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## GLSU might have to wait

### ASI bill would put moratorium on coding

By Brenda Suppanz  
Staff Writer

The Student Senate introduced a bill Wednesday that would put a freeze on coding clubs until criteria is set up to "distinguish between the purpose of coded and bylawed clubs."

A club that is currently up for coding is the Gay and Lesbian Student Union.

"I realize the timing of this looks a little questionable, but it happens to be a coincidence," said Matt Wisbey, author of the bill.

The bill could also affect clubs

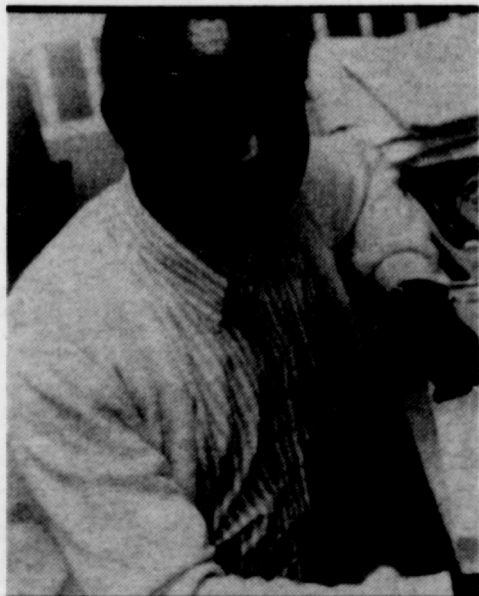
### Many U.S. views of Africa myths, says professor

By Steve Harmon  
Staff Writer

The first time the visiting Nigerian professor, John Oriji, saw an elephant it was not in Africa but at a Baltimore zoo.

Oriji, who teaches modern world history and African history at Cal Poly, said that many myths surrounding Africa persist in Western minds.

"People think that Africa is full of elephants and lions and rain forests," Oriji said. "But I tell you, I never saw an elephant until I came to America."



STEVE HARMON/Mustang Daily

John Oriji

Oriji has taught at Cal Poly for one year and extended his teaching visit for another because he enjoys it here.

"I had come to the United States on different occasions, to attend conferences and so on, but I hadn't been to the West Coast," Oriji said. "So I decided to apply for a teaching position out here — it's different than the East Coast of the United States where I went to school. I heard Cal Poly was offering a special program — modern world history, as well as African history — so I applied."

One thing he discovered about Americans was the widespread misconception that Africa is one huge country instead of the 51 or so nations it actually has. He attempts to clear up these myths in his history classes.

"Intellectuals and that sort of people are very much knowledgeable about Africa and Nigeria and other parts of the

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that have already been coded, said Wisbey, a senator from the School of Architecture and Environmental Design. If new criteria is established, the senate may ask some coded clubs to become bylawed if they do not meet the requirements.

A bylawed club is one that has been recognized by ASI and the university. It has the right to use the Cal Poly name, and receives insurance coverage and accounting services. A coded club is eligible to receive ASI subsidies because it is part of the ASI budget.

Currently, there is no standard

for coding a club besides administrative procedures. The bill would allow the Student Senate an undetermined amount of time to establish a working definition for coded clubs.

Wisbey described his definition of a coded club as, "one that serves the entire campus rather than one that serves a special interest group."

"This is not a search and destroy on any club," Wisbey said. "It's just an attempt to establish a criteria for the codes and bylaws."

Wisbey said he would like to

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## DUIs, loud-party calls keep SLO police busy

By Tara Giambalvo  
Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo police answered 45 loud-party calls and arrested 12 people for driving under the influence, beginning just hours after the San Luis Obispo mayor expressed hope for a quiet Rush Week.

However, only one of the party calls involved a fraternity.

Mayor Ron Dunin praised student behavior during Week of Welcome at last Thursday's meeting of the Student/Community Liaison Committee.

He said it was the first WOW in which he received no complaints.

"I was very proud to be in the city where there were so many busy students and no complaints," he said at the meeting. "I want to be able to say that after Rush Week."

That night the calls began, said Steve Seybold, crime prevention coordinator for the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

Of the 45 calls answered, 11 people were cited for noise, he said. That number is "unusually high," he added.

The last time I checked, noise citations were \$100 a pop," he said.

Citations are written on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the cooperation of the party-goers, number of calls to the residence and the size of the crowd, Seybold said.

Officers have one more option if the citation does not quiet the party.

"We can write a citation," Seybold said. "If we have to come back, they (the residents) can be arrested for disturbing the peace. It's never happened that I know of, but it's an option."

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— Steve Seybold, crime prevention coordinator

Last weekend's number of party calls was not unusually high, he said. The weekend before last officers responded to 54 calls.

Though people arrested for drunk driving are not asked whether they are students, the 12 arrested over the weekend, beginning Thursday night, were all in their 20s, Seybold said.

The San Luis Obispo police are "encouraging personnel to look for them," Seybold said, referring to drunken drivers.

One officer is permanently assigned to arresting drunken drivers on the weekends, he said.

The mayor could not be reached for comment.

## UCSB and Poly look to future expansion

By Stewart McKenzie  
Staff Writer

*Last in a five-part series on the University of California, Santa Barbara, on the school and how it compares to Cal Poly.*

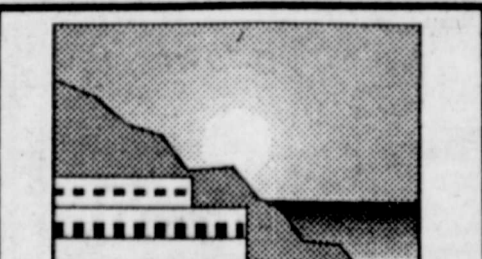
Cal Poly and its neighbor to the south, the University of California at Santa Barbara, share bright futures and similar goals, but official links between the two are limited.

Both universities are looking to a future of growth to accommodate the rise in applications to each university.

"UCSB will be at 20,000 any

day now," said Leslie Lawson, dean of students at UCSB and Poly alumnus.

