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• LOCAL FIRE •

Blaze hits GRADE

'Accidental' fire consumes more than 160 acres of land on the northbound side of the Cuesta Grade; Cal Poly campus not at risk

Story by Steve Hill

Photos by Spencer Marley

A sh blanketed the San Luis Obispo sky Monday morning, but it was not a result of the Southern California wildfires.

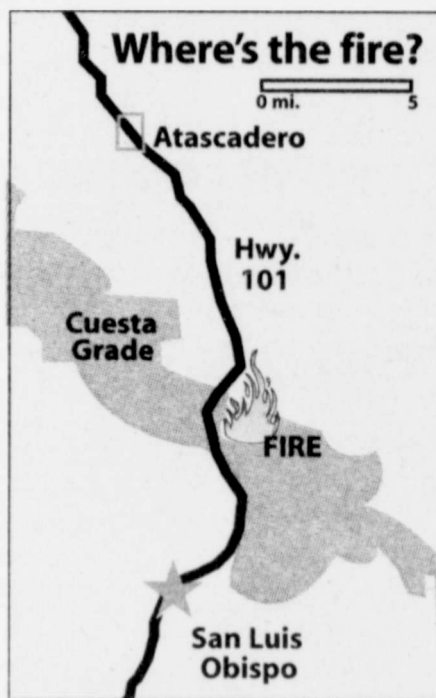
A fire started about 9 a.m. on the northbound side of Cuesta Grade, said Clint Bullard, fire prevention specialist for the California Department of Forestry's County Fire. The blaze consumed 160 acres by 2:30 p.m. and by 5:15 p.m. had reached 30 percent containment.

Bullard said CDF officials projected the fire to consume no more than 300 acres and the evening marine layer helped to change the weather to the firefighters' advantage.

The cause of the blaze, Bullard said, was "confirmed accidental," and further details regarding its source are under investigation.

Although smoke was visible from many vantage points on-campus, Cal Poly was not in danger of being breached by the fire, University Police Department Cmdr. Bill Watton said.

The fire threatened one residence, which was burning on primarily steep, uninhabitable land.



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Bullard said crews were dispatched to the area of the home and it was quickly saved from the flames.

While many San Luis Obispo County firefighters are in Southern California offering assistance, Bullard said a sufficient amount of fighters and equipment were available for backup to battle the Cuesta

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A firefighter with the California Youth Authority looks on as flames spread on the hillside of the Cuesta Grade. As of 9 p.m. Monday, the fire was 50 percent contained, and California Department of Forestry officials expected the blaze to be fully extinguished by this evening.

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Banners fly high in UU Plaza

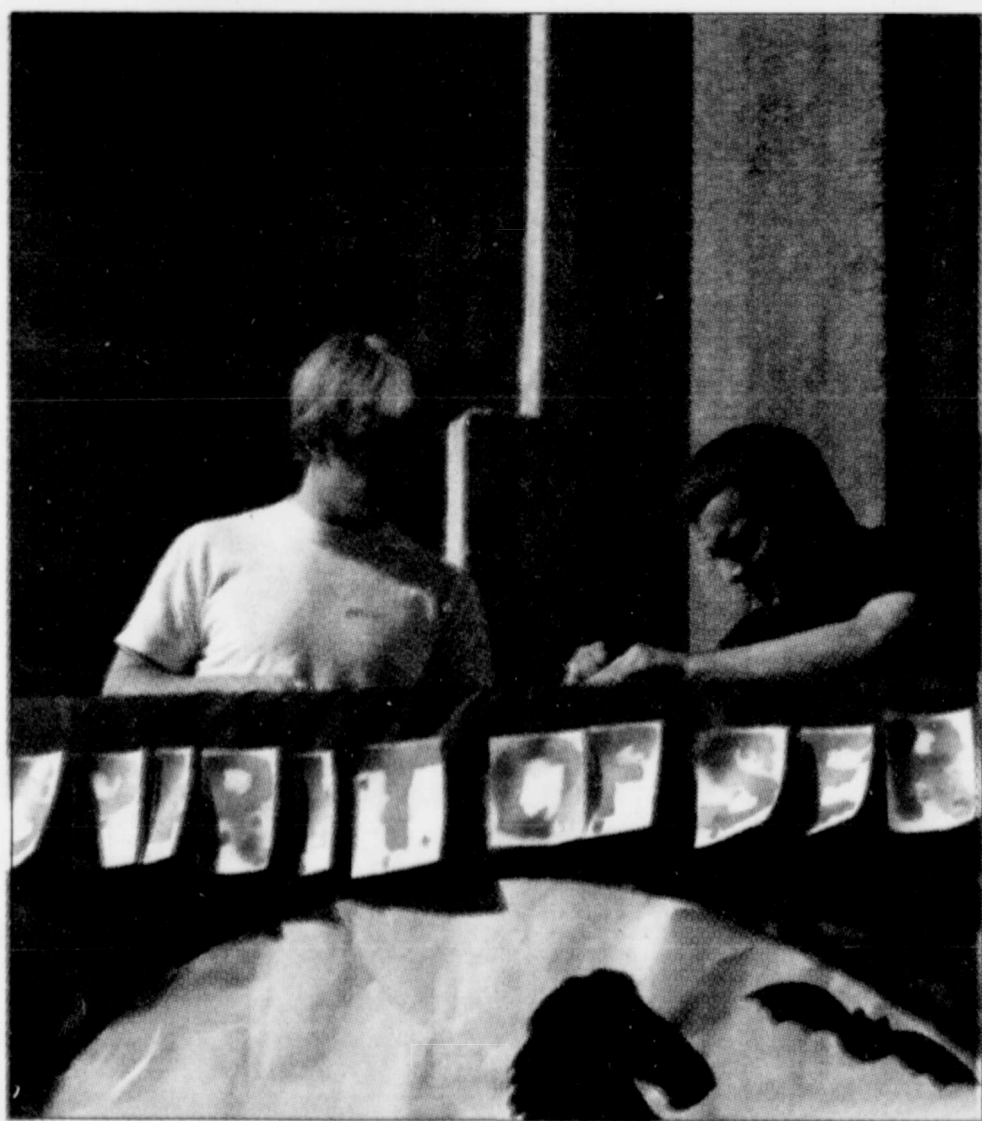
Homecoming Week started with a banner contest in UU Plaza. Clubs decorated banners and hung them Monday to be judged on creativity, appearance, school spirit and representation of the theme "The Spirit of Cal Poly."

Banners were hung on a first-come first-serve basis, so club representatives had to be in the UU early to get a good spot. Alpha Phi Omega earned 300 points for first place, Filipino Cultural Exchange earned 200 points for second place and Kappa Alpha Theta/Phi Sigma Kappa earned 100 points for third place. Every participating club earned 200 points.

All banners will be moved to Mustang Stadium for the Homecoming football game Saturday.

For a current list of Homecoming spirit points, see page 2.

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Fires threaten Southland homes

By Seth Hettena
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — California's deadliest outbreak of fires in more than a decade has destroyed at least 1,100 homes, killed at least 13 people and consumed more than 400,000 acres stretching from the Mexican border to the suburbs northwest of Los Angeles.

"This will be the most expensive fire in California history, both in loss of property and the cost of fighting it," Dallas Jones, director of the state Office of Emergency Services, said in a telephone news conference Monday.

