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...And they're off!

It's that time of year again. This year's campaign began Tuesday with a debate in



Daily photos by David Wood

ASI President Steve McShane and political science senior Cindy Entzi squared off in a debate in Santa Lucia Hall Monday night. Forestry senior Jed Whiteley did not attend.

By Mary Hadley
Daily Staff Writer

A little "mudslinging" would have been more impressive than what took place at Monday night's debate between two ASI president candidates, according to one student observer.

The yellow fliers on the walls at Santa Lucia Hall announced a debate, but there was more "discussion" than "debate" between Cindy Entzi and Steve McShane.

The third candidate, forestry senior Jed Whiteley, did not attend.

Entzi is a political science senior and McShane, the current ASI president, is a soil science senior. Both said that student involvement is a top priority, and stressed efficiency and accountability of ASI.

ASI, Associated Students, Inc., is the campus organization that runs the University Union, student government and student services such as the Rec Center and Children's Center. ASI funds nearly 400 campus clubs as well.

The ASI budget is \$2.3 million, and the U.U. budget, that includes operation of the Rec Center, is \$4.3 million, said ASI business manager Bill Ashby.

Of this combined \$6.6 million ASI budget, 56 percent comes directly from student fees. All students pay for ASI, but McShane said not enough students make use of its services.

"I want to make ASI more accessible," McShane said when outlining his goals for

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next year's presidency.

Last year showed "tangible results" in this area, McShane said, as "the amount of students involved in ASI has doubled in one year."

Also looking to increase student participation in ASI, Entzi said she would like to see freshmen introduced to ASI sooner.

"We need to work with the residence halls. It's the job of ASI to figure out what the students need and give it to them," Entzi said.

Entzi promised to meet with the city council to find ways Cal Poly and the city can work together to get better housing for students.

Fielding questions from the audience of about 25 students, McShane and Entzi gave thorough answers that often echoed one another's.

Both candidates support the Cal Poly Plan, and both said student input is, and has been, an important part of plan negotiations.

"As a student I support it, but as ASI President, I'm going to scrutinize it," McShane said.

Neither candidate gave a precise answer when asked "Do you believe Cal Poly should be a wet or dry campus?"

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Court's decision upholding Prop. 209 felt by many campus minorities, clubs

By Jason Scott
Daily Staff Writer

"It's a nail, it's a spike, it's a dagger in the coffin of preferences," said a jubilant Ward Connerly, lead proponent of Proposition 209, appearing before a Sacramento news conference last Tuesday with Gov. Pete Wilson.

The statement came just moments after a federal appeals court ruling upheld the ban on affirmative action.

As voters will remember, Proposition 209 appeared on California ballots last November. The measure, passed decisively by California voters (54 percent), eliminates race and gender preferences in corporate hiring practices and college admissions, amending the state Constitution to forbid such preferences in state and local government, employment and education.

Overturning a lower court ruling by a 3-0 decision, the San Francisco 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declared the proposal constitutional, claiming the court could make no barrier against "a state law that says race cannot matter in public contracting, employment and education."

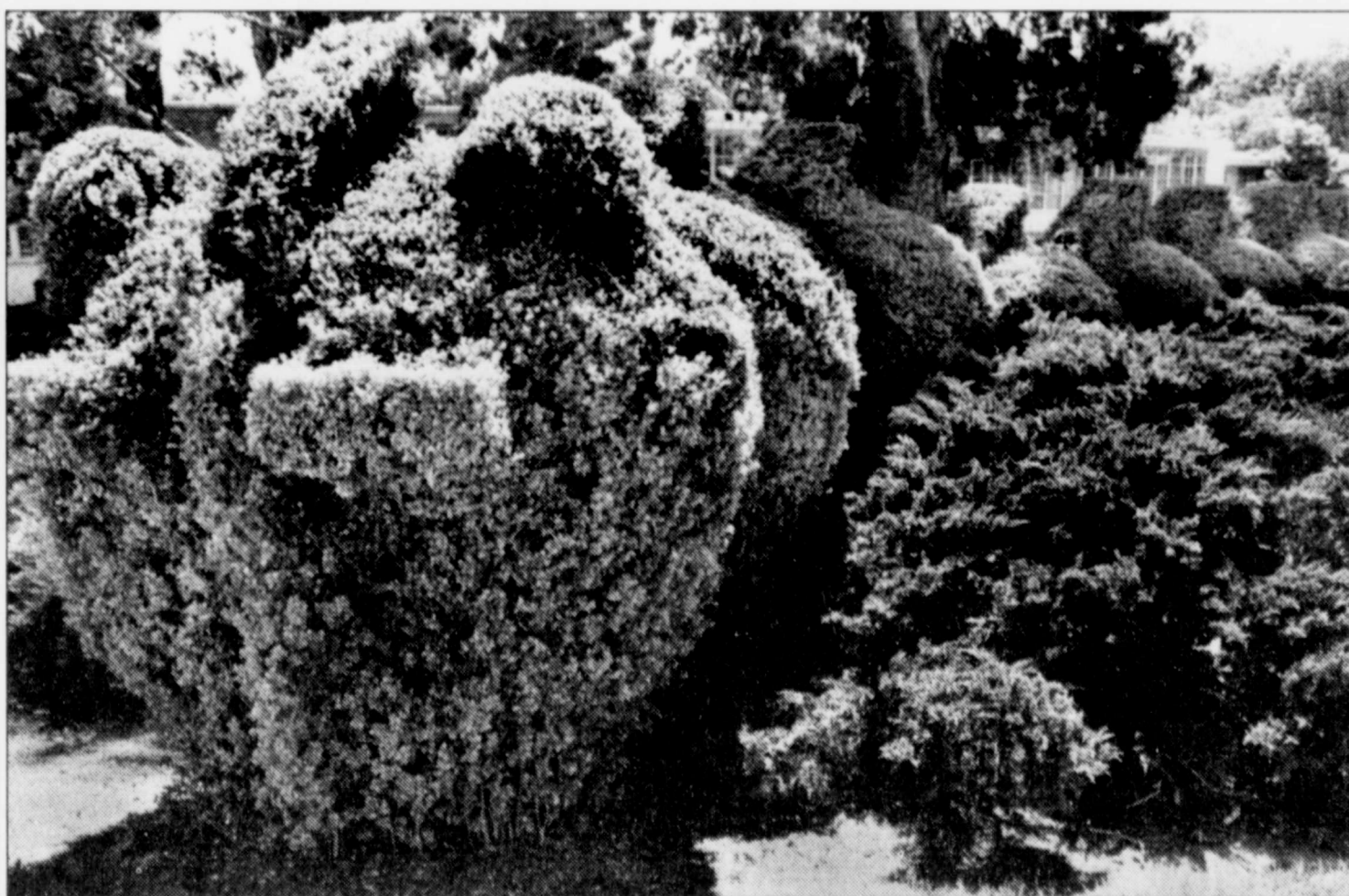
Judge Diarmuid O'Scannlain's dictum noted affirmative action programs "work wholly to the benefit of certain members of one group and correspondingly to the harm of certain members of another group."

