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## San Luis Obispo's spring break escapes

By Lauren Nowenstein  
Mustang Daily

Spring break is coming and camping is an alternative for those who want to get away from San Luis Obispo but do not want spend a lot of money.

Darren Connor, the coordinator for the Craft Center and Poly Escapes, said it is possible to go camping for three days and spend only \$50 to \$100.

"It can be as expensive as you make it, or it can be very inexpensive," Connor said. Costs depend on the location and on materials needed for the trip.

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### Clarification

An excerpted transcript from a speech by California State University Chancellor Charles B. Reed — which appeared in the Thursday, March 11 issue of Mustang Daily — was unclear on one point and could have been misinterpreted.

The Mustang Daily's excerpt read: "Our students, just like Dick said, when I said something about going to school year-round said, 'My God, we can't work in the summer time. We've got to rest.'"

The following is verbatim from the chancellor's speech: "Our students, just like Dick said, when I said something about going to school year-round said, 'I'll not be able to get a job.' Hell, we could figure out how to do this so our students could get more jobs than anybody else if we came out with a calendar that will work. Two, the second thing, is the faculty says, 'My God, we can't work in the summer time. We've got to rest.'"

## Hikers get adventure fix from Poly Escapes

### Outdoor planners offer trips out of the Central Coast

By F. Xavier Lanier  
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly students don't have to go far to find a good place to hike during spring break. Poly Escapes can help plan a variety of hiking trips.

"We have a bunch of trip leaders who know all the trails around here," said Mike Tran, a Poly Escapes volunteer and marine biology senior. "If we don't know a certain trail, we have cabinets full of hiking guides."

For a day trip, Tran recommends Montaña de Oro, off Los Osos Valley road in Los Osos.

"Trails at Montana de Oro are real scenic and by the beach," Tran said.

Another popular destination is Los

Padres National Forest, which surrounds San Luis Obispo. There are Los Padres destinations to the east, north and south of San Luis Obispo.

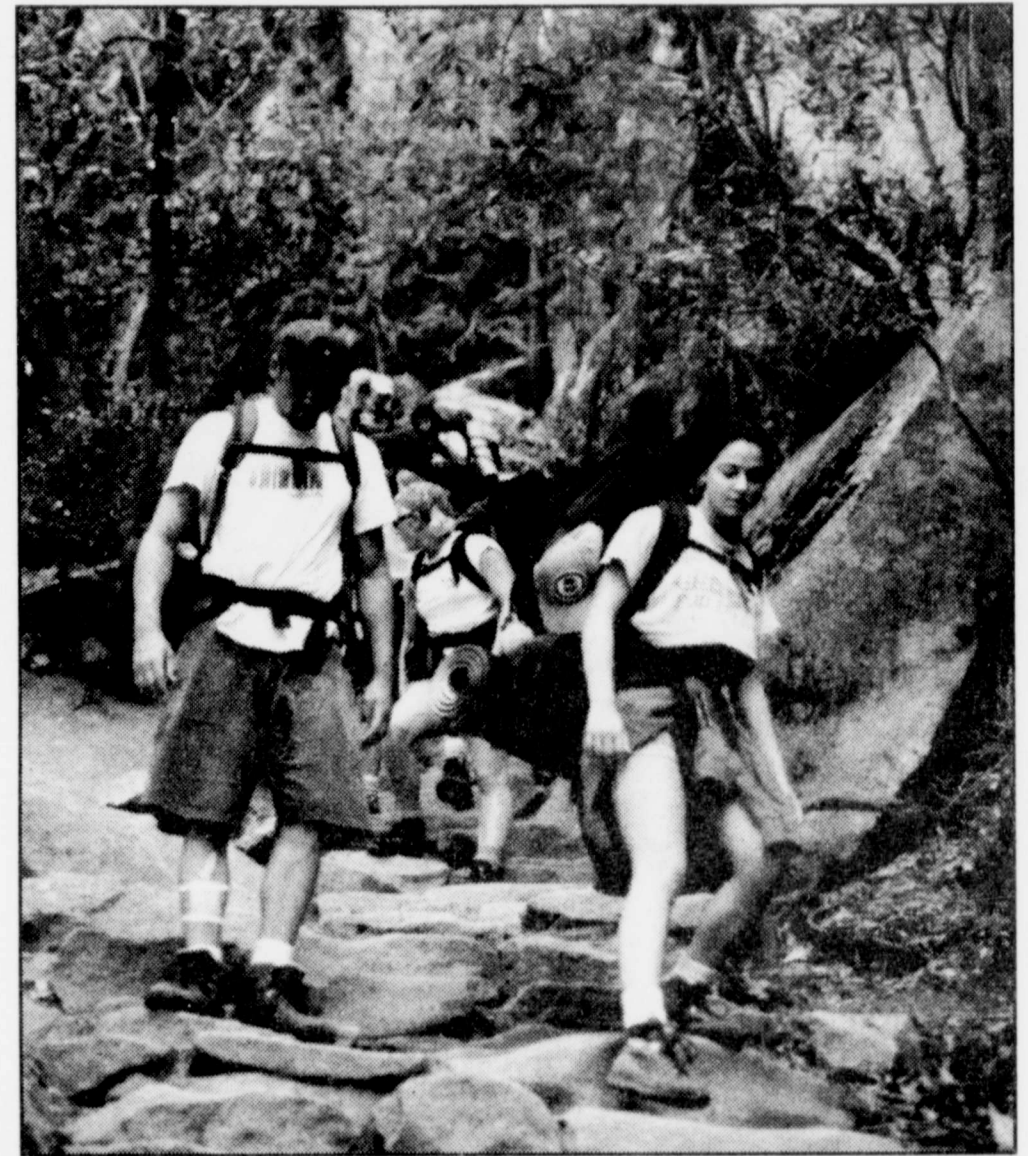
"It includes Big Sur with redwoods, the Machesena are with arid landscapes, and 9,000-foot peaks with snow," said Mike De Arton, a Mountain Air Sports employee and philosophy senior.