He said it would cost the state hundreds of millions of dollars.

Eight adults were being treated for burns and smoke inhalation at the University of California, San Diego, Medical Center. Two were in serious to critical condition with burns over more than 55 percent of their bodies, spokeswoman Eileen Callahan said.

Managers of California's power grid

estimated that 70,000 to 85,000 Southern California customers were without electricity because fires had damaged transmission lines.

The dry, hot Santa Ana winds that have fanned the flames began to ease Monday, raising hopes that overwhelmed firefighters could make progress with the help of reinforcements on their way from other Western states. But the danger was still high.

President Bush designated the fire-stricken region a major disaster area, opening the door to grants, loans and other aid to residents and businesses in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego and Ventura counties.

"This is a devastating fire, and it's a dangerous fire. And we're prepared to help in any way we can," Bush said at the White House.

An 90,000-acre fire that straddles

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Local Weather

5 - Day Forecast

TODAY
high: 86° / low 49°

WEDNESDAY
high: 71° / low 44°

THURSDAY
high: 66° / low 39°

FRIDAY
high: 57° / low 35°

SATURDAY
high: 56° / low 33°

Sunrise/Sunset

rises: 6:20 a.m. / sets 5:12 p.m.

Tides

	N/A	N/A
high	10:59 p.m.	6.42 feet
low	4:40 a.m.	2.50 feet
	6:34 p.m.	-0.94 feet

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Grade fire. Crews from CDF, San Luis Obispo County, Morro Bay, Santa Margarita and Atascadero fire departments comprised the roughly 200 firefighters battling the blaze.

"We did have a significant amount of cover strike teams in the county ... that were among the initial respondents to the fire," Bullard said.

Winds swept through the hills along the side of the Grade as firefighters used chainsaws and flares to carve away at excess brush and control burn some of the foliage closest to the freeway. CalTrans maintenance supervisor Dave Fry summed up the firefighters' plight.

"This wind isn't helping at all," he said.

Winds of 10 to 15 mph out of the northwest were reported at the Grade just after 3 p.m. Highway 101 was closed intermittently during the morning hours, but only the far right lane of the northbound side remained closed for the rest of the day.

Air tankers circled overhead as the brush crackled and flames roared on the hillside. Onlookers gathered in the



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California Department of Forestry crews respond to the fire on Cuesta Grade Monday morning.

turnout lane of the southbound side of the freeway, some gazing in awe, others talking excitedly on cell phones.

The helicopters and planes that dropped water onto the flames were a crucial part of the containment effort, since the terrain is not made for easy human access.

"In areas we can't get crews into ... we'll hit it really hard with the air equipment," Bullard said.

The only injury reported was sus-

tained by a California Highway Patrol officer.

Bullard said containment and cleanup would not be a speedy process.

"We'll have crews working this fire well into tomorrow and the next couple of days," he said.

Bullard said later crews were making good progress.

"We're looking at full containment by 6 p.m. tomorrow," he said. "We're getting a real good line around it."

WILDFIRES

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the Los Angeles-Ventura county line, was moving slowly toward million-dollar mansions in a gated community in Los Angeles' Chatsworth.

Maurice Greene, a sprinter who won a gold medal at the 2000 Olympics, evacuated his 9,000-square-foot wooden home inside the gates.

"You can see some of the flames coming over the hill," he told KCBS-TV. "We have to put it in God's hands. That's all we can do."

Firefighters mounted a major challenge to the fire fight, hoping to take advantage of the wind break. Police were sent to patrol hillsides. Arson is suspected in the fire and "we don't want any copycats" or sightseers, the mayor said.

The Simi Valley fire could reach the Pacific Ocean, California Department of Forestry battalion chief Thomas Foley said.

"Worst case scenario, and that's the Simi fire, this fire could spread to the west across Los Angeles County to Rocky Peak and into Malibu," Foley said Monday during the conference call with reporters.



ACCGC chair William Papo presents the accreditation plaque to graphic communication professor Penny Osmond, who headed up the department's accreditation process.

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HOMECOMING SPIRIT POINTS TALLY

Alpha Gamma Rho/Sigma Kappa • 600
Alpha Kappa Delta Phi • 0
Alpha Phi Omega • 900
Biotechnology Club • 0
Cal Poly Fencing Club • 0
Cal Poly Lion Dance Team • 0
Cal Poly Polo Club • 0
Cal Poly Rose Float • 200
Cal Poly Wakeboard Club • 0
Campus Crusade for Christ • 0
CLA Student Council • 0
COSAM Ambassadors • 0
Crops Club • 0
Cutting and Reining • 0
Kappa Alpha Theta/Phi Sigma Kappa • 500
Kinesiology Club • 0
Los Lecheros Dairy Club • 0
Mustang Band • 400
Penguins Motorcycle Club • 0
Pilipino Cultural Exchange • 400
Poly Reps • 600
RAM Club • 400
Sigma Nu/Chi Delta Theta • 200
Student Community Services • 400
WOW/Open House • 0

GRC department earns accreditation

By Amanda Strachan
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly Graphic Communication Department earned national accreditation, making it one of three programs to hold such a distinction.

The award also makes the department the 28th nationally recognized program offered at Cal Poly.

"The more accreditations, the higher the status of the university," said graphic communication department head Harvey Levenson.

Graphic communication assistant professor Penny Osmond headed the process that took more than a year and a half. Earning accreditation involved the evaluation of the department in 14 areas, including administration, financial support, faculty, curriculum, internships and graduate placement.

"As a department, we strive to find the right formula for success," Osmond said. "By receiving the accreditation, we've found that our efforts are paying off."

Those efforts earned the department a five-year accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Collegiate Graphic Communications and a formal acknowledgment.

The ACCGC recognized the department as having a program that promotes and advances the technology and profession of graphic communica-

tion.

"(It) puts Cal Poly in a more professional perspective so that prospective employers will see our graduates as better qualified," professor Brian Lawler said.

James Sablan, a district sale associate for Man Roland, a printing press manufacturer, was on campus conducting interviews and said the accreditation is impressive and beneficial to the university as a whole.

"It shows that the students are ready for the real world and companies get to know the school and want more," Sablan said.

Students in the department expect to reap the benefits of participating in a nationally recognized program.

"It's too bad I'm leaving ... I expect the department will change a lot in the next few years," graphic communication senior Jessica Koehen said. "The students will have the opportunity to experience great things."

Professors expect to see improvements as well.

"The fact that we are accredited also means more companies will look at us as a good test bed for their technology," Lawler said.

Printing Industries of Northern California and Print Buyers Group, two graphic communication organizations, report the program at Cal Poly, "represents one of the best-known programs of its kind in the nation and is the

largest in the western United States ... The graphic communication department faculty members are internationally known as professors, scholars, researchers, consultants and authors."

Levenson calls the accreditation "yet another milestone for a department that has been serving the graphic communication profession for nearly 60 years."



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National Roundup

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Weeks before the sniper attacks that terrorized the Washington area, John Allen Muhammad showed a cousin in Louisiana a rifle and claimed he was on a covert military operation, the cousin testified Monday at Muhammad's murder trial.

Charlene Anderson said she let Muhammad and fellow sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo stay in her Baton Rouge, La., home for a few days in late summer 2002.