The measure's upholding did not go unnoticed on campus. As a part of the California State University system, Cal Poly's Office of Admissions will have to abide by regulations handed down by the courts.

"I was disappointed in the ruling," said Pat Harris, head of Cal

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BIG SNAKE ON GRASS



Daily photo by Joe Johnston

UTILIZILLA'S NEMESIS? This hedge design of a dragon-like creature was found on the lawn between faculty offices-east and building 52 on Tuesday.

Controlling Cal Poly's cat-astrophe

By Kristen Hall
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly doesn't just have a student population, it also has a cat population.

For years, hundreds of unhealthy cats lived on campus, breeding and multiplying. Then in 1992 a student designed the Cal Poly Cat Program to help control and maintain the population.

"We had about 400 cats on campus when we started the program," said Edie Griffin-Shaw, program associate director and staff member. "Now we estimate 125."

A non-profit organization run by staff, student and faculty volunteers, its goal is to trap every cat on campus, spay or neuter them, give them shots and then release them. The cats are either released to the place they were taken from or adopted out to good homes if they are domesticated.

To trap a new cat, Griffin-Shaw monitors its patterns. She places a metal cage with food inside of it in an area that the cat usually goes. Griffin-Shaw then checks the cage every few hours. If a cat is pregnant or sick, it is harder to catch, so Griffin-Shaw has volunteers assist her.

Once the cat is caged, it's taken to the vet clinic on campus for an exam. The ear is clipped to identify the cats that have been trapped and fixed. If a cat appears to be domesticated, it's likely it lives in a house nearby and wandered onto campus.

"In those cases we try to find their owners," Griffin-Shaw said. "Some cats are dumped here but most choose to be here."

Volunteers monitor 10 feeding

stations throughout campus daily and each buy dry cat food for their station. They look for any new, sick or pregnant cats. Volunteers also monitor for abnormalities and amount of food consumed.

The Cal Poly cat population is overwhelmingly white



Daily file photos by Larry Rodenborn

with blue eyes. Deafness is common due to inbreeding.

Griffin-Shaw was a Cal Poly student in the early '80s and said the cats were a problem back then as well. They usually had skin cancer and poor coats.

"The cats in the '80s used to be so sick," she recalled. "Their eyes were infected and they were half dead."

She said the program has helped the cats live a better life instead of the hard suffering one that many of them had before.

A few years before the program was developed, the college tried to get rid of the cats by taking them to Animal Regulations and having them humanely destroyed. Volunteer Heidi Lorgé said this method didn't work and the cats just repopulated.

"Wiping them out leaves an empty space that can be filled by more cats," said Lorgé, an animal science senior and pre-vet student. "The answer is to get them healthy because they are territorial and will keep other cats away."

Lorgé has been with the pro-

gram since its beginnings. She's seen the program change over the years from relying solely on the campus vet clinic for medical care, to now receiving the majority of help from outside clinics.

"Outside vets began donating services," she said. "This helped us save money and get the community involved. I think it opened the community's eyes."

Through the program, more than 300 cats have been adopted out. Lorgé has a Cal Poly cat of her own named Bunny. "Bunny was in the shelter for a long time, so I decided to take a chance with her," Lorgé said.

"It's inevitable that volunteers end up with at least one cat."

Students can volunteer in many ways. People are needed to work in the shelter where the cats in transition are kept. The cats need to be fed and played with. Students can also help in areas like public relations, fundraising, fostering of kittens for adoption, kitten socialization and educating the public.

Students who aren't volunteers can still help by not feeding the cats wet food. When the cats are fed by other sources, it discourages them from eating at their regular stations, making them harder to monitor. Students are also advised not to pick them up because most are wild.

Senior projects are available in the program for students of all majors, not just pre-vets. One student created a website, another student built the cat shelter.

Lorgé said the open-mindedness of people at the university has made the program a success. Some of the funding for the pro-

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Unocal tentatively agrees to pay \$80 million for toxic leak

Associated Press

MARTINEZ, Calif. - Unocal Corp. has tentatively agreed to an \$80 million settlement with residents sickened by a chemical leak from an oil refinery in 1994, lawyers said.

The refinery in Rodeo, a blue-collar suburb about 20 miles northeast of San Francisco, released toxic Catacarb into the air for 16 days. In 1995, the company agreed to pay \$3 million in fines after pleading guilty to 12 misdemeanor charges.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported Tuesday that less than two weeks after Tosco Refining Corp. took over the refinery, Unocal agreed to the settlement, but details still have to be worked out and approved by a judge.

Attorney Michael Meadows, who represents about 600 plaintiffs, said Unocal managers intentionally kept the refinery operating during the leak to meet production schedules and "get their money and their promotions."

Unocal spokesman David Garcia refused to comment, except to confirm the pro-

posed settlement amount.

Catacarb is a caustic chemical used to purify hydrogen for gasoline production. Little is known about its health effects.

Plaintiffs' attorneys said many residents of Rodeo and nearby Crockett suffered effects ranging from dizziness and eye irritation to memory loss and miscarriages.

Judith Weitzner, a social worker who lives in Crockett, said her health quickly deteriorated after the leak.

