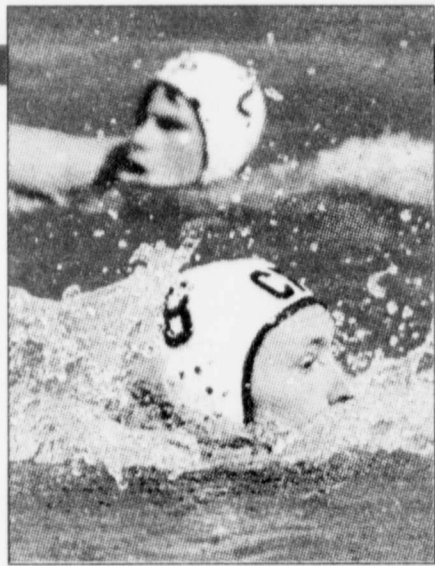


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Professor performs in capital

By Matt Smart

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Music arranged by Cal Poly professor Craig Russell will be performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., tonight.

The arrangement will be performed by the Cuarteto de las Misiones, previously known as the San Luis Obispo County Symphony String Quartet. The group changed its name when it began to specialize in the music of the missions.

Russell rediscovered the music he has arranged in various areas throughout Mexico and California.

"He has found all of these shreds of musical history, he put them back together and we want to give them a voice," said Sandi Sigurdson, executive director of the San Luis Obispo Symphony.

The music that will be performed includes music on the California missions, music from the mountains of the eastern United States, as well as 18th century chamber music. Russell will also narrate the performance with information on the California missions and the founding of modern California. Russell arranged the music this year for two violins, a cello and a viola. The performance will air on the Kennedy Center's Web site at <http://kennedy-center.org> today at 3 p.m.

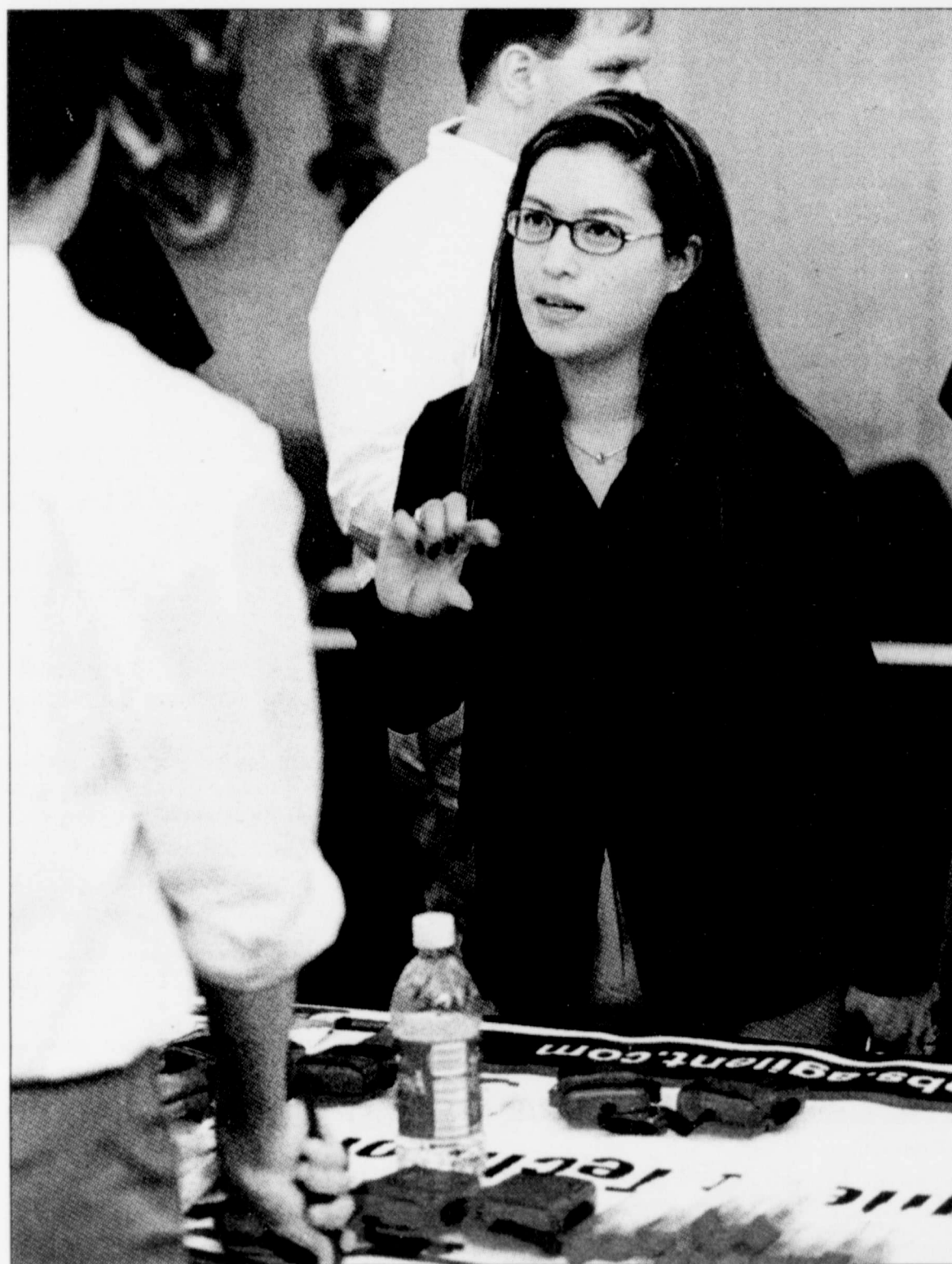
This performance is part of the center's celebration of California State Day in the Millennium Stage State Days series. According to Sigurdson, Rep. Lois Capps called the symphony and asked who would be a good representative of the county. People in the symphony told Capps of Russell's latest work, which included previously vocal music first performed by the Chumash and Salinan people. With this information, the Kennedy Center chose Russell's music because of its strong ties to California history. Capps also nominated the Cuarteto to play the music.

Russell is originally from Virginia and has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1982. He is the music department's interim chair for fall quarter. This quarter he is teaching classes on American music history and music appreciation. Next quarter he is slated to teach music appreciation and a class on the middle ages and renaissance music.

In 1994, Russell served as the artistic adviser for Chanticleer's recording "Mexican Baroque." In 1995, the album was nominated for a Grammy. The album is the only American recording in the category of Baroque music.

Sigurdson had only the best to say of Russell, who is also a soccer coach and involved with groups such as Boy Scouts.

"He is kind, thoughtful and humble," she said. "He is the nicest man ... he is just a grand man."



Hannah Fong, a graphic communication senior, talks to representatives of Agilent Technologies at the Hi-Tech Industry Day in the University Union Monday. About 100 businesses came to recruit students, and 1,000 students attended to get information about possible employment opportunities.

DANIEL GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

Students flock to hi-tech career fair

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

Students talked to Apples, played with Ping-Pong paddles and swarmed through crowds of people on Monday. And it was all in the

name of job hunting.