Anderson said he asked where he could buy bullets for the rifle, which he carried in a duffel bag and told her he was on an undercover mission to recover plastic explosives that had disappeared from the military.

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Monday his staff is cooperating with an independent commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks, but he stopped short of saying whether the White House would hand over top-level papers that may be subpoenaed.

"Those are very sensitive documents," Bush said, adding that White House counsel Alberto Gonzales was working with Thomas Kean, chairman of the commission, on this issue.

WASHINGTON — Millions of Americans may not get enough vitamin D, a nutrient important for strong bones. It is a problem that grows worse in the winter, when the sun's rays are not intense enough in most of the country to help bodies make the sunshine vitamin.

Already doctors are urging that breast-fed babies get vitamin D supplements to fend off a shocking return of rickets, a soft-bone disease, most often seen in children, that was thought eliminated decades ago. With increasing evidence that adults too may lack the nutrient, scientists are debating whether it is time to pump up everybody's level of vitamin D.

Vitamin D helps bones absorb calcium, and rickets marks the worst deficiency, specialists told a recent National Institutes of Health meeting to assess the issue.

WASHINGTON — Twelve states and several Northeast cities sued the Environmental Protection Agency on Monday to try to block the Bush administration's changes to the Clean Air Act.

EPA's new rule makes it easier to upgrade utilities, refineries and other industrial facilities without installing additional pollution controls.

The rule, which was proposed last December and signed by EPA's administrator in August, was made final on Monday. It will take effect in two months, and states have up to three years to comply.

EPA said in a statement it does not believe this rule will result in significant changes in emissions.

— Associated Press

World Roundup

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Striking in rapid succession, suicide car bombers bent on death for "collaborators" devastated the Red Cross headquarters and three police stations Monday, killing three dozen people and wounding more than 200 in the bloodiest day in Baghdad since the start of the U.S. occupation.

From north to south in this city of 5 million, the explosions over a 45-minute period left streetscapes of broken bodies, twisted wreckage and Iraqis unnerved by an escalating underground war. The dead included a U.S. soldier, eight Iraqi policemen and at least 26 Iraqi civilians.

Iraqi and U.S. authorities in Baghdad blamed the coordinated quadruple blasts on foreign fighters intent on targeting those they accuse of collaborating with U.S. forces. One captive would-be bomber was said to carry a Syrian passport.

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said for the first time Monday that Israel has no plans to kill Yasser Arafat, even as he accused the Palestinian leader of continuing to orchestrate attacks on civilians.

Sharon delivered his assessment as Israel confirmed plans to begin providing services to eight settlement outposts in the West Bank. The announcement dealt another blow to the faltering U.S.-backed peace plan.

That plan, known as the "road map," calls for a construction freeze in Israeli settlements and removal of outposts erected since 2001. Palestinians have complained that Israel is undermining the peace plan—but have also balked at the requirement that they dismantle militant groups.

BOGOTA, Colombia — Residents of Colombia's sprawling capital elected a former Communist union leader as their mayor in municipal elections, giving a major boost to embattled left-wing politicians who have long been the target of intimidation and assassination attempts.

With 92 percent of ballots counted, Luis Eduardo Garzon, the son of a cleaning woman, took 46 percent of the vote against 40 percent for the government-backed center-right candidate, Juan Lozano, the nation's official election body said. Lozano conceded defeat.

MOSCOW — The dramatic arrest and jailing of the head of Russia's largest oil company could seriously impede the sprawling country's efforts to restore its economy, the U.S. ambassador and a prominent economist said Sunday.

The comments came a day after Mikhail Khodorkovsky, the billionaire head of the Yukos oil company, was seized by special forces at a Siberian airport, sent back to Moscow, charged with crimes including forgery, fraud and tax evasion and jailed in one of Russia's pre-trial detention units.

— Associated Press

College Roundup

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Fourteen students marched silently around the north side of the University of Illinois' campus Sunday afternoon to promote awareness and voice their concerns about domestic violence.

The march was organized by Volunteer Illini Projects in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Monica Natarajan, the urban development chair of VIP and a junior, organized the march. She said she thinks it is important for students and members of the community to know that domestic violence is common.

LUBBOCK, Texas — A recent study conducted during the early developing stages of mice shows estrogen and testosterone hormones are not completely responsible for determining gender. Dr. Randolph Schiffer, chairperson of the neuropsychiatry department at Texas Tech University's Health Sciences Center, said the findings may not be applicable to human brains.

But Schiffer said there is a definite difference between male and female human brains.

Schiffer said female brains are smaller than male brains, which means female brains contain fewer cells. When compared, the two brains have different reception patterns and a different pattern of the distribution of functions.

— University Wire



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Army doctor testifies medical response depends on depot

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — While attorneys argued over legal responsibility for any chemical weapons leak, an Army doctor testified Monday the medical response at the Umatilla chemical weapons depot depended on the level of the emergency and whoever could handle it first.

Maj. Jose Ortiz repeatedly rejected hypothetical scenarios about whether the Army or a private contractor should first respond to a chemical leak as too simplistic or highly unlikely.

He was questioned by attorney James McCandlish, who is representing dozens of construction workers who claim they suffered sarin gas poisoning at the Army's chemical weapons depot in eastern Oregon in 1999.

The workers were employees of Raytheon Co., the military contractor hired to build an incinerator to destroy nearly 4,000 tons of chemical weapons stored at the depot near Hermiston.

The workers claim the government was negligent for not responding more quickly to any threat of a chemical weapons leak, leaving Raytheon to manage care for dozens of construction workers complaining of symptoms that ranged from trouble breathing to intense chest pain and vomiting.

McCandlish asked Ortiz to fill out a chart outlining responsibility for various medical emergencies but Ortiz refused, saying the chart presented "very poor examples" that were unlikely, unrealistic and "very simplistic."

U.S. District Judge Dennis Hubel, who is hearing the case without a jury, instructed Ortiz to respond to McCandlish's questions about the hypothetical situations but told the doctor he could comment on whether he thought they were unlikely or unrealistic.

Henry Miller, a Department of Justice attorney, repeatedly objected to the questioning, drawing a sharp warning from Hubel.

"What you're doing with your objections is alerting the witness, saying 'Whoa, this may be a trick question,'" Hubel told Miller.

"But the doctor has repeatedly shown he's very capable of taking care of himself," the judge said. "He doesn't need to be warned that a question may be misleading."

Ortiz was in charge of the Army clinic at the depot when 34 workers were sent to the hospital and others reported symptoms they believed were caused by a chemical weapons leak.

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GOOD EATS

Smokehouse serves up BBQ flavor with worldly feel

By Tom McCauley
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The owners of San Luis Obispo's J.D. Boone's Smokehouse are using Big Mama's barbecuing expertise to their advantage, and she's fuming about it. Big Mama's not a person though. She's a 7-foot, 3,000-pound smoker.

For those summertime barbecue "masters" out there, a smoker is a slow cooking secondary heat source barbecue, where the meat is slowly cooked from an indirect heat source, sometimes up to 17 hours at a time.

"Big Mama will be one of the two keys to our success," co-owner Dan Harper said. "Boone is the other."

Boone Pendergrast is a third generation connoisseur of the southern smoked food tradition who came to California after running enterprises across the South and, most recently, opening a successful smokehouse in Chicago.

