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University seeks input on revised Master Plan

By Sonia Slutzki

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's a vague concept that has been floating through the hallways of Cal Poly for some time now.

It's long, it's complicated and not many students understand it.

But it's going to determine Cal Poly's future and affect students and the community.

Its name?

The Master Plan.

For those who are interested in the fate of their university, the new 800-page revision of the Master Plan is available for review by campus and community members through Dec. 4.

In addition, two open forums have been scheduled during November to facilitate input and additional revisions on the new plan, said Linda Dalton, vice provost for Institutional Planning, in a press release. The university is required by law to get input from all parties affected by the Master Plan.

"The Master Plan has been designed to help fill California's increasing need for a well-educated work force, especially in the technological fields," Dalton stated. "Colleges and departments have identified areas for program growth

in their strategic plans so the Master Plan can include appropriate buildings, laboratories and technology to meet those needs."

In an attempt to balance land uses with enrollment demands, the new draft addresses environmental-impact reports, housing issues, necessary educational facilities and possible staff increases.

Ed Naretto, director of facility services, explained that the Master Plan is only in its preliminary stages. Details will not be available until the plan moves into its implementation stage. This phase of the Master Plan will not occur until summer 2001, he said.

Until spring 2001, the Master Plan is only a general idea of what the university would like to accomplish.

One area of improvement that the Master Plan hopes to address is Brizzolara Creek, the stream that runs partially through Poly Canyon.

"We want to make sure that we can enhance that whole area," Naretto said.

Samuel Aborne, Associated Students Inc. president, said they want to transform the creek into an outdoor lab for biology and science

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Cal Poly graduates among best at repaying federal student loans

By Matt Smart

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly students who borrow money from the federal government rank the most reliable in California in paying back their loans after graduation.

In the most recent data from 1998, there were 2,516 Cal Poly students repaying loans. Only 60 of those went into default. With these numbers, Cal Poly received a default rate of 2.3 percent. That rate is the lowest rate the university has received since statistics were first published in 1989. In 1996 and 1997, Cal Poly had a default rate of 4.8 percent.

John Anderson, director of Financial Aid, explained why some Cal Poly students default on their loans.

"The single reason students don't repay their loans is they don't finish their academic programs and they don't get jobs," he said. "There is a good economy and there is good availability of jobs (so they are repaying their loans)."

Cal Poly's default rate is the lowest among both California State University and University of California campuses. University of California at San Diego ranks closest with a rate of 2.5 percent. University of California at Berkeley received a rate of 3.8 percent.

Meredith Takken, assistant director of counseling for Financial Aid, explained why Cal Poly students have been doing well on repaying their loans.

"Cal Poly has a good graduation rate in the Cal State system," she said. "Students here are very employable and they are very conscientious."

The national loan default rate is at its lowest point ever at 6.9 percent. Eight years ago it was at 22.4 percent. The default rate has declined every year since 1992. The year 1998 marks the third consecutive year that it has remained below 10 percent. Schools with default rates of 25 percent or greater for three consecutive years face loss of eligibility to participate in the loan program and Pell grant program. Since 1993 there have been 850 schools across the nation that have lost their student loan program eligibility, thereby decreasing the national default rate.

"The decline in defaults, increased collections, and savings from the direct student loan program have saved U.S. taxpayers \$18 billion," said U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley in a press release Oct. 2.

Every year, Cal Poly's Financial Aid office processes more than 9,000 applications for the Federal Family Educational Loan Program. The office delivers more than \$34 million annually to students.

The average Cal Poly recipient borrows \$14,888. At the current interest rate of 8.19 percent, the student pays back his loan in 10 years by paying \$182.13 a month.



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Construction workers guide in the light standards to the new Sports Complex in this photo from May. The lights are now installed, but not in the correct positions, so no games can be played at the Complex after dark.

Complex lights need adjustment

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The contractors hired to fix the lights at the Sports Complex have not met certain specifications that were laid out in their contract, said campus officials on Wednesday.

"We can turn them on, but we can't use them," said Ed Naretto, director of facility services.

Standard stadium lights surround the 47-acre Complex, which

includes six multipurpose fields and three softball fields. The lights in question are located on the lower fields of the Complex.

Currently, the Sports Complex lights can't be used because they do not meet regulations, but campus officials could not elaborate on exactly what the regulations are.

"The lights are working. It's just getting them aimed properly," said John McCutcheon, athletic director.

"Some have to be adjusted on the lower fields."

The contractors, who should have already finished light construction, may have to pay liquidated damages, Naretto said. He described the damages as fines to the contractor for not completing the project as signed under the original contract.

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Group to teach computer security

By Mike Gilmore

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Do you have a DSL or cable modem Internet connection? If you do, your personal files could be at risk.

No need to worry, though. The Cal Poly Linux Users Group will present "Secure Your Machine" on Saturday, Nov. 4.

The event will teach computer users how to secure their home computers,

connected to DSL or cable modems, against hackers. It will also include advice on setting up and supporting the Linux operating system.

One of the event's coordinators, computer science junior Paul Reed, said that high-speed connections are becoming popular among college students. According to Reed, students in the dorms get used to the high-speed network connection and want to get DSL or cable modems when they move

out.

"When they do that, they're not taking any precautions to secure their computers," Reed said.

Secure Your Machine will offer both beginner and advanced tracks. Beginning track focuses on choices for broadband home networking, setting up a home network and how to protect it. Advanced track includes advanced

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Weird crimes overshadow Halloween festivities

(AP) — A 12-year-old boy was killed in a shooting over a Halloween egg fight, several women were burned when their costumes caught fire and several hundred revelers pelted police officers near a college campus.

And in Minneapolis, a 49-year-old man was arrested for allegedly giving trick or treaters candy bars containing pins. Police said a 14-year-old bit into one of the bars and was stuck by a pin, but did not require medical attention, and officers recovered seven candy bars containing pins from other children.

The man, whose name was not released, was arrested on suspicion of altering packaged goods.

A 14-year-old boy in Atlanta shot and killed a 12-year-old boy because he was angry about being struck in a Halloween egg fight, police said. The boys' names were not released.

The older boy was charged with

murder. Police said he was hit by an egg Tuesday evening when he walked past children taking part in a fight that is a neighborhood Halloween tradition.

Six women were burned at a Halloween party in Bellevue, Wash., when their costumes caught fire. One, a 76-year-old woman, was hospitalized in critical condition.

Fire Battalion Chief Warren Merritt said the six women had been standing around a fire in a pot of alcohol when someone apparently poured in more alcohol and the fire flared up.

About 2,400 Halloween revelers mobbed streets near Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., leading to dozens of arrests.

At one point, several hundred people surrounded seven police officers, pelting them with rocks, bottles and cans while the officers fired back with mace, The Southern Illinoisan newspa-

per reported.

More police soon moved in and broke up the crowd with tear gas. The officers, who were wearing protective body vests, were not injured.

A 13-year-old boy who may have been hanging by the neck for as long as 15 minutes in a Halloween prank accident was in poor condition Wednesday.

Police in Newark, Ohio, said Michael Markley and a friend set up a hangman's skit Monday evening to scare trick-or-treaters. Michael stood on a plastic laundry basket to reach a noose hanging from a tree branch, and fell with his head in the noose when he either slipped or the basket collapsed.

A 14-year-old in Las Cruces, N.M., was treated for neck bruises and abrasions after he was hanged during a school-sponsored haunted house exhibit.

Police Sgt. Todd Gregory said the

teen was standing on a stool and investigators hadn't determined if he slipped or if the stool was kicked away.

Gregory said other students in the darkened room didn't know right away that Eric Palafox was in trouble. "He was hanging there and everyone thought it was part of the show or that it was a joke," the officer said.

A 20-year-old New Bloomfield, Mo. man was charged Wednesday with endangering the welfare of children by giving condoms and covered, unused syringes to trick-or-treaters.

Sheriff John Hemeyer said the man, whose name was not released, admitted putting the items in a container along with candy on the front porch of a Jefferson City home he was visiting on Tuesday and telling children to "help yourselves."

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completion for the lights cannot be confirmed by sources at this time but will be available at a later date.

Marcy Maloney, director of

Recreational Sports, said the teams are using the field until dusk until the lights are fixed. When they're completed, the lower fields will be available between 3 and 11 p.m. for intramurals, club sports and informal recreation.

"It's like the parking structure," Maloney said. "It's open but not 100

percent done."

The university held a grand opening for the Sports Complex on Oct. 20. The \$10 million facility is already being taken advantage of by club teams.

Maloney added that the Sports Complex is right on target for date of completion.

"We said it's not going to be done until the middle or end of fall and it's just November," she said. "It's not a crisis, we just have to be patient with the contractor."

Maloney said students are excited to get on the field and the lights haven't interfered with game schedules.

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students. Creek banks have been worn down and it no longer holds its original habitat.

A draft of the Environmental Impact Report was also added to the Master Plan. The report looks into everything that would be impacted by the Master Plan, including transit, environment, the community, pollution, walkways and parking access, Aborne said.

