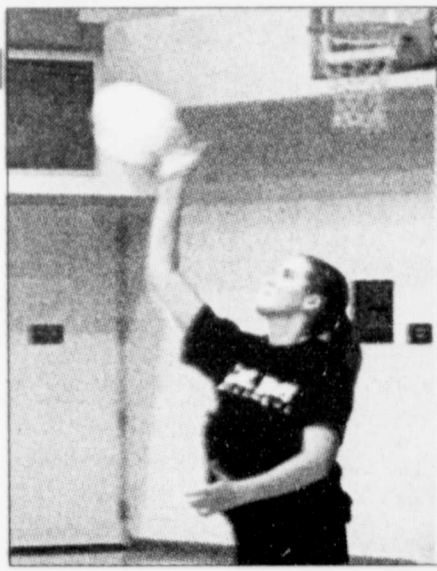


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Cal Grants get boost from Davis

By Carolyn Ficara
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The Cal Grant program will no longer be turning away eligible students because of lack of funds.

Gov. Gray Davis signed into legislation on Sept. 11 Senate Bill (SB) 1644, a historic student aid bill totaling \$1.2 billion for university students, as well as graduating high school students and community college students. Part of the funds will go toward Cal Grants, and is available to students of both private and public universities. The rest will fund a Merit Scholarship program.

Beginning in 2001, students with financial need who meet specific academic requirements will be able to receive the Cal Grant when attending the state's community colleges, California State Universities, Universities of California and qualifying private four-year universities.

"These programs have almost reached a point of entitlement," said John Anderson, director of Financial Aid at Cal Poly. "This is an unprecedented move by the state."

Cal Grants are divided into Cal Grant A, which requires a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, and Cal Grant B for students with a 2.0 GPA.

At present, there are around 2,000 students who receive Cal Grants at Cal Poly. Colleges in areas of lower incomes and private institutions will be more impacted, Anderson said. Cal Poly students generally come from income brackets that are too high to receive Cal Grants. Anderson estimates that the increased program could lead to an additional 150 Cal Poly students receiving Cal Grants next year.

Because of lack of funding, many students have been denied Cal Grants in the past.

According to a press release written by Calif. Sens. Chuck Poochigian and Deborah Ortiz, over 78,000 college and university students in the state were turned down for financial aid last year.

Originally, the Cal Grant program for one year was estimated to cost \$33 million, Anderson said. Now it is expected to be around \$100 million. The increase in cost is due to more students receiving grants, not to higher amounts given to individual students.

According to Anderson, Cal Poly students can receive up to \$1,428 for a three-quarter school year, which is for instructional costs, not including student fees or expenses. Students with higher financial need can receive a Cal Grant B, which includes a small expenses stipend.

Students attending a private school can receive up to \$10,000 for tuition in Cal Grant funds. The amount is higher because private colleges do not receive state subsidies as

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Clean living



Due to a housing shortage in the dorms, some laundry rooms have been converted to living quarters for students in Yosemite Hall. Above, math freshman Derek Newbery organizes his closet in a Yosemite laundry room that he shares with three others. Right, dairy science freshman Russell Van Sheyn lives in Sequoia's Winterlab with three people, six beds, and no cable.



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Merit pay subject of criticism

By Katherine Hays and Jolie Walz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITERS

Faculty members from all campuses of the California State University system joined State Assembly Speaker Robert Hertzberg in Long Beach Tuesday as he asked the CSU Board of Trustees to account for charges of gender and other bias in the controversial merit pay system.

Hertzberg read a letter to the board expressing his concern about the equity issues surrounding merit pay, said Susan Meisenholder, president of the California Faculty Association.

"He called on both parties to come to resolution," Meisenholder said.

The goal of the CFA at Tuesday and Wednesday's board meetings was to present CSU administration with the range of issues holding up a settlement, Meisenholder said. Among the issues addressed were equity as well as what the CFA considers the many problems with the implementation of merit pay, she said.

The Current Situation

Last month negotiations between the California Faculty Association and the California State University administration once again ended after a neutral mediator declared the

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Student loans: helpful aids or dangerous traps

Editor's Note:

This article is the first in a Friday series on issues related to student debt and finances.

By Jana Larsen
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Getting started

Tuition and fees at public colleges have increased on average by more than 110 percent over the past 10 years, according to a study by the College Board. While inflation-adjusted tuition has more than doubled, median family income has risen only 22 percent since 1980. Due to the high cost of education, more students have to rely on financial aid to meet tuition costs.

Two-thirds of all student financial aid comes from federal programs administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Scholarships, grants, federal work-study and federal educational loan programs are the most common ways to help students pay for their tuition.

Scholarships and fellowships have risen more rapidly than most other

types of college expenditures in recent years. At public universities nationwide, these expenditures per full-time student rose 84 percent over the past 10 years.

Because of the accessibility of the Internet, many different options for scholarships, fellowships, loans and grants are available to students. For example, on the Cal Poly financial aid Web page, students can find URLs to search sites for scholarships.

"We try to list only those we feel provide accurate information at no cost to the student," said John Anderson, director of the Student Financial Aid Department. "There are many scholarship search programs out on the Internet for which a fee is charged."

"We have strong reservations about sites that require a fee, as often the same information is available free elsewhere," Anderson said. "Nationally there have been some major scam operations involving scholarship search for a fee."

FASTWEB Electronic Scholarship Search is the largest free scholarship search. After registering and filling



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Account analyst and nutrition junior Melissa Anderson, right, helps nutrition junior Erin Wilson get her financial aid check at the Student Accounts office in the Administration building.

out several forms, FASTWEB will return a list of matching award programs. Registering allows students to receive information on any new award programs that match the stated criteria.

To apply for any of the financial aid programs at Cal Poly and for most scholarships, students need to file the Free Application for Federal Student

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Planning department honored

By Jayson Rowley

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly city and regional planning department received two awards recently from the California Chapter of the American Planning Association. One was for the department's academic excellence, and the other was for the outstanding leadership of professor and Vice Provost for Institutional Planning Linda Dalton.

William Siembieda, chair of city and regional planning, accepted the award on behalf of the department at the recent conference in Long Beach.

"The academic excellence award was given to us on the basis of undergraduate and graduate student work," Siembieda said. "The department is honored."

Siembieda credits the success of the students to a strong lab-based program where the work is applied to the real world.

According to Siembieda, Cal Poly won the academic excellence honor over several other schools in California, including University of

California, Berkeley and University of California, Los Angeles.

Three projects were recognized by the American Planning Association. The first was an attempt to provide affordable housing in Avila Beach. The next was the development of community guidelines and a draft general plan for Atascadero. The third was the exploration of growth scenarios for the Central Valley.

In addition to the academic award, Linda Dalton won the Distinguished Leadership Award for a Professional Planner.

"It was nice the way they honored the students and their projects," Dalton said. "First the department got an award, then I got an award. It was kind of like a one-two punch."

Dalton is the president of the California Planning Foundation and until recently served on the Planning Accreditation Board.

She is co-author of the planning text, "The Practice of Local Government Planning," which is published every 10 years and is used extensively in planning departments.

"I was astounded because I didn't know last spring that I was nominated," Dalton said. "I was thrilled and honored. I am very proud to share this award with Cal Poly."

Dalton has her doctorate in city planning and has done extensive research in planning. Before moving to San Luis Obispo, she was on the City Planning Commission in Seattle.

"Throughout my career, I've really enjoyed contributing to planning as a professor and as a leader in planning organizations," Dalton said.

Graduates of the Cal Poly city and regional planning department hold top positions throughout California, according to Siembieda. The planning directors of San Francisco and San Jose are both graduates of Cal Poly.

The California Chapter of the American Planning Association jury wrote, "The City and Regional Planning Department at Cal Poly is actively training the planning leaders of the 21st century."

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do public colleges. For instance a Cal Poly student's tuition cost is subsidized by the state for about \$7,000, meaning the state already subsidizes students' costs at public schools. The cost of instruction is actually over \$8,000 to attend Cal Poly. So, if a student attends a private school, tuition actually charged to the student is a lot higher than at Cal Poly.

It is estimated that Cal Grants will eventually fund one-third of California's graduating high school seniors-about 100,000 students-who attend community college, a state university or a private four-year university.

Some issues that need to be addressed about Cal Grants, Anderson said, is that even though tuition hasn't gone up much, cost of living, books and expenses have.

Not many students finish college in the four years or 12 quarters that a Cal Grant is available. Students who attend summer school will run out of grant money before getting a degree, Anderson said.

Road to UC may change for minorities

OAKLAND (AP) — University of California officials are proposing a new road to admissions that could bring in more black and Hispanic students, provided they're willing to take a detour through community college.

The proposal, which requires approval by faculty and regents, would expand offers of guaranteed admission from the current top 4 percent of each high school to the top 12.5 percent at each high school.

The additional 8.5 percent would not get immediate entry to UC, but they would be simultaneously admitted to UC and to a community college and told what courses they need to complete to transfer to UC.

Because students would transfer as upperclassmen, the new program doesn't take away freshman seats. UC officials say they have the capacity to handle up to 3,500 new transfers expected from the new program by 2005.

