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Students, homeless go the distance

By Victoria Walsh

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students and community members walked for hunger on Saturday to help increase awareness of homelessness in the community.

The walk brought an end to Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, which included a hunger banquet, a homeless panel and a day-long fast.

More than 150 people, including local homeless, participated in the walk. Campus Dining provided food for a barbecue afterwards.

The activists began the walk at the Economic Opportunity Commission homeless shelter on Broad and Orcutt streets and ended three miles later at the Prado Day Center off of South Higuera Street.

Paulo Younse, Beyond Shelter co-director, said the walk was organized to "get the community involved and interact with the homeless."

Todd Cottele, a member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity, said, "We're doing our service event today by coming out and helping the community."

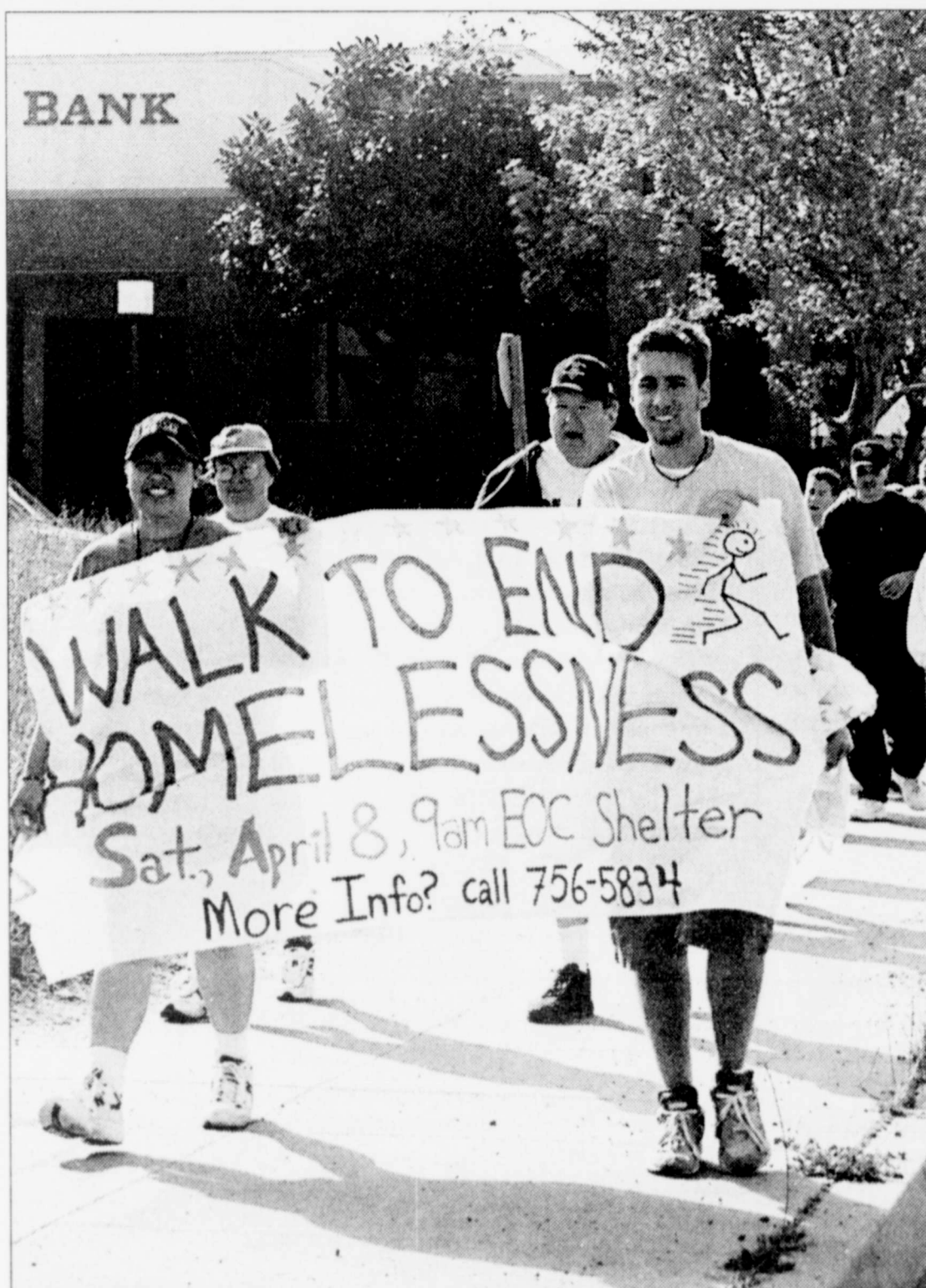
Beyond Shelter, a part of Student Community Services, planned the week's activities. Monday's hunger banquet in Chumash Auditorium showed about 80 students the difference between meals for the homeless, middle class and upper class.

On Tuesday, a panel of 10 homeless people spoke to 40 students and community members in Tenaya Hall about living homeless.

More than 100 students fasted from sun-up to sun-down on Wednesday with a breaking of the fast at the Mission downtown.

A community meeting in the library on Thursday allowed students and other community members to discuss stereotypes and myths surrounding homelessness.

Three different bands and improvisational group "Smile and Nod" entertained



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Computer science junior Alissa Mamon and general engineering freshman Will Wertenberg led Saturday's march from the EOC homeless shelter to increase homeless awareness in San Luis Obispo.

tained more than 100 students in a benefit concert on Friday in Chumash Auditorium.

The week's activities raised more than \$1,500 for both the Economic Opportunity Commission and the Food Bank Coalition.

Beyond Shelter announced that there are about 40,000 people living in

poverty and about 4,000 homeless in San Luis Obispo County.

Animal Science sophomore Heidi Jackson said she volunteered because she felt it was "important for people to get involved with the homeless and become aware of the problem and try to help these people's lives."

Officials deny rape claims on campus fliers

By Shannon Akins

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Two weeks ago more than 1,000 fliers were posted around Cal Poly's campus accusing former student David Kellogg of rape. University Police, Judicial Affairs and the district attorney's office said this rape never happened.

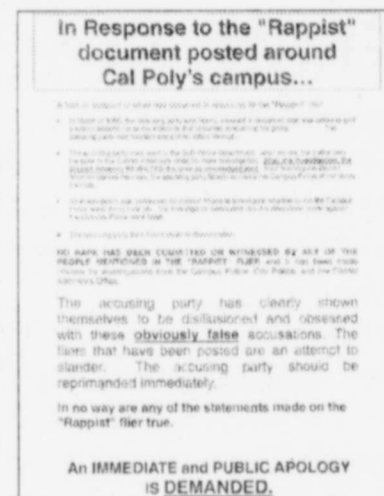
A Cal Poly student said Kellogg raped her on more than one occasion during November and December 1998. Allegations weren't brought against Kellogg until March 1999. Kellogg told Mustang Daily he and the woman were intimate but said it was consensual.