Even if you don't have experience, the Los Padres area is a good place to start.

"Three- or four-mile hikes are good for just starting," De Arton said. "If you've been doing it for a while, hikes go upwards of 25 or 30 miles per day. The average person hikes a mile about every 30 minutes."

De Arton suggests spring break trekkers bring proper equipment.

"Don't wear open-toed shoes. Make sure they're comfortable," De Arton said. "If it's rough terrain, wear boots with a stiff sole."



Steve Schueneman/Mustang Daily

**WATCH YOUR STEP:** Hiking can be a fun, inexpensive activity to do on your spring break no matter where you go.

## CAMPING

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Ken Hoffman, an environmental engineering junior, said that at Escape Route — located across from 2nd Edition — students can rent a variety of camping-related equipment including lanterns, tents, sleeping bags, stoves, foam pads, coolers and cross-country skis.

"We rent just about everything you need, besides clothing," Hoffman said. Most items are reasonably priced.

It costs about the same price to rent a kayak from Poly Escapes for the whole weekend as it would to rent one in Morro Bay for a few hours.

Since Poly Escapes is closed during

finals week, students must rent equipment before 4:00 p.m. on Friday of the last week of classes. However, students get to keep all the equipment for finals week for free.

"Our prices are as low as you'll find them," Connor said.

Students can also rent equipment from local stores. Connor said students looking to rent backcountry skis should visit Mountain Air Sports and snowboard seekers should go to Granite Stairway Mountaineering.

"The people at both those shops are really nice and easy to work with," Connor said.

Before planning a camping trip, students need to consider what types of food, shelter and clothing are appropriate for the area.

"It really pertains to the specifics of the trip you're on," said Ian Forbes, a biology sophomore, who is involved in the Poly Escapes program.

For example, Hoffman said students going backpacking need to pack food items that don't weigh much, such as ramen and noodle mixes.

Hoffman said students should remember to bring clothes made of fabrics that dry easily and are warm, such as fleece and wool.

"Anything that comes out of your washer almost dry is great camping equipment," Hoffman said.

Poly Escapes sponsors three trips during spring break that are still open to Cal Poly students. There is a rafting and camping trip to the Owyhee

River on the Oregon/Idaho border which costs \$230, a skiing trip in the mountains of Utah, which costs about \$104 plus food, and a canyoneering trip in Utah that costs about \$122 plus food.

The outings will be led by two trained trip leaders. To sign up for any of them, students should go to the Escape Route.

Hoffman, who is co-leading the canyoneering trip, said about half of the people going on the trips don't know anyone when they sign up. He prefers to lead trips for people he doesn't already know and who do not know a lot about camping. Hoffman said he wants to teach other people about camping and give back a little of what he has learned from being in

Poly Escapes.

"I try to give people a good experience in the outdoors," Hoffman said.

For those that don't want to go with an organized group, there are several good campgrounds within a few minutes to a few hours of Cal Poly. Connor said that campgrounds in Big Sur, such as Kirk Creek and Pfeiffer State Park, are good places for students to visit. At the Kirk Creek site, Connor recommends that students take a 45-minute hike up Cone Peak.

"The views from Cone Peak are excellent," Connor said.

Hoffman considers Big Sur the best place to go because information about it is readily available.



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# Slide away spring break on the slopes

By Rachel Robertshaw  
Mustang Daily

For many Cal Poly students, spring break means another opportunity to hit the slopes.

With finals done and a week off school, there are plenty of options for what to do over Spring Break. Some Cal Poly students take advantage of the time to spend it skiing or snowboarding.

When it comes to deciding where to go, students have many preferences. In California, many head to Tahoe or Mammoth, while others choose to stay closer to home and go to Sierra Summit, north of Fresno.

Cal Poly kinesiology sophomore Misha Tharp said she is only planning a short ski trip over the break.

"We're going to Sierra Summit because it's closest," she said. "It's not my favorite place to go snowboarding, but it's close enough for a one-day trip. It's all a matter of funding."

Sierra Summit is about four hours away from Cal Poly, located north of Fresno off Highway 168. The small resort has five chair lifts. Summit now offers season passes that are good for the remainder of this season and all of next season for \$199.

