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Forum tackles sustainability

Cal Poly's 14th annual structural event to discuss current issues in the design profession

By Lacie Grimshaw
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Sustainability in design and engineering will be the focus of Cal Poly's 14th annual structural forum Saturday.

Open to the public, the free forum will feature three noted engineering professionals who will share their personal experiences with issues of sustainability and how it relates to engineering.

Not only will the event be beneficial for architectural engineering, architecture and civil engineering students it's also a great opportunity for professionals within the community to find out what's new and current within their professions, said Clayton Pharaoh, associate professor of architectural engineering and Structural Engineers Association of California adviser.

The forum is hosted by Cal Poly's architectural engineering department's student chapter of SEAC and Krista Kelly, architectural engineering senior and club member, heads the event.

"Although sustainability is a new area of engineering, it is quickly becoming a big issue all over campus," Kelly said. "That's why we chose the topic this year."

The forum will open at 8:30 a.m. in building 3, room 213 and will run until 3:30 p.m. Presentations begin at 9:15 a.m. Guest lectures include:

- David Mar, structural engineer and principal of Tipping Mar and Associates, a firm that concentrates on bringing sustainability to engineering. Mar will discuss sustainability issues in structural engineering.

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Rob Rutherford talks to a holistic management class.

- Dushyant Manmohan, the founder and principal of Applied Materials and Engineering, Inc., will speak at 10:45 a.m. on "Sustainable High Volume Fly Ash Concrete." Manmohan's expertise is in construction materials engineering, and he has worked on testing, research and mix design development for HVFA concrete projects in the San Francisco area.

- Charles Kibert, professor at the University of Florida is also the director and founder of the Powell Center for Construction and Environment. His presentation, "The Future Color of Construction is Green," begins at 2 p.m.

More than 100 people are expected to come to the forum, Pharaoh said.

"Sustainability hasn't been a big focus for the department, so the forum will expose students to a concept not yet offered in the curriculum," Kelly said.

Because not all the speakers are from California, students will receive a variety of perspectives on the topic, she said.

Students can make reservations to attend a career symposium and dinner scheduled for the end of the day.

The symposium will begin at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served.

"The forum will give students the chance to have one on one interaction with professionals who care about the importance of their profession," Kelly said.

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Fruit science senior Sean Klemushin cuts Chiochia beats in the organic farm area on campus.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

City drops light, plans new bridge

By Leah Mori
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

City considerations for a stoplight to be put in at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Casa Street, right before the bridge, have been terminated.

The stoplight was part of a Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center build-up project that has "pretty much died," San Luis Obispo Public Works employee Jake Hudson said.

"In fact, it's more dead than it is alive," Hudson said. "It may be an extension of the hospital, but until then there is no intention for it to be signalized."

The stoplight was included as part of a study the hospital conducted for the expansion project. The light will be warranted in the future; however, the project has not yet gone through.

Foothill bridge

Regarding the intersection, bridge construction on Foothill Boulevard is tentatively scheduled for June 2004

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THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

By Lacie Grimshaw
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She expected her first day in holistic management, AG 360, to be like any other agriculture class, but when she walked into a room with desks arranged into a circle, instead of rows, she knew this class would be anything but typical.

"The first day I knew it would be different," said animal science junior Diana Elow. "There wasn't a syllabus or mention of tests, nothing was set in stone. It made me really uncomfortable."

Holistic management is a class where students are required to rethink everything they've learned. Thinking holistically means thinking outside the box,

said Robert Rutherford animal science professor, who teaches the class.

A common thread between cultures is that they all make decisions the same way, he said. The trick now is to change the way people are making decisions.

Although the class is taught in the College of Agriculture, Rutherford said he believes the whole world should learn how to think holistically.

The holistic approach is a humble approach and takes into account all possibilities, he said.

When people make decisions they automatically assume they're right. People hate being wrong, he said. But if people took into account the possibility of being

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Savory: An interview with an exile

By Abbey Kingdon
MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

Four men, recent Cal Poly graduates now engineers and solar energy businessmen, in slacks, shiny shoes, clean-pressed shirts and ties lean forward and listen eagerly. Two of them hold pens poised above legal pads.

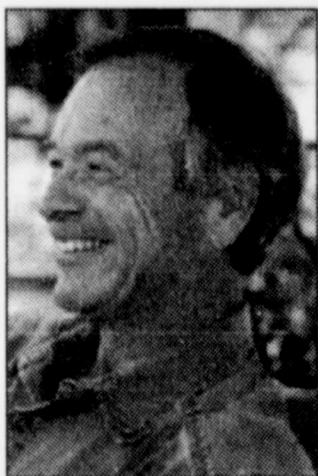
Their eyes are fixed.

They do not move.

Before them a small balding man in a tweed jacket, with a gold tooth glinting from the edge of his smile, slowly chews a red tortilla chip and cuts through an open-faced cheeseburger with a fork and knife.

He tells the engineers not to interrupt.

He sips water and then hot tea from



Allan Savory is the founder of holistic resource management.

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a clear glass mug.

One of the engineers with a boyish face and curly hair cautiously asks for the man's opinion of adopting a vegetarian diet.

"Let me see your teeth," he said.

The engineer pulled back his lips

and barred his teeth.

"Yes, just as I suspected," he said. "You are an omnivore. If you were an herbivore, you would have completely flat teeth. Remember that the best systems mimic nature."

Allan Savory, founder of holistic resource management, a method of land management and decision-making, visited San Luis Obispo last month to meet with and consult various environmental/agricultural groups within the community and Cal Poly.

"From Savory I've learned the importance of taking into account the whole picture over time in regard to the decisions I make today in light of their impact on my grandchildren and

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PRO-ACTIVE

Sustainability initiative hits campus

By Jake Ashley and Ashley Wolf
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITERS

The Campus Sustainability Initiative, an on-campus environmental group comprised of students, staff and faculty, are trying their best to make a difference despite no budget or university recognition.

Former Associated Students Inc. president Angie Hacker and manufacturing engineering senior Pablo

Paster founded Cal Poly CSI two years ago. It started as a group of concerned Cal Poly community members to voice their opinions on campus sustainability issues.

"We felt there were a lot of areas for improvement on this campus in terms of sustainability," Paster said. "We knew that a lot of people were working on sustainability, but there was no unifying entity."

