain health benefits if they qualify. ”These are benefits above and beyond hourly pay," Eller said.

Those interested are encouraged to attend Farmers' Market on Oct. 12, Oct. 26, and Nov. 9, to visit the information booths.

On Dec. 8 and Dec. 9, a one-hour informational workshop will be held at Hearst Castle. To make an appointment to attend the workshop, call (805) 927-2049 Dec. 3 to Dec. 6 between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. according to the press release.

“Our reputation with Cal Poly students is really strong," Eller said. "Years ago there was a class on campus that taught you how to be a guide. Now we do all the training at Hearst Castle.”

Eller said people who are interested right now can call the Guide Supervisors Office at (805) 927-2045 for answers to basic questions, but highly encourages people to visit their information booth at Farmers' Market.

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to grow frustrated while watching the vastly privileged interact, revealing their complete lack of understanding of the modern world. Despite all their titles and money, it becomes clear that this family resides in a completely different universe. It's an existence dominated by money and prestige instead of few, if any, responsibilities.

The performance of the royal family creates the tension in the movie that carries it along. It's one thing to watch scene after scene of leisure and meaningless banter. The second half of the film centers solely on Elizabeth, as the remainder of the characters fade to the background. Somehow, it seems as if Frears is attempting to atone for his less-than-flattering treatment of the royal family with the final scenes.

Frears tries to end the movie by focusing on the Queen's half-hearted attempts to understand the world in which she now lives. It is difficult, however, to muster sympathy for a woman who believes her position in the world is a matter of divine right.

Although much of the second half lags, the movie functions well as a whole, holding up beautifully under the pressure of topics as sensitive as these. "The Queen" is a simple film, refreshingly stripped of the usual Hollywood trappings, and its superb ensemble cast allows it to capture the sorrow and intrigue of a significant event in modern British history.

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SPOTLIGHT

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I t is nearly impossible to begin a quarter at Cal Poly without the inevitable and horrible trip to El Corral. From long lines to high prices, you are guaranteed a stressful shopping trip. However, even worse than that is the complete lack of El Corral’s Buyback Program. At the close of last year I went to El Corral to sell some books back on behalf of a friend. This was a horrible mistake. Even with the passage of a relaxing summer cannot look back on this day without wanting to kick something. El Corral wanted to give a maximum of $30 for a book my friend spent $150 on. A light bulb, one that had been dark for too long, went off.

“How much are you going to sell it back for?” I quizzed the fine looking gentleman behind the counter. (You will see in a few moments just how fine he was.) “$110,” he replied.

I am sorry, I didn’t realize El Corral hired celebrities and models to take the book from me, and provide them with on-the-job massages. It must be like working for Google. I wonder if they provide lunch as well? Google does.

For the lengths at which El Corral goes to come off as a friendly, well to do organization trying to help students out, they certainly have an odd way of rip­

I didn’t realize El Corral hired celebrities and models to take the book from me, and pay it on the shelf.

Such as being called a corporation. When was the last time a corporation actually wanted to help its customers? For an institution designed to, according to their Web site, “assist (students) with the financial demands of gaining and education,” you would think two things. First, with their massive markup they could hire someone to edit their mission statement so it’s grammatically correct.

This is an institution of higher learning. Secondly, and more importantly, you would hope they would pro­

Offical funnle with turnabout at football game

Poly kept 1,000 additional general admission tickets available for stu­

students at $15 a seat. However, most students that were unable to get in opted for their own, free method of seating. The East Concourse seats, still looking rather sparse, are supposed to be completed by Oct. 21 in time for the Homecoming game and should allow for 10,000 spectators, a number that may have been exceed­

I hope this guide helps to improve and encourage your con­

It is time we let the market forces dictate to El Corral that they should allow for 10,000 spectators, a number that may have been exceeded by Saturday night. With the growing success of the Cal Poly football team, more stu­

students and the general public will be trying to attend the games in the sta­

I urge everyone reading this to use this online service to find and sell books at rea­

reasonable prices. I have saved many dollars by procuring books through this site than through El Corral. Think of what you could do with a few extra bucks in your wallet. You could buy me lunch. It’s a start.

David Hansen is an environmental sciences sophomore and most contributor to the Mustang Daily.