Members of the Cal Poly ski team will be spending the last weekend at Mammoth Mountain competing in their last race of the season. The team is currently ranked second in the Southern California Ski Conference, according to former president of the ski team Chris Weigand. He said that there will probably be about 20 to 25 members on the trip as well as many spectators.

"Since it's the last race of the season, it's kind of late for anyone to join," he said. "But we always welcome our team members to bring a friend along." Mammoth Mountain is southeast of Yosemite, in the Sierra Nevada.

The resort offers 150 different



Steve Schueneman/Mustang Daily

**LONG TREK:** With snow levels high this spring break, many students are heading to the hills to downhill or cross-country ski.

trails and 30 ski lifts. It is about a seven-hour drive from San Luis Obispo.

One of the most popular resorts is Lake Tahoe, which features 16 major resorts along the lake. This includes Heavenly, which has the West coast's largest snowmaking system. Many students are attracted to Tahoe because its many resorts

are not far from the casinos.

Other students plan longer ski trips that involve a plane ride, a hotel reservation and a lot more cash. Popular destinations include Aspen, Colorado, and Whistler, Canada.

Poly Escapes, located in the University Union, has a ski trip planned over the break, to Salt Lake City, Utah.

# Police call assault a hate crime

By Andrea Parker  
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly police are investigating a campus assault they believe is a hate crime.

According to investigator Ray Berrett, an African-American woman was confronted by a man about 11:05 a.m. Feb. 26 between the Lighthouse and the Sandwich Plant. The suspect reportedly

## Provost's warning

■ Paul Zingg responds, saying Cal Poly won't tolerate hate crimes.  
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walked up to her and said a derogatory statement about her ethnic background. He then spit in her face and walked away, apparently accompanied by a few other men.

The suspect is described as a 5-foot-10-inch white male in his twenties, with a medium build and short, dirty blond hair. He was wearing a black T-shirt with torn sleeves and dark blue jeans.

The victim, whose name is not being released, is planning to file charges with the district attorney if a suspect is arrested. Berrett said the assault could be prosecuted for possible civil rights violations.

"We're in the process of viewing video coverages provided by El Corral security in the area," Berrett said.

Anyone with information is asked to call Berrett at 756-6660.

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## Take time to relax and find yourself

As students at a college, we are more aware of cycles than most people. Our lives are structured around the activities that come and go in the quarter system. It is now time for a break. I would like to recommend a moment of contemplation regarding some approaches for getting the most out of this brief release.

I view spring break as an opportunity to repair, to heal, to reassess, to plan, to regulate, to experiment ... it reminds me of another cycle we go through: dreaming. We work hard each day and get physically, mentally and emotionally exhausted. Our brain then sorts out all the crap we learned and filters out what it feels is important and puts the rest in our vast subconscious memory. It runs little scenarios, in the form of dreams, that we have the ability to interpret. It is a kind of catharsis that allows us to approach the next day without emotional fatigue, without mental overload, without physical depletion.

So when you start your break, use it as an opportunity to heal, to center yourself, to ground your being, to allow yourself an upper hand for approaching the next quarter. If you do this, I believe the college experience can get better and better instead of forcing



**Jon  
Wilson**

you to want it to be over as soon as possible.

I know a lot of people will immediately escape into oblivion as soon as this quarter is over. The escape can take the form of a relaxing vacation, visiting family, doing a lot of drugs (I personally know a few people intent on recreating "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas") or doing whatever takes their mind off of their normal lives. That is not a bad thing. It is necessary to clear your mind of all the unnecessary information that has built up over the last few months. But you also have to take into consideration what you have learned and what information you should keep. You shouldn't reward your brain for getting you through finals week by completely destroying it! If you simply forget everything, then you will make the same mistakes that make the college experience more stressful than it needs to be.

What is more important than information regulation is focusing on who you are. It's great hanging out with friends and celebrating your accomplishment. You should also hang out with yourself, though, and spend some quiet time thinking about what you want and where you're going. Use this brief opportunity to center yourself and ground yourself. If you have a firm foundation of who you are and what your philosophies on life are, then it is far less likely you will be hurt or stressed out by unexpected experiences. Play your life like a jazz musician. You must learn about yourself as much as possible (as a musician would become proficient with a sax or a piano) and then you will be able to instantly improvise (act) according to the music (experience) that comes about. We're all living in a fast-moving ride. You can spend your life struggling against the current or you can relax and let the energy of life and humanity carry you to where you were meant to be. Use the energy around you for your health. If you are quiet, and if you listen to your surroundings, then you will hear what is best for you. See you next quarter!

Jon Wilson is a philosophy senior.



## LETTERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

### Hate crimes of any form will not be tolerated at Cal Poly

Editor:

Two weeks ago, on February 26, an unknown male suspect accosted a Cal Poly female student as she was standing outside the Sandwich Plant near the Lighthouse. During the incident, which took place at approximately 11:05 a.m., the suspect allegedly used a racial epithet and spat on the student. While the reported action constitutes a case of simple assault, University Police are treating the occurrence as a "hate crime." The incident is currently under investigation by University Police and Student Affairs, and anyone in the area at the time of the assault is requested to call either department with any information that might assist the investigation.

