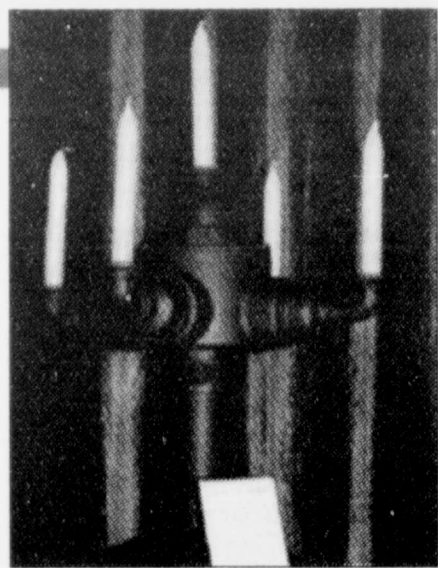


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Cal Poly students return from sea

By Jana Larsen

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Sixty-five Cal Poly students and four professors recently returned to San Luis Obispo after completing the Study at Sea Program in conjunction with the California Maritime Academy. The group spent spring quarter aboard the vessel T.S. Golden Bear with cadets of the CMA and students from California State University, Monterey Bay.

From April 21 to June 25 they traveled to Mexico, Peru, Chile, Panama, Honduras and the Cayman Islands. The students were required to take 12 units of credit from Cal Poly professors and other courses required by the CMA staff.

Cal Poly professors taught various courses that were indicative of the areas that were visited. The CMA-required courses dealt with ship familiarization, safety issues and learning about living aboard a ship. The students were also required to help with the upkeep of the 500-foot ship by cleaning designated areas each morning.

Biology professor Mike Hanson taught Marine Reptile, Birds and Mammals using the native wildlife in its natural habitat as a teaching tool.

"We had the opportunity to see a 'feeding frenzy,' which is around 1,000 birds and several dolphins feeding on a large school of fish," Hanson said. "We also saw new bird species that we had never seen before."

Physics professor Keith Stowe

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A witch doctor performs a dance for graduates Kari Kalvelage, Erika Lombard, Erica Peters, Sarah Ruvolo and Megan Winther. The group recently returned from the spring Study at Sea program aboard the T. S. Golden Bear.

Commencement held at sea for five graduates

By Jana Larsen

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Commencement exercises were held for five Cal Poly students aboard the ship T.S. Golden Bear during the spring quarter training cruise. The California Maritime Academy staff and the participating Cal Poly faculty honored the graduating seniors with a

private ceremony June 10, since the students were still at sea during the commencement exercises at Cal Poly.

The ceremony honored Kari Kalvelage, Erika Lombard, Erica Peters, Sarah Ruvolo and Megan Winther. Kalvelage, Lombard, Ruvolo and Winther received their bachelor of science degrees in biological science; Peters received a degree

in ecology and systematic biology.

"Dr. Glynn, our PDO, told us that he received three degrees in his lifetime and missed every graduation, and really regretted it," Lombard said. "He told us it was a special milestone in life and we deserved a celebration."

At the ceremony, which was held

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Faculty talks stalled

By Katherine Hays

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Negotiations between California State University faculty and administrators have stalled, leading the California Faculty Association to declare the talks in a state of impasse.

CSU teachers are at the bargaining table to discuss changes to the merit pay system that is currently in effect. The CFA wants to place a moratorium on merit pay until further research can be done to decide if this is the best method of evaluation.

► The CFA has filed for an impasse.

"We made an offer, and they wouldn't make a counter offer," said Cal Poly history professor Manzar Foroohar, who is part of the bargaining team. "That's not bargaining, if they refuse to make a counter offer."

► Impasse is a move from bargaining to mediation.

According to the CFA, CSU administrators refused to make any changes to the current merit pay system.

"We're concerned about the inequalities that exist with the current merit pay system," said CFA communication director Jim Smith.

This stalemate caused the CFA to officially file for an impasse. This means that the talks will be stopped until a neutral mediator can be agreed upon.

Michael Suess, associate vice president for academic personnel, said that merit pay is currently part of the contract that was agreed upon last year and believes it is doubtful that any of this will end merit pay. If it comes to fact finding, the CSU can impose work conditions on the faculty, who then have the option of picketing or striking.

The negotiations are basically a four-step process: public notification, bargaining, mediation and fact-finding. Declaration of an impasse by either party signifies the movement from bargaining to mediation.

The current system of pay increases for CSU faculty is twofold. All faculty receive a percentage increase each year deemed a "cost of living increase." The second portion of the pay increase is merit pay, or extra pay for work considered meritorious. How the merit pay is divided varies by college, but many feel the way the pay is distributed is disproportional, according to the CFA.

Smith said the Faculty Merit Increase system originated out of a desire to reward performance. The

Cal Poly receives \$5.6 million

Cal Poly President Warren Baker congratulates Raul Cano as the new endowed chair for environmental studies. Unocal established the chair with part of the funds from the \$5.6 million donation it made to Cal Poly.



KARIN DRIESEN/SUMMER MUSTANG

By Karin Driesen

SUMMER MUSTANG NEWS EDITOR

On July 6 Cal Poly's Environmental Biotechnology Institute (EBI) received a \$5.6 million donation from Unocal Corporation at a ceremony in front of the Fisher Science building.

The gift, which is one of the largest in the university's history, is a significant part of the partnership between Cal Poly and Unocal that is designed to educate students in fields of science such as biotechnology and will help further groundbreaking research.

Led by Cal Poly professor Raul Cano, EBI, which was started in 1996 with a \$1.3 million grant from Unocal, does research in the areas of ecosystems, pollutants, antibiotics and microscopic natural processes. This donation is specifically for the EBI's research of petroleum cleanup at Unocal's former 2,300-acre oil field

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State budget benefits CSU

By Jana Larsen

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Gov. Gray Davis approved \$10 million for the California State University system to enhance programs that will meet the state's workforce needs. The governor's state budget also included funds that will help meet the increase in enrollment that is expected over the next 10 years.

The \$10 million will be a one-time funding toward the California Workforce Initiative, which funds high-demand fields such as nursing, agriculture, engineering, computer science and the biological sciences.

"We really don't know our share as of yet," said Frank Lebens, vice president for administration and finance. "Cal Poly normally gets 6.5 percent of the CSU budget."

However, because of the large number of high-demand majors at Cal Poly, an 11- to 12- percent share is expected.

While it hasn't been determined how the funds will be used, Lebens said that equipment replacement and classroom-related enhancement are some of the areas to be targeted.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker said of the governor's budget action, "This signals clearly the governor's recognition of the need for the CSU to develop a long-term budget strategy for addressing funding needs at the CSU."

