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Dorm space already filled for fall

By Lyndsay Lundgren
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Incoming freshmen who have not yet secured on-campus housing missed their chance.

On-campus housing was filled on April 5, two weeks earlier than last year, said June Serjeant, office manager of Housing and Residential Life.

A portion of these spaces was filled by early decision applicants who applied for housing between Jan. 16 and Feb. 28. The regular decision students began applying March 12. Regular decision students have until May 1 to decide if they want to enroll at Cal Poly. Those who have not yet decided are already too late to get into the dorms.

Of the 2,783 spaces in the residence halls, about 600 of these are reserved for early decision students, but the number is flexible, said

Preston Allen, director of Housing.

"Those are the spaces set aside within Housing with Admissions," Allen said. "As their numbers come in, we will negotiate as they need, up or down. We are trying to provide as many bed spaces as possible."

Students who did not get on-campus housing are referred to Mustang Village and Stenner Glen. Spaces are being held at the two off-campus housing locations, Serjeant said.

This is the first year Cal Poly has made arrangements with the Off-Campus Housing Association to reserve rooms at Mustang Village for Cal Poly students, said Betty Linton, manager at Mustang Village. Students have until this weekend to reserve a room, she said.

"Three-hundred and fifty rooms

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KRAIG ERICKSON/MUSTANG DAILY

Prospective students and their parents learn about student housing on a tour of the dorms Tuesday. Housing for fall is already full.

CSU Board approves Master Plan

By Laura Vega
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The California State University Board of Trustees recently approved Cal Poly's new Master Plan and Environmental Impact Report.

The Master Plan provides guidelines for future projects such as on-campus housing, land use and public facilities.

The next step for Cal Poly is to develop more specific plans from the broader Master Plan guidelines and identify funding sources for projects, said Linda Dalton, vice provost for Institutional Planning and Analysis.

The plan update represents the culmination of a four-year planning process, which began with academic planning in 1997-98, according to the Master Plan Executive Summary. The process also involved campus and community task forces to identify issues during 1998-99, and invited public comment on a preliminary draft in the spring of 2000.

Dalton said the Master Plan is much more than four years of hard work by members of the Master Plan team, campus and community.

"It's a very important step by the university to put all of these ideas in place," Dalton said. "The Master Plan is the document that will guide us through the next 20 years."

Dalton, Cal Poly President Warren Baker and other members of the Master Plan team presented the publication to the CSU Board of Trustees on March 21. The plan was then approved.

The Master Plan Summary states that the plan "addresses academic program demand, physical and environmental constraints and opportunities, and capital and operating budget requirements" to support future enrollment.

According to the plan, enrollment for the fall will be approximately 20,900 students and about 3,200 regular faculty and staff. This is an increase of about 17 percent over present capacity. This growth will be accomplished in phases over approximately 20 years.

Dalton said the plan recognizes the importance of on-campus housing in response to the growth in enrollment and in helping ease the housing situation in San Luis Obispo. Cal Poly is already ahead of the plan, with the upcoming construction of 200 on-campus student housing apartments, Dalton added. Approval of the units occurred separately from the Master Plan, but is consistent with the plan, she said.

Alan Pepe, assistant director for Housing and Business Services, said the groundbreaking for the apartments is scheduled for this May. The four-bedroom apartments will accommodate 800 students. The estimated completion date is fall 2002.

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Cesar Chavez remembered at today's talk

By Cory Dugan
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The president of the United Farm Workers is coming to Cal Poly today to talk about the importance of Cesar Chavez.

"I cannot imagine a better place for remembering Chavez's contribution to the civil and human rights of agriculture workers than at one of California's top agricultural universities," said ethnic studies Professor Victor Valle.

Arturo Rodriguez, the speaker, is the second president of the United Farm Workers (UFW) - second to Chavez himself, said Shontae Praileau, coordinator at the Multicultural Center. Praileau said that his speech will primarily touch on what Cesar Chavez Day, March 31, is all about and Rodriguez's relationship with Chavez. His speech is titled "Cesar Chavez: His life, Work and Vision."

Rodriguez was raised in a working-class family in Texas. He earned his masters degree in sociology at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. As a college student, Rodriguez was involved in the 1969 grape boycott, which caused tremendous uproar among the farm workers. He later organized support for the UFW boycotts. As a member of the union founded by his father-in-law, Rodriguez continues to promote Chavez's philosophy of nonviolence as a strategy for social change.

