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## Rain fails to dampen Open House



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Cal Poly Pomona architecture students sit atop their creation in Poly Canyon Saturday. Nine schools competed in Cal Poly SLO's Design Village. Contestants had to live in their projects all weekend and had to carry their projects half a mile into Poly Canyon in the rain. The event was sponsored by the American Institute of Architecture Students.

## 30,000 visitors withstand weather proving 'Power of Poly'

By Robin Nichols

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Now that the posters have come down, the 30,000 visitors are gone, and Cal Poly is somewhat back to normal, it's time to look back and evaluate the success of this year's Open House, "Discover the Power of Poly."

All signs point to one of the best years ever for Open House, which next year will be called Open House Presents

Poly Royal.

"We had the highest number of admitted students, and it was the only year that it rained on Admitted Students Day," said Brian Nebozuk, construction management sophomore and Open House director of finance. "More than 600 students attended Casino Night, and Saturday was a great day even though the weather wasn't gorgeous. All the clubs did really well, and most sold out of all their stuff."

The rain was not a deterrent for visi-

tors partly because many people worked hard to get hotel reservations. San Luis Obispo's Holiday Inn Express was booked at least six months in advance, said hotel manager Barbara Phariss.

The visitors ranged in age from infant to retired, but the largest group of visitors mainly consisted of high school seniors and their families, especially on Admitted Students Day.

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## Students await \$68 million in financial aid

By Adam Jarman

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

More than \$38 million has been offered to students who applied for financial aid for the next academic year.

Notification letters are being sent to students who applied by the March 2 priority deadline. Students will soon find out how their financial aid packages are shaping up.

Letters will reach about 9,300 students, half of whom are expected to attend Cal Poly in the fall, said John Anderson, director of financial aid.

Anderson's office received a total of about 20,000 applications, but only those students who were admitted or are continuing are processed for financial aid, said Meredith Kelley, assistant director of financial aid operations.

This round of offers includes financial aid programs only, not scholarships.

Financial aid programs include grants, loans and Federal Work Study (FWS).

At \$9 million, grant offers did not increase significantly from last year, Anderson said. The Federal Pell Grant, however, did increase in value from \$3,125 to \$3,300, due to the rising costs of books, supplies, and room and board.

Grants are need-based funds that do not need to be paid back.

Student loan offers account for about \$25 million, the largest portion of financial aid. Loans may be offered to students with or without need. This type of aid does, however, require re-payment.

According to Kelley, there are two types of loans. Students with need get subsidized loans where the government pays the interest while they are in school and for six months after.

Students without need are offered loans in which they are responsible for all of the interest.

Anderson said FWS offers increased by approximately \$1 million over last year to a total of about \$4 million.

"We are providing more to ensure we are meeting close to the full need of students who apply," he said. FWS is an amount a student is eligible to earn, but unless the student works for a FWS employer, his or her allocation goes unused.

A student's need is based on the Free Application for

► 9,300 of 20,000 applicants will receive financial aid offers this week.

► Most aid programs increased this year.

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## Week urges remembrance, sexual assault awareness

By Kimberly Tahsuda

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

ReMEMber, a week of events promoting awareness of sexual assault on campus and in the community, begins this week. The events, funded by ReMEMber T-shirt sales and donations, are designed to increase and spread the message of personal safety.

"ReMEMber is a week of action and awareness, educating people about sexual assault and prevention," said Elizabeth Owen, ReMEMber committee member and Take Back the Night co-chair. "ReMEMber is about not being complacent. It is to remember to take care of yourself and be smart."

The upcoming week marks the first anniversary of the creation of ReMEMber. It was started last spring by Take Back the Night and Panhellenic Council with the dual purpose of supporting sexual assault survivors and remembering three women: Kristin Smart, Rachel Newhouse and Aundria Crawford. Smart has been missing since 1996, while Newhouse and Crawford were victims of assault last year.

The week was intended to kick off Sunday, with a community awareness concert from 2 to 5 p.m. at Kona's Deli downtown, but the event was canceled due to rain.

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A self-defense class, conducted by University Police Officer Jennifer Estelle, will be offered from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday in the Martial Arts Room of Cal Poly's Recreation Center. The classes, taught by Sexual Assault Recovery and Outreach coordinator Amy Prokenpek, will also be offered on Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon in the Martial Arts Room. The classes are designed to teach women how to protect themselves in a harmful situation. Registration at the Women's Center for all classes is recommended.

Economic Opportunity Commission is holding Speak Out, an open forum for men and women to discuss sexual assault and gen-

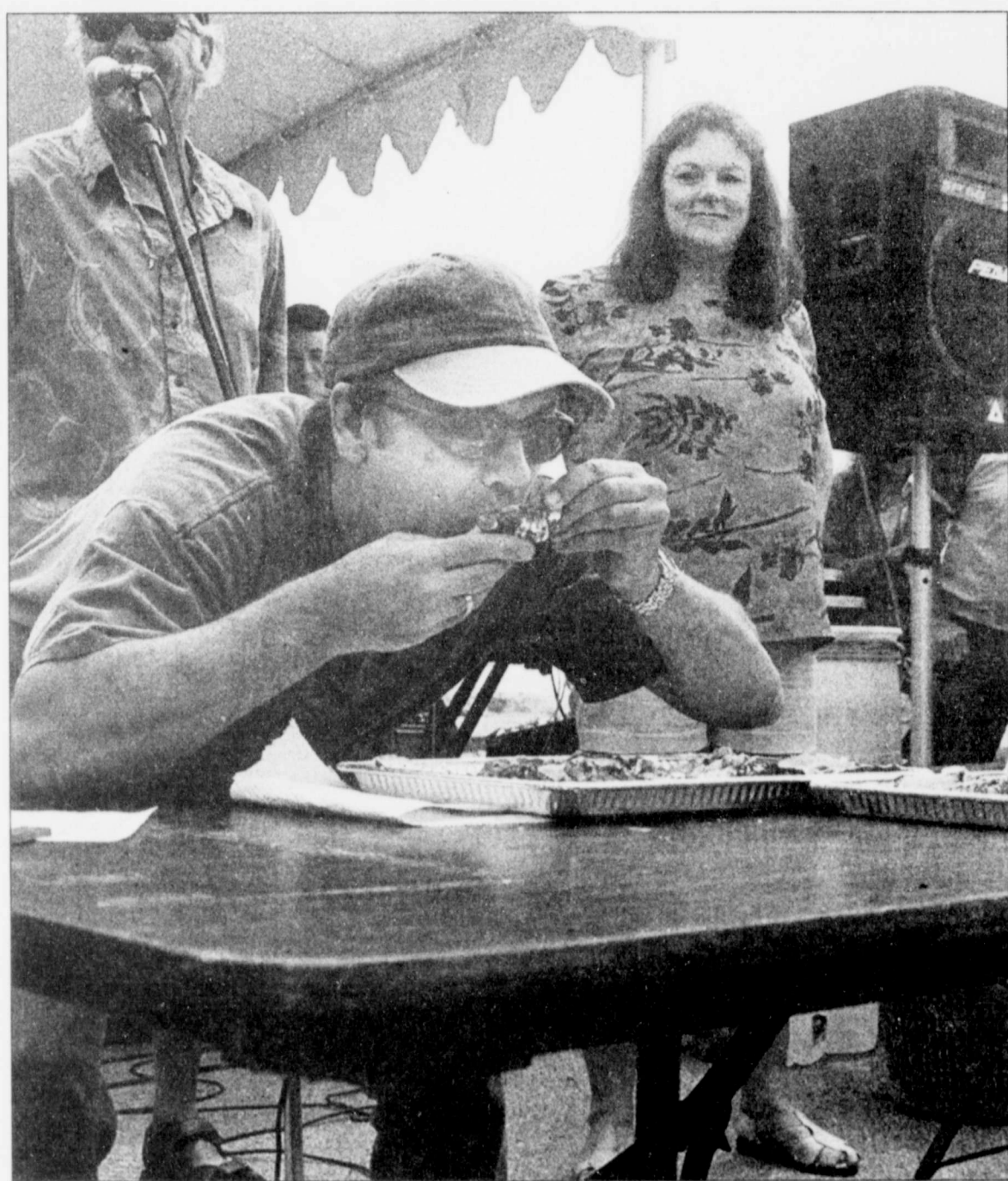
der issues Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

