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## DAILY



## Free bus rides may hit dead end

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard  
MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

Rumors that students will have to pay for busing may come true next quarter if campus officials decide to implement bus passes.

The Campus Fee Advisory Committee has been investigating ways to pay the \$187,910 yearly bill for campus bus services, and one of the ways would be to create bus passes, said Frank Lebens, vice president for Administration and Finance.

"The money has to come from some source," said Lebens, who is a member of the advisory committee.

The committee is chaired by Associated Students Inc. President Sam Aborne and is comprised of students and school administrators. Its primary goal is to investigate sources of income to subsidize student busing. The committee will make a recommendation to Cal Poly President Warren Baker, who will make the final decision.

In the past, student busing has been paid for by different sources. Foundation picked up the bill one year, and Associated Students Inc. paid for it in 1998. Last year, Cal Poly was lucky enough to receive a grant from Regional Transit that covered the cost.

This year, the university used limited reserves to pay approximately \$125,000 of

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## POLYBRIEFS

## ► "Big Brother" party

Lombard's Auto Sounds of Santa Maria is hosting a party today at 5 p.m. to celebrate Cal Poly student Josh Souza, one of four remaining members on the CBS show "Big Brother." They will watch the second to last episode, which will show either Souza's banishment or his move to the final night of the show.

Souza's friends and family, as well as Cal Poly students, faculty and "Big Brother" fans are invited. The store is located at 908 N. Broadway, Santa Maria. Call toll free 877-636-8800 for more information.

## ► GWR deadline

The deadline to sign up for the Oct. 7 Writing Proficiency Examination is this Friday. The exam meets the Graduation Writing Requirement and is required for a degree to be conferred. The registration fee is \$25 and must be paid at the Cashier's Office. Preparation workshops will be held on Sept. 28 and Oct. 2, 3, 4 and 5. Call Pat Grimes at 756-2067 for information.

## ► Dairy Science research

The International Association of Food Industry Suppliers Foundation and the American Dairy Science Association recently awarded Cal Poly graduate student Aaron Harris a \$10,000 research fellowship. Harris' research is on the characterization of the composition of milk received in California dairy product manufacturing plants.

# CSU chancellor speaks to student press about future

By Adam Jarman

MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

The times are a-changing, and so is the California State University.

CSU Chancellor Charles Reed held a teleconference for campus newspapers Tuesday and addressed system-wide as well as campus-specific issues. He focused on making the system more student-friendly with a larger budget and lower summer school fees.

"We got the very best budget we could possibly get for the California State University," Reed said.

He said the system received a \$340 million increase over last year, the largest increase in the system's history.

The University of California system, Reed added, had a larger budget raise than the CSU, but he said much of those funds are allocated to specific purposes, such as \$45 million for a UC to be built in Merced.

"The UC (budget) included a lot of one-time money to purchase land and other things for Merced," he said.

Reed said the CSU budget increase will greatly improve the quality of technology on system campuses.

Another issue facing the system is

upcoming increased enrollment, known as Tidal Wave II.

Increased enrollment is a major issue for the system, and Reed said that there are 14,000 more students in the CSU now than there were at this time last year.

In order to accommodate these students, Reed said the state has allowed funding to lower the cost of the summer quarter and work toward year-round programs on all campuses.

He said tuition fees for the Summer 2001 term will be adjusted to be the same as the fall, winter and spring term. Currently, summer is charged differently because it is more self-funding than the other quarters, which are heavily subsidized by the state.

Reed said he is looking to begin full year-round operation within the next few years, but realizes more teaching staff will be necessary to make the plan work.

"We will have to hire more faculty members, find more office space and ask current faculty to teach in the summertime," Reed said. He added that faculty will be paid more for working an additional term.

Reed said he is very excited about the financial aid opportunities available with the improved Cal Grant program.

"Every once in a while in the life of a university system or a

state...something happens in a really big way," Reed said regarding the massive expansion of the Cal Grant program.

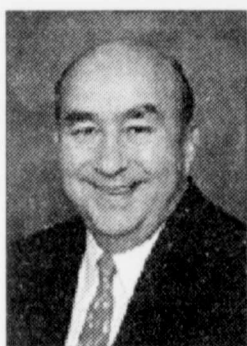
Gov. Gray Davis recently signed into law a bill with a total price of \$1.2 billion to increase the financial aid available through the Cal Grant program. The program has been valued at about \$33 million each academic year. This will jump to \$100 million with this new bill. Reed said this will mean about a \$45 million to \$48 million increase at the CSU level.

"I believe this is one of the very best financial aid programs in the United States," Reed said "It merged together merit-based and need-based programs."

He said the governor and legislature wanted to recognize students who worked hard in high school to earn good grades as well as those with strong financial need.

Additionally, Reed addressed issues from each participating campus including decreased fall enrollment at Los Angeles-area campuses due to the mass transit strike and concerns that CSU Fullerton is almost at maximum capacity.

This was the first in a series of teleconferences in which the chancellor will take questions from student media.



CHARLES REED:  
CSU Chancellor

"We got the very best budget we could possibly get for the California State University."

Charles Reed  
CSU chancellor

## Middle school spat turns to gunfire for New Orleans teens

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An argument between 13-year-old and 14-year-old students escalated into a gunfight on the grounds of a middle school Tuesday, critically wounding both boys.

Witnesses told police that after an argument, the 13-year-old got a gun from someone who passed the weapon through a fence.

The 13-year-old shot the 14-year-old, then the 14-year-old grabbed the gun and shot the 13-year-old, police spokesman Lt. Marlon DeFillo said.

Police recovered the .38-caliber revolver believed to be used in the shooting at Carter G. Woodson Middle School in uptown New Orleans.

The shooting happened just before noon in a breezeway between the school cafeteria and the main building.

Both students appeared conscious when they were taken by ambulances to Charity Hospital, said David Bowser, a police spokesman. They were listed in critical condition, said hospital spokeswoman Jean Patterson.

Police chief Richard Pennington said police were checking into parents' claims that there has been a gang turf battle involving students at the schools.

"We don't think this is gang related. We think it was two children involved in a fight and a third person came and gave a gun," police chief Richard Pennington said.

Mike Smith, a 14-year-old seventh-grader, said he heard the shots and saw panicked students run inside the school.

"I heard it and everybody started running. Everybody just ran," he said.

Smith said teachers made them stay inside classrooms until it was safe.

More than 100 parents rushed to the school and lined up outside as officials let small groups enter the building to get their children.

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its \$187,910 busing contract with the City of San Luis Obispo. Most of the bill was paid for with money from parking fine and forfeiture money, Lebens said. But that still leaves \$62,900 that needs to be paid.

In order to pay the remaining money, the committee is currently exploring different funding options, two of which include a student bus fee or increased parking fines.

If the committee recommends a bus fee, students will have the option of buying quarterly bus passes for \$18 or yearly passes for \$45.

"With it being that cheap, I think that's a great price and I would be happy to pay for a full year," said Katharyn McLearn, a business sophomore.

McLearn has ridden the bus occasionally since she moved off campus this year.

Geneva Bowdoin, a graphic communications senior, said other students weren't so agreeable about paying for their bus rides.

"People on the bus were saying that this was our last quarter of free transportation...everyone was like, 'Yeah, I won't take it if they charge,'" Bowdoin said.

Bowdoin, who has been riding the bus for about two years, said she might ride her bike if the fees are

implemented.

One of the goals of the committee in exploring other payment options was to encourage alternate forms of transportation at Cal Poly, Lebens said. This same goal is spelled out in Cal Poly's Master Plan.

"We're looking at how we can reduce the need of cars on campus," he said.

That's why the decision for the committee is a hard one - increasing student fees might dissuade students from riding the bus.

"If we maintain bus ridership, we stand a better chance of people being able to use other forms of transportation," Lebens said.

But McLearn thinks a bus fee would indirectly make it easier on students who ride the bus on a regular basis. Not everyone would be willing to pay the bus fee, which would make the buses less crowded, she said.