CSI uses the Brundtland Commissions definition of sustainability, which Paster said is the most widely accepted definition: "Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Unfortunately the vision that Hacker and Paster had for CSI has

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Local Weather

5 - Day Forecast

TODAY
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FRIDAY
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SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
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MONDAY
high: 60° / low 39°

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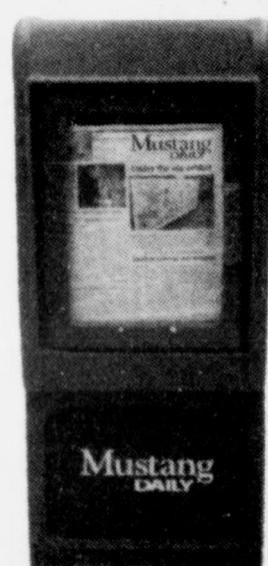
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10:46 a.m. 3.89 feet

low 2:40 a.m. 2.50 feet
4:08 p.m. -0.79 feet

California Cities

CITY	TODAY'S HI/LO
San Diego	64°/47°
Anaheim	68°/44°
Riverside	67°/40°
Los Angeles	69°/48°
Santa Barbara	63°/43°
Bakersfield	59°/40°
Fresno	57°/39°
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Sacramento	59°/42°
Redding	59°/40°



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and will take about two summers to build. One possibility in construction is to build one side of the bridge at a time, leaving the temporary bridge up until one side is constructed, then switching. The cost is estimated at \$2.7 million.

On Highway 1

Although a stoplight will not be a new addition to San Luis Obispo streets, there are additional turning lanes on Highway 1.

There is now access to Stenner Creek Road from Highway 1 due to the median divider Caltrans workers have been working on for months.

The divider was constructed after a high number of accidents occurred on the highway, Rob Rutherford, animal science professor said. Rutherford has been managing the sheep unit for the past five or six years and has observed the construction almost daily. He has also spoken with highway patrol officers and numerous landowners about the highway additions.

In the process of creating the median, a left turn lane was produced for those traveling south-



A median divider was constructed on Hwy. 1 due to a high number of accidents on the road.

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bound on Highway 1, allowing cars access to Stenner Creek Road. In addition to making a left turn lane, a lane off the right hand shoulder has been created, so people traveling northbound from San Luis Obispo can safely turn onto the road, which should reduce the number of accidents with those slowing to turn right.

This has both positive and negative effects on those accessing the sheep unit and Cheda Ranch.

"It is an advantage, because now we can turn onto Stenner Creek Road," Rutherford said. "Before we had to turn onto Highland Road and make a U-turn, which is difficult when pulling a trailer."

Despite the advantage, those leaving Cheda Ranch cannot turn toward San Luis Obispo, but must take a dirt road back to town, due to the median between north and southbound lanes.

"I can understand why they did it though, with people driving unsafely and too fast," Rutherford said. "Rather than making them drive safely, they put up a barrier."

Prior to the construction of the median, signs were posted prohibiting access to Stenner Creek Road from southbound Highway 1. This was due to a collision that ended in a traffic fatality a few years ago involving a Cal Poly student turning left onto the road.

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wrong, then when a problem arose they could correct it without feeling like a failure.

Rutherford teaches students not to limit themselves or make assumptions. Instead, he attempts to teach them that they can do anything, he said.

"I'll ask students what they want to do when they grow up. They'll tell me they want to be veterinarians. I tell them, 'I didn't ask what you wanted to be, I asked what you wanted to do,'" he said.

Elow took Rutherford's class after an adviser's recommendation.

"Taking the class was the best decision I've made so far," Elow said. "The class really opened my eyes to a new way of thinking."

When something is managed holistically, there needs to be an understanding of what is being managed, and what the values and

long-term goals are, Rutherford said. Every decision should account for each of these.

Rutherford teaches that when people make decisions, they'll use either a hard or soft systems approach.

People typically use a hard systems approach when deciding things. They're easier to understand, he said. Hard systems are predictable, like a car or a watch. If a part is removed from either of these, the system stops. If the part is replaced, it will resume.

Soft systems are more complex and are not predictable, like human relationships or emotions, he said. Soft systems continue to work when a part is removed, but they work differently.

We make daily decisions following a hard systems format. But the world doesn't work that way. It runs more like a soft system, he said. Something can't change one thing without affecting another. You have to consider everything before and during the decision-making process.

"You can take this kind of thinking and apply it to many areas, not just agriculture," Elow said. Using the holistic approach could be beneficial for any business, she said.

At the start of class Rutherford asks students to write a personal holistic goal. It helps them recognize the limits of their current way of thinking and the possibilities available if they look past what they already know, he said.

Holistic management was a lot of fun and really interactive, Elow said. Rutherford likes to do a lot of creative exercises. The class fulfills the general education requirement in area F technology.

The thought process taught in holistic management can help everyone learn and become better people, Rutherford said.

"Holistic goals can never be achieved, but they're something to strive for," he said. "The only hope for sustaining our current situation is to start making decisions differently."



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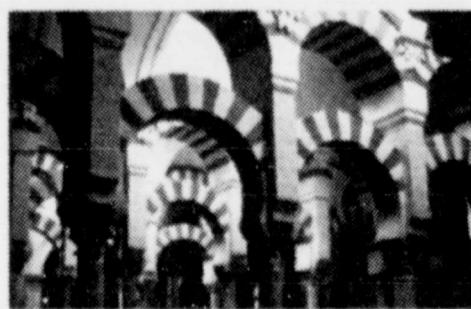


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deteriorated over the past two years, and has become what some members consider "an e-mail discussion group."

"It was very active two years ago, less active last year, then even less active this year," Steven Marx, English professor and CSI member said. "It is a very loose affiliation of people interested in sustainability."

In the past, CSI has helped to sponsor and organize events like bringing renowned environmentalist and physicist Amory Lovins to Cal Poly for a presentation.

Today, members of CSI work on separate sustainability projects and connect through an e-mail list on current issues and upcoming events.

"The Housing North project was a central point for the whole sustainability movement," architectural engineering junior and CSI member Tylor Middlestadt said. "Now it's on the back burner due to budget cuts."

Not being a sanctioned committee limits the ability to promote awareness on campus and to create change.

The group is comprised solely of passionate volunteers who care about sustainability issues. Without any funding it is difficult for them to organize events and publicize meetings.

"It is difficult to accomplish our goals without the proper funding," Paster said.

ASI Vice President and CSI member Olga Berdial voiced a similar opinion.

"I think they could do more if the university recognized them as a committee," Berdial said. "They have a lot of potential."

Aside from students and faculty, several Facilities Planning officials contribute to CSI.

Director of Facilities Planning Robert Kitamura and director of energy and utilities Edward Johnson, returned a joint statement regarding CSI.

In response to the question of whether CSI's goals ever conflict with administration's policies, they said, "CSI's purpose is not to act as a watchdog of the campus administration, but to promote sustainable awareness on campus. The campus master plan is an excellent document promoting sustainable practices and CSI uses the Cal Poly master plan as a reference for campus sustainability."

Middlestadt agrees with Kitamura and Johnson about Cal Poly's well-written master plan, but he said that he hasn't seen all the policies of the plan executed on campus.