The new approach could boost enrollment of black, Hispanic and American Indian students, whose numbers have fallen since UC scuttled affirmative action five years ago. The program could make up to 12,700 more students eligible for admission. Of those, up to 36 percent are Hispanic, black or American Indian, the three groups considered underrepresented minorities at UC. By contrast, underrepresented minorities make up 12 percent of the current pool of UC-eligible freshmen.

"Clearly, it will have an impact on the number of underrepresented minorities," Atkinson said at a news conference Thursday. He said the new program won't violate Proposition 209, which forbids affirmative action in public education because it doesn't select by race. "But the sheer fact that we will be reaching out to these low-performing high schools will guarantee that kind of additional increase."

UC now accepts the top 12.5 percent of all high school students, which means high-performing schools send lots of students to UC campuses while low-performing schools send few or none.

If the new program is approved, students will be identified at the beginning of their senior year on the basis of student transcripts and invited to apply to the program. Once in, UC would maintain individual student Web pages to help keep them in the program.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, who is also a regent, called the plan "a good step toward re-establishing the UC's commitment to providing equal access."

But Regent Ward Connerly, who wrote UC's new race-blind policies, said he'd need some assurance UC's academic quality won't slip under the proposed change.

He also wishes officials weren't running demographic breakdowns of the potential new students.

"If the intent is to somehow influence the number of underrepresented minorities, then I think that's breaking the law," he said.

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Aid (FAFSA) and the scholarship application before the March 2 deadline. Some academic departments have supplemental scholarship applications for continuing students, so it is beneficial to check with them during the January/February filing period.

Types of financial aid

Grants, like scholarships, are a source of financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid. Federal Pell Grants are awarded only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree. There are several other grants through the California State University system and through the California State Grant program. Most of the grants have March 2 deadlines. However, Pell Grants can be applied for after the deadline. The best way to find out the deadlines and requirements of the grants is to either search the Internet or talk to Cal Poly financial aid officers.

"Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, quite often supplementary loans, and some state university grants are still available after the March 2 deadline," said Julia Waller, Cal Poly senior financial aid counselor.

Another choice of student aid is the Federal Work-Study program. It provides jobs for students who need financial aid and encourages serving the community. Students are paid at

least the current federal minimum wage, but could be paid higher depending on the type of work. FWS jobs are available on and off campus and should be related to the students' course of study. The work performed should also be in the public interest. Students can work no more than 20 hours per week while school is in session, and the amount earned cannot exceed the total FWS award.

The U.S. Armed Forces also offers financial aid opportunities. All branches of the Armed Forces offer the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program, which is a federal merit-based scholarship program that will pay for tuition, fees and books and provides a monthly allowance. Also, veterans, their spouses and dependents may have access to veterans' educational benefits. Contact the local Department of Veterans Affairs to find out more.

Loans

The type of financial aid that requires the student to attend an entrance counseling session before receiving any money is the student loan. The entrance counseling workshops begin fall quarter and must be completed one week prior to picking up the loan check. An alternative to the workshop is to use Bank of America's online counseling regardless of what lender the student uses. Once the summary of the student's rights and responsibilities and requirements is read, there is a short quiz. When the quiz is completed, the results are sent to Cal Poly. The hold

on the financial aid check is released within three days after Cal Poly receives the results.

What type of student loan to obtain is based on what the student qualifies for and wants.

"There are many loan types, each having its own incentives. Banks now offer private student loans for those students who are credit worthy and cannot obtain a federal student loan for various reasons," loan counselor Janice Anderson-Day said. "Schools are only required to advise borrowers on Federal Student Loan program benefits. There are loan types out there that the borrower is expected to do the program benefit research," Anderson-Day said.

A Federal Perkins Loan is a low-interest (5 percent) loan for both undergraduate and graduate students with exceptional financial need. Cal Poly is the lender, and students must repay this loan to the school. The loan is made with government funds with a share contributed by the school.

The Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan program makes loans to students through lending institutions such as banks and credit unions. The interest rate on Stafford Loans is variable and reset annually. The interest rate cap is 8.25 percent. Repayment begins six months after graduation or after the student ceases to be enrolled at least half time. The Stafford Loan program requires students to arrange an exit interview before graduation.

The Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan is a non-need-based loan.

Unlike the Subsidized Stafford Loan, the federal government does not pay interest for the students while they attend school. Students may choose to make interest payments while in school or have them deferred until leaving school. Regular loan payments begin six months after students cease to be enrolled at least half time.

Parents may apply for the Federal PLUS (Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) to pay college expenses for dependent students. Parents of dependent undergraduate students may borrow a PLUS up to the cost of education minus any other aid received by the student. The interest rate for this loan is reset annually and the interest cap is 9 percent. Payments on this loan begin immediately, and this is the only financial aid program for which students are not required to file a FAFSA.

There are several other loans available, and the best way to find out about what is available is to contact the financial aid department at Cal Poly. E-mail finaid@polymail.calpoly.edu or call (805) 756-2927. Also, the student guide put out by the federal government tells about many student financial assistance programs. For more information on the guide, call 1-800-4-FED-AID. The best investment in looking for student aid is the time spent on the Internet; the information is in-depth and extensive.

How much does it cost to attend Cal Poly?

The estimated cost of attending Cal Poly for the year 2000-01 covers the academic year comprising of fall, winter and spring quarters. The budget listed below is for domestic students at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Any or all of the listed fees and costs are subject to change without notice. It is estimated that it takes a student six years to complete a degree at Cal Poly. In order to estimate a budget of what it would take to pay for the six years of schooling, multiply the yearly cost by the number of years.

Notes:

Students living in campus residence halls must purchase either a 19-meal/week or 14-meal/week plan. Costs shown are for 19 meals/week.

On-campus housing is available for the academic year or summer quarter.

Beginning engineering and architecture students should be prepared to pay up to \$300.00 for supplies in their first quarter of attendance).

Yearly cost for student

Registration Fee (required, more than 6 units)	\$710 / \$2,130
Parking permit	\$42 / \$126
Board	\$957 / \$2,871
Room (on campus)	\$1,123 / \$3,369
Books, supplies	\$300 / \$900
Personal Expenses:	\$552 / \$1,656
Transportation and Travel	\$270 / \$810

Total cost for California residents (estimated)

\$3,954 / \$11,862

Total cost for non-California residents (estimated)

\$5,878 / \$17,634*

*Costs vary from person to person and from year to year. If the student doesn't qualify as a California resident, then a fee is added to a non-resident tuition of \$164.00 per quarter unit.



Going, going, gone

Creative ways to get off the couch and into the great outdoors with just a little extra effort and imagination

By Carolyn Ficara
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Vistas from mountain peaks, sparkling blue waters, dark cool caves and cold granite cliffs are some of the sensual experiences awaiting those who join a Poly Escapes excursion.

Choose from the varied selection of trips and enjoy a rejuvenating escape of fun and companionship for an evening, day, weekend or even a full week. The costs of the trips are very affordable for most student budgets, while some are even free. Simply step in the door of Poly Escapes in the University Union, say hi to the smiling volunteer and choose your adventure.

"We're here for the students. It's really an awesome opportunity," said senior recreation administration major Will Hoida, who is also a leader, advisor and volunteer for Poly Escapes.

Having students serve as group guides and instructors and encouraging ride sharing helps keep costs at a minimum. An example is \$7 for a four-hour evening kayaking trip to Shell Beach, which includes the kayak and transportation.

"The Shell Beach trip is really great. It has it all — calm waters, rougher waters. It's really for all levels of experience," Hoida said.

Shell Beach is a small community just 15 minutes south on Highway 101, sharing the area with Pismo Beach. Buy an ice cream and take a walk on the long wide beach or fish off the pier (a license is not required for fishing off public piers, but one is necessary for surf fishing).

"A popular trip is caving," Hoida said.

Three caving trips to Pozo are planned this quarter, for Sept. 27 and Oct. 5 and 6. The cost is only \$6, including a barbecue in the evening.

The Pozo caves are one of three talus caves in the state. A talus cave is created by deep ravines or canyons collapsing on themselves. They are long

tunnel-like caves and require crawling to explore.

Pozo is just 45 minutes from San Luis Obispo. Take the Santa Margarita exit on northbound 101.

After trekking through the eeriness of the underworld, check out the old west saloon nearby.

The Pozo Saloon is an outpost for those wanting to see something off the beaten path. A band of thieves met their demise near the saloon and their long-ago lynching is immortalized in the photographs on the saloon walls.

If dreaming of some solitude and exercise, kayaks can be rented at Poly Escapes for the weekend for \$20. Morro Bay is a fabulous place to go kayaking. Scenery includes harbor seals and otters swimming in the beautiful water.

"The trips are filling up fast," said senior landscape architecture Laurel Dunning, a student volunteer and rafting guide. "The free trips I think are already full, but there will be more."

Sign ups are open until the trip is full. There are also pre-trip meetings for the longer trips, such as those to the American River or Mount Shasta. New trips are planned throughout the quarter.

"Poly Escapes is just a fun place to hang out, too," Dunning said. "A lot of students come in to read the magazines and talk to friends."

Students are encouraged to participate in any of the trips Poly Escapes offers throughout the school year.