The committee will make a final recommendation regarding the fate of student bus fees soon, Lebens said.

Although she can't say for sure what the decision will be, Vicki Stover, associate vice president for Administration and Finance, said that Baker's decision will be a long-term one.

"We're looking for a long-term solution," Stover said. "It's very hard on the students, too; every year we're raising this red flag."

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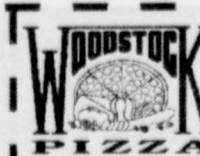
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# Living Fit

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## Sites allow access to health info, baby pictures

By Keri Christoffels  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly students and Central Coast residents are now able to access more information about their health concerns and local hospitals.

Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center and Twin Cities Community Hospitals launched new interactive Web sites this month that allow users to register and create personal homepages that can track medical history, phone numbers and other important personal information.

"The purpose of the site is to provide information regarding services available at the hospitals and to keep the public aware of pro-

grams in the hospitals such as seminars and classes," said Dennis Pall, director of Marketing and Special Programs for both hospitals.

Among the many useful links is a physician finder that allows patients to search for a doctor according to that physician's type of practice. There is also an A to Z index of health topics and a link that allows users to see what type of insurance plans the two hospitals accept, a very useful tool for students who are far from home and need more care than Cal Poly's health center can provide.

More options will become available on the Web sites in the future, according to Pall. Tenet Health Systems, the corporation that owns both hospitals, financed a program to redo the hospitals' Web sites in order to make them more interactive and user friendly. The recent changes are only the first segment of options

offered on the site, Pall said.

"We are going to have a virtual nursery where family members from across the country can see pictures of the new babies," Pall said.

The sites will also feature a link that allows people to e-mail get-well greetings to friends or family staying at the hospital. And if one needs to stay at the hospital for any amount of time, they can pre-register their stay on one of the sites.

Both sites offer free use to any visitors. Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center is located in San Luis Obispo near Cal Poly and its Web address is [www.sierravistaregional.com](http://www.sierravistaregional.com). Twin Cities Community Hospital is located in Templeton just off Highway 101 and its Web address is [www.twincitieshospital.com](http://www.twincitieshospital.com).

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## Personal stress manageable with a little instruction

By Jenifer Hansen  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Stress can run rampant among college students as classes begin to take full swing. There may be a way, however, to reduce the pressure a student can feel when attempting to juggle a full load of classes.

A free class in stress reduction and relaxation training is tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in the San Luis Obispo General Hospital Annex located on Johnson Avenue and Bishop Street. The class is an introduction to an eight-week program that meets weekly and will focus on the practice of mindfulness, a stress-relieving technique that promotes living in the moment.

Dr. Mark Schechter, director of the mindfulness-based program, thinks students should definitely come to the introductory class to find out if the eight-week program is right for them.

"The program is about nonjudgmental awareness," Schechter said. "It focuses on trying to synchronize what is going on in the mind as well as the body."

The practice of mindfulness is a powerful and proven way for working more effectively with daily stress, illness and pain, as well as enhancing physical and mental health, according to Schechter.

Psychology junior Marshall Harbinson took the psychology of stress class offered at Cal Poly. Although stress doesn't play a big role in his life, he definitely feels that stress can overwhelm a student to the point of affecting their health and well-being.

"We did a yoga session — it was the most relaxing thing ever," Harbinson said.

Schechter, who periodically speaks on campus and in psychology classes about stress reduction and relaxation training, has been a health professional in the San Luis Obispo area for 21 years and is a long-time meditation practitioner.

The class does not require pre-registration. For more information about the free introductory class or the eight-week program, call Dr. Mark Schechter at 995-2010.

## Freshmen foils can be fixed

By Jordan Roberts  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Beginning this week, Cal Poly's Health Center offers "Freshman 101," an introduction to topics affecting new students' lives. The six-week discussion group will focus on the freshman experience in a small group format, and is designed to help students adjust easily to college life.

Michael White, a counselor and pre-doctoral intern at the Health Center, will be leading the group.

"Freshmen who participate in the Freshman 101 group can expect to have their related concerns addressed in a supportive manner by peers as well as a professional counselor," White said. "I have found this to be a particularly useful format for individuals to problem-solve their situations while learning from the experiences of others, thus becoming more effective at dealing with their situations."

White said he will also provide feedback, including some educational aspects and resource information.

"With my background in working as a counselor with high school and college students, I collaborated with the other counselors to develop a forum aimed at addressing the issues young people are dealing with in

their transitions from high school student to college student," White said. "Since the program is designed to address and work through freshman issues, people who participate are sure to get a lot out of it."

According to Counseling Services, college can be both the most exciting years of an individual's life and the most stressful. Relationships and how one sees oneself often undergo dramatic shifts at the beginning of college.

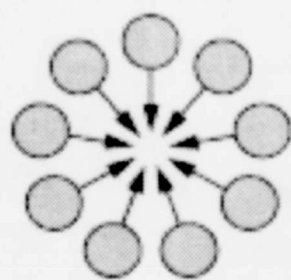
"For most students, it's their first time living on their own and away from home. Newfound freedoms and responsibilities are bound to feel overwhelming at times," White said. "Whether experienced as stressful or as exciting, it is a good opportunity for positive changes."

According to White, Counseling Services is always looking for new ways to reach out to students and help them make the most of their time at Cal Poly.

The discussion group will be limited to about six students due to the individual focus of the program.

Starting this week, the groups will be offered Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Reserve a space by calling Counseling Services at 756-2511.

**CORRECTION:** In Monday's calendar, it was incorrectly indicated that the Swing Club has dance lessons scheduled for Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. The event is a dance scheduled for Sept. 29 at 8:30 p.m., with lessons before at 7 p.m.



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## Report shows sex ed may not be effective

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A girl in Matthew Wentzel's class of ninth-graders at Minnie Howard School wanted to know who gets HIV/AIDS. "Gay people do," said a 15-year-old classmate in the back. When Wentzel told them no, statistics show that among adolescents, heterosexual females are at highest risk, the class was silent.

"That's the basic introduction," Wentzel told a reporter. "The realism of this epidemic hasn't really sunk in."

Wentzel says he doesn't sugarcoat the issue. "If you ask, I'm going to give you an honest answer," he tells his human development class, which includes this northern Virginia district's coursework on sex education.

But nationally, sex education lessons might not be as informative, a new report suggests.

A survey of 1,501 students and their parents, plus 1,300 educators, found that students learn in school the "birds and bees" basics of how babies are conceived. Most also learn how sex partners can contract diseases. And — because of state policies — many teachers stress abstinence as a way to prevent HIV/AIDS, other STDs and unplanned pregnancy. What's missing, say teachers, students and their parents, are lessons that would help young people avoid such situations in the first place.

"What's important is that this class is being taught at the most difficult time for them," Wentzel said. "If sex education is to become part of the curriculum, it has to evolve."

Others say sex education has gone too far, leaving parents out of the process.

"Parental control or lack of it is the basic problem, rather than what just happens in schools," said Liz Alston, the pro-abstinence-only chair of the Charleston County, S.C., school board that's battled over teaching abstinence.

But the report, conducted by non-profit health researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation and released Tuesday, found that parents want their children to learn more about birth control and safe sex, more than their children reportedly learn.

Now, reluctant school officials should be more willing to expand their programs, said Ramon Cortines, a former superintendent who now directs a school reform research project at Stanford University.

"We tend to be responsive to the politics of rhetoric," he said. "We now have better information than who can yell the loudest."

For instance, 97 percent of parents

want their children taught how to deal with sexual assault; just 59 percent of students said they covered that in their most recent class. Nine in 10 parents want their children to learn about birth control; eight in 10 students say they do.