The first ever Hi-Tech Industry Day flooded the top floor of the University Union and Chumash Auditorium with 100 businesses recruiting students and approxi-

mately 1,000 students looking for jobs.

Armed with resumes and questions, students walked from table to table, meeting prospective employ-

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Downtown businesses extend hours

By Christine Powell

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Beginning tonight, downtown businesses will stay open past regular business hours in a new addition to downtown events. The event was organized by the Downtown Association and will be known as Twilight Tuesday.

For people whose night classes or work keep them from getting out during normal business hours, Twilight Tuesday can accommodate their needs.

"We wanted to start a new trend, make Tuesday night an event," said Christine Bragg, Thursday night activities coordinator.

Although it will take time for

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Newman Center fountain vandalized

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT



I-KON CHEN/MUSTANG DAILY

A fountain at the Newman Catholic Center, located behind the Health Center, was damaged late Friday or early Saturday morning.

The Newman Catholic Center's trademark fountain lies in its pool today after vandals knocked the structure on its side.

The two-tier fountain, standing approximately 5 feet high, was toppled over and left in two pieces, said Sister Mary Pat White of the Newman Center.

"It looks like people had to do it without the help of any vehicle," she said, citing the lack of tire tracks in the surrounding rocks and flower bed.

She said the act occurred before Saturday morning, when the damage was found. A police report was filed Saturday with the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

White said neither she nor the police believe it to be a hate crime.

"I pray to God it's not a hate crime," she said. White added that

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Fourth horse found over weekend

By Megan Shearn

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The final horse of the four that were stolen from the Cal Poly Rodeo grounds about three weeks ago was found Friday in Orange County. The investigation is still continuing in an attempt to identify the thief.

Police had a tip on the whereabouts of the horse when the other three were recovered last week in Kern County.

"It all stemmed from that," said Sgt. Lori Hashim of the University Police.

The Orange County Sheriff's Department was contacted and it was able to con-

firm the identification of the horse.

The horse was taken to a secure location until it could be picked up by its owner.

While the police are not disclosing information about who had the horse in their possession, owner Leah LaGrande is elated that her horse, Molly, is back safe and sound.

"It was such a relief. I just bawled when I found out," LaGrande said.

The horses are prized rodeo horses. Molly is 9 years old and worth \$15,000.

LaGrande received a phone call from the police on Friday. She and a Cal Poly police officer drove a total of 10 hours on Saturday down to

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there was no other damage done to the property such as graffiti that would have been typical of a hate crime.

White said the center will be adding lighting to their facility to help illuminate the area at night.

This is not the first such incident. The fountain was similarly damaged graduation night in June 1998.

White estimated that the fountain has been at the Newman Center for

at least 10 years, but it wasn't dedicated until last year when a former Newman Center chaplain, Priest Vince Walsh, died.

"We love our fountain. ... It's kind of our trademark," White said.

Newman Center's insurance will pay for the damages after a \$500 deductible.

"It's a concern to me and it should be brought to the attention of the university," she said.

San Luis Obispo Police Department could not comment about the crime but did indicate it was not listed as a hate crime.

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Orange County and back.

"I think I got a total of two hours of sleep," LaGrande said.

LaGrande said that Molly was in better condition than the other three, who had some scars and cuts when they were found.

"She had been well taken care of," LaGrande said. "She was blanketed and fed. Her belly was round. The

other horses were really skinny."

The horse theft is the first in Cal Poly history as far as Hashim can recall. LaGrande has confidence that the theft will be a one-time incident.

"I don't think it will happen again," LaGrande said. "I have an enormous lock on her pen, but it's sad that I even have to do that."

Lights and other security measures are in the works to beef up security at the Rodeo grounds and the horse unit, LaGrande said.

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ers and gathering information about various companies. Many tables distributed toys, such as Ping-Pong paddles and rubber balls, while other tables, such as Apple Computer, Inc., displayed brightly colored signs.

"It's awesome," said Brandon Lee, a computer engineering senior. "It's a good opportunity to meet with recruiting staff. It's better than going to Web sites."

Lee spent about an hour at the industry day, which took place between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. He visited about six businesses in that time and felt he made some good contacts.

Aside from collecting numbers and information, one of the main goals of industry day was to attract students interested in technical fields, said Shel Burrell of Career Services.

Though Hi-Tech Industry Day bears a striking resemblance to career symposiums that Career Services has organized in the past, Burrell said it's actually quite different.

Instead of serving strictly as an informative day for students, businesses and corporations were actually looking to hire students. In fact, many of the employers who attended the industry day stayed in town an extra day to hold interviews, Burrell said.

Career Services began planning the event last April after realizing the need to hold a day centered around the technical industry.

"There was more demand than our traditional services could meet," she

said.

The high turnout indicated that Burrell's judgment was correct. She said that even majors that are non-technical attended the industry day to meet possible employers. So many businesses came that Career Services had to order extra pizza to supplement a luncheon that was provided.

Lowell Beatty is the college relations coordinator of 3COM, a company based on Internet services. As he scanned Chumash Auditorium looking at prospective employees, he explained that his company recruits between 30 and 50 Cal Poly students yearly from job fairs held on campus.

Businesses pay \$150 to attend the event, which includes a table in the UU, free advertising in Mustang Daily and a luncheon in the afternoon.

"This is exceptional," Beatty said of industry day. "The career center here is very well run and they advertise events very well."

He added that he has generally been pleased with the students he has met and hired at job fairs.

Although computer science senior Terry Ott said the industry day was convenient because of its location in the UU, he also felt that that the whole day was a little overwhelming.

"It doesn't feel very personal," he said as students streamed past him in the crowded auditorium. "You throw down your resume and it's just another name."

Despite this complaint, Burrell said the turnout was excellent and Career Services will be planning a second such event at this time next year.

Mideast talks slowly continue

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) — In an atmosphere of high tension and mistrust, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met warily at an emergency summit aimed at halting bloody clashes in the Mideast. Hours of talks yielded no cease-fire agreement by early Tuesday despite President Clinton's admonition that "We cannot afford to fail."

Clinton pressed his diplomatic drive into the early hours, meeting with Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak until past 1 a.m., then meeting with Barak for nearly two. More meetings were planned later Tuesday morning, and the eventual outcome was uncertain.

Nabil Abourdeneh, a senior aide to Arafat, said, "We still need a few hours and more American effort to know the

result of these talks. Until now, we still don't have an agreement on anything. We'll know tomorrow morning."

An Egyptian official, Nabil Osman, said the seven leaders participating in the summit would gather together again later Tuesday morning. The marathon talks, lasting well past 14 hours, prompted Clinton to extend his stay into Tuesday morning, rather than departing on Monday night as planned.

Although Israeli officials were downbeat, Jake Siewert, the White House press secretary, characterized the talks as intently focused "on how to change the realities on the ground, so we can begin to build a bridge back to peacemaking."

The main hangup was Arafat's insistence for an international fact-finding commission to assess the

causes of the violence, an Israeli official said. Israel says it will only accept a panel led by the United States, its closest ally.

Barak, meanwhile, insisted on a halt to Palestinian attacks on Israeli soldiers and civilians and the re-arrest of extremists from the Hamas and Islamic Jihad movements who were released this past week. He has called for the Palestinian media to stop its calls for further attacks against Israel.