"Our national reputation is growing rapidly," said Tony Domingues, Cal Poly's assistant director of relations with schools. "It's a result of our impacted



Final in series



TOM VISKOCIL/Mustang Daily

Glenn Irvin discusses his goals for the School of Liberal Arts.

## Dean wants 'liberal' back into liberal arts

By Karin Holtz  
Staff Writer

Glenn Irvin, the new interim dean for the School of Liberal Arts, wants to put the liberal back into liberal arts.

Irvin said students within the School of Liberal Arts should be receiving a broader education than they do with the present curriculum. He proposes that general education requirements for liberal arts students differ more from those for other students.

"People who graduate in liberal arts should know a lot more than their major," Irvin said. "They should know other areas of the traditional liberal arts as well."

Foreign language, science and math are three of the most important areas that are not stressed enough in the educational programs of liberal arts students, he said. He is pushing for university-level competency in a foreign language as a gradu-

ation requirement for students in his school.

Irvin said liberal arts faculty should be concerned "not only with providing a good education for its majors and taking care of G.E. for the rest of the university, but with contributing to a liberal arts education."

Irvin's term as dean runs out at the end of this school year, but these changes will take some time.

"It's a long-term kind of thing," he said. "We're not going to change it all this year."

Another of Irvin's goals is to make sure everyone at Cal Poly understands how the resources of the school are used. Many people don't know how decisions are made concerning things such as which departments get how many teachers, Irvin said.

He will not be making any changes in department allotments, but he wants to clear up any misunderstandings.

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majors."

Both universities point to the fact that state public higher education is popular and has put a strain on admitting more students. How growth will affect Cal Poly and UCSB hinges on the construction of two new universities — in the CSU, at the Ventura campus, and in the UC, at an undetermined site for a 10th campus.

Besides growth, both schools want to keep a quality student, according to administration officials. However, although they share this same goal, official student exchanges between the two do not exist.

Some schools, like Stanford, offer visiting programs. This entitles a student of one university to attend classes at another college for one quarter, receiving credit at the home school.

Currently Cal Poly offers a visiting program only to schools within the California State University system, and UCSB within the UC system. Presently, there are no plans at either school to create a visitation agreement between Cal Poly and UCSB.

"We are two different systems," said Domingues. "It's much easier to devise a policy for

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## Useless bases

Congress' passage Wednesday of a bill that could cut \$2 to \$5 billion dollars from the defense budget annually is to be applauded as a step in the right direction.

The House and Senate both approved a bill that would close 20 to 50 obsolete military bases. Of course, if Reagan signs the bill into law, there will be much wrangling over which bases should get the axe. Congress says the choices will be as apolitical as possible, but with the Capitol one must be skeptical about politics staying out of anything.

Bases picked to be closed would have at least a year's notice, according to the legislation. Though the bill passed with overwhelming support, some congressmen were worried about their constituents who might be upset over a local closure. One possible candidate for closure, Mather Air Force Base near Sacramento, has a payroll of \$219 million. On the one hand, that's a lot of money to be saved. On the other, that's a lot of jobs to be lost.

It is important to realize that the bases which may be closed most likely have outlived their purpose, and are wasting taxpayers' dollars. Some bases may have a historical value, and that was another objection raised.

We support the closure of the bases, and the fact that Congress is attempting to trim fat from the defense budget. We do, however, have some concerns about the procedure that will be used to determine which bases will be closed. We hope that all considerations, such as environmental impact and historical value, will be taken into account, in choosing the bases to be closed.

Other concerns we had: What will be done with the land? What will be done with the money? Will the defense budget actually be reduced, or will the money just go to other defense programs?

The bill could hurt some localized areas. However, if the bases are no longer useful that's not a good enough reason to keep them open.

## Letters to the Editor

### Just a 7-11 mentality

Editor — I would like to respond to Lisa Parsons' article about Spain (Oct. 12, *Mustang Daily*). It's sad to see, once more, what I call the "7-Eleven mentality." That is: narrow-minded, stereotyped, essentially superficial thinking. Allow me to smile when you affirm your absorption of the culture. Come on Lisa, be serious.

"After lunch and a six hour siesta the Spaniards go to an outdoor cafe to keep their sanity intact from the strangeness of their living arrangements" Lisa told us. Do we work at all? Did you forget that the city you are living in was founded by those sleepy people who decided to cross two oceans, perhaps erroneously, to share some of their values and beliefs? Of course,

some of them, like you, in their condescending way, expected to find tapa bars and aqueducts, roads and universities, cathedrals and castles. They did not find them. They had to build them. I can't imagine how they managed to find time between their siestas and visits to the local cafe. Next time, Lisa, go to Daytona Beach; you will find familiarity, homogeneity and simplicity. With the money you save you can do much more productive things than going to Spain to buy a gypsy doll at the time the local people like to eat and drink sangria in tourist traps.

And by the way, there is a 7-Eleven on San Bernardo Street (Madrid). Unfortunately. You might say that's the trade-in for those cities, all around us, that bear an unfamiliar name.

Miguel Angel Arjona  
MBA

# The puzzle of personality

## Past Deadline

By Donna Taylor

I call it the puzzle of my personality. Although you may not be aware of it, you have one too.

Some may call it multiple personalities. The modern technology of call-waiting is a great way to demonstrate this phenomenon. Consider your behavior when talking to your mom on the phone. Your voice becomes quiet, your feet shuffle and you are drop-kicked back to your childhood. I call it my Inferior Daughter Self.

"How's everything going, honey? Did you do your laundry this week? How was your test in .. what is that class? Astrology?"

"No Mom, astronomy. Yeah, it was *real* hard, Mom ..."

(Click) "What was that?"

"Call-waiting, Mom. Hang on a second."

"For goodness sake. Is that going to get fixed when your phone is repaired?"

"No, Mom. It's part of the phone line. We pay to have it. Hang on, Mom."

"You pay for that ...?"

(Click) "Hello."

"Donna! Sh-- what took you so long?" Now you become Mr. Hyde (Miss in my case).

"Hey, what's up?" Your voice booms out of the wimpy whisper as you become your Partier Self.

