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ET students prepare to fight legal battle

By Allison Gatlin
Staff Writer

Engineering technology students are taking the fight to save their department to the courtroom.



Students have organized for a legal battle to prevent the elimination of the department, student leaders announced Friday.

The basis for this effort is an attempt to preserve the polytechnic focus of the university, according to a student statement.

Students feel that the planned elimination of ET is based on political reasons, not budgetary reasons, said Sam McIntosh, chairman of the ET Legal Defense committee.

Their statement claims that President Warren Baker and his administration "have made repeated, deliberate and abusive attacks on the polytechnic format of this university." They hold that these cuts are against the mission of the university, as established in Title Five of the California Education Code.

Although the committee is not trying to work within a set dead-

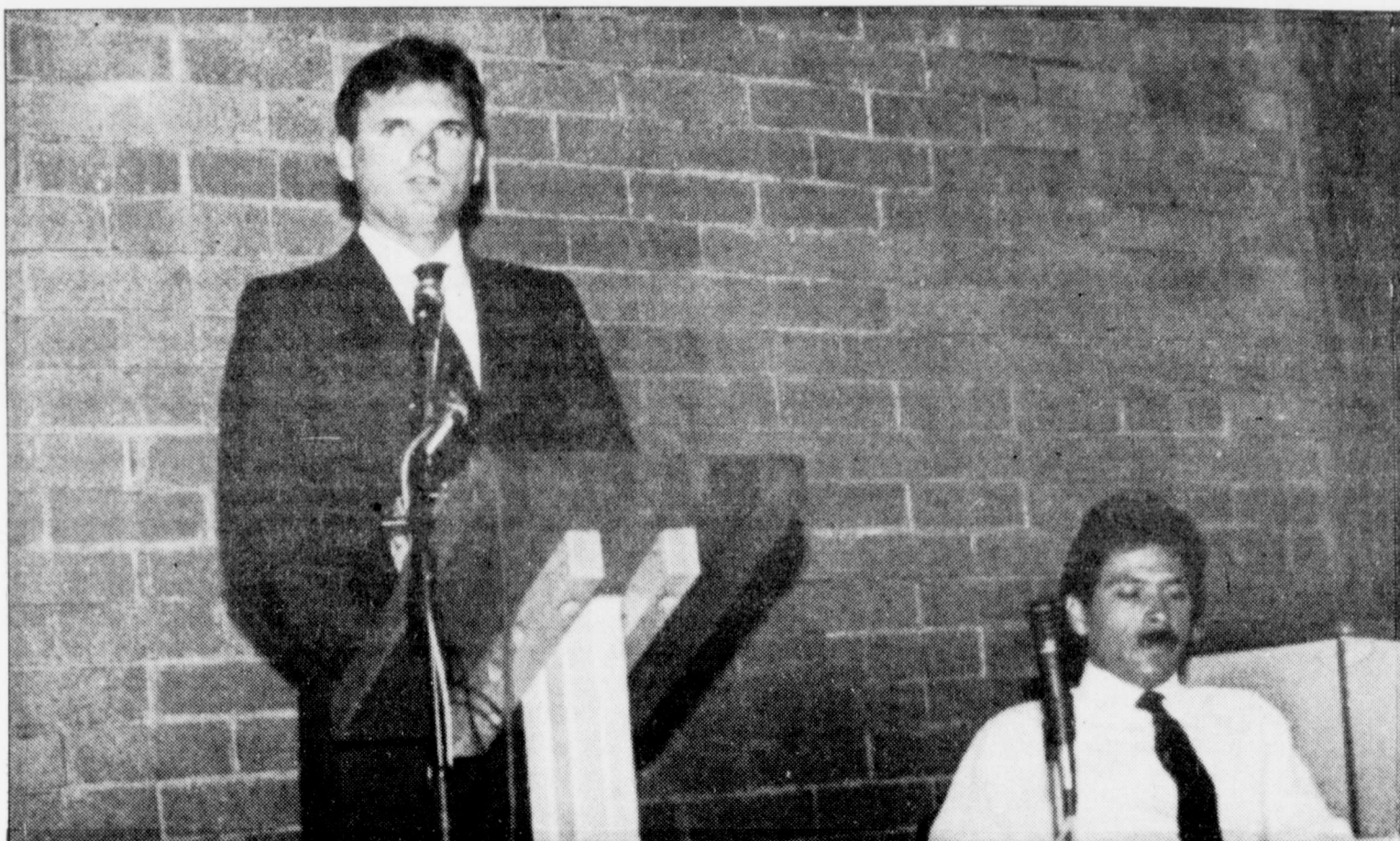
line, McIntosh said, they hope to be able to file a suit within a week.

According to McIntosh, the legal action is based on three points. The first point is that the students feel that the department does not meet the criteria the administration has said it used to determine cuts. Second, established procedures for eliminating a department have not been followed. The third point holds that ET is an applied technology, and therefore it belongs at a polytechnic school and is a function of a polytechnic school.

To assist their efforts, students have retained the legal services of local lawyer Jacqueline Frederick for advice and counsel, according to their statement.

The students also are pursuing an injunction against the university in order to prevent it from continuing actions which are eroding the program, said John Luna, president of the American Society of Engineering Technology.

The injunction would stop such actions as letters that are now being sent to incoming students. These letters inform them of the elimination of ET and sug-



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Members from the engineering technology department said at a Friday press conference that the planned elimination of their department is based on political reasons, not budgetary reasons.

gests that they either attend another university, attend Cal Poly under a different major or — if they choose to attend Cal Poly as an ET major — to plan to graduate in three years, McIntosh said.

Other action that an injunction would prevent is the establishment of student contracts, already being drafted, Luna said. These contracts would require

current students to take 12 to 14 core units in their major, in addition to required general education and breadth classes. The contracts would also specify when the students should graduate.

In addition, students would be required to maintain a 2.0 grade-point average or come under review by the university, according to Luna.

"This, in effect, puts us on probation the moment they announced the cuts," he said.

The legal battle is being fought entirely by donated funds. So far nearly \$3,000 has been collected, McIntosh said.

Students also are soliciting support from industry and other sources, Luna said.

The challenges of homosexuality

A Poly engineering student tells what it is like to be gay

By Katherine Gill
Staff Writer

Basil Fiorito, a human sexuality professor at Cal Poly, has analyzed various surveys attempting to estimate the size of the national homosexual population.

The best current estimate is that 5 percent of the general population in the United States is exclusively or predominantly homosexual, he said. Since there is no way to accurately count the gay population, this figure is a rough guess, he added.

If Cal Poly was to hold true to this national approximation, it would mean that one of every 20 students on campus is gay.

Fiorito said he thought most people would be surprised by the number of homosexuals and bisexuals in the community.

"People walk around in a bubble thinking everyone is heterosexual just like them when actually, the person right next to them might be homosexual," Fiorito said. "You just can't tell."

Kevin is a 26-year-old

This is the first in a three-part series about homosexuality

PART 1

THE PERSONAL STORY OF A GAY CAL POLY STUDENT

mechanical engineering student at Cal Poly. He looks and sounds just like a "normal" Cal Poly student, but many would not consider him so. Kevin is "different" because he is gay.

Kevin grew up in what he described as a conservative family that attended church every Sunday. He said it was an environment that was not sympathetic to homosexuals.

"You grow up knowing that it's wrong," he said.

Kevin said discovering that

he was gay was a gradual process.

"Your body and your mind send you clues all while you're growing up, but you dismiss them, or don't believe them or deny them," he said.

"When you are growing up

gay, as a little kid, there's a lot of self-loathing, a lot of guilty feelings and a lot of soul searching," he said. "You're confused but you don't know why, and you're scared but you don't know why. It's real difficult."

Kevin said he remembers back in seventh or eighth grade, thinking about some boy he liked and saying to himself, "Kevin, if you don't stop thinking this way you're going to be a fag."

"I guess that didn't stop me," he said, laughing.

Kevin said he was in ninth grade before he could admit to himself that he was gay.

"I got to the point where I said 'OK, I am gay and no one has to know. Me and God and See HOMOSEXUALITY, page 12

Congressional candidate wants efficiency, morality

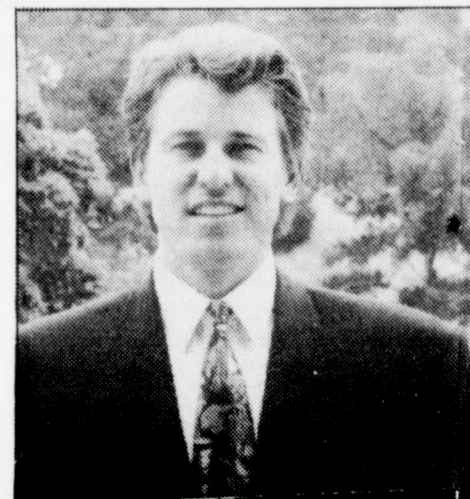
By Brad Hamilton
Staff Writer

Republican Gordon Klemm wants to unsnarl the inefficiency of modern government and return to the ideals established by the founding fathers of this country. He hopes to do this by being elected to the 22nd Congressional District seat in the House of Representatives.