"I had a very bad year of chronic coughing and difficulty breathing and not being able to walk far without getting asthma," said Weitzner, 55.

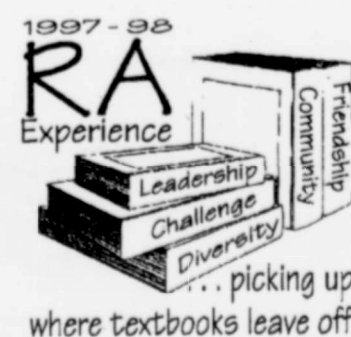
Like many others, Weitzner said she did not suspect anything was wrong after the odorless leak until about two weeks later when a brown, gooey substance collected on her windshield.

"We thought we had landed in heaven when we bought our little house in Crockett," Weitzner said. "It's a friendly, nice community, and I kind of love it. This problem just took the shine off for us. We've never been able to rest easy in our homes."

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Liberal Arts Week in full

By Jason Scott
Daily Staff Writer

Tuesday through Friday marks Liberal Arts Week at Cal Poly, and a host of events awaits majors in various fields.

The week-long event is meant to celebrate the accomplishments and value of the Cal Poly Liberal Arts College and its students.

The College of Liberal Arts Student Council (CLASC) is sponsoring the events.

Council Chair Chris Larkin reminds liberal arts students to attend the events.

"The event of Liberal Arts Week is put on to emphasize liberal arts as a source of pride for students, and to show the value and worth to a College of Liberal Arts degree," Larkin said.

Psychology junior and CLASC treasurer Krista Heyer said she hopes to enjoy the week's events.

"The council's very excited about the College of Liberal Arts week and we hope to emphasize the lib-

eral arts," she said.

A "College Council Open House and Pizza Dinner" was scheduled for Tuesday. Open only to Liberal Arts majors, officers of the Liberal Arts Student Council met from 7-8:30 p.m. at Backstage Pizza to discuss current items.

Wednesday's "CLASC Reception" is to include the announcements of Students and Teacher of the Year in the U.U. Galerie. The award ceremony, open to the public, will take place from 7-9 p.m. and will feature refreshments.

The University Union will also be the site of other open-to-the-public events.

Thursday marks the "U.U. Hour Free Concert featuring Hotwheelz," from 11-12 a.m. Later that evening, the council will field questions from its booth at Farmers Market in downtown San Luis Obispo from 6-9 p.m.

The events close Friday with departmental lectures "New Students and Parents Welcome," giving students and parents an inside look at the College of Liberal Arts.

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Poly Women's Center. "I think we've worked very hard to create diversity here, and I'd hate to see us go backward."

Indeed, the latest figures on the Cal Poly student population reflect California's changing demographics.

According to figures released from the University Office of Institutional Studies, over the past seven years, from fall 1990 to fall 1996, the non-white student population increased from 26.6 percent to 32.2 percent.

The ruling comes on the heels of President Clinton's newly announced program of racial unity.

Clinton was to formally apologize Monday on behalf of the United States to African-Americans for the 1932-1972 Tuskegee, Ala., incident involving the denial of treatment to syphilis patients for the sake of experimentation by the U.S. Public Health Service.

Clinton was also to speak Monday regarding Jackie Robinson's 50-year anniversary of breaking the racial barrier in professional sports.

"I agree with (President) Clinton's 'mend it, don't end it' policy," Harris said, "because I don't think we have a level playing field

yet. But I don't really expect this to change what we do here."

Apparently the ruling won't affect university admissions policies.

At least, not yet.

Though both the office of admissions and office of academic affairs lack an official stance or statement, Interim Director of University Relations Brent Keetch confirmed that there is "a 21-day grace period between the judge's order and its effect on the CSU system. So we're waiting to see what happens. The university is not making any changes to its admissions policies at this time."

John Garcia, a business sophomore and member of the Cal Poly Multicultural Center, wasn't surprised by the ruling.

But as a minority student, and as the Voter Registration, Education, Citizenship, Immigration, Naturalization and Outreach (V.E.C.I.N.O.) coordinator, it bothers him.

"I figured it would go through; it's much different from (Proposition) 187," Garcia said. "Most view it as prejudice, as favoring a race for admissions. But the initial purpose behind affirmative action wasn't racial preference."

Garcia is worried about the ruling's outcome for minority business hopefuls.

"It will affect a lot of minority

businesses who don't have the connections," he said. "Even established businesses; this program will make it harder for minorities to get established. Racial barriers are out there so that there are some opportunities."

Garcia doesn't place much hope in Clinton's condemnation of the ruling.

"I don't know if he's just saying that so the minority community will see he's against it," he said. "But as far as action is concerned, I'm not sure he's just talking the talk or if he's walking the walk."

Garcia pointed out that the ruling couldn't have come at a more awkward time.

The V.E.C.I.N.O. organization, which helps minorities become citizens and find employment, just received a grant and will be holding a political awareness forum sometime this quarter, featuring a guest speaker from the United Farm Workers association.

How the ruling will affect the organization's actions and policies is yet unknown.

Proposition 209's opponents, which may include the CSU system, seek a vote among the court's 20 active judges to refer the case to an 11-judge panel for a rehearing. But if the rehearing is denied, Proposition 209 becomes law, and only the U.S. Supreme Court could intervene.

Extended Education, Cuesta, helps people find new hobbies

By Stacey L. Johnston
Daily Staff Writer

Do you desire to dabble in art, try your hand at photography, reduce your stress or learn a computer program?

Cal Poly and Cuesta College are offering short courses that give local residents an opportunity to explore their interests.

"(Cuesta short courses) are designed to meet the cultural, educational and recreation needs and interests of the community," said Connie Wambolt, director of community education at Cuesta. "(The courses) keep the community updated on the latest information on finance, health and fitness, (etc.)."

Cuesta offers about 140 courses throughout the semester, mostly during the evening and on weekends. Their lengths range from one to several meetings. Fees run between about \$10 to \$120.

This week, classes offered include Nature Photography beginning on Thursday evening and Reduce Stress Through Positive Communication at Home and at Work which will hold the first of two meetings this Saturday.

