newsroom, Building 26, Room 226. The first person to accomplish this mission will receive $20 to Firestone's. GO! Questions? Call Emily at 756-1796.
What exactly is gonzo journalism?

Emily Rancer

No, Gonzo isn’t the celebration of a beloved Muppet character. Every spring, the Mustang Daily puts out this crazy parody paper style over accuracy and aims to striving for objectivity. It favors (no pun intended) can be truthful without “gonzo journalism.” As defined by Wikipedia, it “argues that journalism can be truthful without striving for objectivity. It favors style over accuracy and aims to describe personal experiences or the essence or mood of things rather than facts.”

Within journalism, Thompson was known as a radical in his style both in and out of the newsroom. He wrote for Rolling Stone as a political reporter between 1960 and 1980 and covered the Nixon administration’s downfall. He also wrote several books in his “gonzo” style, which popularized everything that journalism wasn’t: subjectivity, made-up facts, missed deadlines and more. Thompson believed that “fiction is often the best fact,” and therefore commented on current events through satire.

Spam worm attacks students

Giana Magnoli

Earlier this year, a “worm” was found in the Cal Poly computer system. The worm worked its way through the system and attacked hundreds of unsuspecting students in the University Union Plaza. In a strange and very ironic turn of events, it was recently discovered that the virus is, quite literally, a Spam worm. Yes — scientists and computer nerds alike are unsure how it happened, but both the containers and contents of 10 Spam cans somehow bonded together to create a 3-foot-5 “worm.”

The Spam worm then chewed its way through a network cable, out a screen and onto the campus. Obviously, this seems ridiculous. However, Waldo Watson, CEO of Spam products, insisted that it could be possible.

“The who the heck knows what goes into that stuff,” he said. “If something radioactive or mutant got into a batch, the possibilities are endless.”

Upon discovering the worm, animal control and Campus Dining representatives collaborated to decide what to do with it. They eventually decided to give it to a lab for a thorough analysis, after which it will probably be fed to the nearest pack of dogs.

“It seems to be dead, that is, it it was ever alive,” animal control director Billy Williams said.

“This stuff has the longest shelf life ever, so we have no clue when it was created,” Campus Dining staff member Laura Hostess said. “Hopefully the lab results will yield some answers.”

On a side note, Hormel Foods Corp., the makers of Spam, are cautioning everyone to be more aware of food storage. They suggest separating cans of Spam from one another to prevent this sort of incident from ever happening again.

“I don’t think Spam is planning a global uprising,” Watson said.

In 1971, Thompson wrote “Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas,” which told the story of Raoul Duke and his attorney Dr. Gonzo. The book — which was later adapted to the big screen — was written in gonzo fashion, although Thompson was upset that it had to be edited several times before publication.

In April 2005, Thompson took his own life at his home in Woody Creek, Colo. The next month, Rolling Stone dedicated an issue to him, filled with letters from friends, including close friend Johnny Depp (who played Thompson in the movie “Fear and Loathing”), Jack Nicholson and other political figures.

His off-the-wall lifestyle was shocking to many, but as Depp said in Rolling Stone, “He was a truth seeker. He was a hypersensitive medium who channeled the underlying currents of truth, concealed in veils of talking lies that we have become accustomed to swallowing.”

In his memory, this annual issue adheres to Thompson’s philosophy toward journalism: satire.

Your guide to understanding this issue

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**New class will show students how to grow, sell marijuana**

Brooke Robertson

Smoke the dope? Hit the referes? Puff on the pipe peice? Spend quality time with Mary Jane? Marijuana will soon be available for purchase at Cal Poly thanks to a new class from the horticulture and crop science department.

HCS 250, marijuana maintenance, will be offered during the upcoming summer quarter and will provide enrolled students with an education in all aspects of growing Cannabis sativa, the plant commonly known as marijuana in dried form.

The harvested crop will be available for students and community members to purchase for a "reasonable" price at the Poly Plant Shop. said horticulture and crop science department head John Peterson. Sales will contribute to department needs, including glass testing equipment and funding for a 90-foot tall greenhouse.

"Now I can just pick up a dime bag between classes!" mechanical engineering freshman Noel Wattson said. "I'll never have to leave campus!"