The Master Plan was initiated three years ago to address the future enrollment growth of college-bound students in California, which for Cal Poly is estimated to increase up to 17 percent in the next 20 years.

According to a May 2 Mustang Daily article, staff and faculty are estimated to increase from 2,500 to 3,200 and on-campus housing would double.

Last year a preliminary draft was presented to the public, whose revisions gathered after a long process of presentations and discussions have been included in the new

Master Plan.

The open forums will take place Nov. 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Monday Club on Monterey Street and Nov. 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the University Union, room 220.

Dalton will explain the Master Plan at the ASI Board of Director's

meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m..

Comments about the plan can be directed to Bonnie Lowe at 756-6806 or can be e-mailed to blowe@calpoly.edu. A full copy of the Master Plan is available at www.campusprojects.calpoly.edu.

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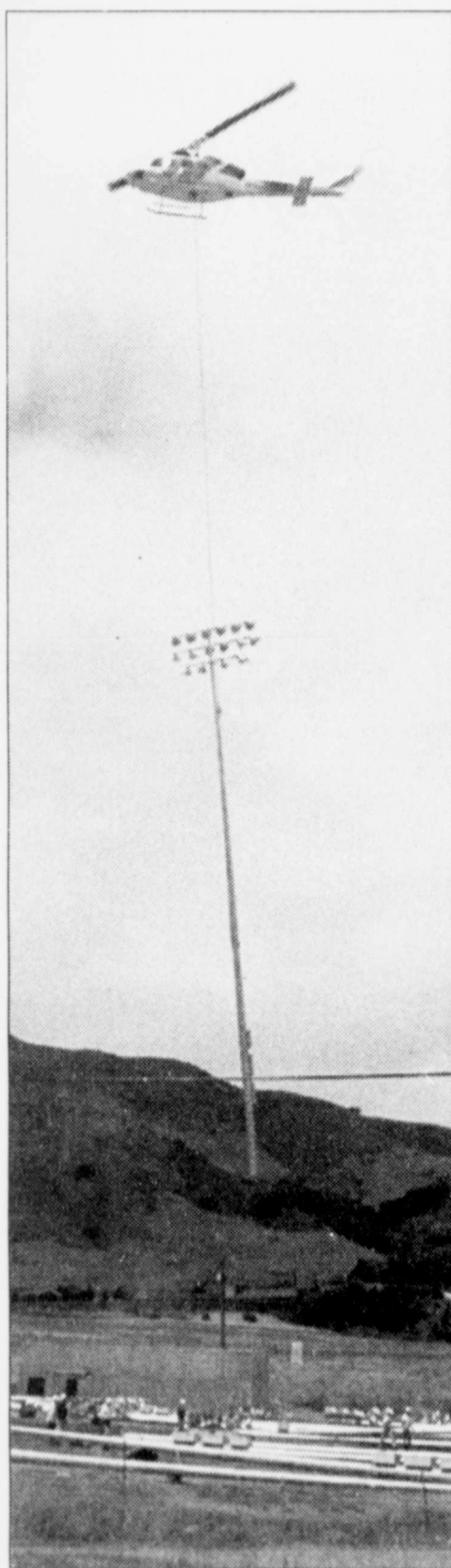
Measure M proponents LIE when they say their Measure M benefits farmers. 99% of the farmers in San Luis Obispo County oppose Measure M because of its devastating impact on agriculture and open space.

Consider the fact that every time you sit down at a table to eat that farmers produce much of the food in front of you. Because they provide for our families, their voice and needs should be considered.

Housing costs for students will skyrocket. Measure M supporters will tell you this is untrue. Remember the simple rule of supply and demand: as low-income housing decreases = landlords will be able to increase rents on the units that already exist. Are they considering the impact this measure will have on students? NO!

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A helicopter hovers over the Sports Complex as it delivers the new light standards last May

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security practices, high availability networking and advanced firewall solutions.

The event is free and will close with a keynote speech from Ernst and Young's Attack and Penetration Division.

Registration is open until Friday, and is available on the Secure Your Machine Web site at <http://www.lug.calpoly.edu/sym/>.

The event will be located in Fisher Science Hall, Building 33, rooms 286 and 287. It will last from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Will charisma determine our next president?

Let's be honest with each other. I could spew out some more facts against Bush and you could write in and spew out some more against Gore, but let's slow down the spin machine this week. I think the bearings are worn out anyway.

Having said that, let me tell you what irritates me even more than Gov. Bush himself; the race for the presidency has become a popularity contest. Now look, I am a Democrat, and a proud one at that, but I want you to know that I am not saying this because my guy is hurting in the popularity department. Clinton won on his personality. So did Kennedy. Both should have won on their issues. I may hate it, but I can't blame the politicians. Americans are notoriously apathetic and don't really look into what candidates truly stand for. We see who and what candidates are by their appearances on The Tonight Show or via comically

Eddie Drake

scripted characters on Saturday Night Live. Unfortunately, the election to the office of the president has become analogous to the student body elections back in high school. But this shouldn't be a game where you vote for your friend because, even though he is a slacker, he's still someone you like.

Allow me to elaborate a bit. There is what is called a hardball question and softball question. Hardball: Gov. Bush, how do you explain Texas having the absolute worst air quality in the entire nation? Softball: Gov. Bush, what's your favorite food at a barbecue (of a death row inmate)? Candidates today won't answer the hardball questions. They duck and cover, bob and weave, flip and flop, whatever you want to call it. They dodge the heat and can get away with it because Americans just don't care.

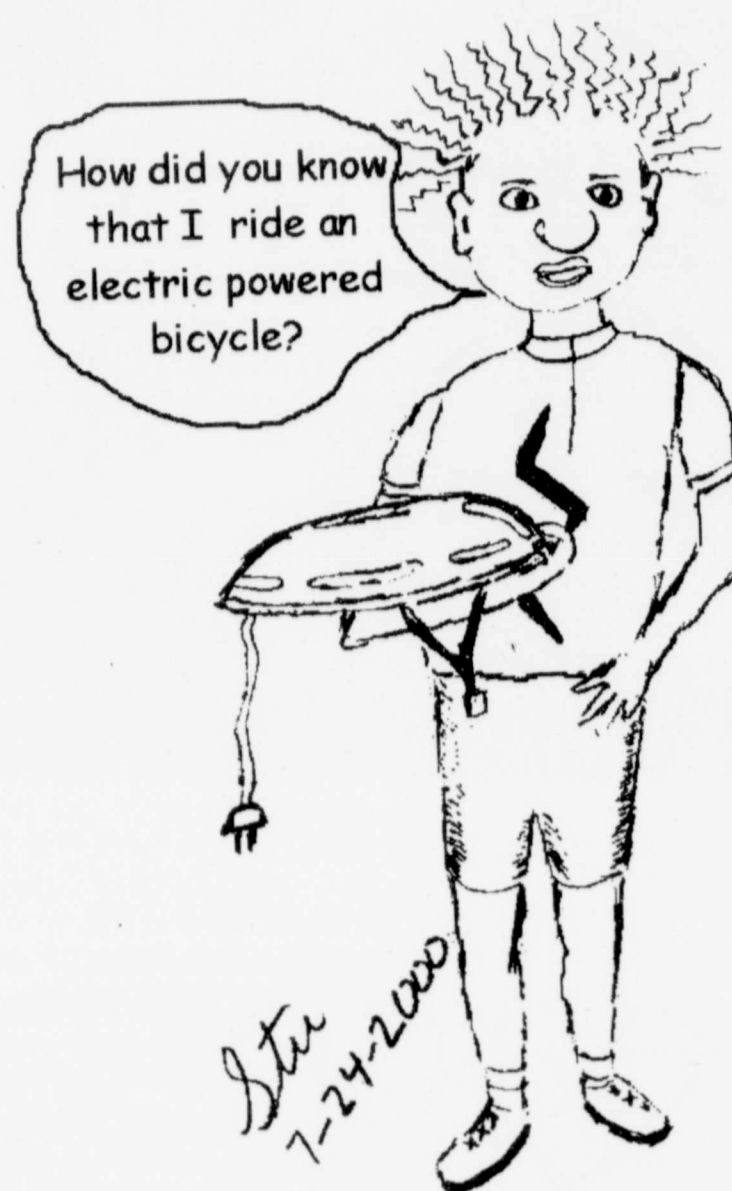
Have I been picking on Bush in my columns lately for a reason? Yes (see above disclosure of personal political ideology). But Gore, in all honesty, is just as bad. We don't see either candidates appearing on shows like Fox's The O'Reilly Factor. We see them showing up on Oprah to talk about their favorite food or favorite song of all time. The truth is, most candidates today who want to win have learned that television is not a medium for the stiff-backed Gores of the world. The cameras love the Jay Lenos, the Johnny Carsons and the George Bushes. I think the camera sticks its leg out and trips the Al Gores. Because of this, Gore is trying to stand on his intellect, his experience and a strong democratic base of supporters. Bush is standing on his head to make people laugh and like him. For both candidates, their strategies are working, but just barely.