"There are so many distinct traditions in the South," he said. "Wherever you end up, they're sure to tell you everyone else's style is not real barbecue. I've found the secret to a great smokehouse is not remaining married to one style."

By using good smoke to slow-cook the meat and adding distinct rubs and sauces, Pendergrast has created what he labels an "equatorial" style of barbecuing.

"People have been using these techniques to cook around the world for years," he said. "You go all over, between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, and you'll be sure to find smoke cookers."

"We made El Salvadorian coleslaw yesterday," Harper said, "and today Boone's cooking up a Thai chicken recipe. He uses..."

Before he could run down the list of ingredients, Boone interrupted.

"Don't tell him everything," he said with a sly grin. "Let them come down and taste it for themselves."

Harper, who also owns and operates Cabo San Luis, said he wanted

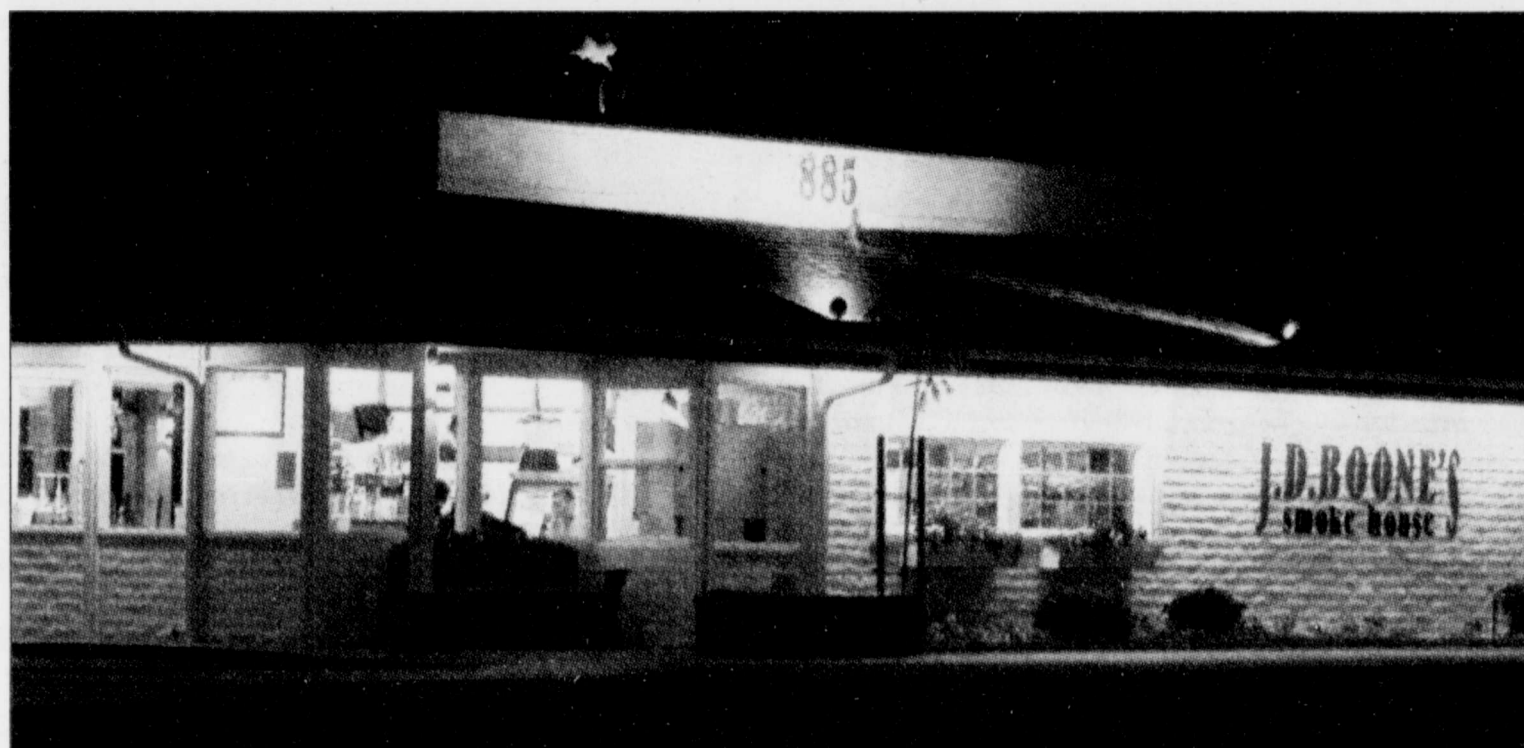
to duplicate that restaurant's successful strategy, incorporating his understanding of the local market area.

"We use fresh food, good variety and good prices," he said. "Our clientele consists of families and professionals, as well as all the students in the area. We just want to provide a warm environment and a distinctive menu."

J.D. Boone's menu runs the gamut in barbecue foods, with menu items such as "Memphis dry rubbed pork ribs," "big ole' spicy beef ribs" and "dry rub smoked chicken," as well as daily specials. Menu items range in price between \$5 and \$14, with the average around \$7.

The partners' plan on offering free barbecue classes later on, but for now, their focus is on providing for their customers' hunger needs.

"We will run out of items," Harper said. "It's intentional though. This is not a fast food joint where everything is cooked in three minutes or less. Time in the smoker is the only way Boone can achieve what he



LESLIE BURTON/MUSTANG DAILY

J.D. Boone's Smokehouse, located at 885 Foothill Blvd., takes barbecuing to the next level with the use of Big Mama, a 3,000-pound smoker. The owners plan to offer lessons on becoming a barbecue expert as the restaurant gains its footing.

needs to do."

The smokehouse's partners decided to keep the restaurant under wraps until the entire operation was

running smoothly. It opened its first day," Harper said. "But that's okay. You just can't rush perfection."

J.D. Boone's is located at 885 Foothill Blvd., next to Aida's Books.

CAL POLY HOMECOMING & PARENTS' DAY

TUESDAY

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7:00 PM Volleyball vs. Pacific
(Mott Gym)

7:30 PM Men's Soccer vs. Illinois-Chicago
(Mustang Stadium)

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GOOD EATS

Health conscious on campus? Have no fear

• Keeping a healthy diet really depends on individual student's food choices

By Amanda Hippe

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly has many different food outlets to satisfy a wide variety of palettes. Craving a saucy, cheesy slice of pizza? Go to Backstage. In the mood for a sandwich made to order? Hit up the Sandwich Factory. There's also Lucy's Juice, Campus Market, the plethora of munchies at The Avenue and the ever-so-popular freshmen haven VG's.

But has it dawned on the student consumer as to how healthy these meals are?

The answer is simple. Any of the campus eateries can satisfy a healthy fix — it's just a matter of what is chosen to fill the belly.

"If I'm in the mood for something healthy I usually grab a Lucy's Juice," liberal studies graduate

Susan Swadener
food science and nutrition professor

Kyra Romanolo said.

Romanolo still visits campus to finish up her student teaching and said most of the time she can pick up something that's not too heavy or fattening.

"If I really want something that's more filling, I'll grab a salad from The Avenue," Romanolo

said. "I also opt for low-fat dressing and include some kind of protein, like chicken or a side of tuna."

Susan Swadener, a food science and nutrition professor, agrees that it is up to the students to decide what to put in front of them.