"Sex education is often debated at the political and advocacy kind of levels, but rarely does it get down to real world discussions," said Tina Hoff, Kaiser's chief public health researcher. She said the study is meant to further research on the issue, not invoke changes in any particular state or school board's policies. The margin of error for family and teacher responses is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Federal and private research — distributed with the Kaiser study — show declining sexual activity and unplanned pregnancies among teens. However, figures that often raise concerns show that approximately 4 million teens will get an STD each year, and nearly half of teens didn't use condoms in their most recent sexual encounter.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics show that among teens age 13-19, young women, especially black females, are being infected with HIV at higher rates than males.

Another survey, released today by reproductive-rights advocates, said teachers in such classes are less likely to introduce information about obtaining birth control, as well as abortion and sexual orientation. The Alan Guttmacher Institute said according to its survey — exclusively of teachers of these courses — that one in four instructors say they are being told not to teach contraception and focus instead on the abstinence message.

"Teachers are covering far less ... than they believe is needed," said institute president Sara Seims. "Abstinence messages are very important, but clearly the coverage of contraceptive topics is also crucial."

The Guttmacher Institute receives most of its funding from large foundations, though a small amount comes from Planned Parenthood of America.

Thirty states mandate that if sex education is taught in schools, it must include lessons that encourage abstinence until students are emotionally and physically ready for sex. Just 18 states and the District of Columbia mandate that schools offer sex education at all.

Virginia doesn't tell its districts to provide sex education courses, but requires the ones that do offer such lessons include abstinence and contraceptive use in those lessons.

## Corn used by Kraft, Taco Bell recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — The maker of a genetically engineered corn that is not approved for human consumption suspended sales Tuesday.

Aventis CropScience said it would stop selling the corn until the Environmental Protection Agency approves its use in food. Kraft Foods recalled millions of packages of taco shells on Friday after tests showed that some were made with an Aventis corn variety known as StarLink.

The corn is allowed only in animal feed because of unresolved questions about whether it causes allergic reactions in humans.

"We just think that until we can get all this resolved, the fairest thing for food companies and the consuming public is to stop sales," said Rick Rountree, a spokesman for Aventis.

Aventis also will take steps to assure that corn being harvested this fall does

not get into food channels, he said.

Kraft recalled the taco shells that it sells in stores under the Taco Bell name. Taco Bell Corp. said it is similarly replacing all of the shells in their restaurants later this week.

The corn, which contains a bacterium gene that makes it toxic to an insect, is the only genetically engineered crop not approved for food use.

The recall "illustrates how full of holes federal oversight of genetically engineered foods is," said Rebecca Goldburg, a biotech expert with Environmental Defense.

In a Monday letter to federal regulators, the Biotechnology Industry Organization agreed that farmers shouldn't be allowed to grow a crop that isn't approved for food use. That was one of four recommendations that Kraft made to the Food and Drug Administration in announcing the

recall on Friday.

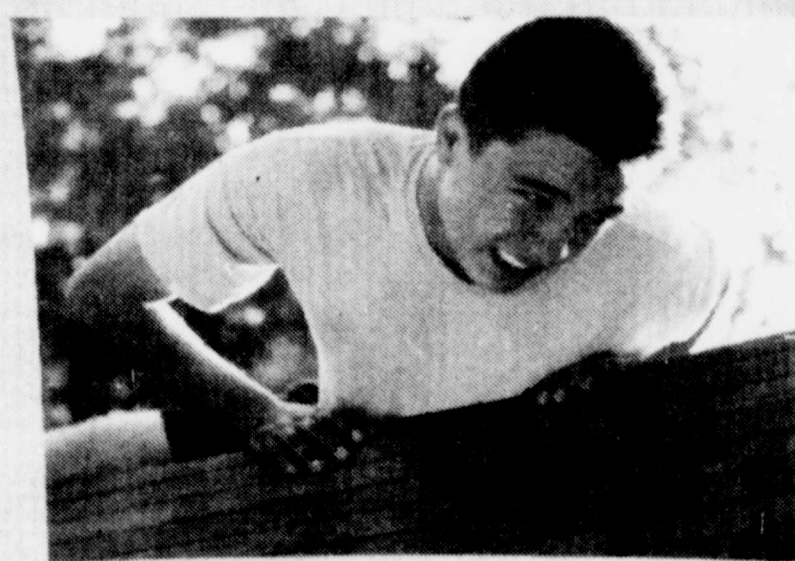
Aventis is a member of the biotechnology organization.

The biotech group, which represents more than 900 companies, research institutions and affiliates, said that "consumer confidence in the safety of all food products must be our first and only priority."

The group also backed Kraft's other recommendations of mandatory reviews of all new biotech crops, something the FDA proposed in May, and urged the government not to approve new crops without proven method to test for the genetic material.

FDA officials say they are considering Kraft's recommendations but are confident the existing regulations are working to protect public health.

They have said there is no known health risk from the corn used in the tacos.



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**Saturday, Sept. 30th - Individual Open House Events**

**10am-1pm: Alpha Gamma Rho, Delta Upsilon**

**Phi Sigma Kappa, Kappa Sigma, Delta Sigma Phi**

**1:30pm-4:30pm: Sigma Nu, Lambda Chi Alpha**

**Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Delta Theta**

**Sunday, Oct. 1st - Individual Open House Events**

**10am-1pm: Delta Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon**

**Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi**

**1:30pm-4:30pm: Kappa Chi, Alpha Gamma Omega**

**Tau Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi**

**Further Information and Directions to All the Events Will**

**Be Available at the Barbecue,  
or at the Greek Booth in the UU**

## **Sorority Recruitment**

### **Fall Schedule:**

**Friday, Sept. 29th - Orientation 3-6pm**

**Building 52 Room B-5**

**Saturday, Sept. 30th - Individual Open House Events**

**10am-12pm: Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Kappa**

**1pm-3pm: Alpha Chi Omega, Kappa Alpha Theta**

**3:30pm-5:30pm: Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Phi**

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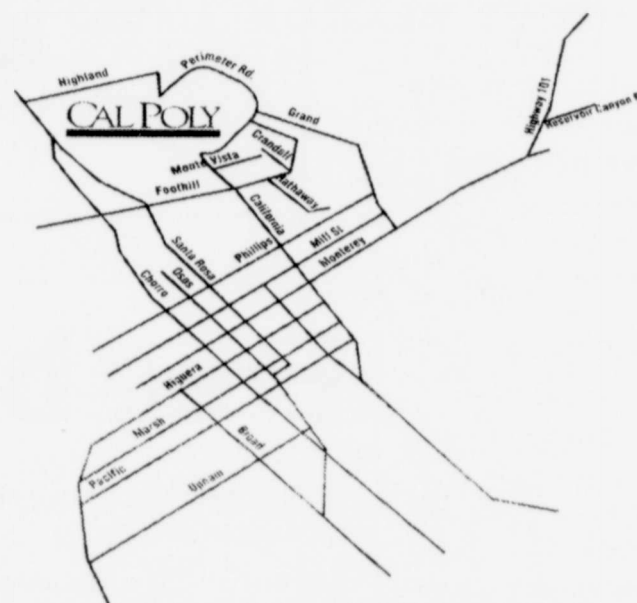
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**For Directions Please See Map and Addresses Below**



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1464 Foothill Boulevard

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## Don't just fix your eyes on that diploma

School has begun, classes are underway, the freshman have successfully found all their classes and now all that's left is to hunker down and get ready for the next nine months. It's funny to me how after a while it becomes so mundane — you go to class, you read, you take tests, and then eventually you graduate.

I have this underlying fear that one day I'm going to wake up, be 35 and wonder what happened. It seems not too long ago when I first moved into Sequoia Hall as a freshman. I was hastily met people and kept my eyes open for that special guy who I was eventually going to marry.

Well, it's almost over, all the people I met and became friends with are leaving. I have been trained for something I'm not sure I want to do, and I'm still single.

**Angela Barley**

My view of college in high school was that of fun, friends, parties, freedom from my parents and

maybe some studying. I wonder, is this really the view that most students have coming into this prestigious institution?

It seems to me that college has become something that is expected by society. It has become something that we as Americans in general have begun to take for granted. We read our textbooks not because we are looking to become better people, but so we can pass the upcoming tests. We take classes not because they interest us, but because we have our eyes fixed on that diploma and the shortest distance to graduation.