This unfortunate incident prompts me to remind the campus community that intolerance and violence have no place at Cal Poly, and the University rejects all forms of bigotry and abuse — physical or otherwise. The alleged incident was not only an unlawful act, but it also was a violation of the University's own codes of conduct. Discriminatory/hate speech and violence undermine and stand in stark contrast to the fundamental values held by this institution. At the very essence of our identity as a learning community, Cal Poly is obligated to be one of civility, respect and trust.

Cal Poly continues making every

effort possible to provide a campus environment free from bigotry and violent/abusive behavior. It is vital, though, that every member of the community plays a role in this effort by taking every step possible to repudiate the type of action this incident represents. We encourage you to join us as we strive to create an environment that guarantees not just the personal safety of each member of the community, but also one that fosters tolerance and respect among all of us.

Paul Zingg is the Provost of Cal Poly.

### Reed's remarks clarified by on-line transcripts of talk

Editor:

You may be aware that CSU Chancellor Charles Reed spoke to Cal Poly's President's Cabinet on Sunday, March 7, and that during the question-and-answer portion of his presentation the chancellor made comments regarding the CSU faculty that have been viewed as negative. In the days since the Cabinet meeting, we have been in communication with the Chancellor to seek clarification of his comments. To help the campus community better understand the full context of his remarks, Cal Poly has placed a transcript of Chancellor Reed's speech on the University's web site, at:

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[mmunic/comm.htm](http://www.calpoly.edu/~communic/comm.htm). In addition to the transcript, the chancellor has shared a response to concerns that have been raised surrounding his speech, which is on the same web site.

In our many opportunities to talk with the Chancellor since his arrival, he has frequently stated his great respect for the faculty's hard work, extraordinary accomplishments and devotion to the CSU and its students.

We would also like to reaffirm that our own sincere respect and appreciation for the work and commitment of the faculty at Cal Poly go beyond statements to this effect. For whatever we say is rooted in a fundamental understanding of the nature of a university, namely, a community of people and ideas. And the high reputation which Cal Poly particularly enjoys flows from the people who deliver our academic programs — the faculty — and the form and focus of our curricula — the ideas of "learn by doing" and placing students first. We are connected in a culture of the highest quality and committed to work with all members of our university to build upon what we have already achieved together.

We hope you will take the opportunity to read the full transcript of Chancellor Reed's remarks in the context of the President's Cabinet program.

Warren J. Baker, Cal Poly President and Paul Zingg, Provost.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Merit pay is the core issue of contract disputes**

Editor:

While the chancellor may take issue with the position of the faculty, relative to merit pay, there is no reason for him to trivialize either their contributions or their efforts.

The core issue is the merit-pay plan, versions of which are currently in place for both faculty and staff. This is a complex and difficult issue that is best addressed with great care and with due respect to those who may present opposing points of view.

Compensation is one of the more difficult problems for our society and economic system. I will not pretend to have the answers, but the problems are obvious. Athletes and corporate executives make huge amounts of money, while teachers and others who provide essential services make far less. Extreme examples include agricultural workers and those who care for the elderly. These people do jobs that are arguably among the most difficult for wages that in many cases are at the subsistence level, if that.

Merit-pay systems are not new. Some have been very successful.

Others have been grossly unfair. New ones spring up from time to time in this country and around the world.

The variations in these schemes are endless. A major factor is the percentage of an individual's pay that derives from commissions, bonuses, merit increases or other incentives. Another key factor is the ability to measure "output."

Merit pay has not had a history of great success in government or education. In fact, the civil service system arose out of a desire to eliminate abuses related to the political "spoils" system and "cronyism." Nevertheless, it is clear that we would be better off if we could devise a method through which superior contributors could be rewarded accordingly. While nobody disputes this, many question our ability to devise such a scheme, and the faculty are reasonably skeptical about the latest effort by the California State University system.

My hope is that everyone involved can take a step back, recognize the complexity of the issues and the fact that honest differences of opinion are bound to arise and may not be easily resolved, and consider the positions of others as valued contributions to the discussion, rather than personal attacks. In this regard, it would be helpful if we could all be more temperate and thoughtful in stating these positions and avoid statements that are likely to give offense to other parties to the discussion.

Bob Dignan is the director of Fiscal Services.

**Lack of respect for Poly professor is unacceptable**

Editor:

I have recently sat through a series of Cal Poly lectures in which the professor does not speak English fluently. There has been a general sentiment,

which has grown cancerously throughout the class, that it is acceptable to treat this professor with disrespect, because the professor has difficulty conveying thoughts clearly and concisely due to a lack of English proficiency. It enrages me to see this at an institute of higher learning.

Part of it, admittedly, may be due to the professor's lack of teaching experience, but I think there is a deeper problem, ignorance. Ignorance of the strife, self-sacrifice and dedication the professor has overcome to learn this country's official language and be in the present position — in the honest pursuit of the "American dream."