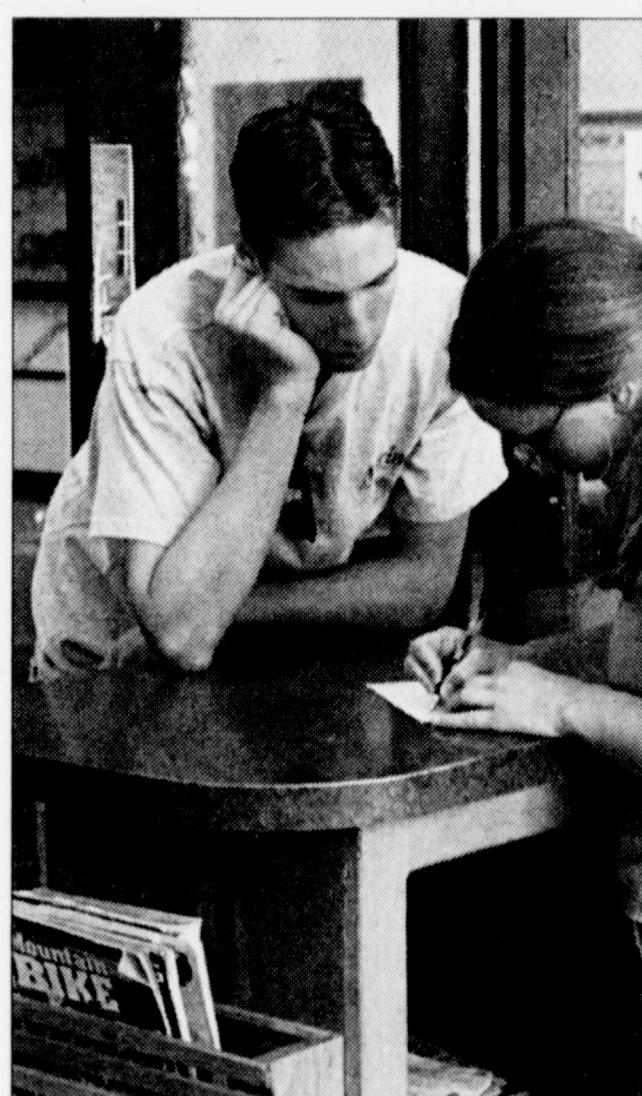
"These trips are a great way to meet friends. I went to Moving Mountain for a week before classes began, and it was the best trip I've ever been on," materials engineering freshman Erin Graves said.

Club meetings are held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in room 220 of the University Union.

"Our meetings are really like a little party - we have a slide show, eat cookies, hang out and have a lot of fun," Dunning said.



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STEPHEN KEMP/STAFF PHOTO

Patrons visit the Pozo Saloon, above, a popular alternative to the regular 'tourist' destination. In Poly Escapes on campus, Amanda Prevel shows Davis Best various mountain biking trails around campus. There are numerous opportunities for students to get involved in outdoor activities, if the person is motivated and interested. Beaches, dunes, mountains and hiking trails all offer ways to get exercise, have fun and meet all kinds of new people. Visit the Poly Escapes office in the University Union for more ideas.

Hike venues include both beach and mountains

By Jordan Roberts
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Are you looking for a little variety in your workout routine? San Luis Obispo's Department of Parks and Recreation recently released the October schedule for its Adventures with Nature program, which is a series of hikes and nature talks.

According to Rick Ray, the chief ranger of San Luis Obispo Coast District's Department of Parks and Recreation, the program started about 14 years ago and occurs year-round. The various activities take place at Morro Bay State Park, Morro Strand State Beach, Montana de Oro State Park and Pismo State Beach.

"Anyone with an interest in learning more about the area and our state parks in particular would enjoy this program," Ray said. "These activities are excellent and free and especially good for those new to the area."

Ray said all of the Adventures with Nature activities are lead by state park docents, who are highly trained volunteers. He said participation in each activity varies with the season and the weather; sometimes there is a handful of people and other times there are as many as 60 participants.

"All of the activities available in Adventures with Nature are popular, scenic and educational," said Ray. "My personal favorites are the walks at Montana de Oro State Park."

Kinesiology senior Michelle Yamamoto said she is also interested in the Montana de Oro hikes.

"I like staying active and these hikes sound like a good way to workout," Yamamoto said. "Plus, you get to enjoy nature at the same time."

Animal science senior Molly Misakian said she often goes on hikes at Bishop's Peak, but is ready for a change of pace.

"I think students only really know about Bishop's Peak and that can become so routine," Misakian said. "The state parks program would be a nice change."

Several October activities include: **► Shark Inlet to a Beach Picnic** (Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m.): Hike through the dunes to the beach via Shark Inlet. Learn about birds, Indian shell middens and native plants. The estuary is home to many shorebirds and waterfowl. Bring lunch and water. Meet at west end of Butte Drive (north of Sea Pines Gold Course).

► Two Peaks and a Creek (Oct. 5, 9 a.m.): Hike up the southern approach to Valencia Peak, then out to Oats Peak and return along Coon Creek. Bring water, snacks and lunch. Wear hiking boots. Meet at the parking lot at the south end of Pecho Road in Montana de Oro State Park.

► Montana de Oro Bluff Nature Walk (Oct. 6, 9 a.m.): Take a pleasant hike along the Bluff Trail for magnificent views and likely looks at a variety of birds, plants and sea life. Meet at Bluff Trailhead, 200 yards south of visitor center at Montana de Oro State Park.

For more information, contact Diane McGrath at 549-3449 or call the Museum of Natural History at Morro Bay State Park at 772-2694.



Students graduating between August 2000 and August 2001 are eligible to participate.

Win a Prize!

Learn how to upload your resume. Be eligible to win one of five \$100 gift certificates to El Corral Bookstore. Just register or update on Web Walk-Up before October 16th!

Orientations for Graduating Students!

Thursday, September 21, 2000

11-noon, Cal Poly Theater

OR

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

11-noon, Business Rotunda, Bldg 3, Rm 213

**Fall Quarter Events
Mark your calendar!**

Campus Interviewing
October 16-November 17

Hi-Tech Industry Day
October 16

Grad School Day
November 3

Fall Job Fair
November 20

Merced crimes attract unwanted attention

MERCED (AP) — A pitchfork-wielding intruder stabs two children to death in a farmhouse. A teen-ager is accused of slicing his mother's head off with a knife.

In less than a month, Merced County has earned a reputation as the grisly crime capital of California.

"I know it's taken a toll on some of my detectives," said Assistant Sheriff Henry Strength. "The normal homicide is one thing, but these are all bizarre."

At a local McDonald's restaurant, old-timers take in the stomach-turning morning news with cups of coffee. One man asks how someone could kill his own mother. Others jaw about another gruesome front-page story in the local paper about a farming accident in which a man was ground up in a corn chopper and deputies had to identify him by his feet and shoes.

"I can't believe what's happening," said Alex C. Flores, a retired construction worker. "This is supposed to happen someplace else."

Indeed, death has visited Merced County — derived from the Spanish phrase for Our Lady of Mercy — in a most merciless way.

Until August, this agricultural 2,000-square-mile patch in California's Central Valley that is home to 209,000 people had not recorded a single homicide this year.

In just over three weeks, however, authorities have found themselves at grim crime scenes facing aggressive suspects.

Jonathon David Bruce, 27, was shot after deputies said he charged them with the pitchfork after killing two kids.

David Lange, 18, who was naked and covered in blood when he was found near his mother's beheaded body, chased firefighters out of his house with a knife when they responded to an emergency call, according to investigators reports. The Delhi teen surrendered peacefully when confronted by armed officers.

To say the killings have shocked the county is an understatement. They've even shaken the area's veteran peace officers.

"It does exact something from you, we're all human," said Sgt. Rick Marshall, head of the sheriff's major crimes unit. "These are very, very heinous, bizarre things. Two of these come down, with the same people investigating, it's not that easy."

All of this comes at a pivotal time for the county. A new visitor's center was built to lure tourists heading to nearby Yosemite National Park. And

"Merced is not a bad place to live. We've had some bad luck."

Henry Strength
assistant sheriff

the University of California plans to build a campus here.

"Merced is not a bad place to live," Strength said. "We've had some bad luck."

Strength traces the county's notorious crimes to a bizarre kidnapping nearly two decades ago that put the county on the wrong kind of map and remains in its conscience.

A Merced boy named Steven Stayner became a local hero and the subject of a book and movie when he escaped from a child molester who kidnapped him seven years earlier. Stayner rescued a 5-year-old boy who had also been abducted. His tale took a tragic turn when he died in a motorcycle accident in 1989.

That story would not seem relevant if Stayner's brother had not been arrested accused of being the serial killer who stalked Yosemite last year, killing four women.

Cary Stayner's name is an enduring stain on the county that bills itself as "The Gateway to Yosemite." Although he was working as a motel handyman outside the county at the time of the killings, Stayner — like Bruce and Lange — was raised in Merced County.

Two weeks ago, the 39-year-old pleaded guilty in federal court to murdering a naturalist in the park and, under the plea, will be sentenced to life in prison.

He still faces a state trial for the killings of three Yosemite sightseers and could get the death penalty in that case.

When Bruce went on his pitchfork rampage, investigators thought they had an easy explanation: drugs.