"Throughout his speech Rodriguez is planning on explaining his personal relationship with Chavez and intertwining that with

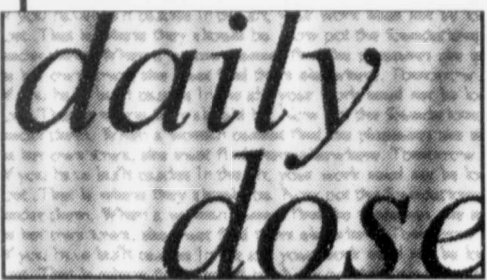
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Pints for points



DANIEL GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

Ryan Piper, a civil engineering senior and member of Pi Kappa Alpha, makes a donation at the Tri-Counties' blood drive Tuesday as part of Greek Week activities. He added five points to his team by participating. As of Monday night, Pi Kappa Alpha was the first place fraternity with 350 points. Phi Delta Theta was in second with 248, and Kappa Chi had 193. For sororities, Alpha Phi was in first with 377 points, Alpha Chi Omega had 347 for second, and Alpha Omicron Pi was third with 326 points. Team rankings were as follows: grey, 820; green, 808; black, 760; blue, 730; white, 643; red, 589.

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Pepe said the construction estimate for the project is \$32,900,000. Housing reserves will account for \$3 million of the project cost, with approximately \$30 million expected from the sale of state bonds.

The Master Plan proposes new residential communities accommodating an additional 3,000 students and to provide faculty and staff housing.

Dalton said Cal Poly needs a minimum of \$850 million in funding over 20 years for the projects included in the Master Plan. Approximately \$550 million is expected from state funding, while the other \$300 million is anticipated from other sources, such as private donors or from projects such as housing and parking that pay for themselves, Dalton said.

Dalton said her involvement with the Master Plan process has been one of the most exciting experiences of her career.

"The professional Master Plan team included individuals from on-campus facilities, planning and public affairs offices, as well as the architects and environmental consultants," Dalton said. "The team consisted of a group of people with very complementary professional backgrounds and expertise."

Darlene Slack, director of communications, attended most of the Master Plan sessions. Slack said that one goal established at the beginning of the Master Plan development was for the plan to be all-inclusive.

"It was really important to have the community's opinions considered and reflected in the plan," Slack said.

Cal Poly's last comprehensive Master Plan was adopted by the CSU Board of Trustees in 1963. Dalton said that although that plan was amended throughout the years, there was no systematic review process.

An annual report will be prepared for the Campus Planning Committee in the review process for the latest Master Plan, Dalton added.

The Master Plan and Environmental Impact Report are available at Kennedy Library, Facilities Planning and through the Web site www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/masterplan/index.htm.

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his professional life," Praileau said.

The speech will help people better understand how important the United Farm Workers Union is to him and how important it is to keep the same hard working goals Chavez had when he was president, Praileau said. Rodriguez was not only a good friend of Chavez, but he was also a relative. Rodriguez is Chavez's son-in-law, so not only does he have a

professional tradition to uphold, but a family one as well, she said.

In addition to explaining Rodriguez's relationship with Chavez and his role as president, Rodriguez will speak about Cesar Chavez Day and the importance it has in America. In the memory of Chavez there will be specific days dedicated to him and his accomplishments.

Starting today, there will be an exhibit of photos featuring farm workers on the Central Coast at August Editions Gallery at 570 Higuera St., Suite 201 in San Luis

Obispo. On Saturday, a dedication to family will be held with Chicano youth conference participants from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the lawn in front of the business building. Also Saturday the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA) eighth annual Chicano youth conference will be putting on workshops to better understand Chicano life. Finally, the week of May 4 to 11 will be devoted to homelessness and hunger awareness.

Rodriguez's speech will take place at 7 p.m. in the business building rotunda.

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are reserved for Cal Poly students," Linton said. "After Open House, the rooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to anyone."

The reserved rooms at Stenner Glen and Mustang Village are an attempt to simplify the housing process, Allen said.

"We are trying to make it easier to navigate and maneuver throughout

this housing maze," he said. "We do really consider those spaces part of what we need to make available to students concerned."

Cal Poly is still giving housing tours on campus, however. The majority of the students coming to campus in the next two weeks are high school juniors who will be applying in a year and a half, Serjeant said. The other students on tours already have housing.

"We have been telling them if they have not applied for housing

yet, they need to secure something at Stenner or Mustang," Serjeant said.