Kaaron Conwright, Kiko Griffin, Dennis Johnson, Ajani Brown and Ben Miskie were also named on the flier, accused of witnessing or contributing to the alleged rape. The same fliers were also posted around University of the Pacific in Stockton, where Kellogg once attended.

"I had evidence clearing this individual, and he and the others involved in the flier were being portrayed in a manner that I don't find to be factual," Judicial Affairs coordinator Ardith Tregenza said in an interview last week with CPTV, Cal Poly's student television station.

The woman who brought allegations against Kellogg said she doesn't know who made the fliers. She added that hasn't seen either the rape flier or the response flier.

So far officials don't have evidence connecting anyone to the posting of the fliers. But in response, the accused men posted their own fliers, demanding a pub-



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Poly student studies, explores world aboard ship

By Kara Knutson

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

She has toured the jungles of Vietnam on an elephant's back, fished for piranha in the Amazon River and seen the poverty-stricken people of India. She is not famous, and she is not on vacation. Her name is Amanda Franchi, a Cal Poly student who has been traveling the world for the past 79 days as part of the Semester At Sea program.

Students spend 55 days at sea on a cruise ship called the S.S. Universe Explorer and 45 days touring different countries.

Students only attend classes while the ship is at sea. Once reaching port, they have the opportunity to participate in organized field

trips or they are free to design their own travel plans.

Franchi departed from Nassau in the Bahamas on Jan. 22. Since then, she has visited Cuba, Brazil, South Africa, Kenya, India, Malaysia, Vietnam and Hong Kong. On Tuesday she will leave for a five-day stop in Japan. She'll return to the United States on May 8.

Joining Franchi for this 100-day trip are 630 students from 200 colleges and universities worldwide, 30 non-student adults and 28 professors.

Pam Franchi, Amanda's mother, said the students are very privileged to be able to do this.

"What (Amanda) has gotten to do is just

amazing," she said. "It far surpasses any literature she'll ever read."

Students are required to take at least 12 units but may opt to take 15. Approximately 70 different classes are offered in subjects like anthropology, history, business, women's studies, religion, psychology, theater arts and music.

The professors for the program, sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh, are from a variety of institutions from the United States and abroad. They were hired for their international experience. All of them have lived in other countries. SAS Director of Enrollment Management Paul Watson said

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Poly student Amanda Franchi has spent the last 79 days touring the world as part of the Semester At Sea Program.

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lic apology; however, no one has offered an apology. If evidence is discovered, the men may bring a felony civil suit against the party for libel.

"I plan on suing him for (libel)," Kellogg said. "He brought my friends into this. He's damaging my reputation."

University Police said it has a good idea who posted the fliers — it's just a matter of finding witnesses or evidence from surveillance cameras located around campus.

Cal Poly student Santos Sarabia, the boyfriend of the woman who made the allegations against Kellogg, expressed his outrage at the men he calls rapists in a letter he wrote to the Mustang Daily.

"I often pray to God, and if God exists, then these rapist(s) will feel his wrath through me," Sarabia said in the letter. "In the end, the truth is this, if fighting crime and fighting these rapist(s) is something left for lunatics, then I will be the most devoted lunatic these rapist(s) ever confronted."

University Police Investigator Mike Kennedy told CPTV he believes the woman is being manipulated by Sarabia, not by Kellogg.

"I don't believe she was victimized by David Kellogg or any of the people named in the flier," Kennedy

said. "I think she is being victimized by her boyfriend, and I think it's continuing."

The woman said she doesn't feel victimized by Sarabia.

"I don't mind if he speaks for me," she said. "He knows exactly how I think."

Despite officials concluding there was no rape, Sarabia and his girlfriend still stand by their claim and said the system has failed them. She said they have now taken the matter to the state level. They also filed a complaint against Kennedy for discrimination.

"Everyone wants to defend this person that did commit this crime," the woman said. "(Kellogg) knows I did say no. I wanted to wait until I got married."

Kellogg denies any allegations that he raped the woman.

"She even said I never hit her, never held her down," Kellogg said. "She wasn't intoxicated. Neither of us drank or did any type of drugs. She said yes. That's not rape. I confronted her later and asked her, 'Did I ever hold you down or rape you?' She said, 'No, but you treated me bad.'"

Meanwhile, the other five men featured in the flier said they are trying to put it behind them until further developments arise. Officials said the five men had nothing to do with the allegations brought against Kellogg.

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this allows them to integrate course content with countries on the itinerary.

Each class has a field component that students must complete during the voyage. Watson said these include home stays with local families, visits to universities and travel to places of historic, cultural or religious significance.

For example, Pam Franchi said while visiting Vietnam, students crawled through the tunnels dug by the Viet Cong during the Vietnam War.

In Brazil, the group rented 20 tiny boats to travel up the Amazon River. On one particular day when some students, including Amanda, were out in a rowboat fishing for piranha, a 10-foot alligator started circling their boat. Pam Franchi said that was not Amanda's only experience with exotic animals.

While in Kenya, she went on safari. In a letter home, Franchi said the Masai warriors guarded their tents at night to protect them from the animals. She said she didn't sleep very well because she could

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Pam Franchi

Amanda Franchi's mother

hear the lions and hyenas all night.

A few days prior to entering a new country, students learn about the current political, economic and social situations within that country. They learn about local customs and laws and are told about what they can expect to see.

Franchi wrote her parents about the poverty she saw in India. She described how everyone's mouths were bleeding from infections and how none of the people had teeth. She said one woman came up to her crying and begging for money. She said all she wanted to do was help the woman, but she couldn't. If she gave the woman money, many others nearby would have mobbed her for money as well.

Pam Franchi said she is thrilled her daughter will be coming home soon but is sad at the same time.

"I know how fabulous this has been for her," she said.

New program lends direction

By Robin Nichols

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Directions for College Planning is a new concept based on an old idea.

Directions provides academic and career guidance for high school and college students who need extra help in specific areas. It takes the work of a college counselor and turns it into a business that gives a personalized plan to each client.

The programs that Directions offers are available to anyone from middle school students to re-entry adults. Education counselors Cynthia Gooch and Bridget Coombs founded the company last year when they realized that some students were in need of more personal attention than what school counselors could provide. Their clientele is approximately 50 percent high school students and 50 percent other students.

Their fees range from \$55 an hour to a \$1000 plan for seniors in high school. College students usually choose hourly consultations for help with admissions essays.

To begin assisting a student, Coombs and Gooch have an hour-long consultation with him or her to get to know the student on a personal level. A plan is then developed for the student, depending on his or her needs.

"We have not had any students come to us who are not interested



Cynthia Gooch, left, and Bridget Coombs are education counselors for "Directions for College Planning" a program that provides academic and career guidance for high school and college students.

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(in getting help)," said Coombs. "A lot of the things we work on are motivation, encouragement and structure. Some moms call us 'professional naggers.'"