This summer I went to the Gaza Strip for eight weeks. During that time I taught conversational English with nine other Americans to a group of 30 Palestinian university students. Unfortunately, I learned that these people covet several aspects of our lives as Americans. They long for the freedom to go wherever they want, to study what they want to study, and only an elite minority have the chance to pursue a higher education.

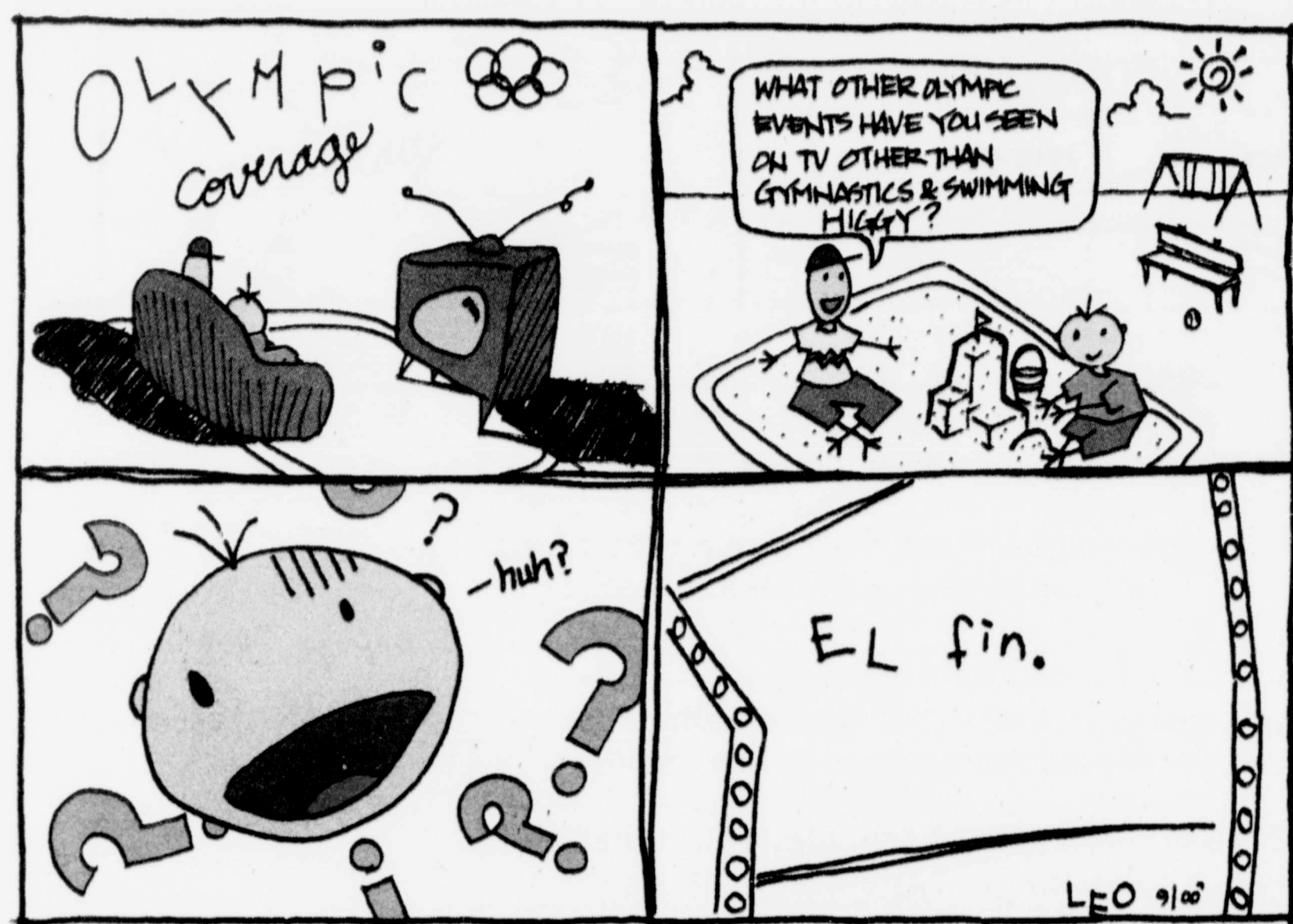
This trip opened my eyes to the fact that I, as an American, have it easy. I have the freedom only most people dream about, yet I take it for granted and waste it on insignificant pursuits. I wish that I could go back and really take advantage of the opportunities that this step in life was supposed to offer me.

When I was a senior in high school my friends thought I was crazy for only applying to two colleges, but to tell you the truth, I really had no idea what I was doing. Thinking about it now I wonder, why the heck did I come to college? Did I come because that's just what you do after high school? Was it the call of something higher or was it the chance to continue learning and pursue my life long dream? I don't know.

All I know is that it's going to be over in a few short months and then what? I get thrown into the work force to store up riches so that my sons and daughters can go through the same process.

So what's my advice? Don't take these short four years for granted. Don't complain about the chance to learn new things. Get your money's worth out of this university, and pursue something — not for the money it's going to make you — but for the fact that you enjoy it so much you can't help but do it.

Angela Barley is a landscape architecture senior.



## Free buses are the only answer

How many of you would like to pay to ride the bus to school? My guess is that not many of you are jumping for joy at the thought of bus fees. Right now riding the bus is free when you flash your student identification card. After this quarter that may no longer be the case.

Currently, the free city bus-ride program costs the university approximately \$185,000 per year. This year, Cal Poly is about \$63,000 short, having only paid about \$125,000.

This is not a new problem. Two years ago, when I was a freshman, I remember talking to Amy Luker, then ASI chair of the board about the same issue. However, finding money to fund the program has actually been a concern for the past three years. Cal Poly has been lucky to find the funds the past three years, but a long-term source of funding was never found. Consequently, money for the bus program is an issue again.

Frank Lebens, Cal Poly Vice President of Administration and Finance, said the Campus Fee Advisory Committee plans to make a decision within the next few weeks about how to raise funds for the bus program. Lebens said the two alternatives on the table right now are increasing parking pass fees or making students pay for bus passes. Bus passes would cost \$45 per year or

\$18 per quarter. These two alternatives are only suggestions to raise the \$63,000 needed for this year. Long-term solutions are still being brainstormed.

Increasing parking pass fees would cause an uproar on campus. Most students who take the bus to campus don't buy parking passes. By raising parking pass fees, students who drive their cars to school would be paying for students to ride the bus for free. No one said that life was fair, but that alternative is ridiculous.

As for the second option, I must concede that purchasing a bus pass would cost much less than a parking pass.

Being a broke college student, I have trouble coming up with money just to pay my monthly bills. I started taking the bus because it was free and I could avoid the traffic headaches on campus. With all the money that I put into school, including miscellaneous expenses, the \$18 per quarter that it would cost me to ride the bus is merely a drop in the bucket. I know I'm not the only student in this position.

Whether you take the bus because you're environmentally conscious, you don't want to fight for parking or simply because it's free, now is the time to join together. Now is the time to use your voice.

This program has been around for 15

years. Up until the past three years, Cal Poly has been able to foot the bill. Where did the money come from prior to 1997? Why has funding only been a problem recently?

These are questions we need answered and a problem we need solved.

Think about what the transit system is worth to you. Then contact the ASI executive office. Talk to ASI President Sam Aborne or ASI Vice President Lewis Smith. Let them know what you think. Give them any practical ideas you might have that could solve this problem.

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"Am I going to go postal on the Mustang Daily? Probably."



# Aid process needs work

Some might say I'm selfish writing about this subject; some might say I don't understand the pragmatic ends served by the current system of need-based scholarship. What I do understand is this: giving poverty-stricken students money to pay for most of the costs of their education

## Commentary

and denying money to middle-class students, for whom it is technically possible (on paper) to fund their own expenses, imposes an unjust socializing effect on middle America. I will not be providing you with any ideas as to how we ought to solve this problem given the current workings of our system (indeed, the solutions I do give to this problem involve changes in government ideology that are not going to be happening anytime soon) but what I will attempt to provide is an explanation as to why this is a problem.