The leadership roles played in the legislature by Sen. Jack O'Connell and assembly member Sarah Reyes were noted by Baker.

"Their clear understanding of the need to expand access to these fields by California students has enabled us

to make important progress toward a long-term solution. Cal Poly, the CSU and the state of California owe them and Gov. Davis a special debt of gratitude."

The budget includes funding to accommodate what is called Tidal Wave II, the dramatic increase in enrollment expected over the next 10 years. This includes recruiting and training teachers, since California will need as many as 300,000 new teachers over the next decade. The budget will help keep faculty salaries competitive. Funding will provide for a 6 percent compensation pool for all CSU employees.

"The 6 percent compensation in the budget is something that takes us a step forward in maintaining competitive posture as far as recruitment of quality faculty and staff," Lebens said. "That has been an issue over time as we looked at comparison institutions and saw a broadening gap in comparative salaries."

The budget will also fund service learning and community service opportunities for CSU students. A new trustee resolution requires that each campus ensures all students have the opportunity to participate in community service and service-learning opportunities. The trustees endorse campus efforts to make service an expectation, condition or requirement for the undergraduate education experience.

Libraries and technology needs were also given \$18 million for improvements.

valedictorian Megan Winther gave the graduate speech. Professors Keith Stowe, Kerry Cochran, Lee Parker and Mike Hanson represented Cal Poly at the event.

Lombard had attended the 1999 cruise and already knew several of the professors on this year's trip.

"When they got up to say something during the ceremony, I felt like they were really talking about us, sharing the special moment with us," she said. "All the hard work that went into it really made me feel like I had accomplished something special."

The highlight of the ceremony was a visit by a witch doctor. The ship's regular medical doctor dressed as a Tahitian witch doctor and danced for the students.

"It was the most spectacular graduation ceremony I have ever been to," said physics professor Keith Stowe.

Baker speaks in Taiwan

By Nikki Wilson

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly President Warren Baker recently spent five days overseas to strengthen ties with a leading technological university in Taiwan.

Baker was invited to deliver a commencement speech at Chaoyang University of Technology (CYUT), and to deliver a keynote address at a symposium on the trends in polytechnic education. Baker also met with the president of Taiwan, Chen Shui-bian, to discuss academic partnerships between Taiwan's universities and Cal Poly as well as other California schools.

"We are trying to develop as many international opportunities for students as we can, because we find not only are they rewarding experiences for the students, but it really does contribute in a significant way to their education, particularly when you think about the global economy that we have today and the kinds of jobs that our students will be going into," Baker said. "It's important to have an international perspective."

Cal Poly and CYUT first established an exchange system in January of 1999. Two Taiwanese students just completed a year in Cal Poly's industrial engineering program. Two Cal Poly students will attend CYUT in the fall.

"They (the Taiwanese students) enjoyed it very much, which means that they are going to be extraordinary ambassadors for additional students to come here," Baker said. "They said that the system is a little different (here) and it took them a while to get used to it, but they benefited greatly from (being) at Cal

Poly. We hope that the same will occur with the students going to CYUT from Cal Poly."

CYUT is a private technological institution. There are several more like it on the island of Taiwan. Baker said Taiwan has a significant economy in the high-tech area that is leading to the development of a number of polytechnic-like institutions. Baker also visited Hsinchu Science-based Industrial Park and the Industrial Technology Research Institute to discuss joint ventures. He said he noticed that the development occurring in that region is similar to that of Silicon Valley.

"There are a lot of commonalities between California industry and the high-tech industry developing in Taiwan," Baker said.

"That was basically the topic of my conversation with the president of Taiwan. He recognized that Taiwan's success in developing high-tech industries and bringing research has come from a combination of business- and industry-university partnerships. He felt that over the years there has always been a connection between California and Taiwan, and so we were exploring the potential that that connection held for Cal Poly and the Central Coast of California as well."

Other attendees of Baker's meetings included the president of CYUT and other CYUT officials, the administrative vice minister of education and the director general of the Bureau of International Cultural and Educational Relations of the Ministry of Education.

Baker also had the opportunity to visit the National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, where a Cal Poly alumnus teaches architecture.

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FMI, Smith said, replaced its predecessor two years ago.

"As it stands now, teaching is not as important as publication, or being friends with the dean," he said.

At the center of the controversy is a study conducted by the National Education Association that found that women received 8 percent less in merit awards on average than male faculty for the 1998-1999 school year. On some CSU campuses, the difference rose to more than 20 percent. Suess said the data for Cal Poly shows that the percentage of increase for women's merit pay was higher than men's for 1998-1999. Cal Poly data shows the average increase for female faculty members was 2.61 percent. For men, the average increase was 2.19 percent. For 1999-2000, the increases were slightly less all around, but women still received about the same amount more than men in increases.

The CFA believes that the data establishes a basis for placing a moratorium on merit pay until a neutral party can independently review the findings. Also, the CFA accuses the CSU administrators of diverting funding from faculty salary to other sources, without providing the CFA with proper documentation. In the last 10 years, almost 1,300 full-time positions have been converted to part-time, a savings to the CSU system of more than \$25 million that has not been redirected to faculty increases.

"The switch from full-time to part-time causes a 'casualization' of the workplace," Smith said. "Ultimately, it will influence the quality of the institution."

Smith also said part-time professors also face gender discrimination. The majority of part-time professors are women, with full-time positions going to men 75 percent of the time.

Foroohar agrees and adds that the shift from full-time instructors to part-time instructors may be saving the CSU system money, but the ultimate cost is paid by the student, in

the form of a lower level of education.

"Our main concern is for our students," she said. "We are working for better conditions for faculty members that will increase the overall quality of education."

One of the worst current conditions for faculty and students, she said, is the rise of the use of guest lecturers on CSU campuses in place of full professors.

"Fifty percent of instructors at the average CSU are part-time lecturers," Foroohar said. "Last year, there was a professor teaching at Cal Poly, Cuesta, Hancock and Chapman. You can't tell me he was able to provide a quality education to each of his students."

She says that part-time faculty are forced to accept multiple positions, because they can't get a full-time position at a campus, and that this will ultimately lead to a decline in the overall quality of education at CSUs.

Suess is confident that a contract should be in place by the beginning of the school year. Should this go to fact finding, he's sure the courts will rule in the CSU's favor.

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at latitude 17 degrees 12 north, longitude 83 degrees 20 west, the Cal Poly faculty presented the degrees and provided remarks about the students.