Although perhaps a "nagger," Coombs said she does not force anything on her clients. Students are the ones determining the course of action. If students want to go to a specific college, the counselors will tell them what it takes to get there. They will also tell clients if it seems improbable that they will be accepted.

"I do not sugarcoat anything. There are 4,000 schools out there —

one for everybody," Coombs said.

This attitude has earned Directions positive reviews from students. Coombs said one graduate student client said, "When it came to writing my admissions essay ... I panicked. It meant so much to me that the counselors at Directions were able to critique my essay and prep me for my interviews. I couldn't have done it without them."

Directions remains independent of any school. The Arroyo Grande program is unique in this area.

"There are still students out there who haven't figured out where they are," Coombs said. "We help them."

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Fishermen in Morro Bay may someday face the economic challenges of marine conservation advocates who seek to preserve diverse fish species by creating marine-protected areas.

Give fish sanctuary, urge marine conservationists

By Christine Powell
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Marine conservation advocates are working with other environmental groups to place a marine reserve within the existing boundaries of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, off the coast of Santa Barbara.

This reserve will serve as an additional layer of protection. Its goal will be to restore depleted fish stocks, protect important habitats and allow for preservation for future generations.

Conservationists hope to do this by passing legislation for marine reserves and for marine-protected areas.

A marine-protected area is any patch of water, shore or undersea habitat, like a rocky reef or kelp bed, in which human activity is regulated.

Marine reserves are protected areas in which fishing and other extractive activities are banned. Often, stringent regulations are put in place to control pollution and other threats to marine life and habitats.

Reserves have been implemented in the past, and there is strong evidence that marine reserves protect bio-diversity outside the boundaries of the designated areas.

Marine reserves also offer

opportunities in education and research.

Conservationists are working toward creating a network of reserves to protect important links and bring total ecosystem recovery and lasting health.

Within the islands, there are three separate bioregions. To the north is a temperate cold water region whose nutrient-rich currents come from the northern waters of Alaska. The warmer water region to the south receives its waters from the El Niño current off the coast of Chile. The intermediary section of the islands is the transition zone, which is home to many interesting sea creatures.

The goal of the reserve is to protect representative habitats and sea life from the three regions. This idea of protected areas has been implemented on shore and has proven successful.

The only obstacle posed against this effort is from local fishermen. Protecting a certain habitat has long-term benefits, but fishermen cannot afford to stop working for the amount of time this would take.

"We feel it's important to set aside areas to aid in the recovery of depleted fish stocks," said Jesse Swanhuysen, a marine conservation advocate.

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marine conservationist

"If we're successful in our efforts, it seems that nobody benefits more than the fishermen."

But fishermen are still concerned about the economic implications of this project. They are willing to continue to fish despite the low counts of certain species because they cannot afford to stop.

Presently, there is a process in which representatives who have a stake in the matter such as fishermen, environmental groups and government agencies can sit down together to discuss the conflict.

Students can help to protect the environment and promote marine reserves by staying informed about the issue. Open forums will soon be held where the public can come to speak about the issue of marine reserves and protected areas.

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Republican attacks Clinton's foreign oil policy, renewable energy focus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The reason prices are so high at the gasoline pump is because the Clinton administration has let OPEC monopolize U.S. oil supplies while failing to allow further exploration of possible domestic energy sources, a Senate Republican alleged Saturday.

In the GOP's weekly radio address, Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, denounced President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore for focusing on renewable energy concepts like solar, wind and geothermal sources. Instead, he said, they should have opened U.S. lands for oil and gas exploration and expanded the hydroelectric dams system and used more coal-fired or nuclear power plants.

"So how do Clinton and Gore propose that we generate energy to run our industry and farms, heat our homes and fuel our trucks, cars and airplanes?" asked Murkowski, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "Hot air from

Washington won't do the job!"

Murkowski said Americans are "being held hostage" by the Clinton administration's reliance on imported oil from the Middle East. He noted that the percentage of imported oil has increased from 43 percent in 1993 to 56 percent now.

"And the administration's energy department warned that if we do nothing, imports could rise to 65 percent in 15 years. So what did the Clinton-Gore team do to reduce our reliance on imported oil? In a word, nothing," Murkowski said.

The Clinton administration said that its diplomatic efforts resulted in the recent agreement by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to increase production by 1.7 million barrels a day.

On Thursday, a revised Energy Department forecast said gasoline prices should peak this month and decline to an average of \$1.46 a gallon for the summer. The forecast ameliorated the prospect of \$2 per gallon for regular unleaded gasoline, but it still has motorists paying 25 percent more for gasoline this summer than last.

Murkowski said failure of U.S. energy policy is illustrated by the import of 700,000 barrels of oil a day from Iraq, despite the Persian Gulf War and current U.S. military efforts to contain Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

"We're bombing the guy who is refueling our warplanes," he said. "What kind of an energy policy is that?"

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Kudos and critiques to week past

Obeying the rules is overrated

ASI Board of Directors voted to keep Aron DeFerrari as a candidate in the upcoming ASI presidential race. Obviously, DeFerrari said, "The decision was fair." Most others, including his opponents, did not.

Editorial

Tell us what you think about any of the issues we tackled today.

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What we do know is DeFerrari violated campaign regulations, and if ASI is supposed to be a learning experience for students, then DeFerrari should have been disqualified and forced to learn from his mistake.

Eliminating a huge inconvenience

Cal Poly Parking and Commuter Services made the right decision when it ceased immobilizing cars with "the boot" — a device put on a car when the owner has five tickets that have gone 21 days without payment.

Problems with Parking and Commuter Services' warning system and the Cashier's Office check-cashing process caused several students to find their cars immobilized for no reason.

The odd part of the decision is when Matthew Ceppi, business services coordinator for Parking and Commuter Services, said, "We're taking full blame, full responsibility for this." It was a university department holding itself accountable for its actions. That's nice to see.

Trying to stay positive

The Sigma Chi hazing incident has put greeks in a familiar position: trying to point out all the positive things they do in the wake of largely negative press. And it is true, sororities and fraternities are probably more philanthropic than most other clubs on campus (which they remind us of all the time). Hopefully, they do these good deeds to help others, not for the credit or positive public relations.

The more important issue is news value.

Greeks, like anyone else, want the fluffy, good news often and the negative, hard news to go away. This is understandable but not realistic.

Fortunately, greeks are starting to realize newspapers don't exist to do their public relations work and have made important efforts to increase communications. That effort is certainly commendable.