American Landmarks: Famous and Infamous will also be held on Saturday. It lasts all day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This course is taught by Diana Manseau who will guide students in painting their favorite landmark in watercolor or gouache.

Manseau, who teaches courses in fine arts and art history said, "We have a wonderful, broad range of intellects through all walks of life...a lot of my students are just community members who have special interests in the subjects we offer."

She said there are usually an average of one or two Cal Poly students in each class she leads.

Lynn Hinson, clerical assistant for Cuesta's community education and recreation department, said that class sizes range from 14 to 30 people. Sign-ups are taken until the first day of the course, given that it hasn't been filled. Classes are listed in Cuesta's Profile that can be picked up in the lobby of the Cuesta administration building and public libraries. There is also a link to community education information at <http://www.cuesta.cc.ca.us>.

Manseau also teaches classes through Cal Poly's Extended Education department. Her "In the Looking Glass: The Self-Portrait" course will begin in May.

Extended Education offers a variety of certificate programs, professional development and special interest courses in areas such as aviation, law, health, business, theater, literature, construction management, computers and more year-round. They tend to be more expensive than Cuesta's short courses with fees of \$20 to \$220.

Only the wine marketing courses offer Cal Poly academic credit.

Pat Stoneman, director of Extended Education said that with the exception of these courses, "The majority of people that fill our classes are not Cal Poly students."

However she mentioned, "There are some summer session courses targeted to Cal Poly students."

These include study abroad programs in Mexico, Thailand, and China.

These opportunities and courses taking place this quarter are listed in the Extended Education guide, which is mailed out quarterly to San Luis Obispo residents. Extra copies are available in the office in Jaspersen Hall, building 116, room 101. Their website is at <http://www.calpoly.edu/~exted>.



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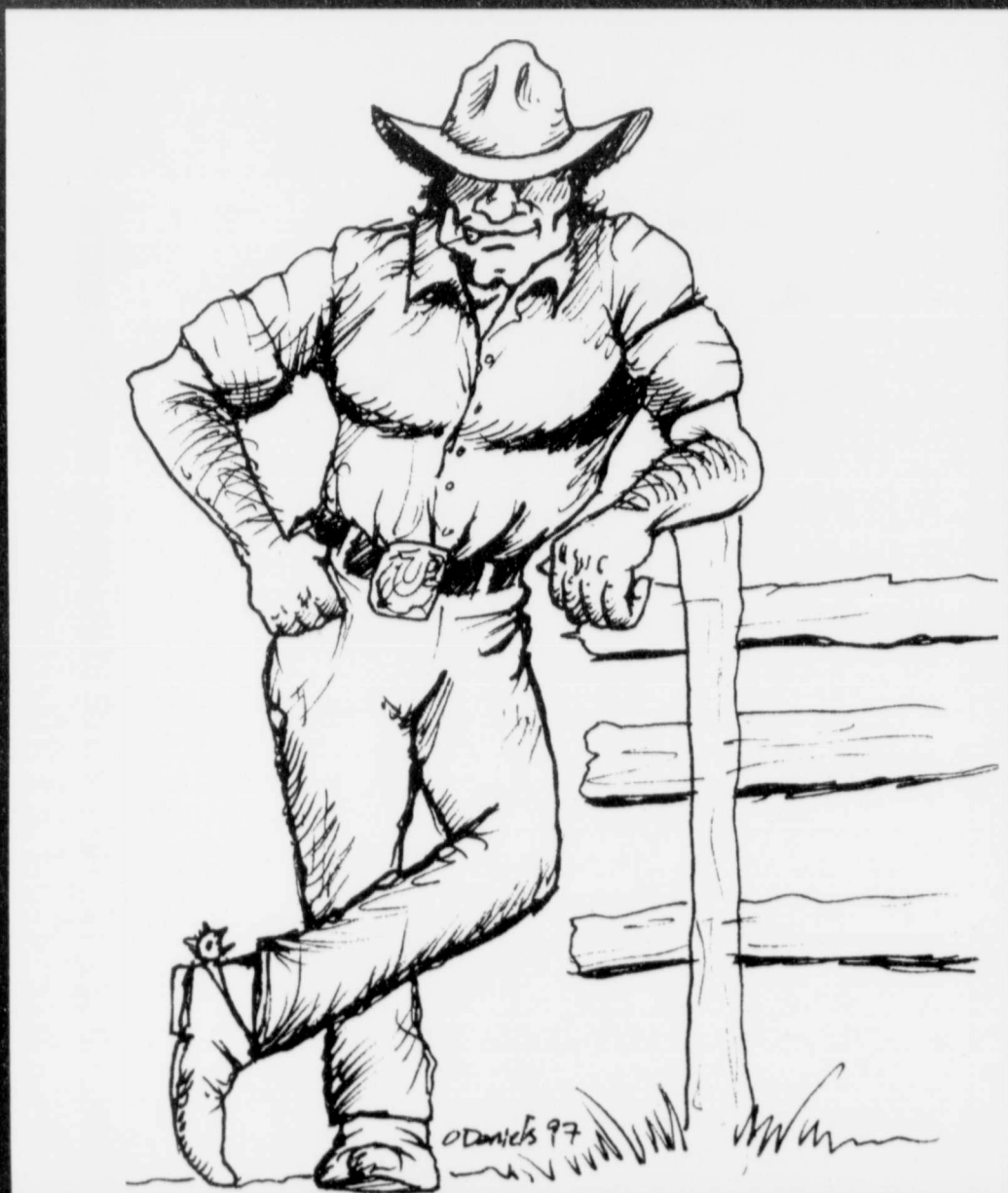
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POINT

Spirit of rodeo is a way of life



BY KRISTEN HALL

I always thought I'd marry a cowboy— a brown-haired, blue-eyed angel with a wild spirit. It's more than just the hat and southern drawl (although that can stop my heart) that makes them attractive. It's what they do.

Some cowboys ranch and others farm. But then there's the ones that rodeo. Look out! It isn't just a tradition, for many it's a way of life.

I've loved the rodeo since I was a child. I grew up near the Bay Area, so my family went to rodeos in a less common atmosphere — the Oakland Coliseum. I used to love walking into that huge arena that smelled of horses, leather saddles and dust.