A symbolic handprint, representing a location on campus where a sexual assault has taken place, will be painted on campus Wednesday at the "Red Handprint Ceremony." The ReMEMber quilt will be unveiled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the University Union's San Luis Lounge, followed by the eighth annual Take Back the Night Ceremony at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Sexual assault survivor Deanna Gale will speak about sexual assault and violence and her personal experiences.

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## Slippery devils



DANIEL YARBROUGH/MUSTANG DAILY

Locals and visitors compete in an oyster-eating contest Saturday at the Cayucos Seafood Festival. Hundreds of San Luis Obispo County residents attended the annual event. This year, the festival featured many seafood booths, including Creole and clam booths.

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Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The federal processor determines the amount the student's family is expected to contribute. This is figured using a formula that takes into account total family income, savings, investments, property and other financial holdings.

Kelley said that campus expenses above that expectation are considered need.

Whereas financial aid is based on the student's need, scholarships take into consideration merit factors such as involvement, work experience, GPA and writing skills.

Scholarship applications were also due March 2 and are reviewed, scored and ranked by the University Scholarship Committee.

Colleges are then provided this information and award scholarships to students in their departments. Non-major specific scholarships are awarded by the University Scholarship

Committee, said Laura Dimmitt, assistant director of scholarships and special programs of financial aid.

Students in the College of Agriculture may be receiving scholarship offers now, but the remaining students will be notified late May.

"There were about 2,500 applications for scholarships," said Anderson.

Dimmitt said scholarship offers will amount to about \$800,000.

Students who applied after the March 2 deadline, or will apply for aid during the course of the academic year, may be offered aid. This depends on what types of aid the student qualifies for and what is still available.

Anderson said, "In total, we will award about \$55 to 60 million."

"Our aid is designed to provide the highest amount of aid to those with need," he said.

Students can check their current financial aid offer or see what additional information is needed at the MustangInfo Web site, [mustanginfo.calpoly.edu](http://mustanginfo.calpoly.edu).

## OPEN HOUSE

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"They (seniors in high school) felt pretty overwhelmed, but they had good attitudes. I had a high school junior on one of my tours — it might be a sign of the times. Students are thinking (about college) earlier than usual," said biological sciences sophomore and Poly Rep Michelle Montgomery.

The positive sentiment about Open House was shared by most that worked on it. It went off with very few hitches, said English freshman and Club Relations committee member Jeannett Rocha.

"It went really smooth despite the weather," Rocha said. "Better than most years past,

according to the people who have been here a few years. We had some kinks, but we worked them out."

Open House also seemed to go smoothly after the sun went down on the days' activities.

Looking at the weekend night logs, University Police Dispatcher Carey Mills said, "We did have one arrest for a drunk in public, but that happens on weekends even not during Open House. There were a couple of fender-benders, but nothing out of the ordinary. It was pretty quiet."

"We're fortunate here at Cal Poly," added Mills, who has worked the last four Open Houses. "We have such a high-caliber student body. It was a very positive event. I've worked here since 1993."

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"Take Back the Night is a night protesting violence against women," Owen said. "The guest speaker has had an interesting life. She will talk about her healing process and what she has done to get her life back."

Take Back the Night also features booths from Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention, EOC and the women's shelter. An open microphone session during the events will provide an opportunity to voice con-

cerns about sexual assault and violence.

"The open mic session is extremely powerful," Owen said.

Following another open microphone session at 7 p.m. on Thursday is a silent candlelight walk downtown during Farmers Market.

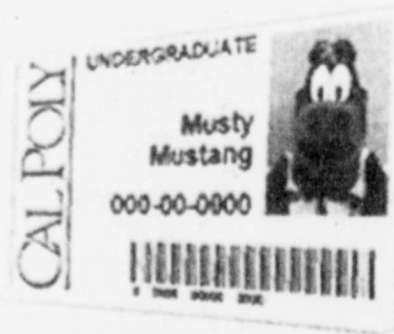
"The march is a memorial dedicated to Kristin, Aundria and Rachel," Owen said. "All the ReMEMber events are such a great cause. I encourage everyone to attend. The more people who attend, the better."

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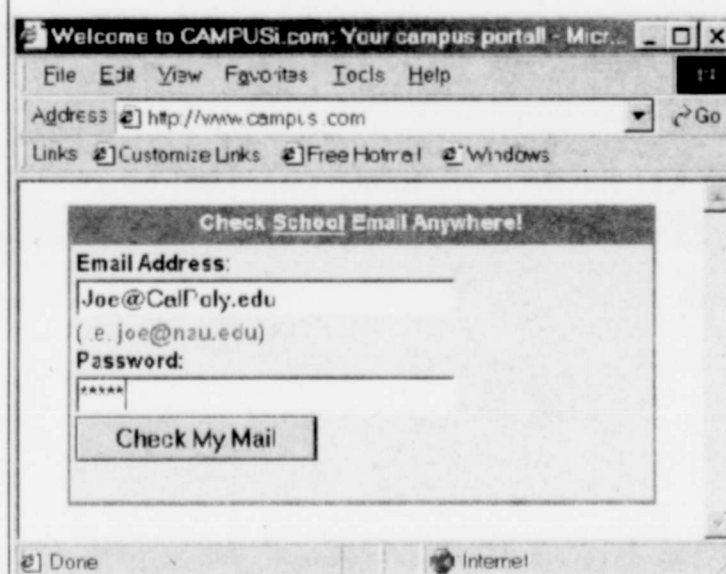
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# Earth

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## Save Earth now

San Luis Obispo to fete Earth Day April 22

By Monica McHugh  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"Save Energy Now" is the theme of San Luis Obispo's Earth Day 2000 Celebration. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Earth Day in the United States and the 10th in San Luis Obispo.