I cannot blame these students if it is just ignorance, but our purpose at this university is education — an education composed not only of our chosen material, but the education we acquire through daily interactions with other human beings. The importance of a college campus of diverse thoughts, backgrounds and cultural identities is crucial to the future of our society. Our generation will have the reigns of this country, and now, with the interdependence of global markets and worldwide communication, we will have a hand in the reigns of the world.

The small actions of these students, however minuscule they may seem, become dangerous if they are left unchecked. These are the same social instabilities which have made it acceptable for our state to pass bills such as Proposition 227.

By the time we wake up as a generation and open our eyes, we will have

to deal with the violent eruption of social unrest in our cities due to the cancerous trend of decreased funding for education and increased funding for incarceration — while the so-called leaders of our society slink to the quietly sprouting, gated communities of suburban America to finish their existence in "peace."

We need the most talented young individuals and minds of our society to put down the substances and "isms" (racism, sexism, etc.) and actively pursue the responsibility for the world we are entering. The deepest issues of our society need to be addressed now. We cannot continue to place a Band-aid on a mortal wound and expect to progress as a people and a nation.

Diegas Zavala is a mechanical engineering senior.

**We are all different people**

Editor:

There has been a lot of talk lately about the issue of diversity. While I think that a white person can learn something from a Hispanic person, I also think a white person from downtown San Francisco can learn just much from a white person from a rural area of the valley. We are all different. Race isn't the only thing that defines diversity. I strongly disagree with the statement made in the article, "Take a walk in my shoes," March 11: "Your skin color is the pure essence of who you are." I know that there is a lot more to me than the simple fact that I

am white. We all come from different cities, religions, incomes, family situations, as well as different races. To say that race is the only thing that defines us is a huge generalization.

How can you say diversity doesn't exist on this campus? Well, I suppose you can, if you think that all people of the same race are exactly the same. This is completely untrue. I grew up in the suburbs, so I think I could learn from someone who grew up in an inner city, or someone who grew up on a farm, no matter what race they were. I'm from northern California, so I could probably learn something from someone from southern California, even if he or she was white.

Seeing race as the only thing that defines diversity is a very narrow point of view. The students who are accepted to Cal Poly will inevitably all be different. We can all learn from each other no matter what race we are.

Joe Demers is an architectural engineering freshman.

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## Owners on the verge of awarding the next football franchise

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Within the next few days, 31 football team owners meeting in Arizona are scheduled to vote to put a new NFL franchise team in either Los Angeles or Houston.

There have been reports that a decision has already been reached to award the league's 32nd team to Los Angeles, reports denied by all sides. There are strong signs that L.A. will get the nod, but a decision won't be final until the league's sometimes unpredictable group of owners approve it.

The expansion committee is set to meet Sunday in Phoenix, with its recommendation to be presented to all the owners early next week.

NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said recently that he expects the league to name a city, but not an ownership group, during the meetings.

Houston, which has just one ownership group bidding, may thus be out of the running. Another indication is that Bob McNair, who heads the effort to bring a team back to Houston, is shopping around for an existing franchise.

Although he said he hasn't given up on the possibility of landing the expansion team, McNair has sent letters of inquiry to teams in nine other cities.

There are two groups in Los Angeles competing for a team: one headed by Hollywood dealmaker Michael Ovitz that wants to build a new stadium in suburban Carson; the other led by real estate developer Ed Roski and billionaire Eli Broad, seeking to return a team to a remodeled L.A. Coliseum.

If the NFL does the expected and picks Los Angeles, the league then will be able to have those two groups — and any others that might want to get into the game — bidding against each other for the franchise.

As a measure of the price tag, Cleveland paid \$530 million for an

expansion team, and the current bid for the Washington Redskins is \$800 million.

Carolina Panthers owner Jerry Richardson, a member of the expansion committee, said he would be surprised if other groups interested in owning a team didn't surface, regardless of which city was picked.

There has even been speculation that the two present L.A. groups might join their efforts, although there would be obstacles to such a merger.

Several factors would seem to make Los Angeles a shoo-in. The area is the nation's second largest TV market (compared to Houston at No. 11), is highly visible as America's "entertainment capital," and, with nearly 17 million potential customers for jerseys and other team paraphernalia, is an area the NFL may need more than it needs an NFL team.

Richardson said during a visit last week to Carson that he didn't expect the league would expand beyond 32 teams "in my lifetime, and I'm 62."

If L.A.'s not the place, that would leave the NFL without a home team in the No. 2 TV market for the foreseeable future, costing the league megabucks in TV contracts and merchandising.

Tagliabue, who flew over the proposed Carson site in a helicopter with Richardson last week, called Ovitz a visionary and mentioned that the NFL needs to think "entertainment."

At the same time, he ticked off concerns about the proposed remodeling of the Coliseum, including parking space and the financial package.

Richardson noted that the Coliseum already lost two NFL teams, the Rams when they moved to Anaheim, and the Raiders.


The Los Angeles area hasn't been without a team since 1995, when the Rams left Anaheim for St. Louis and the Raiders returned to Oakland.