The Central Valley is widely known for its budding methamphetamine trade.

Raids are a regular occurrence on primitive labs manufacturing the mind-altering upper known to trigger paranoia, psychosis and violence.

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negotiations stalled.

The mediator was appointed by the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) after talks went into a state of impasse in early July because the two parties could not come to a compromise.

A middle ground now appears to be fading further and further away as the negotiations move to "fact finding," the last step before the CSU administrators may begin to impose work conditions on the faculty.

The two main issues under discussion, according to the CFA, are administrative accountability and the Faculty Merit Increase Program.

Accountability

Each year a certain amount of money is allocated in the state budget for faculty increases. The CFA claims that some of that funding has not reached its intended recipients.

First, since the 1991-92 school year, the CSU has been funded to increase faculty salaries by 27.9 percent. According to the CFA, the actual amount these salaries were increased is less than 23 percent. That difference would account for more than \$24 million missing for the 1999-2000 school year alone, the CFA said.

There are two other areas where funds are not properly allocated, the CFA claims. The areas are in the Service Step Increases program and in the conversion of full-time positions to part-time positions. Since 1990-91, almost 1,600 positions have been converted from full time to part time. The CFA estimates that this conversion would have resulted in a savings of more than \$25 million.

What the CFA is requesting from the CSU is an annual year-end report, showing how monies were distributed and accounted for.

"We aren't asking for them to give back all the money that has been misappropriated; we just want to know how much money was lost, and where it went," said Manzar Foroohar, a CFA State Board representative and Cal Poly history professor. Foroohar has been a part of the majority of the bargaining sessions and said the CSU has absolutely refused to provide any documentation to account for the

missing money.

"It was like they just put their foot down and said 'no!'" she said. "They wouldn't even discuss it."

CSU administration representative Ken Swisher said the request for that kind of documentation is unusual.

"It's just not something that we do. We never have," he said. "And we do not agree with (CFA's) figures."

Swisher said that salary savings are difficult to track because that would involve going through 40,000 employees' paperwork line by line. The CSU does, however, keep track of and provide reports to the state legislature of all money left over from a year's budget and reports how it will be spent the next year. This "carry forward" money includes salary savings, Swisher said, but it is difficult to determine exactly how much a part of carry-forward it is.

One reason Swisher gave for what the CFA calls "missing salary increases" is that when faculty members leave in the middle of the year or retire, the salary increase allocated for them is not used because they are no longer paid, much less given a raise.

Faculty Merit Increase

One issue under debate is the current faculty merit pay system. 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 disproportionate. 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.

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

He said the Faculty Merit Increase system originated out of a desire to reward performance, but has changed to something very different.

"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 1998-99 school year. On some CSU campuses, the difference rose to more than 20 percent. The CFA believes that this data establishes a basis for placing a moratorium on merit pay until a neutral party can independently review the findings.

A letter from the CSU's office of public affairs gave results from a report by an independent organization that indicated that there was "no systemwide gender discrimination against women in the awarding of merit pay."

In 1998-99, the report said, women received combined average merit increases of 2.67 percent compared to men's 2.44 percent.

According to a statement released by the CSU, it believes the program is very important because it rewards outstanding faculty performance. It also states that "the CSU recognizes

that the process used last year could be improved."

The CFA states that CSU administrators refuse to make any changes to the current merit pay system. CSU officials, however, say they offered to make several changes to the merit pay system, but the CFA will not accept a merit pay system of any kind.

"We are committed to a merit pay system because we want to encourage meritorious activity," said Swisher. "We tried to negotiate a middle ground, offering some changes to the program, but they wouldn't accept them."

Manzar Foroohar said this statement is far from true.

"They wouldn't compromise at all. The changes they wanted to make would have made the situation worse, not better," Foroohar said. "They wanted to decrease the total percentage of funds that go to the faculty raises, and give that amount to the deans."

History Repeats Itself

The battle between the CFA and the CSU administrators is an ongoing struggle that both groups claim they want to see end. At this time last year, negotiations between the two groups were rough as they attempted to hammer out a two-year contract. That contract, which includes the current FMI program, is what the CFA is currently working under. This contract allowed for a mid-term renegotiation, and that is what is currently being decided. After the failure of mediated discussion, the CFA and CSU have now agreed to use fact finding in the hope that this step will lead to a resolution.

Fact finding is a process in which a panel of three will review findings presented by both sides in an attempt to work out areas of disagreement. One of the members will be chosen by CFA, one by the CSU, and one will be a neutral party appointed by the PERB.

After three sessions of fact finding, the two sides will return to the bargaining table for one last attempt at reaching a compromise.

Looking Forward

It is looking less and less likely that an amicable agreement will be reached between the two parties in the near future. The debate will likely be reopened when contract negotiations begin next year.

If the CSU chooses to impose work conditions on the faculty members, such as continuing to operate under the current FMI program, it is likely that CFA members will take action in protest. The degree of severity of this action will vary greatly by campus.

"Some schools are more conservative than others. We will have a better idea when all faculty members are back on campus in mid-September," Foroohar said.

CSU Vice-Chancellor of Human Resources Jackie McClain, stated that "there was a fundamental philosophical difference regarding the continuation of a merit program," and "...this difference precludes reaching an agreement."

McClain, however, ended her statement on a positive note.

"We remain hopeful that the impasse procedure will ultimately result in an agreement," McClain said.

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Bill aims to restrict violent television

WASHINGTON (AP) — Television shows with graphic bloodshed or gratuitous violence could be banned from daylight viewing under a measure that passed the Senate Commerce Committee Wednesday.

The bill, which limits such programming when children are likely to be watching, comes a week after federal regulators accused the entertainment industry of marketing violent, adult-rated products to young people.

Despite the industry's protests, violence is made accessible to children because it makes money, said Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., one of the sponsors of the bill. He has been pushing for a "safe harbor" of children's TV viewing time for years.

"The industry, as in the past, continues today to know, understand and prosper under the auspices of 'violence pays.' They know it and we know it," Hollings said.

Under the bill approved Wednesday, "violent" television shows could only be shown when children do not make up a significant portion of the audience or when the shows bear ratings that would allow parents to electronically block them.

Safe harbor hours normally run between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., although the bill gives the Federal Communications Commission power to set the exact hours. The agency also would determine the definition of "violent programming."

The restrictions would only kick in, however, if an FCC study finds the v-chip system — which enables parents to block out programs rated for violence, sex and crude language — is not effective in protecting children from explicit TV content.

The v-chip technology, required by law in all new TV sets 13 inches and larger, works with encoded ratings displayed on shows to flag violent or sexual material. Broadcast and cable networks voluntarily choose to rate their programs.

Hollings, the ranking Democrat on the committee, doesn't think the sys-

tem works and noted that Canada and other countries have already adopted the idea of blocking violent programming during hours when children are likely to be watching.

"It's a tried and true approach," he said.

A Federal Trade Commission report last week decried the "pervasive and aggressive marketing" of adult material to children. The FCC already has planned October hearings to examine the amount of sex and violence on television networks.

Despite the scrutiny on violence in the media, some lawmakers still expressed concern that such a measure would run afoul of the First Amendment.

"I just don't think we should start down the road of regulating content," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., who along with Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga. voted against the bill. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., chairman of the committee, only voted "present" on the bill.

Hollings said programmers could still make whatever they want, they just couldn't show it whenever they want.

Brownback wanted to change Hollings' bill to allow the entertainment industry — including record companies, Internet content providers, movie studios, video game makers as well as television programmers — to develop a set of voluntary programming guidelines, but it was defeated on a procedural motion.

"Self-regulation by the entertainment industry is especially important considering the First Amendment protections that prohibit government regulation of content in most instances," FTC Chairman Robert Pitofsky said at a later hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The Supreme Court in May struck down a "safe harbor" law forcing many cable operators to restrict showing sexually oriented material to between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. However, the ruling only applies to cable systems, not the broadcast medium, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy noted in the decision.

NASA hacker to serve 75 days

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 20-year-old Mission Viejo man who allegedly hacked into computers operated by NASA and such universities as Harvard, Stanford and Cornell, was arrested Thursday by federal authorities.

Jason Allen Diekman, who authorities say used the online names Dark Lord and Shadow Knight, hacked into "hundreds, maybe thousands" of computers around the country, said U.S. Attorney Alejandro Mayorkas.

Diekman, who had been jailed in Orange County since Aug. 20 on unrelated state charges, was transferred to federal custody on Thursday.

He was charged with intentional unauthorized access of government computers; knowingly transmitting a program code and command that intentionally damages a computer; and possessing unauthorized access devices, in this case approximately 500 unauthorized credit-card numbers. He was also charged with using some of those Visa and MasterCard numbers to buy \$6,000 worth of clothes, computer hardware and stereo equipment.

If convicted of all charges he could be sentenced to as much as 26 years in prison and fined \$750,000. He was ordered held without bail pending a Sept. 29 preliminary hearing. An Oct. 2 arraignment was also scheduled.

"Computer hacking poses one of the

most significant threats to this nation's technological infrastructure," Mayorkas said. "We are prepared to do battle with hackers in cyberspace."