"This is a crucial time as far as our environment, and we need to see a turn in awareness," Earth Day Alliance Director Sandra Marshall said. "Earth Day is more than just a celebration, it's a time to learn new ideas and then put them into effect."

The event, which is centered around education, will be held on April 22 at the Mission Plaza from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Earth Day Alliance Inc. is hosting this event. Display booths will provide informational materials and speakers about environmentally friendly products, practices and accomplishments.

Students are invited to the College Corridor section of the celebration, where three local bands will be performing. Students can also check out booths from both Cal Poly and Cuesta.

"I hope this event will touch Cal Poly students and the community in bringing them together with love for Mother Earth," college section coordinator Kristina Olson said.

Local bands Lemon Street Project, Bootsie Merango and Resination,

along with active supporters of environmental education, donated their time and energy to the Earth Day Alliance.

A recycled art contest to promote awareness of recycling and to reduce the stream of trash going into local landfills gives earth lovers a chance to have some fun and maybe win some money. Recyclable materials, junk and mixed media are the three featured categories. Prizes vary from \$25 to \$200 cash. All entries will be displayed at the San Luis Obispo Art Center until April 23.

"We wanted people to have fun with the idea of recycling," said contest coordinator Teri Dunivant. Another main focus of the event will be educating children about the environment. There will be a Children's Corner where kids can play educational games, listen to stories and create puppetry from recycled materials. The Children's Corner is designed so that parents can check in their children and then visit the rest of the venue. The California Conservation Corp and Americorp will supervise the rugrats.

Earth Day was created in 1970 after a growth in environmental concerns during the 1960s. Former U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson feels that Earth Day was his creation.

"At the time there was a great deal of turmoil on college campuses over the Vietnam War. Protests, called



STEVE SCHUENEMAN/MUSTANG DAILY

**The 30th anniversary of Earth Day blooms this week. A variety of activities are planned throughout the city and campus.**

anti-war teach-ins, were being widely held on campuses across the nation. On a flight from Santa Barbara to the University of California, Berkeley, I read an article on the teach-in, and it suddenly occurred to me, why not have a nationwide teach-in on the environment? That was the origin of Earth Day," said Nelson.

San Luis Obispo's Earth Day hopes to be a celebration of environmental education, emulating the teach-in concept Earth Day was founded upon.

## A symphony of nature

Every day we walk outside. Well, nearly every day. I guess if we wanted to hibernate the weekend away we could, but generally, we can't help but venture into the great outdoors.

Once we step outside, we may travel about in several fashions. We may opt to stumble along in a dazed stupor, staring blankly ahead, occasionally glancing about to make sure the road is not going to abruptly end in a 1,000-foot drop off a cliff.

We may take the "eager beaver" approach and walk Olympic-style to our classes, working off last night's Taco Bell. Or, we may simply walk at a relatively relaxed pace and actually let the atmosphere sink in.

We have been given five senses. Whether we evolved these senses to survive or were given them as a gift from God, the benefits are the same. We have olfactory senses so that the tantalizing aroma of wild jasmine vines may intoxicate us. We possess a visual cortex so that we may be enraptured by a butterfly's erratic flight.

Our skin contains a plethora of nerves so that we may relish the damp grass tickling our feet. Forming a greater awareness of our surroundings is the first step toward gaining appreciation of the natural world we live in.

Walking back from class one day, I glanced skyward and discovered that within a period of only a few weeks,

young buds had populated the barren mimosa trees that reside on the lawn terracing the English building. Within a few more days, leaves had flushed from the buds.

This symphony of nature took place above the unseeing eyes of 17,000 students rushing to lectures, labs and exams. Often, we are under so much pressure to get where we are going that we fail to notice that our path has been shaded by spring foliage. We don't have to be biology or ecology majors to appreciate this bursting forth of new life.

Only when we stop and recognize the importance and beauty of the natural world and foster an appreciation that gives meaning to the repercussions of our actions can we begin to re-evaluate our own positions on such issues as endangered species, over-harvesting of natural resources and our personal responsibilities in regard to conservation.

In weeks to come, I will be pleased to share various stories and updates on environmental issues, opportunities for local involvement and interesting tidbits on ways to make your home environment-friendly.

Natosha Johnson is forestry freshman who writes a weekly Earth column.

**Natosha Johnson**

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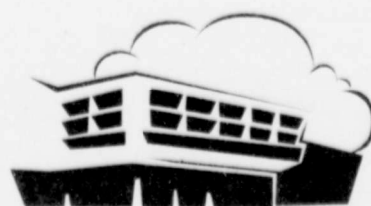
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## SLO slurpees leave much to be desired

My friends and fellow students, our county is plagued with a very serious problem, and it is us — the young, the idealistic and the passionate — who can propagate change. Perhaps the situation is unknown to some of you, but the rest of us know it all too well.

You see, brothers and sisters, the problem is that the consistency of slurpees at the 7-11's of this county is far below typical standards. Upon entering a San Luis

**Shauna Weber**

Obispo 7-11, a slurpee customer will immediately notice through the viewing window in the machine that the mixer thingy is moving at breakneck speed through the runny, syrupy, liquid inside. This should not be so. The fluid should appear thick in viscosity — frothy, icy even — and the mixing bar should struggle to push through the dense material.

Some of you may not know any better, but let me tell you, it can be a whole lot better; once you experience the icy deliciousness of a well-made slurpee, you'll never want to go back.

Through some extensive sleuthing, I believe I may have come to understand the cause of this catastrophic situation. I have involved myself in slurpee consumption research in this county as well as others, namely, Los Angeles County. I have also consulted with several experts in the field. (OK, my friend Julie, but I tried to get advice from a slurpee guru who has a slurpee site, [www.bradfitz.com/slurpees/](http://www.bradfitz.com/slurpees/). Unfortunately, he never wrote me back.)

I think I have discovered the key to this conundrum. I have noted that the consistency of slurpees here in SLO County is far inferior to that of slurpees found in areas with warmer climates. Warmer climates equal more people drinking more slurpees.