"We're going to Spike's in an hour. Can you make it?"

"Cool! I only have 30 notches left on my beer card. See ya' in an hour."

(Click — inaudible voice returns, head lowers) "Sorry about that, Mom."

"Good grief! I could have sent you a care package for what that wasted time cost. Anyway, your Auntie Jayne wants us to go there for Thanksgiving. I think I'll bring the potatoes and maybe make some pies and ..."

(Click) "Hang on Mom." A frustrated sigh at the other end loads you with guilt.

"Hello."

"Yes, Donna Taylor please," says an unknown but important-sounding voice.

"Yes, that's me."

"Miss Taylor, this is Edward Editor from the *Los Angeles Times*. I'm calling about the resume you sent."

Your heart beats a little faster as you switch to your Intelligent Self.

"Yes, sir, I'm glad you received it. Did you have a question?"

"Yes, I wanted to ask more about the senior project you did on sociological and psychological behavior between interviewers and their interviewees, and how the former can mold the conversation to receive appropriate and desired answers. It was very interesting."

"Why, thank you. I spent many hours researching the subject, conducting interviews myself and attempting various methods to control my source's answers. An analysis of the data I collected allowed me to ... " (Operator: "Emergency breakthrough for Donna. Please clear the line").

You politely ask this authoritative figure if you could please return his call.

(Phone rings) "Hi Mom." (Here occurs the biggest switcheroo of the day — from approximate 30-year-old to 10-year-old).

"For heaven's sake, you forgot about your own Mother?"

"But Mom it was the *L.A. Times*."

"I don't care who it was, I sat there listening to fuzz while Pac Bell counts their millions. I think you should get rid of this silly call-waiting."

"Yes, Mom. Now what were you saying?"

(Click) No telling what personality will emerge from within me during *this* phone call.

Donna Taylor is spotlight editor.

## Chauvinism on campus

Editor — Thank you Nicole Jones for writing your thoughts on feminism (Oct. 7 *Mustang Daily*). I was raised in a family where feminism was — well the "F" word. I came to Poly with my parents perspective even though I was an engineering major. Since then my experiences have changed my attitude greatly.

The remarks made by some of my professors are varied. A few have complained that they have had to change their language now that women are in their classes. Others have not changed and make comments like "and of course the girls naturally know what to wear for their presentations, so I don't have to tell them."

However, the most amazing comment was not from a professor, but a Cal Poly alumnus, an early '70s civil engineering grad. He said to me and a few other engineering students that women make lousy engineers. He knew *one* female engineer. Worse than his remark was my reaction; I did not believe that I had heard him correctly, no one could really mean what he had said. Not until another man fumed about the nerve of the guy did I believe it.

What is my reaction now? In spite of these encounters, I do not label the world chauvinistic. Instead, I recognize that there are people who object to my career plans, feel threatened by my goals and misunderstand the difficulties I face and consequently misjudge my actions. I can do little to change their mind-set, but I can try to prevent their attitudes from affecting mine.

But it isn't easy. Based on what I have seen in the last four years, how much more discrimination will I face?

Cheryl Ades  
Electrical Engineering

## No woman wants rape

Editor — This letter is in reference to the Oct. 10 article on Sexual Violence Awareness Week. It made me think of when my sister was sexually assaulted a while back. She told her "friend" to stop his advances, but he didn't take her seriously. He raped her. He probably thought of it as a conquest. She thought of it as pain and humiliation.

When a person tells another person "no" they usually mean it. This goes for women as well as men. I believe it to be a terrible

myth that when a woman resists a man's advances, what she really wants is for him to continue. No woman I know wants to be sexually assaulted. I also believe that many men don't realize the pain they inflict by forcing themselves on a woman.

Society does not encourage women to say no with conviction in these situations. They are encouraged instead to use polite tact in order to escape. Thus women have even been polite while trying to stop a sexual assault, whether by a stranger or an acquaintance. Men seem to confuse this tact with a desire to continue. She says no, but her acquaintance mistakes the apparent lack of conviction in her voice as a desire for him to continue. It is strictly a male fantasy that women like to be forced into sex against their will.

A sexual encounter against a woman's wishes is rape. It is violent, it is an attack, it does leave scars, both physical and emotional. I know, because it left scars on my sister.

Lance Kasari

Editor's note: A letter written by a foreign student, asking for a reply, was received by the editor. The author left no address or phone number. Will the writer(s) please contact the editor at 756-1143. On campus dial 1143.

## BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



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# Cal Poly women learn self defense using aiki jujitsu and avoidance

By Laura Fleischer  
Staff Writer

A group of Cal Poly women meet on Wednesday nights in the Crandall Gym to kick their teachers.

And although instructors Mateo Toribio and Vern Anderson leave bruised and sore, that seems to suit them just fine.

The two teach a physical education class in self defense based on aiki jujitsu and basic striking skills to about 25 women.

"By taking a class, they (the students) start realizing they can do something," Anderson said.

"We emphasize really strongly that what we teach them is designed to help them break away (from an attacker)," he said.

Each session begins with a 15-minute discussion about typical attack situations which occur

on the street, Toribio said.

Then the women work on some basic skills to use in the event of an attack.

"If we teach them 25 (skills), and they remember one to five, and one works, then we've done our job," he said.

For the last portion of the class, the teachers don their padded gear and go through a light workout with the women, which by the end of the quarter becomes an actual simulated attack.

Toribio admits that the two could wear additional protective padding to avoid getting so bruised but still choose not to.

"You turn into a Pillsbury Dough Boy and you can't move," he explained.

He estimates that 3 percent of the women who take the class have been raped or attacked.

"These situations are occurring in the area," he said. "If you look

in all the newspapers you very rarely see these types of situations, but it's not good to hide it from the students."