Stenner Glen and Mustang Village will have a booth at Open House and will be giving tours of their complexes, Allen said.

The housing department wants students to have a chance at housing, Allen said. He added that building assignments will not be made until summer after the first payment is received in June.

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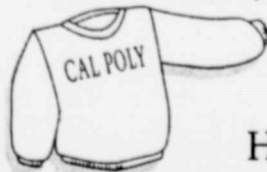
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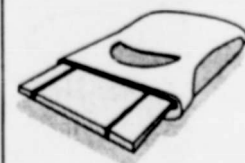
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Number of campus pinkeye cases growing

By Whitney Kellogg
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Architecture junior Elizabeth Ernst had a hard time opening her eyes Friday morning. It wasn't fatigue from last week's classes that kept her eyes sealed. It was pinkeye, a contagious eye infection that is spreading faster than usual among Cal Poly students.

Ernst is one of at least 135 students

diagnosed by doctors at the Health Center with pinkeye since Jan. 1, according to statistics from Health Center administration records. Last year, 87 students were diagnosed in the same time period.

"I couldn't go to work because it's so contagious," Ernst said. "I still went to all my classes but I wore sunglasses. That way people didn't freak out when they saw me and it helped me remember not to touch

my eyes."

Pinkeye, or conjunctivitis, is an inflammation of the mucous membrane that lines the inner eyelid and covers the white of the eye, according to Kaiser Permanente's online library of publications.

The small blood vessels on the surface of the membrane are more visible when they're irritated, making the eye appear pink, said Robert Brown, an anatomy and physiology professor in the biological sciences department.

The eye may itch or burn and have a watery or thick discharge, according to Kaiser's publication.

"No one ever dies from it, but I've seen students with eyes so swollen from it that they couldn't see out," Brown said.

Bacteria or a virus in the discharge spread pinkeye when the fluid comes in contact with another eye, according to Kaiser's publication.

The bacteria can survive on surfaces for at least a few hours, but a virus usually lasts less than an hour, said Dr. Burt Cochran, head of medical services at the Health Center. It can easily spread from eye to eye before symptoms appear. The infection is usually common in kinder-

How to tell if you have Pinkeye

- The first symptom is discomfort in the eye
- Redness and inflammation of the conjunctiva
- There is some pain associated with conjunctivitis
- A white, yellow or green discharge from the eyes
- Ear infections also occur

garten and grammar schools, he said.

"As we touch things, shake hands with each other, and pass each other books, it passes pretty easily," Brown said.

In the last 25 years, the number of pinkeye cases at Cal Poly increased several times, especially in general zoology lab exams where students use microscopes, Brown said.

"The students that don't even rub their eyes, but who look through a microscope and have their eyelashes touching a microscope, have just as high a risk," he said. "It can be passed from microscope to microscope very easily."

The best way for students to reduce the spread of pinkeye is to wash their hands frequently, especially after

blowing their noses or touching their eyes, Cochran said.

Follow these precautions for added safety:

- Don't share towels, washcloths, cosmetics or eye drops.
- Wipe off microscope eyepieces in labs before use.
- Use contact lenses with precaution.

Treatment for pinkeye is usually simple, Cochran said. If students have pinkeye, prescription antibiotic eye drops usually relieve symptoms within eight days, he said. A warm compress also soothes the eyes, according to Kaiser's publication.

"We see a lot (of pinkeye cases) every year, just a little more this year," Cochran said, "but it's not epidemic."

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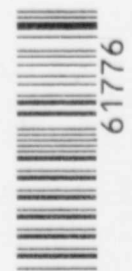
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Distractions subtract time from our lives

Although disenchanted and somewhat embittered toward television and movies, I occasionally come across some profound truth conveyed through a shallow and over-dramatized Hollywood scenario. These rare "pearls" tie into an issue in my life, and I am strangely enlightened through the most seemingly unenlightening media.

The specific current application of this phenomenon is a scene from the movie "Moonstruck" (which I do not particularly like, but manifestations of truth often do come from strange places). Recently I have been reminded (several times daily, in fact) of the movie character Ronnie whose hand gets cut off

Jenny Rosner

because he momentarily takes his focus off of what he is doing and entertains a distraction, sadly to his own detriment.

This image is symbolically applicable to each of our lives. We can all learn a lesson about maintaining focus and keeping harmful and unproductive distractions in their proper places.

Each one of us has one or several focuses in life, namely the thing(s) that define us or make us tick. It is what matters most to us, what we, in a sense, live for. This focus defines our everyday goals and objectives, as well as our long-term hopes and aspirations.