The entire place would echo with the sounds of the event: a metal gate clashing open, a wild bull's hooves stomping the ground while it bucked and an excited announcer describing the contestant's talents as he or she flirted with danger. It was incredible!

Rodeo isn't harsh the way some people think. Cal Poly's rodeos have the standard events like calf roping, steer wrestling and bull riding. In calf roping, the calf enters the arena from a chute, and when it crosses the score line the cowboy rides after it. The rider throws a noosed rope over the calf, dismounts the horse, lays the calf to the ground and ties its

feet while the cow pony keeps the rope taut.

The calf is not hurt in any way and is released immediately. There is no animal cruelty in this. The cowboys are gentle with the calves. More often than not it's the cowboy who gets hurt in competition rather than the animals.

Rodeo is a spirit. Anyone who has tried to ride a horse can respect the talent of the men and women who compete. If you watch the way they ride, you'll see it's their nature. No one would risk their lives or limbs to ride a bucking bronco if it wasn't in their nature.

I've heard opponents of rodeo say that the horses are worked too hard and mistreated. That's untrue. The horses actually enjoy the competition. If a horse feels abused, it's going to let you know. It's difficult to force an angry horse to do anything, no matter how good of a rider you are.

Rodeo is chance for men and women to display their skills as well as entertain an audience. If you've never been, you're missing out. It's exciting. There's nothing else like it!

Well, I didn't marry a cowboy—he's a blue-eyed business man, but he did say he'd wear cowboy boots for me sometime. Yee-haw!

Kristen Hall is an agricultural business junior and Daily staff writer.

COUNTERPOINT

Rodeo equals animal cruelty

BY PEGGY KOTEEN

It is not difficult to see how rodeo abuses animals. Events feature roping, dragging, wrestling animals to the ground or tying straps (flank straps) around bulls' and horses' abdominal regions, then using electric cattle prods to shock them — literally — into giving performances. Cruelty is evident in the arena and behind the scenes even though rodeo proponents attempt to excuse these exploitative, violent events as "traditional family entertainment."

Rodeo is actually lousy family entertainment. Rodeos display and encourage an insensitivity to, and acceptance of, brutal treatment of animals in the name of sport. I have seen firsthand these brutal displays at several Cal Poly rodeos and at the Mid-State Fair rodeos. Over the past three years I have been invited to observe the Mid-State Fair PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association) Rodeo from behind the scenes.

Seeing the treatment of the calves, bulls, steers and bucking horses while being shoved and prodded into the chutes has convinced me that not only are the events brutal, but so is the process of getting the animals to the events.

The promoters of rodeo claim that they abide by humane rules. The rules during "competitions" are not effective in preventing injuries and are not strictly enforced. There are no rules protecting animals during practice, nor are examinations required to determine if an animal is injured in an event. This information is taken from "The Care and Protection of Rodeo Livestock," published by the International Professional Rodeo Association.

Last year at the Mid-State Fair, a PRCA sanctioned rodeo, the handlers were having a difficult time getting the steers into the chutes in a specific order and would move these steers by shocking them in the face. This goes directly against the PRCA rules. As I videotaped the cruel, uncaring behavior of the steer handlers, Cotton Rosser, one of the rodeo "gurus," looked on and shouted at them to hurry up, rather than stop this "illegal" behavior. Obviously if Cotton Rosser sets this example of insensitivity, the younger generation is just going to model that behavior and continue to cause pain to rodeo animals. Thus, rules are meaningless when the enforcers haven't the compassion to understand and put a stop to the brutality they are inflicting upon these animals.

The rodeo participants' callous attitude

toward animals was epitomized for me by a Cal Poly cowgirl two years ago. While at the Cal Poly Rodeo, I was concerned for some of the horses used in the bucking event. Three of these horses had flank burns from the flank straps used to get them to buck. I pointed this out and requested that the horses receive veterinary attention. The response from a cowgirl was, "Who cares? These horses are just going to the glue factory tomorrow."

If you do go to the rodeo, please try to see it with compassion. For example, just listen to the bleating of the goats in the girls goat-tying event. This event consists of a goat who is tied to a post while a girl on horseback rides toward

"Rodeos display and encourage an insensitivity to, and acceptance of, brutal treatment of animals in the name of sport."

it, dismounts and picks up the goat, throws it on the ground and ties three of its legs together. All this time the goat is bleating and trying to get as far away from the cowgirl as it can get, which isn't far since it is tied to the post. To compound this cruelty, the goats are used repeatedly in this event.

Rodeo is nothing but a brutal spectacle of violence and has led some communities — notably Orange County — to ban calf roping, steer wrestling and team roping at their annual fair rodeo. This year the Pierce College rodeo, considered California's largest collegiate rodeo, was canceled due to lack of ticket sales and funding.

The public seems to be listening to the facts which is helping to make a difference in the lives of rodeo animals. Some of the worst cruelties have occurred at California rodeos. Nine animals have died at California rodeos from 1994-1996. At a rodeo at Earl Warren Fairgrounds in Santa Barbara, a horse was gored to death by a bull. These terrible occurrences, along with those I have witnessed at Mid-State Fair and Cal Poly rodeos, have helped convince me that it is time for the American public to express its outrage at the cruelty inherent to rodeos.

Peggy Koteen is North County Humane Society Animal Rights Committee Chairperson and Animal Emancipation Inc., Director of Operations for San Luis Obispo.



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- Designated classes in government, writing and economics have made the "service option" available to almost 200 students so far, offering the chance to enhance learning through fieldwork and the development of a sense of civic responsibility.
- Cal Poly Plan funding enabled ag's small multicultural program to grow into a student center with evening and weekend hours that offers a comprehensive intervention program used regularly by 300 students and occasionally by at least 500 more.
- Thanks to the Cal Poly Plan, a special orientation program, weekly support group, updated Web page, newsletter, and other new resources are available to older students.

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WEB LINKS

- Re-entry services: <http://www.calpoly.edu/~wps/reentry/index.html>
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gram comes from volunteers and donations, but most of the money comes from two raffles held each year.