"I think students can make some good choices at most places on campus," Swadener said. "My biggest advice when visiting places that serve all-you-can-eat portions is (to) walk around and plan your meal before filling your plate with the first few items that look good."

Swadener said every campus dining outlet has some type of healthy alternative.

"At Backstage Pizza there is a salad bar with lots of veggies and low-fat dressings," Swadener said. "There is also the option of getting veggie pizza instead of pepperoni."

She stresses the fact that it is up to the consumer whether they are going to pick French fries over a side of rice and vegetables at The Avenue.

Alan Cushman, associate director of Campus Dining, agrees that everywhere on campus offers a healthy variety of food.

He mentioned places like The Avenue, Lighthouse and VG Café, where students can get fresh fruit, cottage cheese, veggie entrees and

other low-fat solutions.

"Campus Market has the greatest variety of products on their shelves and in their refrigerators and freezers for students to choose from," Cushman said.

He said Campus Dining uses all their resources when planning and preparing what they serve on campus.

"Campus Dining is market driven, and we respond to our customers' needs and desires," Cushman said. "We utilize our student advisory

committee, our Campus Dining advisory committee, e-mail and suggestion boards that encourage direct feedback from our customers."

On Monday, Swadener and the Peer Health Nutrition Team are taking a field/dinner trip to the Lighthouse to evaluate the nutritional value of what is served.

"If students want further help with healthy meal planning, they can come into Peer Health and see a nutrition team health educator," Swadener said.

Have no fear when eating on campus, there are people looking out for healthy alternatives.



Mechanical engineering graduate student Andrew Jang chows down on a hamburger at Campus Market. Associate director of Campus Dining Alan Cushman said Campus Market offers the most variety for students looking to grab a nutritious bite on campus.

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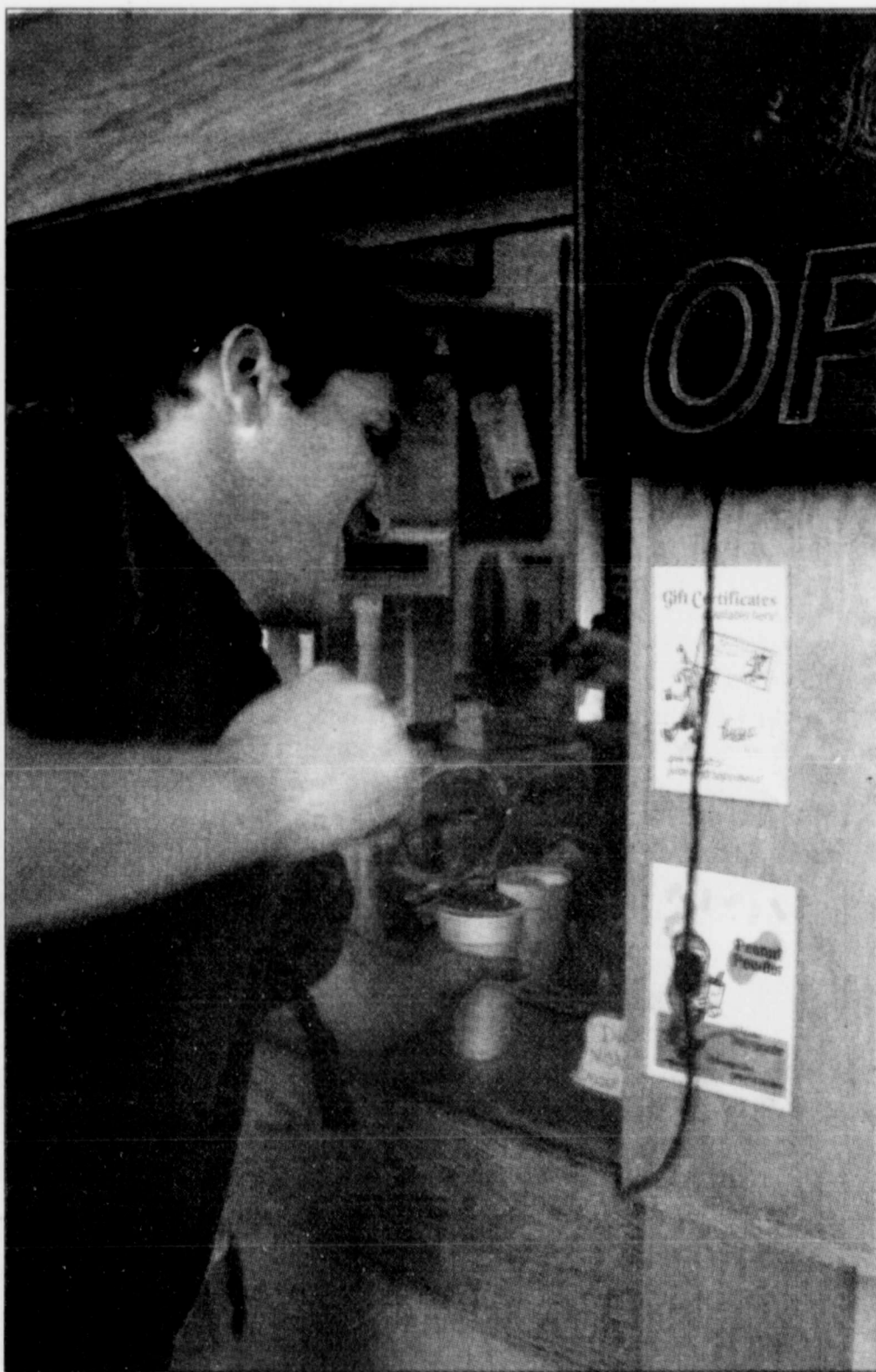
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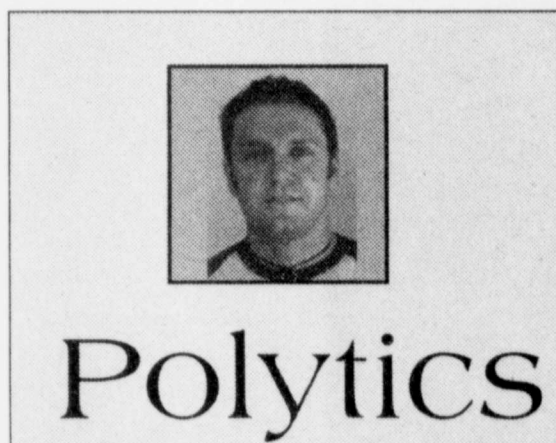
Civil engineering junior Jeff Lyon grabs a smoothie at Lucy's Too near Dexter Lawn. Many students find Lucy's a healthy alternative that serves as a tasty snack and a nutritional supplement.

Abortion is about health, not politics

Health of the living populace is an ideal that doesn't hold the place it should within America's pedestal of morals. Diseases live far away in other continents, starvation is only seen on infomercials and death only happens to old Americans in slumber. Yet, we die in our beds at the age of 20 from cancer, we die on the streets begging for food and we die in the hospital from complications medicine can't help. There isn't any condition Americans are immune to, be it AIDS or starvation, and America as a whole doesn't seem to understand.

It's nearly inconceivable for a middle class college student to think they will die from some horrible disease or medical complication. That only happens to the poor, to the minority, to the people who deserve it. While this might be the sentiment America expresses, it's completely inaccurate, wrong and inexcusably ignorant.