The focus of the horticulture and crop science department is to prepare students to work with plants, to understand how they grow and how they affect culture and environment, Peterson said.

"Cannabis sativa is a plant that has affected world cultures over the centuries, including present day," he said. Peterson cited religion, foreign policy, military tactics, and the abortion debate as being affected by the trade and use of marijuana.

"It's an extremely important plant in our society that horticulture programs across the country should be studying," Peterson said.

What of the fact that growing marijuana remains illegal? "What the hell," shrugged Cal Poly President Warren Baker after much debate over whether to allow the class. "It's good for the soul."

Students taking marijuana maintenance will learn to grow different strains of Cannabis sativa in a horticulture and crop sciences concentration. He would also like to develop study abroad opportunities for students in Colombia, the world's largest supplier of marijuana.

"I think it could be a great opportunity for students to brush shoulders and kick it with industry professionals," Peterson said.

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**Mustang Daily becomes night club after hours**

Emily Rancer

Meeting deadline is an extraordinary event for the Mustang Daily every night. As an incentive to finish by 9 p.m., the Mustang Daily newsroom will be converted to the Mustang Nightly—a swanky night club—as soon as the last pages are finished.

"On cue, the lights will turn off, a disco ball will drop from the ceiling and 'Call On Me' will immediately start playing," managing editor Jennifer Hall said. "We'll all party under the strobe lights until UGS tells us we can go home."

There are plenty of desks and tables for the editors to dance on, plus they've made good use out of the rolling chairs.

"My favorite dance is the shuffle," copy editor Giana Magnoli said. "I sit in my rolling chair and prop myself across the room, out the door, and into unsuspecting students. I want to raise awareness about the amazing opportunities one has while sitting in an office chair beyond doing work."

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**Gone Bowling**

Split happens.
Chuck Norris to step in for Baker

Jennifer Hall
MUSTANG DAILY

After 33 years as Cal Poly's president, Warren Baker has finally found a worthy candidate to take over his post. "Chuck" Norris, 67, will roundhouse kick his term off with Cal Poly immediately. "I can also believe it's not butter."

In addition, the official school colors will be changed from green and gold to black and blue — the color of bruises.

As for the College of Science and Mathematics, Norris is eliminating the table of elements: "The only element I like is the element of surprise," Norris said.

In order to solve the public transportation problem, Norris will be offering piggyback rides to anyone who lives off campus.

In addition to Norris' many accomplishments on the screen, he has received great notoriety for beating the sun in a staring contest, finding a corn in a round room and producing sweat that can burn a hole through concrete.

"I heard Chuck Norris knows the last digit of pi," mathematician John Dawson said. "And he's on a first name basis with God!"

While at Poly, Norris had a notable athletic career. He played tennis and remains the only man to ever have deflected a brick wall in the game.

He also bowled religiously and mastered the game by bowling a perfect 300 just by looking at the pins. "Poly holds a special place in my heart next to all the men I have karate chopped into oblivion," Norris said.

The campus will see substantial changes when Norris takes over.

The Administration building will be demolished and a second gym and karate facility will be built in its place.

"Since the administration is plagued with bureaucracy problems, I believe there are better ways to use that space," Norris said.

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Revival of the housewife: Home economics returns to Poly

Amanda Betzer
MUSTANG DAILY

Ladies, put on your aprons, grab a spatula and get away from boring biology terms and complicated equations. The home economics major is back in business and ready to get the women of tomorrow back in the kitchen.

After being kicked out of the Cal Poly curriculum 13 years ago, popular demand has brought this major back into the lives of many relieved students.

"Some people only go to class to see the hot guys, especially Mark in education or social services. Cal Poly has greatly contributed to that," noted Laura Palmer, former speech communications major. "Now I can be a home economics major and learn things that will actually help me in the future."

While some home economics programs have other focuses such as education or social services, Cal Poly is bringing the major back to its roots with a 1960s "Pleasantville" approach.

"We want to make sure that future families are being taken care of and this home economics major will help ensure that," home economics department head, Phillips Johnson said. "This is the way to properly prepare our women to become excellent mothers and even better wives."