Clinton implored both sides "to move beyond blame" after more than two weeks of armed clashes on the West Bank and Gaza that have left about 100 people dead, most of them Palestinians. It has been the worst Israeli-Palestinian violence since 1993, when the Oslo peace accords launched the now-shattered peace process.

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PolySat more than just a regular pie-in-the-sky idea from students

By Mike Gilmore
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

There's a different kind of space race going on at Cal Poly. It's not about making it to space first; it's just about making it.

"We're just giving people an opportunity to send something to space," said Jordi Puig-Suari, aeronautical engineering professor. "To put something in space really attracts a lot of attention."

Members of the PolySat team have been working since last October on what they call picosatellites and P-tubes.

Picosatellites are small satellites that weigh about one kilogram and are small enough to cup in the palm of your hand. P-tubes (Picosatellite Orbital Deployer) are the carrying cases for the picosatellites. After reaching space, the P-tubes release the satellites, which would orbit the earth. With the P-tubes, Cal Poly can deploy satellites for any organization, according to the PolySat Web site.

Cal Poly isn't the only university making these satellites either. Three universities in Japan, along with Montana State University, Stanford University and other schools, are involved in sending satellites into outer space.

All of the schools are working together under a large program called CubeSat, which originated at Stanford.

While the other schools are all making picosatellites, Cal Poly is the only school making P-tubes.

"That's big because everybody depends on us," Puig-Suari said. "If we don't make it, nobody does."

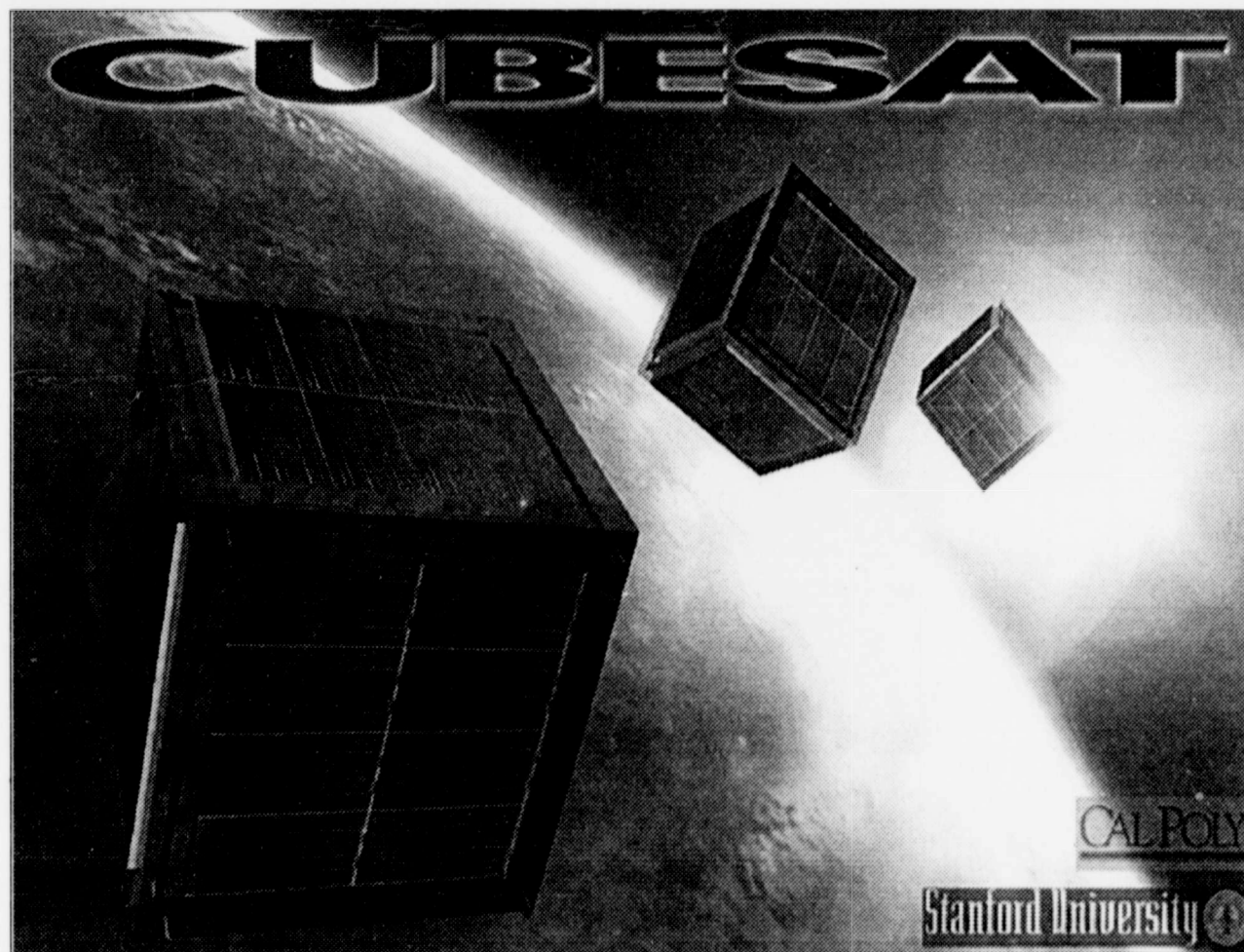
The launch of the satellites is scheduled for November 2001. There are plenty of deadlines to meet before then, because the satellites must be tested and shipped to a company in Utah for licensing and export. They will then be shipped to Russia where they will be launched into space. After waiting numerous times for the Russian company to be ready, this launch date is expected to be the final postponement.

Puig-Suari is excited about the prospect of this entire project.

"It's putting us big time on the map as far as other people getting to know us," he said. "The learning experience for the students is great."

Aerospace engineering senior Jeremy Schoos has been working on the project since it began.

"It's fun and it's definitely a learning experience," he said. "You have to make sure you do everything right and you come through. It's a lot



The Poly CubeSat project, above, is illustrated with renderings of CubeSats and the hazy Earth's surface laying far in the background. The CubeSat project is a section of PolySat.

of pressure, but it just makes us work harder."

Schoos, along with approximately 20 other students, works long hours on designing, developing and testing the satellites and P-tubes.

"It's just time consuming putting everything together, getting people on the same track and just keeping it together while managing classes and everything else," Schoos said.

While PolySat is about getting something to space, there are many different aspects involved in the process.

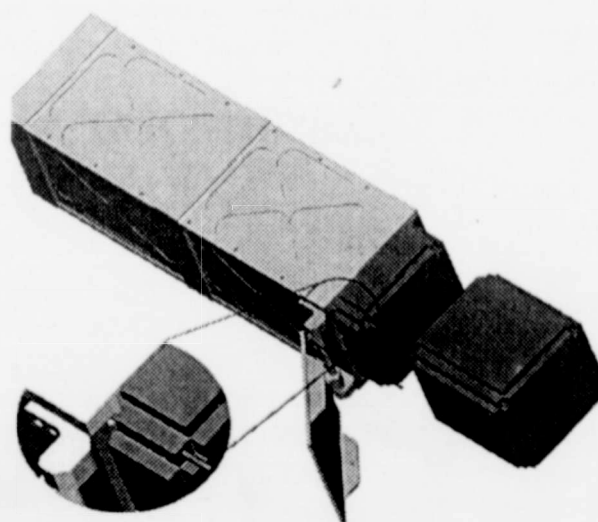
"The principle issue is they're teaching tools," Puig-Suari said. "So we're going to have electrical engineering students, computer science students, mechanical engineering students and aerospace students working together to do a complete sophisticated system."