Open house opens up the past, sort of

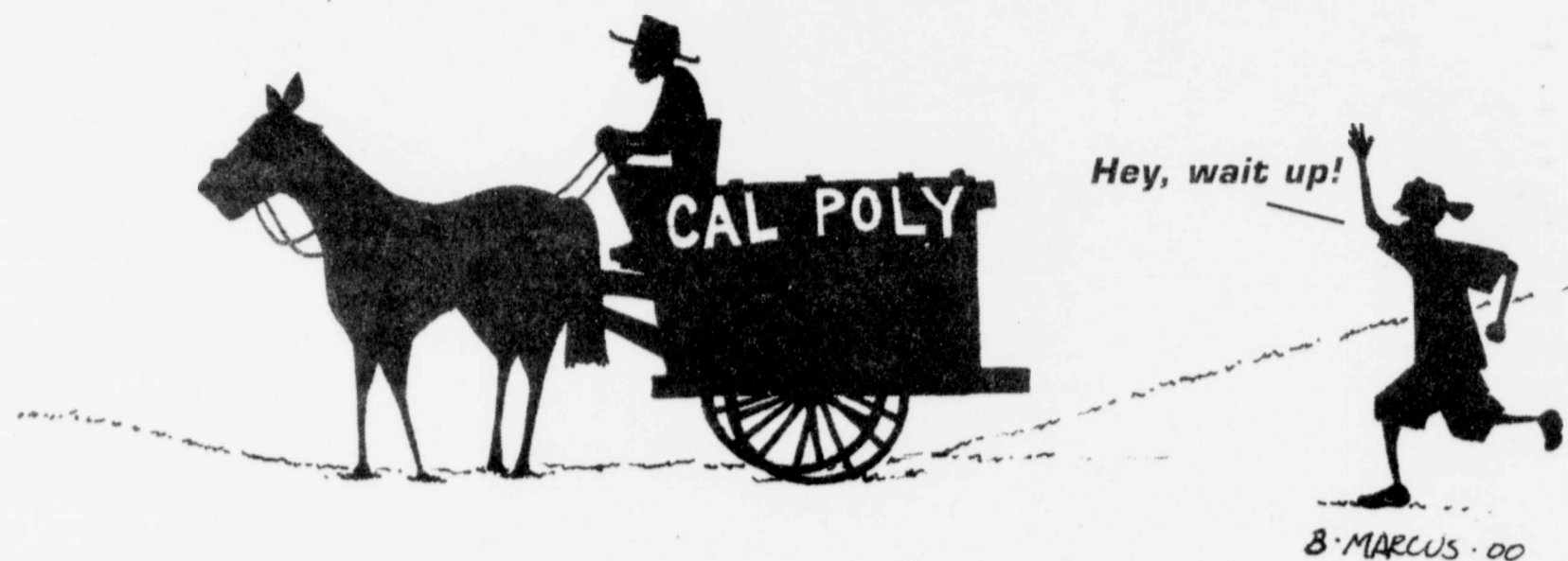
Open House was once called Poly Royal. Then a riot broke out. Then it was called Open House. Either way, the name was simple, sort of.

Indecisiveness now has led to an awkward combination of the two names: Open House presents Poly Royal. For the record, the name change won't go into effect until next year. So, it's Open House this year and Open House presents Poly Royal next year. Are we the only ones who have a headache?

How about this: Mustang Daily will refer to the event formerly known as Poly Royal this year as Open House and next year as Poly Royal. Glad we cleared that up.

Unsigned editorials are the voice of the Mustang Daily.

Sigma Chi: Off the Wagon



Letters to the editor

Don't uphold ASI favoritism Editor,

It is quite obvious that our student government is at a low. When an officer is allowed to break a rule and then get out of the punishment stated in Associated Students Inc. policy, a corporation has lost its true direction and purpose. Many folks were upset after Wednesday night's board meeting because justice was not served. A loophole was found and Aron DeFerrari jumped right through it.

There was a time when I respected current ASI President John Moffatt. I even came to him for advice on a couple occasions. But it is now clear to me that he would rather save face than uphold corporate policy, even though it was clear that two violations had been committed.

I'd like to thank all the board members who voted to uphold ASI policy and the officers who spoke in support of upholding policy. Do not worry, justice will prevail in the end. If we continue to voice our opinions, work hard and honestly, and vote with integrity and not with favors, ASI will return to the corporation it once was.

It is time to rise up and clean out our government. ASI needs to be for the STUDENTS, and not for friends. ASI needs to have more than just a "Form 81" relationship with clubs and organizations. Get ready for the most exciting ASI election you've seen in years. Things are about to change.

Ishmael A. Hall is a business senior.

Anti-hazing efforts first-rate Editor,

Fraternity hazing ended years ago at Delta Upsilon as is required by university policies. Recent events have prompted Juan Gonzalez, vice president for Student Affairs, to remind us all of these policies and make decisions concerning a group that may not have followed these policies.

Society is changing, the fraternity system is changing with it, and the "Animal House" syndrome is weakening so we can get on with the job of building character

and leadership skills in young men.

Case in point: The Cal Poly chapter of Delta Upsilon revised its pledging policies over five years ago based upon recommendations from its international headquarters. One year later, the international advisers approved not only the words on paper, but the on-site observations, including pledge interviews of the Cal Poly chapter's non-hazing pledging program.

Delta Upsilon does not tolerate hazing. The members guide themselves by asking this question that is published in the chapter manual: "Would I tell my parents, my girlfriend, a future employer and the university president about this activity?" That's a first-rate guideline to prevent hazing from reappearing, don't you agree?

W.S. Mott is the faculty adviser for Delta Upsilon and a graphic communication professor.

Greeks offer a lot to college experience Editor,

I am tired of people at Cal Poly having such negative attitudes about greeks. I'm tired of reading the cynical and even somewhat slanderous articles about us. Most of all, I'm tired of having to constantly defend one of the most rewarding organizations I have been lucky enough to be a part of.

With graduation looming around the corner, I've had a chance to reflect upon the things that have made my college career fulfilling and worthwhile. With the developments over the past year regarding the greek system, and my many years of involvement in my sorority, many of my thoughts obviously went in that direction. What a shame it is that Cal Poly seems to have such a vendetta against its Greeks.

Through my sorority, I have met many of my best friends — people I have relied upon and people I will know for the rest of my life. These men and women have acted as a support system for me throughout college, helping me through some of the hardest and most confusing times in my life.

Through the different positions I've held within the house, I've developed leadership skills I may never have had a chance to otherwise. I've been involved in activities within the community, from our Adopt-A-Grandparent program and beach cleanup to serving warm meals to the hungry and homeless. All greek organizations do so much good for the community that simply goes unrecognized by Cal Poly and most of the community and media.

There are some people on this campus who believe that being a part of the greek system is all about partying. Granted, we do throw some fun parties, but there is so much more to it than that. This focus on partying by those people not involved in the greek system speaks poorly of them, not us. Unless people take an active part of something or take the time to educate themselves on the different aspects of an issue or organization, they shouldn't go around slamming it, unless they enjoy having faulty opinions.