On May 1, the program will hold one of its five-year anniversary fund-raising raffles. Tickets

cost \$1 and can be purchased this month at the front desk in building 70, or by calling 756-5220. Prizes include an overnight stay at Embassy Suites, a handmade birdhouse/feeder, a handmade dollhouse and two baskets of goodies.

Company offers insurance to people with HIV virus

By Herbert G. McCann
Associated Press

CHICAGO - Acknowledging extraordinary medical advances against AIDS, a company has become the first in the nation to offer life insurance to people infected with HIV.

Guarantee Trust Life Insurance, a Glenview-based company that specializes in

insuring high-risk individuals, is test-marketing the coverage.

"From a life insurance risk perspective, we believe many otherwise healthy HIV-positive individuals are more appropriately viewed as having a treatable chronic illness rather than a terminal disease," said Richard Holson, president of the 60-year-old company.

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McShane has said in the past that he believes Cal Poly should remain a dry campus, but Monday night said that "it takes students to decide if they want a wet or dry campus."

Entzi said that it should be up to the students whether or not alcohol is to be served on campus.

"Fall quarter I worked on an ad hoc committee about this, and surveys came back that students for the most part did not want alcohol on campus," Entzi said.

Entzi said being chair of this year's Open House Committee gave her experience with the hard work it would take to be ASI president.

The debate was entirely too tame for architecture senior Alan Bednersh.

"I almost would have liked to see some mudslinging," Bednersh said. "I thought both cared a lot about the students and both were interested in helping the students, but they didn't separate themselves on the issues enough."

Liberal studies freshman Kerry Schultz said McShane won the show.

"He had better knowledge and backup," she said. "He was effective and straightforward. I didn't have background on either candidate, but he got people's attention and kept it."

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"We would expect that while this is the first, there will be others," said Ken Vest of the Washington-based American Council of Life Insurers, an industry group. "It fills a need."

State Farm and Allstate, two of the nation's largest insurers, said they have no plans to offer life insurance to HIV-positive individuals.

"The reasoning is, those who are HIV-positive are infected with a disease that is associated with high health costs and early death," said Murray Payne, spokesman for State Farm Insurance Cos. "The underlying principle is the same for anyone with any other serious life-threatening disease."

An advocate for people with AIDS called Guarantee Trust's move "an incredible first step."

"I'm certainly amazed that the insurance industry is starting to recognize that there is some real hope out there for people living with this disease," said Javier Salazar, a lobbyist for Washington-based AIDS Action. "There is some hope that this may be seen one day as a chronic disease and that we'll be able to benefit from the securities that everyone has access to."

The treatment that has helped prolong the lives of people infected with the AIDS virus involves an expensive cocktail of drugs that includes a new kind called a protease inhibitor.

Guarantee Trust's policies range from \$25,000 to \$250,000 of whole-life coverage.

Those who qualify must be under 49, have certain levels of the virus and infection-fighting T-cells and not have full-blown AIDS.

Guarantee Trust initially will offer the coverage only to Illinois residents.

The price will be substantially higher than insurance for an average person without an illness.

A fairly healthy 30-year-old man who doesn't smoke would pay about \$55 a month for a \$50,000 universal life policy, said Monty Edson, Guarantee Trust senior vice president for marketing. If that same person were HIV positive, the policy would cost about \$300 a month, Edson said.

Salazar of AIDS Action noted the cost would be prohibitively high for most people.

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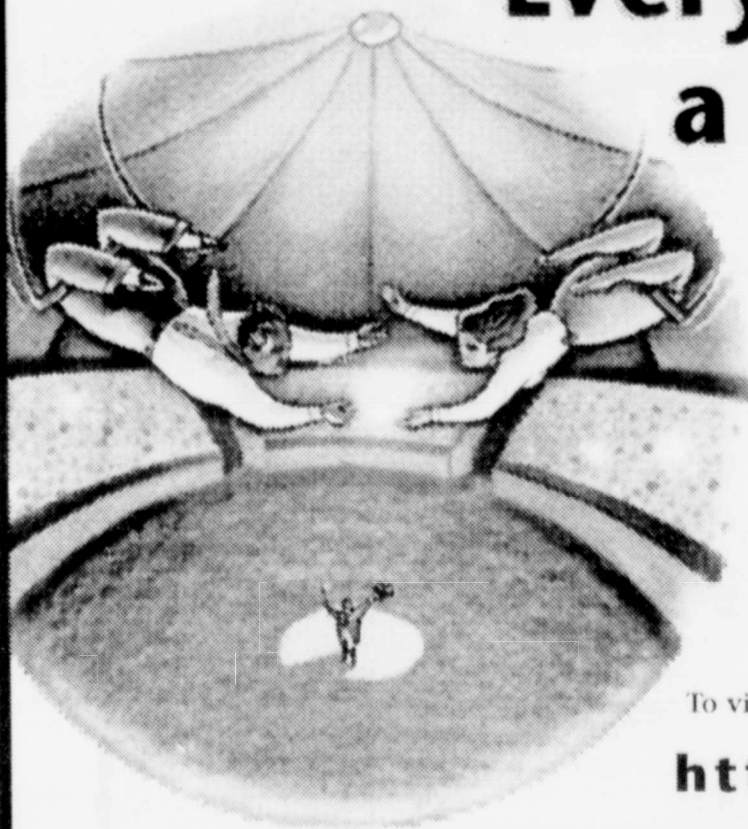
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but we are an old, mature team and we will adapt well," said line-backer Ken Pohl.

"Change isn't a bad thing, as long as we have the people we have now we can handle any strategy they put in front of us," said freshmen offensive tackle Patrick Behr. Behr, who attended Morro Bay High School, remembers playing against Welsh's team. He said he always thought he was a nice guy.

But one player disagrees.

"I honestly don't like the guy," he said. He said Welsh didn't make a very good first impres-

sion, but he knows he has to accept the coach or his football career is over.

Welsh knows there is a big difference between college and high school football. He is going to adapt his play to his new players' abilities. He said it looks like it is going to be a great time.

"If you don't believe you are going to fail then you aren't going to fail," Welsh said.

Success is what everyone wants for the football team.