Death surrounds humanity, and it's only through struggle and fighting that America, with the rest of civilization, survives. Doctors find cures, the FDA investigates safety and the politician makes law ensuring the well-being



of the individual citizen.

These are the occupations created to fight against the chaos of random death, to give the populace what security in health can afford. Yet, the politicians have strayed. The majority interest in health and safety has become a secondary concern. Religious righteousness has extended past the church and entrenched itself into politics.

Most currently, the partial birth abortion ban was voted into law.

Whether abortion is necessary or abhorrent, there is no debating the need for any procedure in the interest of a woman's health. Completely ignoring the issue of whether abortion as choice is ethical, abortion as necessity to life is a clear and crucial decision. A woman whose life is jeopardized without abortion is an occurrence that hospitals face.

The question is what procedure to use to save a woman's life, not whether the ability exists to save her life.

Politicians have chosen to limit doctors' ability to save women's lives. The recent ban enacted by Bush, approved by Congress and soon to be in effect; makes no provision or exception to the necessity of a woman's health. If a woman's life is at stake and the purported procedure is the only one that will save her life, it cannot be performed. She will be left with no other option than to die.

This is clear indication that politics have gone awry in their goals and the public seems to support this misdirection. The goal of politics has become to win, at all costs, validation in beliefs and morals. Feeling that abortion is wrong, conservative politicians have become one sighted in that goal. Failing to recognize exceptions for health reasons, moral superiority in government has become flawed. This is indicative of American society; it fails to rationalize exceptions to any moral rule.

The issue I'm addressing isn't whether abortion is right or wrong. Its concern and worry over how society forgets necessary exceptions to save lives in order to have religious beliefs about abortion validated.

I'm not proposing a fight to decide who is right about God, moral law and the right to life or choice. It's a matter of supporting the rights of everyone now living to continue to do so.

Barry Hayes is a political science senior and Mustang Daily columnist.

Letters to the editor

'Ghettopoly' is an example of parody

Editor,

In response to "Ghettopoly" takes stereotypes too far (Oct. 22)," I find it interesting that in her column regarding the alleged racism of a game, one which she has obviously never played, Amanda Hippe exposes herself as a racist. After a brief explanation of the game, a regurgitation of a CNN article published on Oct. 9, Amanda goes on to assume the game creator's race based on one piece of information: his name. She knows nothing about him; yet, she confidently assumes he is of Asian descent and attempts to deliver an asinine rhetorical question to prove a point.

She fails.

She also fails to mention that "Ghettopoly" is, in fact, the first of many games, each targeting a specific stereotype. These other games include: "Hoodopoly," "Hip-hopopoly," "Thugopoly" and "Redneckopoly." To everyone except Amanda, it is apparent that this is just an example of parody—a concept on firm legal ground. Mr. Chang does not seek to attack one race but to poke fun at all races. Ms. Hippe goes on to say that being from the hood is something that people have no control over. Trite truisms aside, I ask you this: "If this game which reinforces the 'ugly stereotype (which has been placed) on blacks that live in underprivileged neighborhoods' is really so bad, why are you not also decrying the evils of black artists who brag they are from the hood, that they are a thug or P.I.M.P. or that they '(were) strapped wit gats when you were cuddled wit cabbage patch?'"

Keith Wilcox is a computer science senior.

'Ghettopoly' depicts rapper lifestyles

Editor,

Amanda Hippe obviously didn't put much thought into her article about "Ghettopoly" ("Ghettopoly takes stereotypes too far" Oct. 22). Sure it's easy to say Mr. Chang is the root of all that is evil as far as racism goes but think beyond it. Is "Ghettopoly" any more vile and outrageous than the hip-hop scene today with many black rappers glorifying their ghetto heritage? What if Mr. Chang was instead black? Would this be such an issue? If you do your homework you see that this game was cleverly made to depict the exact lifestyle that rappers glorify. I'm not calling for an end to the hip-hop garbage that is being recorded these days, nor do I believe that "Ghettopoly" is in the wrong. We are a wonderful capitalist economy and these are both in demand.

Simmer down and when my two orders of "Ghettopoly" come next week I'll invite you all over to play!

Jason Raser is an economics junior.

Sex column not worthy of controversy

Editor,

Is Mustang Daily's decision to run an entire issue about sexual assault on Oct. 22 an apology to the campus community for their controversial sex columnist? Hardly. Rather, the editors defiantly stood behind their decision to keep printing the sex column written by a student that advocates exploiting and objectifying freshmen women (in addition to writing boorish copy anyway).

As Mustang Daily's issue on sexual assault pointed out, freshmen women are the most vulnerable demographic for sexual assault on a college campus. With that in mind, it is easy to see why so many

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Cal Poly students hardly regard their sexual exploitation as a laughing matter. Nor, as the editors attempt to proclaim, is it a worthy controversial subject. The subject is not really controversial, except perhaps among the select (and hopefully small) audience of guys on this campus that slap each other on the back as they discuss their "conquests" of women that are seven years younger than they are.

I think that the majority of students agree that exploiting and objectifying freshmen women to the point of harming them is contemptible behavior. Mustang Daily is not doing anything radical or cutting-edge by allowing someone to proclaim otherwise in print.

Controversy has to exist for more than just its own sake. If Mustang Daily wants to be controversial, then it should be so on a worthy topic, of which there are nearly an infinite number. Politics, social debates, religion and the nebulous workings of the administration and the Foundation always are great fodder for stirring up controversy on this campus. It is easy to stir up meaningless controversy by putting juvenile sexism in print. It is harder to be provocative on meaningful issues, but that is exactly what we must demand out of our independent student newspaper here at Cal Poly.

Clayton Whitt is a social science senior.

Thanks for the Dance Team recognition

Editor,

I would like to thank Mike Marquez for his piece on Oct. 20, "Cal Poly Dance Team works hard for the money." I'm not writing to comment on the dance team's calendar, because I agree with him that there are only so many ways for clubs to fundraise. I am writing, however, in appreciation that someone has finally pointed out some of the adversities the cheerleading team faces.

The two squads that make up the cheerleading team, the stunt team and the dance team have been in limbo for the last year. Associated Students Inc. will not take the teams on as a club, and the athletic department will not take them on as a team. It's cyclical. ASI will only take them on if they compete, but competition takes funding that the squads can't get in the first place. Both the squads are self-run, without any coaching, partly because the money to pay for coaches would have to come out of pocket or from fundraisers. On many occasions, the teams waste valuable practice time moving from one facility to another to accommodate the other sports teams. Until this year, the squads actually shared Mott Gym with the men's volleyball team. Can you imagine having to learn new stunts or new choreography while dodging volleyballs?

Even with all these inconveniences, both squads are out there supporting the other teams and taking it all in stride. Their job isn't always easy, so just remember they are doing the best they can with the resources they have.

Lauren Bennett is a soil science junior and third year member of the Cal Poly Stunt Team.

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"It takes a strong man to wear purple."

New channel hopes to cash in

By Lynn Elber
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Creators of the Casino and Gaming Television network are betting that a national interest in gambling will translate into a desire to watch it on TV.

The new network is scheduled to launch in 2004 as a digital cable and satellite channel with shows such as "Winning Hand," with poker experts offering tips on the game, and "Dusk 'Til Dawn," a tour of night spots in Las Vegas, Monaco and other gambling destinations.