As a greek at Cal Poly, I have had an incredible opportunity to create friendships with some amazing people and gain experience in leadership and team-building. And, yes, I have had a lot of fun. After all, college is supposed to be one of the best times in a person's life — being a greek has helped me make it just that.

Annie Boschetti is a speech communication senior.

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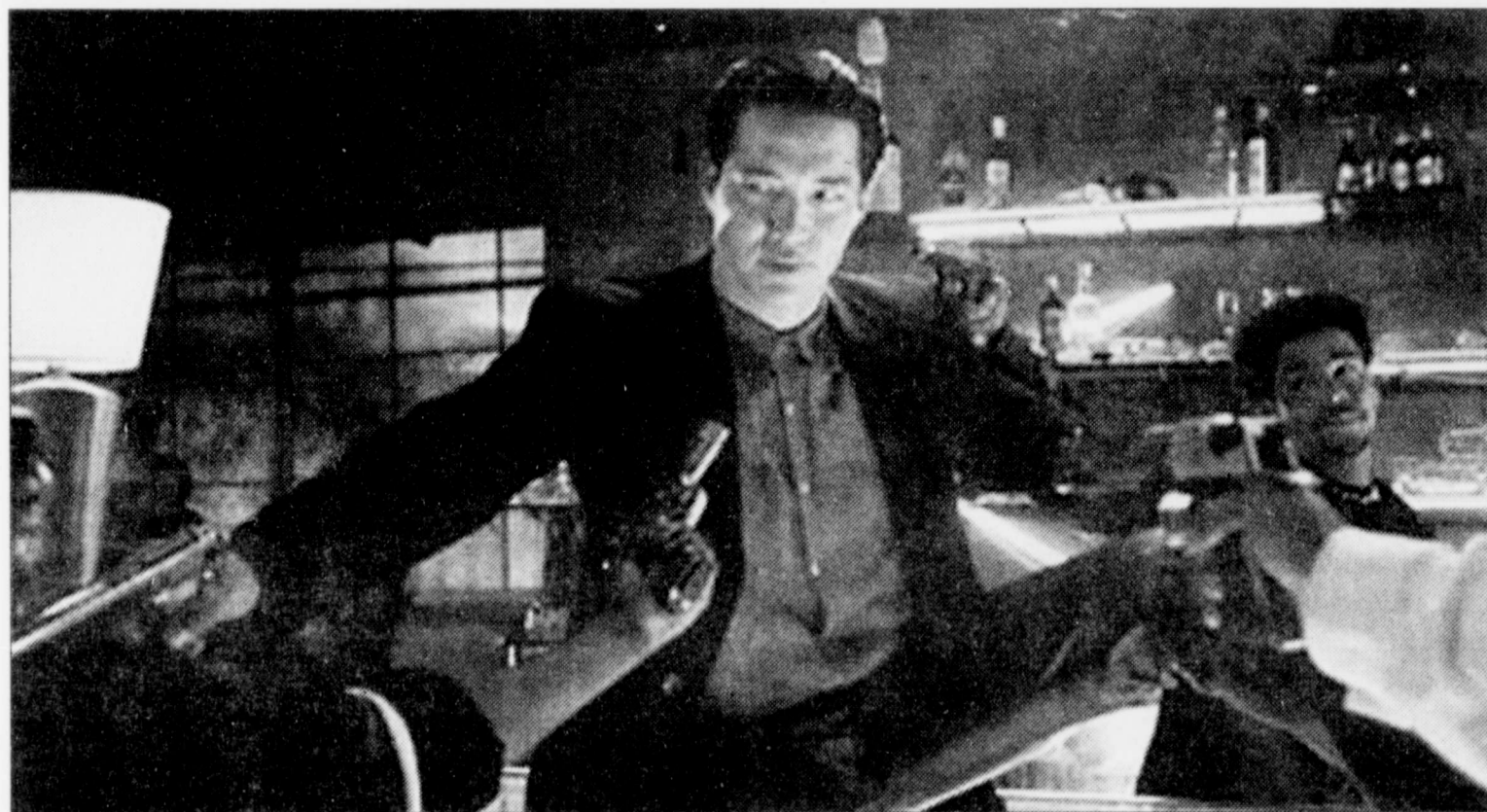
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"There's gotta be something else."



Shakespeare's love story straight out of the ghetto

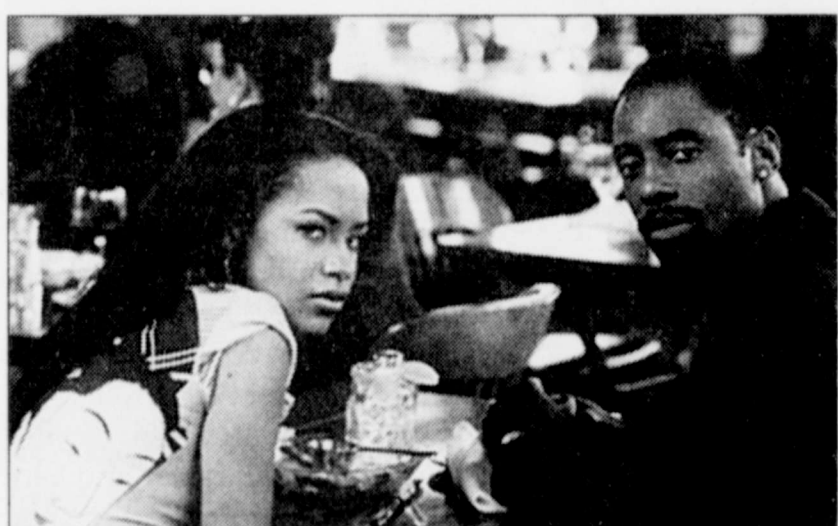
By Katherine Hays
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Somewhere in England, William Shakespeare is rolling over in his grave. "Romeo Must Die" is a modern-day version of Shakespeare's classic "Romeo and Juliet" and stars Jet Li and Aaliyah as the star-crossed lovers.

Li stars as Han, the estranged son of the leader of a Chinese crime family. Aaliyah, in her film debut, plays Trish, the estranged daughter of the leader of the rival black-crime family.

The typical Montague/Capulet drama is played out through tension along both racial and territorial boundaries. A relationship ensues between Han and Trish as they struggle to avenge their brothers' deaths.

This film simultaneously achieves new highs in special effects and new lows in plot and character develop-



Above, Jet Li faces danger in his role of Romeo. Left, Aaliyah makes her film debut as Juliet.

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ment. What it lacks in finesse, however, it makes up for in fight. The fight scenes are laced with music from artists such as DMX and Aaliyah and are packed with "Matrix"-style special effects. The best new effects are the X-ray images shown of the bad guys as they get their bones crushed.

Unfortunately, too much of the plot was left on the editing room floor to make room for yet another action scene. The major thing miss-

ing from this film is chemistry between Li and Aaliyah.

The film does manage to keep you guessing until the end about the identity of the true bad guys. There are also several standout supporting players in this film who help to add levity between the fight sequences.