We all face countless distractions and potential derailing factors each and everyday, of varying shapes and sizes. A distraction is anything that has the ability to take our mind off of what we know we should be focusing on, and thus inhibit the fullest extent of growth, productivity and ultimate satisfaction.

The difficult reality is that distractions will always be there – we live in a world that thrives on diversion. In many ways, diverting attention from our ultimate purpose has become an art form, skillfully mastered and craftily fashioned into an entire industry of ubiquitous distraction.

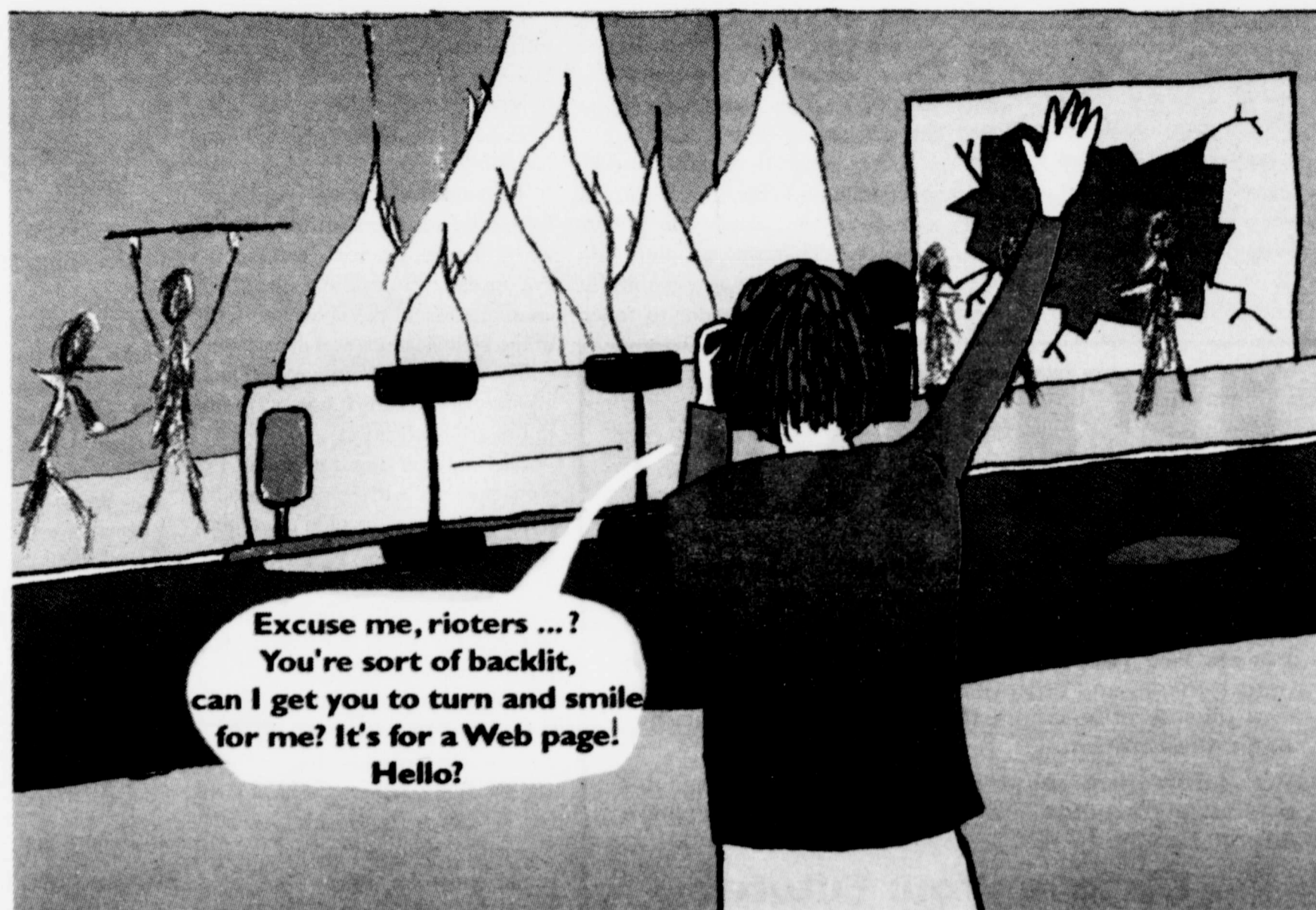
Albeit providing pseudo-appeasement and fleeting peace of mind, these temporary fixes do not satisfy. Though unavoidable, distractions must remain peripheral. Allowing a distraction to dilute (or, worse yet, become) our focus could be detrimental.