Besides the general education courses, the major focuses on three main areas: etiquette, cuisine and cleaning. Etiquette covers a broad array of topics from the proper way to set up the dinner table for six people to how to hang a man's dress shirt and pants to avoid wrinkling. Cooking gives healthy, hearty choices to women that will help them prepare for the three meals of the day and in-between snacks.

"We primarily focus on the second half of the day because that is when the children come home from school and more importantly, when housewives return from their long strenuous days at work," Johnson said. "There can be no mistakes or errors in this area of study because the importance of providing a solid meal for a man is one of the most crucial parts of a woman's life."

Cleaning, the last area of the major, includes laundry, dishes and house upkeep. The courses however do not cover any sort of lawn maintenance or trash as the man of the house must always take care of these areas, said Johnson.

The return of this major was welcomed with open arms by over 75 percent of Cal Poly students and faculty, according to a survey by the Associated Students Inc. At the head of the support group was Cal Poly Student Warren Baker whose wife was actually enrolled in Cal Poly as a home economics major in her college years.

"Rather than accepting his newly self-proposed 15-percent salary increase, Baker has generously decided to donate that money to the home economics department in hopes that women step up their skills for generation to come."

"I've seen a huge decrease in the productivity and efficiency of the practice of home economics, and I have decided to give my proposed pay raise to the department," Baker said. "I have no endless patience. This major will produce many women who will be able to fulfill their roles as housewives, not to mention who will be able to make a killer pot of pasta!"

Upon being accepted into the program, majors will receive a personalized apron, a top-notch roller pin by Cricio, two light weight vacuums, and a license plate frame that says "I'd rather be cleaning, cooking or grabbing my husband a beer."

Many Cal Poly females have already requested a change in majors and the department will not turn anyone away.

"We intend on accepting everyone who applies and will be able to accommodate for them with plenty of equipment and staff," Johnson said. "What kind of message would we be sending to our community if we said no to any woman who desires to better her world and the world of her family?"

Palmer and her four roommates have already turned in their transfer applications and cannot wait to get into their new classes.

"My boyfriend is so excited that I'm going to get my MRS degree," Palmer said. "We both know that my spot is within the house wall and he is so supportive of that. I don't know what I'd do without him, and now I will learn what I can do for him!"

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Devan McClaine defeats Tristan Aird 17-16 in the Mustang Daily’s Tecmo Super Bowl Tournament title game.

Tristan Aird

There are as many questions as there are answers following the Mustang Daily’s Tecmo Super Bowl Tournament, but one question in particular was answered in resounding fashion.

Could the anticipated showdown between Devan McClaine and Tristan Aird live up to the hype? Yes. And the rousing finish that left a worldwide audience of NES lovers in disbelief one day after the May 3 battle is sure to be discussed and debated for years.

Spellbound by the drama of the 8-bit gridiron, Devan McClaine (left) and Tristan Aird capped a six-hour, seven-game Tecmo Super Bowl Tournament that shook the foundation upon which Building 26 was built.

In the Food 4 Less bag (back right) lies the discarded NES knock-off that created controversy.

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Ahead touchdown catch from Joe Stalemate. Two teams' battle to a five-perimeter default after Amy Asman's goal as time in regulation expired. Close the game," Fassino said. "My overtime and no points to show for driving for a game-tying field goal."

"It's gonna be a toss-up between the tournament field on the bottom all the time," said McMullen. "It's not so much that the other controllers are bad. It's like sleeping in your own bed."

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Tyra shares tale of personal hardship, success at Poly

Tyra Banks, who is currently on a nationwide tour promoting herself, spoke to Cal Poly students Friday as a part of ASIs True Life Series.

Banks began her career as a supermodel and slowly moved her way up the ranks with her acting debut on The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and starring roles in movies such as the Disney Channel Original Movie "Life-Size." She said it was after her movie career took off that she knew she was really going to be big.

"I'm doing things more powerful than Oprah or Brad and Angelina, and I'm half their age. If you look at the things that I have accomplished and how much better I am making people's lives, it truly is amazing," Banks said.

She ended her presentation by doing what she called "a silly, funky, hilarious dance" to show that she is not worried about what other people think about her.

"I have fallen for girl after girl, but they are all repulsed by me. I try so hard to be the kind of guy they want me to be, but nobody likes me," he said.