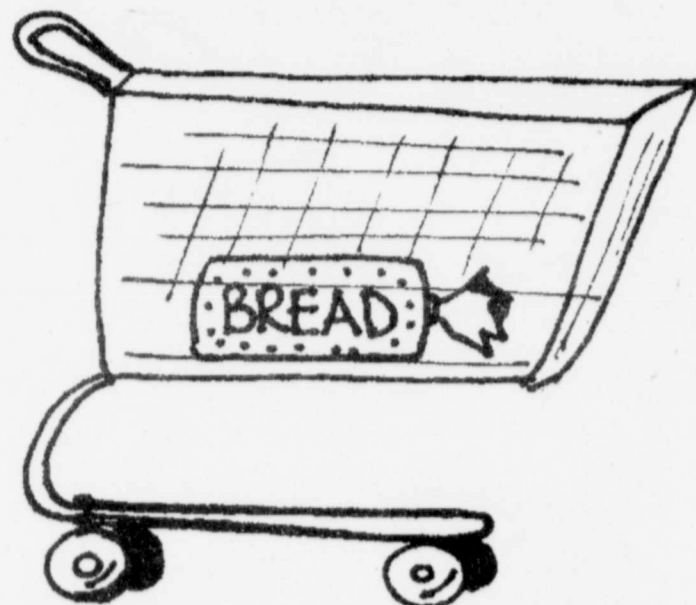
I hypothesize that the consistency of SLO County slurpees is poor not by fault of the machines, those who fill the machines, or the product itself, but because the machine is designed to function under heavy use. For example, if you have partaken of a slurpee, you might have noticed that once you turn the handle and begin releasing slurpee into your cup, the machine kicks into high gear and the product thickens. Perhaps if the slurpee machines were used more frequently, the slurpees would be thicker with more consistency.

This is where you and I come in. I am committed to consuming as many slurpees as I can, and I hope that you will join in my crusade to improve slurpee quality throughout the county. I humbly implore you, for the sake of the integrity of the slurpee, to go out and buy one.

It's not just a summer treat my friends; it's an all-season treat, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. I hope I have given you a greater understanding of the slurpee and the problems it faces here in the Central Coast environment. I also hope that I may have encouraged you to be a part of taking back the slurpee in our community, becoming a slurpee advocate and improving slurpee conditions.

Shauna Weber is an animal science junior.

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## HOW TO MAKE UNLEAVENED BREAD FOR PASSOVER

# Tanning: attractive but costly

I spent last Saturday afternoon at Pismo Beach. Hundreds of scantily clad people offering their bodies up to the sun were there in hopes of the ever-coveted tan.

Walking across campus, I see students lying out in front of the dorms and on Dexter Lawn.

### Commentary

When the sun comes out, the clothes come off, and everyone wants to look good. There is something sexy, something exotic about having a tan.

But, at what cost do tans come? The going rate at Bella Gente Salon is \$5 per session (up to 20 minutes in a tanning bed). At Eurotan, a session averages \$35. Three to four sessions are required to attain a "base tan" before customers can begin their deep tanning. All in all, it takes at least eight sessions to attain a bronzed god or goddess state.

Then there's the cheaper alternative — frying under the sun at the beach or at home, greased with tanning potions.

The real cost of tanning is your life. That's right, it is called melanoma, and it is the most serious type of skin cancer. Some 7,700 people are expected to die from it in the United States this year.

Now, I can't say that I have never lain out. I spent many a summer day on my back deck trying in vain to tan my fair skin. I would change from white to pink to red, then peel for a week. The skin beneath would always be whiter than

before. So, I would try again.

One day, at the tender age of 16, I was lying out at Montana de Oro State Park and received the worst sunburn of my life. I had blisters that stood a half-inch off my chest. The doctor gave me a cream that is given to second-degree burn victims. I was in pain for weeks.

I peeled, I bled, I got over it. I also got a number of lectures about the dangers of skin cancer — what sunburns do to the body and what tans do to the body. This week I looked on the Internet and found some fun facts about tans:

- The much desired tan is actually a sign of toxic injury.
- Melanoma deaths and diagnoses are on the rise.
- Tanning beds are not safe alternatives.
- Melanoma is a cancer that begins with the skin before spreading to other vital organs.

I no longer lie out. Every morning, I slather SPF 30 sunscreen on my face, neck and arms before leaving the house, regard-

less of what I will be doing. The bottle is on my dressing table next to my blow dryer and makeup.

I am somewhat of a health-conscious person. I figure, why spend my time trying to get a tan that will hurt me later in life when I could be working out and strengthening my heart and lungs to make me healthier?

Many aspects of a person make them attractive to the opposite sex — a nice physique, a good personality and intelligence, among others.

Perhaps students should be developing alternative attributes rather than passing countless hours doing nothing more than lying in the sun.

A tan may turn a few heads today, but down the road, premature wrinkling and melanoma won't.

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## Letters to the editor

### Greeks are about more than good press

**Editor,**  
This letter is in response to the April 10 article, "Trying to stay positive" by the Mustang Daily staff. I was upset to see that some of you think, or just felt like implying, that greeks only do philanthropic events for good public relations. This allegation particularly bothers me because in the past week, the Greek Week Committee, which I am a member of, has raised \$2,000 for the Make-a-Wish foundation. We also had almost 100 people donate blood to the Tri-Counties Blood Bank.

The Greek Week Committee has spent three months preparing for 10 days of events. Why would we take on the extra time to include a philanthropy and help out the local blood bank for public relations? Did you consider the fact that maybe we felt like helping a good cause, or did you assume that we were doing this just to try and overshadow the recent problems that we have faced?

Being greek involves more than just parties and drinking; it is about friendships and building ourselves to be better people and leaders. I've gained more business and personal skills in my three years as a greek than I have through my classes in five years of college. I've gained

many of these skills by having fun and organizing those philanthropy events that you say we only do to get good press.

When I graduate, I will leave Cal Poly with more than an education; I will leave knowing that I helped the community that educated me. I have given my time to help improve this community and to make it a better place. Not just for greeks or public relations, but for everyone. And yes, even for the staff of the Mustang Daily.

Bryan Johnson is an agribusiness senior, former Interfraternity Council vice president and Greek Week 2000 chair.

### Underage drinking is but a scapegoat

**Editor,**  
"Poly wages battle against underage drinking" made a nice article for parents of prospective students to read during Open House weekend. It attempted to reassure them that their precious little angels will be safe at this institution of moral guidance, but the whole war on underage drinking is bull. There is absolutely no difference between a 20-year-old drinking alcohol and a 21-year-old drinking alcohol. There is likewise almost no difference between an 18-

year-old drinking alcohol and a 21-year-old drinking alcohol.

There is, however, a problem with a person of any age pounding five beers and then going for a drive. There is a problem with a fraternity boy getting drunk and sexually assaulting someone. There is a problem with a dorm student getting smashed and breaking down a door for fun.

Make an effort to stop these activities, but don't whine that it's all because of underage drinking. Just about every other country allows its citizens to drink way before the age of 21, and they have infinitely less incidences of alcohol abuse at young ages. I think we need to severely increase penalties for driving while drunk at any age and increase penalties for alcohol-related incidences in general.