"In my opinion, the plan has not been implemented to its fullest potential, although it's well thought out," Middlestadt said.

Although the Master Plan is considered by CSI members to be efficient, there is always room for improvement in efforts toward sustainability, especially when considering new projects like Student Housing North.

CSI does not hold regular meetings or events, but when a sustainability issue arises that interests members, they immediately set up a time to discuss it. Their next meeting will be held on Feb. 5 at 11a.m. in building 70, room 109.

For now, members are continuing to educate themselves about sustainability issues and what they can do to help.

"We are already doing the best we can," Middlestadt said.

Effort to save Cayucos farm

By Katie Schiller
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Nestled in the heart of a green valley lies an old dairy farm. Thunder Canyon in Cayucos may have sycamores, an 1894 milking barn and a turn-of-the-century farmhouse now, but its fate is uncertain.

Unless Thunder Canyon Inc. can raise \$3.6 million to buy the land by May 1, the farm will become a gated community of luxury homes. The non-profit group, which consists of many Cal Poly students, alumni, faculty and others, has raised \$360,000 so far.

"Nobody would say that the mission takes up space in San Luis Obispo and would rather see a Wal-Mart there," said Ilona Ing, volunteer for Thunder Canyon Inc. and 1989 Cal Poly political science graduate. "We want to save the little things that distinguish the community, like the dairy farm."

At one time, San Luis Obispo County produced more dairy products than any other county in the state, Ing said. Without Thunder Canyon, the history of the dairy industry here is likely to be forgotten, she said.

"We go to Bali's for yogurt and have no idea where it comes from," she said. "In 10 years, it will be rare to see a dairy farm, and there might be no signs of the dairy industry left."

Thunder Canyon Inc. has set a goal to reach 100,000 people and ask them to make a \$36 tax-deductible donation. Cal Poly students in the group have taken on the challenge by writing many letters over the past month.

"Thunder Canyon represents a piece of our history," said social science senior Clayton Whitt, who is

involved in the effort. "We want to preserve it from being paved over."

The group has a tremendous opportunity to do the right thing, he said.

If Thunder Canyon Inc. can meet its goal by May 1, some members have suggested turning the farmhouse into a bed and breakfast for guests who want to experience farm life or create a dairy museum.

While students may not be able to afford a large donation, they can help in other ways.

"We will need architecture majors to plan how to restore the house, forestry majors to help plan restoring

the land and any other students with technical skills," Whitt said. "This is a good chance to apply the skills you've learned and do so in a way that benefits the community."

Fraternal groups or any club on campus could compete to help raise the rest of the money, Ing said.

The group has already given the owner of Thunder Canyon \$330,000 and he has agreed to wait only until May 1 for the rest of the money.

To volunteer to save the farm, call Ilona Ing at 550-5592 or to make a donation, go to www.thundercanyon.org.




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3pm	Screen Scene	Insomniac U rental
THURSDAY		
7am	Leonard	Palm tickets
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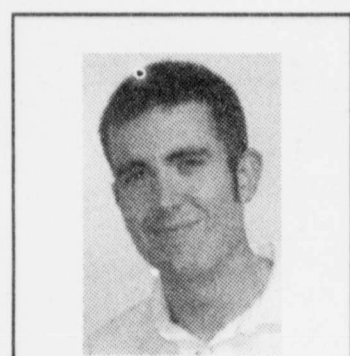
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Confessions of a downtown bar rat

The sunlight creeps from behind the curtain and forces you to pry open your crusty eyelids. Your lips are dry, coated in funk, and it tastes like a cat dropped a deuce in your mouth. You reek of booze. You look to your left and see a small tuft of wild blond hair



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nestled in the crumpled sheets of a bed that looks like it has never had its sheets changed. Isn't it weird that when drunk you'll sleep in the nastiest places: porch couches, bathroom floors, the bushes in front of your neighbor's house. As you rise, you realize that you're in your own bedroom. You reach for the bathroom door and see the back of your hand covered in strange stamps. You empty your pockets and find a Denny's receipt, a few crumpled singles and a cell phone long since dead. You ask yourself, what happened last night? What sort of misfortune could have spit you out into

such a desperate scenario? Were you mugged, drugged to the rim and left for dead in the comfort of your own bed?

Then the déjà vu sets in and you realize that the same thing happened to you yesterday, the day before and Wednesday morning, too. You're beginning to see a trend. After a brief moment of denial, reality hits you and you confess to yourself the awful truth.

You've become a downtown bar rat.

Downtown bar rats, as the name implies, are the bar hopping life force of the San Luis Obispo dating scene. They are the 21 and older men, and sometimes women, who make it a thrice weekly event to get dolled up in their slickest cuts and head down to Higuera Street for a night of literal elbow bumping with the sexual elite of San Luis Obispo.

The self test to see if you are a bar rat is a relatively simple three-step process:

1. If you recognize everybody at the bar and think about how they are all low-down boozing bar rats, then you are a downtown bar rat.

2. If the bouncer checks his watch while he's supposed to be checking your ID, you are a downtown bar rat.

3. If you walk in the bar and see your credit card on tab from yesterday, you are most certainly a downtown bar rat.

The female bar rats of the downtown bar

scene are the sex divas of the city. Long gone are the days of the hoodie-wearing party chick or the scandalously tacky house-party queen. In her place are the high maintenance princesses of downtown, trading in their hoodies for Dior sunglasses and beer bong's for purses named Marc, Gucci and Prada.

The scene inside a bar infested by bar rats is nothing short of surreal. Groups of bar rats will gather in a circle, 12 deep, and sing '80s songs into their Corona microphones as if Bon Jovi himself were taking command of the DJ booth. Single women will rush the stage and dance like lesbians in heat, grabbing the attention of every guy in a three-bar radius. Back in the bar, low-level acquaintances are met with bear hugs and rounds of mystery shots. God help you if it's your birthday.

Afterward, all the bar rats will stumble into the street like animals released from the zoo. The scene outside will be almost as surreal as inside the bar. There will be brawls, hook-ups and trips to the post-party. Slowly and steadily, all the bar rats will climb into surfboard-bearing cabs, the Safe Ride van and the cars of freshly wakened roommates who'll fume the whole way home; that is, until everybody starts chanting for a Taco Bell run.

In the morning, we'll check our wallets to see how much money we spent. We'll vaguely

remember some unspeakable drama we caused. We'll forget the name of the hot blonde we met. Luckily these are minor challenges for the mighty bar rat, for whom drama is fleeting, wealth is a card swipe away and gorgeous blondes are a dime a dozen.

In the end, the psychology of the bar rat is like the psychology behind making a lot of money, driving a nice car, going to the gym or, in the case of ladies, getting fake boobs or waxing your mustache. All these aspirations bring us closer to hot scandalous sex. Like the bank robber Willy Sutton who robbed banks because "that's where the money is," the bar rat is a bar rat because, in the words of my up and coming bar rat buddy Blake, "that's where the sex is."