Among the computer systems Diekman allegedly hacked into were those used by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

According to a federal affidavit, he used JPL's computers to intercept electronic communications on JPL systems, launch attacks on other computer systems and run Internet chat software.

Using the software, authorities say, he went into Internet chat rooms and boasted about using the pilfered credit-card numbers to make illegal purchases.

According to the affidavit, Diekman admitted to investigators that he also hacked into computers at Stanford, Harvard, Cornell, California State University at Fullerton and the University of California campuses in Los Angeles and San Diego.

Authorities say a Stanford system he broke into is used by NASA to control U.S. satellites. They added that, in all, Diekman had access to about two dozen Stanford computers and caused more than \$17,000 damage to them.

He eventually pleaded guilty to that charge and was sentenced to 75 days in jail.

Today's issue: Technology in the classroom

Cell phones can save lives - let them ring

College students are busy. Classes, jobs, homework and group projects make it hard to spend any time at home. Important phone calls can be missed, and in the case of an emergency, how does someone get a hold of roaming college students such as ourselves? Cell phones are the solution.

With a cell phone nearby at all times, both scenarios described above can be avoided. The cell phone owner will know of any emergencies immediately and will certainly never miss an important phone call.

Consider this fictitious tale. A Cal Poly student named Selly lives at home in Los Osos with her grandmother and leaves early in the morning for a long day at school and work in the evening. She usually doesn't get home until after 10 p.m. While Selly is sitting through another History 315 lecture, her grandmother is suffering a mild heart attack at home. The soft ring of her cell phone causes a few students to glare in her direction, but the teacher continues his lecture. She hears her grandmother on the other end of the line in a panic and rushes out of the classroom to her grandmother's rescue.

Selly's cell phone saved the day.

The obvious convenient need for cell phones is apparent in Selly's story. But there are still the anti-cell phoners out there who are rigidly against cell phone use on campus. Are one or two rings of a phone during class really going to impair your learning abilities? I doubt it.

I have heard people say, "Why can't they just wait until they get home to talk on the phone?"

Cell phone users have their reasons. Some people work late, while others want to keep in touch with friends and family.

Some people use cell phones strictly for business, while others use them for personal reasons. All are acceptable reasons.

Lately, high school principals have been confiscating cellular phones. I agree with this tactic. High school students do not need to have cell phones at school. In the case of an emergency, high school students are easy to get a hold of. Attendance is taken every day, and the staff knows where every student is at all times on campus.

But college students are adults. We are constantly going to school, work and running errands. Some of us need to be able to take care of over-the-phone duties while getting other things done. Killing two birds with one stone, if you will.

With every new step technology takes, new critics are created. But why frown upon something as useful and handy as cell phones? Would the students who felt disrupted when Selly's cell phone rang be more understanding if they knew the severity of her grandmother's situation? Probably.

So the next time you are sitting in class and someone's cell phone rings, don't just shoot a dirty look in their direction. It could be a life or death situation.

At one time or another, everyone will wish they had a cell phone handy.

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Cell phones disrupt class - shut them off

In a speech communication class I took last quarter, a woman actually left class to answer a call on her cell phone. The professor was good natured enough to simply smile at her, despite the fact that she completely interrupted the class.

Later, while I was sitting in my statistics class the other day, there was a woman in front of me whose cell phone started ringing. She rustled through her backpack to turn the ringer off, and I rolled my eyes at her inconsideration for not turning it off in the first place. However, the professor continued to lecture, seemingly unbothered by the shrill interruption. Had either of these scenes occurred in a high school classroom, the cell phone would have been confiscated. Professors have the same option to confiscate cell phones that interrupt their classes, but then they would be treating us like children, rather than adults.

I worked for a public relations firm this past summer and went to a publicity seminar where speakers taught representatives from non-profit organizations how to do public relations. It was definitely a classroom setting, but in the business world. Public relations folks are busy people. They carry cell phones because someone always needs to get a hold of them. However, no one was asked to turn their cell phones off at the beginning of the seminar, they were just expected to do so out of common courtesy. One cell phone did ring in the middle of a speaker's presentation, and the speaker politely asked the audience to check their cell phones and turn off the ringers. He didn't confiscate the phone that rang.

"Professors and university employees should not... have to deal with rude and inconsiderate behavior."

This is how a professor should handle a cell phone interruption. We are adults. We carry cell phones for work purposes and emergencies, as well as recreational use. Professors can and should expect us to act responsibly and courteously. That means turning off our cell phone ringers so that they don't interrupt a class.

If by accident we forget to turn off the ringer, politely ask us to turn it off. Those whose cell phones habitually interrupt class or who walk out of class to go talk on their phones deserve a more creative response to their rudeness. In these cases, the professor still shouldn't confiscate the cell phones. Instead, ask the student to share their conversation with the class or write a one-page report to be turned in at the next class period which highlights key points of the conversation. Requesting that a student leave class is a little harsh, but it would be effective in reminding a student to turn off their phone the next time, especially if it meant missing work that could not be turned in late.

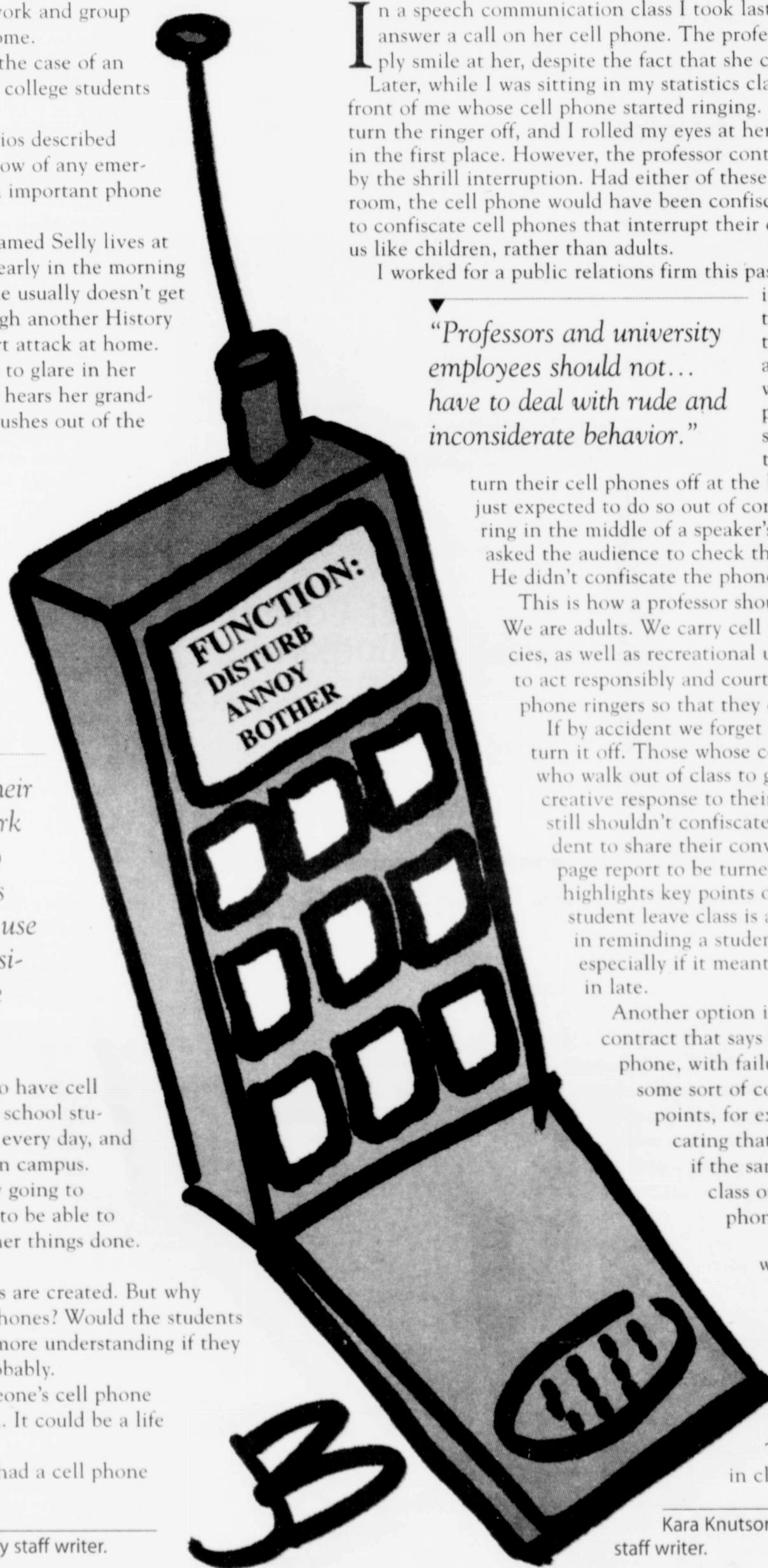
Another option includes requiring a student to sign a contract that says they promise to turn off their cell phone, with failure to honor the contract resulting in some sort of consequence like a deduction in class points, for example. Understand that I'm only advocating that professors use these extreme responses if the same person's cell phone often interrupts class or if a person leaves class to talk on their phone.

In today's technological age, those of us who don't carry cell phones are a rarity.