Klemm, 34 years old and a resident of Arroyo Grande since 1983, is running against Congressman Robert Lagomarsino, Michael Huffington and Dick Pauly to be the Republican candidate for the newly formed district. This congressional battle is expected to be one of the most expensive races in the nation. Millions of dollars already have been poured into the campaigns.

However, Klemm has only spent \$9,000 for TV commercials, radio spots and other promotional schemes. This is almost five times less than the \$44,000 Huffington spent on commercials at KSBY, said W. Erik DeJong, Klemm's campaign manager.

David Friend, Klemm's media relations director, said Huffington has gone overboard with his spending.



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Gordon Klemm

"I hear people calling him Uncle Huffington because the man puts their children to bed at night, he wakes their kids up in the morning, he has coffee with them for breakfast and he has lunch with them in the afternoon," Friend said in reference to the numerous Huffington advertisements. "It's that crazy."

Friend said the Huffington and Lagomarsino advertisements have hit a saturation point; he said they lack information on the issues and people are frustrated.

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Election fever...

SLO supervisor candidates do some last minute stumping and talk about a few of the county's key issues.

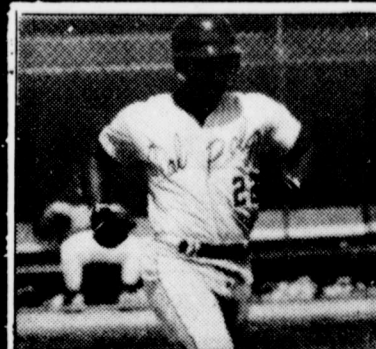
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Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter George Ramos discusses his experiences covering the L.A. riots.

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Find out how Poly baseball did in last weekend's College World Series.

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WORLD

People buy souvenirs of Thailand's revolt

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — The pro-democracy revolt that spread via fax and cellular phone is being transformed into popular history with another high-tech tool: videotape.

On Rajdamnern Avenue in downtown Bangkok, where protesters fell under bursts of M-16 gunfire on May 17-20, the business of turning the dead and injured into martyrs and heroes has been brisk.

Hundreds of eager Thais crowd around, money in hand, as sidewalk hawkers cash in on the drama of the democracy activists. Videos are the hottest items, but other fast sellers include four-color commemorative magazines and gory snapshots of dead protesters wrapped in Thai flags.

This privately merchandised, instantly packaged history, not any official version, seems to be winning the people's minds. Analysts say that should be a warning to future autocrats who would clamp down on an emerging middle class that has the means of mass communication once reserved for the state.

Modern technology also has played some role in anti-government movements
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NATION

U.S. opts not to build high-speed supertrains

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is applying the brakes to the development of an ultra-fast ground transportation network, while high-speed trains swoosh across the countryside in Europe and Japan.

"America has all the knowledge, ability, and resources needed to build supertrains, but has failed to build even one line anywhere in the country," author Joseph Vranich writes in his new book, "Supertrains, Solutions to America's Transportation Gridlock."

He says Washington has "binged on aviation and highways for so long, is so steeped in the postwar auto and aviation mentality, that it cannot see a transportation revolution taking place before its eyes."

Japan is introducing a new generation of bullet trains. The French TGV express routinely achieves speeds of 186 mph. Germany is honing technology to float magnetically propelled trains along guide rails at speeds up to 300 mph.

Meanwhile, Washington is studying the situation.

"We should be building high-speed trains
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STATE

AIDS disclosure laws aid suspected rapist

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An AIDS confidentiality law prohibits health officials from telling 11 rape victims that a man under investigation in their assaults is infected with the AIDS virus.

One of the women said she has been advised she may have been exposed to the virus, but health officials refused to tell her how or when.

Dr. Martin Finn, AIDS program medical director for the county Department of Health Services, declined to discuss the case except to call it unique.

"I can't say I've ever heard of one like it before," said Finn.

Under the Los Angeles County Health and Safety Code, disclosing the identity of a person who tested positive for the AIDS virus could result in a \$10,000 fine or a year in jail if the revelation leads to "economic, bodily or psychological harm."

The man in question has been charged in the rapes of four women, and is under investigation the rapes of 11 more, the Daily News of Los Angeles reported Sunday.

Several people associated with the case
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WELLNESS WELLNESS WELLNESS

Summer time could better students' lives

By Michelle Montna
Special to the Daily

Finals are almost over, and summer is almost here. This year has just flown by and your old common routine is about to change. People are graduating, going home for the summer, breaking up, traveling, working and seeing much more or even less of their families.

If you're graduating, it must be stressful for you to think about missing your college friendships and starting a whole new life. With the job
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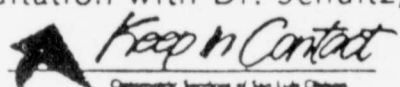
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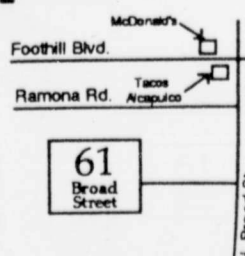
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Supervisor candidates speak out

Hopefuls for three county districts explain their views on growth, water, other issues at forum

By Minka Parsons
Staff Writer

The San Luis Obispo branch of the American Association of University Women sponsored a candidates' forum Thursday night for the supervisorial race for San Luis Obispo County.

Candidates for Districts 1, 3 and 5 were there to answer questions from the public and give individual statements. Two of the candidates for District 1 did not attend.

District 1 includes north Atascadero, Templeton, Paso Robles and the areas east to the Carrisa Plains. District 3 includes much of south San Luis Obispo, Avila Beach, Shell Beach, Pismo Beach and Grover City. District 5 includes south Atascadero, Santa Margarita and north San Luis Obispo.

The forum began with District 3 candidates. Darlena Alexander, Chuck Comstock, Evelyn Delany and Roger Freberg discussed their positions on important county issues.

Alexander said she believes in responsible controlled growth and improving and expanding community programs, especially for senior citizens and youths.

Alexander said she wants to return county government to the people.

Comstock, who is also the mayor of Grover City, said he would work to help the economy by stopping the loss of jobs and stated the need for planned growth.

"I will continue to work towards the betterment of San Luis Obispo," Comstock said.

Freburg emphasized the fact that Mayor Ron Dunin supports him in the race and stressed the need to find "creative solutions."

"We should allow retirees to bring their Proposition 13 tax bases into the county, bring business into the area and stimulate the economy," Freberg said.

Delany, the District 3 incumbent, is basing her platform on experience.

"I'm experienced, effective and I listen," Delany said.

Delany doesn't support the proposal by Freberg to get retirees to bring their tax bases into the county because she said it "would cost the county budget millions of dollars."

"It would be counterproductive," Delany added.

After an hour had passed, it was time to hear from the candidates for District 5. Candidates David Blakely, Wendy Nogle, Glen Ratteree and Mike Whiteford gathered in front of

the audience to speak.

Whiteford said that he would "work to bring good, clean industries into San Luis Obispo."

"Our county's greatest asset is the young people. We don't want to continue to divide the county into haves and have nots. Blakely chose not to put state water on the ballot. He's telling the future of San Luis Obispo County that they shouldn't be there," Whiteford said.

Blakely, the District 5 incumbent, said he fought to pass a law that would not take water allocated from the state's reserve. He said that this, therefore, lowered property taxes of residents in the county.

Blakely said he is for "clean air, safe streets, livable communities and excellent schools."

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Candidates express ideas about which direction to steer county

By Minka Parsons
Staff Writer

In determining the future of San Luis Obispo County, there are a number of issues that must first be considered.

Economics, unemployment, growth and water are issues that supervisorial candidates have stated concern over, and each of the candidates have different views on what the future of San Luis Obispo County should be.

"We need a blueprint of our county's future," District 5 Candidate Mike Whiteford said, adding that the blueprint should include long-term economic growth and stability.

Whiteford said he wants to bring "good, clean industries"

into San Luis Obispo and create jobs for college graduates.

District 3 Candidate Darlena Alexander said she would like to see local residents who need jobs stay in San Luis Obispo County, and businesses need to support local jobs for local people.