Tips for a ridiculously suc­

1. Use ad hominem attacks,

2. Absolutism is your friend.

3. Ignore sarcasm, whether implied or explicit. The Mustang Daily abhors satire and irony in letters and editorials as if the author meant exactly what he or she said literally.

4. Should you choose to do any research at all, never cite your sources. Just say “It’s generally accepted fact...” or “Everyone knows that...” This makes you appear knowledgeable — yet mys­

5. Finally, “Die in a fire” is an acceptable retort in any situation. For added effect, invoke Godwin’s Law: “Die in a fire with your pal Hitler.”
Freshman forward Andrew Cruz had two shots on goal and scored for Cal Poly.

The Mustangs returned home for a matchup with Cal State Fullerton at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Sports Complex.

Mariano Arriaga recorded three saves and picked up the win. At the 32-minute, 30-second mark, UC Davis' Mariano Arriaga scored on a header in on the right side from Dan Campbell. The Mustangs rebounded early in the second period on a unassisted goal 16 yards out by freshman Dominc Papi.

Cal Poly freshman Andrew "Bunnie" Cruz continued the offense and at the 54:18 mark put the Mustangs in front of the left side on an assist from Julian Alvarez.

Cal Poly's Jeff Meyer Jr. scored his third goal of the season in the 79th minute on a breakaway pass from junior Todd Combs.

The Mustangs return home for a halftime against Long Beach State sophomore midfielder Davide Camarena moves the ball against Long Beach State sophomore midfielder Hassani Dotson during the Mustangs' 2-0 loss to the 49ers Sunday at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

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Berkebrah, who had one shot on goal. "(Cal Poly) had a really strong game against us." he said. "We play very good soccer and it's exciting to watch."
Cal Poly sophomore quarterback Matt Brennan (3) evades the tackle of UC Davis senior cornerback Nevan Bergen (24) as Fred Hives II (6) and Will Hames III (72) look on. Brennan has led two straight comeback wins for the Mustangs, who rallied past the Aggies 23-17 Saturday night at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Walter Payton Award candidate James Noble carried twice for 121 yards and a touchdown. His 2-yard scoring run gave Cal Boly a 20-10 lead with 1 minute, 25 seconds left.

"This game means so much to the seniors," Brennan said. "I really felt terrible, almost like I let the team down last year. The game wasn't anyone person's fault, but the quarterback touches the ball every snap. I used that feeling to feel myself to get pumped up for this game!"

Brennan completed 6 of 15 passes for 90 yards. Saturday and his lone interception worked like a punt. He has 6 quadruple Digit’s two consecutive comebacks victories.

Cal Poly (5-1-2, 0-0), which might need a win or a tie by UC Davis today in The Sports Network’s Division I-AA rankings, won the Horsehoe Classic for the first time since the 1985 ranked Aggies (2-3, 0-1) moved to the I-A level in 2003. After the game, Cal Poly players and coaches celebrated en masse around the Golden Horseshoe trophy.

"It's 80-34-2 in season goals every year," Cal Poly head coach Rich Brennan, whose 1-yard touchdown run gave Cal Boly a 20-10 lead with 1 minute, 25 seconds left. "When you were playing Cal Poly, you had 10 tackles and a sack. If there is a play to be made, everyone feels like they can make it. No one's scared to make a play."

That the swarming double-edge flex Cal Poly defense did, time and again harassing UC Davis senior quarterback Jon Grant in a way the Walter Payton Award candidate had not seen earlier in the season.

Grant was 18 of 40 for 231 yards and two touchdowns, but was picked off once, sacked three times and had to endure 12 quarterback hurries.

"None of us thought we were going to shut out Davis,"Ellerson said. "That’s as good an offense as we’ve seen. Frankly, that’s a great opportunity for us to hold them to 17 points."

After trailing 10-3 at halftime, field position was the biggest reason Cal Poly was able to overcome UC Davis 17-0 in the third quarter.

"We were pumped up in our territory so deep," UC Davis head coach Bobiggso said. "You're a little bit nervous about what you’re calling. Field position in that third quarter was tough."

The turning point was a safety out of the south end zone accounted for by Wes Pryor's block of a C'al Ellis punt, narrowing the deficit to 10-5 just 3:56 into the third quarter.

"We needed something to pick us up and that was the spark," Shorewell said. "We’re no’ t sure about big things in the nation isn’t too far off."