I'm going to say something I never thought I would. Bush is a nice guy. I can't deny it. He's funny, charismatic and witty. But are you willing to let yourself vote for a candidate based solely on his personality? How about leadership? Experience? Knowledge? Pulse of America? He could be the next Dave Letterman with his clever retorts, but Lord help us if he is our next president.

Now I want to make a prediction. I have a lot of faith in the Green Party. I strongly believe that there are some real pragmatic Greens in this country and that most will never want to see Bush win. When they get inside the voting booth and get ready to pull that lever, most will convert to the lesser of two liberals and vote for Gore. Believing that, I am going to call this election for Gore. He'll take it by less than 2% of the popular vote, but he'll still take it.

P.S. Go vote for God's sake. Only one in 11 of us in our age group ever does.

Eddie Drake is a political science senior.



Tank tops should be no sweat

I was told that I had broken the rules. The man pointed his finger right at me and said, "No, tank tops allowed!"

I hung my head in shame and was given the choice to come back later wearing a T-shirt or to borrow a grubby one downstairs at the front desk.

The Rec Center has a rule that prohibits wearing tank tops. Those who exercise at the center must wear a T-shirt with short or long sleeves.

Why is this? Some say it's an issue of sweat. Others say it's about sexual harassment. Well, what's the truth and why?

Nancy Clark, fitness program coordinator for the Rec Center, says there are two reasons behind the rule.

The first reason has to do with making everyone feel comfortable.

"We want everybody to feel welcome and not have that hard-core club atmosphere," Clark said. "All shapes and sizes are welcome."

The second reason is an issue of cleanliness.

"Body oils get on the upholstery and make the seats hard and brittle," Clark said. "The life expectancy of the machines goes down with more sweat."

Clark said to give the issue a good spin, so here I go.

Tank tops – they come in all different sizes and styles. For girls, there are the skinny strap, tight-fitting kind, and the comfortable cotton tanks. Guys have the kind with deep cut tops that show half of

the body, and the normal kind that cover the top of the shoulders leaving the arms to feel some air. Do these make you feel uncomfortable?

I see people walking around campus and in my classes wearing this banned item of clothing. It's an essential piece of wardrobe. People wear tank tops while exercising because it's cooler to wear than a T-shirt. The Rec Center runs about 90 degrees, even when it's raining. Plus, a tank top shows off the hard work people have done in the gym.

It's just a piece of clothing, yet it seems the Rec Center believes that it emits the wrong kind of atmosphere while exercising.

Yes, the smell and sight of sweat is more noticeable when someone wears a tank top, but the idea that it promotes intimidation among other students who exercise is ridiculous.

"Oh no! I can't go in the Rec Center because I see a girl wearing a tank top! Her biceps are more manly than mine!"

If you don't have the self-esteem to go into the gym because people are wearing tank tops, jog at night.

Part of the process of getting in shape is getting over the idea that everyone else's body is better than yours. A person needs to go through serious self-esteem counseling if they get the idea that their figure is inferior from watching others exercise in tank tops.

Is seeing half of the arm more welcoming than seeing the full arm?

The issue of sweat is valid. But does more sweat come from the shoulders and

arms than the legs? I believe not. People sweat everywhere – their heads, backs, stomachs and heaven knows where else.

Saying that tank tops promote more sweat on the machines is not valid. People sit on the weight machines with sweaty legs and shorts. They grab onto a cardio machine with their sweaty hands. No one deliberately rubs their armpit all over a machine.

I think the Rec Center officials need to think more about their rule. How about allowing some styles of tank tops?

If the issue of wearing a tank top is about making people feel comfortable in the gym, spandex should be outlawed as well.

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"We've got cleavage, produce and animals." "Please don't put them together."

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By Brian Milne

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In a beleaguered economy filled with dot-coms and e-businesses, the San Luis Obispo Art Center is giving art enthusiasts a breather from the digital world.

The center does so with three diverse exhibitions, mixing traditional and contemporary arts throughout the year.

One of the finest print shows to come to the center is the most recent "Real Prints" exhibit. The show displays a collection of unique prints made solely by the hands of the artist via a variety of printing techniques.

"The printmaking process has the artist's hand involved in every step of the process," said Center Director Karen Kile. "Their intent was to make that one piece of art."

That one piece of art was made directly from a wood-block, etching plate, silkscreen or stone.

The traditional techniques, which are on display at the Cal Poly Shakespeare Museum, can be used to create very contemporary art. The lines, contrasts, rich textures and colors can't always be duplicated in digitally copied reproductions. That's what makes the show special, said local artist Barbara Rosenthal.

"A digital print which was created on the computer and only existed on the computer screen could be considered an original print," explained Rosenthal, whose "Dream Travel" is one of the most intense prints in the collection. "However, for the purposes of this show, we defined 'real' print as any one of the traditional techniques, in which elbow grease and printers ink are liberally used by the artist."

But the prints hanging on the Gray Wing walls aren't your average prints. They've been selected by juror Alberta Fins, a renowned printmaker/artist.

Rosenthal's monoprint was one of the many pieces selected for the show.

"I have found monoprints and monotypes very colorful and exciting and many of these methods I have printed by hand without a press," said Santa Maria artist Barbara Frith, who had one of her monoprints selected for the show. "There was a large amount of breathtaking experiments in many medium. This show is an excellent opportunity to see real etchings, engravings, woodcuts, linocuts and all kinds of very creative prints."

Today, that unique creativity is becoming harder to find as computers, scanners and printers have revolutionized the industry.

Artists, who want to sell multiple copies of their work, have a handful of options for reproduction and are less likely to turn to laborious original printmaking and the cost of setting up a printmaking studio.

"Printmaking exists today as an art form only," said Henry "Red" Heesch, a Cal Poly graphic communication professor.

Despite technological advancements in the printmaking world, local artists still love creating art the old-fashioned way.

"It's still a blast to do," added Anne Laddon, a Paso Robles artist who was a printmaker in Washington, D.C., for 15 years. "The public just needs to be careful they don't spend \$600 on a painting the artists made over 2,000 or an infinite number of. They need to decipher whether it's an original lithograph or a reproduction."

Central Coast Printmakers Society's 14th annual exhibit runs through Nov. 19.

Other interesting exhibits include the First Gallery's Trash and Treasure exhibit, which turns garbage into art until Nov. 5.

Visitors can find additional treasures monthly in the McMeen Gallery, where they will find paintings, drawings, photographs and sculptures by members of the center.

The SLO Arts Center, on the corner of Broad and Monterey Streets, is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is free to the public.

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November 3, 2000

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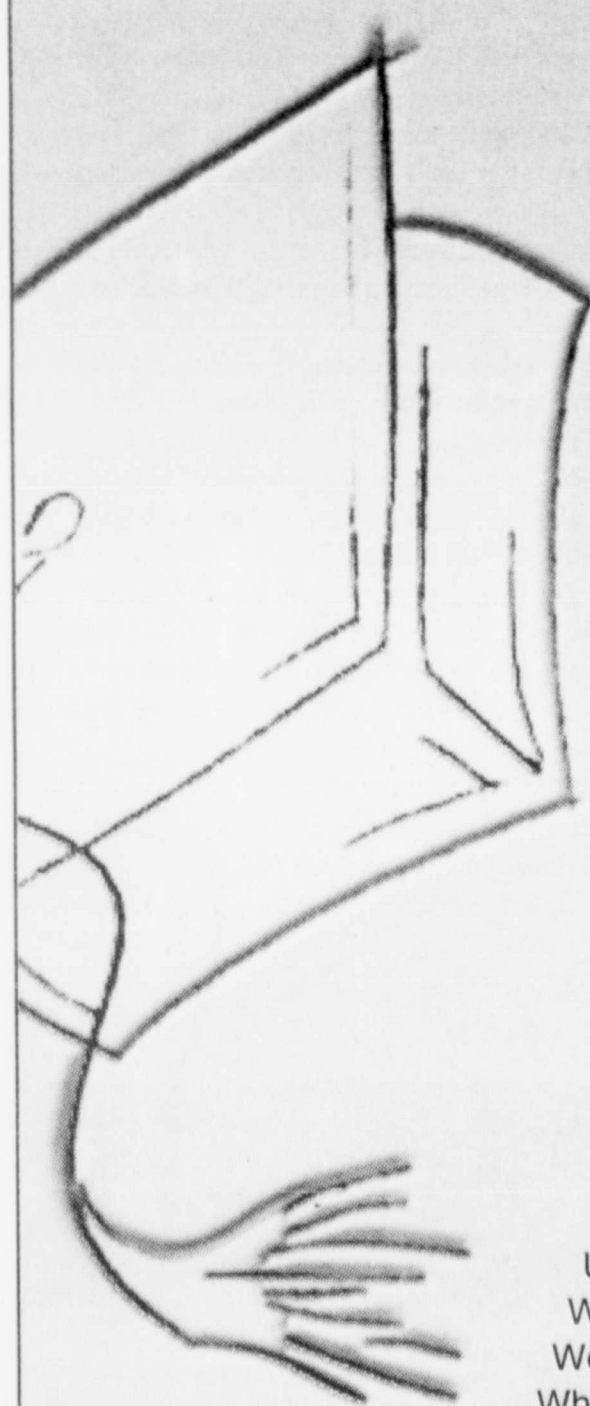
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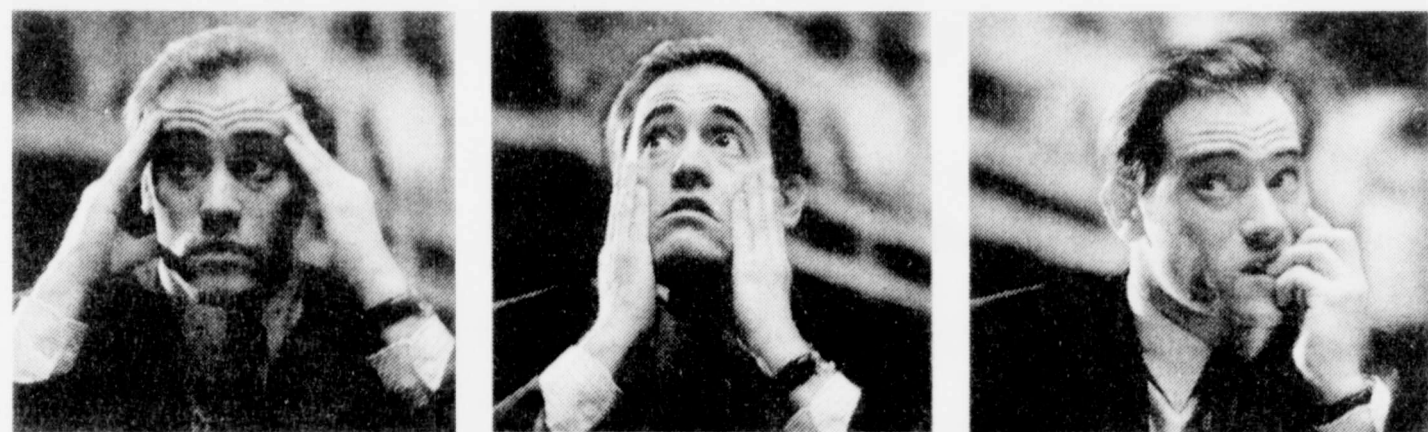