Over-entertaining a distraction causes us to lose focus in everything we do. Since our focus is the central point of our lives, any disturbance that penetrates our core ripples outward and affects all other areas of our life. Our perceptions become tainted. Our sense of clarity is destroyed. This destructive process is caused by derailment from our fundamental purpose. Since our focus gives us passion and fulfillment, actively seeking and furthering our deepest purpose fully employs our strengths. When a distraction becomes our focus, the strongholds of our character slip away and our shortcomings move forward.

In light of this observation, the clichéd idea of wholehearted dedication rings with piercing significance. The minute we begin to lose focus, our purpose becomes diluted and our heart becomes divided. Division breeds imbalance, which leads to stagnation. Before we know it, we have completely lost sight of our goals, strengths, and core purpose. Although I hope that none of us literally loses body parts as a result of over-inflated distractions, we are in danger of losing something even more integral – ourselves.

Jenny Rosner is a political science senior.

Cameras rightly punish rioters



There's nothing like rioting to show how much a person really cares.

That was my first thought when I heard about the riots that occurred at Purdue University after the women's basketball team lost the NCAA championship game to Notre Dame April 1. I was happy to

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hear that people were finally having as

passionate feelings for women's basketball as they do for men's basketball. After these few happy moments, I remembered what the word riot meant and why it is so stupid to riot over a basketball game – college or professional.

Purdue reported that the rioting caused \$100,000 worth of damage to the campus and to surrounding neighborhoods from 10:30 p.m. the night of the game to 6 a.m. the next morning. To find the individuals responsible, the university police department has posted images of various participants and spectators on the department's Web site (<http://www.purdue.edu/oop/police/>). The site has over 160 images for people to surf. Purdue is offering a \$5,000 reward for any information leading to the arrests and convictions of those who vandalized cars and property. Students who participated in the vandalism face the possibility of being suspended or expelled from Purdue.

The main drawback of riots is that there isn't one positive or redeeming quality about them. When I was reaching to think of one, the only thing I could come up with is that riots allow a group of people to

express themselves in ways they might not normally be able to. Then there's the whole idea of expressing yourself with violence, and that just doesn't work.

When it comes to riots, especially violent ones, this kind of policing serves many important functions. The most important is enforcement of the law, especially because it may stop future riots from happening. By showing students that police will take pictures at the scene of a riot, prospective rioters will think twice the next time the crowd starts to get wild. This kind of identification serves as a preventative measure.

I support any university police department's attempt to prevent riots by this kind of identification. This form of policing should be used, but with caution.

Some argue that many of the students contained in the images had nothing to do with the disturbance. Just because there aren't any pictures of a particular person throwing a rock through a window doesn't mean they had nothing to do with the riot. The presence of spectators leads to mob mentality and gives the rioters a shroud of anonymity. If some students weren't there to cause violence or riot, why were they there at all? People who were there were still going against police orders to leave the area.

Students who were actually rioting and vandalizing deserve to realize the consequences of their actions. Too many people in today's society go through life without facing up to the consequences of their actions. Dean of Students at Purdue University L. Tony Hawkins said it best

when he said on the Purdue Web site, "Requesting public assistance with identifying our students disturbs and pains me. I don't like having to identify students this way, yet they need to be aware that there are consequences for the choices they make."

This disturbance could have hurt or killed people present. The vandalism is enough damage, but the mob may have done worse.

If the university's police let the rioters slide, the crowd will push the limits in the future. Deaths may not be just a possibility next time.

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"What's an 'ungrateful award?'"

Letters to the editor

Honor Cesar Chavez, support unions Editor,

"This union is a group of farm workers who have joined together to win for themselves the high wages and decent working conditions they have already earned ... we are not slaves and we are not animals. And we are not alone!" a young Cesar Chavez proclaimed. To Chavez, the union was a vehicle for justice for working people – to fight for safe working conditions, job security and a living wage. How ironic it is now that both nationally and locally, the union-busting corporate interests Chavez fought so valiantly against have engulfed institutions that praise Chavez with his own holiday.

Nationally, both political parties have become anti-union, religiously obsessed with the neo-liberal doctrine of "free-trade," or more appropriately, corporately managed trade.