One of the goals of PolySat has been to get as many people from as many different disciplines as possible involved.

"That's one of our big emphasis this quarter is to get the word out about it and to get people involved because there is definitely a lot of work that can be done on it," Schoos said.

The PolySat project is overseen by aerospace engineering and computer science pro-

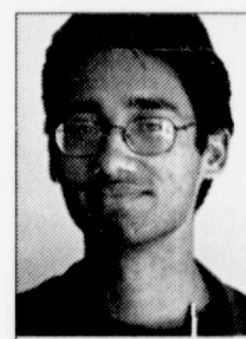
fessors, and is cooperatively run by Cal Poly students. More information can be obtained at PolySat's Web site www.calpoly.edu/%7eaero/polysat/index.html.



The Poly Picosatellite Orbital Deployer (P-POD) component of PolySat, above, is releasing CubeSats with rail detail.

Only stupid question is one unasked

Ever had one of those moments when you felt like there was something important you needed to know but were to ashamed to ask because it seemed incredibly stupid that you didn't know what it was you needed to know? If you answered no to the above, you're either lying or just not a member of the human race. Of course, you could be an exceptional, know-it-all person, but then you wouldn't be reading this column because you'd probably know what it is about.



Faz Khan

There are other beings that weren't afraid of asking those silly questions asked, and came up with answers. And these answers are now on the Internet where anybody could look them up without having to reveal their true identity.

Our first stop is www.learn2.com. These guys are great. They offer a whole bunch of free tutorials on just about anything you can imagine. Do you find yourself getting kicked out of people's houses with the last words being, "And don't come back!" No problem! They have a tutorial on how you can be a better houseguest. Have you been hanging out at Poly Escapes for a year and still don't know how to read those cool topographical maps? Have no fear - they've got it covered.

Our second stop will be a site of a somewhat more technical nature. It's not as pretty, but it's packed with useful or useless information, depending on your perspective. The address is <http://www.last-word.com>. Ever wondered about why your monitors and televisions go boing every time you turn them on? The really cool thing is that if there's something you want to know, just send them an e-mail and they'll put it up in the unanswered questions section till somebody who knows the answer comes by and answers it.

Our last stops are going to deal with stretching the mind. Having people answer questions for us, as great as it may seem, is not something that should be done often. Every now and then issues come up that we must ponder upon ourselves so we may improve ourselves. Of course, not all of us have time to come up with these deep issues. So go here to get started: <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Olympus/2843> or <http://www3.hmc.edu/~mtapper/rhet.htm>. These sites will ask you to wonder. To think about earth-shattering issues. For example, if nothing sticks to Teflon, how do they stick Teflon on the pan? Try and wrap your mind around that!

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Would it kill you to sit still for an hour?

Environmental Design 101 is not the greatest class in the world. Among the students I have surveyed who have taken this class, I have found none that enjoyed taking it. It has been called "Catching Up on Sleep 101," and "The Bore-a-thon."

For those of you who are not familiar with the class, it is an introduction to the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Roughly 500 students attend the class that meets in the theater. It's held twice a week at 8 a.m.

These are not the conditions for a very engaging class. It is big, it is early and it is attended primarily by freshmen. Naturally, the expectations for enthusiasm are low.

Perhaps the enthusiasm level is too low. Last week we had a guest speaker come to share his views on the planning process. He's an accomplished architect who is responsible for designing a very prominent Cal Poly landmark. You would think that the students of EDES 101 would be willing to give him their undivided attention. But this was not the case.

The speaker stood on a stage overlooking 500 students, half of whom were still in their pajamas. As he shared his views and experiences with us, he had to compete with numerous conversations from students in the crowd, who didn't even attempt to speak at a whisper. There were very audible and highly inappropriate sexual remarks made. Some students, who were not engaged in conversation, chose to sleep instead.

Okay, that's not quite as rude. The speaker may not even notice a sleeping student — unless that student chooses to sprawl his legs over the seats in front of him or curl up into the fetal position, facing away from the stage. Then it becomes very noticeable. Still others chose to leave the auditorium early, creating quite a disturbance as they squeezed their way through the rows of seats and out the back doors.

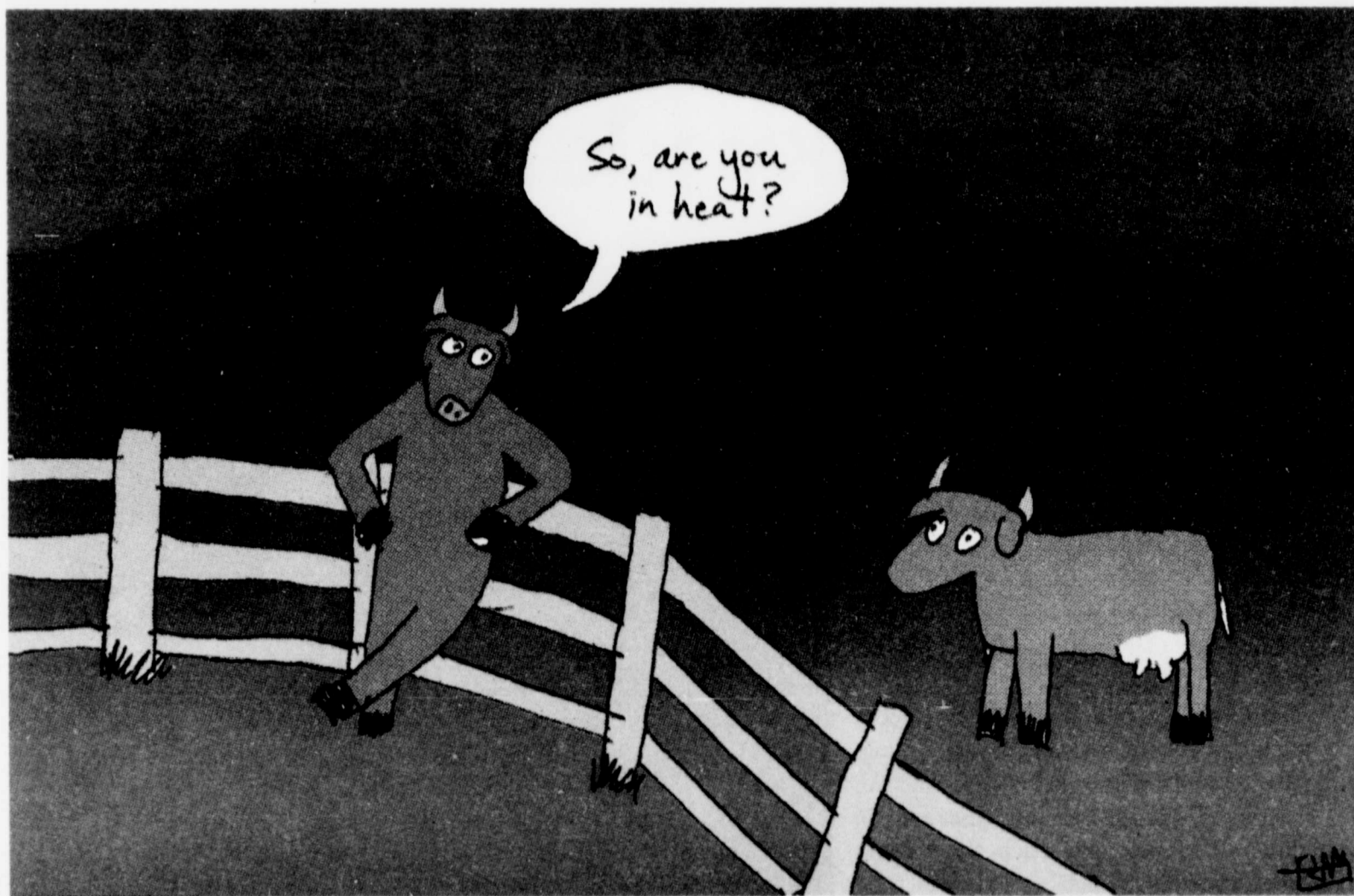
Can you imagine what it is like to stand in front of such a crowd and get that kind of reception? It must have been quite disheartening for the speaker to find out that tomorrow's architects, planners, designers and engineers are not interested in something as fundamental as the planning process.