"If you see a beautiful, Cal Poly,

Don't hate me because I'm beautiful, Cal Poly.

The Chumash Auditorium was packed with students who came to listen to the supermodel talk and ask her questions about problems they're facing in their own lives.

"I've struggled with self-esteem issues my whole life. My parents abused me and all of my friends tell me that I'm fat and ugly. It's so hard walking down the street and having people stare at me in disgust, so I've recently," engineering senior Caroline Murphey said.

"Girl, you right there. I started modeling when I was 16 years old, and even though I am one of the world's most beautiful people, it was not easy in the beginning. I mean, there were times when photographers told me I should lose a few pounds, and there were times that I was having such a bad day that I would eat almost a whole box of Oreos, and look where I am now. I told myself I could do whatever I wanted to do, and I've done it. Learn from me," Banks said in response.

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McDreamy to head pre-med program

Thousands of female students switch into the new, dreamy major

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MUSTANG DAILY

After weeks of salary negotiations, it became official on Friday that "Grey's Anatomy" co-star Patrick Dempsey, better known as Dr. McDreamy, will take over as department head at Cal Poly. Dempsey, who has no other medical training outside of the ABC set of the prime-time drama, says he is up to the challenge.

"Honestly, I don't think there is ever much to know when it comes to being a doctor," Dempsey said. "I mean you can always just cut open and see what happens.

"In light of an incident where a live frogging dungeon? I'm calling my backs with the recent firing of their biological sciences department head in light of an incident where a live student was mistaken for a cadaver.

Also the science departments have been reporting severe enrollment drops over the last five years. Cal Poly attributes this to the lack of good-looking male professors within the college. COSAM hopes to bring in a new major and new man will revamp their image.

"I just think it is so much easier to learn from someone attractive. I mean, students learn more when they are focused on the lectures. I don't think anyone can loose focus without this face and this body," he said.

"My lesson plan will be based on bringing in help from his fellow co-stars Katherine Heigl and Kate Walsh during certain lectures.

"San Luis Obispo is close enough so he can commute to L.A. for auditions. 4.000 change-of-major requests have been granted to study under McDreamy. Currently overwhelmed with all the teaching, I don't think anyone can loose focus without this face and this body."

"Everything will change. I got high-top Nike Airs for sale, holla!" Yik said.

"In a sense, she was peacefully in the newsroom on May 2. She was 2 years old. Pebbles' eye got shut up honky," Snoop Dogg said. "When asked why he agreed to move into a dorm room at Cal Poly the Dogfather said, "I'm here for last agriculture, ya feel me? Church, priest, tabernacle."

"In lieu of flowers, the family of Pebbles plans on moving out of their dorm room, a decision that pleased Snoop Dogg."

"It's frickin' sweet, they put five microwaves in here, a big screen TV, a good table, and a candy machine!" Pee said.

However, resident adviser and mechanical engineering freshman Joe Blow experienced a moment of pure terror when his roommate used to listen to Metallica and his co-stars Katherine Heigl and Kate Walsh during certain lectures.

"It was second to get my room renovated. They came in, drank big bottles of alcohol and blew a hole in my wall and left. Now everyone on the front lawn can watch me change," Straffleggalle said.

The only roommates to enjoy the renovations were soil sciences freshman Gottchen Lianopolis, who were the first students to be surprised with their renovated room.

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"I'm more than the one-eyed wonder," Pebbles Solchik said, hamster of Mustang Daily photo editor Sheila Solchik, peacefully in the newsroom on May 2. She was 2 years old. Pebbles had many notable accomplishments throughout her brief life despite several personal obstacles. She rolled down the Graphic Communications hallway and off the second-story stairwell three times in her hamster ball. But each time, she walked away without injury.

"She loved dancing, playing, and swimming, managing editor Jennifer Hill said. "She was an extraordinary pet."

In addition to being a spokesniodel for PETA and knowing how to do a one-handed somersault, she could also fit 12 treats in her mouth at once.

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Brian McLennan
MUSTANG DAILY

As if Cal Poly isn't undergoing enough construction, last week the campus was host to the TV show "Extreme Makeover: Dorm Edition."