Multinational corporations (not people) are permitted to move across borders freely so that every time workers attempt to organize, the corporation simply moves to where workers cannot, beaten and imprisoned if they do. For example, when UNITE, a national garment workers union, attempted to organize workers sewing for Guess, Guess, with the help of the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), simply moved production to Mexico where not one independent union in the apparel industry exists. Locally, anti-unionism is alive and well right here at Cal-Pepsi. Last year, the administration refused to contract with the local electricians union. Currently,

Chancellor Reed refuses to negotiate a contract with the faculty union, and the administration refuses to hire professors on tenure track, opting instead for a more "flexible" work force with insecure one-year contracts. The university's best professors, Dr. Maliha Zulficar, for example, are hired and released without a reason.

The struggle Cesar Chavez represents – justice for working people through the union – is in serious peril. To honor the man for his courage is simply not enough. We need to support union struggles everywhere and knock that fake smile from Chancellor Charles Reed, Bill Clinton, President George W. Bush and all those who observe Chavez Day just to take a break from their union-busting activities.

Jesse McGowan is a political science senior and member of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA).

Resist semester switch Editor,

Are there any academic reasons to switch to the semester system? I have not heard of any. I found all the reasons Matt Szabo gave in his article ("In support of semesters," April 6) to be laughable. Economic rationale have been the driving points of arguments in favor of the switch. Before they endure a costly (yet under funded) conversion, students deserve academic justification for the need to switch from our quarter system.

Cal Poly is a distinguished academic institution, and we are the best university in the CSU system. We did not

become the best by using the semester system: If anything, Cal Poly should be used as a model for the other CSU campuses, not forced to confirm to an unfamiliar system of classes.

I will forever oppose a switch to the semester system until I am told how it will make Cal Poly a better academic institution, and not just how it will make Mr. Davis' wallet fatter. You should, too.

Jeff Butterworth is a mechanical engineering senior.

PG&E gives big bonuses Editor,

In Monday's Tribune, I learned about the very generous bonuses given to most PG&E employees because they "stayed the course" and helped their company through tough times. Back in the early 1990s, the California State University system experienced very tough times. We were hit with a substantial funding cutback, and employees were asked to work much harder and make many sacrifices in order to meet student demand and maintain high quality. So what was our reward when the crisis eased? Our chancellor at the time, Barry Munitz, generously allocated a total of \$40,000 for merit bonuses to be spread among the entire faculty at Cal Poly, with the stipulation that only about 25 or 30 people would actually receive awards. To this day we have never been properly thanked for what we did. Perhaps we need to put Munitz in charge of PG&E and replace our current chancellor with PG&E's CEO!

Jay Devore is a professor and chairman of the department of statistics.

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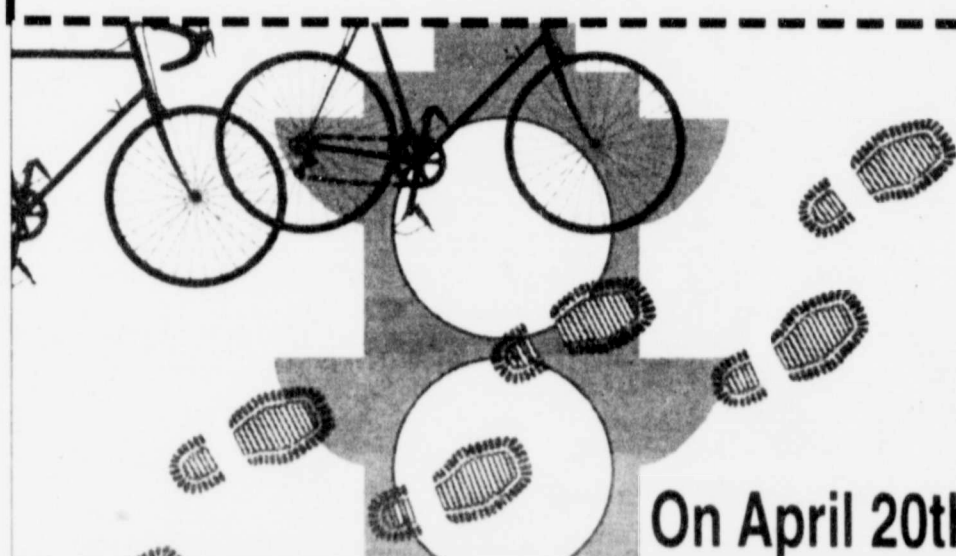
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possible. He is confident in his team's ability. "We have a shot at all of them," he said.