Now, I must admit that the presentation was not entertaining. The speaker's slides were stolen, so he had to rely entirely on his speech to interest his audience. This was no easy task, as he had a thick accent and his microphone was turned down entirely too low.

These factors aside, the students in EDES 101 (or elsewhere on campus as I am sure this is not isolated to one class) could at least muster enough discipline and respect to sit still for one hour and pretend to give a guest to their campus their undivided attention.

Those who did listen attentively during the presentation probably share my grief. Those who did not, demonstrated to the speaker, and their peers, that they are very impolite and have a very small attention span. I would advise this group to try a little harder to complete the transition from high school to adulthood because you confirmed last week that you clearly have not made it yet.

Chris Weber is an architecture junior.



Cow pick-up lines

Eco-friendly dorms are quality

Student populations in California are growing, the cost of natural resources are rising and the need for dorms is expanding.

Now is a good time for Cal Poly to consider planning earth-friendly dorms.

At Northland College, a small liberal arts college in Wisconsin, students have the opportunity to live in the Environmental Living and Learning Center, an environmentally friendly dorm that cost the university \$4.1 million. At full occupancy, the dorm can hold 114 students.

The housing costs \$550 more than the traditional double occupancy dorm per person, per year. The traditional housing is similar to what Cal Poly currently offers to all students.

The dorm includes a 120-foot-tall wind tower and three solar arrays, 14 solar panels to preheat water, furniture made from recycled materials, linoleum floors made from organic materials and waterless compost toilets.

With all of these great energy-saving tools and earth-friendly recycled materials, 8 percent of the dorm's electricity is saved. The solar panels help cut costs by decreasing hot water preheating by nearly 30 percent.

Are these savings in energy and products worth the extra dollars?

In my mind, they are. They will set a precedent to make even bigger strides towards earth-friendly residences.

But not everyone has extra cash to help save the planet.

A business major I talked to told me that living in such a dorm sounded cool and he thinks people would consider it. He also mentioned that Cal Poly is the perfect place to do it, but he did not think people would come here based solely on the eco-dorms.

A liberal studies major brought up the point that if students were given the choice to choose, the housing arrangement would not work.

But with student enrollment rising, the dorms would fill up after all. This situation might force those who don't have much money into eco-dorms that cost more.

A close friend of mine, a history major, brought up her concern about waterless toilets. The waterless toilets require a handful of wood chips to be thrown in after the user is finished. "It seems that we have a more abundant supply of water than wood chips," she said.

Now this may or may not be true, but with more and more students coming into Cal Poly, and with concerns about over consumption of natural resources growing, now is the time for our university to plan for the future.

Cal Poly is constantly revising its master plan. Students, faculty and staff should make it their prerogative to create buildings and environments that are more earth friendly. They should also insist that the university comply to their demands.

Northland College has received widespread acclaim for their eco-friendly housing. The U.S. Energy Department's Center of Excellence for Sustainable Development lists the dorm as one of the 26 "success

stories" for commercial projects in the United States, as mentioned in the San Francisco Chronicle.

The American Institute of Architects selected the dorm as one of its 10 examples of viable architectural design solutions that protect and enhance the environment for Earth Day 2000.

San Luis Obispo is a beautiful place to live. Our university prides itself on the quality of students that it produces and the quality environment that it provides.

The technical side of this university constantly touts itself as being ahead of the curve. Let us continue to prove our point by making strides towards ecologically friendly environments.

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Letter to the editor

'Mafia' member says it's all in fun Editor,

My name is Angela Hacker. Let me tell you a little about myself. I'm a third year psychology major and I have a cat named Petite. Oh, and I almost forgot, I'm an advocate for anything that glorifies senseless killings and criminal activity, or so I've been recently branded.

I carry around a \$10 Nerf dart shooter, an obvious symbol of my violent character. This fluorescent-colored piece of plastic most definitely serves to both endanger the lives and sanctity of select fellow immature and hostile students at Cal Poly.

I act as a banner for my crusade towards increased social insensitivity and desensitization and the advancement of racial humility and gang violence.

This was, of course, my aim when I purchased the assault weapon, not to mention to intentionally offend all those who have ever been victimized by any type of group violence. The other 70 sick and twisted individuals currently playing "Mafia" and I are obviously in it because we are just far too ignorant to see the direct parallel comparison between foam balls and bullets, or between a game's name and a social crisis.

In actuality, we're all out for blood and trying to achieve great game by appearing on the front page of Mustang Daily.

Now, seriously, let's lighten up a bit. "Mafia" is a game between a group of friends (all rather intelligent and compassionate people), and that is all it was ever meant to be.

You don't have to believe it's cute – no one asked you to. Do not waste my time and yours insulting my character by pinning world social issues on my own personal intent and on a game that involves foam discs and darts. Please. It's more like a game of chess than a game of violence. It's strategy. It's friendly competition. It's money, and it's damn well organized and fun.

Here are a couple little life reminders for those of us who sometimes forget about fun: Not everything that slightly resembles or mimics something else is meant to support, commend and glorify it, and not everything on the front page of a newspaper has to be controversial or negative.

That's all I have to say because, unlike some that have just a little too much time in their day, I've got better things to do than argue about plastic toys.

Angela Hacker is a psychology junior.

Nude news wouldn't translate

Russian television viewers receive news from nudes, thanks to the current affairs program, "Naked Truth."

"Naked Truth" has gathered interest and has become a cult television show in Russia.