Pointing the finger at minors, however, simply because this is a college environment and half of the people you observe drinking will naturally be minors, is a pathetic attempt at using a scapegoat.

I hope someone will spike the punch at one of those "mocktail" parties and loosen the squares up a bit. Also, I find it ironic that the residence halls claim to be serving "100 Proof Truth" — 100 proof corresponds to 50 percent, and about half of what they claim about drinking is simply made up so resident advisors

don't have to work quite so hard to keep residents from having a good time.

Jeremy Gathers is an engineering sophomore.

### Foundation is all-profit

**Editor,**  
I tried to sell back three of my textbooks last quarter to El Corral. One was bought brand new that quarter. I was told at the buyback counter that those books would no longer be used, so they could only offer me \$5 for the new one and \$1.25 for the other two. Of course, I wasn't foolish enough to sell them back for such ridiculous prices. I actually went and spoke to my professors in the classes those books were used in, and guess what: They ARE using them again this quarter. In fact, I saw those books on El Corral's very own shelves.

My question is this: Why does Foundation continuously rip off students? Not only that, why does it openly lie to us? I cannot understand this one bit. Foundation is supposed to be a nonprofit organization, yet it is obviously making a huge profit off of overpriced books and ridiculously low buyback rates.

Foundation will not change its ways unless it hears a loud and clear message from the student body. I propose that all Cal Poly students boycott El Corral this summer and next fall and only buy from Aida's or online textbook dealers. Maybe that will shock some sense into the

money-hungry executives of Foundation.

Brian Selvy is an aeronautical engineering sophomore.

### Faith existed before there was proof

**Editor,**  
Regarding issues of faith, the future is unknown and uncertain. Making any kind of plan for action requires faith, whether you are conscious of it or not, in that things will work out the way you want them to or will even simply stay the same.

As to whether God's existence is a fact or not, people believed in God long before logical proofs were invented. The Bible, for example, does not contain any proof of God's existence, yet it was written from a point of view assuming God's existence as fact.

Much of what goes on in the universe is beyond human control, and many of those events beyond human control affect the lives of human beings. That means there is a force in the universe not controlled by humans that affects the destiny of individual people, and I think it would be reasonable to call that force God, if not a Higher Power or Supreme Being.

Even if you accept the nine accepted proofs of God's existence, it still takes faith to believe in God.

Dean Wilber is an electrical engineering senior.

## Media coverage of Elian crisis demonstrates intrusiveness, focus on tragedies

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — It is a very rare day that Fidel Castro is right on any matter. So rare, in fact, that the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers make the playoffs more often than Comrade Castro hits the correct button.

In that case, get ready for prime time, Clips fans. Unfortunately, Castro was right on the money when he said the Elian Gonzalez case had become a prime example of how intrusive the media has become in American society. Rarely does broadcast media actually fulfill its obligation to report the news to the American people. It is now far more interested in coming up with sensational ideas to increase ratings than

in telling the truth. The major losers, as a result, are the American people, who have willingly surrendered their rights to privacy and to factual information.

The media barricade in front of Elian Gonzalez's great uncle's house is not new — remember Camp O.J.? But the broadcast media has still successfully reached a new low in terms of class. Diane Sawyer's two-day stalking of Elian and his family held absolutely no informational value whatsoever; it was merely a pathetic attempt to make money off the confused kid.

If the American people want this situation to change, it is within their power to see that it does. After all, they are the ones that made it happen.

The media is simply looking for ways to increase ratings and will try anything once to see how popular it is; if people watch, then more sensationalist garbage will filter onto the air. If the viewing public decides that enough is enough, then TV news will go back to being just that — news. It is a self-fulfilling prophecy.

The first thing the American people must recognize is that the talking heads on television are not trustworthy. Most members of the broadcast media today do not believe that their primary obligation is to properly inform the public. Their primary obligation, unfortunately, is to their own careers. Currently, American society tends to reward those who

get the big, dramatic "scoop." Whether that "scoop" is true or causes increased pain and suffering for others is not an issue.

The nation must recognize that while the Diane Sawyers and Jane Pauleys of the world may be tearing up someone else's life right now, they could show up on their doorstep at any time.

This, by definition, is not news. It is garbage. People that are in the business of gathering news should be interested in findings of fact, not trampling on pieces of already shattered lives. The Nielsen families do not seem to recognize this though, and the shameful trend continues.

It is time — frankly, it is well past

time — that the American people recognized that those "average Americans" who are being subjected to media scrutiny are no different from them. The right to "be informed" has shoved aside a citizen's right to live their own life without outside interference.

If the viewers of American television show their contempt for the current crop of broadcast journalism by complaining, or, better yet, by changing the channel, the press will change in order to survive. Then, perhaps, news will once again become factual information and not some garbage that should be recycled.

Freedom of the press is a wonderful concept. The right of an individual is even more magnificent. Currently, the two are at loggerheads with each other because of the media's view that what it wants is more important than what the public needs. The broadcast media is acting like a bunch of spoiled brats that need to grow up. As soon as the American public does the same, it can force the media to do just that.

Mark Passwaters is a columnist for Texas A&M University.

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## BASEBALL

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Mustangs eked out a 12-11 win on Saturday against the Gauchos, putting on an offensive explosion in front of a crowd of 240 at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.

Trosper led the Mustangs offensively, going 4-for-5 on the afternoon with a triple, two doubles and two RBI, falling one hit shy of the cycle. Offensive leader Steve Wood had three singles, and Kyle Albright added a double and two singles, picking up four RBI. Right fielder Phil Thompson scored three runs for the Mustangs.

The teams combined for 23 runs on 27 hits, with only one error in the contest. Pitcher Tyler Fitch was hit hard, getting hit with seven earned runs and

seven hits over two and a third innings. Reliever Nathan Choate picked up his first win of the season for the Mustangs, pitching three scoreless innings while allowing one hit and striking out three.

Gauche left fielder Jeff Carter went 3-for-6 and Peshke went 2-for-4 with three RBI.

In Friday's game, the Gauchos came back from a 6-2 deficit to defeat Cal Poly 11-8. Pitcher Kevin Correia allowed a three-run home run in the bottom of the ninth after relieving Joe Smith. He started and pitched six strong innings for the team.

Big West Conference powerhouse Cal State Fullerton comes in to face the Mustangs in a three-game series this weekend. The series opens at 5:00 p.m. on Friday at San Luis Obispo Stadium.

## RIPKEN

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fans," he said. "It was part of a moment. I wanted to sign as many autographs as I could and put a date on them."

Ripken lined a clean single to center field off Twins reliever Hector Carrasco for No. 3,000. He was greeted at first base by coach and longtime teammate Eddie Murray, who also got his 3,000th hit at the Metrodome while playing for Cleveland in 1995.