"No matter how many graduation ceremonies I would go to at Cal Poly," said biology professor Mike Hanson, "I would never get to go up and speak. Each of us professors had the opportunity to get up and speak. It was unique. Not many students get a graduation ceremony aboard ship."

The commencement was attended by all of the students aboard the ship, consisting of academy cadets, California State University, Monterey Bay students and the 65 students from Cal Poly. Capt. Keever of the CMA was the commencement's host, and

University now accepts credit cards

By Alicia Kagel

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Students who were once frustrated by the fact that they couldn't charge fees at Cal Poly to their credit cards will now be able to max out their charge cards. As of July 3, Cal Poly is allowing students to pay by credit or debit card.

Students can pay by credit card over the phone. The number to call is 756-5151. The voice-automated system, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, allows the fees for registration, housing installment, transcript request and grade change to be paid by credit or debit card. It will allow students to transfer to CAPTURE, but if the CAPTURE line is busy, students will have to call back. A bonus to this system is that the payment is processed right away and students don't have to

wait a few days for checks to process like they did before.

A drawback to this system is that students are charged to use their credit cards, because the cost is not included in the government budget. VISA is not accepted because the company does not allow organizations to charge on a tier rate like the other credit companies do.

Reynolds said the tier system seems to be the most cost-effective schedule for students. The more students charge, the higher the fee. It ranges from \$2 for charges of \$1 to \$100, to \$100 for charges over \$4,000.

VISA charges a flat-rate fee of \$15. Reynolds didn't feel that this flat fee was fair to students. She said that the federal government and the state of California do not offer VISA payment for taxpayers because of this same reason.

Reynolds said the school is working on having credit or debit card payment available on the Cal Poly Web site by August. The site will allow students to pay fees and register at the same time.

"As long as nothing else is holding up a student's registration, it allows immediate access (to CAPTURE)," said Reynolds.

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taught a course in astronomy. He said getting away from city lights improved their ability to see the stars.

"As you head into the Southern Hemisphere you notice that the North Star disappears and the Southern Cross comes up," Stowe said. "A lot of students get to see the night sky like they have never seen before."

While his students were on deck studying constellations, the CMA cadets were learning to navigate by the stars by using a sextant.

"There is a pride in being a seaman," Stowe said. "Even though we have these great electronic gadgets that can tell you where you're at within a centimeter, there is some pride in being able to do it with a sextant."

The students also learned life-saving and basic shipboard safety courses. Because they were on a Coast Guard training ship, the students took courses in ship familiarization, weather oceanography, navigation and seamanship. Everyone was required to learn how to paddle a lifeboat, and at one point, the CMA cadets had a lifeboat race with the Cal Poly students.

"One of my favorite memories of this trip was racing the lifeboats in the middle of the ocean," said biology senior Erika Lombard. "We had a barbecue one Sunday and had a bunch of games organized. One of them was racing two of the lifeboats from stern to bow. It was pretty awesome to (see) everyone cheering for us over the rails of the ship and to look out to see

absolutely nothing but ocean stretching to the horizon."

The students had classes every day except Sunday, having to complete a regular quarter in just 45 days. School was in session while they were aboard the ship; however, once in port the students were allowed to sightsee or visit the different areas.

One of the trip highlights was going through the locks at the Panama Canal, which the boat did at night. It took eight hours to cross the 51 miles from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean. While traveling through the canal, a digital camera took pictures of the students which were downloaded on the canal's Web site. Many students called their parents to tell them that they could be seen on the Web site and held up signs for their parents to see.

While in Chile, the students went to an orphanage to deliver previously collected money and clothes.

"It was one of the most amazing experiences I have ever had," Lombard said. "None of us were really fluent in Spanish and none of the kids spoke any English; however, we got along fine and had an absolutely wonderful time."

The ship also stopped in Valparaiso, Chile, which is at 33 degrees south latitude, the exact opposite of San Luis Obispo.

"It is one of the few places that has a Mediterranean climate similar to California's," said biology professor Lee Parker. "It has chaparral plants that exist (in San Luis Obispo) and vineyards, except it is headed into the fall season."

The students and professors alike consider the trip life-changing.



Students practice sign language in an Upward Bound program. About 50 teenagers are at Cal Poly participating in the program, living in the dorms and learning a lot about what college is like.

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High school students learn about college

By Shannon Akins

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Nearly 50 teenagers have invaded Cal Poly.

They are participants in Upward Bound, a national program that helps high school students prepare for college. Upward Bound in this area takes students from Righetti, Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande high schools, and gives them the experience of living on campus and taking college courses for six weeks.

"They're taking classes they'd take in fall (at a university)," said program coordinator Jose Millan.

This summer there are 49 high school students living in the dorms. They are first-generation college students and/or low-income students who have been given a head start on their college careers.

"It's a preview of what college is going to be like," said Rocio Lopez, a Righetti High School senior and Upward Bound participant.

Lopez has been attending Upward Bound programs at various schools since junior high, and wants to pursue

communications at University of California, Los Angeles. She said Upward Bound has given her a large amount of information on going to the UC and California State University systems.

There are a lot of classes and tutoring offered, and the program helps students prepare college applications, she said. Students are encouraged to apply to Cal Poly, even if it isn't their first choice, as a backup, she added.

The program has been funded by a federal grant for the past 16 years. It operates year-round by offering academic advising and industry trips, and by taking students to visit colleges.

"We want to guarantee that if a student follows the program, they'll go on to a four-year college," Millan said.

In addition to assisting students, Upward Bound also helps parents. It offers meetings on applying to colleges and information on how to finance students' college careers.

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in Guadalupe, about 20 miles south of San Luis Obispo.

Unocal is trying to clean up the dunes in Guadalupe where there is still oil in the ground. Officials said that they are looking for ways to do so without churning up the ground and hurting the sensitive environment. That's where Cal Poly comes in. The staff and students of the EBI are conducting bioremediation research on alternative clean-up methods, such as how bacteria naturally break down oil. They also help restore the area by planting trees.

Both Cal Poly and Unocal officials say that the research being done is groundbreaking.

"We're looking forward to undertaking research that's on the edge of biotechnology," said Mark Smith, vice president of real estate, remediation services and mining operations at Unocal.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker said that the partnership is an example of the kind of institution Cal Poly is.

"The students have opportunities that they would not receive at many other institutions as undergraduates," Baker said. Aside from being one of the largest cash grants the university has received, "it also is an indication of a partnership that focuses on investment in the future and scientific research that will be conducted here at Cal Poly."

After unveiling the large poster-board check, Baker thanked Unocal for its support of education.