So to all the bar rats out there, be proud of your bar-rat heritage. You are carrying on in the spirit of bar rat greats like Frank Sinatra, Errol Flynn and James Dean. Whenever anyone spits out the words Bar Rat as if it were the most profane insult, stand tall, raise your Corona microphone in defiance and take the charge as if it were the highest form of honor. Bar rats of the world unite!

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Super Bowl ads trashy, funny

The Super Bowl commercials this year were much like Janet Jackson's exposed breast: Mostly inappropriate, yet still highly entertaining.

This year the majority of the advertisements focused on unsuitable and sometimes downright disgusting ways of getting the point across.

Budweiser had the most commercials aired during the game with a total of nine. Within those nine included some nasty commercials which used immature humor to advertise their beer.

The first such commercial featured a couple taking a nice carriage ride. After handing the girl a candle, her date bends down to retrieve a beer. Meanwhile the horse farts in the girl's face, causing the candle to burn her. The guy then nicely says, "Do you smell a barbeque?"

While this commercial may have gotten a few laughs, the raunchy humor it utilized was inappropriate. The Super Bowl is a family event, and it really does not seem necessary to have a farting horse advertising beer.

Budweiser followed this up with their "horny monkey" commercial. A man's pet monkey begins to hit on his date while he goes to get her a beer. The monkey goes so far as to try to get her into bed while the man's not looking.

Pepsi decided to cash in on the inappropriate commercials as well. There was an advertisement for Sierra Mist in which a guy is missing from his band during a parade because he is too busy enjoying the air that's blowing up his Scottish kilt.

Once again this is unsuitable for young viewers. Showing a man too busy pleasuring himself to play in the band may be funny, but it is wrong to show on a program that anyone could be watching.

In defense of Budweiser, they did make an effort to show commercials promoting safe drinking

which is definitely important. There were at least two prominent commercials taking this position.

The first depicted basketball player Rick Fox and country music icon Tim McGraw at a party in which all the other guests comment on how nice it must be to be celebrities. Then the designated driver walks in with beautiful girls swarming him. Fox and McGraw then say how good he's got it.

The other commercial showed two attractive girls going to a store and getting carded while trying to buy alcohol. They were underage, so the store's cashier forced them to get magazines and soda.

Both these advertisements did a good job portraying that it is smart to drink responsibly and an important part of anyone's decision to drink.

The two best commercials during the Super Bowl, however, came from Budweiser and Chevrolet. The Budweiser commercial portrays the story of a donkey who dreams of being a Clydesdale and spends a long time practicing by trotting around. He even goes as far as getting leg-hair extensions. His dream is finally realized, and he is soon riding along with the other horses.

The other ingenious commercial from Chevy showed a number of kids with soap bars in their mouths. A father then goes to leave for work in his new Chevy car. Upon seeing the car his son says "Holy shit" and is soon pictured with a soap bar in his mouth as well.

Throughout the Super Bowl, commercials were entertaining enough to keep people's attention as they waited for the game to start up again. However, based on the fact that this is a show everyone should be able to enjoy, maybe companies should focus a little less on insulting and immature humor.

Randi Block is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

SLO needs sustainability

Out past the veterinary clinic, past the dairy and embedded between the poultry and beef evaluation units, stands an open field.

Nothing.

Inside the green pasture, an ecosystem in itself, live populations of microorganisms and a variety of grasses holding precious top soil made healthy by strategic irrigation. Only agriculture students, joggers and bands of college-owned animals periodically grazing there recognize its worth.

On paper, beneath a budget line, the open field doesn't apparently add-up to enough, because a proposal has been made to build a research park there.

Editorial

Decisions like this reflect a value system not only in the agricultural industry, but in American culture.

Americans tend to not place economic value on indirect profits like biodiversity. Open space. Healthy land. We cover it up with prestigious buildings.

The shadowy opposite of biodiversity is desertification, according to holistic resource management. This is what most of agriculture produces. Monocrops. No biodiversity, no ecosystem. Top soil is exported in quantities larger than any agricultural product. When the soil that holds crops loses its nutrients, it is further exploited by growing a product with deeper roots. When that nutrient source is depleted, America grows houses.

Open fields, like those that may disappear at Cal Poly, are our last connection to the land, to that which sustains us.

Time moves slowly out there. Few people drive the windy road leading to the edge of the agriculture land, the edge of Cal Poly.

The air is clean. Sometimes people walk out there just to stand and breathe. Joggers stop and just look. On any afternoon, Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo community members are out in the open land living the lifestyle they chose to live when the decided to make a home here. Dogs are turned loose from their leashes and are free to chase sticks. When they run, their faces almost smile. Easels are set-up and canvases capture the thick dusk settling in through the trees lining Stenner Creek. The gently-sloping hills house hikers and mares with their foals. From a distance, the mares move slowly across the trails. Their wide sides sway with each step. Behind each is the short step of her foal. Eager and innocent, their ears prick forward, happy to be roaming free.

The precariousness of the agricultural industry is frightening. With a total dependence on fossil fuels to produce a product, and an over production of monocrops like corn, it is paramount America changes its methods of production and values toward the land. Even outside of agriculture, when looking at industrialization as a whole, American methods are not created to last. America is depleting its own natural resource base faster than any civilization before. Things are not slowing down.

This loss happens everywhere, even at Cal Poly. It happens when open lands are lost and biodiversity is exchanged for a research park that looks good in brochures, yet has questionable value to Cal Poly students.

We must consider the wide-spread ramifications of our actions when making decisions about land management and conversion in order to sustain quality of life at Cal Poly and in San Luis Obispo.