"To meet Eddie at first base, that was a special moment," Ripken said. "He said, 'Way to go, welcome to the club.'"

The 39-year-old Ripken shook hands with Twins first baseman Ron Coomer while the souvenir ball was retrieved by Baltimore's Will Clark. Ripken took the ball, walked over to the first-base stands and flipped it underhand to his wife, Kelly, wearing

a bright orange blazer and flanked by their two children.

Ripken returned to first base, took off his cap to acknowledge a standing ovation and then tapped his heart once as he mouthed the words "Thank you" to the crowd of 18,745.

As part of the celebration, the Orioles spilled out of the dugout to congratulate Ripken.

Said Twins coach Paul Molitor, eighth on the career list with 3,319 hits:

"Certain players, because of the way they handle themselves, seem to transcend whatever uniform they happen to be wearing. He definitely has the respect of all baseball fans across the country."

Ripken entered the season nine hits shy of the mark but was only 6-for-34 (.176) going into Saturday, the 2,800th game of his career.

He grounded out in his first at-bat, then singled cleanly to right in the fourth off Sean Bergman. In the fifth, Ripken hit a high bouncer that third

## SOFTBALL

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Utah State, 9-7.

The winning run came in the seventh via a walk by Warner.

Cal Poly was defeated in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, 2-0, and also lost on Sunday 1-0.

Aggie first baseman Sandy Taylor hit a two-run home run on Saturday for the win as pitcher Kirsten Hommel threw a shutout, limiting the Mustangs to only one hit, a single by shortstop Natalie Carillo.

After the weekend series, Cal Poly's Big West record stands at 1-14.

The Mustangs play host to New Mexico State for three games Saturday and Sunday at Cal Poly.



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Sophomore Nicole Dansby went two-for-three in Sunday's loss.

baseman Corey Koskie fielded but had no play on for an infield single.

Right before Ripken came to bat in the seventh, Twins manager Tom Kelly was booed when he went to the mound to make a pitching change. Carrasco relieved Travis Miller, and his first pitch went for a passed ball that scored Albert Belle and put the Orioles ahead 5-4.

Ripken singled right up the middle on the next pitch, a high fastball.

"He hit the best I had," Carrasco said.

In his last at-bat, Ripken flied out. Ripken conquered a bad back and the butterflies that had stoked a season-long slump.

"You just have to deal with it, plow through and get those hits," he said recently. "But I can see why someone would say the last few are the hardest ones to get."

Ripken became the seventh player in Major League history to get 3,000 hits and 400 home runs. He was the AL MVP in 1983 and 1991 and the

Rookie of the Year in 1982. Of the 24 players to get 3,000 hits, 10 have done it on the road.

Ripken was born and raised in the Baltimore area, and Orioles fans were hoping to see him reach the mark at Camden Yards.

The Orioles play the Twins again Sunday before returning home to face Tampa Bay on Monday night.

"I think all of us wish it could have been done in Baltimore," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "But for him to go ahead and get all three of them tonight was fairly dramatic."

The 17-time All-Star has always been fond on the Metrodome, where his .321 average is 43 points higher than his career mark.

Ripken played his 2,000th consecutive game at the Dome, on Aug. 1, 1994, on his way to breaking Gehrig's record a year later, a streak he said was easier to pursue than 3,000 hits.

Ripken is the third player to get his 3,000th hit at the 18-year-old Metrodome, the ballpark where it has

happened more than anywhere else.

Dave Winfield did it there on Sept. 16, 1993, and Murray did it on June 30, 1995.

It's also the fifth time the Twins have been involved with a 3,000th hit, tying the Cleveland Indians for the most. Rod Carew (Aug. 4, 1985) did it with the Angels in Anaheim against his former team, and Paul Molitor (Sept. 16, 1996) reached the mark in Kansas City while with the Twins.

Ripken said he was eager to get the milestone out of the way so he could turn his attention toward a far more pressing goal: staying healthy and duplicating the offensive prowess he showed in 1999.

Ripken hit .340 with a .584 slugging percentage last year, both career highs, but he twice was placed on the disabled list — for the first time in his career — because of back pain and played in only 86 games.

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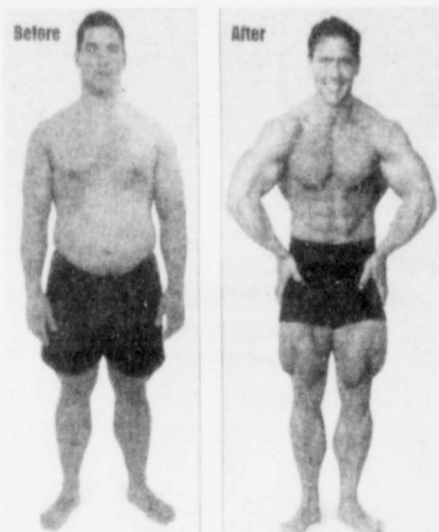
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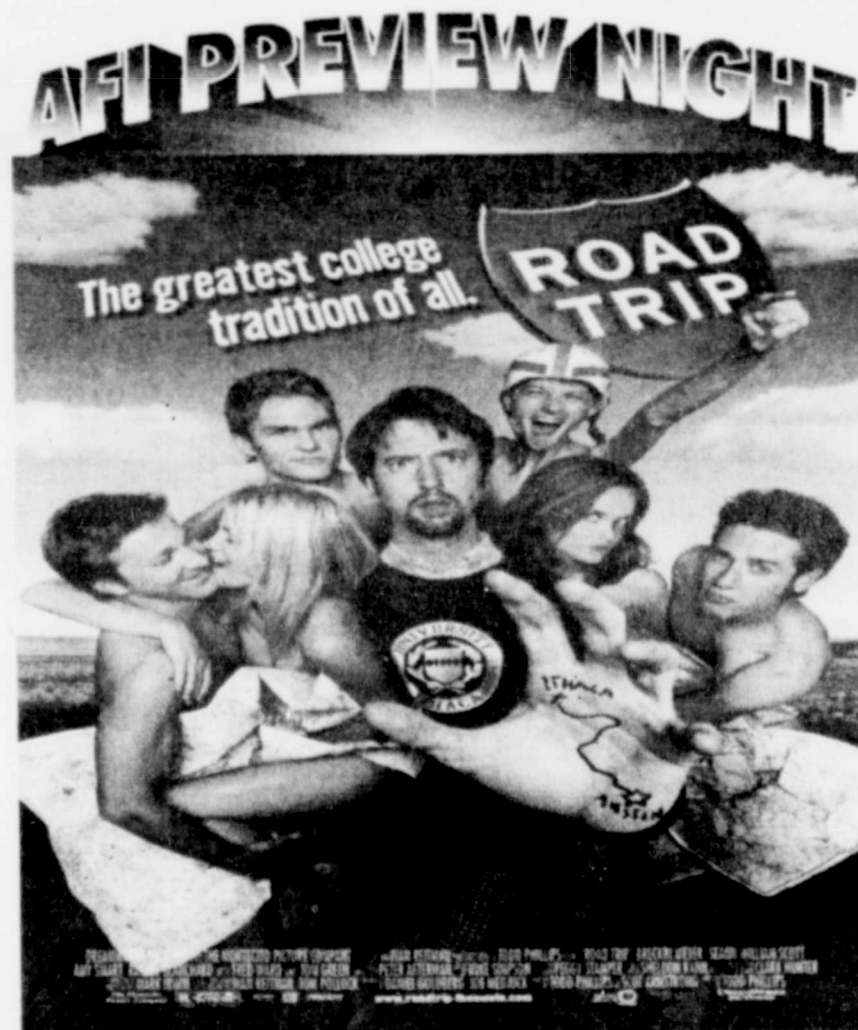
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# 49ers shoot for the moon, get two stars