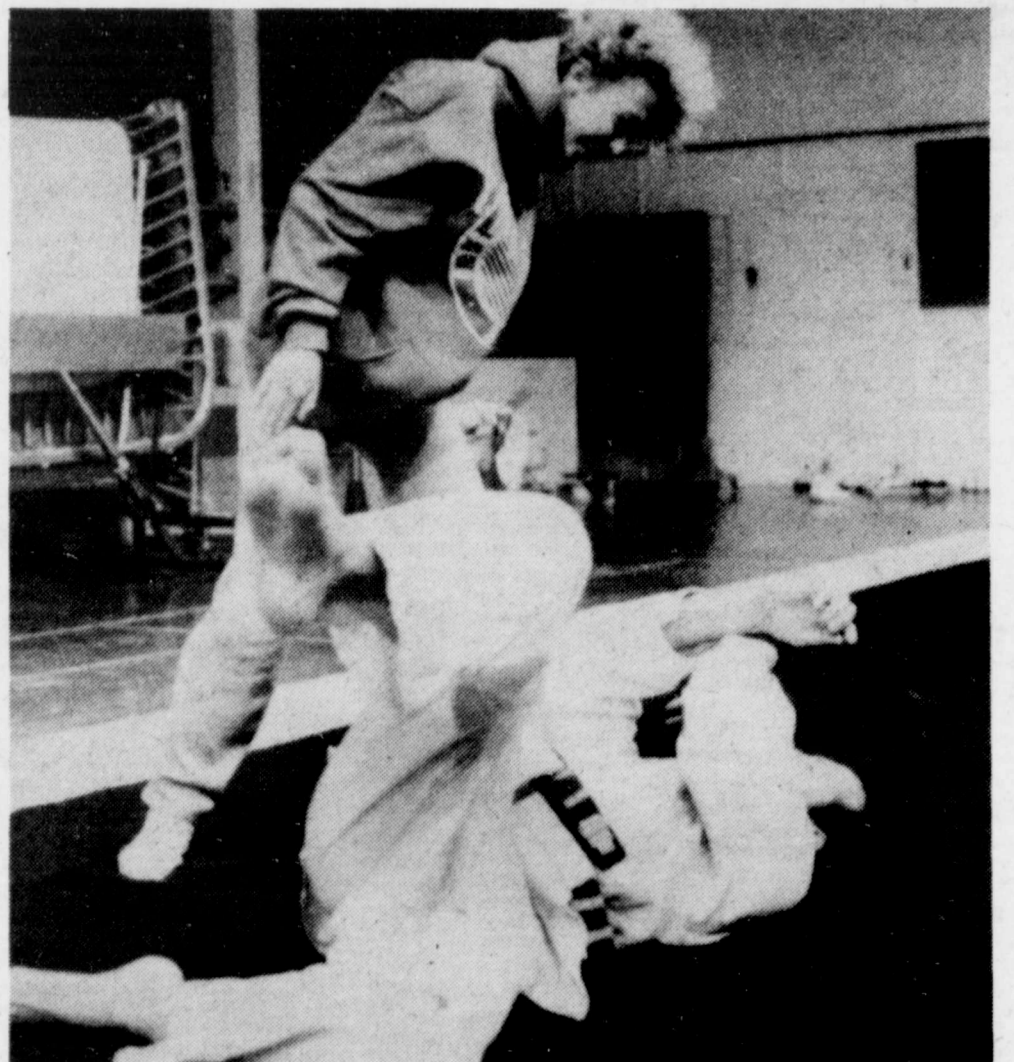
The instructors encourage the students to make avoidance of an attack their main priority.

During the holidays, for example, they suggest that women who may be remaining in San Luis Obispo in a relatively empty building should consider going to stay at a friend's house.

The two are also quick to point out that completion of this quarter-long course is not an excuse to throw caution to the wind.

But in addition to the fact that the women learn some basic self defense skills, Anderson feels the course helps in another way.

"Traditional rapists will pick the weakest person to attack," he said. "Their (the students') attitudes are changed to where it projects outward."



MICHELLE DI SIMONE/Mustang Daily

Self-defense instructor Mateo Toribio discusses throw with student.

## UCSB

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visiting status within the CSU."

In fact, the only official line of communication between Cal Poly and UCSB is the Intersegmental Advisory Committee. The committee, composed of Cal Poly, UCSB, Santa Barbara City College and Westmont representatives, is working on articulation agreements that will allow general education classes to transfer equally within the four schools.

However, some students can't wait to visit. They transfer instead.

Cheryl Solomon, 20, started at UCSB two years ago. She transferred to Cal Poly last year to enroll in animal science, a major UCSB doesn't offer.

"I really liked it at Cal Poly," she said. "The teachers are better and they care about you."

But she transferred back to Santa Barbara when she attempted to switch into biological sciences here.

"The administration isn't supportive at all (at Cal Poly). They were nasty and gave me a hard time," she said.

Her counselor wouldn't give her C.A.R. form to her after hearing about the change in ma-

jors, said Solomon. And when the counselor heard of her transferring back to UCSB, Solomon almost didn't get to register, she said.

Cal Poly industrial engineering senior Mike Baranski agreed that changing majors is harder at Cal Poly. At UCSB "you go in and sign a form. It's that easy."

The former UCSB mechanical engineer left for Cal Poly after realizing a distant goal of his wasn't being met.

"When you're having all the fun and excitement and you're in the wrong major, it doesn't add up to a good job," he said.

Baranski joins the approximately 77 UCSB transfer students at Cal Poly, some for different majors, others to leave UCSB's "impersonal" style, as

Baranski calls it. Cal Poly cares about its undergrads by offering resources that were geared toward graduate students at Santa Barbara, he said.

But Solomon was happy to be back at UCSB.

"I love this school," she said. "I like the way Isla Vista is more of a student community. I like

meeting a wide variety of people, while at Poly you tended to hang around with one group of friends."

This is the choice new students applying to Cal Poly or UCSB will make: a small town school that will get one a job; or a fully realized university with a full social life.

Both schools have the same white, affluent Californians. But each college's philosophy of education is different — proof that the ideals of UC, as the research institution, and the CSU, as the teaching institution, are fulfilling the ideals of the state's higher education plan.

## BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

## Writer's group's first meeting set

A writer's group designed to meet the needs of fiction, non-fiction, children's literature, technical and poetry writers will hold its charter meeting late this month.