If you're looking for an action-packed fight-fest, "Romeo Must Die" is for you. If you're looking for a plot, however, keep looking.

Travis invades with U.K. rock, Noogie brings Aussie pop-punk

Travis
The Man Who

(U-WIRE) - Already well-known and quite popular in their stomping grounds of Europe, Travis is attempting to conquer the States on tour with Oasis, as both the Brit bands' albums are released this week in the U.S. Whether or not they gain a new group of fans with live performances, Travis' album, *The Man Who*, is a solid, intricate and heartfelt work worthy of bringing about success for the lads from Glasgow.

The opening track alone of *The Man Who* is enough of a spectacle. "Writing to Reach You" introduces lead singer/guitarist Fran Healy's lilting vocals against a background of dreamy guitars. Healy subtly pokes fun at modern popular artists, singing that "The radio is playing all the usual/And what's a Wonderwall anyway," in reference to the song that gained Oasis world-wide fame.

The album, in large part, is quiet and layered, not unlike a candy-coated Radiohead sound. Though Healy's words are not as slurred as those of Radiohead vocalist Thom Yorke, his voice is in the same range, and he demonstrates a similar fondness for drawn-out notes. Some of the songs on *The Man Who*, such as "As You Are" and "The Last Laugh of the Laughter," would not have been out of place on *The Bends*.

Though the two groups share the same producer (Nigel Godrich), Travis lacks the huge musical climaxes that are characteristic of Radiohead. Rather, they stick to a more linear sound, which disguises the interwoven depths of the music. The songs which are most memorable upon first listen are the faster ones, such as the poignant "Driftwood," "Turn," which slowly builds from quiet verses to crunchy choruses, and the sweepingly sweet "Why Does it Always Rain on Me?"

Travis comes to the States after winning both the Best Band and Best

Album awards at The Brits 2000. As they embark on their second tour with Oasis, hopefully their music and new album will be received with the same welcome they were given in Europe.

Noogie
Learning to Swim

(U-WIRE) - The executive decision-makers at Trauma Records have impeccable timing. Just in time for spring, they've released *Learning to Swim*, the American debut for teen-idols-in-waiting, Noogie.

Learning to Swim provides a fitting soundtrack for the sunny optimism of spring. It's the same rebellious alterna-pop that can be found in surf videos, Pauly Shore movies and the teen-apparel section of department stores. The album features overheated guitar effects, hard punk-based drum beats and the youthful vocals of frontman Nick Hyde, augmented by well placed backing vocals - a la NOFX - by bassist Alex van Wensveen. The sum of these parts is a blend of rough instrumental edges with sweet vocals and melodies. Yet the album has been thrown into a market that is glutted with barely distinguishable look-a-likes peddling the same "311 meets Blink 182 meets Third Eye Blind" sugar-punk sound.

But Noogie's got a few marketing advantages up their sleeves that may give them the edge in competing for the ears of American listeners. Each of the boys from Noogie is a genuine, card-carrying Australian! As *Crocodile Dundee* and the Foster's Lager ad campaign clearly demonstrate, Aussies practically have charm oozing out the "arse," and Americans are inexplicably enamored with their Vegemite eatin', Billabong wearin', down-under way of life.

If their lovable foreignness isn't enough to make these nineteen-year-olds the next darlings of America, their delectably boyish good looks certainly ought to do the trick. With blonde dreadlocks, bare feet and skate-inspired clothing, they are poised to leap onto bedroom walls across teenage America as soon as the inevitable 'N SYNC backlash (hopefully) sets in.

If good looks and a foreign accent aren't enough to propel this band to stardom, Noogie may not stick around for long. The band certainly won't get by on their music alone.

Learning to Swim is a forgettable album. Though it benefits from professional studio work (recorded in Sydney with individual tracks mixed both in Sydney and in Los Angeles), the album is pervaded by amateurish qualities. The guitar work by Nick Hyde and Mike Jefferey mimics an effects-heavy style that has been overused since the grunge days. Worse yet are Hyde's lyrics, mired in holier-than-thou adolescence: "I would confuse the best psychologists/they could take a guess/ but it would be hit and miss." As lines like this suggest, Noogie could stand to gain from a little refinement.

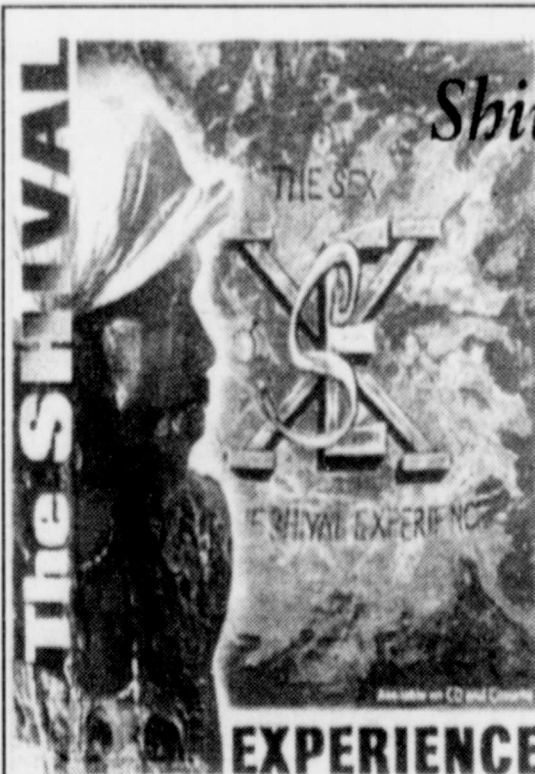
Noogie doesn't offer groundbreaking musical innovations or intellectual stimuli of any sort. But for another fun-loving pop-punk CD, *Learning to Swim* will keep your toes tapping all the way to the beach.