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'Blair Witch 2' loses appeal in the transition to sequel

By Kara Knutson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Three student filmmakers went into the Black Hills near Burkittsville, Md., in 1994 to shoot a documentary on the legend of the Blair Witch and were never heard from again. Their footage was found a year later and turned into a movie.

That was the premise of the fictional film "The Blair Witch Project," released in the summer of 1999.

In the newly released sequel "Book of Shadows:

Blair Witch 2," "The Blair Witch Project" directors Ed Sanchez and Dan Myrick team up with "Paradise Lost" documentary director Joe Berlinger to show moviegoers what has happened in Burkittsville and the Black Hills since the release of the footage.

In the opening scenes we hear from several Burkittsville residents that tourists have flocked to the Black Hills in search of the Blair Witch since the release of "The Blair Witch Project."

Then we meet Jeff Patterson, who has capitalized on the tourism and opened a store to sell Blair Witch paraphernalia. He's also started a tour company for tourists interested in seeing some of the locations highlighted in the first film, such as Coffin Rock and the remains of Russ Parson's home. We learn through a brief flashback that Patterson has a troubled past.

Next we meet Patterson's first group of tourists: Kimberly Lynn Diamond, Erica Geerson, and couple Tristen Ryler and Stephen Ryan Parker.

The motley crew ventures out into the Black Hills to spend the night at the ruins of Russ Parson's home, where the

student filmmakers' footage was found. They set up video cameras and spend the night around the campfire drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana.

When they wake up the next morning the cameras are destroyed and the campsite is in disarray. One thing they are sure of is that something strange has happened. After finding the tapes containing the secrets to the night before, coincidentally buried where the filmmakers' footage was found, the crew

heads back to Patterson's house to piece together the missing five hours.

From then on the filmmakers rely on standard suspense creations including industrial music and hallucinations to draw us into the characters' hysteria.

Unfortunately, it lacks the fresh appeal of the first film.

The first film used common noises like children crying and objects like sticks and rocks to create suspense, but left everything up to the audience's imagination. All of the events were merely suggested. In "Book of Shadows," the directors leave nothing to the imagination.

"The Blair Witch Project" also had a simplistic plot line that was easy to follow and the characters' reactions appear realistic and believable.

In "Book of Shadows" there are so many flashbacks and flash-forwards that are hard to follow. Nothing makes sense until the end of the film. The plot is so complicated that the characters can't even keep up with it.

Like many Hollywood filmmakers today, Sanchez, Myrick and Berlinger forced a sequel out of a film with a cliff-hanger ending that left no room for one. If they were smart they would have stopped there.

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'Capitol Steps' strides into PAC

By Jon Hughes
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Who puts the "mock" in democracy? The answer is the Capitol Steps, the nationally-famed political comedy troupe that performed last Wednesday night at Cal Poly's Performing Arts Center. The group gave a clever, solid two-hour performance, giving comic treatment to a variety of topics, both political and otherwise. Still, with elections nearing, most of the jokes were directed at the main figures in the presidential race.

The Capitol Steps was formed during the Reagan administration of the early 1980s under the belief that if "entertainers could be politicians, politicians could be entertainers." The very successful group has since performed on PBS specials, television shows and for four U.S. presidents.

From the beginning of the show, it was clear that the Steps would be taking a non-partisan, no-holds-barred approach in its skits. The show opened with a parody of the current presidential race to the tune of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody," skewering both Bush and Gore and making alterations to the lyrics like "Mama Mia, let's all vote no!"

The group proceeded to give equal treatment to the candidates in a number of skits. Father and son Bush sang a duet on "Aristocrats in the Cradle" and "Dubya" again appeared in a takeoff on "Who Wants to Be A Millionaire?" mulling up hilariously on questions like "The president of France is the leader of what country?"

Some of the show's best moments came in the skits featuring Gore, including a priceless one in which the board-stiff vice president was wheeled out on a dolly. He proceeded to sing a song attempting to distance himself from the scandals of the Clinton administration ("No one's putting their hand on the gland of the man from Tennessee").

One of the highlights from the second half of the show included a great mock sales pitch by a representative of the tobacco companies (Dr. M. Physema) that explained their new marketing approach for targeting younger children: "Smokemon," a cuddly cartoon character who happens to be a chain smoker.

All in all, the Capitol Steps came through with an entertaining performance. The jokes were fast and furious, and the Steps pushed the envelope successfully with some daring racial humor and racy sexual punch lines that, for the most part, hit the mark.

If a complaint could be lodged, however, it would be at the lack of originality in many of the Steps' characterizations of political figures and their overuse of tired clichés. Gore's stiffness is an old joke that has been eradicated in recent months and Bush's struggles with the identities of international leaders has been well documented.

Still, it's hard to imagine that anyone walked away from the Capital Steps' performance very disappointed. Even if some of the jokes were a bit overdone, the Steps' presentation of them was endlessly clever and provided a number of hearty laughs.

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Gay and lesbian comics come out to PAC audience

By Sonia Slutzki

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

This Sunday night "the uproarious Madame President of comedy," Kate Clinton, the "pretty, witty and gay," Marga Gomez, and the "funny, kind and cute" Bob Smith are uniting their humor and wit for the first Gay and Lesbian Comedy Night in the Performing Arts Center.



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The show will feature three comedians who have been successful in their independent careers as writers, monologists, artists and active voices for the gay and lesbian community.

Headlining the event is Clinton, who was called a "savvy, witty observer of American life" by The Boston Herald. Her humor includes criticism on politics, modern family relationships and life as a gay American.

Clinton writes monthly columns for

The Progressive and The Advocate, where she comically philosophizes about the state of our nation. She has also written for the New York Times and George magazine.

But she is not limited to print. Clinton has appeared on the TV shows "Good Morning America," "Nightline," "Entertainment Tonight," "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" and hosted "In The Life" and "The World According To Us." Her newest comedy album, "Comedy You Can Dance To," is one of five to her credit.

Gomez's career includes theater, stand-up, films and television.

"Being a woman in comedy was not a popular concept in the Reagan years," Gomez said in a press release. "Add Latina and gay to the equation and it seemed as though (my) only option was food stamps."

Her comedy often includes recalling her Latino showbiz parents and their flamboyant friends.

One of her recent shows presented at the University of California, Santa Barbara was called "vividly real, funny, yet poignantly thoughtful, a

fully-cast, fully-rounded play" by the London Daily Mail.

Smith is the author of the best-selling collection "Openly Bob," winner of the 1998 Lambda Literary Award. He is the first openly gay comedian to appear on "The Tonight Show" as well as to star in his own HBO special.

He tours his stand-up routines, with appearances on "The Tonight Show," "Politically Incorrect" and "The Howard Stern Show."