It's going to become more and more important for people to exercise cell phone etiquette. Professors and university employees should not confiscate cell phones, but they also should not have to deal with rude and inconsiderate behavior.

The solution - turn off your cell phone in class.

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World Youth Day unites millions in Rome

What do you get when two million religious nuts cram into a city-state about the size of downtown SLO? We're talking about something bigger than a Billy Graham or Benny Hinn Crusade. Something bigger than a Promise Keepers move-

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I'm talking about World Youth Day 2000. I had the opportunity this summer to attend this glorious event and would like to reflect a bit on this momentous affair.

Every two years, the pope calls the Roman Catholic youth to a major city in the world for a five-day festival of worship, prayer and service. The meeting is dubbed "World Youth Day" and has been a success at every gathering.

This past World Youth Day was extra special for Pope John Paul II. The year 2000 is a Jubilee Year, something very dear to the Roman Catholic Church. It is a celebration that started in the 14th century and now occurs every 25 years.

Thus, with World Youth Day falling in the same year as the Jubilee, the occasion would be remembered forever. It was only appropriate for Rome, the glorious city that Sts. Peter and Paul Christianized, to be the host of the action.

Instead of telling the story of my experience at WYD 2000, I'd like to share what thoughts flood my mind when thinking about my time in Rome with "the Boss."

First and foremost, two million Christians flying, driving, sailing

and walking into Rome is a feat that has never been seen before. The love for Jesus, his church

and one another brought these pilgrims together. Two million believers from over 150 different nations! This can only remind me of the size and

diversity of the Body of Christ. The Roman Catholic Church is the only organized group that can boast of such harmonious diversity.

The church has one billion followers making it the largest faith in the world. No other religion, government or social institution is as well represented by the world's population as the church is. It is the fastest growing faith in Africa and East Asia and draws the majority of its members from Latin America, western Europe and the Pacific Islands.

If we take into account the various Protestant denominations and Eastern Orthodoxy, we see over one-third of the world's population being Christian. (At the same time, I am reminded of my commitment to respect every religion and faith. People of ALL religions MUST be given respect and they possess every ounce of human dignity. There is truth in every form of faith in the world. To deny this is to dwell in ignorance.)

Pope Paul, at the age of 80, could not have been happier to receive the youth. He presided over a seven-hour reception on our first night in the Vatican. While looking at this man that evening and trying to understand the weight that he carries on his shoulders day in and day out, I was left with the utmost devotion to him.

Pope Paul is one of the greatest popes ever to grace the Chair of St. Peter. He is the epitome of the Christian life. Pope Paul is and has been the safeguard for Christian orthodoxy providing Christ's Church with the fullness of Jesus' Truth.

I see St. Peter in Pope Paul, and know in my heart that he is filling the office of Peter as Christ desires. Pope Paul is the rock just as Peter was in Matthew 16:18-19, and is the great shepherd that Peter was in John 21:15-17. The pope is the visible sign of unity for the Christian body just as God had promised he always would be (Isaiah 22:20-24, Matt 16:18-19, Luke 22:31-32,

John 21:15-17, Acts 2:14-41, 15:6-14, Galatians 2:18, 1 Peter 5:1).

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I suppose the funniest thing of all is that the biggest and most popular event in the Vatican

since the Second Vatican Council received next to nothing as far as media coverage. Again, two million Catholics singing, praising God, dancing and rejoicing with the Vicar of Christ in an unprecedented event is less important than a priest in Santa Rosa, Calif. caught in a scandal.

The church has always been under fire by the media, political leaders and even other Christian denominations. Only the negative is reported. It saddens me incredibly. The pope at age 80 with Parkinson's Disease leaping for joy with tears streaming down his face in front of the Catholic youth is passed over by the news. The miracles that occur in the church (miraculous healings, levitations, bleeding statues and icons, etc.) are downplayed.

Why are the fruits of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth dismissed while the embezzling bishop of Chicago is hammered by every reporter in the country? Then again, I am only reminded of the persecution that Christianity has faced since its beginning.

To close, I'd just like you to consider one thing. No matter if you are a person of faith or a staunch atheist, a conservative or a liberal, a humanist or enjoying living in your personal bubble, just know that the Roman Catholic Church stands for the union of all mankind with no exceptions. The perfect symbol of this stand was World Youth Day 2000 in Rome.

If unity is what we are after, let us learn by those who are beginning the quest. Rome is not necessarily the only one striving, but without doubt, is the most motivated right now.

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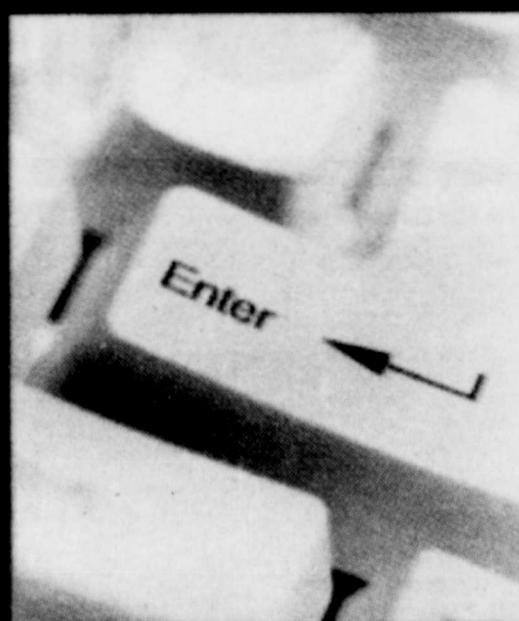
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Human interest stories enhance Olympics

Forget Survivor and Big Brother. America's television sets are tuned to a different channel now. For 16 days this year, the 27th Olympiad will capture the world's attention. There will be the usual tears and

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triumphs, unexpected victories and heartbreaking close calls. And as technology advances, the public is able to experience each moment of the Sydney games from almost anywhere in the world.

The ancient Greeks would be amazed to see what has become of their former religious festival. They believed that athletics and competition pleased the spirits of the dead, and games were held every

four years to honor their gods and appease these spirits. The first recorded game took place in 776 B.C. with only a foot race of 200 yards drawing crowds of up to 40,000 spectators into the Stadium of Olympia (hence the name Olympics).

Modern times have transformed this tradition with over 150 countries competing in a myriad of events. The reasons for competing still contain the same notions of honor, prestige and ambition, but the games now foster a certain harmony between nations. Only at the Olympics can representatives from a tiny country like Romania stand equal with giants like Russia and the United States. It is a chance for all competitors to

honor their country in a way that no other contest could. It is an opportunity that remains unthwarted by economic status or military might.

Yet, there have been complaints about the coverage of these Olympic events. Some viewers feel that they are being force fed human-interest stories about the many competitors. Some complain there are too many introductions, commercials and commentators taking the place of actual event coverage. Yet, finding the story behind these many different countries and cultures is an integral part of the Olympics. These athletes are not merely pawns being played by each country to see which country has the best athletes. They

are individual people, struggling and working to be the best in the world at what they do. They live the blood, sweat and tears cliché every day.

Russian gymnast Alexei Nemov just won the gold medal for the men's all-around competition a few days ago, and there was a lengthy human interest piece on the sacrifices he made to be at the games this year. He had to miss the birth of his first child while competing in Australia.

"I now have a son," Nemov told NBC news. "That was a major motivation."

These kinds of stories are intended to warm the hearts of viewers and pique their interest in the games even more, not cause

them to complain or change the channel. These stories provide a chance for viewers to step out of their ethnocentric worlds and identify with the people of other countries.

The Olympics are about so much more than swimming and soccer or gymnastics and basketball. The Olympics give the world a chance to concentrate on something positive rather than the issues of war, hunger and poverty that usually consume the news. Viewers should enjoy these moments of goodwill while they last and try to learn something along the way.

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Letters to the editor

Last meal requests show lack of taste

Editor,

I was browsing the Web one day and came across a link to Texas inmates' final meal requests. In case you are curious, you can find it at www.tdcj.state.tx.us/stat/finalmeals.htm.

My guess is that the original poster of this site found it morbidly amusing. Yet I am troubled.

I'm taking a gander at what their requests are: BLTs, hamburgers, milkshakes, chicken, hamburgers, pizza and fried chicken. Those with Latin last names requested enchiladas and burritos. I keep going: cheeseburger, fried chicken, fried chicken, fried chicken and chicken patties.

Is it me, or is there a pattern here? I go down the list looking for something, anything different from this, please. The only interesting meal request? Justice, equality and world peace. Someone is a joker.

Still I search. Is no one creative? Does no one wish for the finer tastes of life? Every one of the items on the list sounds like standard Texas/American fare. The more I read down the list, the more I am disturbed, yet I can't figure out why.

Think about it. You have only one day left to live. What is your last meal going to be? This is going to be the last thing you have control over, the last pleasure you can have. I ask you, what are you going to ask for? Spaghetti? A Big Mac?

Not me. I'd be thinking salmon farfalle, clams bordelaise, prime rib, braised vegetables, french onion soup, pad Thai, mu shu vegetable, caesar salad or garlic rolls.

No liquor? Fine, give me a Stewart's lime soda, a bottle of Jone's pop, Chai tea, a Shirley Temple or Orange juice. For Pete's sake, even POG.