Alexander said San Luis Obispo County might as well put a sign up that says "have people, need jobs."

Alexander added that the need to explore all the options of State Water is necessary to the future of the county.

Chuck Comstock, District 3 candidate and mayor of Grover City, said the issues San Luis Obispo County should be concerned about are the economy,

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Pulitzer-winning reporter relays L.A. riot experiences

By Christy Halderman
Staff Writer



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George Ramos

Los Angeles could erupt with violence again, a Pulitzer Prize-winning Los Angeles Times reporter told a class of Cal Poly students and faculty.

George Ramos, a 1969 Cal Poly graduate, said if the men who beat truck driver Reginald Denny are convicted, "L.A. will go up again."

Ramos spoke Thursday about the media's perspectives of the L.A. riots and about his own experience during the riots.

"It was, in fact, a riot," Ramos said. "But it was a rainbow riot — there were blacks, there were whites, there were Latinos, there were Asians. There were well-intentioned people and there were punks."

Ramos said the rioters had two things in mind — to "screw authority" and show their frustration about the system.

"Drive-by shootings are at their lowest point in 20 years since the riots..."

George Ramos,
Los Angeles Times

Ramos said one man pointed a gun at him for about five seconds outside the Los Angeles Times building while Ramos was covering the riots.

Ramos said the man, wearing a black L.A. Raiders hat, T-shirt and jacket, aimed at him from about eight feet away, but then put the gun down, threw a rock at the Los

Angeles Times building and ran away.

Ramos said that experience and the riots changed himself and Los Angeles.

"It is not the city I once thought it was," said Ramos, who was born and raised in downtown Los Angeles.

"It would be as if you went to your hometown, you saw people that you thought you knew and suddenly they did stuff that you thought they would never do," he said.

"They would burn their own homes, their own businesses, their own post office, their own future."

Ramos said during the riots, "L.A. was a cross between Beirut and Miami, with a touch of Havana."

"(It was) really a Third World place," he said.

Ramos said that although he thinks the riots are over, rebellion is underway in Los Angeles and that things must change and solutions need to be found.

He described the city as a mosaic with separate, distinct

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COMMENTARY

Conformity is the number-one problem with society

By Ethan Plotkin

Question: What's the number-one problem with society today? A plethora of answers immediately springs to mind. Elderly drivers? Morning breath? Is it stress? Diet cola?...No! It's none of these things. The guilty party is conformity.

The main problem with adults in today's society is their growing lack of independence. Historically, man has had a "looking out for number one" attitude. He did not rely on the help of others. As a result, he became strong and well-acclimated to his environment. Today's adult male, and female, just don't seem to have the extra "umph" needed to be a true individual.

First, let's define the adult world. Adulthood has nothing to do with chronological age. It describes a chronic state of mind: conservative, practical, superior, powerful. Perhaps it's a coincidence, but most Republicans seem to be adults.

This, of course, does not exclude any other political parties from the exclusive club of adulthood (except for the Peace & Freedom Party). George Bush is an adult. Dianne Feinstein is an adult. Cher...is not an adult.

Now, to prove my point, adults are not beyond conformity. To see this, one has to look upon the world through cynical, objective eyes. Why don't business people dress in comfortable clothes? Why do they only wear constrictive suits, uncomfortable pumps and wing-tips?

The answer is simple: Everybody else does it. It is necessary to conform in order to succeed in the business world. What would people say if Cecil Everyman showed up to work in his Spiderman pajamas just because they are more comfortable? How would it be taken if Mary Whatever arrived at the office in sweats and a New Kids T-shirt? Surely, the office would scoff.

Not convinced? I shall continue. Why do clothing companies put labels on the outside of clothing? It's because they know that people who buy their clothes want to conform with a certain class of people. Car companies do this also. Now I ask, why do we tear off the labels on pillows? Why don't shower and toilet companies print their names in large colorful letters across their products?

Because these companies know that the general public doesn't see bathroom accessories or bed linens. Hey, what if suddenly bathroom components were stylish? I can hear the conversation now.

"Hey Joe, I just had to relieve myself and I noticed that you have a Superflusher. Wow! That's the Mercedes of toilets."

"Heh heh, thanks Maurice. I'm still making payments on that baby."

The fact is that people pull the sticky labels off of their bathroom and kitchen big ticket items. Yet, I don't see Jake Ratrace out there with a screwdriver removing the BMW

nameplate from his convertible.

I know that this supporting logic may seem a bit extreme, but I think it makes darn good sense. Until the adult world sets a non-conforming example for our children to follow, I'm afraid mass conformity will continue to run amok.

Until I see Henry Kissinger

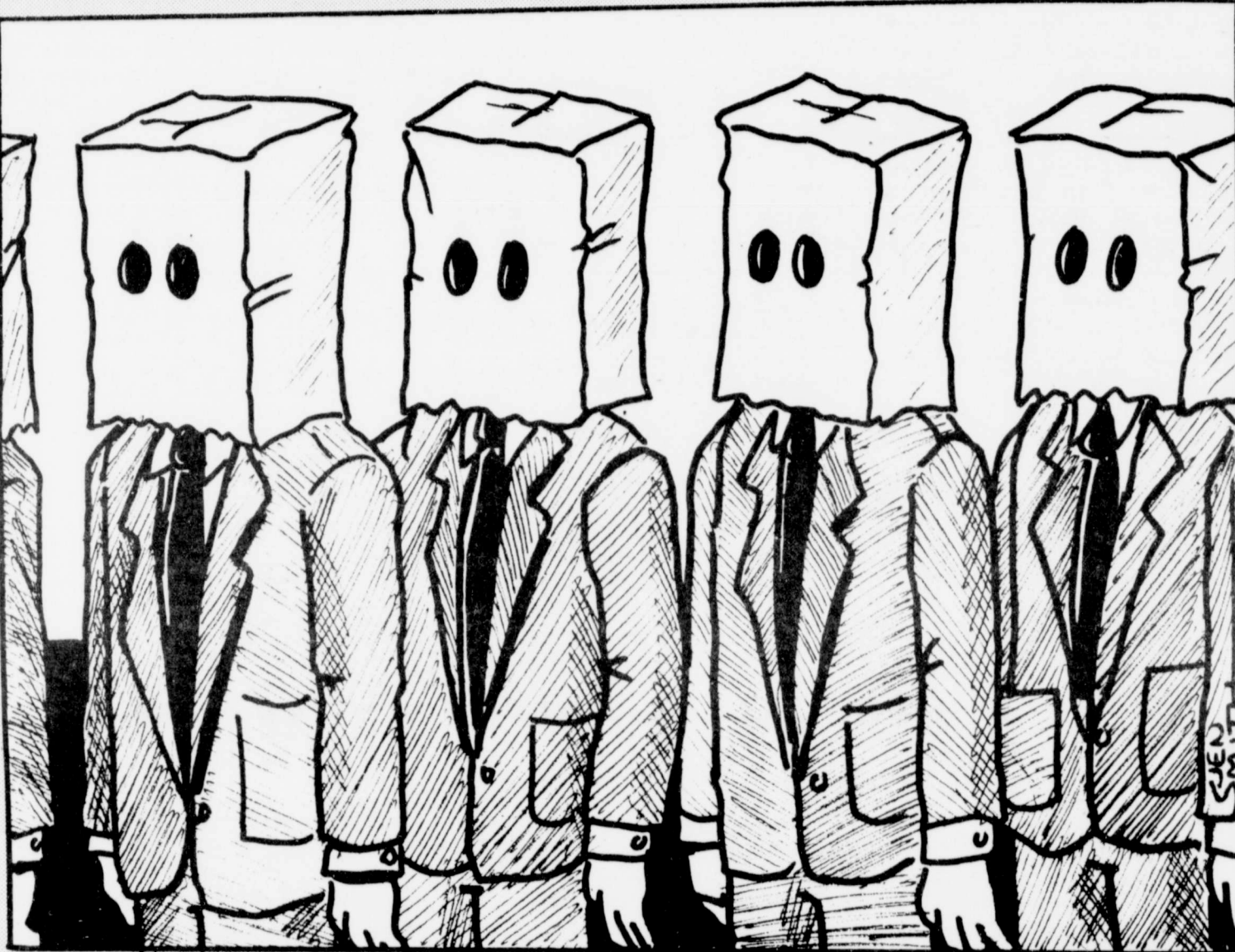
fulfill his lifelong dream of trying out for the New York Yankees, until I see Nancy Reagan finally taking those belly-dancing lessons, until I see my father go bungee jumping like I know he wants to, I see no hope of stamping out rampant conformity.

We will all become a nation

of Big Mac-eating lemmings, blindly walking off cliffs.