The number of Americans who bet represents a vast potential audience,

said David Hawk, co-founder.

More than 50 million Americans made more than 300 million visits to casinos last year, Hawk said, citing research conducted for the American Gaming Association.

Other "niche" channels, such as the Golf Channel, have succeeded with a smaller pool to draw from, Hawk said. About 25 million people visited golf courses last year, half the number of casino-goers, he said.

The new channel will target the young male crowd, age 21 to 34, which is valuable to advertisers, said Nickolas J. Rhodes, the network's president and chief executive officer.

Television has been dealing out an

increasing number of gambling-themed shows, including Travel Channel's series on the World Poker Tour and the upcoming "Celebrity Poker Showdown" on Bravo.

Still, it remains to be seen whether gambling shows will be successful.

"That's the ultimate question," said Bill Carroll, an analyst for Katz Television, a media buying firm. "The marketplace will determine if there really is a need for any of these digital channels that are specially targeted."

The network is negotiating carriage deals. The goal is to reach 1 million homes initially and be in at least 20 million homes in four years.

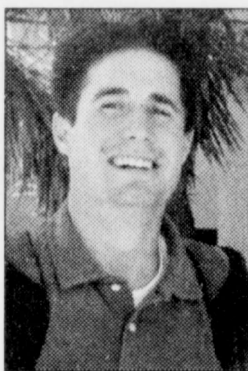
Word on the Street

Students speak on campus issues

Would you watch the Gambling Channel?



"Yes. I like betting on race cars, and gambling makes things interesting."
— Jacob Olid, architecture junior



"Yeah. I just started getting serious about gambling."
— Ben Blue, history junior

The New York Times

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Edited by Will Shortz

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6 Either end of a gate

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15 Subject of fission

16 Crooked

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20 Become lively, with "up"

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25 Frost's "The Not Taken"

27 Ecru

28 Become extinct, with "out"

29 St. Francis of

32 Prefix with natal

33 Birthplace of a hurricane

35 Ford popular in the 1970's

38 Homer

42 Bowl sites

43 Easy out

45 Beer buyers' needs, for short

47 Gas, to a Brit

50 Explosive initials

51 Yale students since 1969

54 Needing some kneading?

55 "For a jolly good fellow"

56 Got free

59 Gamma preceder

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66 "A Death in the Family" author James

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2 Friend of Pierre

3 Bon

4 Skull in "Hamlet," e.g.

5 Pay after a layoff

6 Warm jackets

7 Hall-of-Famer Mel

8 Manhattan district

9 Some feds

10 Corpulent plus

11 Explained thoroughly

12 Pen

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18 Son of Aphrodite

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22 Words Pres. Buchanan never said

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45 Swelling reducer

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49 Subjects of essays

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53 Restful place

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64 Hubbub

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A foot above the rest

By Kimberly Thomson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Five feet, 11 inches isn't tall for a football player. But what social science senior and Cal Poly punter Gilbert Rocha lacks in height, he compensates with might.

Rocha is a two-time Division I-AA Independents Player of the Week winner this season, with an additional honorable mention nod.

"It was well-deserved," head coach Rich Ellerson said. "He is really doing a nice job this season."

Punting as far as 63 yards with an average hang time of about four seconds, he has come a long way since his childhood days of kicking his older brothers' football around their Stockton neighborhood.

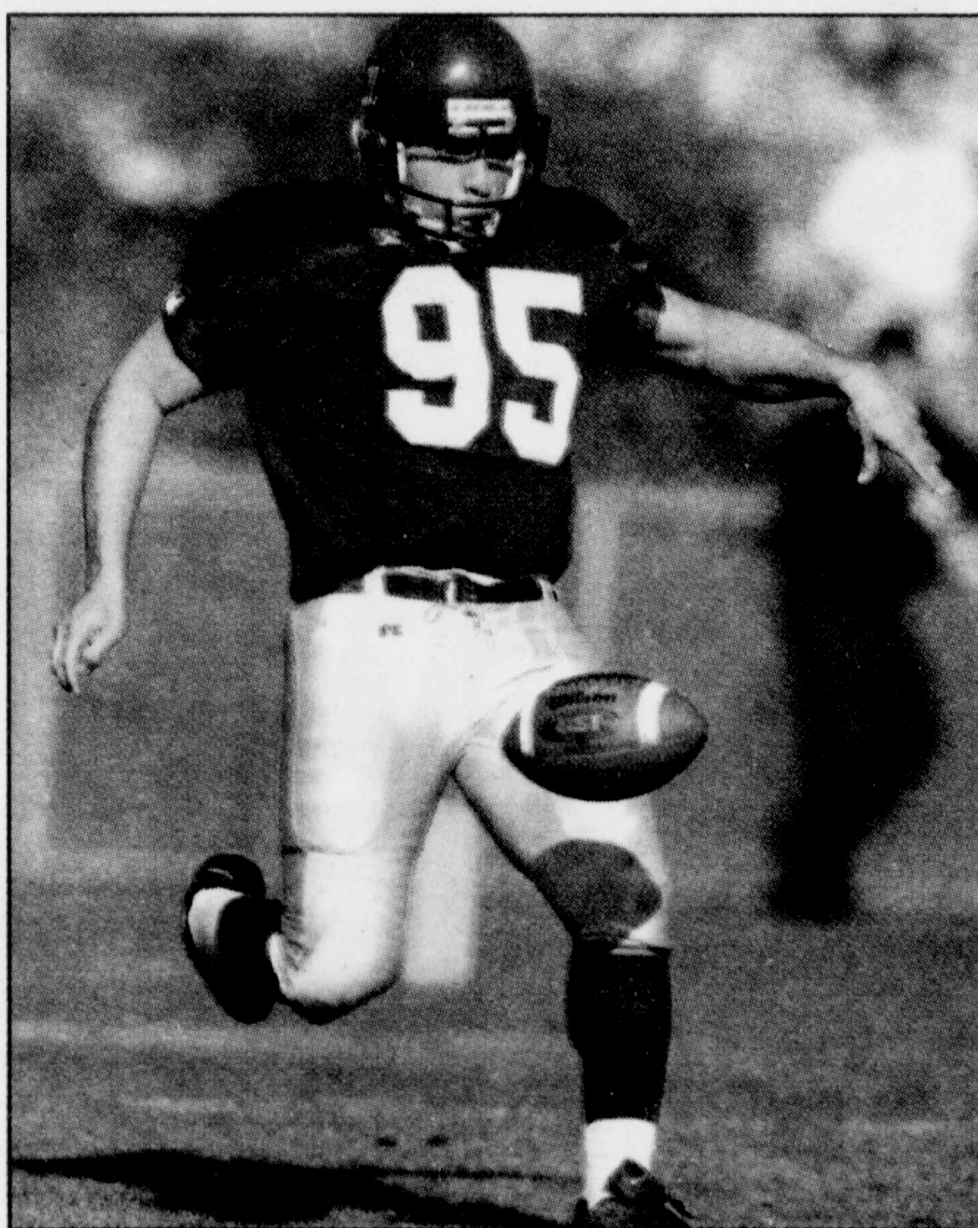
"My brother would always get mad at me because after a couple weeks the ball would be flat," Rocha said. Four of his brothers played football, generating an interest in Rocha at a young age.