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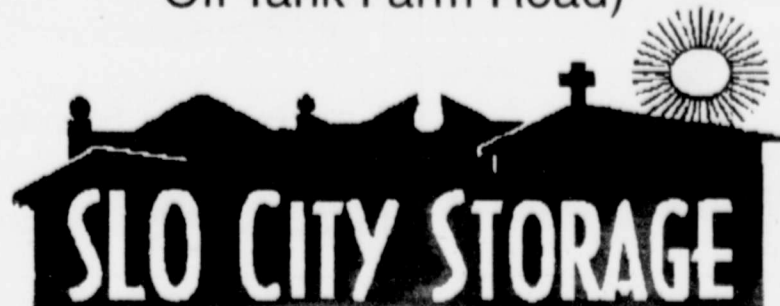
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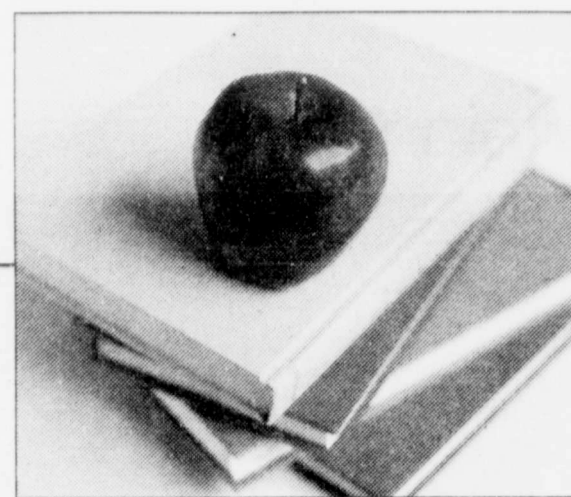
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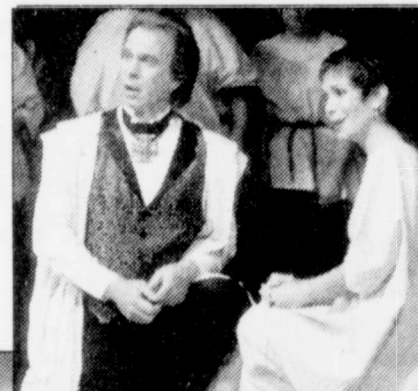
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STERLING

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Diamondbacks have bought themselves a winning team. Yet the Mustangs and Giants still contend with those teams.

Coaches Ritch Price and Dusty Baker have also shown their similarities in their coaching styles. Price has shown he knows the strengths and weaknesses of his pitching staff, especially in the Fresno State game, where pitchers Josh Morton, Jesse Gallup and Tanner Trosper combined to shut out a potent Bulldog offense. Price has a chance to quiet critics of his game if he continues to make these kinds of decisions. Meanwhile, Baker is known around the major leagues as the manager who can piece together wins with whatever squad is on the field, and he shows it year in and year out with the Giants.

For the Giants fans who can't make it up to sold-out Pac Bell Park, your answer is within your own town: Cal Poly's baseball team. Support them and cheer for them against Fullerton just like you would cheer against the Dodgers — just don't bring the batteries.

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SOFTBALL

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"Certainly we're frustrated, but overall team morale is good. We've got some fighters on this team."

Lisa Boyer
head coach

against the Matadors. A run scored by Mustang outfielder Nicole Dansby tied the game at one going into the top of the seventh inning. However, Cal State Northridge's bats proved to be too much as the Matadors answered back with two quick runs in the last inning, making the final 3-1.

The following two games continued where the first left off. The Matadors made solid contact on offense and hit the gaps in the outfield. The Mustangs slowly lost steam and were overpowered 6-4 in the second game and 9-3 in the finale.

In Sunday's game, the Matadors got off to an early lead when leadoff hitter Sarah Farnworth drilled the opening pitch of the game for a home run. One batter later, Veronica Lopez blasted another home run, chasing Mustang starter Tarra Blankenbecler from the game in the first inning.



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Cal Poly was just a step behind Cal State Northridge this weekend. The Mustangs dropped to 12-26.

Jamie Gelbart then entered the game and gave up a home run to Jamie Moore. Farnworth added a second home run later, and Ui Bal finished off the barrage with a sixth-inning homer.

Nicole Dansby was the lone bright spot for the Mustangs, notching seven hits in 10 at-bats this weekend.

Mustangs head coach Lisa Boyer said she feels team morale is still high, despite the tough losses.

"Certainly we're frustrated, but overall team morale is good," Boyer said. "We've got some fighters on this team."

One thing the Mustangs can smile about is the recent announcement

concerning the signing of Jennifer Graver. Graver, from Livermore, is a right-handed pitcher and was named 1998 and 1999 MVP of her high school softball team.

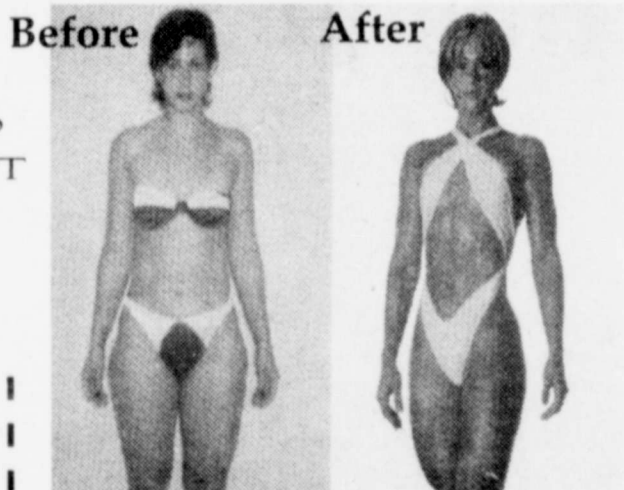
The Mustangs' search for their first conference win takes them to Utah State Saturday. The Aggies are currently in sixth place in the Big West.

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Poly grad finishes third at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — San Luis Obispo native Loren Roberts finished four strokes back of 2000 Masters champion Vijay Singh Sunday in Augusta.

Singh came a long way to win the green jacket.

The final leg was an uphill climb to the 18th green Sunday at Augusta National, where Singh completed his troublesome journey around the world to claim the most prestigious prize in golf.

The Fiji native won the Masters by meeting every challenge from the biggest stars in the game, closing with a 3-under 69 for a three-stroke victory over Ernie Els.

Singh rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt on the last hole, kissed the ball as he removed it from the cup and

embraced his family. His 9-year-old son, Qass, taped a message to his bag that said, "Poppa, Trust Your Swing."

He did, following those directions better than anyone else.

Singh ignored an early charge by Tiger Woods and watched David Duval self-destruct.

He has now won two of the last six major championships, which validates him as one of the game's top players.

Once a teaching pro in the jungle of Borneo, the 37-year-old Singh played tours on five continents and was banned from two of them, one for a cheating allegation that he has long denied but has haunted him throughout his career.

Singh, who won the PGA

Championship at Sahalee in 1998, played with such composure in the face of so many challenges. And that might be enough to finally shift the attention to a game that weathered a wicked weekend at Augusta.

He finished at 278 and earned \$828,000 for his eighth career victory.

Els, a two-time U.S. Open champion, couldn't get a birdie putt to fall on the last three holes and was at 281.

The biggest threat came from Duval in contention on the back nine Sunday at Augusta for the third straight year. His dreams died with a risky shot that wound up in Rae's Creek, a bogey on the par-5 13th.

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Mustangs swept by Northridge

Team has lost 19 of 21 games, including all Big West games

By Christian von Treskow
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly softball team's woes continued this weekend as they dropped all three games of a three-game series against Big West Conference opponent Cal State Northridge.

The Mustangs have yet to win a conference game and have lost 19 of their last 21 games. Cal Poly's 0-12 conference record places them in last place in the Big West. The team is 12-26 overall.

Freshman outfielder Brooke DeVusser said she was disappointed with the losses.