The future is bleak, but if everyone goes out and breaks a major law today, there may yet be hope.

Ethan Plotkin is a mechanical engineering senior.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hats off to the National Guard

I, like Wil Gentle (a Cal Poly student mentioned in the Thursday Mustang Daily article, "Students relay riot experiences"), called my National Guard unit on Wednesday night, as I watched in horror the devastation unfolding on television.

I was told immediately that our unit was on standby and that I should call my platoon members and tell them to get ready. We were activated on Friday and at 7 a.m. I was on my way to Los Angeles.

I spent the better part of the month of May in flight suit and a flak jacket flying combat troops over the skies of South Central Los Angeles as a National Guard helicopter pilot. I witnessed, firsthand, the devastation of the cities of Compton and Watts.

I saw little children playing across the street from entire city blocks that were burned out. I listened as the ground troops, rotating from the "zone," spoke of shots fired, bottles and bricks being thrown

and cars chasing them down. I heard of mothers suddenly afraid that the stores they looted on Thursday were out of food and wouldn't be re-opening. It made no sense.

For those of us stationed at Los Alamitos Armed Forces Reserve Center, life was very exciting the first week. I spent the better part developing plans and briefing the generals as to my aviation unit's capabilities.

I even got to fly Gov. Wilson to the Reagan Library for the meeting with Gorbachev. The next two weeks were an exercise in patience. Waiting for the call to come to spool up the engines, load the troops and land in some vacant lot, school yard or on the freeway.

The whole experience was rather enlightening as to the fragile nature of the peace down there. It was a graphic demonstration of the seemingly small value some people place on human life and concerns, and as to the courage and heroism of the man on the street trying to stop the chaos unfolding around him.

As I would fly my helicopter through the smoke-filled skies over Los Angeles, I couldn't

help but wonder why these people would destroy the very heart of their own neighborhood.

To the other National Guardsmen, hats off to you. We have all endured an abrupt and rude separation from class work, which for me may add up to a whole year to my already extended college experience. Little did any of us know how the events of the Rodney King beating would affect our very own lives. The toll in dollars and cents may very well extend into the millions, but the toll on our own lives will go far beyond.

Brad Spain
ARCE

Abuse of power must be fought

Time out for a reality check. Students and their parents are supposed to support a 40 percent fee increase and trust that Poly's financial crisis will ease? Exsqueeze me? Trust who?

Let's start with the CSU Board of Trustees. One trustee, Marianthi Lansdale, owes the

government (that's us, remember?) \$23.3 million in back taxes (Telegram-Tribune, February 25). Why is she allowed to decide how our tax dollars are spent if she doesn't pay her taxes? Why do her colleagues on the board tolerate this?

How about President Baker? Why can't he bring himself to tell the athletic department/alumni that the viability of the proposed football conference is questionable in this (or any other) fiscal climate, and that football must be eliminated for the good of the university?

Why does he need an advisory committee to study the issue? He was able to swallow hard and break the news to home economics and engineering technology. Are we supposed to hand over an additional \$480-\$640/year and excuse more of this political favoritism?

Instructors we care about, people who will uphold the tradition of excellence at Poly, are used in an emotional appeal to persuade us to support an inadequate, quick-fix

proposal to cover the bond payments related to a decade of copious campus development.

That's right, if you look at the entire CSU budget, most of the 40 percent increase is needed to make bond payments on buildings, not to improve education. Before administrators suggest in public forums that we take our medicine, I would like to see some serious chugging by the folks at the top.

We are witnessing the legacy of former Gov. George Deukmejian and former Chancellor Ann Reynolds' trustees who used illegal tax shelters and administrators who do Gov. Pete Wilson's bidding and go straight for your wallet in the midst of a financial crisis.

How much longer will we tolerate this abuse of power? Resist them! Write your legislator in support of restoration of priority funding for the CSU and greater accountability to the people. While you're at it, let them know that a 40 percent fee increase is excessive.

Walter Heath
Fruit Science

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Mustang bats quieted, lose 3-2 thriller

Poly finishes third after second loss to Mountaineers

By Brad Hamilton
Staff Writer

Following two offensive shootouts, the Cal Poly Mustangs and Mansfield Mounties shelved their bats in exchange for a pitching duel.

The Mustangs, stranding five runners in the last four innings, came up one run shy of reaching the NCAA Division II World Series championship game.

Mansfield, the No. 5-seeded team, ousted Cal Poly from the World Series with a 3-2 victory Friday at Paterson Field in Montgomery, Ala.

"When we left for the ballpark tonight and someone had told me

we were going to only give up three runs tonight, I thought we would have won the ballgame," said Cal Poly Head Coach Steve McFarland.

In their first two games in the Series, the two combined to score 31 runs.

"We had plenty of opportunities to score, but we just couldn't get that one big hit to get us over the hump," McFarland said. "Both their guys pitched outstanding. They didn't give us much to hit. We were in the hole all night long."

The two Mountaineer pitchers that kept the Mustangs at bay all night were Steve Michnick and Jim Beck.

Michnick started and improved his record to 12-1, after throwing 7 2/3 innings. He gave up two runs on seven hits and recorded nine strikeouts.

Beck worked 1 1/3 innings

and struck out three along the way to his seventh save of the season.

The Mustangs fell behind early after a two-run second inning by the Mounties.

First baseman Brian Shuler, Mansfield's leadoff batter, started off with a base hit up the middle.

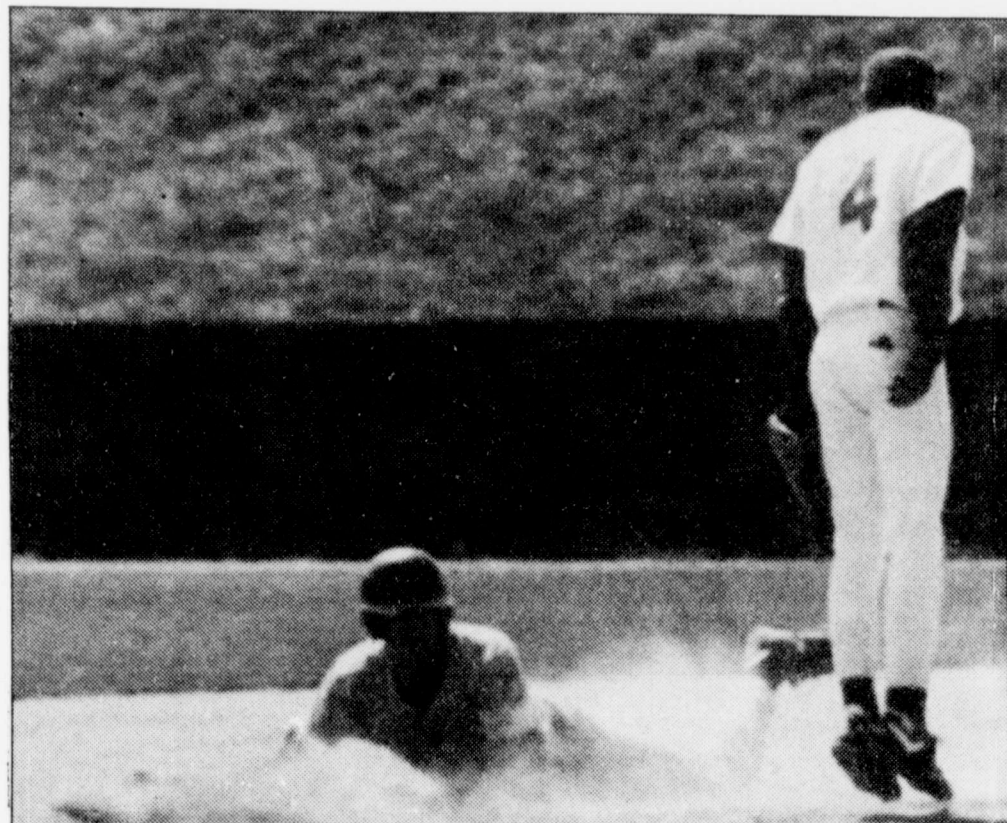
Cal Poly starter Chal Fanning retired the next batter, but hit designated hitter Mike Felix and gave up another hit to load the bases.

With two outs, Tim Fausnaught cracked his second consecutive hit up the middle, driving in the two runs.

In the following inning, it was the Mustangs' turn.

Catcher Paul Gamberdella sent the first pitch, a high fastball, over the left field fence to narrow the Mounties lead to

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In an earlier game this year, a Poly baserunner slides into second.

All-Americans



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At the NCAA National Championships last weekend, three Cal Poly Mustang vaulters earned All-American status.