"You are leaving an important legacy by providing the infrastructure, supporting the faculty and students to educate the generation that will follow and work on the problems to make our life a better life on the Central Coast, the United States, and the results of this work will have world-wide implications," Baker said.

Unocal officials said their partnership with Cal Poly benefits everyone.

"We get to use one of the nation's most esteemed academic institutions, but we also get to train the youth out there," Smith said. "We also believe in what Cal Poly stands for, which is 'learn by doing,' or the hands-on process. We know that works out in the work place. We want to be a part of that."

Unocal Environmental Project Manager Gonzalo Garcia also stressed the benefits of the deal.

"Cal Poly's benefiting, Unocal's benefiting, but the best part of it is the dunes are benefiting," Garcia said. "We have a tremendous responsibility to protect this dune system. This relationship gets us to that point."

The \$5.6 million includes \$2 million for a new science and math building, including a new EBI lab; \$1.5 million for ongoing research and cleanup at the dunes over three years; and \$1 million this year and \$1 million next year to endow the Unocal chair for environmental studies. An additional \$100,000 was donated to Cal Poly's centennial campaign.

Between 25 and 40 students and seven to eight faculty are in the EBI program. Students from majors such as engineering, agriculture and biology do independent research or senior projects and are paid a salary, Cano

said.

EBI Director Cano received the honor of being named the first endowed chair at Cal Poly. In addition to starting the EBI four years ago, Cano has received world-wide recognition for some of his research. In 1993, Cano was the first to extract Dinosaur-Age DNA from insects preserved in amber. In 1995, he discovered that bacteria from that time can be revived and reproduced.

At the ceremony, Cano, who has been at Cal Poly for about 26 years, thanked his colleagues and students for making him look so good in the eyes of the nation.

"When I left Cuba in 1962, I left with many anticipations and expectations," he said. "I never expected my life was going to be this good."

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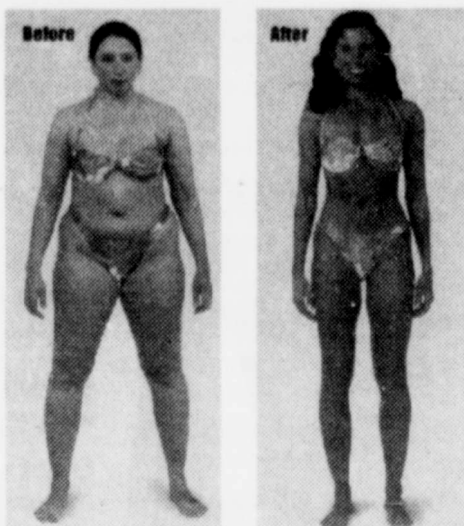
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African AIDS epidemic a thing to fear

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As people grow up, their lives are influenced by fear. A baby fears being abandoned and children fear the boogiemán. Teenagers fear rejection and women fear rape.

I fear AIDS. AIDS is the monster under my bed and the scary noise outside my window. AIDS is the sound of footsteps that seem to follow me when I'm alone.

I am not alone in being afraid. This is a rational fear that plagues or should plague everyone because this horrible disease affects everyone.

There is an entire continent that knows this fear better than anyone: Africa. Out of the 34 million people with HIV, almost three-quarters of them live in sub-Saharan Africa. Twelve million people have died from the disease on that continent alone.

Because of deaths due to AIDS, the life expectancy in some African countries will drop below 30 years, while the population in other countries will actually decrease. Without AIDS, the average life expectancy would be 70 years.

This 40-year difference is hard to imagine. To have an average life expectancy of 30 years, many very young children must be dying. In fact, about 25 percent of the 12 million people that have died of AIDS in Africa were children.

Not to say this serious problem isn't being felt all around the world. In Latin America and the Caribbean, nearly 2 million people are infected, with 200,000 new infections last year. There are 270,000 people infected in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

So what about us? Lately, there seems to be less attention to AIDS in our country. People have been told the facts and have been warned a million times.

More than 315,000 people in the United States have been diagnosed with the AIDS virus within the last decade, while 2.2 million others are HIV-positive. About 40,000 people are infected each year.

Though AIDS is still a huge problem in our country, we have made great efforts to educate people on how to prevent contraction. The word "condom" has been implanted into the youth of today so much that it sneezes latex.

The group that is doing the best right now is 14- to 18-year-olds. I am shocked and relieved. Teen-agers acting responsibly? Are they actually listening to those who tell them the facts?

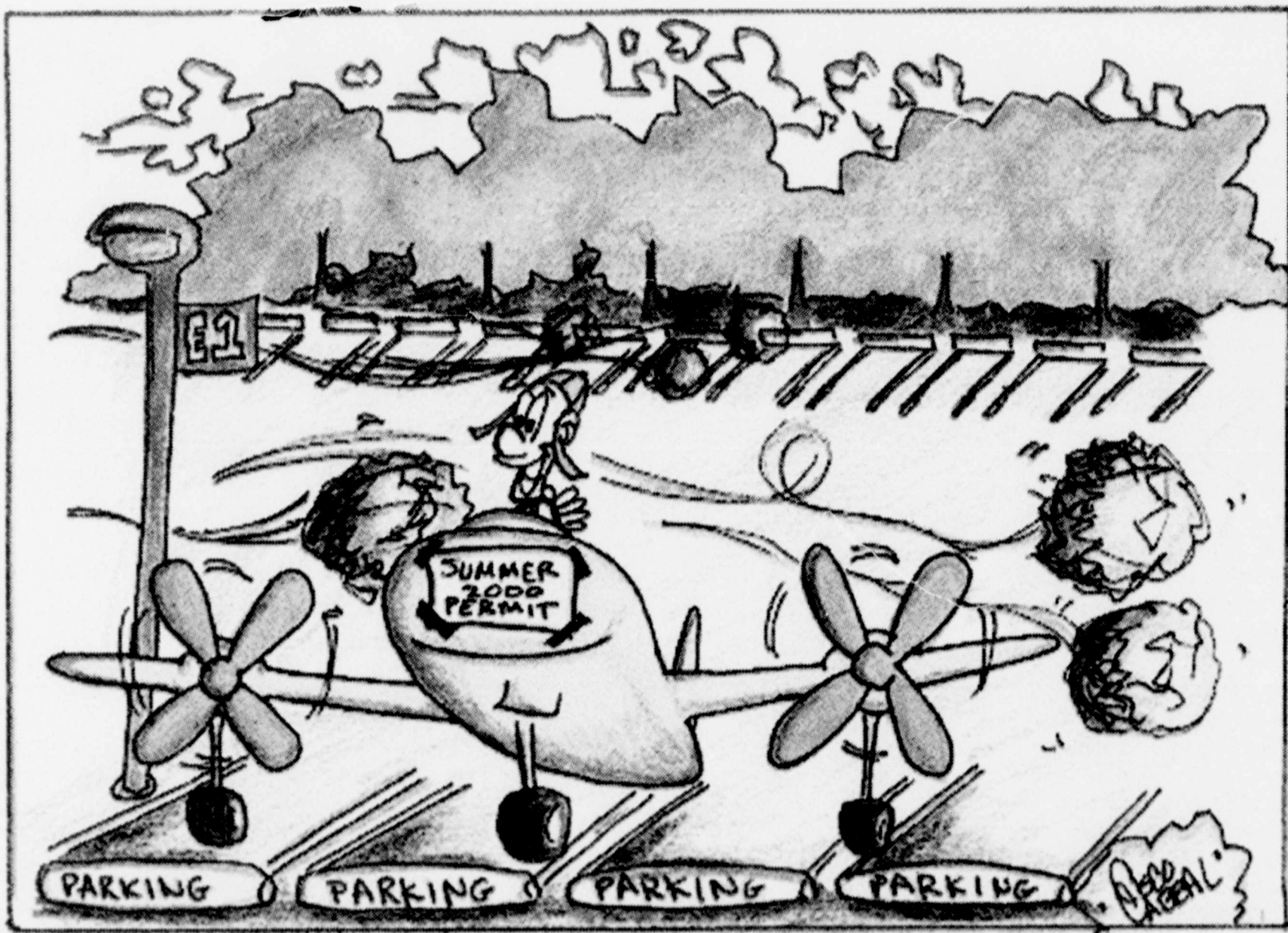
They are either using protection or not having sex at all. This is great, considering that half of all new infections in the world occur in people ages 15 to 24 years old.