Svetlana Pesotskaya is the reporter who reads the news

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taking of her top or having it removed by a pair of hairy male arms. But she insists that the show is a serious news program, according to an article written by Moscow writer Marcus Warren (theage.com.au).

She says that they are trying to shock the audience so that the show stands out. According to the article, a major party leader has agreed to come on the show, so it seems to be working. If it is working for Russia, they should continue with it. But it doesn't mean that we should even think about trying it.

Now, I don't know what the Russian news anchors look like, but can you imagine some American news anchors working in the buff?

Nothing would make me change the channel faster than seeing Barbara Walters blabber about Bosnia with her boobs busting out. She's a great

reporter, but I'm sure she's no nude model.

And what if Hugh Downs was sitting next to her on the set of 20/20 in the same state of undress? We might find out that he is more voluptuous than Barbara Walters. Worse yet, we would find out who has tan lines and who doesn't. Taking the news seriously would become virtually impossible.

As I've stated above, a major Russian party leader has agreed to appear on the show. I think that nude news would attract our major leaders as well. Bill Clinton, for example, would never pass up an opportunity to engage in conversation with a naked woman. Judging from the looks of his past relationships, he would probably be excited about seeing Barbara Walters naked.

I don't think "The Today Show" would be quite as nauseating as "20/20." Matt Lauer and Katie Couric could most likely hold their own in their birthday suits, but when they cut to Al Roker for the weather, I would definitely want my remote nearby.

Because of censors, we are lucky enough to never have to see these famous news anchors in the nude. This is one time I completely support censorship.

The censors in Russia are

obviously not as strict as the ones here in the United States.

And, hopefully, their reporters are in better shape than ours. Their thinking behind this strategy of news is obvious: sex sells. If people find out that they can see the news reported by naked women, they will most likely check it out at least once. If not, they will at least tell their friends about it and spread the word.

Here in the United States, the general public would never watch Barbara Walters and Hugh Downs report the news side by side in the nude. Their show is popular enough already, so a publicity stunt such as this will never be tried.

But if it were tried, it would provide quite a shock to the American public. It would shock people enough to want to smash their television sets with sledgehammers.

If they got two supermodels to report the news in the nude, it would probably be a different story. But then they would have change the title from "20/20" to "36/24/36."

Jayson Rowley is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Twilight Tuesdays to rival the success of downtown's Thursday night Farmers Market, participating businesses hope to draw more customers during the three-month Twilight Tuesday trial period. Businesses also hope their customers take advantage of available discounts.

Free parking and plenty of available spots are another bonus. Business is typically slower on weeknights, and all spaces are free after 6 p.m.

Corporate-owned stores, such as the Gap, Express and Barnes and Noble have always stayed open later than privately owned stores, but Twilight Tuesdays will now give corporate-owned stores a chance to bring in a little more business than usual. Surrounding stores will also be open and hope to attract more customers. Participating businesses including Crazy Jay's, Coverings, Twisted Orbits, The Novel Experience and Cal Photo will remain open until 9 p.m.

"We're going to do the same thing

we do after home football games: 15 percent off everything that's not on sale," said Kim Shank, manager of Cal Poly Downtown. "It's a good opportunity to buy merchandise - stuff that probably won't be discounted before Christmas."

Downtown restaurants including Mo's Smokehouse and Tortilla Flats are participating in Twilight Tuesdays and will offer dinner discount specials with a student's budget in mind.

Mo's has offered ribs and home-made food for years and is now serving a Twilight Tuesday special that consists of a free side order of homemade potato chips with any purchase of two dinners.

At the other end of Higuera Street, Tortilla Flats will feature a "Feast on Fajitas" special for \$7.95. Customers can choose from chicken, steak, or veggie fajitas that include guacamole, sour cream, cheese, beans and rice.

The Twilight Tuesday event is expected to come in handy during Christmas time. Locals can save on dinner costs and gifts without the holiday season rush and parking woes.

U.S. tuition costs rise nationwide

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of a college degree continues to rise faster than inflation, with tuition and fees at public four-year colleges up an average 4.4 percent and even more at private schools, the College Board reported Monday.

Its survey also found that loans provided a growing chunk of the extra money students need to pay for college degrees.

Average in-state tuition and fees at public four-year schools this fall is \$3,510 per year — \$148 more than last year, according to the survey. On-campus room and board now averages \$4,960, up 5.1 percent.

At private four-year colleges, tuition and fees average \$16,332, up 5.2 percent from last year. Room and board on campus is now \$6,209, a 4.2 percent increase.

Only public two-year schools, chiefly community colleges, stayed below the current inflation rate — but barely. Tuition rose this year to \$1,705, up 3.4 percent, the survey found.

Private two-year schools boosted tuition and fees to \$7,458, a 7 percent rise.

This pattern follows an old, familiar trend, said Joni Finney, a policy analyst at the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education in San Jose, Calif. "Colleges and universities have a very difficult time controlling their costs," she said.

"These institutions were underfunded in the early part of the '90s," Finney said. "But they've more than made up for lost ground."

But Stanley Ikenberry, president of the American Council on Education, an umbrella group for higher education, said: "Given the large, fixed costs of most campuses, in personnel and facilities especially, these numbers show institutions are working hard to hold the line on increases."

The recent increases push past inflation. The Consumer Price Index rose 2.7 percent in 1999; the first eight months of this year, consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 3.5 percent. Last year, college tuition and fees rose less than 5 percent.

The survey continues what has been happening for most of the 20th century, said Morton Schapiro, a higher education economist and president of Williams College. Expect for the late '70s and early '80s, college cost-increases largely have exceeded inflation, he said.

"About 20 years ago, there was a period of time when the real cost of higher education was falling. But then they more than made up for that," Schapiro said.

Despite the increases, college remains affordable and a good investment, College Board President Gaston Caperton said.

"In both earning potential and learning potential, you cannot beat the value of a college education," the former West Virginia governor said.

The College Board's figures reflect the costs for 6.4 million full-time undergraduates — 54 percent attending four-year public institutions; 27 percent at four-year private schools, 17 percent at two-year community colleges and 1 percent at private two-year schools.

A majority of students need grants or loans — or both — but their exact numbers are unknown, a College Board spokesman said.