Men place fifth, win pole vault for third straight year

By Edwin Bill
Staff Writer

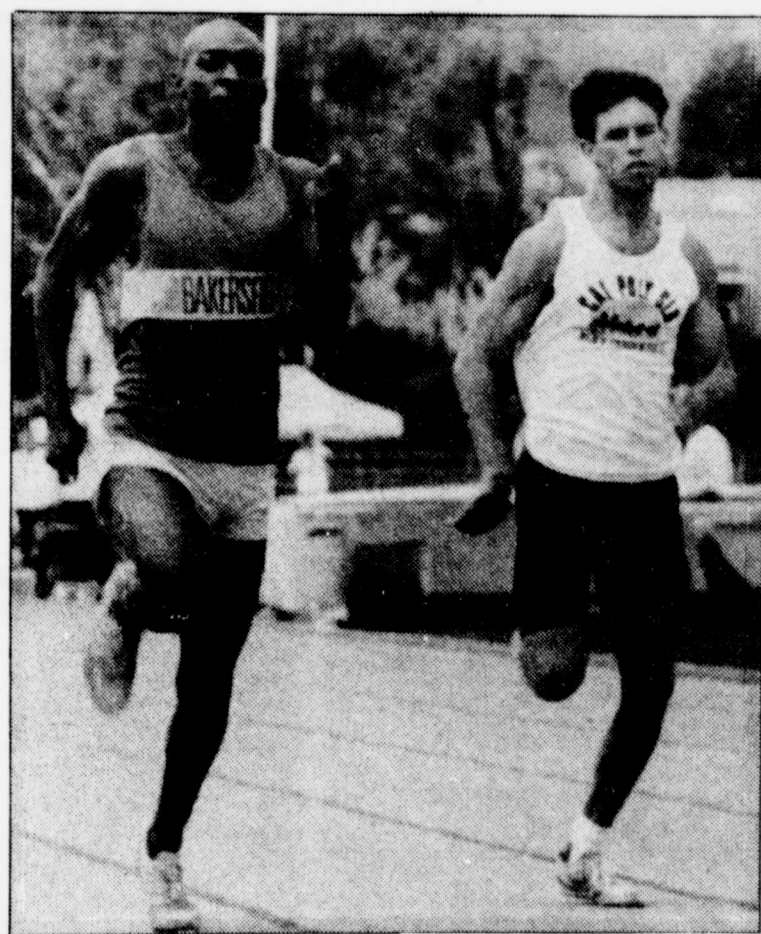
The Cal Poly men's track team is bringing home eight All-Americans and two new national champions from this weekend's NCAA Division II track championships.

Mustang Head Coach Tom Henderson was extremely pleased with the team's performance at Angelo State University, located in Texas.

"When you have eight out of 10 (athletes) become All-Americans and two become national champions, you've had a great championship meet," he said from the team's hotel Saturday night.

The Mustangs racked up 40 points on their way to a fifth-place tie overall, falling slightly

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STEVE PIERCE/Mustang Daily

The men's team tied Bakersfield at nationals.

Women finish in third, senior wins two competitions

By David Voros
Staff Writer

While Cal Poly's Kristina Hand shined as a two-event winner, Alabama A&M turned in an outstanding team effort to win the NCAA Division II NCAA National Championships at San Angelo, Texas.

In the three-day event, Alabama used its large number of foreign athletes to outdistance the nearest team by 47 points.

"It was so tight, we easily could have gotten fifth or second," said Cal Poly Head Coach Deanne Vochatzer. "First was out of our reach. (Alabama) had an outrageous contingent that will be representing Nigeria in the Olympic games."

When the last race ended, Cal State Los Angeles edged out Cal

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Poly athletics could be cut by 13 percent

Committee will propose future of Cal Poly sports

By Edwin Bill
Staff Writer

Cal Poly's budget crisis could leave Mustang athletics nearly a quarter of a million dollars short of a full NCAA Division I sports program next year.

"If there is a reduction in state allocation, it might jeopardize our Division I status," said Shawn Reeves, member of the newly-formed Athletics Governance Board.

The student-faculty committee will recommend to President Warren Baker what future shape it feels the Cal Poly sports program should take. The final decision rests with Baker.

However, Charlie Crabb, interim associate vice president for Academic Resources and adviser to the governance committee, said it was "unlikely" that the president would "take exception" to what the committee decides to do.

Financial proposals provided by Crabb show that state funding of athletics could be reduced by 13 percent from last year's levels. He noted this was in excess of the 10 percent cut to non-instructional programs as mandated by Baker two weeks ago.

Headed by Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob, the seven-member governance board has had only two meetings in recent weeks to establish bylaws and briefly acquaint itself with funding issues facing the athletics program.

Other governance board members include English senior Kevin Guthrie and computer engineering sophomore Brian Nosek. Faculty board members include Laura Freberg from psychology and human development, Paul Murphy from mathematics and Marlin Vix from the agribusiness department.

To implement a "broad-based" Division I athletics program on campus, the university would need more than \$1.4 million in state funds. This would fund all current sports, plus women's soccer, at the Division I level.

Next year's proposed state contribution, with the 13 percent cut, comes to just under \$1.2 million, leaving a \$224,000 shortfall.

The smaller budget was achieved by eliminating state funding for teaching positions allocated to athletics for coaches who also taught part-time in the physical education department. Also eliminated are state funds for assistants and other athletics staff members, plus certain miscellaneous expenses.

The proposal anticipates new funding to come from the first phase of the Instructionally Related Activities fee increase, narrowly approved by student vote last fall. IRA money

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Gettin' air



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Gymnasts were taking to the air Saturday at the 1992 USA Gymnastics Showcase held in Crandall Gym. Shon McNaughton was one of several people who performed on the trampoline. To the left, Olympian Charles Lakes takes a minute to rest on the trampoline. Lakes was on the 1988 Olympic team. The showcase included members from the Cal Poly men's, UC Santa Barbara men's and women's, Sacramento State men's and UC Davis' women's gymnastics teams.

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Poly for second place.

Cal Poly scored 63 points, just two points behind Cal State Los Angeles for third place. Seattle Pacific and Abilene Christian tied for fourth with 58 points.

The Cal Poly team had 11 competitors that became All-Americans by finishing in the top eight positions in the cool 50-degree temperatures.

Among them was Hand, a biology senior, who made the most of her last trip to the nationals.

On Friday, she won the 3,000 meters in 9:29.04 to win her first national title in that event.

She went on to repeat as the 1,500-meter champion by running 4:23.15 on Saturday.

Freshman Jennifer Lacovara also cashed in on her first visit to the nationals.

In the 5,000 meters, she ran her personal best of 17:04 for second place. She also took fourth place in the 3,000 meters by running a time of 10:04.04.

In the high jump, Robin Campana cleared 5 feet, 6 1/2 inches for third.

"Robin jumped very well, she did a super job," Vochatzer said, especially considering the cool and windy weather.

Senior Gina Albanese ran against a tough field in the 400-meter hurdles and placed fifth

with a time of 58.89.

Albanese also ran on the 1,600-meter relay team with Dina Moore, Shanin Miller and Kim Shepard. They placed seventh in 3:48.00.

In the 800 meters, Moore ran 2:12.01 for sixth place.

Poly's Julie Tingle went on to score 5,015 points, her personal best, for a fifth place finish in the two-day heptathlon.

In her first national competition, junior Loni Larson placed fifth in the shot put with throw of 44'-11". Jennifer Peters threw the discus 144'-9" for a sixth place.

Junior Tracy Leichter was fifth in the 10,000 meters with a time 36:23.35.

This was Vochatzer's last meet as Cal Poly's head coach. She will become head coach at UC Davis next year.

She said she will always remember the exciting times of going to the national championships with the Mustangs. But she added that while winning another national title would have made for a fairy-tale ending, losing may be beneficial in the long run.

"Sometimes I think everyone takes (winning) for granted," Vochatzer said. "Sometimes (losing) is better and healthier if you have to fight, dig and scratch to the end."

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is expected to replace state funding for assistants and other staff. The state contribution toward these expenses amounted to \$255,000 this year.

IRA money is also earmarked to replace about \$200,000 in state funds once applied toward athletics' operational, transportation, equipment and telephone expenses.

If the proposed budget reduction is approved, Cal Poly athletics will have absorbed a 38-percent reduction in state funding since the 1990-1991 academic year, according to Crabb's figures.

Crabb, a non-voting member of the seven-person board, said the governance committee has several options to consider.

He said athletics could eliminate some sports to meet the budget and still obtain Division I status.

He said across-the-board reductions could be implemented instead to make up for the projected \$224,000 deficit.