"Our educational system has proved that if a subject is taught in a boring enough manner, Americans will make every effort to avoid it for the rest of

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Marga Gomez comedienne

their live," said Smith in his book "Openly Bob." "If homosexuality was taught in the same manner as trigonometry, even most gay people would have no use for it after graduation."

The show is part of the Cal Poly

Arts New Direction Series, programmed to bring performances to San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast (GALA), who will be sponsoring a reception after the show. For information on the reception, GALA can be contacted at 541-4252.

The one-night performance starts at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$16 to \$28, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office.

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Ford's 'Californopia' brings bands, boards and bulls to campus venue

By Victoria Walsh

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

What do the band Common Sense, a bucking bull and longboard skateboards have in common? They will all be at the University Union and Mott Gym on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The "Californopia Tour" is produced by the College Entertainment Network (CEN) and brings big name bands, extreme sports and giveaways to different colleges in the country. The tour is sponsored by Ford Focus, which aims to introduce the new car to students. While the tour is on campus, five to 10 longboard skateboards will be given away every hour. There will be a Ford Focus booth where students can get information about the car, as well as sign up for the skateboard giveaway.

Rick Stark, vice president of events and marketing for CEN, said the tour has been a big success and a lot of fun.

"We bring free music events to dif-

ferent colleges with really good bands," Stark said.

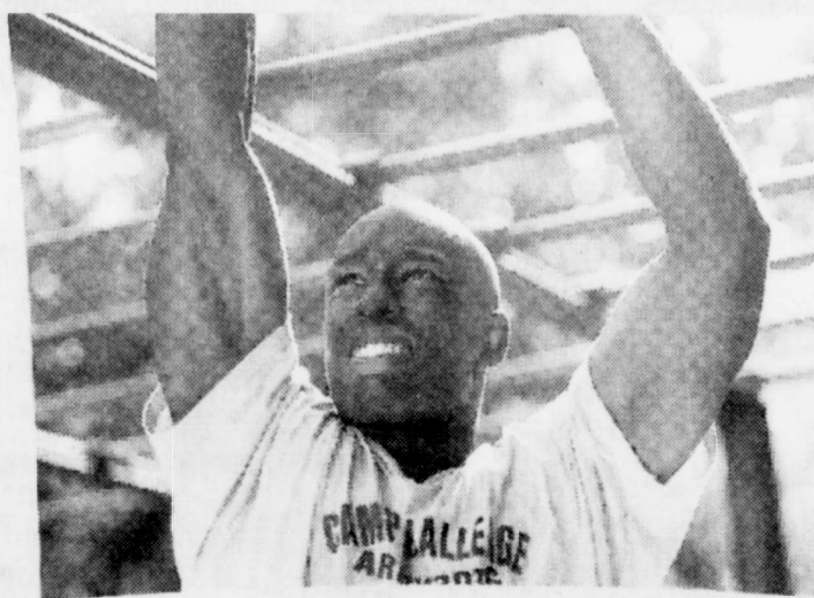
Common Sense, a popular reggae and rock band from San Diego, will be performing during the UU hour. Before Common Sense takes the stage, a 15-minute guitar contest will be held. The winner will be determined by applause and will receive a new electric guitar.

A mechanical bull, a machine that imitates the experience of bullriding, will be on Mott Gym lawn and is free for all students.

Amie Moberg, the assistant coordinator for Associated Students Inc. Events, is most excited for the band and the bull.

"I hope we get some of the agriculture students up here to try out the bull," Moberg said. "Common Sense is supposed to be a great band. They're really popular in San Diego. It's going to be a really fun day."

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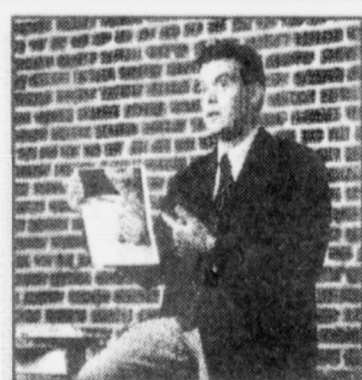
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Letters to the editor

Holiday was misrepresented Editor,

I am writing this letter to express my extreme displeasure at the piece by Megan Shearn outlining her beliefs about Halloween and its origins ("Halloween is an evil day straight from Satan," Oct. 31); a subject that, in the process, she proved herself quite ignorant about.

First off, it is utter error to claim Samhain as a god of the dead, for the Druids had no such god. Samhain is actually a combination of the Irish-Gaelic words "sam" meaning "summer" and "hain" meaning "end." There is no real backing to the claim of Samhain as a deity in any role involving the dead.

There is also no backing towards sheep, horses and humans being stuffed into wicker baskets and burned. (Besides, how would one stuff a horse into a wicker basket?) The Druids, like the Jews, did occasionally sacrifice animals, but never humans, and sacrifices on Samhain were thanks for the success of the harvest.

Halloween, in truth, has as many Christian origins as pagan, beginning with the declaration of Oct. 31 as All Saints Day by Pope Boniface in 609 AD, and including All Souls Day, initiated by St. Odilo. A few things in the article are true: the Druids did believe that spirits came back as animals on Samhain, but only because the worlds of the living and dead were closer that day, not because some god meant mischief. The frequent use of dysphemism ("diabolical" worship, "satanic" spirits, "demonic spirits and rituals") was irresponsible from the position of a journalist, especially a senior, and did not reflect the true nature of the subject.

Lastly, let me say that Ms. Shearn has obviously never known a Wiccan, or her comment about "no good witches" would never have been printed. This was a rude and unfounded statement both from a Christian (which it seems Ms. Shearn is) and logical standpoint.

I wish I had more time to go on (I haven't even mentioned the typos yet.), but I will leave you to determine the rest. If you want a good site with well-researched history about many of the religions and holidays we take for granted, I

would suggest www.religioustolerance.com. Stop taking ignorant explanations of truth.

Walter Handloser is an architectural engineering freshman.

Propaganda bashes sacred day Editor,

I was having a great day Oct. 31, following the observance of Samhain, as is customary as part of the Wiccan tradition. I've been a practicing Wiccan for four years now, so this time of year is very, very sacred to me.

I arrived on campus and sat down before my first class with my yerba mate in one hand and Mustang Daily in the other. Lo and behold, what do I find in the opinion section but an commentary calling Halloween – one of the most sacred days in Christian and Pagan traditions – satanic ("Halloween is an evil day straight from Satan," Oct. 31).

Wow! What a shocker! Not only was the commentary extremely lopsided and religiously biased, but it was also quite full of mistakes. Samhain is not the holiday Ms. Shearn describes. Samhain is the marker for the end of the harvest season and beginning of winter. It is the time to honor loved ones who died over the previous year. It is the time Wiccans, Druids and other followers of pre-Christian religions treat in the same way Christians revere the birth of their messiah.

The assumption that witches, Druids and the like worship Satan is absolute nonsense. Simply put, Satan is their boy – not ours. Since the groups accused in the commentary hold beliefs that predate Christianity, they have no concept of an all-powerful deity. We don't believe there is a Satan, much less worship him.

As for the statement that us "occultists" sacrifice animals to our gods and goddesses, that is simply not true. Maybe in the ancient past, but not now. Modern witches hold animals on the same sacred level as humans with respect to the taking of lives. I myself eat meat, but many Wiccans are vegetarian or vegan.

I hope this helps correct this grave example of horrible research and religious propaganda.

Jason Jackson is a journalism senior and a practicing Wiccan.

Don't sink to zealotry Editor,

I must say that I was appalled by Ms. Shearn's commentary ("Halloween is an evil day straight from Satan," Oct. 31). Her ghastly (no pun intended) interpretation of the holiday was completely unfounded. I wonder where she got her ideas from. Were they just simply made up by an alarmist? Her interpretation is nothing like the histories I have studied about this holiday. According to Time Magazine, Vol. 196, No. 19, "Ancient Celts celebrated New Year's Eve around this time, when the crops were harvested and livestock were fattened up for winter. The holiday also served as a window for the recently dead, whose souls traveled overnight between the earthly realm and the afterlife. Bonfires were lit and carefully attended, illuminating the spirits' passage.

A few unlucky (souls), whose mistakes in life prevented them from passing on to the other side, stayed behind in animal form to wander among the living. The Celts extended offerings (often in the form of fruits and vegetables) to appease the ghosts, and dressed as the dead to fool the spirits away.

In the eighth century, Pope Gregory I decided to transform ancient holidays into Catholic religious observances. He assigned the mid-winter solstice the new name "Christmas" and began calling Nov. 1 All Saints' Day or All Hallows Day. The new holiday was designated as a catchall to honor otherwise neglected Catholic saints, but was also meant to emphasize the evil of the Celts' wandering spirits."

This holiday is a "day" called Samhain, not a god as Ms. Shearn accuses. And I must say that, as an Irish-American, I am truly offended at being called a Satanist and evil for my heritage. So I must ask that if Ms. Shearn is of a Christian denomination may I hold her responsible for the Spanish Inquisition? In the name of God, these people would routinely burn innocent people and charge them with witchcraft. Is this what you meant when you said, "there is no good witch?" May I add for you "the only good witch, is a dead witch?"