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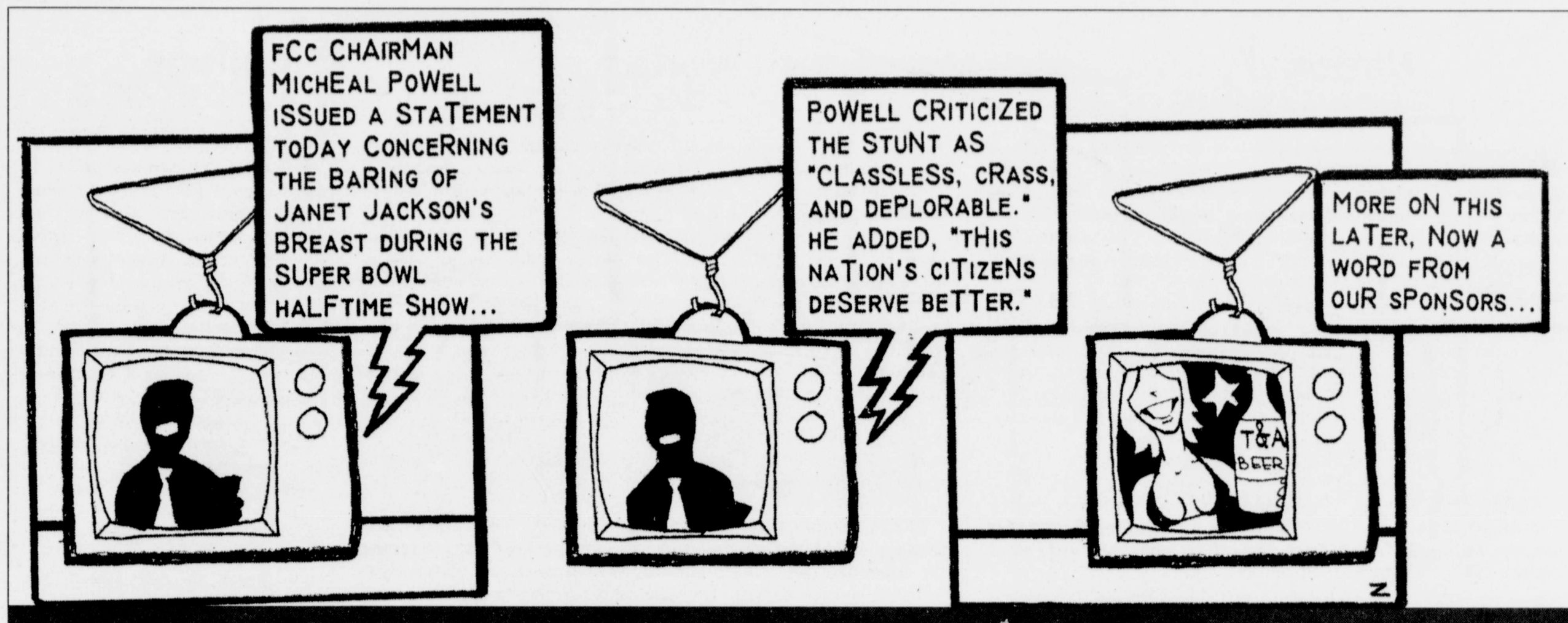
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Grocery store strike: Is that still going on?

As we settle into 2004, an issue that was crucial during the end of last year still looms in Southern California. Picketers, though spread thin, still roam the front lines of the local Vons and Albertsons. They remain present at all hours and in all weather, despite how little the union can afford to pay them.

It seems like life just went on and forgot these people. No one cares anymore.

"We haven't heard anything at all. Talks haven't happened on either side," picketer Joe Chavez said. Chavez, 36, has been out in front of the Vons in the Marigold shopping center on Broad Street since the strike started.

Some other supermarkets in the area have helped out by hiring the strikers. However, the grocers are taking a pay cut in their new jobs and are not receiving benefits. Some have paid the union to keep them, but most have just given up on the benefits.

By not working at all, they already are taking a monumental pay cut. "We are finding new jobs to help with the loss of income," Chavez said. "Since the union's funds are depleted, we are getting paid less everyday to be out here. Scolari's Market and Food-4-Less have helped out by hiring us, but some supermarkets are turning us away."

It is about time. The strikers have been walking back and forth for months now and nothing has happened. Supermarkets have lost some business, but they are able to function regardless of replacement hires and fewer inventory shipments. Eventually, they will probably hire new labor that will work for no benefits and the striking issue will be in the past.

Though no change has come in the supermarket strike, many people depend on it as a source of income. The initial lockout stimulated the job market in San Luis Obispo, creating jobs for students who were having a difficult time finding work in such a small town. Students who have taken replacement jobs are making a healthy income and can enjoy the luxury of flexible hours. Furthermore, it can serve as a buffer to help combat debt which plagues many college students.

Take my roommate for example. He is a 21-year-old Cuesta student who needed a second job.

"Things were getting tough, and I needed a little income. I wasn't glad that I did it, but it got me through my financial troubles," he said. "I normally wouldn't do something like this, but the opportunity was there."

But don't feel too sorry for the strikers. They are getting sufficient funding from a variety of unions called a hardship fund. Plus, they are still getting their benefits. It is ridiculous it took so long for them to realize they need jobs to fall back on. Maybe they just figured this mess would be sorted out sooner.

"Though both sides are silent, everyone else has moved on," Vons products receiving supervisor Dave Lowe said. "Business has picked back up, and we are all working to earn a decent living."

Both parties are losing on the issue. The strikers lose because they are being paid far less than their usual wages to stand out in front of grocery stores all day, the union loses money by paying the strikers and the grocery stores are losing business from all of the negative publicity in the media. As the deadline for an agreement approaches, everyone is in a stalemate and losing money.

The strike needs to end because it is not of public interest anymore. Citizens of San Luis Obispo need goods from supermarkets, people need jobs to make commerce thrive. Unnecessary strikes like this put links in the fiscal chain.

Kendrick J. Carson is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

Holbus uses formula for columns

Editor,

When I read John Holbus' column ("Fire-arm protection is a necessary right" Feb. 3), I discovered that his writing always follows the same tired formula of Republican rhetoric. After observing his patterns, I have devised a five-step plan for writing like a conservative.

First, poke fun at the fringe elements of the Democratic Party, such as Kucinich or Sharpton. It's too challenging to take a swipe at a front-runner.

Second, misrepresent the arguments of the left. For instance, Holbus claims the left's main argument against the right to own machine guns is that the right only applies to the federal government, not the people. This has never been a main liberal argument; actual liberal arguments cite reports, studies and empirical data that show how gun control saves lives. Another liberal argument is common sense: You don't need to fire 1,000 rounds a second to hunt deer or stop a home intruder.

Third, make a ridiculous comparison to slavery or racism. Holbus draws an analogy between his violated right to own an M-16 and racial apartheid.

Fourth, confuse words. Holbus says the National Guard is not a "state" militia. He should know that "state" is synonymous with "nation" in such a context. To anyone who knows this, his argument has no legs.

And last, but most importantly, mock France. In Republican circles, a good laugh at the expense of the French is more appreciated — and more accessible — than sound logic.

Daniel Nutting is a computer science senior.

Veritas cartoon misrepresentative

Editor,

The cartoon mockery of the Veritas Forum on Feb. 2 expressed several misconceptions. The cartoon suggested that the Veritas Forum was somehow falsely advertised and hypocritical. This impression is unfortunately based on two false points: (1) That the Veritas Forum attempts to "convert" people and (2) That it creates "straw men" out of non-Christian philosophical positions.