"Everybody has the same goal of doing well next season so it should be a good year," said senior outside linebacker Brett Sagaser.

TRADITIONS *from page 8*

try unit that used to house turkeys.

The ball was hit with such power that the poor turkey, which was in the ball's path, was struck down and killed.

Ever since then, the softball teams have honored that turkey by touching or kissing three cloth turkeys that were created in memory of the dead turkey and now hang in the dugout.

The turkeys are a traditional part of the team, hanging out with the team at away games, as well as at home.

First baseman Anna Bauer

said that the turkeys are 100 percent successful, as is evident from this season's winning record (32-11) and their No. 8 national ranking.

The team has recently started a new tradition, which Bauer hopes will continue for many years. It involves a cheer that has been pulled up from the memories of a player's fourth-grade year.

Catcher Heather Scattini has taught the team her cheer, which is used when a hitter is in a slump.

Bauer said the cheer has proved to be about 80 percent successful in its first season and believes that it's definitely worth

holding on to.

Bauer recited the beginning of the cheer, which, along with the turkeys, can be heard this Friday, April 18, at the home game against Sacramento State.

"There's an old wave. There's a new wave. There's a perm wave. There's a surf wave....," Bauer said.

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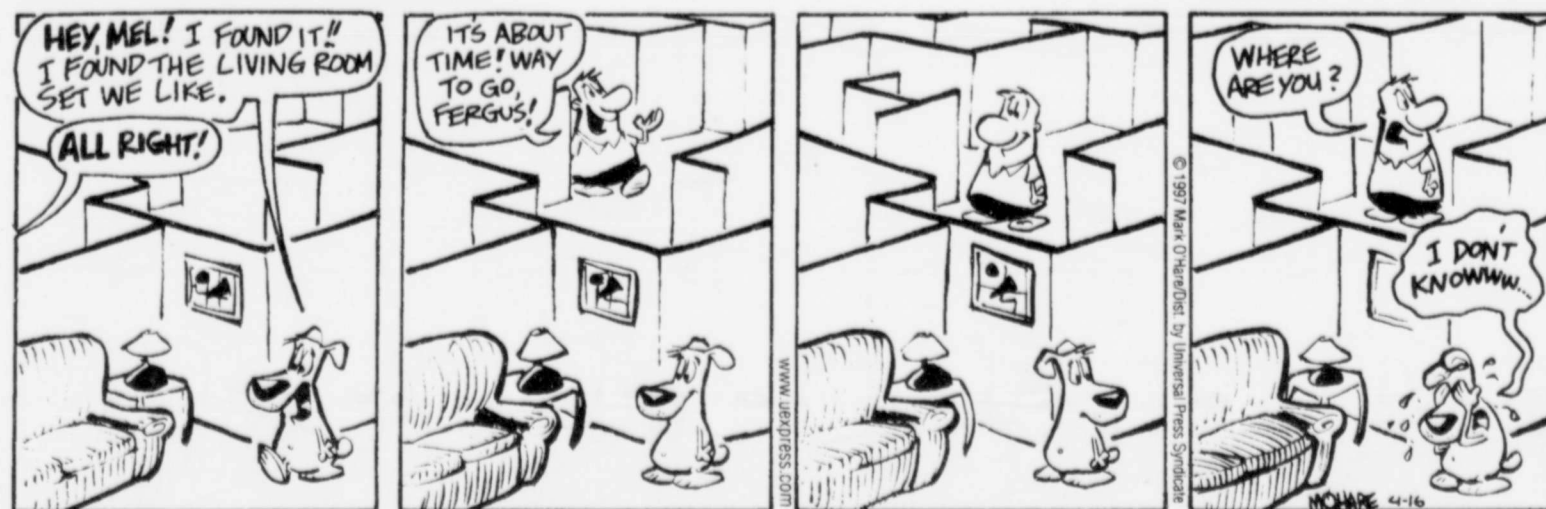
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KEEPING WITH TRADITION

By Martha Blackwell
Daily Staff Writer

Tradition in sports is more than a team's season record, the Dallas Cowboys playing on Thanksgiving day or little leaguers selling candy bars every spring.

Traditions practiced by the team as a whole serve as a way for the members to come together outside of the playing field.

Beyond the pre-game meals and post-game parties, several Cal Poly teams are rich in unique traditions, especially involving birthdays and rookies.

Mike "DD" French, a sophomore stand-out on the wrestling team, knows the price a wrestler pays on his birthday.

French said he walked into practice on his birthday last year when he was suddenly pinned to the floor.

"I thought I was in with the team, then I'm on the floor getting pounded on my stomach," he said.

This isn't cruel or unusual punishment that the wrestling team participates in. It's simply a birthday tradition called "pink belly."

The wrestlers pin the teammate to the floor, then slap his stomach until it's pink.

When it comes to birthdays, members of the women's soccer team are no more sympathetic than the wrestlers.

"Butts up" is the birthday tradition that the women participate in on the lucky teammate's day.



Birthdays aren't the only events that the soccer women traditionally celebrate as a team. The rookies receive even more attention.

Center midfielder Amy Earle said that at the beginning of the season, the rookies go through an initiation period when they must do a "boogie woogie" dance in front of the men's soccer team. Earle said that the rookies must also be ready to sing, "We Love You Veterans," on cue at any time.

Earle said that the initiation brings the team closer, and it's a strong bonding period.

Sophomore tennis player Tony Piccuta knows about traditional rookie initiation and duties all too well. Piccuta spent all last season carrying bags at airports for the older team members, retrieving water for them and not talking when he was told not to.

This year though, the ball is in his court.

"I'm definitely giving it to them (the freshmen) worse than I got it," Piccuta said.

Along with this, Piccuta said that the team has a traditional form of punishment for tardiness to practice or throwing a racket during a match. Any teammate guilty of these must run to the "P" and back.

He said that everyone has done it at

least once, and that after reaching the top, "it's actually a quite invigorating experience."

Teammates on the men's and women's swimming teams also know what it's like to be a rookie.

During Christmas break, the teams annually take part in a "Hell Week," which is strong in rookie traditions.