The way the current system works is to give money to those who definitely cannot afford to pay for their own education and for those who technically can afford it, there is little to no money. The way they establish the distinction is basically by establishing an inventory of everything a given student's family owns in the way of money or goods, adding it all together and seeing if there is any way for them to afford payment.

The problem here is that most families have much more "stuff" than they have actual money in the bank. The university sees that a family owns a house and two cars, plus much other stuff to fill the house and not much money in the bank because most of the income goes to mortgage payments and food and taxes and bills and whatever else. This family, according to the university, can afford to pay for the college education of its child or children

because the house and cars together are worth enough to take care of the expenses. Indeed, taking account of everything I own and the income of my whole family, I can afford to pay for my own education. So can most of us. But is this even remotely fair? How dumb do they really think we are? Put two and two together!

By the end of our college years, every one of us who comes here anywhere from dirt-poor to middle-class will leave with the same status. Everyone will be poor. The university gives you progressively more the poorer you are, thinking, of course, that our parents have nothing to do with their money aside from give it away so that we can go to school.

We have to re-evaluate what we are trying to achieve in our financial aid programs. If we are OK with the socializing effects of graduated financial gifts, there are better ways to use socialist principles to achieve funds for a university that make more sense than what we have now. Socialist principles in this case would seem to suggest that we all ought to pay the same amount from what we have. So we might set a percentage, or something similar, of money from the total financial worth of every student's family that they ought to pay for their education. A poor family pays little, a rich family pays much, but percentage-wise, it's all relative.

I have an inkling most of my readers will not be all too keen on the "socialist" proposal, however. Either we must recognize that we ought to have to pay out-of-pocket for the college education commodity of our own family's children, or we say that education is a service that ought to be funded by the state. The latter leads to socializ-

ing education entirely, the former provides us no pragmatic outlet for funding education entirely on our own, and any happy medium will lead us to where we are now with a de facto socialist effect plaguing what is a program with genuinely good intentions.

If we are to say that we ought to pay for education ourselves because it is a commodity like anything else from housing to candy bars, we are basically saying, "if

you can't afford it, you can't have it." So if I am born an intelligent person to a poor family, too bad for me, I suppose. A poor person has to

pay the same for a candy bar as does a rich person. Why is education any different?

I should hope this strikes you all as utterly repugnant. We plainly see that education is not a commodity like others because it is what allows us to take our proper place in society. If it becomes a commodity, the rich will have children who will also be rich 95 percent of the time, and the poor will have children who will also be poor because only the rich can afford to send their children to school. So, we can't do this, and obviously we can't do the "socialist thing" because (quite frankly) Americans hate socialism. What do we do, having exhausted the only two options that make logical sense? We do, well, what we have been doing for ages: endorsing this self-defeating stupidity we call "financial aid." Are we caught between a rock and hard place? Indeed we are.

What are we going to do about it? You tell me.

David Brodsky of Georgetown University, U-Wire.

*"A poor person has to pay the same for a candy bar as does a rich person. Why is education any different?"*

# Hard workers are under-appreciated

Working on campus is a way to keep a little spare change in the pocket while working toward a degree which will ultimately land you a "real" job after graduation. For many students who work on campus, their part-time job is more than just a way to make some extra spending money – it is a major source of income that helps pay the bills. With a full load of classes, students usually can only find time to work a few hours a week. Yet, some students schedule classes that allow them to work more than that, up to 20 hours.

Why only 20 hours a week? According to university policy, students are only allowed to work that many hours while attending school full time in order to keep the focus on academics and not interrupt studies. Some jobs on campus require more than a 20-hour commitment. Several on-campus organizations dedicate exorbitant amounts of time and resources to projects that demand their staffs to work way more than 20 hours per week.

Employees of on-campus organizations such as University Graphics Systems or Mustang Daily don't have the option of quitting once the 20-hour mark is met. Although an employee of one of these organizations is working to gain hands-on experience that will most definitely help get a job after graduation, they must log in more hours than they will get paid for. This can be extremely frustrating knowing that there is no other option and when payday arrives, all the hard work they put into printing the newspaper or working on a huge graphic design project will go unnoticed.

Sure, they might gain recognition from peers and colleagues, but what about paying the rent? Having to work so many hours and spend so much time on campus doesn't allow much free time to have another job in which to make up the difference in income in order to make ends meet.

I find myself in this sort of predicament. As a copy editor for Mustang Daily, I must spend a lot of time in the newsroom working with other students who dedicate even more time putting a newspaper out on campus five days a week. The amount of hours I log in each week equals only half what some of my co-editors put in. I work slightly less than 20 hours a week; therefore I am only given the opportunity to make so much money. Having to pay my own rent and all the bills that go along with living on my own, I must seek off-campus employment. This basically takes up any free time to actually have a life.

I can only imagine what it is like for my co-workers who work way more than 20 hours a week. Being on campus that much does not allow them to work elsewhere, simply because there are only so many hours in the day. I'm sure there are many other examples of this exact scenario among other on-campus organizations. The students simply aren't getting a fair share. Why must they only get paid for half the amount of hours they put into university projects? It seems that in a situation where the student doesn't have the option to just go home once 20 hours is up, they should be paid for each hour they work. Students who dedicate themselves to the labor of their love shouldn't get the shaft when it comes to payday.

The university policy that says a student must not work more than 20 hours a week is supposed to protect the student from being overworked while attending classes. When they must put in more hours, simply out of necessity, without receiving compensation for their hard work, they ultimately become overworked and financially under appreciated.

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# GOP calls oil reserve tapping political move

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republican senators accused the Clinton administration Tuesday of tapping the emergency petroleum reserve to help Al Gore's presidential bid.

The emergency oil "is for a severe shortage and not to help a candidate seven weeks before the election," Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., said at a hearing of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, who has said that politics played no role in Friday's decision to tap 30 million barrels of oil from the government reserve, said the administration remains committed "to let the market dictate prices."

He said the release of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve was directed at cushioning against a sudden supply shortfall this winter.

Richardson said the government oil will ease a current 40 percent shortfall in heating oil inventories in the eastern part of the country and "make sure American families keep warm this winter."

The temporary infusion of the oil, beginning in November, is expected to put 4 million to 5 million additional barrels of heating oil into the market, said Richardson. He disputed contentions by some senators that refineries, now operating at near peak capacity,

## EU will not follow US oil lead as of yet

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — European Union nations have no immediate plans to follow the United States and release strategic petroleum reserves to relieve high fuel prices, the European Commission said Tuesday.

The possibility of dipping into the reserves will likely be discussed by finance ministers from the 15 EU nations when they meet Friday, EU officials said.

"As of now there is no question of using strategic reserves. ... We don't want to get overanxious," said Gilles Gantelet, energy spokesman for the EU executive body. "The reserves should only be used in case of extreme necessity, they are in case of a sudden cut in supply."

Gantelet said the Commission could help coordinate any use of strategic petroleum reserves, but added that it is up to the 15 member nations decide to on their release.

Discussion of oil reserves isn't on the formal agenda at Friday's meeting of EU finance ministers but Gantelet said he thought ministers would want to discuss it informally.

Under EU rules, countries are supposed to have a

minimum 90-day oil reserve.

Gantelet said most nations had more, with an average of 110-days supply, although Belgium and Greece are slightly below the minimum.

The recent surge in oil prices has set off protests and road blockades in many EU countries, putting pressure on national governments to lower fuel taxes and increase supply.

President Clinton decided last week to release 30 million barrels of crude oil from the U.S. emergency oil reserves to ease fears of oil shortages.

Similar action has been demanded by many Europeans coping with high fuel prices, but Gantelet said the situation in Europe was different.

"It is not just a question of reserves, it's the consumption trend ... We are not using as much as the Americans," he said.