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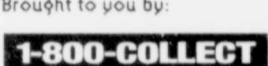



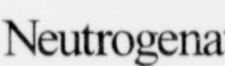


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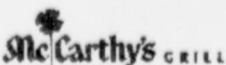
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Player	AVG	AB	HITTING					SB
			R	H	HR	RBI		
Ritter	.327	52	15	17	1	10	1	
Trosper	.314	51	16	16	1	9	5	
Albright	.304	46	7	14	1	8	1	
Richardson	.286	42	7	12	0	8	0	
Brady	.284	67	14	19	1	10	2	
Riddle	.279	43	4	12	0	8	1	
Elam	.243	70	7	17	0	9	2	
Wood	.135	37	6	5	0	3	1	
Murphy	.500	4	2	2	0	1	0	
Ecklund	.417	12	3	5	1	7	0	
Martinez	.400	20	4	8	0	7	1	
Morales	.375	32	6	12	0	4	1	
Osorio	.375	8	5	3	1	4	0	
Gant	.320	25	6	8	0	3	3	
Sheldon	.286	7	3	2	0	3	0	
Smith	.222	18	3	4	2	5	0	
Hageman	.158	19	6	3	0	3	0	
Pitstick	.143	21	3	3	0	3	1	
Billingsley	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Player	ERA	W-L	PITCHING				SO	
			SV	IP	BB			
Kelly	1.42	0-1	1	12.2	2	12		
Zirelli	2.65	4-0	0	37.1	13	40		
Rios	3.57	2-1	0	17.2	8	13		
Gallup	3.72	0-0	0	9.2	4	8		
Merritt	3.97	0-1	1	11.1	8	10		
Cunningham	4.74	2-1	0	24.2	9	16		
Shwam	5.79	0-2	0	14.0	8	10		
Morton	7.88	0-0	0	8.0	10	5		
Krisch	9.00	0-0	0	2.0	2	1		
Smith	10.38	0-1	0	4.1	2	3		
Brady	12.27	1-1	1	3.2	1	2		
Wallace	13.50	0-0	0	2.2	3	4		

SOFTBALL

HITTING							
Player	AVG	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB
Stockton	.385	52	7	20	0	5	0
Nessa	.328	58	8	19	0	3	1
Duncan	.304	46	7	14	0	4	0
Poet	.291	55	6	16	0	4	0
Limary	.271	48	3	13	0	8	0
Marquez	.269	52	3	14	0	9	0
Wayland	.200	35	2	7	0	2	0
Haley	.154	13	0	2	0	1	0
Durost	.150	20	3	3	0	0	0
Wells	.111	27	3	3	0	1	0
Lancaster	.091	11	1	1	1	1	0
Carlisle	.071	28	1	2	0	1	0
Utihoven	.333	6	0	2	0	0	0
Dansby	.333	6	2	2	0	0	0
PITCHING							
Player	ERA	W-L	SV	IP	BB	SO	
Murray	0.00	1-0	0	3.0	1	3	
Jasper	3.09	2-6	0	58.1	10	20	
Lee	4.15	3-4	0	47.2	18	17	
Blankenbecler	6.55	0-2	0	11.0	8	3	

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something we've always been strong on and we didn't know how to react to it."

The Mustangs have two tough games coming up that could determine if they go to the Final Four. They play UC Santa Barbara and Westmont, two opponents that have proven challenging to the Mustangs in the past.

"We definitely are hoping to go to the Final Four, so we're hoping to get a comeback," Littrell said. "Santa Barbara is picked to be number one and their heads are up in the air about it."

While she said the Mustangs are planning on taking advantage of UCSB's overconfidence, Littrell said the teams are evenly matched.

"I do think they're a really good team," Littrell said. "Every single one

of the people in our division are equally matched, so every game is a hard match.

Jensen said the team has what it takes to win.

"There's so many awesome players," she said. Jensen said that while several players are playing extremely well, the emphasis is on teamwork.

"It's pretty much a team, the best games are when everyone gets in there," she said. "We beat Santa Barbara the last time we played them. And everyone can get rested over break, I think everyone's ready for a break. Hopefully we'll win but even if we don't it will be an awesome game. We should win Westmont too, if they play like they did last year."

Littrell said it has been a tough season, on and off the field. In addition to school and playing for the team, she and team president Jen Wilms are responsible for organizing the team's entire schedule and other details.

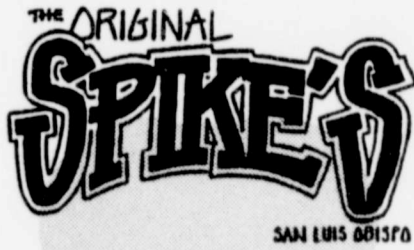
"It's really hectic because Jen and I do all the stuff that a paid coach would do," she said. "Our coaches just come out to practice. It entails a lot of busy work and phone calls and paperwork. We have to fill out a form for everything we say and do, so we had to take a lighter load in school and work together."

Jensen said the whole team has a great work ethic.

"They're all very hard workers, they have to be," she said. "They are out there because they want to play. Everyone works very hard, there's good team comraderie. Everyone gets along, there's a lot of positive attitudes, most of the time."