Crabb also said the IRA fee increase, which was reduced from \$19 to \$13 for the upcoming year, could be returned to the higher level. He said this would provide an estimated \$300,000 in more funding.

Reeves said under the current proposal, students will be paying about 32 percent of the athletics budget in the upcoming year.

With cuts, state funds will support 45 percent of the budget. The balance will be made up from various sources, including donations, ticket sales and scholarship funds.

By the time the IRA fee increase is fully charged in the summer of 1994, Crabb's projections indicate students will be supplying 52 percent of Cal Poly's athletic budget.

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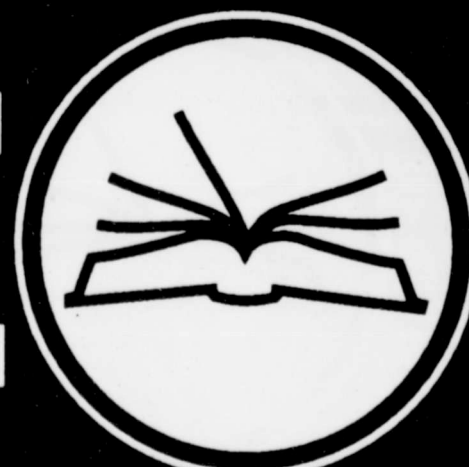
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2-1. The solo home run was Gamberdella's second of the year.

The next inning the Mustangs kept their momentum rolling. Designated hitter Matt Drake led off the inning with his eighth hit of the Series.

Following the first out of the inning, second baseman Duke Dodder put the ball a foot inside the third base line for a double. Drake, who was running on the pitch, scored all the way from first base to tie the score.

The Mountaineers scored the winning run in the sixth inning. With one out, two consecutive hits brought shortstop Steve Brown to the plate.

Brown hit a shot up the mid-

dle that was just out of the reach of a diving Simonich.

Poly center fielder Juan Rojo tried to gun down left fielder Andy McNab at the plate. However, the throw was late and McNab scored the Mounties' winning run.

Following Brown's RBI single, Phil James took the mound. He pitched the remaining 3 2/3 innings for the Mustangs and gave up only one hit and two walks while striking out five.

Despite the Mustangs' pitching effort, the offense came up short. In every inning after the Mountaineers went up by one, the Mustangs put the tying run on base but failed to score.

Afterwards, Dodder said he

never will forget what could have been. With one out and two on in the eighth inning, the second baseman pounded a pitch to deep right-center field.

"I swung well," Dodder said in regards to his shot that was caught at the warning track. "I needed another inch of bat on the ball. I knew that when I hit it."

"I thought it might fall into the gap. I'll have nightmares about that for the rest of my life."

The Mustangs returned home Saturday from the Series without the national championship, but they came back winners.

Cal Poly finishes the season third in the country with a 41-19 record, the second most success-

ful season in the university's history.

Gamberdella said he had mixed emotions afterwards.

"It's great we got here, but it doesn't feel good to leave on a loss," Gamberdella said. "We have nothing to hang our heads about. We just caught (Mansfield) on a bad night. It's just not to be."

After the game, the team huddled on the field for the last time. In that huddle McFarland told the players they should be proud of what they have accomplished.

"I have had more enjoyment coaching these guys more than any other team," McFarland said. "I felt disappointment for the players. Hopefully, I'll get

another opportunity as a coach, but for a lot of these players they will only get one chance at a championship. I feel sorry for them. They came real close. They had a great year."

On the other hand, some of the memories of the Series will conjure a smile upon recollection on the face of players such as senior Tony Florez, whose pinch hit, 3-RBI triple in Wednesday's game gave the Mustangs a 9-3 win over Mansfield.

"(Thursday's) pinch hit triple, I'll remember forever," Florez said. "I'll have a lot of memories — the sights, the comradeship and just the experience was worth it."

MEN

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from last year's fourth-place finish.

"Going in, we had a shot at the top four," Henderson said, "then we didn't have a couple of things go for us. (But) we finished farther up that I thought we would."

The three-day meet got off to a "pretty good" start, Henderson said, when Jerry Edwards earned All-American status Friday by finishing second in the decathlon.

Edwards scored a lifetime best 6,935 points, only 35 short of Cal Poly's all-time record.

Sophomore Dan Berkeland became the national champion Saturday in the steeplechase by winning in dramatic fashion.

"That was the greatest tactical race that I've seen in a long time. No one was willing to take it" until the very end, Henderson said.

"It was a slow-paced race," Berkeland said. "About halfway through, I banged my knee (on one of the hurdles). I knew it was going to hurt when I was done, but adrenaline does amazing things in the middle of a national championship race."

Berkeland led the race from the beginning, until he struck the barrier.

"Two guys passed me, and I started becoming content with third place," he said. "With one lap to go, I realized that I wasn't really hurting. I just ran as hard as I could. I looked back, which you aren't supposed to do, and didn't see anybody back there. I didn't expect that."

Berkeland ended up winning by more than six seconds. Henderson said Berkeland finished 30 yards ahead of his nearest competitor. "He won it going away," Henderson said.

Senior Lance Rankin finished sixth for the Mustangs in the same race, earning All-American honors.

Traditionally a strong event for the Mustangs, Cal Poly athletes continued their domination of the pole vault.

Their newest national champ, junior Brian Adamick, was crowned this weekend. Adamick replaces defending champion Tony Castiglioni, who finished fourth.

As with the steeplechase event, the pole vault competition went down to the wire. Adamick was locked in a duel with Brian Batts of Abeline Christian University for the title.

Adamick and Batts were the only two vaulters to clear 16 feet, 11 1/2 inches. Both had accumulated the same number of misses throughout the competition, so the first one to fail to clear the next height would lose.

"We were all tied up," Adamick said. "Not to be cruel about it, but I was just waiting for him to miss."

"We would have loved to have walked out with a trophy, but you can't be disappointed."

Tom Henderson
Poly track coach

"It was great competition," Henderson said.

Both athletes were attempting to vault 17-3 1/2, a lifetime best for each. Adamick cleared that height on his first try. His previous best in competition was six inches lower.

"I had jumped 17-4 in practice. That's probably where I beat him, because I knew I had made the height before," Adamick said.

Batts missed on his first two attempts at 17-3 1/2. Henderson said the only way Batts could beat Adamick was to make a higher vault. When Batts failed

to clear 17-7 1/2, Adamick became the new national champion.

Rounding out the pole vault field was sophomore Erik Rameson, who finished seventh, which also earned him All-American honors.

Adamick is Cal Poly's third consecutive national champion in the pole vault and the fourth in the last five years.

Other All-American performances came from shot putter Chris Carter, who placed eighth in his first national championship meet. Carter tossed the shot 50'-11".

Junior Scott Hempel literally battled his way to an eighth-place finish in the 1,500 meters.

"It was a very closely packed race with a lot of contact in it," Henderson said. "There was lots of pushing and throwing elbows and boxing in. It was difficult (for Hempel) to get a rhythm."

Eighth place was still good enough for Hempel to earn All-American honors. Each of the top eight finishers in each event earn the All-American designation.

The overall meet winner was St. Augustine University, which Henderson said "crushed everybody," amassing 95 points. Second went to Abeline Christian, with 63.

Cal State Los Angeles was the highest California Collegiate Athletic Association finisher, with 57 1/2 points. The host school, Angelo State, placed fourth.

The Mustangs tied for fifth with Cal State Bakersfield. With three schools finishing in the top five places, Henderson called the CCAA the most powerful track and field conference in Division II.

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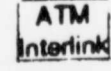
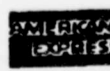
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SLO gets ready for busy fire season

Officials say dry weather, vegetation increase hazard

By Joe Cohen
Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo County fire officials think that this year's fire season will be worse than last year's, and they are preparing for it.

"We're bringing on an additional 49 seasonal firefighters, six limited-term engineers and another fire captain to our staff of approximately 110 because we're expecting a bigger fire season than last summer," County Fire Coordinator Jim Rutledge said.

Fire season officially started last Monday for San Luis Obispo County, and Rutledge said cur-

rent conditions are very conducive for blazes.

"We're in the tail end of a drought, and a combination of dry weather conditions and dry grass is not good," he said.

Last year 3,564 incidents were reported to the SLO County firefighters. Of these, 594 were fire responses and 521 were "wild land fires."

Rutledge said careless or negligent actions by people started many of these fires.

"The main problem is roadside fires — people throwing cigarettes from moving cars or camping and hiking fires that lose control," Rutledge said.

Rutledge warned people not to

throw lit cigarettes out of moving cars this summer and to use common sense around patches of dry brush.

"When the weather heats up, it's time to consider the damage a careless mistake can cause," he said.