The group will be known as SLO Nightwriters. It will provide a vehicle for area writers, beginners and experienced, to meet and discuss each other's material. One formal meeting will be held each month for the general membership. Workshops to cover the needs of members with particular interests will be held as the members agree.

Corrie Lynne Player, an often-published freelance writer who teaches a writing class at Cal Poly, is organizing the first meeting of the writer's group. Player moved to San Luis Obispo from the Midwest, where she was a member of Tulsa Nightwriters, a subsidiary of the Oklahoma Writer's Federation.

SLO Nightwriters' first meeting will be held in the English Building, room 210 at 7:15 p.m.

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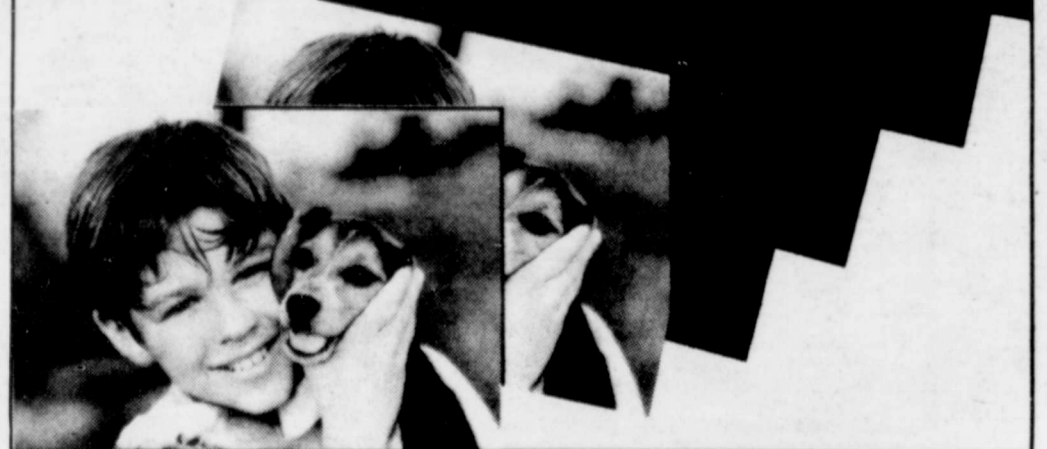
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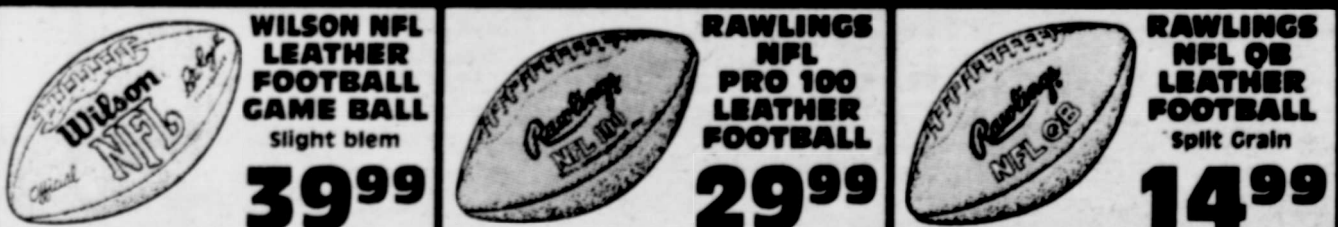
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•The Million Dollar Ultimate Hole-In-One contest begins in Pismo Beach. The contest will run through Sunday and the winner will receive \$1 million (\$500,000 split between the shooter and a Pismo Beach youth organization of her/his choice). For more information call 543-8830.

•The annual circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses will take place Saturday and Sunday in King City. The dedication talk and baptism begins on Saturday at 11:30 and the keynote address on Sunday at 1:40 p.m. The assembly will take place at the Salinas Valley Fair Grounds in King City. For more information call 995-3250.

•"The Changing Faces of AIDS" will be a Cuesta College seminar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Discovery Inn in San Luis Obispo. The course will include an update on AIDS — epidemiological, social, cultural, medical, and psychological aspects in the world, nation, California and San Luis Obispo.

For registration and further information call 546-3131.

### **Sunday**

•"The Joy of Assertiveness" will be the mini-class offered at French Hospital Medical Center at 7 p.m. For more information call 543-5353 extension 117.

### **Monday**

•The World Food Day Teleconference will be held in Chumash Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The teleconference will explore the food hunger and health issues that affect the world.

•The Cal Poly Woman's Week Committee invites groups, individuals, faculty, community members or staff to submit suggestions for possible participation in Woman's Week 1989. The theme will be "Woman and Creativity; Sharing Our experience." For further information contact Willie Colman at ext. 2476 or Mary Whiteford at ext. 2246. Proposals must be submitted before Oct. 20. Proposals from last spring will continue to be considered.

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# Running in Seoul

## Top U.S. marathoner returns to SLO after Olympics

**B**y winning the Olympic Marathon Trials in 2:12:26, Mark 'What's-his-name' of San Luis Obispo, California — a man with deeply set, almost hollow, hungry eyes — pulled off an extraordinary breakthrough. And as improbable as it seemed to everyone else, he claimed not to have been surprised.

— Runner's World July 1988

"Who was that Fast Man?" read the title at the top of the *Runner's World* article.

That "fast man" is Mark Conover, a low-keyed, 28-year-old Cal Poly graduate who likes to listen to progressive music, play catch with his dog Harriet and run in marathons, especially in Seoul.

Conover, besides being the USA's top Olympic marathoner, is just a basic "down-to-earth" kind of guy. He and his three roommates share a house with a

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—Mark Conover

snoopy mailbox out front, a Toyota MR2 in the driveway and a clothesline in the backyard.

Except for the special Olympic Reebok t-shirt and shorts, Conover looks like an average college student lounging around his house after a hard day of classes.

Only Conover is not just lounging, he is recuperating from the blisters on his feet that forced him to drop out of the Olympic Marathon in Seoul at the 18th mile.