SANTA CLARA (AP) — Terry Donahue cringed. Things were going so well in the San Francisco 49ers war room Saturday, why not shoot for the moon?

After striking gold with the 16th pick in Round 1 of the NFL Draft by landing outside linebacker Julian Peterson of Michigan State, the 49ers thought they had a shot at Chad Pennington with the 24th selection, especially since quarterback-needy Pittsburgh opted for Peterson's teammate, wide receiver Plaxico Burress, with the eighth choice.

Sure, San Francisco needed additional defensive help, lots of it. But the more coach Steve Mariucci watched film of the Marshall star, the more excited he became about grooming him to replace Steve Young. Then, the optimism vanished when the New York Jets took Pennington with the 18th selection.

"All our maneuvering went down the tubes," said general manager Bill Walsh, flanked by Donahue, Mariucci, director of football operations John McVay, and team president John York.

The composed Donahue, director of player personnel, quickly urged the brain trust to move forward.

"Can't get them all," he said. "We know that. Too bad."

With that, the staff of 30-plus, which included assistant coaches, scouts, trainers, doctors and public relations officials, crammed into the large conference room sprang back

into action. On television, the draft is agonizingly slow, each team allotted 15 minutes between picks in Round 1. Not so in the war room.

Seemingly, everyone is working, many scanning one of three large boards containing the names and statistics of every potential player. Walsh is seated at the front of the room, a large board behind him.

Below each position are small blue squares, each representing a wish-list candidate. Once a player is taken, the square is removed.

► **First Round, Pick No. 16:**  
Julian Peterson  
LB, Michigan St.

► **First Round, Pick No. 24:**  
Ahmed Plummer  
CB, Ohio St.

A television sits in the back of the room and provides live updates. A digital clock sits on top of the set to monitor the minutes between picks.

With Pennington gone, the 49ers shift into Plan B. Donahue summons team physician Michael Dillingham, who has just examined injured running back Garrison Hearst downstairs in the locker room. Dillingham informs Donahue, Mariucci and Walsh that Hearst will need another operation on his foot and estimates his chance of returning to football at "70 percent."

"Any other health issues on these top guys?" Mariucci asks Dillingham.

Donahue covets four players on the big board: cornerback Ahmed

Plummer of Ohio State, offensive tackle Chris McIntosh of Wisconsin, defensive end Erik Flowers of Arizona State and linebacker Keith Bullock of Syracuse. Mariucci paces; York hovers near the desk.

York, whose wife Denise owns the team and is the sister of former owner Eddie DeBartolo Jr., got his first taste of the war room last year. This year, he knew what to expect.

"Terry's really done a nice job of organizing," York said. "I think we have a lot more data. Terry's very smooth; and I think he's listening a lot to Bill."

York offers no advice.

"Bill tells me after five years my opinion will be worth 2 cents," he said. "I'm not up that high, yet."

Every few minutes one of two phones on the desk rings and Walsh answers most calls. Some supply advance warnings on upcoming picks, others center on trades. Walsh thought about moving up for a shot at Pennington but decided against it for two reasons: (1) It was too expensive; (2) Pressing needs on defense.

"We've got extra picks (11 in all), and it's still not enough," Walsh said. "We still can't fill out the roster."

San Francisco hoped local cornerback Delta O'Neal of Cal might slip through the cracks, but Denver nabbed him with the 15th pick. After being shredded for more yardage than any team in the NFL last season, the 49ers are desperate

for secondary help, and Plummer is a good fit. He's smart, tough, married and graduated on time. But will he last?

"We could be wiped out, guys," Mariucci said.

Donahue and Company breathe easier when Detroit takes offensive guard Stockar McDougle with No. 20 and Kansas City opts for wide receiver Sylvester Morris of Jackson State at No. 21, assuring the 49ers one of the four players they want.

"Oh baby!" yells Donahue after the Chiefs' selection, fearful they would pluck Plummer. "That gives up one more bullet."

"Yes!" Mariucci echoed. "We're in great shape. We're going to get one of those guys. The board is working, guys."

Mariucci summons Dr. Harry Edwards, a special consultant and Cal sociology professor. He describes the personalities of the four players and rattles off their strengths and weaknesses.

With the No. 22 pick, Seattle takes McIntosh. San Francisco could have used a young tackle, but again, defense is the top priority. Now the dilemma: Will Walsh's former protégé, George Seifert of Carolina, take a cornerback, possibly Plummer?

Yes and no. Seifert opts for taller Rashard Anderson of Jackson State, and the 49ers are ecstatic. San Francisco is on the clock, but it's a no-brainer. Plummer is about to join the 49ers.

"We got our guy!" Mariucci said. "You want to kill a little time?"

▼ *"Ahmed? Steve Mariucci. Would you like to be a 49er? Congratulations. We're really happy to have you here."*

**Steve Mariucci**  
49ers head coach

Donahue asks Mariucci, a full 14 minutes remaining before the team must announce its selection.

"No," Mariucci said. "Let's do it."

Handshakes all-around.

"That's a good start for us to rebuild," Donahue said.

"Okay, Bill, we got a couple good guys."

Mariucci hurries to a telephone. "Ahmed?" he said. "Steve Mariucci. Would you like to be a 49er? Congratulations. We're really happy to have you here."

Just then, a television analyst rates Plummer and offers this critique: lacks speed and leaping ability.

"A 40-inch vertical?" barks defensive coordinator Jim Mora in amazement. "Jesus, that's not too bad."

After speaking to Plummer, Mariucci goes downstairs to meet the press.

"Talk about a solid guy," he said. "We didn't know if he would get to us. It was about a three-second decision. We grabbed him."

Then it was back to the war room. With nine picks ahead, Mariucci's day was just beginning.