Spalinger's primary focus is on the Big West Conference tournament in Ojai April 27 and 28.

"We'd like a strong showing at Ojai," he said. "That's the biggest event of the year."

A native of Santa Maria, Spalinger said he's been playing tennis for most of his life. He played tennis at Santa Barbara City College for two years, and went on to play two more years at UC Santa Barbara. Most recently, he coached tennis at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria.

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"He's been creative in the way we train. (We do) different drills, different running. We've gotten into pretty good shape."

John Cappello
men's tennis co-captain

Poly women's tennis coach Hugh Bream for helping him get the coaching job. He said that Bream called him when the coaching position at Cal Poly opened up.

Spalinger said that he is interested in the permanent coaching position.

"I'll apply and see what happens," he said. "It's going to be open to everyone, so who knows?"

The Mustangs dropped a match to Portland on April 6, losing 4-

3. Despite the slow start to the week-end, the Mustangs came back to sweep UC Riverside and Nevada on April 7 and 8, winning both matches 7-0. The wins brought Cal Poly's record to 9-8 in dual match play.

Cal Poly plays at home at the Avila Bay Country Club this week-end, hosting San Diego State on April 14.

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ball team at San Diego State was eliminated. This year, the men tried out for the women's volleyball team. The California-National Organization for Women Athletic Equity Commission was very vocal about its disdain toward the men trying out. The chairwoman of the organization, Linda Joplin, was quoted in an article for espn.com as saying: "The statute and the regulations are not designed to maintain opportunities for the men when they have historically had more opportunities to start with. If the purpose of Title IX is to increase opportunities for women, putting men on the women's team is not going to make it happen."

Herein lies the problem. Title IX was not intended to create opportunities for women at the expense of opportunities for men. Title IX says: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be ... subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." Title IX has been a failure. It hasn't provided equality. By taking away opportunities for men, Title IX has not created opportunities for women. No person's rights are more important than the next person's. Title IX needs to be revised to keep the dream of equality alive.

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New coach, new outlook for men's tennis

By Katherine Gernhardt
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As the new head coach for Cal Poly's men's tennis team, Jeff Spalinger combines hard work with a laid-back attitude.

Spalinger takes over the position from Chris Eppright, who announced his resignation on April 15. Eppright was in the middle of his tenth season with the Mustangs.

Freshman doubles player Nick Carless said the coaching change has brought a more enjoyable atmosphere to the team.

"(Spalinger brings) more positive practice, more positive matches, more positive road trips," he said. "It's just a lot more fun to be out here. Jeff's coaching style fits me a lot better."

Senior team co-captain John Cappello said he appreciates Spalinger's approach to practices.

"He's been creative in the way we train," he said. "(We do) different drills, different running. We've gotten into pretty good shape."

The difference Cappello referred to is Spalinger's focus on teamwork at practice. Since joining the team at midseason, the new coach sought to strengthen the team's bond.



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Interim tennis coach Jeff Spalinger took over for Chris Eppright, who resigned on April 15. His approach to coaching has team members focusing more on teamwork at practice.

"In practice, we do a lot of things together," Spalinger said. "We do drills together, we do all of our running together. We're trying to build up the team."

Cappello said the coaching

change brought the team closer.

"When (Eppright) left, we kind of had to come together as a team rather than rely on a coach," he said. "We just kind of relied on each other."

Spalinger said that one of his main goals for the remainder of the season is to do what most coaches want to do: practice hard, play hard and win as many matches as

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No equality when dealing with Title IX

Equality will never exist.

In theory, equality is a great concept. Our society is obsessed with the idea of it. We are constantly looking for ways to make a balanced society of men and women, of white and black, of the majority and minority. For a while, affirmative action was supposed to be the answer to having a "fair" number of non-whites in universities. On the gender side of the ledger, Title IX is supposed to be the answer to creating equality.

In 1972, Congress passed a law called Title IX. It was an amendment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that intended

to bring an end to **Ryan Ballard**

gender discrimination in education. Title IX quickly changed the landscape of college athletics as women began to have more opportunities for scholarships and to compete. The fruits of these changes are the explosion of popularity in women's athletics and professional leagues being formed in softball, basketball and even football.

When the U.S. women's soccer team won the World Cup in 1999, it was a win for Title IX as well. Unfortunately, Title IX has a dark, ugly side. As with many laws, much of Title IX is left to interpretation.