So what should we do? We are in the most-affected age group, and we are also in college. I don't know if you've noticed, but college students have a lot of sex.

What we should do is be careful. Most people are using condoms or at least trying to.

So keep it up by strapping it up.

Cory P. Callewaert is a journalism senior and Summer Mustang staff writer.



Parking: Enjoy it while it lasts

When you say hello to fall, say goodbye to stressless morning routines

"Where your car?" the ferocious woman barked from her diesel Ford truck. She honked her horn angrily and bellowed again, "Where your car?"

No, that's not a misprint; the woman didn't bother to use a verb. Gone are the days when motorists politely stalk you from the library to your car, roll down their window and pleasantly inquire if you are leaving. Now drivers feel it's OK to bark and growl at people as they stroll through the parking lots.

Let me tell you that I took a really long time to pull out of that parking spot — we're talking 10, maybe 20 minutes — specifically to annoy her.

Why does parking create such a fervor among Cal Poly motorists? Is it because we pay \$42 to park three miles away from civilization? Is it because we have to search for parking for an hour before our 10 a.m. class?

But wait, it's summer, and parking is easy. They're spots everywhere you go. Even in front of the business building and in that little lot behind the Rec Center.

Maybe people have become so accustomed to the lack of parking that they expect to search endlessly for a spot. On the day of the diesel incident, I could see about 10 available parking spots as I walked ever-so-slowly to my car, so why couldn't she?

Perhaps she didn't want to see them

"For summer quarter I encourage everyone to drive to school. Is that environmentally conscious? No. But do it at least once to know what it's like ... Truly, it is an experience not to be missed."

and realize she'd arrived too early and could have spent that extra 10 minutes in bed.

For summer quarter I encourage everyone to drive to school. Is that environmentally conscious? No. But do it at least once to know what it's like to park so close to class you can almost see it. Truly, it is an experience not to be missed.

As for myself, I have never come to school in any way but in my car. I love driving. Even though it would probably be faster for me to walk from my house to school, I drive. Why? I love my car. I love being able to drive to Starbucks for my morning ritual, an iced, venti, nonfat latte. Then I get to park like three miles away from campus, out by a field with sheep and farming equipment. It feels good to be in touch with nature.

Also, public transportation frightens me. I've never been on a public bus before, but I imagine they are dirty and kind of scary. Go ahead — write me some hate mail, waste some paper, kill some trees. You won't be environmentally conscious.

So go, drive, experience the joy of unlimited parking now, while you still can. But as for next quarter, when the freshmen drive 1,000 more Honda Civics onto campus, go back to public transportation. Oh, hey ... can I have your spot?

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Reality TV yields crop of unqualified celebrities

What is it that possesses an otherwise intelligent American to tune in to a program deemed as reality or voyeuristic television? With the recent success of "Survivor" and "Big Brother," coupled with the longer-running MTV programs "Real World" and "Road Rules," we need to take a moment and think about what this means for our society.

For those who have been living in a broom closet the last few months, so-called reality television is our opportunity to look into the lives of regular people. People we wouldn't otherwise care or know anything about. So why, then, is it so interesting?

As an author stated, it gives us that "wicked kick of peering

through the keyhole." It allows us to pry into another's life from a safe distance. By doing this, we feel empowered, we believe we know them. They become, in a sense, ours.

Once you begin to follow the experiences of a person or a group of people, it can become an addiction. You want to know what is going to happen next, where the drama will lie, what the next mission will be, and, in the recent shows, who will be booted. It has become a type of soap opera. The difference is, instead of a cast of wealthy doctors who never work and yet are millionaires, these casts contain people we can relate to. We feel their everyday ups and downs, stresses and camaraderie.

▼ "By watching these shows, we have created a new type of celebrity ... Yet these people have really done nothing to deserve that status."

But what is the point? When you turn on the television, don't you want to be taken away from your life and transported to an alternate reality without life's tension? The ratings for these shows indicate apparently not.

By watching these shows, we have created a new type of celebrity, the everyday celebrity. Someone whom you may love or hate, but a celebrity nonetheless. Yet these people have really done nothing to deserve that status. They have not generally demonstrated talent,

intelligence or even unbelievable stupidity to earn this fame. They simply lived in an altered state of reality and let us watch.

It's really not much different than talk shows. Jerry Springer and Sally Jesse get everyday people and let them talk about their problems and drama for the whole world to see. They ask questions meant to elicit a response that will increase ratings. How are their questions any different than "Real World" confessions or the staged challenges that contestants face? They are

there to get a reaction from both the viewers and the participants. And it's working.

The rejects from these shows have already branched out, appearing on talk shows such as "Politically Incorrect" and in commercials. People magazine even did a feature on cast members back from Survivor Island.

Television, now more than ever, helps slacker celebrities obtain their 15 minutes of fame without any extraordinary accomplishments.