The Commission is drawing up proposals to coordinate EU-wide energy policies to deal with high fuel prices. The plan will be presented to European leaders at a summit next month in the French seaside resort of Biarritz.

and "are expected to be below normal throughout the winter and into 2001."

The department's Energy Information Administration predicted that inventories would begin returning to normal levels by next year. "This recovery (will be) a slow process," said Mark Mazur, acting EIA administrator, in remarks prepared for the committee.

Nevertheless, the EIA predicted heating costs will be substantially higher this winter than last.

Assuming a moderate winter, the agency estimated that a consumer using 680 gallons of heating oil during this winter is expected to pay \$900 for fuel, about \$140 more than last heating season.

An average household in the Midwest paid \$511 last heating season, but is expected to pay \$734 this coming winter, a 44 percent increase, according to the EIA forecast.

In other testimony, John Felmy of the American Petroleum Institute said refineries are working at full capacity to build heating oil stocks. He disputed some of the dire predictions of expected fuel shortages this winter.

"Time remains for these inventories to build before the beginning of the heating season," said Felmy, whose group represents the major oil companies.

## Davis signs bill offering tax relief to survivors of Nazi enslavement

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A bill providing tax relief to Californians who survived slave labor in Nazi Germany has been signed into law by Gov. Gray Davis.

The bill Davis signed Tuesday follows similar legislation passed in recent years that exempted from state income taxes any reparations to those who survived the

Nazi Holocaust during World War II.

Holocaust victims, along with slave laborers, forced laborers and others who lost money or property to the Nazis may be receiving money from a new \$5 billion

"Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future" fund set up by the German government. About 3,000 German companies are joining the

German government in contributing to the fund.

More than a million Holocaust survivors worldwide are expected to receive \$7,500 each from the fund by year's end.

"The very least we can do is allow them to keep all of the hard-fought reparations to which they are entitled," Davis said in signing the bill.

Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., characterized the attack on the administration as "partisan elbow throwing."

"Neither political party has distinguished itself on energy policy" over the years, said Johnson.

Meanwhile, the Energy Department said average crude oil and heating oil inventories remain well below normal

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Olympic spotlight bright for women athletes

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Their unexpected Olympic victory four years ago was just a taste of things to come. Their World Cup win over China three years later captivated a nation and created untold numbers of new soccer fans.

Back then, in Atlanta, we didn't know the names of the women soccer players. Now we do: Mia Hamm. Brandi Chastain. Julie Foudy.

So this time, with the spotlight growing, what else is there to do but win gold again?

"We had such great success in Atlanta," Foudy said. "So when you come into an event like this, your internal expectations are so high. You come into an event believing you should be on the gold medal podium."

So far, the women are on track.

Despite a difficult Olympic draw, they made the final after beating Brazil 1-0 on Sunday.

Taking inspiration from the U.S. softball team, which came from behind to win a gold medal, the women dearly want to beat Norway, one of their top rivals.

"We like that Norway brings out the best in us just like we bring out the best in them," said U.S. coach April Heinrichs.

The gold-medal game will be broadcast Thursday on MSNBC, along with men's basketball and the gold-medal men's tennis match. In prime time, NBC will show women's springboard diving, synchronized swimming and rhythmic gymnastics.

But the marquee event in prime time will be on the track, where Marion Jones, already a gold-medal

winner in the 100-meter dash, takes up the next phase of her quest for five golds with the women's 200-meter final.

Barring a surprising failure to qualify, Jones has a possible showdown with Cathy Freeman in Thursday's final. The Australian star of Aborigine origins thrilled her hometown crowd with a victory in the 400 meters on Monday night. She made a late decision to run in the 200.

Talk about a growing spotlight: Not only will Jones have to deal with the intense pressure of her medal quest — she's now coping with the sudden, unwelcome revelation that her husband, shot putter C.J. Hunter, tested positive for steroids.

NBC to drop baseball coverage next season

NEW YORK (AP) - NBC opted not to keep its package of major league baseball games, clearing a hurdle for Fox to gain the exclusive TV rights for the sport's postseason.

"We have notified major league baseball that we have passed on their offer and we wish them well going forward," NBC Sports president Ken Schanzer said Wednesday (Tuesday EDT) from Sydney, Australia.

Fox has offered about \$2.5 billion in a bid to land major league baseball's entire postseason package from 2001-06, The Associated Press learned.

That figure, which would also cover an extension of current deals for regular-season games on Fox and its cable outlets, was confirmed by three TV industry and baseball sources speaking on condition they not be identified.

Baseball's five-year postseason contracts with Fox, NBC and ESPN expire after the World Series.

NBC and ESPN had until Tuesday to match Fox's bid, industry sources said. ESPN spokesman Mike Soltys would not comment on whether the cable channel had also passed.

Fox officials declined to comment Tuesday.

The last time one broadcast network owned the full baseball

package was 1990-93, when CBS lost hundreds of millions of dollars in a \$1.057 billion deal, partly because of a steep decline in ratings and partly because of a national recession.

"It is a lot of baseball. Take it from someone who knows," said former CBS Sports president Neal Pilson, who owns a consulting firm. "It will force Fox to delay the start of its entertainment season every fall in order to cover the playoffs and the World Series, but I am sure they have taken that into account."

"Fox probably believes it has driven a good deal financially. It has kept its cost escalation at a very modest number."

In the current deal, Fox and NBC split the league championships and alternated televising the All-Star game and World Series. Now Fox could hold the rights to all of those events for six seasons, in addition to its regular-season rights.

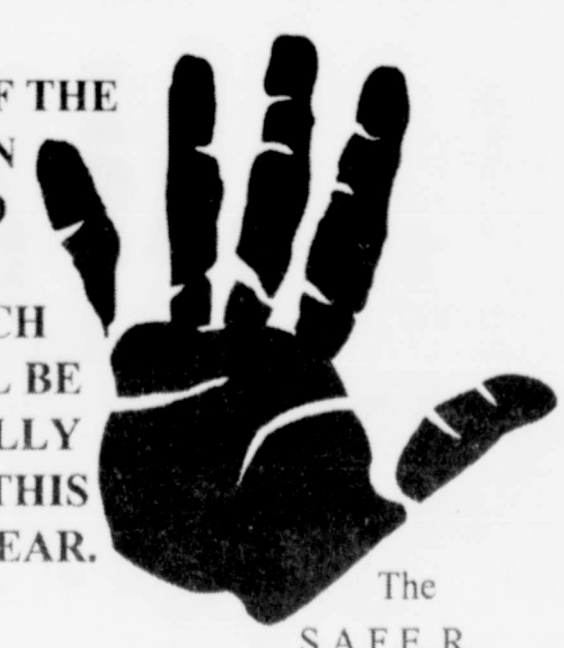
The extra load of first-round playoff games could be eased by shifting some to cable channel Fox Sports Net.

Baseball wanted to close a new deal during the regular season, which is scheduled to end Sunday.

The roughly \$417 million average annual worth of the package represents about a 45 percent jump from the \$290 million the old deals totaled - \$120 million for Fox's postseason rights and Saturday games of the week, \$47 million for regular season games on cable channels Fox Sports Net and F/X, \$80 million for NBC's postseason, and \$43 million for ESPN's postseason package).

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 The AVENUE	Located across from Molt gym. "The Ave" - We've got what you want! Hungry for chicken? A custom-made sandwich? How about a burrito? A bagel or some soup? The Avenue features Chic-ili-Ali, with chicken entrees, Pasta Pasta Pasta for freshly prepared pasta, Cowboy Grub for burgers and the fixin's, Tapango's Super, with Mexican cuisine and City Deli, with custom-made sandwiches. Why not enjoy a frozen yogurt at Sweet Persuasions?	Mon - Fri 7:30am - 3:30pm  Sweet Persuasions 10:30am - 3:30pm Mon-Fri  City Deli 10:30am - 3:30pm Mon-Fri  Tapango's 10:30am - 3:30pm Mon-Fri  Cowboy Grub 10:30am - 3:30pm Mon-Fri	X	X	X	X
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 THE PARK	Located in the Dexter Building. Offers everything from candy bars or sandwiches to fresh brewed coffee. The Park has an attractive seating area that offers you 24 hour a day hospitality. Vending locations include all the Residence Halls, Engineering building, University Union and Business building.	Always Open	X	X	X	X
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## U.S. softball comes back to win gold

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - In weather more suited to the "Fall Classic" than the Summer Olympics, the U.S. softball and baseball teams both won in dramatic style - a gold for the women, a berth in the gold medal game for the men.