Title IX is basically interpreted as saying that there should be a proportional number of athletes of a particular gender as the school has overall. For example, if a school has 60 percent women, then 60 percent of the athletes have to be women. The intent of the law is that schools that have less than proportional numbers will increase the opportunities for women.

Many schools, however, have found a way to circumvent the law. Adding a women's sport is often too expensive, so schools find it more convenient to drop a men's program. Generally, schools target low-profile, so-called "non-revenue" men's teams for elimination. There are no more opportunities for women then there were before, but the opportunities for men have decreased.

An interesting development with Title IX happened in the last few weeks. A year ago, the men's volleyball

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Softball beats UC Riverside

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Even though the Mustangs were only able to play one game against UC Riverside Monday due to weather, they came away with a 3-1 victory behind strong pitching and Christie Wells' second home run of the year.

The two teams were originally scheduled to play a doubleheader. Cal Poly improves to 17-20 with the win.

Mustang softball also received good news when Terra Blankenbecker was named Big West Co-Pitcher of the Week for last weekend's dominant pitching.

She pitched two shutouts and allowed only five hits over the two games against UC Santa Barbara.

Alpine ski team prepares for Mammoth

By Aaron Lambert
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly alpine ski and snowboard team will finish with its last race this season at Mammoth Mountain on Easter weekend.

The event comes a month after three members of the snowboard team placed third in the combined meet at the National Championship event at Bogus Basin in Boise Idaho.

Jeff Nokkeo, architecture graduate student and team member, said the event was good.

Nokkeo took seventh place in the boarder-cross event in Idaho. That result, combined with an eighth place finish by graphic communications senior Danny Grant, and a 16th place finish from political science senior Eric Wierschem combined for a second place finish in the team category.

The event, which ran from March 5 through 10, used points combined from

the boarder-cross and the giant slalom to determine the highest finishers. Grant placed 15th in the giant slalom, which gave them enough to pass Long Beach State for third place.

At the next Southern California Collegiate Snowsport Conference race in Mammoth on March 25, Nokkeo and Wierschem finished with the first two places in the slalom.

► It is the last meet of the season for the team.

► The team is currently in second place in league competition.

The ski team also had success this season, repeatedly having finishers in the top three in every race.

They won two of the top three spots in every giant slalom and all but one slalom race this season.

Civil engineering sophomore Garrett Higerd, who was the conference cham-

pion last season in the giant slalom, slalom and combined meet, has led the team.

Higerd, who is from Mammoth Lakes, has not finished lower than third place in any race that he has completed this season. That gives him one first-place finish, five second-place finishes and one third place.

"Garrett is the best men's skier that we have," said Cory Sandusky, manufacturing engineering junior and ski team member.

This racing season Higerd has chased another Mammoth Lakes local, UC Santa Barbara freshmen Wesley Smith.

Team president Greg Gerken has contributed as a member of the team this season, posting one win, one second and five third-place finishes.

"I think we did pretty well," said Devon Yurosek, agriculture business freshman. "We could've done a little better with the talent that we have."

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Briefs

Opinions on Jordan's possible comeback abound

WASHINGTON (AP) — One Washington Wizards owner thinks Michael Jordan is preparing for a comeback. Another Wizards owner thinks it just isn't so.

Opinions on a possible Jordan return were everywhere in the nation's capital Tuesday. The rumor that has circulated for weeks gained new credibility Monday night when Wizards primary owner Abe Pollin went on television to reveal his "gut feeling" that "the odds are that he's going to come back" and play for Washington next season.

"I didn't think he'd come back when I first heard the talk," Pollin then told The Washington Post. "But when Mario Lemieux came back to the Penguins, it stirred something in Michael."

A Jordan comeback would mirror that of Lemieux, one of the owners of the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins, who ended a 3 1/2-year retirement in December.

Lemieux said Tuesday he has talked to Jordan this month and expects him to make a comeback.

"I think it's great for basketball and, obviously, I'm very excited about it," Lemieux said of reports of a Jordan comeback.

Schedule

TONIGHT

- Baseball vs. Bethany College
- at Baggett Stadium • 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Baseball vs. UC Riverside
- at Riverside • 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Baseball vs. UC Riverside
- at Riverside • 7 p.m.
- Softball vs. Cal State Northridge (doubleheader)
- at Northridge • noon / 2 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Men's tennis vs. San Diego State
- at Avila Bay C.C. • 1:30 p.m.
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