Contrary to the first point, just because theistic ideas, philosophies and views were among the topics of discussion during Veritas, that doesn't mean it resembled anything like a church revival. At no point during Veritas did any person or speaker encourage any kind of conversion. Rather, the theistic and non-theistic speakers presented their views by giving arguments and reasons for their particular beliefs in question. Then, the lecture was opened up for questions in which further discussion was encouraged among the audience.

As for the second point, I encourage anyone who doubts the quality of presenters brought to Cal Poly last week (especially the atheist/agnostic philosophers Friday night) to simply ask any philosophy professor what he or she thinks of them. I am confident they will strongly affirm their academic respectability and credibility. Therefore, there were no straw men. Furthermore, there is no doubt that the ideas and claims of Jesus Christ and theism in general are among the most influential and important in the history of the world, whether or not they are actually true. So therefore, theistic claims, philosophies and views ought to be a serious topic of discussion among any educated and open-minded group of people.

Kevin Hughes is a philosophy senior.

Vouchers give Americans liberty

Editor,

Will Weatherford's letter ("Vouchers represent 'double taxation'" Feb. 2) shows a complete disregard for the founding principles of the United States.

School vouchers boil down to one word: liberty.

Parents should have the liberty to decide which school their child attends. If parents choose to send their kids to private schools rather than public schools, then public schools be damned. Vouchers don't result in "money (being) taken from public schools and given to private schools." The money in question does not belong to the public schools or the government. The money in question belongs to the parents. The money is rightfully theirs because they earned it. The government had no right to take it in the first place. School vouchers are a vital step toward individual liberty in education and a vital step away from government monopoly in education.

Any society that "provides basic services to its members," by breaching individual rights (in this case, liberty and property) is destined toward statism.

Ray Cavalcante is a mathematics junior.

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National Roundup

WASHINGTON — An international panel convened by Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman after the first U.S. case of mad cow disease called Wednesday for more restrictions on cattle feed, saying there's likely undiscovered cases among the nation's cattle.

Julie Quick, a spokeswoman for the department, said Veneman was briefed on the panel's conclusions and would consider its recommendations, but declined to comment further.

Cattle can be infected by eating feed that contains brain or spinal tissue from an animal sick with the brain-wasting disease, which is caused by a misshapen protein. The government now bans using any blood, brains and spinal cord from cattle, sheep and goats in cattle feed, but the panel said the disease still could be spread through other materials in feed.

Mad cow disease is a concern because humans can develop a brain-wasting illness, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, from consuming infected beef products. The disease eats holes in the brain.

RAPID CITY, S.D. — The former wife of American Indian Movement co-founder Dennis Banks told jurors Wednesday that she was with Anna Mae Aquash and others when Leonard Peltier bragged about killing two FBI agents in 1975.

She also testified that Peltier, also an AIM leader, believed Aquash was a federal informant.

Darlene Nichols testified at the trial of Arlo Looking Cloud, 50, a former AIM member accused of first-degree murder in Aquash's killing in late 1975.

Aquash, a member of the Mi'kmaq Tribe of Canada, was an American Indian activist who was part of the 1973 takeover of Wounded Knee. She came to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in the early 1970s when AIM was gaining strength.

Some have speculated AIM members killed Aquash because she knew some of them were government spies. Others said she was ordered killed because she herself was an informant.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Alaska Permanent Fund, created in 1976 to capture part of the state's vast oil wealth, has grown to \$27.7 billion, a sum so large its earnings underwrite handsome checks for every state resident.

But Alaska is running out of more conventional revenue to pay its bills, and Republican Gov. Frank Murkowski has raised the sensitive question of whether residents should trade part of their dividend checks for schools, police and roads.

A group of 55 residents summoned by Murkowski as the "Conference of Alaskans" convenes Tuesday to decide if the state's most sacred cash cow should be sliced up to help pay for state government.

SALEM, Ore. — Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski directed state agencies Wednesday to seek ways to protect vital services after voters rejected an \$800 million tax increase, but said painful spending cuts are inevitable.

"There will be loss of essential programs," including lopping about 50,000 low-income people from the state health plan, he said.

"There will be drastic consequences to some citizens," the Democrat said.

The proposed tax hike failed 59 percent to 41 percent. Rejection automatically triggers \$544 million in spending cuts on May 1.

It was the second time in a little more than a year that voters have turned down a tax hike passed by the Legislature to balance the budget.

— Associated Press

World Roundup

TIKRIT, Iraq — A senior U.S. commander said Wednesday that recent attacks in Iraq are the work of groups seeking to sabotage — or gain leverage in — a future independent Iraqi government that is due to take power by July.

Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno, commander of the Army's 4th Infantry Division, also predicted that coalition forces would be able to crush the insurgency within a year, despite continued American losses since the Dec. 13 capture of Saddam Hussein.

"There are ethnic issues. People are now positioning themselves to see what their role is in the next government, and they are doing it by force," Odierno said after a tour of this city, Saddam's hometown. "They are trying to disrupt the way things are going so they can get a little advantage."

The U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority plans to hand over sovereignty to a provisional Iraqi government on June 30. The United Nations soon will dispatch a team to Iraq to resolve differences between the Americans and the Shiite Muslim clergy over how to choose the new Iraqi leadership.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — A Dominican infant born with a second head will undergo a risky operation Friday to remove the appendage, which has a partially formed brain, ears, eyes and lips.

The surgery is complicated because the two heads share arteries.

Led by a Los Angeles-based neurosurgeon who successfully separated Guatemalan twins, the medical team will spend about 13 hours removing Rebeca Martinez's second head.

The 18 surgeons, nurses and doctors will cut off the undeveloped tissue, clip the veins and arteries and close the skull of the 7-week-old baby using a bone graft from another part of her body.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The nuclear black market that let Iran, Libya and North Korea acquire weapons technology from Pakistan under the noses of international monitors raises suspicions that terror groups also acquired bomb components or plans, experts told The Associated Press.

Al Qaeda apparently has shown interest in acquiring nuclear technology. Two Pakistani nuclear scientists were detained in late 2001 after meeting Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan on suspicion of giving away secrets, but they were later released without being charged. The military, which controlled the weapons program, also is known to have elements who sympathize with the Taliban and bin Laden.

Pakistan has for years denied spreading nuclear technology and claimed its arsenal was safe from extremists. But strong international pressure after Iranian revelations to the U.N. nuclear watchdog forced Islamabad to begin an investigation of its weapons program in November. It admitted last month for the first time that scientists had leaked technology.

BANGKOK, Thailand — Asia's human death toll from bird flu rose to 15 Wednesday while China addressed its broadening zone of infected poultry with a new bird flu headquarters and Singaporeans turned in pet chickens for slaughter.

Health experts say the wide range of the bird flu striking Asia's poultry boosts chances that the virus could mutate into a global menace for people, but say the disease is "nowhere close" to being declared a pandemic.