Littrell is confident in the team's abilities to finish the season off well.

"I think we have very strong potential," she said. "We have a lot of natural talent and a love for the game. Everyone comes out there knowing it's a struggle to get there."



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#### YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

In 1994, Arkansas defeated Duke for the National Championship.

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#### THANKS

The Sports Department would like to thank reporters Jen Stevenson and Trisha Thorn for the quality writing they have provided the last two quarters. They will be sorely missed!

Please submit answer to: jnolan@polymail.calpoly.edu Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

### SCHEDULE

#### TODAY

° Baseball at University of Pacific at 7 p.m.

° Softball at NIST Tournament in San Jose TBA.

#### SATURDAY

° Baseball at University of Pacific at 7 p.m.

° Softball at NIST Tournament in San Jose TBA.

#### SUNDAY

° Baseball at University of Pacific at 1 p.m.

° Softball at NIST Tournament in San Jose TBA.

### BRIEFS

#### Baseball

Senior pitcher Mike Zirelli was named Big West Pitcher of the Week.

Zirelli leads the Mustangs in wins (4), innings (37.1) and strikeouts (40). He is second on the team in earned run average (2.65) and has 3.16 walks per nine inning ratio.

Zirelli improved to 4-0 for the season. On March 6th the pitcher threw eight innings with 14 strikeouts, at least one in every inning.

Cal Poly is currently 9-8 overall, and will open the Big West Conference season at Pacific this Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

## The "Sweet Science" has turned very sour recently

There is something rotten in the state of boxing. Once called the "Sweet Science," our pugilistic pastime has degenerated into rowdy brawls between thugs and cream puffs.

Evander Holyfield will rumble with Lennox Lewis Saturday in a match that will unify the world championship for the first time since Riddick Bowe had the undisputed belt in 1992.

Lewis, holder of the WBC championship, is the only boxer who can challenge the superiority of Holyfield, the IBF-WBA champion. Some boxing analysts are calling this match one of the biggest of the decade, and definitely the best since Holyfield dethroned Tyson.

Yet the propaganda for the match is misleading. Holyfield vs. Lewis is the most prominent fight in recent memory because there aren't any decent challengers.

The roll call of champions for the last 10 years sounds more like a gang of barflies from Mother's Tavern, with stooges like Michael Moorer, Frank Bruno, Bruce Seldon and Oliver McCall. Due to the lack of good fighters, people get excited when punks like Andrew Golota beat up on the local kickboxing

instructor or Mike Tyson huffs and puffs and then bites someone's ear off.

It makes a fan long for the days when boxers were kings, and glowering men like George Foreman and Joe Frazier bloodied the mat and each other in epic matches that made movies. Back then, pay-per-view still referred to coughing up a nickel to look at your friend's Playboy, and the world stood still for the heavyweights to clash.



Chris Arns

Thirty years ago, a fight brought out more stars than the sun going down. When Frazier squared off against Ali for the first time, on March 8, 1971, the match had so many celebrities in attendance that Frank Sinatra volunteered to take pictures for Life Magazine.