Nikki Wilson is a journalism junior and Summer Mustang staff writer.

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Artist's alchemy is a potion of metal and light

Exhibit joins art and modern technology

By Keri Christoffels

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Modern technology meets raw creativity in *The Alchemy of Metal and Light*, a show featuring local artist Scott Potter's unique industrial sculptures at the San Luis Artists' Gallery. From postmodern lamps to insect figurines, each piece is diverse and inventive, combining heavy-duty metal scraps with technology to create functional works of art.

"Rover" is a whimsical blue lamp, the base a 1950s vacuum cleaner accompanied by a long curving neck topped with a lamplight that looks like a robot's head. The four pegs at the base of the lamp appear as robot feet; they are thin metal pieces resting on old ball bearings, each peg detailed with three flat round metal pieces. At first glance, this composition looks straight out of a Jetsons cartoon.

Unusual insect sculptures called Garden Bugs are also displayed at the show. These pieces are made from

large water pump caps and several other scraps. Each of them is painted and shaped to look like a different bug.

Other creations feature interesting parts such as Mack truck horns, old railroad spikes and electric control panels. Potter began collecting these various metal parts from decommissioned army surplus, old oil fields and scrap yards 10 years ago and making sculptures about nine years ago. The artist's vision is to "create purposefulness in industrial parts by resurrecting them for a whole new life of exceptional utility."

Each work is handmade and requires a step-by-step process to transform old metal into smooth, appealing artwork. First, the parts are stripped, then the edges grinded. Next comes the rough assembly, followed by welding and then powder coating.

Potter is currently an engineering consultant who lives in San Luis Obispo, and continues to establish Metal Morphic, his sculptures' brand name. His energy and passion for his art shine through as he talks about his work.



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"It's great to do what you love," Potter said. His ambition is to make his artwork a career. He believes that recognition isn't as significant as

being able to support himself through the art he loves.

Potter's work can also be found at www.metalmorphic.com.

The Alchemy of Metal and Light exhibit at the SLO Artist's Gallery is showcasing the art of Scott Potter. The diverse sculptures and metal workings will be on display through July 30.

The San Luis Artists' Gallery is located at 570 Higuera St. at the old Creamery and open from noon to 6 p.m. daily.

Surf crowds at concerts, surf Internet to get there

By Jordan Roberts

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Ticket companies are now offering their customers the option of printing out concert tickets on their home computers. The "e-tickets" use a unique bar code for each sale, which is printed on the ticket and scanned at the show or game. This eliminates waiting in lines or being on hold and paying long-distance charges for tickets.

The e-tickets can be printed on regular paper with a standard printer. All one needs is the Adobe Acrobat Reader program. The latest version of the program can be downloaded for free at www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep.html.

The e-ticket system provides a method to validate the identity of the legitimate buyer. The bar code on the ticket allows only one entry.

Previously, buying tickets online still meant picking them up at will call or having them mailed. With e-ticketing, customers can immediately take possession of their tickets.

Several Cal Poly students said they are excited about the new technology, such as Kim Kalin, an industrial technology senior who frequently attends concerts.

"The e-tickets seem like a big improvement. I've

had experiences with tickets coming late in the mail before, and once they didn't come at all," Kalin said. "With this, I could immediately get them."

E-tickets quickly gained popularity in test programs by the ticketer Admission Network (www.admission.com). Admission became the first to offer the e-ticket option, starting with its Cirque du Soleil tickets several months ago. Now the company offers the program for most of its events. Keith Kelly, the general manager for Admission, said half of its online customers choose e-tickets.

Ticketmaster.com, the world's leading ticketing service, recently acquired the Admission Network. Ticketmaster unveiled its own e-ticket plans, which were supposed to debut in April but are still in the works. The e-tickets will include coupons for local restaurants, bars and other merchants. In addition,

the company says its customers will soon be able to purchase tickets via cellular phones with an Internet connection.

All of these new services seem like the next step in online ticket-selling, and will eventually be offered for most concerts. Krissy Woerner, an ecology and systematic biology junior, said she doesn't like waiting for her tickets in the mail and is ready to use the service.

"I think it sounds like a great idea," Woerner said. "I would definitely buy my tickets that way."

"I've had experiences with tickets coming late in the mail before, and once they didn't come at all."

Kim Kalin
industrial technology senior

Thoughtful 'Jesus' Son' is born at Palm Theatre

Cory P. Callewaert

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

A perplexing cascade of drugs and misfortune paints the screen as director Alison Maclean follows the journey of a dazed soul in "Jesus' Son."

The soul is that of a drug addict played by Billy Crudup, whose character's name is never mentioned in the movie. Instead, he picks up a vulgar, however fitting, nickname.

His nickname is composed of two words, the second being "head," and the first rhyming with the word "puck." The credits refer to him as F.H. and the way everything he touches turns to crap, the name fits. There is a goodness to this

character, who seems to be filled with a sleepy innocence that is surrounded by accidental deaths.

The story unfolds in a series of looping scenes

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as the forgetful narrator F.H. has to stop and go back to fill in a few necessary details. It's refreshing to see a story's progression rely on the attitude of the narrator's true self.

F.H. makes his way through the mid-west

with a female counterpart named Michelle. Michele is played by Academy Award nominee Samantha Morton. She offers a true rendition of a manipulative young woman who controls the men around her.

The ending has a pseudo-godlike presence with F.H. in the hallway of a retirement home, and touching the residents, as Jesus reportedly did when healing his followers.

The bulk of the film takes a surreal look at the empty lives of drug addicts. These colorful characters bring a dark comedy to the film, drawing laughs from those in the audience who think they could never get that bad.

On the side of the film with less dark come-

dy appear Dennis Hopper and Holly Hunter. Both bring their experience with new and daring approaches to film and leave the audience satisfied. They came into the movie when F.H.'s life was starting to turn around. The two characters shared life experiences with him, opened his eyes to the world around him and influenced him to keep going on right track.

Those into mainstream cinema, beware. This movie doesn't exactly tell you what you're seeing; you might have to use your brain and find out for yourself. And be sure to see this movie in a stable frame of mind. If you attempt otherwise, well ... can you say "bad trip?"

"This time we have Robert (Thomas), and he seems really dedicated to making this a success."

During the rest of the week, patrons can sit and relax in the large garden behind the cafe and enjoy the natural beauty and metal sculptures. They can also sit inside and check out the works of local artists that adorn the cafe's walls.

"I come here a lot to study and relax," said English sophomore Erin Johnson. "The food and the coffee is really good, and I love being able to sit outside in the fresh air."