The chilly night and the fates were not as kind Tuesday for the American men's soccer team, a loser in its first-ever bid to reach the Olympic finals.

Completing an extraordinary comeback from the edge of disaster, the U.S. softball team successfully defended its Olympic gold medal with a 2-1, come-from-behind victory over Japan on a raw, rainy evening.

*"We've been very unlucky in this whole tournament, but luck finally went our way."*

**Laura Berg**  
U.S. softball player

Playing in its fifth extra-inning game Down Under, the Americans - unable to catch a break for much of the Olympics - took advantage of a mistake to defend their Atlanta gold. After a pair of eighth inning walks, a shot to left field by Laura Berg was misplayed by outfielder Shiori Koseki, who landed a glove on the ball but couldn't hold on.

"I saw her going back on it, and the ball just went out of her glove," Berg said. "We've been very unlucky in this whole tournament, but luck finally went our way."

All the way.

Before Koseki could recover, pinch-runner Jennifer McFalls had scored the game-winner. The U.S. women, left for dead after a three-game losing streak in the preliminary round, were suddenly alive, well and celebrating at home plate.

With five days of competition left, the United States topped the medal chart with 63 (25 gold, 15 silver, 23 bronze). Russia was next with 51 (17-14-20), followed by China's 50 (22-14-14).

**BASEBALL:** The U.S. team, on a dramatic bottom-of-the-ninth home run by Doug Mientkiewicz, took a

step toward turning baseball into the international pastime. The blast by Mientkiewicz led the Americans to a 3-2 victory over South Korea and a spot in the Olympic final against mighty Cuba.

It marked the first time that the Americans had made the Olympic gold medal game, while South Korea will face Japan for the bronze.

After a thunderstorm halted play for two hours, the Americans blew a bases-loaded opportunity in the eighth. In the ninth, after getting the leadoff man aboard, Gookie Dawkins was picked off.

In the midst of the missed opportunities, Mientkiewicz drilled his homer over the right field wall. Last week, in a qualifying game, Mientkiewicz ripped a grand slam homer to beat the South Koreans, 4-0.

**MEN'S SOCCER:** Disappointment and accomplishment. The U.S. men's team could feel both after making the Olympic semifinals for the first time, then losing 3-1 to Spain for its first defeat in Sydney.

Pete Vagenas was the lone American scorer Tuesday, netting a penalty kick just before halftime, as the U.S. squad was unable to rebound from an early 2-0 deficit. They managed just a single shot on goal in the second half.

The Americans still have a shot at the bronze and their first Olympic soccer medal Friday when they take on Chile. Spain, the gold medalists at home during the 1992 Barcelona Games, will battle Cameroon's Indomitable Lions in the Saturday gold medal game.

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:** The U.S. team advanced to the Olympic semifinals after a grueling, two-hour victory over South Korea. The back and forth battle lasted five sets, with the Americans ultimately winning on a disputed call by 26-24, 17-25, 25-23, 25-27, 16-14.

A dink shot by Logan Tom gave the Americans a 15-14 lead in the decisive set, and the winning point came on a South Korean shot that was ruled out. Despite a protest, the Americans were soon celebrating - and were one win away from a medal.

## Romanians protest, return other medals

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Romania has returned its remaining two medals in the Olympic women's all-around gymnastics competition to protest Andreea Raducan's loss of her gold medal for taking cold medication containing a banned substance, Romanian national television reported Tuesday.

"The gold, silver and bronze medals have been returned although initially (coach) Octavian Belu favored keeping the gold and silver medals which the Romanians would have won anyway," Romanian TV said in the report from Sydney.

Belu was reported to have said that 16-year-old Raducan had decided to give up gymnastics, television said. Belu could not be reached for further comment.

The 4-foot-10, 82-pound Raducan was stripped of her gold from the women's all-around Tuesday after she tested positive for pseudoephedrine, a banned stimulant. She is the first gymnast ever to be stripped of a medal because of a drug violation.

The action by the International Olympic Committee's executive board meant that Raducan's teammate Simona Amanar moved up to get the gold, while Romanian Maria Olaru got the silver. Liu Xuan of China then got the bronze.


Raducan has appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and a hearing was scheduled for Wednesday.

The Romanian team doctor who gave her the drug was expelled from the games and suspended through the 2004 Summer Games in Athens.

## Summer Olympics Medal Count

(as of 5 p.m. Tuesday)

	G	S	B	Total
United States	25	15	23	63
Russia	17	14	20	51
China	22	14	14	50
Australia	12	20	12	44



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2000 Big West Women's Soccer Standings

	Big West			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Cal State Fullerton	1	0	0	5	5	0
UC Irvine	0	0	0	5	2	2
Pacific	0	0	0	5	3	1
Idaho	0	0	0	5	4	0
UC Santa Barbara	0	0	0	4	4	1
Cal Poly	0	0	0	4	4	0
Boise State	0	0	0	3	4	1
Utah State	0	0	0	2	5	0
Long Beach State	0	1	0	3	5	1

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ning goals against Cincinnati and Washington State and added another goal in Sunday's win over Montana.

Crozier said the team is already setting its sights on upcoming games with Big West rivals. University of the Pacific, UC

Irvine and UCSB should be among the stronger teams in the conference this season, Crozier said.

The Mustangs will need to get rid of their early season rusty play by Oct. 6, when the Big West Conference begins.

Unworried by the team's mid-dling start, Crozier drew comparisons with last year's highly successful campaign.

"Of course I hate losing," he said.

"But last year we started slowly, too (at 1-5). I expect the same kind of maturation this season."

Even though the team has had some growing pains early in the season, Crozier feels they are right on track.

"Come the end of the season, we'll definitely be battling for the conference championship," he said.

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Courses are set up in parks and golf courses, with varying terrain such as grass, dirt and concrete.

"I think there's a lot more thought that goes into (cross country) than if you were on the track," Boothe said. "There's a lot more strategy involved. You've got to know what your strengths are and how to use them to beat people."

After qualifying for the NCAA Championships last year, this year's men's team hopes to finish within the top ten nationally.

"It's not something that's easily attainable," senior Avery Blackwell said. "Our whole team has to put it together there."

A team can run up to seven members each race, but only five can score points. Points are allotted according to the place the athlete finishes. The winner of a race receives one point. The team with the lowest score wins.

Although cross country is a team sport, runners insist that it is somewhat different than other team sports.

"I think almost any other sport has a crutch of some sort or a fall back they can rely on if they make a mistake," Boothe said. "Running to me, there's no judges, there's no rules set up. It's a team sport but it's not like

you're depending on your offense or defense to pull you through."

Along with burning fat and building muscle, running has a therapeutic effect as well.

"It's a reliever of stress," Conover said. "Other sports use running as a form of punishment and here we are doing it because we love to."

The fact that running is often looked upon as punishment could be a reason that runners are so often misunderstood.

*"If you believe in your coach like we do, you're gonna be very well prepared to run fast. Our team puts total trust in our coach."*

Adam Boothe  
cross country senior

"People can see themselves playing football and basketball," Boothe said. "No one understands what we do."

Since training is sometimes complicated, Boothe said it's important to have a coach you have faith in.

"If you believe in your coach like we do, you're gonna be very well prepared to run fast," Boothe said. "Our team puts total trust in our coach."

No turf in L.A. for USC

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Since USC will play on artificial turf Saturday for the first time this season, Trojans coach Paul Hackett thought it would be wise for his team to practice on the surface.