Most human cases have been traced directly to contact with sick birds, and although human-to-human transmission has not been ruled out in the case of one Vietnamese family, the experts say there is no sign of a new strain that can easily infect many people.

— Associated Press

College Roundup

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Most college students know that getting a higher education can cost them more than just a pretty penny. As tuition costs increase, students begin budgeting for living expenses, food, parking and most of all, expensive textbooks.

A new study shows the blame for the rising costs of textbooks could go beyond that of the university bookstores. "Ripoff 101: How the current practices of the textbook industry drive up the cost of college textbooks," released Thursday, published information on the tricks the industry uses to make even more money off of college students every year.

Students spend an average of \$900 per year in textbook costs alone, a price that has jumped 24 percent in seven years, according to the study. The more expensive books are a result of textbook publishers selling books in packages containing CD-ROMs and workbooks, which 65 percent of professors admitted to "rarely" or "never" using.

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Twice as many college students are depressed now compared to 13 years ago, according to a study by the American Sociology Association. The study, which was conducted at Kansas State University, also said three times as many students are inclined to have suicidal thoughts.

"This study is based upon students who sought help. We saw approximately 1,000 students each year," said Fred Newton, director of counseling services at Kansas State.

Newton said the reason the study received national attention was that "very few people have done long-term studies of college students."

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More than a hobby

Members of the Cal Poly Footbag Club see their sport as a cultural activity that doesn't deserve its negative association with the slacker generation.

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Arts
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HACKIN' IT UP

Community more important than competition for footbaggers

The man breaks a sweat as he jumps, hops and spins while practicing moves dubbed "pixie," "butterfly," "eggbeater" and "mullet." Three friends watch, occasionally uttering praise and helpful comments.

Passersby are reminded of the Jack in the Box commercial for Southwest chicken salad with long-haired, flannel-clad, Northwestern men kicking around a Hacky Sack, but for members of the Cal Poly Footbag Club, this is more than a hobby — it's a sport. A way of life.

"People don't realize this is a lifestyle, like surfing or skateboarding," club president and computer science senior Dat Phan said. "People spend a lot of money every year to attend national events and meet other people involved in footbag."

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Dat Phan

Cal Poly Footbag Club president

Phan said one of the best aspects of footbag is the community because "everyone is so desperate to find someone new to play with," Phan said. "The elitism that exists in many other sports is almost absent. If you're a novice, players will welcome you in their circle and try to help get you going."

Fellow club member and computer engineering junior Ryan Lavering agreed with this depiction of the close-knit community.

"I've played with guys who can do tricks I can't even imagine doing," Lavering said. "They always recognize and congratulate you when you do something that's good for you. It's a very supportive atmosphere."

The sport of footbag is gaining popularity internationally, particularly in European countries, but still lacks recognition in American mainstream culture.

Phan said footbag is mostly played in the Czech Republic and Finland but is gaining momentum in other countries. One example is Japan, where Pepsi recently had a promotion involving free footbags with the purchase of the company's products.

Members of the footbag club attribute the lack of popularity in the United States to the negative association of the sport with "stoners," and the false belief that it is just a time-waster for skaters and hippies.

"For the record, I'm not a skater and have never skateboarded," Lavering said.

Phan organized Footbaggers Anonymous last year and later renamed the organization the Footbag Club. He said there is no official membership, club dues or formal club meetings.

"Usually we just have practice sessions," Phan said. "I haven't gotten much response from the students on campus. I think people don't participate because they feel intimidated, and they don't believe they have the necessary ability."

Phan and other members said the notion of natural-born footbag skills

is impractical, yet keeps people from playing and the sport from becoming popular.

"I don't think (footbag) will ever catch on as a major sport because it's not that easy," club member and mechanical engineering senior Paul Avanzino said. "People seem to like sports that they can easily pick up and does not frustrate them."

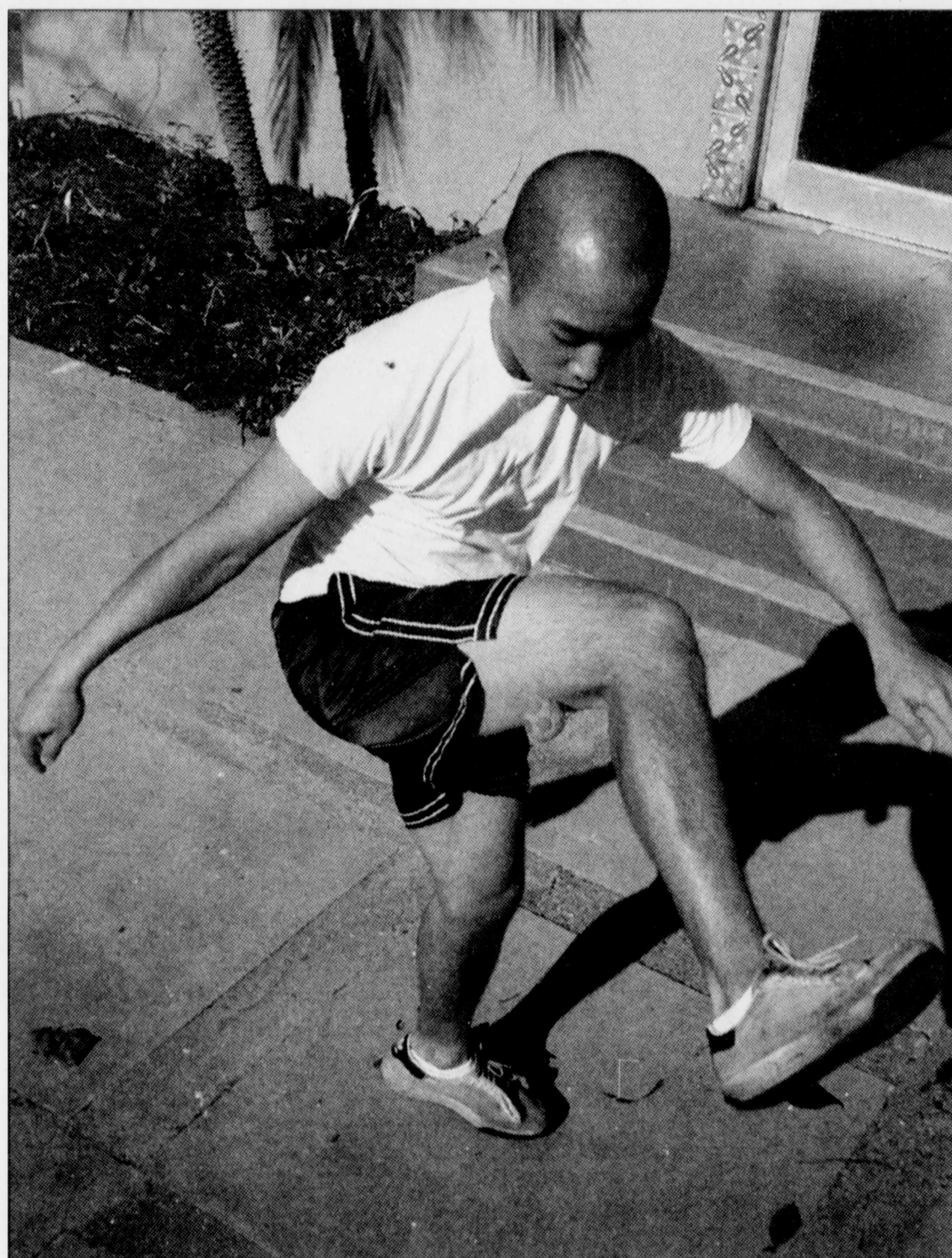
Avanzino recommended playing with other people when learning how to footbag. He said it is easy to become frustrated when playing alone, which causes many to lose their focus.