When you need a break from hitting the books, Linnaea's offers live music several nights a week that range from jazz to folk. About two-thirds of the bands that play are local, while the others come from across the country.

"Our priority is to display local talent," he said. "But about four times a month we get groups from out of the area who are traveling throughout the community."

Most of these acts are free to view, some run on the "pass the hat" system and a very few have a cover charge.

The cafe is open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to midnight, and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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career came to an end when he broke his foot. He decided to go back to USC to finish his degree, which he did in 1988.

"When that (baseball) didn't work out for me, I knew I needed my degree so I went back and finished up for a year," he said.

In 1989 Brown became a graduate assistant for the USC football team. From there he went on to Trinity University in Texas, where he not only helped to coach the baseball team but also became the defensive coordinator for the football team. Brown stayed in Texas for five years and then went on to Saint Mary's as a defensive coordinator, again for five years.

At Trinity, Brown was named the NCAA Division III Defensive Coordinator of the Year by Coaches Quarterly magazine. He was credited with helping Trinity rank first in the nation for scoring defense, second in total defense, and third in rushing and passing defense.

"Our first three years we won three games, but we were dealing with young players. We took our knocks, but they learned and didn't quit. By the time they were seniors, they won

the playoffs. It was a good group of young men, and we allowed them to grow and develop," Brown said. "Our style of defense didn't really change much, they just did it better."

Now Brown is looking forward to improving Cal Poly's defense.

"(Cal Poly) scored some points on people last year. I think (Cal Poly) scored 24 points on Sacramento State and lost. So my evaluation, from what I've seen, is that we have the capability to be much better defensively than we were," Brown said.

His key to improving the team's defense is focusing on the basics.

"My philosophy is that we're gonna know how to line up and we're going to line up right every time. I'm gonna teach these young men the fundamentals of the game, how you defeat blocks, how you tackle, the keys and how important those things are. We're gonna line up and play the game the way it's meant to be played," he said.

Brown came to Cal Poly about a week before spring practice began to work on the fundamentals. Currently, the team is involved in a summer conditioning program that is not administered by the coaches due to NCAA rules.

"I feel good about the players that are coming back, where they're at and their attitudes - we just have to continue to improve. It may be bor-

ing and it may be dull but we have to understand that it's the nuts and bolts that are going to win games," Brown said.

While the skills of the game are important, Brown knows that one of the most crucial factors in a sport is attitude. He said that the players must have an attitude of self-sacrifice and a willingness to take the next step. With anything less, a team can have the greatest athletes in the world and still lose.

"My goal is to make good calls during the course of a game and put our guys in a situation so that they can be successful, so they can execute their techniques. You put (the things we teach them in practice) together and now you're talking about winning," he said.

The team will begin summer practice in mid-August.

"If you've done everything that you can - (you've) prepared in the offseason and (the regular) season - and (you're) both physically and mentally disciplined, then you go out and lay it all on the line. Then (the next day) when you wake up, you can look in the mirror and, regardless of what the scoreboard says, (you'll know) you've been successful as a coach and they've been successful as players," he said.

Alex Avina kicked a long ball to Dana McGregor, who shot the ball through the Zephyr goalkeeper's legs.

The Zephyrs scored at the end and tied the game. In less than five minutes into overtime, Roadrunner forward Ryan Katz ran down the left side of the field and scored the winning goal.

The Roadrunners will play in Stanislaus against the Cruisers on Friday. Then they play the Zephyrs again before their game against San Gabriel Valley on July 22, which will be played in Mustang Stadium.

Compliance director leaves for University of Texas

By Shannon Akins

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Maintaining the eligibility status of Mustang athletes will be in the hands of a new director of compliance by the end of the summer.

Former director Loretta Lamar is resigning from the position at Cal Poly to take a similar position at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

"She started a formal compliance program for students," said Alison Cone, senior associate athletic director. "We will certainly miss her."

A big part of the director's job is to interpret the NCAA's guidelines and double check the actions of Cal Poly's 20 intercollegiate sports facing those guidelines.

Keeping athletes eligible and ensuring that recruiting policies are followed is another part of the job, said Jason Sullivan, sports information director.

Lamar arrived at Cal Poly in 1994 to fill a position that hadn't existed before. She built a compliance program that has kept Cal Poly out of major trouble with the NCAA for six years.

"The program is a solid, education-based program," Lamar said. "I'm big on education and think the

more informed we are the better off we are."

Lamar is a 1989 graduate of Stanford University, and also earned a degree from the University

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Alison Cone

senior associate athletic director

of Oregon School of Law in 1993. Before she came to Cal Poly, she was an administrative assistant for the PAC-10 conference and assistant at the Oregon School of Law for three years.

Lamar said that she'll miss Cal Poly but looks forward to opportunities at the University of Texas at San Antonio. The university will play host to the women's Final Four basketball tournament in two years.

Sullivan said Lamar's position hasn't yet been filled. Cal Poly will search nationally and will hopefully have hired someone by the end of the summer, he said.

"She worked hard and went above and beyond," Sullivan said. "She kept student-athletes in school."

Lamar said her advice to the next Cal Poly director of compliance is to stick to their guns.

"If you are scared, don't let (the NCAA) see you're scared," she said.

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from scoring because we give up too many goals."

Only one goal was surrendered in the team's last two games against Stanislaus and Nevada.

"The Nevada win was a great accomplishment, because earlier in the season, we lost to them three times," Smyth said. "Each time we only lost by one goal."

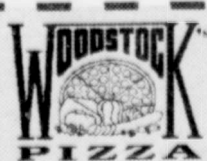
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From farming to football

New Cal Poly defensive coordinator focused on fundamentals of the game

By Nikki Wilson

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's football team has a new man behind its defense. Jeff Brown has been named the new defensive coordinator, taking charge of running the potent Mustang defense.

Brown grew up just outside Porterville, Calif., on a cotton farm. He is the youngest of five children, all of whom were involved in sports.

"My oldest brother was the first to play football," Brown said. "My parents didn't know what it was - my dad always played baseball."

Brown's brother Mike signed and played baseball with the Anaheim Angel organization. His brother Steve was an All-American linebacker at Oregon State and played professionally for four years.

"(The competition aspect) kind of started with my older brother," he said. "We weren't afraid of work - being on the farm, that's kind of what we did. Football was something that we enjoyed doing, and it was actually a way for us to have other avenues to

get into school."