Dessert? How about tiramisu, gelatto, Linn's olallieberry muffins, or Cold Stone ice cream?

Heck, it's on the government - let's try flambe and buffalo veal. Bring me rare vegetables. I want Wolfgang Puck and Julia Child.

And yet these prisoners are ordering cheeseburgers. Is it some lasting message? Is Tex-Mex and all American fried chicken the final say by these prisoners?

Proud to eat an American staple on their way out? Hardly. It is my guess that none of those men on that list have ever heard - ever dreamed - of some of the things I listed. No, the best thing these men can come up with is a hamburger and a Coke.

So what's my point? Eat some sushi, and I can promise you won't be facing the death penalty? Maybe. It just seems like you are what you eat. None of these people ever lived a life where they knew anything other than the pleasure of a burger. No one lovingly cooked them a lasagna that stilled their heart.

I'm not so bourgeois as to say "Well, happiness only comes from places with high price tags," but not a single person thought outside the box. I wonder what else these people were lacking in their lives besides a colorful palate that made them end up on death row?

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49ers vs. Cowboys: A battle of teams falling from power

IRVING, Texas (AP) — How the mighty have fallen.

The memories stirred up when Dallas and San Francisco play are of six NFC championship games, including Dwight Clark's leaping catch in January 1982 that sent the 49ers to their first Super Bowl. Five of those games preceded Super Bowl titles for the two teams, three for the Cowboys and two for San Francisco.

The Cowboys and 49ers — who play Sunday for the first time in three years — have played in a combined 13 Super Bowls. San Francisco has won an NFL-record 16 division titles, just one more than Dallas' 15.

In the reality of a new decade, however, the 49ers (0-3) are far removed from their championship glory in the age of free agency and the salary cap.

Dallas (1-2) could be headed down the same road. The Cowboys have an aging roster and millions of dollars tied up in salaries for guys not even around — about \$11.2 million of this year's \$62.3 million salary cap is going to 64 retired, injured or otherwise absent players.

"I came into the league with a team that was worst in the NFL, and to be a part of rebuilding something,

only to see the system take it away from you was a little frustrating," Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman said.

"It's going to be a long time before you see the likes of the teams that we had in the '90s, or the 'Niners in the '80s or the Steelers in the '70s. It's just a different time."

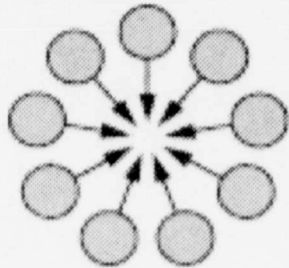
Aikman, who missed the last two games because of his ninth concussion, sustained in the Sept. 3 season opener, returns as the Dallas starter Sunday, when the Cowboys and 49ers play six years after the last of their great postseason battles.

Dallas was 1-15 in 1989, Aikman's

rookie season and a year when San Francisco won its second straight Super Bowl during a stretch of nine straight postseason appearances.

By 1992, the Cowboys were playing in the first of three straight NFC title games against the 49ers. The winner each time went on to win the Super Bowl, Dallas after the 1992 and 1993 seasons, and San Francisco in 1994 in its last Super Bowl.

The Cowboys won another Super Bowl in 1995, but are 1-3 in the postseason since, including losses in the NFC wild-card game each of the past two seasons.



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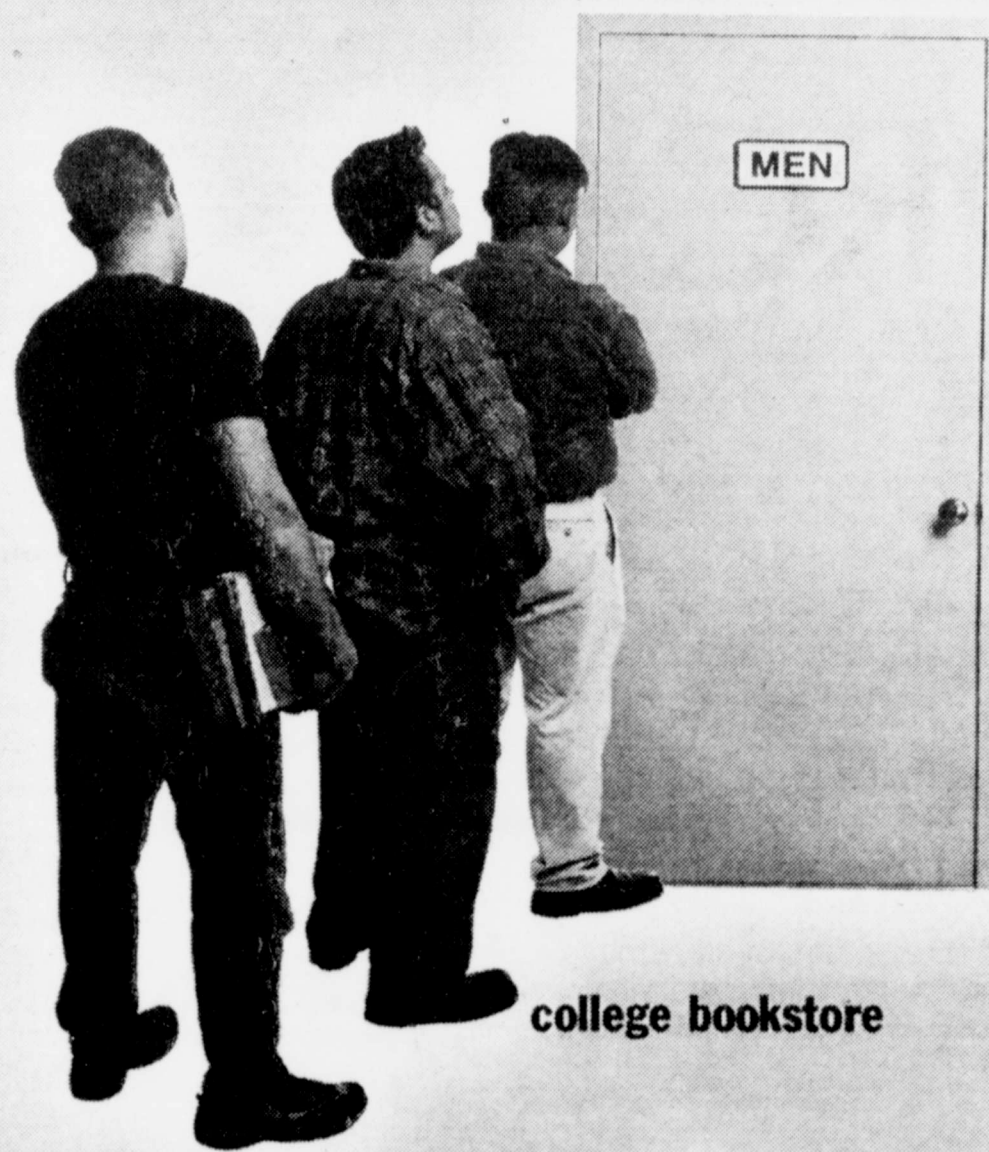
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The Bobcats match the Mustangs record of 0-2 this year. In two games at Montana State this year, the Bobcats lost 23-14 to Humboldt State. The team also fell to Weber State 28-7. The Bobcats completed just nine first downs and rushed for only 103 yards.

"We match up pretty well. They're similar to us, they are a young team and struggling a bit also," Welsh said.

Looking not to repeat the performance at the Grizzly game, Welsh says the team needs to improve its defense by slowing down some of the players and picking up a couple more picks. To improve the offense, the team needs to catch more balls and not drop as many.

Welsh says that his team is doing a great job picking up together and is looking forward to this game being a turning point for the season.



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Sophomore wide receiver Kassim Osgood is one of the keys to the Mustangs' offense.

VOLLEYBALL

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as well as make it to the second or third round of the tournament."

The Mustangs performed well in pre-season tournaments, ending with a record of 6-3.

"We're beating the teams were supposed to beat and beating other teams on top of that," Lowry said.

The Mustangs belong to the Big West conference, one of the best in the country, Schlick said.

"We already played against Loyola Marymount University, University of Utah and Arizona State University, so the season is a little tougher than last year," Schlick said. "Over Thanksgiving, we have a tournament in Long Beach where we'll play University of Hawaii and Oregon State University, as well."

Lowry said the team takes a lot of pride in the program.

"We're a young team with a lot of height," Lowry said. "We have a lot of heart and passion to stop some winning streaks."

What Games? Many Americans tuning out television coverage

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) - Debra Margulies knows who won the Olympic gold medal in women's gymnastics at the Sydney Games - "Not the Americans."

Frances Loussarian can recite the story of Eric Moussambani, the swimmer from Equatorial Guinea who became an unlikely hero when it looked like he might drown during the 100-meter freestyle race.

But neither of these Southern California women saw NBC's television coverage of the events. Rather, they got their information from radio, local TV news and the Internet.

"Every time I turn it on, it's an interview or some story about somebody. They don't show the events," Margulies said. "Besides, I already know who won when it comes on. Why am I going to watch it for four hours?"

Around the country, many people have tuned out NBC's Olympic coverage, putting the network on pace for the lowest-rated Summer Games ever.