## Poly alumnus may have worked his last draft

SAN DIEGO (AP) — With his second-to-last pick of what could be his last draft, Cal Poly alumnus Bobby Beathard took his kind of player — a real sleeper.

Quarterback JaJuan Seider of Division I-AA Florida A&M, who transferred from West Virginia after sitting behind Marc Bulger for three seasons, became a Charger on Sunday with a compensatory pick, the 39th selection in the sixth round and the 205th pick overall.

"Seider is pretty special, in my opinion, and I think everybody that's visited him and been with him and seen him feels the same," said Beathard, 63,

who plans to decide in about a month whether to retire or keep working under a contract that goes through the 2001 season. That will at least give him time to see the Chargers' eight draft picks in the team's minicamp April 28-30.

The Chargers picked a quarterback because of continuing concerns about Ryan Leaf, who is experiencing discomfort in his surgically repaired right shoulder.

Although Leaf is required to be at the team's headquarters Monday to continue his rehabilitation, there are some in the organization who wonder if he'll show up. Leaf hasn't been seen

at the complex in about a month, since fullback Fred McCrary sharply criticized him for being overweight and out of shape.

The Chargers want to have four quarterbacks at the minicamp. The addition of Seider gives them three who can throw, with the other two being Jim Harbaugh and Moses Moreno. The Chargers are still debating whether to sign Todd Marinovich, who hasn't played in the NFL since 1992 and is currently a backup with the Los Angeles Avengers of the Arena Football League.

Late Sunday afternoon, the Chargers agreed with free agent quar-

terback Mike Burton of Division III Trinity University of San Antonio, Texas, and wide receiver-returner Damon Gourdine of San Diego State.

Of all the quarterbacks in the draft, Beathard thought that only Marshall's Chad Pennington, who went to the New York Jets with the 18th pick overall, had a better arm and quicker release than Seider.

Seider is 6 feet, one-half inch, and 225 pounds. He can run as well as throw.

"It'll be fun for the coaches to work with him, fun to have him in here and see how far he can go," Beathard said.

Bulger was taken by New Orleans

37 picks before Seider went to the Chargers. Seider was taken before two other quarterbacks, Tim Rattay of Louisiana Tech (San Francisco) and Jarious Jackson of Notre Dame (Denver).

"A lot of teams didn't get a chance to see me because it was like my first year really starting because I was backing up Marc Bulger for so long," Seider said.

Charger scout Jeff Beathard — Bobby's son — saw Seider play in the first round of the I-AA playoffs. He threw for three touchdowns and ran for three more.

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## Mustangs win series in Santa Barbara

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

After dropping the first game of a three-game series with Santa Barbara, the Cal Poly baseball team rallied to win the series with back-to-back wins Saturday and Sunday.

For the second consecutive weekend, the Mustangs were able to overcome deficits to snatch a series win.

Cal Poly overcame a 6-4 Gauchos lead with a five-run seventh inning, highlighted by Jason Barringer's three-run homer. Barringer was 3-for-4 in the game, scoring two runs as well.

The Gauchos rallied to within one run, 9-8 by the ninth when Tanner Trospen came in to close out the game. Trospen loaded the bases and faced a full count on Gauchos second baseman Chad Peshke. But Trospen struck out Peshke on a very close pitch, which Peshke took for the called strike three.

The win put the Mustangs (18-17) over .500 for the first time all season. It also helped Cal Poly leapfrog the Gauchos for fourth place in the Big West.

Earlier in the series, the

see **BASEBALL**, page 6



STEPHEN KEMPERT/MUSTANG DAILY

Outfielder Jason Barringer hit a crucial three-run homer to help the Mustangs take the third and deciding game of the three-game series with Santa Barbara. Barringer went 3-for-4 in Sunday's game.

## Mr. Milestone hits another

### Ripken reaches 3,000-hit plateau

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Cal Ripken can add another big number — 3,000 — to his Hall of Fame resume.

The Baltimore star, already renowned for playing a record 2,632 consecutive games, got hit No. 3,000 with his third single Saturday night in a 6-4 victory against Minnesota.

Ripken became the 24th player to reach the milestone, doing it a year after Tony Gwynn and Wade Boggs joined the club.

"I was relieved; I felt a weight was lifted from my shoulders," Ripken said. "I thought about how lucky you are and how you started."

"It was a phenomenal experience, one I'm really glad is over," he said.

When the game ended, Ripken signed autographs for about 15 minutes for some of the fans, who had given him a two-minute standing ovation. The gesture was reminiscent of the victory lap he took at Camden Yards after breaking Lou Gehrig's "Iron Man" streak.

"I tried to give back as much as I can, and I thought it was right and appropriate to celebrate with the

see **RIPKEN**, page 6

## Softball breaks losing streak, takes one of three

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

After dropping its first 13 Big West Conference games, the Cal Poly softball team came up with a win Saturday night, defeating Utah State 3-2.

The Mustangs came from behind for the win, scoring single runs in the third, fifth and seventh innings, after allowing two runs in the first inning. Pitchers Terra Blankenbechler and Kirsten Murray threw four scoreless innings in relief after Jamie Gelbart gave up the Aggies' two runs. Blankenbechler earned the win, while Aggie pitcher Kelly Warner took the loss.

Third baseman Jackie Wayland drove in two Mustang runs with three hits, and left fielder Nicole Dansby added two singles as Cal Poly out-hit

see **SOFTBALL**, page 6

### SATURDAY'S BOX SCORE

#### Mustangs 3, Aggies 2

Batting	AB	R	H	RBI
Dansby	4	2	2	0
Nessa	2	0	1	0
Wayland	3	1	3	2
Ballard	4	0	0	0
Wells	4	0	1	0
Carrillo	3	0	0	0
Schubert	3	0	1	1
Carlisle	3	0	1	0
Ulthoven	3	0	0	0

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Gelbart	3.0	5	2	2	1	0
Murray	2.1	2	0	0	1	0
Blankenbechler	1.2	0	0	0	0	1

Win: Blankenbechler (9-14) Save: None

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Cal Poly	001 010 1	3	9	1
Utah State	200 000 0	2	7	2



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Freshman Holly Ballard went 0-for-4 but Cal Poly still won its first Big West game Saturday at Utah State.

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#### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Cal Poly  
CSU Fullerton

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#### ROLLER HOCKEY

Cal Poly  
Purdue

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#### MEN'S TENNIS

Pacific  
Cal Poly

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Cal Poly  
Miami

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### Schedule

#### WEDNESDAY

- Men's tennis vs. Arizona State
- at Arizona State
- 1:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY

- Men's tennis vs. Arizona
- at Arizona
- noon
- Baseball vs. CSU Fullerton
- in SLO Stadium
- 5 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

- Track and Field at Nat'l Collegiate Invitationals
- at Austin, Texas