"It's just frustrating when we don't play to our potential," DeVusser said. "It seems like we just can't put it all together and have a complete game."

The first game of the series proved to be the closest the Mustangs would come to a victory



MARKUS SCHNEIDER/MUSTANG DAILY

see **SOFTBALL**, page 7 With three losses to Cal State Northridge this weekend, Cal Poly dropped to 0-12 in the Big West.

Mustangs: Giants of the Central Coast

With the resurgent play of the Cal Poly baseball team, a connection needs to be made that hasn't been seen before. It's easy to see: The Mustangs are the Central Coast's version of the San Francisco Giants. There's so many similarities between the two teams, it's unbelievable.

Both teams are led by a power hitter. For the Mustangs, it is first baseman Steve Wood, and for the Giants it is left fielder Barry Bonds. Wood has been hitting everything he's been seeing in recent games, earning himself a nod as Big West Player of the Week earlier in the season. Wood continues to lead the team offensively. Bonds is the leader of the Giants in nearly every aspect — he excels in the field, at the plate and is a perennial fan favorite.



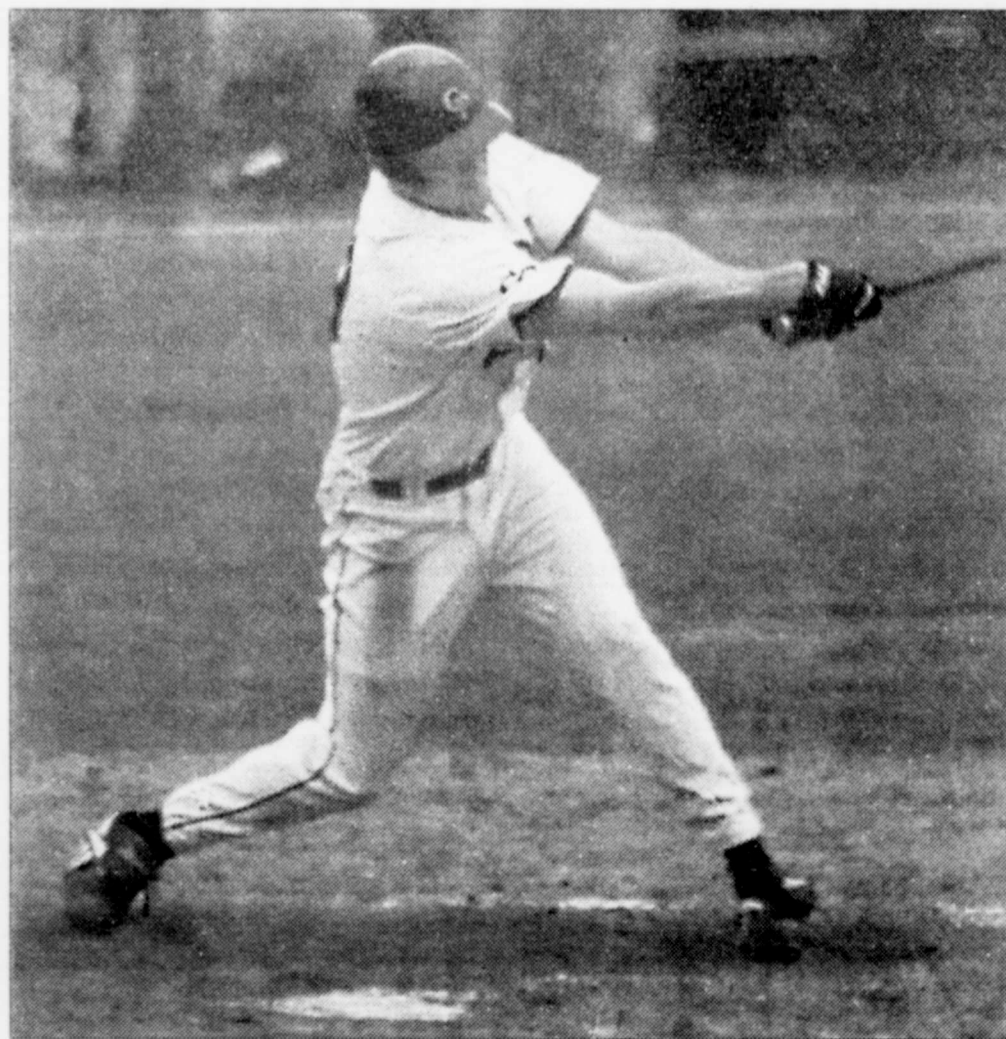
Matt Sterling

Beating expectations is something both teams are great at. Cal Poly has played better than nearly everyone expected, putting up wins against quality teams like Fresno State as well having an above-average Big West Conference record. No matter where preseason polls place the Giants, they end up above it and contending for the pennant each September.

New stadiums are also part of both teams' future. The Giants get theirs this year, with Pacific Bell Park opening on Tuesday against the Dodgers. When the sports complex opens next October, Cal Poly will have its own premier sports facility. Instead of driving across town to play at San Luis Obispo Stadium, the Mustangs will have a high-quality ballpark on campus, which will definitely help their recruiting efforts.

Both teams have to deal with powerhouses within the division — for the Mustangs, it is nationally ranked Cal State Fullerton. The Giants have to contend with the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Titans are able to recruit some of the top baseball talent in the nation, and the

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DAN GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly used large comebacks to win two of three games in Reno.

Big inning lifts Poly to series win

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

A seven-run sixth inning catapulted Cal Poly ahead of Nevada Sunday, giving the Mustangs an 11-8 victory and a 2-1 series win.

The Mustangs batted around in the sixth inning, scoring seven runs, and Steve Wood added two more with a home run in the seventh to put the game away.

Head coach Ritch Price made a wise move by inserting Jason Barringer into the lineup for right fielder Phil Thompson. Barringer went 3-for-3 once entering the game and had 2 RBI and a run.

Junior Jared Blasdel went 6.1 innings for his second victory of the season. Josh Morton and Kevin Corrola worked the final 2.2 innings.

The Mustangs won Friday's opener in dramatic fashion. Cal Poly trailed 6-0 before getting three runs in the seventh and four more in the eighth to steal the game, 7-6.

Joe Smith worked eight innings for the win, bringing his record to 4-2. Wood went 3-5 and had two RBI as did Kyle Albright and Kevin Tillman.

In Saturday's game, the Mustangs couldn't keep up with the Wolf Pack, losing 5-2.

Tyler Fitch pitched five innings, giving up seven hits and only two runs, earning a loss, his first on the season.

The Mustang bats never really got going, getting only six hits for the game.

Cal Poly travels to Santa Barbara for a three-game series this weekend.

Sports Trivia

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Eddie Murray is the former Baltimore Oriole who is major league baseball's career RBI leader among switch-hitters.

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Nevada 6

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Nevada 5

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Nevada 8

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