"If I could have one wish, I would've put more vaseline on my feet and wore a different pair of socks," he said.

Conover started the Oct. 2 marathon running comfortably with the leading pack when the problems began.

"I developed such chronic blisters that I had to stop — it was like my feet caught on fire all of a sudden," he said. "I didn't even get to use all the hard work I had trained for and that's the most frustrating thing of all."

Conover and his coach, Jim Hunt, think the problem of blisters was due to friction and heat on the pavement.

Conover trained with the Olympic team in Chiba, Japan, just outside of Tokyo.

The Japanese facility had wood-chip trails for the athletes to run on, a golf course, jacuzzi, a massage parlor and "soft, comfortable beds."

"It was great, and then, we went over to Seoul," said Conover, looking grim. "The beds were uncomfortable, and the sheets

were like four-ply toilet paper — they were disposable. The Olympic Village was a real let-down after Japan."

With all the "hustle and bustle" in Seoul, Conover did not meet a lot of athletes from other countries, but he did have a chance to observe the different groups and compare them to American athletes.

The Russians tended to walk with a bit more reserve, and the European athletes were quiet, he said.

"The European system teaches people to be a lot more focused and dedicated — to stick to what the event is all about," Conover said. "Americans have a lot of other things going on in their lives which tend to make them more well-rounded individuals, but a little less focused in one event."

According to Conover, the mood at the village was very relaxed and there was a respect for other athletes' need for rest.

So, while Conover was not training, he went shopping and found plenty of Korean bargains — leather jackets for \$80 and shirts for \$5.

"I negotiated with the vendors, and they were pretty receptive about negotiating with me," Conover said. "I think everybody came out with a pretty good deal."

When asked about the 1992 Olympics, Conover became silent and looked off into the distance.

"Obviously, I have a chance to make the team, so I plan to keep running, and if it's there, it's there," he said.

Conover primarily runs for relaxation and as a way of relieving tension. His goal in running has always been to enjoy it and try to improve.

"The fact that it lead to the Olympics means that I went about it in the right way," he said.

Conover is not a competitive person. In fact, he said he usually loses at almost every game he plays — to his girlfriend at backgammon and to his friends at ping-pong and drinking games.

"But, when I race, I'm always pretty confident, so I end up beating a lot of people," he said.

Conover's parents were excited about his accomplishments but did not act as though the marathon was the greatest thing he had ever done, he said.

Pampering coaches and parents are loathed by Conover. He said he likes knowing that he developed more from his own doing.

Conover has developed a lifestyle and training program that is good for him. He has proved to the running world that he can live like a normal person, without special diets or sleeping habits and still be a good runner.

There are some "die-hard runners" who are nutrition fanatics and criticize his diet, but Conover said he does not believe in watching "every little thing."

"I eat junk food and drink beer," Con-

Story by Yumi Sera  
Photo by K.M. Cannon



Home from the Olympics, Mark Conover takes a breather with his dog, Harriet

over said. "Some people said I should improve my diet. I say, if it's working, why change it."

Conover's running career began at Miramonte High School in Orinda, California where he grew up.

He went out for the cross country and track team his freshman year but quit because the running was "too painful and he hated it."

"I tried out for soccer but about 100 other people did too," Conover said. "I didn't like it. I wasn't getting any attention or playing time, so I went back to running and stuck with it. Positive reinforcements kept me going."

Conover continued his running in college for Humboldt State. He left Humboldt with a bachelor's degree in natural resource planning/interpretation, eight All-American honors in cross-country and

regional planning.

"My city regional planning major worked as a compliment for my running," he said. "It forced me to fall into a well structured daily routine in order to be productive in everything I was doing. I had to keep alert and maintain a focus."

Focus is important to Conover who said his next task is to concentrate on his immediate future. He recently signed a 3-year contract with Reebok but wants to use his running experience and ability to help other people.

He would like to coach or provide input to improve the conditions of long distance running in the United States.

Conover's advice to anyone training for the Olympics is "not to get too consumed by the sport. Do other things and have fun."

"It's just running, and it's not like I'm doing the world a great service or anything," he said. "I can't take it too seriously or get too upset over it, because in the end, I'm taking it a lot more serious than anyone else in all likelihood."

His friends have been supportive and still treat him just like one of the guys.

"Just because I'm an Olympic marathoner doesn't make me different from anyone else. I still hang out and drink beers on Friday night."

Conover is amused by all the media attention he has received because he's the type of person who is happy to sit inside the house and read rather than create hype.

"I've been the focus of a lot of attention, and sometimes, I'd rather be left alone," he said. "But I'm having a good time and if anyone wants to meet me at McCarthy's and buy me a beer ... give me a call and we'll set up a time."