Rocha has played football since his freshman year at Linden High School in Stockton. Although Rocha played offensive lineman in high school, he switched to punter at San Joaquin Delta College, fearing that his size would interfere with his ability.

"I knew I would have a better chance of being a good punter," he said.

Converting from offensive lineman to punter was a tradeoff: Size no longer mattered but consistency did. There is a lot of pressure associated with punting. Games can be won or lost. The fate of the game is in his hands. Rocha tries not to let this bother him, he said.

"I try to keep a cool head under pressure," he said.



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Gilbert Rocha is tougher than your average kicker: he used to be an offensive lineman.

He said he knows what he has to do, and he does it.

"As a coach you really appreciate having someone like Gilbert that you trust," Ellerson said of the crunch time between the third and fourth down. "He is the right guy."

Ellerson said his kicks have become much more consistent and he is able to manage the field pressure very well.

"The number of punts he has put

inside the 20 yard line this year is really remarkable," Ellerson said.

His ability to kick to virtually the same yard line each time earned him the title of captain last week.

"I was named one of five captains on the special teams," Rocha said. "I was pretty honored because I was voted on by my peers."

Ellerson commended the honor, expressing the rarity of the occasion.

"I have never had a punter elected

captain," Ellerson said. "The respect of your peers is something you hold dear."

Rocha is impressed with his progress in football. He has noticed his own improvements in just this season alone.

"I can handle the pressure better, and I am also more consistent," Rocha said.

He said he thinks he is in better shape this season than ever due to a new workout routine developed by strength and conditioning coach Chris Holder.

But in Rocha's mind there is always room for improvement in every aspect of the game in Rocha's mind.

"I always want to improve on everything," he said. "I shoot for better hang time, better distance and better accuracy."

While some skills are improved with time, others come naturally.

"He is as good as I've ever seen at keeping the opponent on a long field," Ellerson said. "He has a knack for it."

Rocha said he owes a lot of his success to his teammates and that they don't get the credit they deserve.

"Those guys block for me. I couldn't do it without them."

Although Rocha has dreamed of one day trying out for the NFL, he is not committed to the idea.

"I will try out and see where it leads me," he said.

However, if the NFL doesn't pan out, he plans to become a police officer. But for now he is focused on doing well this season, his last at Cal Poly.

"We will see how things line up at the end of the season," Rocha said.

Cal Poly Football: Good bye?

• **Weary team gets chance to rest heading into Homecoming game Saturday**

By Graham Womack
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Seven games through the season, amid a burgeoning playoff push, Cal Poly's football team is enjoying something rare: a week off.

Coming off the 54-10 win over the unranked Saint Mary's Gaels (0-7) Oct. 18, the Mustangs (4-3) are in the midst of their only bye week this season. Idle until Saturday's home game against the Southern Utah Thunderbirds, the Mustangs face a down time that could bring many things.

"It's a good rest period for us," linebacker Raj Thompson said. "We played six, seven games. It's time we got a break."

Before beating Saint Mary's, Cal Poly spent three weeks on the road, losing to top-25 opponents Northern Arizona, Montana and

Akron. As these losses followed a 3-0 start, the win over the Gaels aided the Mustangs going into the bye week, defensive coordinator Dave Fipp said.

"I think it helps us," Fipp said. "It gives us an emotional boost, coming into a rest week with a victory. Now the challenge will be holding that."

Coach Rich Ellerson said even with the week off, times haven't been carefree for Cal Poly students, as many players have faced midterms in classes.

Last week featured lighter practices for the team. Players had Monday and Tuesday off. On Wednesday and Thursday, the team lifted weights, a regular bye week event, linebacker coach David Brown.

Full practices resumed before team pictures Thursday. Young players got more practice time Friday.

This week, after a weekend off, the Mustangs practiced in full pads Monday. They will do so again today, followed by work in shoulder pads and helmets on Wednesday and Thursday and

walk-throughs at Mustang Stadium on Friday, before facing Southern Utah.

The past few days have also featured sessions designed to educate the Mustangs on the Thunderbirds' style of play.

The Mustangs watched Southern Utah game film last week. Unlike Saint Mary's, a team that ran the ball, Southern Utah is known for having an air-based assault with an older quarterback. Hence, Cal Poly players could be forced to adjust their defense from last weekend.

"I just gotta get my mind ready for the pass," Thompson said.

Senior Chris Peterson said the week of missed practice has helped him rejuvenate. The senior quarterback took over half the snaps in the Saint Mary's win, but sat injured the week before against Akron and did not practice in the week leading up to that.

"The couple days we had off before we started practice again was real good," Peterson said. "I feel like I'm getting a lot better going into (this) week."

Lewis leads at ITA

By Michael Marquez
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly women's tennis team competed this past weekend for the third time this season at the 2003 Omni Hotels ITA Northwest Regional Championships at Stanford University. The 2003 Big West champions competed against 16 teams in the individual tournament.

Sheila Lewis led the team by making it to the third round of the main draw.

After losing in the first round in the main draw, senior Kate Romm battled back in the consolation bracket, making it to the fourth round.

Freshman Carol Erickson and sophomores Chelsy Thompson and Kristen Grady all lost in second-round matches.

Sophomores Kelly Nelson and Samantha Waller were both defeated in the first rounds of both the main and consolation draws.



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Cal Poly - .337 hitting percentage

#22 W Soccer @ #23 CSUN
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Katie Collins (MF) - Two goals

M Soccer VS. Cal St. Northridge
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Calderon (F), Ghori (MF) - one goal apiece

M Soccer VS. #5 UCSB
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Justin Woodward - scored single goal

W Golf @ Lady Aztec Invit.
14th place

Rebecca Norris - 51st place

M Golf @ Countrywide Invit.
5th place

Ryan Dwight - 7th place (215 score)

Schedule

M Golf @ Santa Clara Invit.
mon.-tues, oct. 27-28, all day

M Soccer VS. UC Riverside
wed, oct. 29, 7 p.m.

#22 W Soccer VS. Utah State
fri, oct. 31, 5 p.m.

Volleyball VS. Pacific
fri, oct. 31, 7 p.m.

M Soccer VS. Ill. - Chicago
fri, oct. 31, 7:30 p.m.

Swimming @ Big West Shootout
fri.-sat, oct. 31-nov. 1, all day

Football VS. Southern Utah
sat, nov. 1, 4 p.m.

Volleyball VS. CSUN
sat, nov. 1, 7 p.m.

Cross Country @ Big West
sat, nov. 1, 9 a.m.

Stats

By the numbers

5th

Cal Poly men's golf is in fifth place after the first day of the Santa Clara University Invitational. Freshman Sean King was the first-round leader with a 72. He faded to 13th place with a second-round 80 to tie freshman teammate Brycen Wagner as low Mustang at 152. Eighteen holes will be played tomorrow.

Trivia

Today's question

In light of the upcoming Lakers season, name the previous last place team packed with the most eventual Hall of Famers.

Send answers to: spmartin@calpoly.edu

Monday's Question

Who was the last pitcher to throw a shutout in a "clinging" MLB playoff game?
Jack Morris, 1991 World Series

Congratulations to Matthew "Daniel, Aaron or Brett, Take Your Pick" Boone and Jordan "I Wrote the Longest Trivia Response Ever" McCormack!

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