No such luck in L.A.

"We talked about busing somewhere to practice on turf and we found out there's none in Los Angeles. This is a problem," said Hackett, whose eighth-ranked Trojans play at Oregon State this weekend.

"If you're in the NFL, the owner builds 60 yards (of artificial turf) outside and you go out and practice on it. We don't have that opportunity," the coach said Tuesday. "We're playing one game a year on turf. We played one game last year. We've got the special magic shoes and from there, we just have to go play."

The eighth-ranked Trojans will work out on artificial turf for the first time after they arrive in Oregon

on Friday.

"We'll try to practice at a much higher tempo than we do on a normal Friday because we have to find out how our feet will work on the turf. It is a different surface," Hackett said. "This team we're about to play is built on speed, and it will be played on artificial turf, which heightens speed."

The game at Reser Stadium pits two teams that have each won all three of their games. The contest will be the Pacific-10 opener for both.

USC has a 26-game winning streak against Oregon State dating back to 1967, and has outscored the Beavers by an average of 38-10.

All that doesn't impress Hackett.

"The last four or five years at Oregon State have been quite different," the USC coach said.

"Everyone talks about the streak, but that was mostly years ago."

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Head Coach Terry Crawford directs the women's cross country team at Tuesday's practice.



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## Crossing the pain threshold

Cross country athletes push themselves with a very rigorous training workout schedule

By Mike Gilmore  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Imagine a sport where the athletes run up to 100 miles a week, 50 weeks a year, simply to line up 10 times during the fall to see who is the fastest.

Members of the Cal Poly cross country team know this routine well.

"It's just a part of our lives," senior Adam Boothe said. "Runners typically, they say, have a higher pain threshold than other athletes. Our bodies aren't made to do what we do to them on a daily basis."

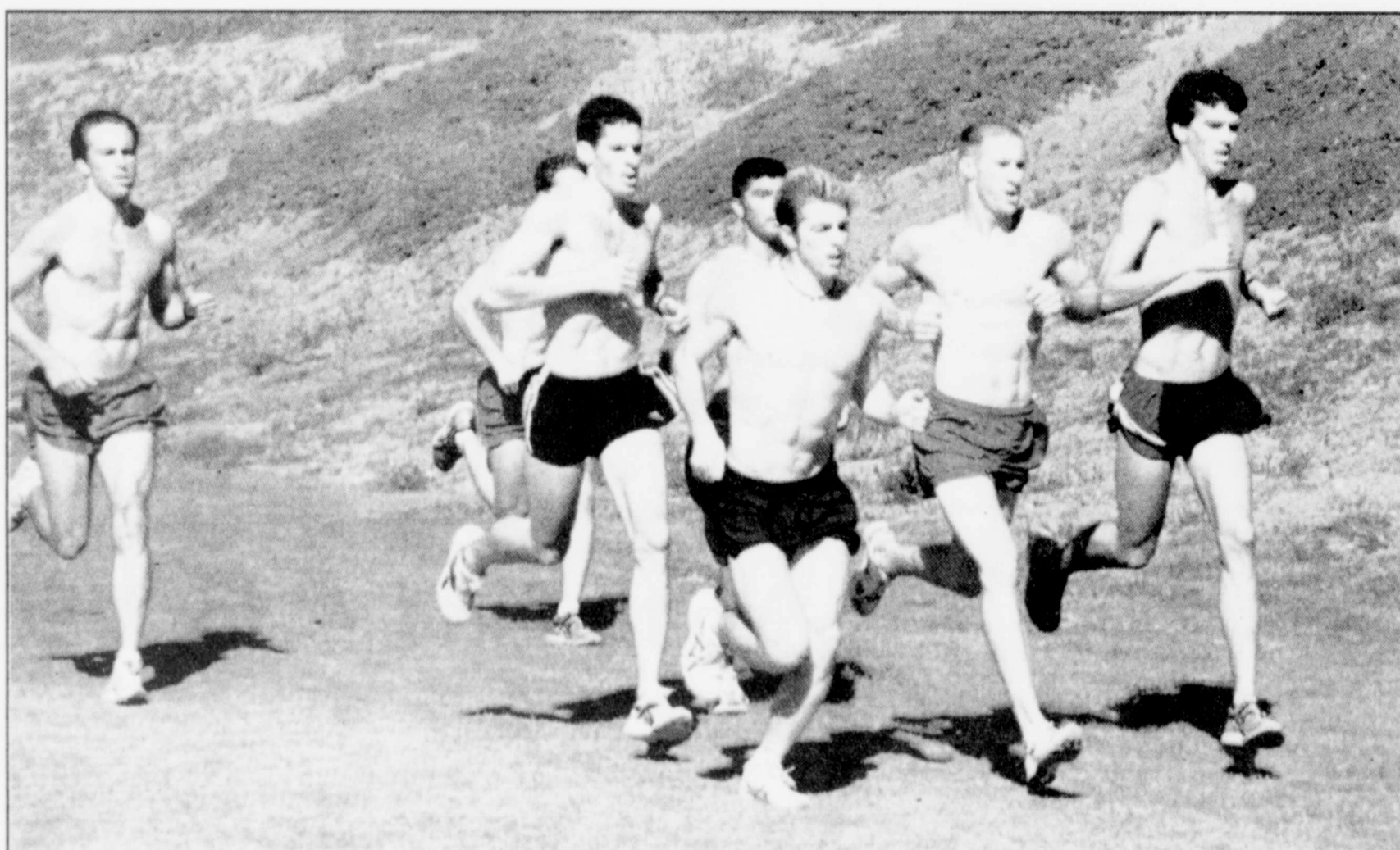
This daily grind includes a morning run of three to four miles followed by an afternoon workout determined by the coach. This workout can be anything from six-one mile runs at a pace of 4:45 minutes per mile, to a 20-mile run.

"Cross country training involves a lot of running," assistant coach Mark Conover said. "We use a mix of mileage run at different paces throughout the week."

Conover, a former Olympian in the marathon, prefers running to other sports because of its simplicity.

"You can do it anywhere at anytime," Conover said. "Just put on shorts and shoes and there you've got it."

Cross country races are run on courses of varying length. The women's team typically competes on 3.1-mile courses, while the men's team usually races on 5-mile courses.



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From left to right, cross country runners Matt Swaney, David Beils, Adam Boothe, David Ulibari and Avery Blackman train at Cuesta College. Runners practice at various locations in order to get used to running on different courses.

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## Women's soccer has high hopes with early season play

By Jon Hughes  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Heading into the 2000-01 season, few Cal Poly teams will have higher expectations than the women's soccer team.

After last year's thrilling run to the Big West championship and the NCAA tournament, many wonder if the team can repeat or improve upon their success of a year ago.

Coach Alex Crozier said that great things could be in store for the Mustangs.

"We have the potential to be as good or better (than last season)," Crozier said of the team, which graduated six starters from last year's squad. "We are just a little less seasoned right now, but we're just as talented as last year."

The team's current three game win and shutout streak could certainly be a sign that the Mustangs are on the right track. After a slow start saw them go 1-4, the team has picked it up in all areas.

The defense has been stellar in not allowing a goal in the past

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Alex Crozier  
women's soccer head coach

three games, and the offense has made strides as well.

The Mustangs scored 10 goals over the past weekend, including a 7-0 romp over Butler University on Saturday.

Crozier singled out two players

from the squad as having performed exceptionally well - Natalia Garcia and Megan Schlegel.

Garcia, rebounding from an injury that forced her to sit out last season, has been a wall in the goal so far. She has contributed heavily

to the current shutout streak, and her play is a model of consistency for the team to follow. In the Sept. 15 overtime victory against Washington State, she recorded nine saves including two second-half saves to preserve the scoreless tie.

Schlegel, Crozier said, has been especially valuable this season.

"She has always been a great goal scorer, but she has stepped it up all around so far this year," he said.

Schlegel has scored game win-

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