Carrie Bassford, San Luis Hazard Abatement Officer, said her department started an offensive program to lessen the possibility of weed fires in April. She said "1,300 lots of weeds were removed by their owners and the fire department since April." Bassford was pleased with the efforts of the "weed abatement program."

WORLD

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elsewhere.

Dissident students used fax machines to spread and receive news during the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstrations in Beijing. Muslim activists who supported the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini used cassette tapes to spread his message against the Iranian monarchy.

In Bangkok, however, the use of technology by protesters seemed to reach new heights.

"Because of high technology, I think this is the first time you might say people are controlling the information," said Charnvit Kasetsiri, a historian at Thammasat University.

"During the demonstrations,

the important tools were mobile telephones, lots of cameras and fax machines, all controlled by the middle class. The demonstrators didn't listen to the state-controlled television or radio. They talked among themselves.

"Now it's the videotapes," he said. "They are spreading to a huge group of people. You see them in almost every home. They emphasize the brutality of the military. They fix in the minds of people which is the bad side."

Newspapers and magazines, proud of their role in defying a May 18 government order to restrain coverage, have dropped any pretense of journalistic objectivity about the protests.

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instead of creating bigger and bigger stacks of paper," Vranich told a recent news conference.

Secretary of Transportation Andrew H. Card Jr. sees a future for high-speed rail, but without direct financing from the federal government.

"I think government will have to be a partner" with the private sector in developing high-speed rail, Card said in an interview.

One key: making available the necessary rights of way, a step authorized by last year's surface transportation bill.

There is some progress.

Amtrak's Metroliner, which hits a top speed of 125 mph on the New York-Washington run, is the fastest train in the United States.

Amtrak is importing the Swedish X-2000 tilt train to the

United States for testing on the twisting route between New York and Boston.

The X2000 is expected to hit top speeds of 150 mph and will be able to round those curves at 100 mph. When the line is fully electrified, the new train is expected to shave an hour off the running time, now at least 3 hours and 55 minutes.

A panel of transportation experts assembled by the National Research Council concluded that government investing in high-speed rail could cost a lot — citing estimates of \$10 million to \$63 million a mile.

The panel found the cost might be justified if it could be shown that enough riders would be attracted to reduce traffic congestion, cut back airport delays, lower pollution, reduce noise levels and save energy.

STATE

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expressed frustration with the confidentiality restrictions, but declined to discuss the matter on the record, the newspaper said.

"All they could tell me was that I had been in contact with someone who tested positive for AIDS," said a Studio City woman whose case is among those that has not resulted in formal charges.

"I begged them to tell me who but they couldn't. I called the police, the district attorney, everyone. No one could tell me," she said.

Last month the woman found a note tacked on her door. Left by an investigator for the county Department of Health Services, the note simply said: "Please call me as soon as possible regarding an important health-related matter."

The woman drew her own conclusions when her boyfriend, who was with her when she was raped, called to say he also had received the note.

"What about someone ... who

may be sexually active with different partners? What are they supposed to think? They would be clueless," she said.

The woman said she has tested negative for the virus.

Finn said he sympathized with the victims.

"But being a governmental agency, we cannot set out to break the law," he said.

While the rape case is unique, physicians occasionally face similar disclosure problems involving patients, said Finn.

"Legally, their hands are tied. Perhaps, the legal code should be reviewed," Finn said.

U.S. Rep. William Dannemeyer, R-Fullerton, said the case shows the absurdity of the AIDS notification law.

"It's the first politically protected disease in the country's history," Dannemeyer said. "The civil rights of the infector take precedence over the rights of the infected. Ridiculous."

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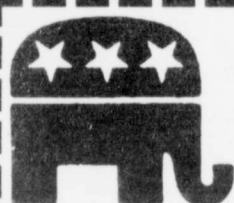
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Ramos said new ways to deal with the current issues must be found because "the infrastruc-

He said recent meetings between gang members is an example of hope for improvement in the city.

"Drive-by shootings are at their lowest point in 20 years since the riots because people are talking with people," Ramos said.

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KLEMM

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Klemm's campaign, Friend said he was frustrated to a point that he was compelled to become involved. Friend said he chose to assist Klemm because he challenges voters to think about the issues.

Klemm's stance on issues comes from his ideal that a successful America consists of a nation that recognizes the form of government, a republic, established by the founding fathers of America.

In addition, the people must recognize that the freedoms in the Bill of Rights come from God and to treat these freedoms as privileges would be detrimental, said Klemm.

"To the degree that every American recognizes the importance of (the Bill of Rights) and hold accountable every elected official from local government... to the president is the degree we will see turn around in our nation," Klemm said.

Klemm, a Christian, said this nation was founded on Christian values. Klemm said he wants to see God put back into schools and into all functions of life, so morality will nestle on America.

"We saw what happened in L.A.," Klemm said. "We saw what immorality did down there with the riots. It had nothing to do with poverty. We didn't see people in rag-torn clothing stealing their last loaf of bread. There were people with \$100 sneakers, and they were laughing and jeering as they were stealing television sets and couches."

"It is at all social levels. We see it with the very rich. We see Ivan Boesky and Michael Milken, those people who defrauded all these companies with leveraged buyouts. We see how greedy the people in Washington, D.C. are."

If Klemm makes it to Washington, D.C., he said, he wants the students at Cal Poly to know he will put Americans first

and put needs of Americans ahead of a global community, a "new world order."

Klemm said he fears for the future of our nation because of the direction of this nation towards a "new world order." He said it means America would give up all national sovereignty into a one-world form of government. America is heading into a "new world order" indirectly through the United Nations treaties it signs and through forming a U.N. army, which Americans would shed blood for in attempt to achieve "world peace."

America's approach to a socialist democracy scares him too, Friend said. "Government is infringing on our liberties."

To prevent further government intervention, Klemm opposes a national health care plan. He said private industry provides the best health care. To reduce the cost of care and help make care accessible to all, he

would pass legislation to decrease lawsuits and malpractice awards. Moreover, he would cut down on paperwork and hand control of health care to states.

A change in control in the education system would help solve the education problem, he said. Klemm said he would abolish the federal Department of Education's budget of \$32.3 billion a year and present the states with control.

"People think federal money is manna from heaven, but it isn't," Klemm said. "Every dollar you take away from your taxes here you may only get 25 cents back."

In addition to abolishing the Department of Education's budget, Klemm would help relieve the deficit by leaving taxes alone, hold 1993 budget to the 1992 level and cut foreign aid, which he said would save \$20 billion.

To fix the economy, Klemm said he would battle in Congress to pass tax incentives and tariffs

on exports to keep businesses in this country. He said he would also change the economic emphasis of our country. "We need to realize wealth comes from mining, creating products and farming, not stuffing papers around," Klemm said.

Klemm supports the pro-life stance on abortion.

"I believe in a women's rights whether they (women) are two centimeters long or over six feet tall," Klemm said.

Klemm said capital punishment should be an option for anyone who takes a life, and it should be a state-controlled matter.

Klemm places the individual before the environment, but he opposes offshore oil drilling.

Klemm has never held office before. He currently is employed by Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

Klemm graduated from Purdue University in 1979 with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

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ISSUES

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loss of jobs and planned growth.

Comstock said he was also concerned about how the county would use the land in the future. "I'm for the best use of land," he said.

District 3 Candidate Roger Freberg sees the future of San Luis Obispo County as a retirement home. "We should allow retirees to bring their Proposition 13 tax bases into the county," Freberg said.

Freberg also said he would like to bring businesses into the county and stimulate the economy.

District 3 Incumbent Evelyn Delany said she is concerned over waste management plans and balancing the county's budget.

Delany added that she would continue to oppose offshore drilling and support the recruitment of women in all areas of county government.

District 5 Candidate Wendy Nogle expressed her concern about the environment and said the county needs to attract environmentally sound, safe businesses to the community.

District 5 Candidate Glen Rattree said one of the issues he would deal with is local job loss. "We should urge hiring from within, give jobs to our neighbors, children and senior citizens," he said.

District 5 Incumbent David Blakely also stated that creating jobs is a major issue and suggested the appointment of an economic advisory committee.

"We need to stimulate the local economy," Blakely said.

District 1 Incumbent Harry Ovitt said that achieving a better job-to-housing county and bringing in industries that were willing to grow in the community are issues that need to be looked at.

Residential growth and job growth are not occurring in the same areas, Ovitt said.

"The future is in the North County with a combined balance," he added.

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CANDIDATES

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Nogle said she is running because she is unhappy with the present incumbent (Blakely) and wants to resolve the issues by working with instead of working against.