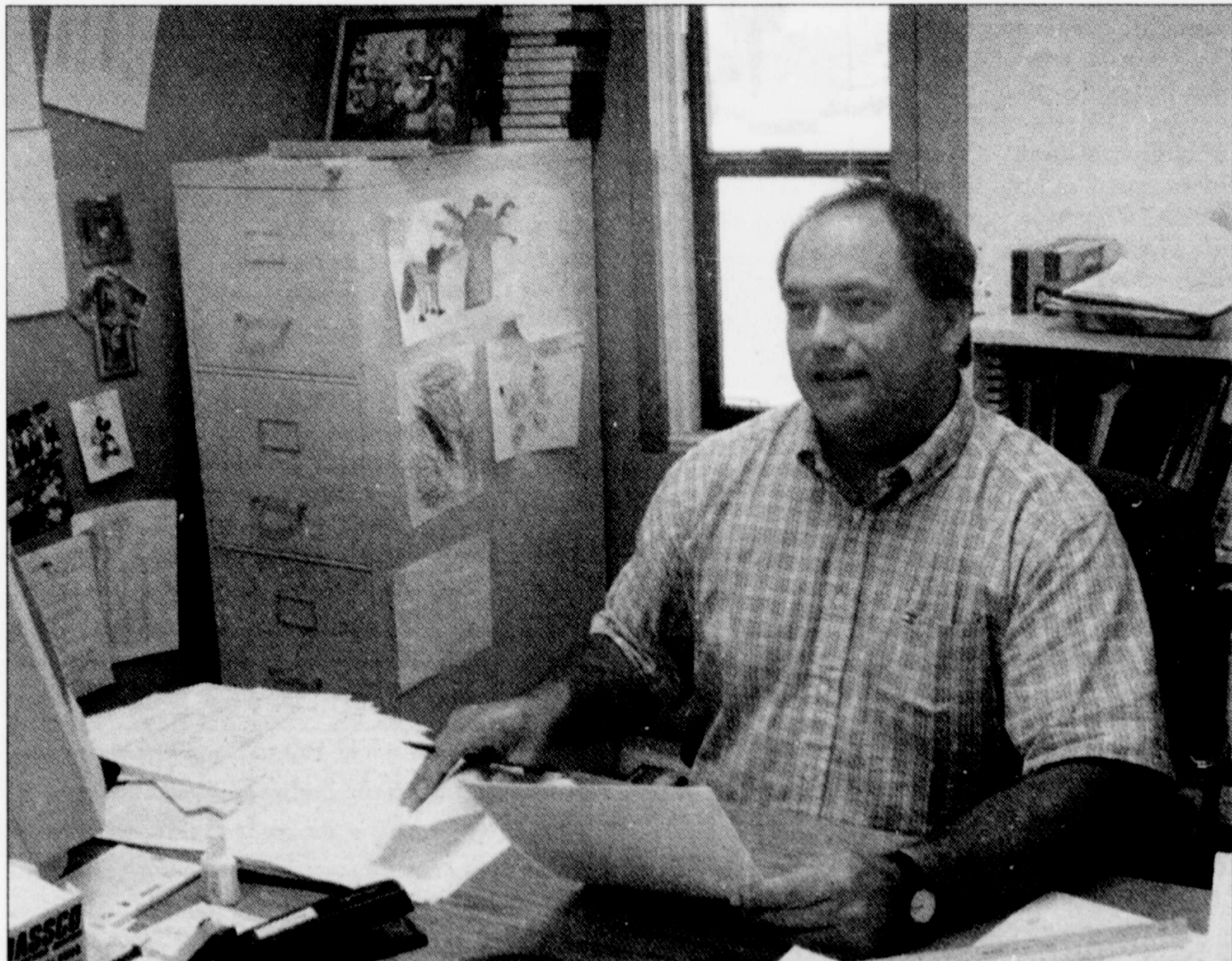
Football was a way for Brown to continue his education past high school.

"Where else in the world will someone say, 'I'd like you to play football for us and I'll pay for your education'? That was a good deal for me," Brown said.

Out of high school, Brown was drafted by the Yankees. Instead he chose to put off a baseball career to attend the University of Southern California where, as a freshman, he made the varsity football and baseball teams.

"The thing I can recall most was the people. In football, I had certain teammates, players who played the game, and when I went to baseball, they were different kinds of guys," he said.

Before finishing his degree in business, Brown was drafted by the Dodgers, where he played in their minor league system for more than four years. His professional baseball



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see COACH, page 7 Defensive coordinator Jeff Brown takes over a team that allowed 31.4 points and 415 yards per game.

Roadrunners change coaches during playoff run

By Sarah Doub

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

In the middle of a run to the playoffs, the Central Coast Roadrunners' coach changed last Thursday.

Larry Smyth, the team's general manager, replaced first-year coach Bob Wilson. The decision was made by the ownership group, which includes Smyth, because it felt it needed to be closer to the team.

"We felt that, as owners, we should shoulder the responsibility of the team and not put so much strain on one man, who was basically a volunteer," Smyth said. "Bob Wilson wasn't paid very much for all that

responsibility, so the word 'fired' is not accurate."

One of the harder responsibilities was keeping players committed, who are spread out at colleges such as Cal Poly, Fresno State, UC Santa Barbara and Saint Mary's.

The team has won their last two games under Smyth, which helps them stay in contention for the playoffs. Smyth had coached the Roadrunners to the playoffs the two seasons before Wilson was hired.

Last weekend the Roadrunners beat the Stanislaus Cruisers 3-0 and the Nevada Zephyrs 2-1 in home games at Arroyo Grande High School.

"The Roadrunners have a very good chance to compete in their fifth straight playoff since they began in 1996."

Larry Smyth

new Central Coast Roadrunners head coach

"The Roadrunners have a very good chance to compete in their fifth straight playoffs since they began in 1996," Smyth said. "We certainly have the players to make it."

The Roadrunners (8-6, 38 points) are in second place behind the San Fernando Valley Heroes in the USL Premier League's Southwest Division.

In their four remaining games, the

Roadrunners must either pass the Heroes in points or have the most points among the second place teams from each of the three regional divisions.

The Heroes are ahead by eight points but only have three games left, which makes passing them in points a possibility for the Roadrunners.

For the second place spot, the Roadrunners are competing with the

Boulder Novas in the Rocky Mountain Division and with a Seattle team in the Northwest Division.

"The Northwest Division teams are all really close in points," Smyth said. "I hope they all beat each other so that we have a better chance at the second place spot in the playoffs."

In order to make it to the playoffs, the Roadrunners have to focus on their defense.

"There is no doubt that we can score goals," Smyth said. "What we need to do is stop the other teams

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- at Stanislaus
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- at Nevada
- at 8:30 p.m.
- SLO Blues vs. Santa Barbara Foresters
- at Santa Barbara
- at 12:00 p.m.