During this week, new members must run around town having their pictures taken at such places as the Santa's house and Mother's Tavern. The week ends with a traditional parade down Higuera Street during Farmers Market.

If that doesn't sound too intimidating, try wearing only a swimsuit, which is exactly what the team's ritual calls for.

Ian Pyka, who swims the 200 and 400 individual medley and 200 breaststroke, said that the week is, "all in good fun."

Which is, of course, what sports teams' traditions are all about, fun.

Take the men's lacrosse team.

For three years, the team has been the proud owner of the "Chico boot."

The boot, which is actually a lacrosse cleat with a handle bolted to its side, once belonged to the Chico lacrosse team, but was stolen by Cal Poly members.

Ever since that day, the teams have played for it at each match, where it sits on a mount as an inspiration for a win.

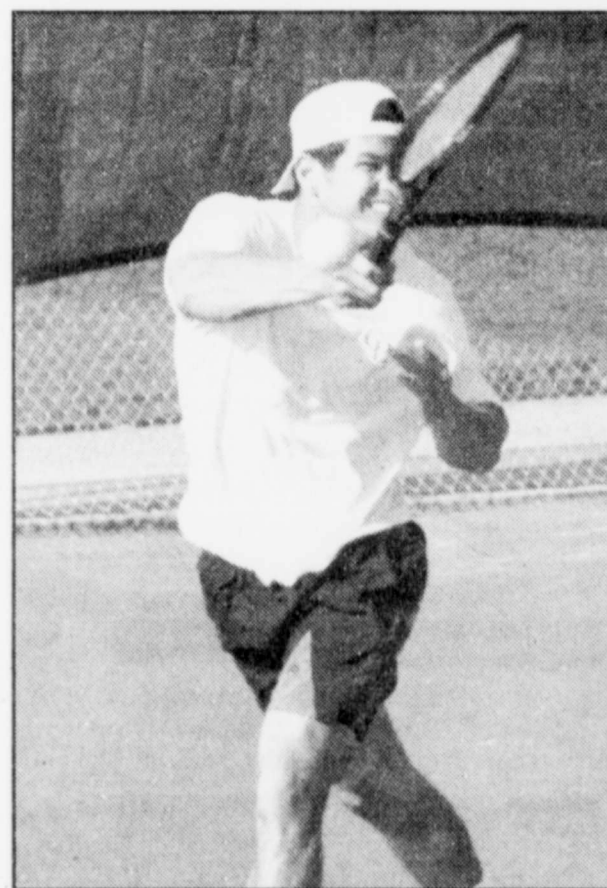
The team also incorporates the boot into its rookie tradition by requiring each new member to take a drink from its grungy insides.

The boot will be mounted this Sunday at the home game against Chico.

Along with the boot, the lacrosse team holds another tradition involving what is known as the "feather stick."

Every time that the team wins a match, the losing school's colors are painted on a feather, which is then glued to a lacrosse pole.

Adam Stowe, an assistant coach for the team, said that the tradition is, "better than



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Daily file photo by Greg Manifold

The 'Boogie Woogie' dance and 'Butts Up' bonded the women's soccer team enough to help them capture the Big West Championship title.

The celebrating woman must stand "butts up" on the field, while her teammates wish her a happy birthday by shooting soccer balls at her over and over.

The butts up tradition also holds true for those who forget any gear or equipment at practice or wear bows in their hair.

Can you picture this guy carrying the teams' luggage as a rookie last season? We can.

taking their (opponents') scalps."

Feathers are also involved in a popular tradition with the women's softball team.

Evidently, about 10 years ago, a Cal Poly softball player hit a home run into the poul-

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Football players 'cautiously optimistic' about transition to Welsh

By Kimberly Kaney
Daily Staff Writer

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," wrote Charles Dickens in his novel "A Tale of Two Cities."

This describes the contrast of feelings surrounding the Cal Poly football team right now.

The new head coach Larry Welsh met with players for the first time Monday. Whenever a new coach comes in, players aren't sure about what will happen. The Cal Poly football players are no exception. Most of them are questioning what Welsh is all about and how his style will affect the team and their own personal careers.

Even players who played under Welsh at Atascadero High School are unsure of what he will be like.

"He will be a good asset for the team, but it is hard to say how different (from former head coach Andre Patterson) he will be," said Dan Loney, a freshman guard. He said it is "weird" to have the same coach in high school and college.

Welsh's winning record (261-55-5) precedes him. This ability to be successful seems to be the one thing the players are sure of right now.

"He must be a very good coach and if he continues here then he might be that one who can lead us to a national championship," said quarterback Nate Ecklund. Ecklund, the quarterback at San

Luis Obispo High School, remembers playing against Welsh's team.

Many players on the Cal Poly football team have played against Welsh's team or on it during high school. They all hope Welsh will help make good things happen for Cal Poly.

It all starts with practice and everyone is anxious to get started with the spring season.

"We can finally get pointed in one direction; we can finally move on," said freshman wide receiver Kamil Loud.

And the team is doing just that. Welsh is meeting with the assistant coaches to discuss philosophies and to prepare for spring practice starting April 23.

Welsh said Patterson made a

lot of improvements with the team in his three years at Cal Poly. He hopes to build on that solid foundation.

"Andre was on step five or six of his plan and we are going to expand on that and move up to step nine or ten," Welsh said.

Patterson left Cal Poly to accept a position with the New England Patriots.

Ecklund said that Welsh told the players he would try to make it an easy transition. Ecklund said there might be slight changes in the offensive strategy.

Loney said that Welsh likes to run the ball.

In fact, Loud said that Welsh joked with the players in the meeting that all the wide receivers should leave now.

"He scared me for a minute; I think he was joking. I hope he is balanced," Loud said.

Welsh said the coaches haven't decided on any strategic plans for offense or defense yet. They will need more discussion to decide who will run the offense. He said they will work their way through it and learn from each other.

"We have to be able to move the football and at the same time be physical," Welsh said. "It's a fundamental game; no matter what you got to block and tackle."

The players are expecting to travel down a bumpy road at first, but most feel the changes will benefit the team in the long run.

"His philosophies are different and we will have to adapt to them,

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