You know, your kind of zealotry is not uncommon. Just a little over 200 years ago when Christians were colonizing this section of California, there were things like ritualistic gatherings of heathens (non-Christians). They would be baptized by a priest and then have their heads blown off. This was called "saving their souls." Also, there were bounties put on the heads of heathens throughout the world, often their heads would be taken as trophies and a church or government reward would be given for their bodies.

And you go into great detail about sacrifice. So you must know that every religion practices some sort of sacrifice, whether it's a tithe, a penance, giving up a meal or taking an animal's life, even a human's. It has been acceptable to all of human kind. Many cultures even practiced cannibalism in their ceremonies, but I don't see you naming Aztecs, or jungle head hunters. You don't condemn all these cultures do you? If you do, it just shows your ignorance and lack of understanding even more clearly.

All I can say is that I will be praying for you tonight, to my god, not your god, because my god is a tolerant and forgiving god, whom I don't think you or your god can compare to.

Joe Lyons is a civil engineering senior.

Homosexuals aren't really different Editor,

Victoria Walsh was correct in her assessment of the dilemma faced by the Los Padres Council of Boy Scouts of America ("Boy Scout board should encourage acceptance," Oct. 27). Unfortunately, their policy, which was upheld by the Supreme Court, has been used yet again. Len Lanzi, after 14 years of working for the private organization, had his Eagle Scout status removed and received his termination papers in the mail last Thursday.

I am confused by Andrew McDaniel's stance on the issue ("Nature, not nurture, dictates sexuality," Oct. 30). He felt that Ms. Walsh's statement that "society has dictated that men should like women, and women should like men ..." was a "blatant hyperbole," apparently feeling, as many do, that homosexuality is not natural, not dictated by biology as is heterosexuality. Yet, he agreed with Ms. Walsh's disapproval of the Boy Scout policy which is seated in the same beliefs he holds dear.

The Boy Scouts of America's refusal to allow "avowed homosexuals" to work in their organization no doubt stems from one of the more popular stereotypes regarding homosexuality and homosexuals that any well-educated heterosexual knows to be true. Homosexuals are obviously unfit to work with boys in their formative years because: a) The term homosexual is synonymous with child molester. This is an unfortunate side-effect of being attracted to the same-sex. b) Homosexuals recruit others to join them in their life of sin, and boys of that age are highly susceptible to those gay men. c) Homosexuality is contagious, not necessarily taught, but caught like a cold.

What is different about a person after he or she comes out? Nothing. That person is the same person they were ten minutes ago. The only choice homosexuals have regarding their sexuality is whom they feel the need to explicitly state their sexuality to by coming out.

Jeni Hall is an aerospace engineering junior.

Sexual orientation isn't anyone's choice Editor,

It is astonishing that Jesse York ("Boy Scouts foster morality in youths," Nov. 1) finds hypocrisy in the assertion that we should accept everyone, and at the same time not tolerate the Boy Scout's discriminatory policies. There is absolutely nothing hypocritical or ironic about this statement, because the Boy Scout's policies are rooted in hate and ignorance – two things I should hope we NEVER tolerate.

Jesse believes that heterosexuals are somehow morally superior to homosexuals. However, heterosexuals commit a disproportionate number of rapes and murders, and heterosexual males commit a disproportionate number of child molestations. Given these scientific facts, it sounds to me that it's safer to have your impressionable child around a gay man than a straight one! It is apparent that Mr. York's superiority complex is most certainly entrenched in ignorance – he would have made Hitler proud.

Further, Jesse alludes to the possibility

ty that he could have "become gay" during an impressionable time of this life, had a gay scout leader been present on one of his camping trips. If homosexuality were a "learned behavior," how would heterosexual parents raise a gay child? Or gay parents raise a straight child? Since you are just as likely to be gay regardless of your family structure (or religion, for that matter), it is obvious that sexual orientation is an immutable trait, and not a choice. Every reputable psychological organization in the world agrees.

It is tragic that Mr. York refuses to accept facts and scientific data. Instead, he is basing his opinions on a notion of being morally superior to another group of humans. We have an embarrassing history in the United States of proclaiming superiority against each other. Remember slavery? Womens' suffrage? Are we so stubborn that we refuse to give up our hate and ignorance, and acknowledge each other as equal human beings? I should certainly hope not.

Mike Sullivan is a computer engineering junior.

Boy Scouts have no right to discriminate Editor,

After reading Jesse York's commentary on homosexuals and the Boy Scouts ("Boy Scouts foster morality in youths," Nov. 1), I felt I had to respond. Yes, the Boy Scouts have done great things. I am not denying that. However, the fact that they have done good things does not give them the right to discriminate.

The Boy Scouts are teaching intolerance to young, impressionable children by failing to accept homosexual people. Tolerance does not mean that you have to agree with everything everyone does. Tolerance means that you accept other people and diversity. As long as someone's actions or beliefs do not hurt other people, there is no reason to be intolerant of them. I do not agree with the things that Mr. York had to say or what he believes, but I would still be willing to talk to him, treat him as an equal person and respect him. Disagreeing with someone is not grounds for disrespect, and being homosexual is not grounds for being discriminated against.

"They (the Boy Scouts) have stepped to the plate to instill and promote morals in youth ..." A moral organization does not promote prejudice. Moral, according to Webster's Dictionary means 1: of or relating to principles of right and wrong in behavior, ethical; 2: expressing or teaching a conception of right behavior. Prejudice, discrimination and intolerance cannot be construed as "right" practices. Homosexuals are no more likely than heterosexuals to sexually abuse children. There is no scientific data to support a statement saying otherwise. Homosexual people are just like anyone else. They go to school and to work. They volunteer. They enjoy time with friends. The only difference between heterosexual people and homosexual people is who they fall in love with, and, as is often stated, we do not choose love; love chooses us.

Yes, there is a minority trying to be heard, and struggling to change things. Historically, that is the way things happen. The Civil Rights Movement was a minority. Women's suffrage was a minority. And it was a minority that fought for this country to be free, where all people are created equal, homosexuals and Boy Scouts alike.

Kristin Carter is a child development sophomore.


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New bartenders serve up big business

By Jordan Roberts
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The downtown scene used to be dead on Tuesday nights, but Bull's Tavern has changed that atmosphere. People now stand in line and wait, just to get in to see the weekly guest bartenders, who are usually Cal Poly women looking for a new and exciting experience.



Jeff Marston of San Luis Obispo, who is a manager at Bull's, said another bartender thought of the idea about two months ago. He said Bull's will continue inviting guest bartenders as long as the program is successful.

"There has been an excellent response to the Tuesday night guest bartending," Marston said. "At first, I was worried that the regulars wouldn't like the change, but all the responses have been positive. It has boosted our popularity, and there is a huge crowd on Tuesdays. Bull's is rockin' right now."

Marston said the guest bartenders don't get paid or get tips, but they do it for the experience. He has had problems with a couple of guest bartenders giving away too many free drinks, and one tried to take some tips, but other than that it has been a really good experience.

"We have a blast on Tuesdays with the girls, and everyone seems to have a really good time," Marston said.

Brooke Cesare, a kinesiology senior, was a guest bartender a few weeks ago and she has been encouraging her friends to do it ever since. She said it was a lot of fun to be on the other side of the bar and make drinks for her friends.

"I was nervous at first since I didn't know what to expect, but the bartenders were really helpful," Cesare said. "Once it got busy, I wasn't nervous because there wasn't time to be. I would definitely be a bartender now if I had the chance, and it's something I had never thought to do before."

Cesare said there were three real Bull's bartenders helping her and her friend out, so it wasn't too hectic. She said they were really fun to work with.

"I felt like I was in the movie 'Coyote Ugly' and I want to do it again!" she said.

Jennifer Matos, an animal science senior who bartended two weeks ago, said the guest bartending night is a really good promotion for Bull's. She said downtown is normally pretty dead on Tuesday nights, but now Bull's is packed with a long line out the door.

"The downtown experience is a lot different from the other side of the bar," Matos said. "I didn't have to worry about finding my friends, since everyone had to come to me."

Matos said that, if given the opportunity, she would definitely be a bartender.

"It was really fun to get the crowd involved by getting up on the bar and pouring drinks straight into people's mouths," Matos said. "I think my judgment was a little off when it came to the alcohol to mix ratio. My first few attempts at Long Islands didn't leave any room for much Coke. They probably didn't taste very good!"

Becky Wacht, a business senior, bartended at Bull's before and had a blast.