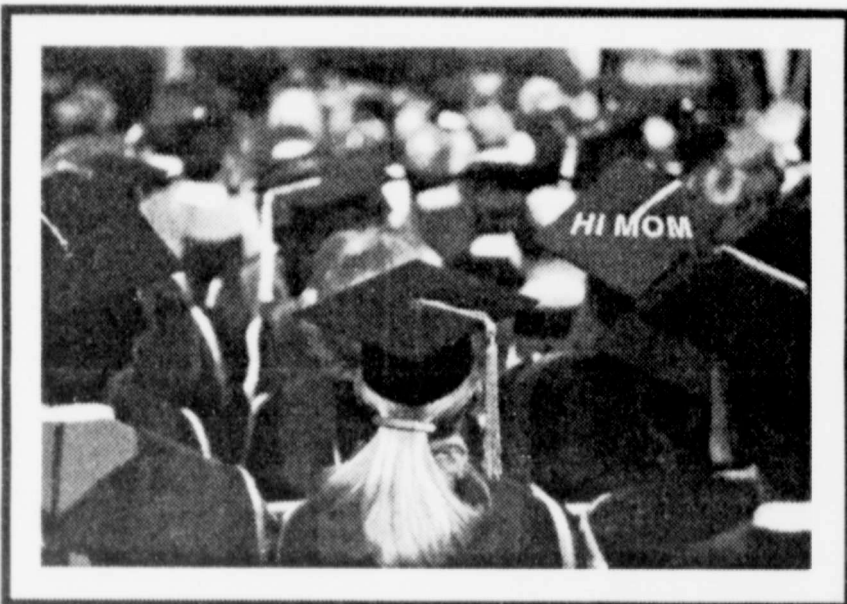
Last school year, loans made up 59 percent of a record \$68 billion in financial aid. A decade ago, loans made up just over 41 percent of student financial help.

The pool of money from federal, state and school sources last year was 4 percent greater than a year earlier, but 88 percent more than a decade before, taking inflation into account.

The New York-based College Board is a nonprofit organization that administers the SATs and promotes higher education.

It surveyed more than 3,000 schools to find out undergraduate charges for 2000-2001. The companion survey on financial aid was based on federal, state and school statistics from 1999-2000. Current grant and loan figures are not available until the school year ends.

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Junior Sean Hefferly spars during a Wednesday night practice.

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"Cal Poly produces an excellent product," Torres said. "The epee team dominates in our league."

The foil and sabre teams are fairly new to the program and place between first and third in the inter-collegiate league, he said.

"We also give our novice students a chance to be competitive," Torres said. "Anyone can compete who wants to."

The fencing season lasts throughout the academic year, ending with championship fencing tournaments in the spring.

The club competes using all three fencing weapons: foil, epee and sabre. The foil is a modern version of the dueling rapier, and has a rectangular blade, approximately 35 inches long and weighing less than a pound. The epee is the descendant of a dueling sword. It's about the same length as a foil, but has a heavier weight of 27

ounces. The sabre can be compared to a cavalry sword and is similar in length and weight to a foil. All three weapons must be used with a set of equipment worn by fencers for both protection and scoring.

One set of fencing equipment includes a mask, jacket, weapon and gloves. Not only do competitive fencers need this, but they must also have a scoring apparatus for each team of four players competing. This is an electronic machine that counts the number of hits during a bout (individual fencing match). These can cost about \$1,500.

All students are welcome to join the club and may do so by attending the meetings, which are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. in the fitness room of the Rec Center. Interested students can also check out the club's Web site at www.fencing.calpoly.edu to find more information.

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Mourning out for season

MIAMI (AP) — A common but serious kidney ailment will keep Alonzo Mourning sidelined for the entire season, depriving the Miami Heat of their biggest star and the key to their quest for an NBA title.

Doctors said Monday that the illness, first spotted just after Mourning helped the U.S. team to the basketball gold medal earlier this month, was focal glomerulosclerosis, which leads to kidney failure in about half the cases.

They said there were no immediate plans for a kidney transplant or dialysis.

"I feel great right now. We've pretty much got a hold on it, the whole situation right now," Mourning said at a news conference in which he discussed his ailment publicly for the first time.

"The main objective is to get me healthy so I can live my life normally, so I can see my babies grow up, and so I can enjoy my family."

"And, at the same time, possibly do the things that I know and love — and that's the game of basketball. But the key right now is to get me healthy."

Pat Riley, the Heat coach who spent the offseason signing free agents and redesigning the team to complement Mourning's talents, said his star center was following the proper course.

"Alonzo Mourning will not be playing professional basketball this season, and we're totally convinced that the only thing that should be

on his mind is getting healthy," Riley said.

The 30-year-old center made his first public appearance since Oct. 3, when he attended the team's media day. Training camp began without him the following day, and he has not practiced because of his condition, which was discovered during a routine physical two weeks ago.

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Alonzo Mourning
Heat center

Sean Elliott, who had a kidney transplant last year and is back playing for the San Antonio Spurs, has spoken with Mourning.

"There's a lot of questions that he had, basically," Elliott said. "I know how he feels right now as far as fatigue-wise. When I first went to the doctor, I felt terrible. I can sympathize with him."

Dr. Gerald Appel, of Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York, said the disease causes the kidneys to leak protein into a person's urine. Without treatment, filters in the kidneys eventually become scarred, cease to function and a

transplant is needed.

The origin of Mourning's condition is unknown. Some forms of the disease may be more common in blacks, but the statistics aren't clear, said Columbia kidney specialist Dr. Leonard Stern.

"I am very confident this is not related to HIV disease, it's not related to drug abuse, it's not related to steroids or anything Alonzo did," Appel said.

Mourning will be placed on a six-month treatment trial. He will take medication in hope of reducing the swelling in his lower body, stopping the kidneys from leaking proteins and controlling his blood pressure and cholesterol levels. He also will follow a strict low-sodium diet.

The drugs cause side effects, Riley said, which would make strenuous exercise unsafe.

"He wants to play, but he can't," Riley said. "He's not that stupid."

But even with treatment, about 50 percent of cases develop chronic renal failure, Appel said. The kidney disease used to be the fourth-largest cause of death in the United States.

"Right now, his kidney function is good," Appel said. "He is not in a situation where we're talking about dialysis or a transplant. Many of the patients, when we turn off the protein entirely with these medications, they come off the medications and lead an absolutely normal life."

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leges.

At the Collegiate Water Polo Association Northern Region Qualifiers this past weekend, Cal Poly won all four games, including one each against rivals Chico State and California Maritime.

In the final game of the tournament, the Mustangs needed to score 17 goals to retain their No. 1 ranking. They responded by pounding Chabot College 18-1. The ranking is deter-

mined by the number of goals scored.

John Voegtli contributed five goals and goalie Joey Phister had five saves, a low number indicative of a team playing great defense.

A significant benefit of holding the No. 1 ranking is that the Mustangs will enter the Pacific Coast Division Championship tournament as the top seed. In the tournament, held at Cal Poly on Nov. 4 and 5, the team will face tough competition including UCLA's club team and Fresno State to determine who will go to the Collegiate Water Polo National Championships, held in

Seattle on Nov. 11 and 12.

Despite the tough games ahead, the team is confident they will repeat as national champs.

"We've had some obstacles to overcome, but once everything comes together, we should be able to repeat," Wong said.

He added that the support of the home crowd at the championships can greatly benefit the team.

"It's always good to play for the home crowd," Wong said. "The bigger the crowd, the more fired up the team will get."

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Men's water polo begins title defense

By Jon Hughes

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

There are few defending national champions that have started their seasons as quietly as Cal Poly's men's water polo team. After last season's breakthrough, the hype around campus has been somewhat subdued for one of the school's most successful sports teams. With a solid roster and an excellent start to the season, however, the hype may be building.

After capturing the National Collegiate Water Polo Club Championship last season, expectations for the team are understandably high. The team has already faced some adversity this season, losing three starters to injuries and other factors, but head coach John Walker feels the team is right where it wants to be.