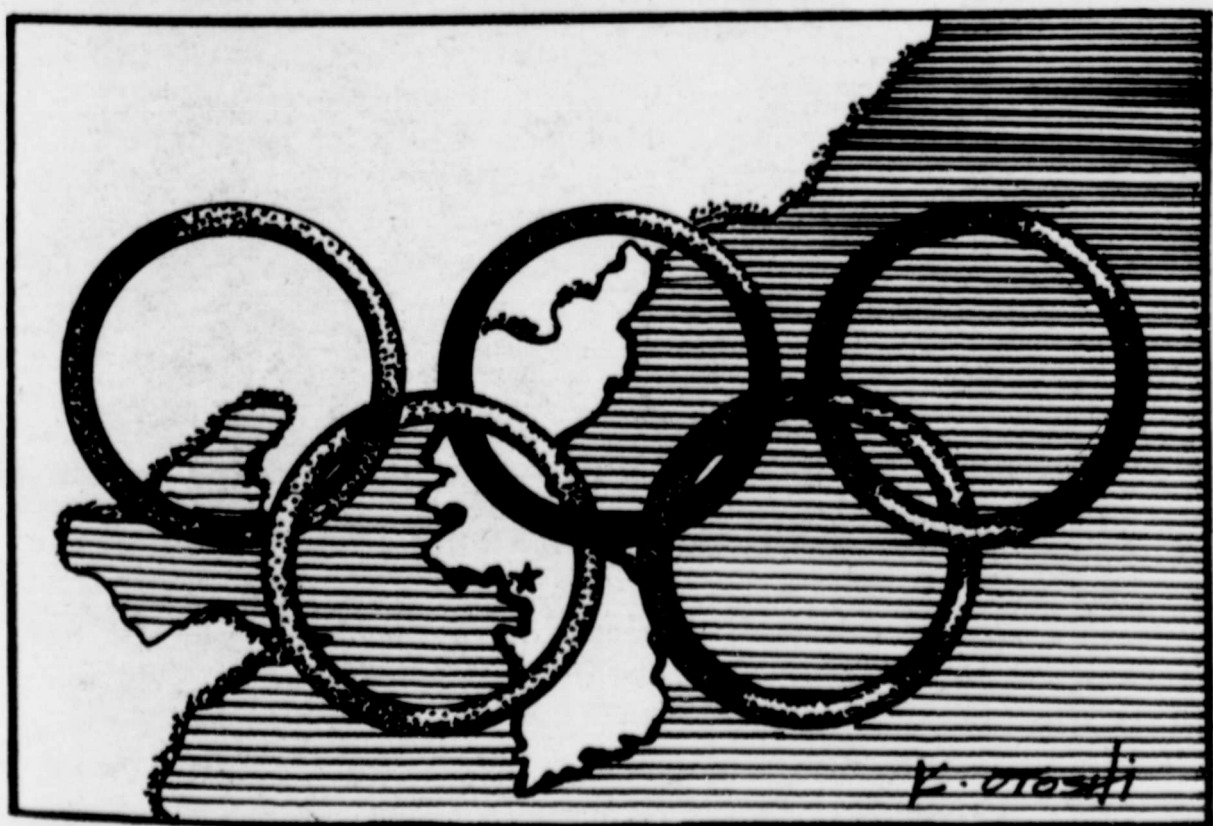
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three national championships in cross country.

"In 1980, we (Humboldt State's cross country team) won the national championships. I think we had to beat Cal Poly's team for the title," Conover said with a smile. "Isn't that ironic?"

Unfortunately, by the time Conover started at Cal Poly, he had already ran four years and was ineligible to run under NCAA regulations. He graduated from Cal Poly in 1987 with a master's in city





## ORIJ

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world," Oriji said. "But shopkeepers and others are not so knowledgeable."

He illustrated his point by telling of an experience he had.

"One day I was buying gas and the young man asked me where I was from and I told him Nigeria. He said, 'Oh, that's close to South Africa, isn't it?'" Oriji said and laughed.

Oriji said another myth is that AIDS came from Africa, as some medical reports in the West have said.

"Doctors now say that there are many strains of the AIDS virus so it could not have come from one place," Oriji said. "Originally, doctors said East Africa was where AIDS began but they have only proved maybe

five or six cases as positive there. And everybody thinks that in Africa there is famine, that people are begging for food, that people are homeless — that is simply not the case. Africa is a big continent. What happens in one place doesn't necessarily happen in another."

Oriji said many false perceptions of Africa exist due to the bias of the American press, which only reports on the negative events that occur.

"Reporters are simply writing about what will please their audience," Oriji said. "They report what people in America want to hear about Africa based on reports from explorers and missionaries in the field."

Oriji said these reports stem from the desire of those in the field to get more money from supporters in America who want to believe Africa is a romantic

jungle land out of a Tarzan movie.

"More money will come to you if you're a missionary and you tell people in America about the jungle and the pagans and so on," Oriji said. "If you tell them that Africans have their own civilizations and ways of life then you get no money — you die of starvation at your outposts. Paint dark pictures of heathens who have never seen civilization and — poof! — missionaries receive money to save souls."

Nigeria has two major religions: Islam, practiced mainly in the north and western parts of the country, with about 50 million followers; and Christianity, which is spread out and accounts for about 33 percent of the population's religious preference. Oriji said about 10 percent of Nigerians still practice the ancient religion of animism.

Oriji said Nigeria is the most populated African nation, with about 107 million people — accounting for 16 percent of the total population of the African continent. It's also the most densely populated African country, being geographically about the same size as California, said Oriji.

He said that another widespread myth in the West is that all Africans are of the same background and share a common culture.

"People think that all black men share the same culture," Oriji said, "that since you're black you share the same orientation, that you don't have wars among the Africans, right? The truth is that even within small countries you find different cultures."

He emphasized that there are no such thing as "tribes" in Africa — that the correct term is cultures. He said the term "tribes" implies a primitiveness that does not exist in modern Africa.

"If people think about my own ethnic group, the Ibo, as a tribe then they have a problem proving we're a tribe," Oriji said. "There are not less than 20 cities in Iboland (located in eastern Nigeria) and I have never heard of a tribal head of the Ibo — who is this man? I have never met him," Oriji said, again laughing. "If there is no tribal chief how can you have a tribe?"

He compared the diversity of the various ethnic groups of Nigeria and Africa to the diversity of various groups found on the European continent — the Europeans are white but have vastly different histories and cultures. He said that Africans share the same color of skin with each other too, but that skin is not indicative of cultural heritage.

Oriji said Westerners should understand African history because in it lies the seat of civilization, the origin of mankind.

"You only need to look at history to see where it all started, where man was first created," Oriji said.

Nigerian recent history has been one of turbulent change.

The country has experienced numerous coups since its independence from Great Britain in 1960, some of which have been bloody.

About 20 of the past 28 years of independence have been under military rule, with one general after another operating as head of state and other military officers taking governorship posi-

tions in the many Nigerian regions.

At one point, in the late 1960s, the region near where Oriji grew up seceded from Nigeria and called itself Biafra. The battle was over newly discovered petroleum reserves in the eastern region and who would get the revenues from the oil produced — the national government or the locally appointed one?

In 1970 the rebellion was crushed and Biafra was reintegrated into Nigeria. A federal economic blockade of Biafra caused an estimated 500,000 to 2 million deaths during the war. Those who died were mostly Ibos.