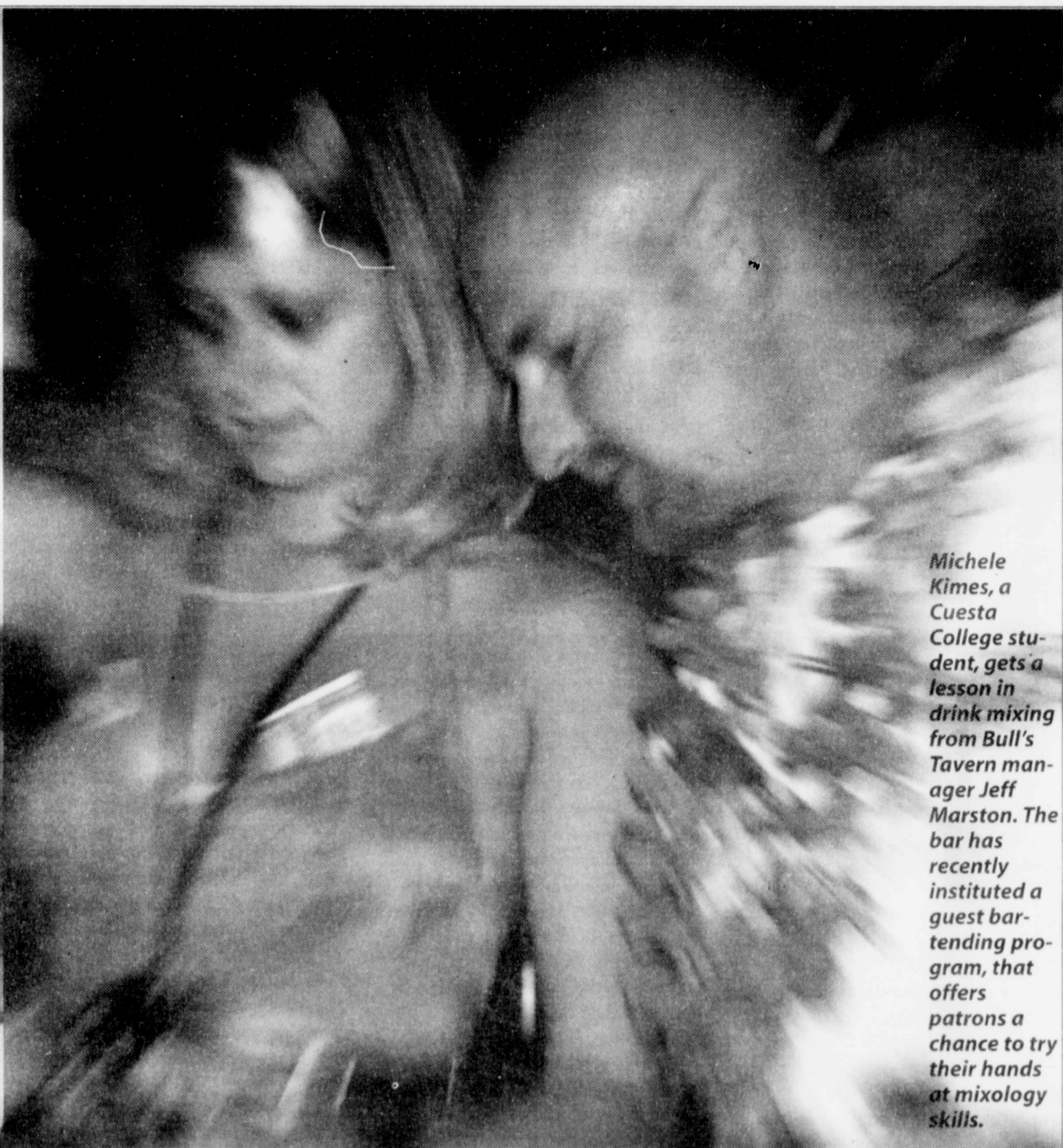
"My favorite part was learning how to make all of the drinks," Wacht said. "We went in early and all the real bartenders gave us a quick training session."

Joey Peirano, an agribusiness senior, said he has been going to Bull's lately on Tuesday nights because of the guest bartending.

"Having girls bartend for a night is such a good idea," Peirano said. "I love going there now. It is so much more exciting, especially when the girls dance on the bar."

Stephanie Zuppan, a business junior, said her guest bartending experience was better than she expected, but it was hectic with everyone demanding her attention.

"I loved making up my own drink concoctions for me and my friends that night," Zuppan said. "I definitely want to do it again."



Michele Kimes, a Cuesta College student, gets a lesson in drink mixing from Bull's Tavern manager Jeff Marston. The bar has recently instituted a guest bartending program, that offers patrons a chance to try their hands at mixology skills.

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blocked a Scottie Pippen dunk attempt straight up, controlled it, drove down court and slammed over Rasheed Wallace! Did I mention that he's only 19?

M.C.P. (Most Child-like Player): The committee to decide the winner of this award would be hard-pressed to search through all the NBA players who qualify, but I'm going to go with Tracy McGrady. In a recent Sports Illustrated article, he talked about how he likes to play video games all day, ride his jet ski across the lake to hang out at Shaq's house and attend local high school football games with kids in his neighborhood.

FLOW LIKE NIAGARA: Can Allen Iverson rap? Nope. Must be an NBA thing. He'll join the long list of basketball players who try to moonlight as rappers and fail miserably. Does anyone remember Cedric Ceballos, Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant's ventures into the rap scene? Pathetic.

BEST DRACONIAN IMPRESSION: No question, it's David Stern. Terminating the Timberwolves' next five first-round picks is way too harsh. Yes, he's trying to send a message, but in doing

so he is ensuring the downfall of the Minnesota franchise.

PYRRHIC VICTORY IF I EVER SAW ONE: Pat Riley is one win away from 1,000 in his career. This is an amazing accomplishment indeed, but look at what he's lost. Alonzo Mourning is arguably the best rebounding and defensive center in the league, and without him the Heat are going nowhere fast.

PLEASE COME BACK: Those constant feelings of ennui must be getting to Michael Jordan. He has remained in near-game shape during his retirement and has said on numerous occasions that he could still be a force in the league. Without Larry Bird and Magic Johnson anymore, he is the last link to the elite of the NBA.

YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST: This time next year, Cal Poly's premier big man, Chris Bjorklund will be in the NBA. He is being scouted by a multitude of teams and the opportunity will be too great for him to pass up. I'll be able to say I knew him way back when.

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SOFTBALL

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"It's much more of a pitcher's ballpark with the wind blowing in from the fences in left," Boyer said.

As always with softball, pitching will decide the season and the new park should improve the results at

"It's much more of a pitcher's park with the wind blowing in from the fences in left."

Lisa Boyer
softball head coach

home. Last year, the Mustangs (15-35, 3-21) allowed 3.79 runs a game and 26 homeruns on the season.

But it wasn't the home games that got the Mustang team in trouble. They threw well at home, going 8-10, but faltered on the road with a 1-18 (6-7 at neutral ballparks) record.

Despite a miserable 2000, hopes are high all around as the Cal Poly softball program enters its fourth season in the Big West.

"Everything is going well," Boyer said. "We're all really, really looking forward to the season."

The Mustangs open the season at the San Jose Mini-Tournament on Feb. 2, before returning home Feb. 10 for a doubleheader with national powerhouse Fresno State.

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standout player. We all work together."

Regarding her position as leading scorer on the team, Schlegel credits her scoring streak to an improvement in the team's offensive scheme. The team improvement was a gradual change.

She said Crozier is a great coach since he's very positive and leads the team well.

Crozier said that when Schlegel redshirted, he knew she was a good player and thought she would be a high scorer.

"Megan is the type of player that can finish," Crozier said. "She's a goal scorer."

He said the team does not have any superstars this season, since everyone works together so well and contributes equally.

"Megan scored in overtime against UOP and put us (back) in the conference (chase)," Crozier said. "Every

goal is huge."

Schlegel played a little bit last season, but she never really had a chance to perform to the level she's met this season. She's always excelled in practice, but now her game performance is matching her practice performance.

Schlegel has been playing soccer since she was four years old. She started all four years in high schools she attended - first in New Mexico, then in Mission Viejo. She led the state of New Mexico in scoring as a freshman, and was named Best Offensive Player for three years. During Schlegel's senior year, she was named the team's Most Valuable Player.

Crozier is confident in her leadership abilities as the season progresses to the NCAA Tournament. Her improved play this season has stemmed from her spot in the starting lineup.

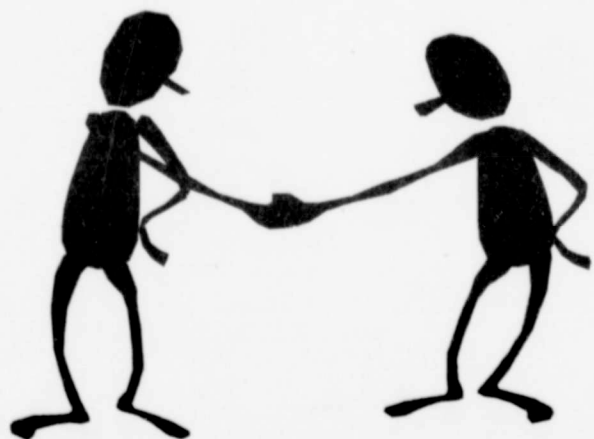
"Everything didn't click until this season, when she won a starting spot and has played well ever since," Crozier said.