"We've lost a few people, but others have really stepped it up," Walker said. "The guys have basically said, 'Hey, we don't want to lose.'"

Walker singled out a few players as having performed extremely well so far this season. John Voegtli, a fourth year driver, has a 4.3 goals-per-game average and has been a force in the pool. Brett Lawrence, another fourth year driver and club president, has also played very well and has been a good influence on the many younger players.

Walker said that while the team is different in makeup from last year's squad, it possesses certain attributes that may actually make it a better all-around team.

"Although we're younger this year than last, it works well because the freshmen really push the older guys in practice," he said. "Plus, we're playing a lot smarter this year as opposed to just being strong and fast."

Craig Wong, a junior driver on the team, agrees that the team's dynamic serves the players.

"Everything has caused the team to really draw closer," he said. "We lost some experienced guys, but we have a solid returning crew and the freshmen have been great."

The team's results so far this season support the players' claims that they are still the team to beat. It is currently 6-1, and it has won its last five games. Last Wednesday, Cal Poly defeated area rival Cuesta College 8-4 in a game attended by more than 200 spectators, a very large crowd by water polo standards. Cuesta is ranked No. 1 in the nation among all junior col-

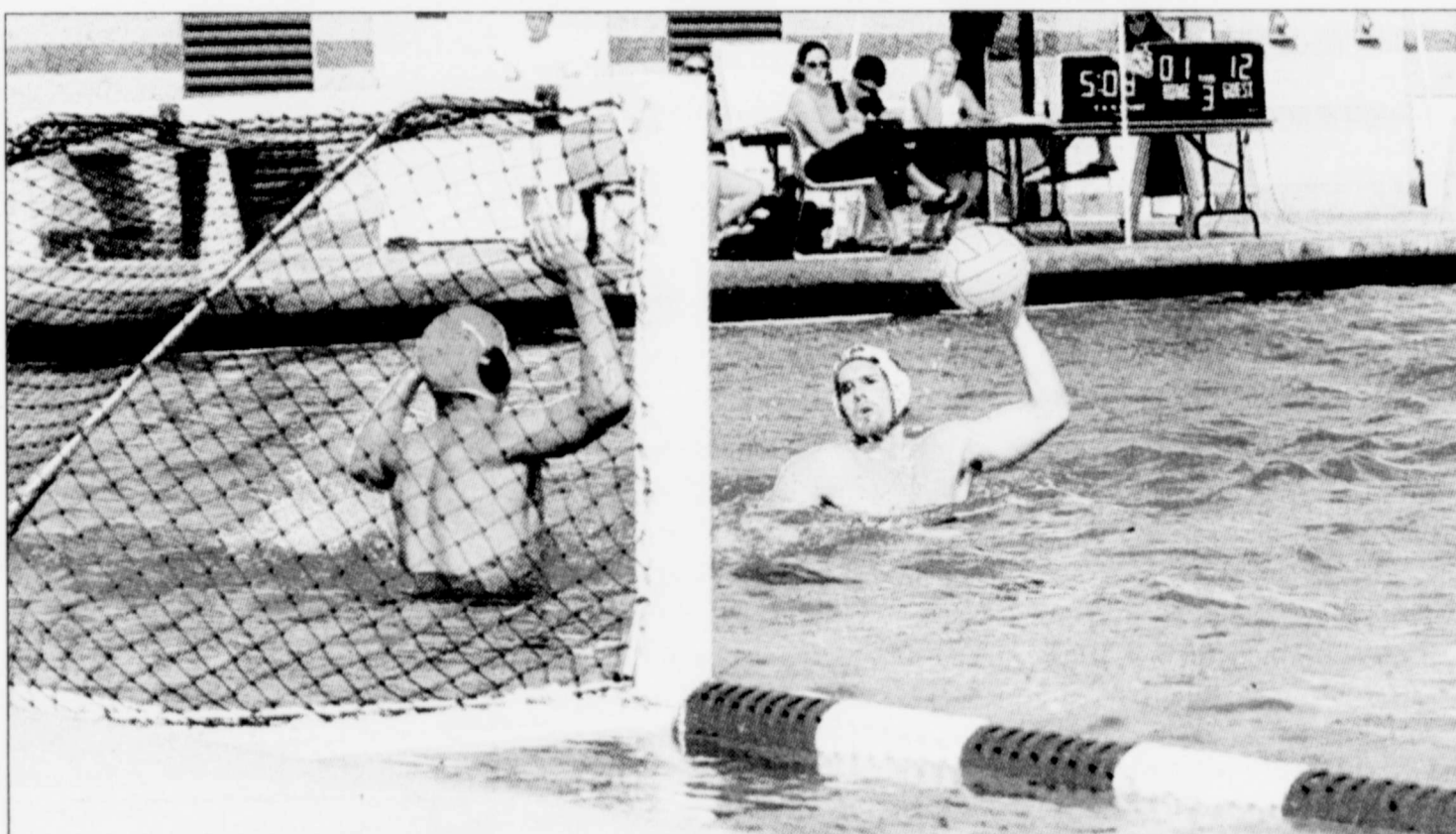
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Left, Cal Poly driver Bret Lawrence attempts to steal the ball from Zalalem BellSparrow in Cal Poly's 17-1 win over Chabot.

Below, Mustang driver John Voegtli prepares to shoot while the Chabot College goalkeeper Matthew Willinger jumps to block. Cal Poly won all four games it played in the three-day tournament held at the Rec Center.

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Mustang fencers dominate league play



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Sophomore Jenny Destreicher practices while coach Eric McDonald looks on.

By Keri Christoffels

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Football, volleyball or basketball usually come to mind when talking about popular college sports. Cal Poly has an up-and-coming group of athletes that are less well known, but very dedicated to their unique sport.

The Cal Poly Fencing Club has existed for many years on campus, but has become much more serious and competitive during the last few years. The club offers fencing instruction for all students, beginning through advanced, and fields a competitive team.

"We compete regionally and with other colleges such as Davis, Berkeley and UCSB," head coach Eric McDonald said.

McDonald coaches with help from three assistant coaches and two student coaches, all who volunteer their time to the organization. These six instructors divide their time between many novice and advanced fencers, with club membership peaking at 45 students this quarter.

With much-needed equipment and little financial support from Rec Sports, the student-run club holds two or more fundraising events throughout the year. This allows

them to pay for traveling fees and more equipment when needed.

"It's the students that play the largest role in keeping the club visible and operating for the other students," McDonald said.

The club is run by President Juan Torres with assistance from Vice President Jennie Ostreicher, Secretary Kevin Craig, Treasurer Josh Cohen and Armourer Heather Nelson. They are responsible for organizing competitions and practices, as well as other aspects of the club.

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Sports Trivia

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Briefs

A's decline option on Stairs

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Athletics announced Monday they will decline to pick up the \$4 million option on right fielder Matt Stairs' contract for next season.

Stairs, 32, will remain on the Athletics' 40-man roster pending salary arbitration. He is not eligible for free agency until after the 2001 season.

Stairs, who earned \$3.05 million this year, struggled after posting consecutive 100 RBI seasons.

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