"It's time for new leadership. It's time for a change," Nogle said. "We all love this community. Open space and clean air cost money. We can't avoid our economy."

Raterree said the arrogance of the present board of supervisors needs to be changed.

Ratteree added that the government needs to be responsive to the needs of the public, and not be "self-serving."

"I care for this county," Ratteree said. "I know where some

of the problems are in our county government."

In the District 1 forum, Harry Ovitt, the incumbent, was the only candidate present.

Ovitt based his platform on accessibility and "to work with communities and allow them to have a voice."

"We need to look to see how we can make the county government more efficient," Ovitt said. "By being the incumbent you get lumped in with others who people are dissatisfied with."

Candidates Gary Davis and Jeff Zimmerman did not attend.

Pandora Nash-Karner, the forum's moderator, read a statement on Davis' behalf.

The forum was held at Pacheco Elementary School.

WELLNESS

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market in the grim situation that it is, stress lies in the area of worrying over finding a job at all.

Most people move home and look for a job. The problem with that is learning to live with your parents again. This is just a summer vacation.

If that's not bad enough, your social life back at home will be the pits. The best thing to do on most weekends is check out the TV Guide with Mom and Dad or visit friends from college.

The best stress prescription for this problem is to be optimistic. Remember why we all went to college? No, I don't remember filling out the party section of the application. I do remember an education was involved, so we

could find a job and make a life for ourselves.

Of course, you will miss the friendships formed at Cal Poly, but that's what AT&T and the post office are for. Once you find a job and are on your own again, your life will be back on track.

Here on campus, most of us have spring fever and a lot of relationships are forming and breaking up.

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HOMOSEXUALITY

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that's it," he said.

When he was 17, Kevin finally came out to someone — his best friend.

"I remember when I told her, my heart was pounding so hard and I was so scared. I was surprised I didn't pass out," he said. "With that I widened my circle. First it was just me and God, and then it was me and God and Judy."

Kevin said he had just turned 20 when he came out to his parents.

"I told my parents and my mom cried for three days," he said. "You'd think she'd just lost one of her children, and in a sense she did. She had all these dreams for me and now they were washed away."

Kevin said his father took it more calmly than he had expected.

"He told me three things that I'll never forget. He said 'One, you'll probably never have a lasting relationship that will be worth anything. Two, you'll probably never finish college, and three, you'll probably be dead within five years.'"

"I was just glad he wasn't yelling and screaming and kicking me out of the house," Kevin added.

Kevin said his parents were not surprised by his admission. He said his mother had asked him twice before whether he had "those tendencies."

"I'd denied it two other times," he said. "I was not going to deny it a third."

Kevin said his mother is a lot more open about his homosexuality than his father.

"She's curious and she wants to know some things, but that's

all she wants to know," he said. "She'll ask things and when she gets what she wants or it gets too sensitive for her, she changes the subject."

Kevin said his younger sister is pretty comfortable with his sexual orientation, but his two brothers are frightened by it. He said he came out to his brothers at a time when the family was getting to the age where they were all moving out.

"Since my brothers don't see me every day, they're not going to get used to it," he said. "They'll probably continue to be very uncomfortable."

Kevin said he thinks the funniest stereotype about gay people is that all gay men are feminine.

"Straight men say it's so obvious, you can spot (gays) a mile away. The way they talk, the way they look and act," he said. "I think that's the biggest stereotype because most of the gay men, most gay people, are just as heterosexual-acting as heterosexuals are."

Kevin said he thinks most people on campus do not care if a person is gay.

"What really makes me feel uncomfortable and scares me are the few people who are willing to go to the trouble of writing something on the bathroom wall or writing a letter to (Mustang Daily) that's really hateful and ignorant," he said. "They are the ones who use the stereotypes and blow them all out of proportion. I think most people don't really care what someone does in the privacy of their own bedroom."

"Being gay isn't just having gay sex," Kevin added. "Straight people can have gay sex and it doesn't make them gay. What makes me gay is internally — it's

inside my head. It's not just the body parts, it's a deeper thing."

Being a gay student at Cal Poly has not been easy for Kevin. He said he has been on academic probation a couple of times and nearly kicked out of school.

Kevin said one of the reasons he has had such a hard time at Poly is because his lover came to live with him three months after he moved here.

"I would have school during the day and I'd come home and have my home life," he said. "It was like going home to the wife. We'd have dinner, we'd have bills to figure out. I had this whole other life and it took a lot of my time. Keeping a relationship is a lot of work."

Kevin's lover, Matt, is a journeyman electrician in the construction trade. He was forced to move out of the area due to a lack of jobs and now lives in Riverside.

"I hate (being apart), but it's kind of good in that it allowed me to get back into a more school-type routine," Kevin said. "Now I live with a roommate who's a student. I live in a steady environment. I have more time

to do homework."

Kevin goes down to Riverside just about every weekend to visit Matt. He said sometimes he only gets to see Matt every other weekend because of school demands.

"Going 14 days kind of sucks," he said, "but I talk to him every night on the phone."

Kevin said he and Matt marked their four-year anniversary April 17.

"It's a real good relationship," he said. "It's the best thing in the world. I can't wait to live together again."

Another thing that has made school hard, Kevin said, is that he is sensitive about the negative feelings on campus and in the community toward gays.

"There is always going to be people out there who don't understand it or maybe don't want to understand it," he said. "Maybe they're just so set in their ways, who knows? But they're going to bash us and I'm really sensitive to that."

Beyond his personal relationship and his sensitivity to negative public attitudes, Kevin said he is just another Cal Poly stu-

dent.

"I think I'm like 95 percent a regular student on campus. I struggle with my classes. I worry about midterms coming up and whether I am going to get my homework right."

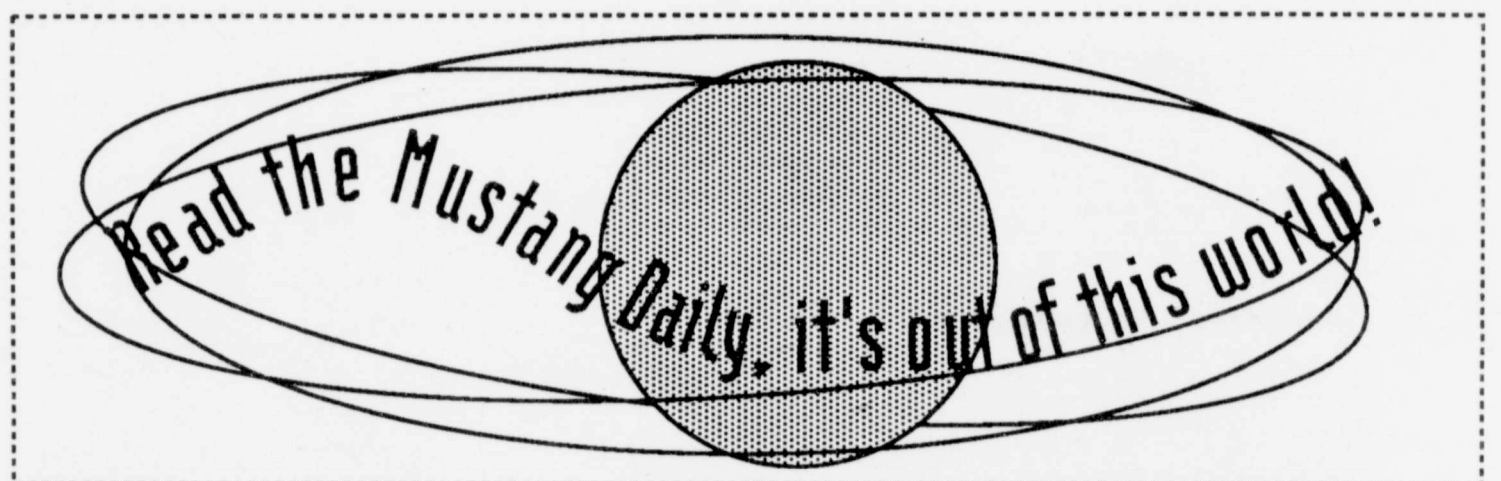
Kevin said he has come to grips with being gay.

"When I was in high school, I was so afraid that if anyone found out, they would just stand there and laugh at me. It frightened me to death," he said. "Now that I'm older, if somebody wants to look at me and laugh because I'm gay, let them laugh. That's who I am."

"There's nothing I can do to change it," he added. "And there's nothing they can do to change it, so if it makes them comfortable by laughing, then go for it."

Kevin said he also has become more comfortable with himself.

"I think it's just maturity, getting older," he said. "Probably even heterosexuals go through that. You have to learn to like yourself before you can like other people. Everybody has to do that."



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