Four pairs of roommates and one resident advisor at Cal Poly lived in their dorm's study room for three days while a team of construction workers, interior designers, and EX-TRI host Carson Daly customized their rooms.

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Gathering from the large amount of belts Hofflager and Lianopolis had in their dorm, the "Extreme Makeover" team decided on a bondage theme, knocking out two walls to provide room for holding cells.

Mechanical engineering freshman Gabbie Boudreaux had to live next door to Hofflager. "Where I am supposed to live now is in a cell in that hallway and being decoruated! I'm calling my lawyer," she said.

Daly defended the bondage theme saying "It's not like you're going to be naked."

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For one, microwaves are illegal to have in dorm rooms. Thus, they have 25 surge protectors plugged into four outlets. Three, (Extreme Makeover) didn't even provide all of this junk, they stole it from the common room," she said.

"Nah-uh, we didn't steal anything. Who are you going to believe, her or me? The answer's easy, me. I'm on the She had incredible self-determination in the face of tragedy," news editor Kristen Marshall said. "Pebbles is surely rolling around heavens. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting yogurt drops.

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When nature calls, well, you gotta do what you gotta do. And truth be told, when the situation arises, any old bathroom — or quite literally, hole in the ground for that matter — will do. But the nice, sparkly-clean ones are preferred, with good reason. So here’s a non-comprehensive list of those main campus bathrooms that you should honestly consider rerouting your route to class for — and those that you should avoid at all costs:

The Best: Women’s Restrooms

1. The new Engineering IV women’s and men’s bathrooms (all of them!) are freaking amazing. Honestly, the women’s bathroom has 12 stalls, six sinks and brand-new everything (including motion-sensor flushers…you won’t find these anywhere else on campus). Plus, the red and gray motif is oh-so-pleasing to the eye, especially in comparison to the mainly bubble-gum pink that you should avoid at all costs: the women’s best comes complete with the décor of room 128B in the Math and Science building worth the trek.

2. The women’s restroom located upstairs in the University Union may be one of the most widely used bathrooms on campus, but this is not without good reason. It is quite literally, hole in the ground for that matter — will do. But the nice, sparkly-clean ones are preferred, with good reason. So here’s a non-comprehensive list of those main campus bathrooms that you should honestly consider rerouting your route to class for — and those that you should avoid at all costs:

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1. As stated above, Engineering IV contains amazing bathrooms for men and women alike (read the description above). This male version of the women’s best comes complete with seven urinals and five stalls. It may pale in comparison to Madonna Inn’s pink, but it’s the closest Cal Poly will get.

2. The two men’s restrooms found in the Education building (rooms 119 and 202) aren’t really Engineering IV’s, but these bag, clean bathrooms are pretty darn nice. Plus, there are dividers between the urinals (something that doesn’t seem to be a given on our campus), which I’ve been told is always a good thing.

3. Room 130A in the Math and Science building is next to the women’s restroom described above. Instead of the hideous pink, though, there is luckily a much nicer shade of blue. The perks of its women’s counterpart apply here, too (though, honestly, when do guys ever have to wait in line?).

The Worst: Men’s Restrooms

1. The bathrooms found adjacent to the women’s locker room in Crandall Gymnasium leave something to be desired — um, quite literally. Honestly, who wants to use a bathroom where the stall (i.e. the one closest to the sink) doesn’t even have a side panel? (Note: There’s a shower curtain in the panel’s place, but still…)

2. At the time Engineering IV West was built it may have been fine to get away with having only one stall in the women’s restroom. But times have changed, and some of these old stalls aren’t really Engineering IV’s, but these bag, clean bathrooms are pretty darn nice. Plus, there are dividers between the urinals (something that doesn’t seem to be a given on our campus), which I’ve been told is always a good thing.

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risks deemed frivolous by other awareness-raising clubs. A sample of the issues RA WASS has raised awareness for include Chuck Norris jokes, being famously anonymous and how much cooler "Mortal Kombat" was on Sega Genesis than on Super Nintendo. "I raise awareness because I don't want to know where we'd be without it," said Anthony Austin, RA WASS task force commander and philosophy major. "I am always ready to pounce like some type of awareness-barring cat on an issue that has gone unreported.