NBC's vice president of sports pro-

gramming, Kevin Sullivan, said the network is not discouraged by the numbers. He said broadcasting from Australia is posing a unique set of problems.

"We're broadcasting the Summer Games in the fall halfway around the world and having to contend with a 15- to 18-hour time difference," he said. "With all the different media, the results are not only available to people, they are almost unavoidable."

When American swimmer Misty Hyman clipped the wings of Australia's Madame Butterfly, Susie O'Neill, in a stunning upset in the 200-meter butterfly, Margulies got the results online.

"My husband read it to me off the Internet last night," she said.

While its TV ratings have gone down under, NBC's Olympic Web site has had a 300 percent increase in traffic since the games started, as compared with the same period during the week before, said Shum Preston of Media Metrix Inc., a marketing consultant company. The official Olympic Web site has experi-

enced a 500 percent increase.

Many media Web pages also are reporting steady traffic on their Olympic sections. For example, 7.9 percent of USA Today's Web site visitors went to the Olympic section and 13.5 percent of ESPN's Web visitors perused its Olympic coverage, said Allen Weiner of Nielsen Net Ratings.

Still, many people say there's just less enthusiasm for the Summer Games in general.

Sitting in Atlanta's Centennial Olympic Park - home of the 1996 Summer Games - Angela Walker said she hasn't had time to watch.

"I thought I'd heard that they just started," she said. "But I've been too busy with work and volunteering at my church. I don't even know when they are on."

In San Francisco, Steve Jones said there was less of a buildup to this Olympics.

"In past years, prior to the Olympics, the Olympic teams have been big news, everyone's talking about them. I don't remember seeing

Summer Olympics Medal Count

(as of 5 p.m. Thursday)

	G	S	B	Total
United States	11	10	10	31
Australia	8	9	8	25
France	7	9	4	20
Russia	4	8	8	20
China	8	4	7	19
Italy	7	2	9	18
Germany	3	5	7	15
Korea	3	5	5	13

that this year," he said.

Maybe part of the problem, said Manuel Alvarez of Corona, Calif., is no big story has emerged. No Kerri Strug spraining her ankle. No Muhammad Ali lighting the Olympic torch.

"Last time, there were these moments that set the tone," he said.

Even in Washington, home of American pride, there seems to be less interest, partly because the results are readily available, said Sen. John

McCain, R-Ariz. "Atlanta was so much more in real time," he said.

But that doesn't seem to matter to the residents of Salt Lake City, home of the 2002 Winter Games, where television ratings have been going up steadily.

"I'm an Olympics fanatic. I've been watching it religiously. We've been staying up until 2 or 3 in the morning," Rob Harrison said. "Even my 3-year-old stays up with us. He's fanatical about the sailing boats."

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Football looks for first win vs. Montana State

By Megan Shearn

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Coming off a 53-3 loss on the road to the No. 10 ranked Montana Grizzlies, Cal Poly's football team hopes to use their aggression this weekend to defeat the state's other team, the Montana State Bobcats.

"I hope they take that frustration out on Montana State and get the ball rolling," freshman tailback Raj Thompson said.

Thompson rushed for 58 yards of the 195 yards mustered by the Mustang offense. It's no secret that the Mustangs have been struggling with road games. The Mustangs are 0-2 after a loss to Sacramento State to begin the season.

Since defeating Montana State in November 1997, the Mustangs have lost 13 of its last 14 road games. The last win on the road came last season at Saint Mary's.

The Mustangs have done well against the Bobcats in the past, winning both at home and on the road against them.

The all-time series is tied at 4-4 between Cal Poly and Montana State, but Cal Poly has won the last two including a 40-37 win last year on Mustang Stadium and a 20-19 win the previous year in Bozeman.

"We have the will to win. I think it's going to come down to who wants it more," Thompson said.

Thompson redshirted for the Mustangs in 1999 and rushed for 25 yards and two touchdowns in a shortened game during the spring. The freshman has 112 yards rushing on 31 carries in two games while junior quarterback Seth Burford has completed 19 of 41 passes for 230 yards without an interception.

Burford was injured and left the Grizzlie game in the second half with a cut on his chin. Burford transferred from Idaho State and sat out in 1999. He was named I-AA Independent "Newcomer to Watch" by Street and Smith's 2000 preview issue. He passed for 1,641 yards in two seasons for Idaho State.

"Burford is a model for the rest of the team. When he gets bumped around he still says 'let's go, let's get it done,'" head coach Larry Welsh said.

Welsh says that it is forecasted to snow this weekend in Montana.

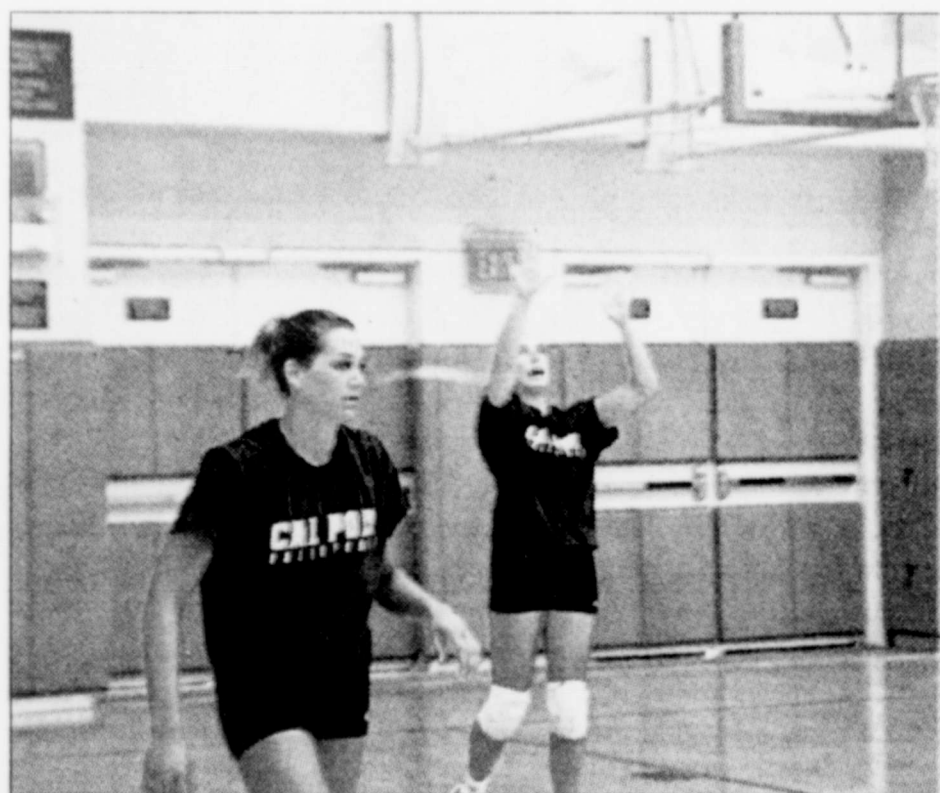
"Last time we played it was 15 (degrees) below," he said.



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see FOOTBALL, page 11 Junior linebacker Ron Cooper already has eight tackles for the Mustangs through two games.

Volleyball faces Big West powers Long Beach, Pacific



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Volleyball players prepare to make it to the NCAA tournament.

By Victoria Walsh

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's women's volleyball team has two early season tests as they face Long Beach State and Pacific as they work towards returning to the NCAA tournament.

With nine returnees and four new transfers, head coach Steve Schlick is confident the team's skill level is comparable to or better than last season's team.

"We compete well against the tough teams and we have a good balance between everyone," Schlick said.

New to the team are Kristen Segal, a 5-foot-8-inch defensive specialist from Cal State Northridge; Ginger Bailey, a 6-foot-3-inch middle blocker from Cuesta College; Anya Douglas, a 6-foot-1-inch middle blocker from Delta City College; and Gwen Hubbard, a 5-foot-6-inch defensive specialist and freshman from Menlo Park.

The Mustangs are running off a strong season last year with a record of 20-9, having beaten UCSB and performed well against University of the Pacific and Cal State Long Beach, both Final Four teams in last year's NCAA tournament.

Cal Poly plays against UOP on Friday and Cal State

"We compete well against the tough teams and we have a good balance between everyone."

Steve Schlick
women's volleyball head coach

Long Beach on Saturday in Mott Gym. Both matches begin at 7 p.m.

"Pacific had a great recruiting class," Schlick said. "They are a quality team. Long Beach has (a lot of) returnees and they are healthy as well. They are one of the best teams in the country."

Co-captain Sarah Lowry, a 5-foot-11-inch setter, said one of the team's goals is to beat the top three teams in its league and to make the NCAA tournament.

"We want to go off last year's season to help push us through this season," Lowry said. "Another goal is to beat Santa Barbara again, beat Long Beach and Pacific,

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- Women's soccer - ready for another run to the NCAA's?
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Cal Poly 1

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Cal Poly 2
Illinois-Chicago 3

Cal Poly 3
Marquette 3

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Shirt giveaway at Saturday's volleyball game

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FRIDAY

- Women's volleyball vs. Pacific
 - in Mott Gym
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 - at UNLV
 - at 7 p.m.

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- Football vs. Montana State
 - at Montana State
 - at 12:35 p.m.
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 - in Mott Gym
 - at 7 p.m.