Oriji said there are hopes for democratic rule in Nigeria. He said he likes the United States because of its example of democracy — an example that Nigeria would like to follow. Oriji said the transition from the current military rule to a democratic form is under proposal and slated for 1992.

"Once the military has power then it is hard to keep them in the barracks," Oriji said. "With the military interfering you can't have a civilian democracy."

He said the transition in 1992 would be an experiment because civilians don't have experience in running a government.

Oriji earned his bachelor's degree in history from the University of Nigeria at Nsukka (founded by the University of Michigan in 1960), then came to the United States and earned his master's degree from Johns Hopkins University, in Maryland. Shortly after, in 1977, he earned a Ph.D. from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

"Michigan State founded the University of Nigeria, Nsukka," Oriji said. "It was the first Nigerian university to use the American system of education instead of the British."

He said the American way is based more on lecture and discussion whereas the British way is formal lecture only.

"Most universities in Nigeria have adopted the American way because it is much more open," he said.

Through his education, Oriji said, he learned to have a more realistic view of America than some of the other people of Nigeria.

"The lower classes in Nigeria think of America as a land of honey, a land of roses," Oriji said. "They don't realize that you have to work hard to survive here."

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## DEAN

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Irvin's ideas are not only those of an administrator, but also of a student and teacher of the liberal arts. Prior to his appointment as vice provost and later associate vice president for Academic Affairs and university dean at Cal Poly, he was on the East Texas State University administration.

Irvin also has been a university English professor and a high-school teacher. He holds a B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. in English from Arizona State University.



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He said the lower classes think if somebody comes back to Nigeria from the United States he or she must be bringing back millions of dollars. He added that the intellectual elite and the business class in Nigeria have a more realistic view of America.

"Businessmen who come here, to New York or Chicago, they know better," Oriji said. "They know about the competition here. They know that if you come to the United States for one week you're not going home to Nigeria as a millionaire."

Oriji said Nigerians enjoy imported American and British entertainment.

"American shows are the most popular in Nigeria," Oriji said. "Shows like 'All In The Family,' 'Sanford and Son' — and American music is popular as well."

He said that some of the larger cities in Nigeria resemble cities found in the West.

He did not think of the preponderance of Western entertainment as "cultural imperialism," but said that Nigerians are simply going with what's in vogue for the moment.

"People are free to watch what they want to watch as long as they don't interfere with the rights of others," he said.

Part of the similarity between some Nigerian cities and cities in the West is due to the British colonial rule, which lasted from the 19th century until the early part of the 20th century.

Oriji said Nigeria's achievement of independence from Great Britain in 1960 was peaceful.

"Many of the British ways and customs persist in Nigeria — they were inherited," Oriji said.

One such inheritance is language. English is the official language, with Hausa, Ibo and Yoruba being the other principal languages. These three languages are spoken in the north, east and west, respectively.

The educational system bears a strong resemblance to the British system, but is slowly adopting American methods, Oriji said.

"The British system is formal lecture," Oriji said, "while the American system is formal but includes discussion afterwards."

Nigeria encourages American professors to teach there.

*Monday: A Cal Poly professor who took Nigeria up on it's offer.*

## SENATE

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see ASI freed from investing time and money in clubs that only serve a segment of the student population. When a club is coded, ASI must appoint its officers and set up a budget for them. "We'd like to keep those clubs down to a minimum."

Clubs that are political, religious or special interest groups are clubs that Wisbey described as not serving the entire student population. He gave the example of Poly Christian Fellowship as a club which only serves part of the student body.

On the other hand, the Rose Float, WOW Board and sports are examples of clubs that serve the campus as a whole.

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## Sports

## Poly hosts top meet in the West

By Bruce Sutherland  
Staff Writer

Runners throughout the West and Midwest will be in San Luis Obispo this Saturday to compete in Cal Poly's 12th Annual Cross Country Invitational.

"This is considered by many to be the premiere meet in the western region of the country," said Tom Henderson, men's cross country coach.

"It's the last big meet before the conference and regional meets," and everyone comes to find their seven best runners to go into the final competition, he said.

NCAA rules only allow a university to compete with seven-man teams during the finals.

There are about 30 men's and 25 women's teams competing in the race, making it the largest meet in California.

"We've got teams coming from all over the West," Henderson said. "The tough part is going to be figuring the unknowns."

The "unknowns" are Cal State Los Angeles, Nebraska, and Kansas State. Cal State LA is making its first appearance of the year and the other two schools do not normally compete this far west.

Henderson's team is coming off a perfect showing at last

week's Cal Poly Duel in Pomona and a strong win at the Northridge Invitational.

"We had all eight men finish in the top eight positions in Pomona," he said. And across town, "Our 'B' team won in Northridge. A rather productive day."

Henderson expects tough competition this weekend. Particularly from UCLA, which Cal Poly has not beaten, and last year's champions, the Reebok Aggies.

The men's course length is five miles, beginning at the Crop Science Unit and heading north. The route stays mainly on the north side of Highland Avenue except for a short trip around the cornfield on the south side.

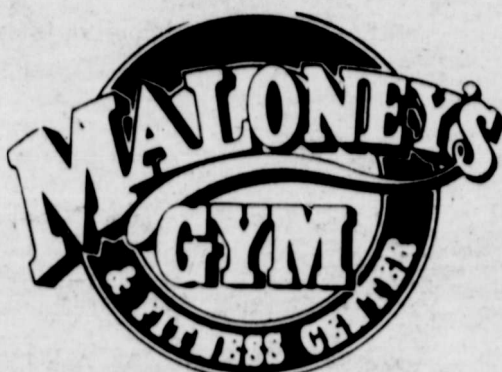
The finish line is the same as

the starting line, but little more than a mile of the course is repeated. Much of the race is spent out on the outer rim of the agricultural area.

The women's course begins out by the Poultry Unit and heads south going around the Crop Science Unit. There it goes parallel to Highland and then out north to the various agricultural units and ends at the Crop Science Unit.

Two men's races and two women's races will be held due to the large number of entries received. The men's invitational run will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the men's open will be at 9:30 a.m.

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