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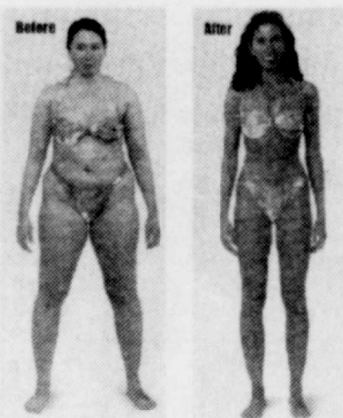
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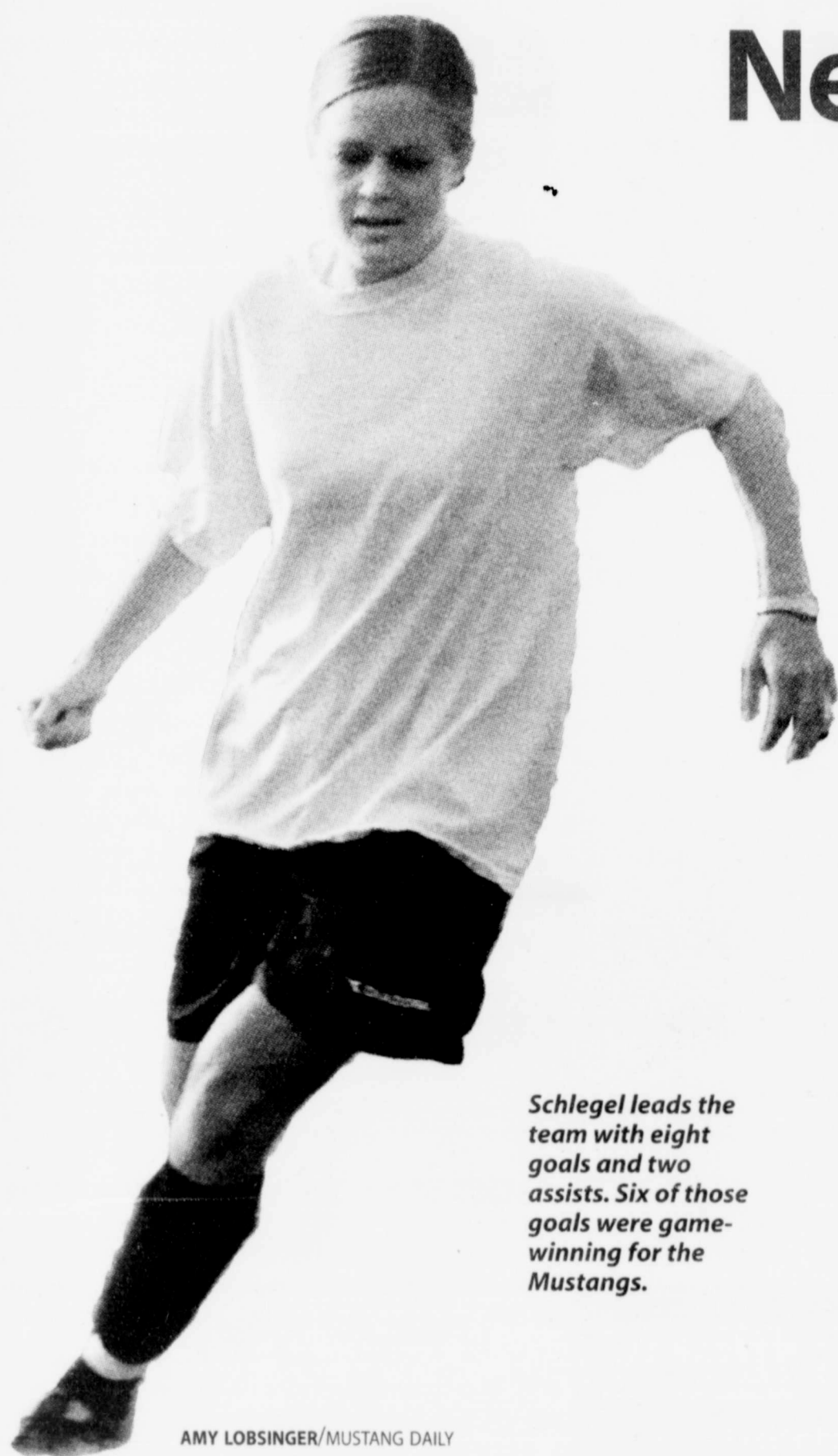
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New season, new result

Megan Schlegel is stepping into a key role for the soccer team after redshirting last season

By Jordan Roberts
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As the leading scorer for the women's soccer team, Megan Schlegel doesn't see herself as any different than the other players that make up the defending Big West champs.

To the public she stands out from the rest of the players due to the number of goals that she has kicked soundly into the net. But, Schlegel said, that's simply her job.

She redshirted during her first year at Cal Poly, resulting in limited playing time. This year, however, Schlegel's name has been a permanent fixture in head coach Alex Crozier's lineup.

Schlegel attributes her performance to the help of her teammates and emphasizes how every player is equally important. She said the reason the team has been doing so well lately is that they are all good friends on and off the field.

"Everyone on the team has a lot of heart, and no one will give up," she said. "We are all really close."

The team had a rough start earlier this season, but has turned things around after starting the season 4-4. If victorious on Friday against the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos, they will be the Big West Conference champions and then receive an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

"If we win, it will be the second year in a row for us," Schlegel said. "It is all because of the heart we put into the game. Everyone really wants to win."

Schlegel said the whole team felt really frustrated when they were losing at the start of the season. Once they started winning, their attitudes improved and the atmosphere surrounding the team was much more positive. That made games more fun.

"I don't think I am better than anyone else on the team," Schlegel said. "Everyone plays a huge role. There is not really a team leader, since everyone pulls her part. I can't pick out one

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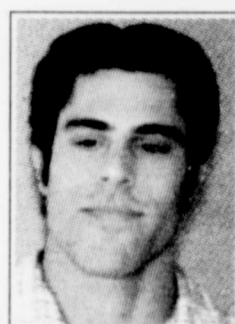
Schlegel leads the team with eight goals and two assists. Six of those goals were game-winning for the Mustangs.

Near-preseason NBA thoughts and predictions

Why am I glad that I'm not a gorilla right now? I guess a good reason is that I've sort of grown accustomed to having these opposable thumbs. More importantly, though, it means that I can relish the start of the NBA season. I know that the season has already begun, but my column isn't until Thursday so I'll give you my "almost preseason predictions and thoughts."

WE'RE PLAYING FOR SECOND PLACE: This is every team in the Eastern Conference. With erstwhile

Knicks Patrick Ewing gone to Seattle, Heat center Alonzo Mourning out with a kidney disorder, Pacer center Rik Smits' retirement, Hawk center Dikembe Mutombo battling Malaria



Alex Thapar

and everyone else sucking, there are no bona fide big men to represent in the East. If the NBA champion doesn't come from the Western Conference, then I'll be dating Anna Kournikova next season.

WHO'S YOUR DATE FOR PROM?: The Indiana Pacers have three players who jumped straight from high school to the pros in Jermaine O'Neal, Al Harrington and Jonathan Bender. The scary thing is that these guys aren't role players, but legitimate stars in the making and will contribute significantly to Indiana's success.

NOT THE NEXT JORDAN, BUT THE NEXT KOBE: Clippers rookie Darius Miles recently turned 19 and said he sees himself playing in the league for about 15 years. For those mathematically-impaired Cal Poly students (mostly in the college of business), that means he'll be retiring at the ripe age of 34. Also, at 19, he is the youngest high school player ever selected this high in the draft. This kid has got superstar written all over him. During a preseason game against Portland, at one point he

the winter quarter," Boyer said. "But it's everything (we wanted) and better since I've been coaching here and it will allow our players to maximize their abilities."

Those abilities will definitely improve from the pitching rubber in the new park.

Like Baggett Stadium, Bob Janssen Field will be affected by afternoon winds. The winds will be blowing in from the outfield fences, which lie 205 feet from home plate down the lines and 220 feet in straight-away center field.

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Softball team ready to rebuild with new field

By Brian Milne
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Things are already looking up for the Cal Poly softball team this year.

The Mustangs have only lost seniors Tracie Carlisle and Kristal Nessa in the off-season, and have brought in a nice crop of recruits for 2001.

They also return with their entire pitching staff from a year ago, Terra Blankenbecler, Kristin Murray, Jamie Gelbart and Maggie Del Rio. One of the top outfielders in the Big West Conference, Nicole Dansby, returns for her third season with the team.

Dansby started all 50 games and hit .327 with eight doubles and a conference-best of four triples.

The team also gets to play ball in a stadium — a huge improvement over last season.

After spending the last seven years playing ball at Mustang Field, which was meant to be an interim field back in 1993, the Mustangs haul their bags to brand-new Bob Janssen Field this season.

The field is located adjacent to the baseball field (Baggett Stadium) in the new 47-acre Sports Complex.

Although the team is practicing at its old facility and probably won't get a real feel for the park before fall practices are over, Bob Janssen

Field will be well worth the wait for 13th-year head coach Lisa Boyer and the Mustangs.

"We won't get to practice on the field as a team until the first day of



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