The historic pairing of Frazier, the hard-punching

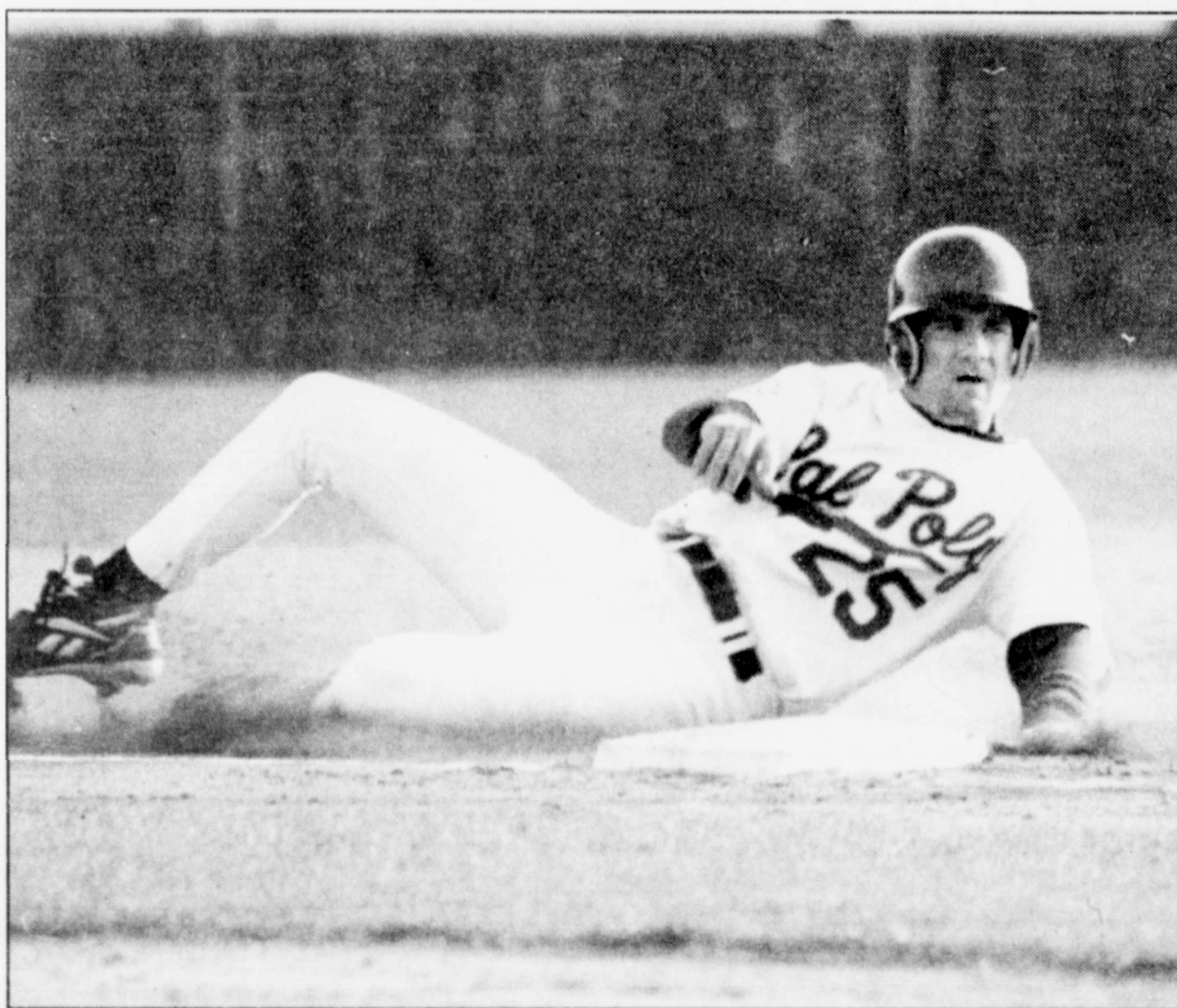
beefcake from Philadelphia, and Ali, the greatest heavyweight in history, enthralled the nation three times. Each fight went down as one of the best in this century, and two legends were born.

The competition was better then, too. George Foreman, Ken Norton, Larry Holmes and Leon Spinks all fought at the same time as Ali and Frazier, and sometimes beat them. It's a contrast to today, when our champions can hardly get past stiffies like Vaughn Bean, which was the case with Holyfield last September.

A long time ago, boxers would accept their victory or loss with dignity. Now, everyone riots after the fight, especially at every Tyson match. The majesty of boxing as a sport has died away, leaving washed-up old men to flail for long-lost glory. To rephrase a Simon and Garfunkel song, "Where have you gone, Joe Louis? A nation turns its lonely eyes to you." I guess the champions have left and gone away.

Chris Arns, who wouldn't ever repeat this to Holyfield's face, can be reached at [carns@polymail.calpoly.edu](mailto:carns@polymail.calpoly.edu)

## Big West play begins



Dawn Kalmar/Mustang Daily

**SAFE:** Steve Wood slides into third. The Mustangs are 9-8 in non-conference play after winning six of a ninegame homestand. The Mustangs travel to the University of Pacific today for the first game of Big West play.

## Services befitting DiMaggio's quiet grace

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — His brother's words inside the church and the crowd's emotional farewell outside perfectly captured the two sides of Joe DiMaggio — the quiet, dignified, reclusive man, and the Joltin' Joe who stirred fans' passions.

Dominic DiMaggio, the last of the three sons of Italian immigrants who played in the major leagues, spoke little about baseball in his brief eulogy Thursday and more about his brother's quest for privacy, his love of children and the one significant hollow in his life.

Joe DiMaggio grew up playing on the sandlots of San Francisco, Dominic told a private gathering at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, and had everything in a Hall of Fame career, except the right woman to share his life. He married twice — in this church in 1939 to actress Dorothy Arnold, and at San Francisco's City Hall in 1954 to Marilyn Monroe — but never found happiness in marriage.

To fill that void, Dominic said, Joe DiMaggio dedicated his life away from baseball to helping children, privately and publicly, including the establishment of a children's wing to a hospital in Hollywood, Fla.

## Women's lacrosse looks to make Final Four

By Jen Stevenson  
Mustang Daily

Despite a few setbacks this year, the Cal Poly women's lacrosse team hopes to be heading to the Final Four at the end of the season.

The Mustangs were first in their division until they suffered a double upset last weekend at University of Arizona and Claremont, dropping them to 6-3.

Although team members were puzzled by their lapse, they aren't overly concerned.

"We were out of sync," co-president Kym Littrell said, "We weren't playing as a team."

Coach Karen Jensen said she couldn't pinpoint why the team faltered.

"It's hard to say what happened," Jensen said. "It was a combination of many things — traveling's always hard and I think we just were lacking a little bit of teamwork, which is



**RUNNING TO THE FINAL FOUR:** Women's lacrosse dropped its two most recent matches, dropping them to 6-3. They have two tough matches coming up against UC Santa Barbara and Claremont.

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