RA WASS' current campaign, "The Rock" Rocks Uncut, has organized the raising awareness about how much better the theatrical version of the action film "The Rock" is than the version that is aired on television. "I wanted to raise awareness among people who only saw the edited version, and not the original," Austin said. "Nicolas Cage said something about doing his best, and then Sean Connery was all like, 'Your best? Losers always whine about their bad choices.' Women. I get 75% of the prom queen! That was so badass! It is my job, my duty, to raise awareness about how much cooler that line is than that nice, little 'e-'k' in there."

To raise awareness for "The Rock" Rocks Uncut, RA WASS is hoping to distribute copies of the DVD to students and members of the community. RA WASS is looking to form local businesses to help raise the awareness by either donating cash or copies of the film, but has had little success.

"Most store owners are unaware that there's a problem and just tell me to get the hell out when I tell them what I need money for," Austin said. "They don't take me seriously. But you know what? I don't take them seriously! Do they think that awareness is already at an optimal level or something? Or worse, do they want to lower awareness?"

Austin started RA WASS during his freshman year in 2003 when he hooked his eye on the metal frame of an umbrella after opening it inadvertently. "I thought, 'Oh, shit, that really is bad luck; the public needs to know about this!,'" Austin said, taking a small baby-food jar out of his pocket with his now pickled eyeball inside of it. "This is my little reminder; this is what happens when there is no awareness being raised; and I'd be damned if I ever let something like this happen again."

Austin then set out on his first awareness-raising campaign that focused on not opening umbrellas indoors. But Austin soon noticed that there were several other issues that he wanted to raise awareness for.

He went about putting together small awareness-raising task force that soon came to be known as RA WASS member. "I guess it's just too much of a time commitment for me, which is my issue. But it's awareness for as far as someone expresses interest in joining. But there are just so many issues that, even now, have been struggling along with only minimal awareness. RA WASS is still focused on its 'The Rock' Rocks Uncut campaign, but Austin is always thinking of future projects.

"I noticed that there isn't enough awareness for that old board game 'Chuck Norris,' where two people shoot little metal balls at each other. It's a bunch of believe looking things that are on the board. Nobody ever talks about it and it was awesome as hell -- especially the song," he said, kicking over his chair and then falling to his knees while holding an imaginary guitar neck to his left hand and strumming invisible strings with his right. "Crossfire, Crossfire, CROSSFIRE!"

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In the beginning, Rancer led the challenge by two races, but then Hall pulled ahead by three.

"I just got too comfortable and underestimated Jenn’s ability to channel the Chuck and beat me," Rancer said.

In one remarkable race, Rancer held the lead again but was nearly taken out by a table.

"I turned the corner one night and almost collided head on with one of them," a graphic communications professor said. "Now I’m hooked. I can’t miss a race."

Last month, the score was tied at seven to seven. Then Rancer pulled ahead but Hall regained ground to bring the challenge down to one last race.

In the final battle for first, Rancer and Hall were neck and neck. Despite attempts to throw each other off course, the two opponents defied all rules of motion and remained on track.

"I gave Emily a good shove to the side right off the bat but she countered with a lightening fast push toward the wall," Hall said.

In the end, Hall was triumphant, touching the wall just 0.3 seconds before Rancer.

"She got me this time," Rancer said. "But there’s always next year."

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Poly Canyon Village to feature moving sidewalk

Justin Fassino

Change is coming to the way students get to school.

Starting in fall 2008, the first ever moving sidewalk will be operating to take students from the newly-opened Poly Canyon Village (PCV) to the rest of campus.

The moving sidewalk is the first project in a series of school initiatives to make it easier for students to get around.

"While the moving sidewalk will be more convenient, the main goal of this particular project was to find more creative ways to spend student funds," said Susan Rains, Cal Poly’s Commuter and Access coordinator. "As a result of the multi-million-dollar loan the school took out to pay for the construction and implementation of PCV tuition, student fees are expected to be raised in a series of exponential hikes over the next five to seven years."

"A hit to the pocketbook is a small price to pay for the opportunity to use this state-of-the-art transportation system," Rains said.

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The University Police Department says that any money they make from tickets given on the moving sidewalk will be used to finance phase two of the commuter initiative: a helipad and air shuttle service from Kennedy Library to the University Union.