Lavering said it also takes a certain type of individual and mindset to be successful at footbag.

"Footbag players look at someone doing a really hard trick and think, 'I could do that,' instead of, 'I could never do that,'" Lavering said. "Not everyone thinks that way."

Phan said the public needs to realize that "footbag is nothing like the Jack In The Box commercial," because it is physically and mentally demanding.

The two popular forms of footbag, freestyle and footbag net, require stamina, flexibility and balance. Freestyle is the most common footbag sport and involves creating different combinations of tricks. Competitors are judged on choreography, difficulty, variety and



Cal Poly Footbag President Dat Phan is in charge of organizing events and encouraging more people to get involved in the footbag lifestyle.

execution.

The Cal Poly Footbag Club held a freestyle footbag competition at Cal Poly on Nov. 22 with about 25 par-

ticipants. Most of the competitors were from Southern California, but

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Phan plans to organize a similar event next year if enough footbaggers are willing to come back.

Footbag net is similar to court games such as tennis or volleyball. Players use only their feet to kick the footbag over a five-foot-high net. Games can be played to 11 or 15 points.

In 1972, John Stalberger and Mike Marshall invented footbag in Oregon, according to the International Footbag Player's Association. They called the game Hack the Sack, trademarked the Hacky Sack and promoted the product and game to the general public. While marketing the Hacky Sack to the public, they created the term "footbag" for the sport itself.

Since the game's invention, Stalberger formed the National Hacky Sack Association and sold the rights for the Hacky Sack footbag to Kransco. The result is the mass-produced, crocheted beanbag sold in stores nationwide.

Phan said footbaggers do not use Hacky Sacks. They prefer smaller, lighter beanbags made of a synthetic

fabric known as ficile. These bags cost anywhere from \$5 to \$30 and are hard to find in stores. Members of the footbag community purchase footbags from each other and from online stores.

A footbag is the only required equipment for freestyle, but most competitors wear mesh Rod Laver Adidas because they are lightweight and have flat surfaces. Phan said it is common for people to cut holes in their shoes and to wear the same shoes for years because they become soft and broken in.

Students wary of buying a new pair of shoes can still participate in the sport, Phan said it is easiest to play footbag with shoes that have flat, non-slippery surfaces.

Cal Poly Footbag Club members encourage all interested students to try the sport, even if they have no prior experience.

"Come out and play with us," Lavering said. "We're always willing to help anyone that wants to play. Have fun and learn a thing or two."

Students can e-mail Phan at dhphan@calpoly.edu to be added to the club list. Students on Phan's e-mail list are contacted with times and dates of freestyle footbag practices.

SUSTAINABILITY

New restaurant strives to keep it green

By Kendra Hodges

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

On Saturday afternoons, Maegen and Jeffrey Loring pull their produce-loaded wagon around the Madonna Plaza farmers' market, hand-picking the season's best for The Park, their new, California-fusion restaurant in historic Railroad Square on Osos Street.

Before the doors opened, the Loring made a conscious decision to make their restaurant environmentally sustainable.

California's ethnic diversity is reflected in The Park's menu, which Maegen likes to call "California-rustic" with diverse plates such as an arugula and grilled pears appetizer to main course favorites like Tuscan style T-bone.

Daughter and manager Anna Caporael has years of experience at Jardinière in San Francisco, a restaurant that was deemed the Most Green Restaurant in the Bay Area for 2000-

01.

Green-Bin Waste, a composting program for restaurants in San Francisco, is something Caporael would like to see implemented throughout the rest of California.

"It would be great if something like Green-Bin Waste could happen in our community," Caporael said. "Our dream would be to have a Cal Poly student do it for a senior project."

The family feels comfortable where they are currently but as time goes on, they said they will be able to accomplish more sustainable practices.

"We work to be sustainable, which is a challenge to get everything organic in a small, remote area," Maegen said.

But asking questions on the practices of the farms they buy produce from has made a difference in their effectiveness, she said.

"Farmers realized the need, did research and are working to farm in a more sustainable manner," Maegen said.

The family aspired to leave a good legacy behind.

"At one point, we will all have to operate environmentally sustainable," Caporael said. "Thinking about it now, we have an advantage and we can spread the word with other businesses so we won't be in (a dangerous) situation in the future."

Taking the extra mile to be sustainable, however, is not always more costly. It takes effort to make it work.

"Sustainability and cost-effectiveness can work together," Caporael said. "With the composting alone, we saved \$400 a month on the garbage bill."

Through spreading the word to other community entities, the family's conscience living ethics brings hope to the future.

"We believe every business has a role to play in sustainability," Caporael said. "Small steps make a big difference in the end when every business works to create a more sustainable future."

How are Grammy nominations picked, anyway?

By Pooja Patel

DAILY TROJAN (UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA)

LOS ANGELES — The Grammys is one of the oldest award shows still running, consistently receiving more than 20 million viewers. Despite its popularity, viewers rarely know the intricacies of the selection process, a process that reveals why certain artists win while others appear to be snubbed.

The Grammy Awards are given by the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences Inc., also known as the Recording Academy. Since its conception in 1957, the Recording Academy aims for the promotion of the cultural conditions and overall lifestyle of all the people associated with the creation of music. This includes everyone associated with the making of a record, from the artists to behind-the-scenes contributors such as producers and engineers.

What began as a TV special called "The Best On Record" has grown into today's Grammy Awards ceremony,

presented live and featuring major recording artists from diverse genres. The Grammys are peer-presented awards, valuing "artistic achievement, technical proficiency and overall excellence in the recording industry, without regard to album sales or chart position," in the words of the Recording Academy.

The selection process begins when artists, technical crew and record companies submit entries to contest for the Grammy Awards. These entries are scanned and the eligible entries are placed in specific categories.

These scanning sessions are held by a diverse group of about 150 experts who divide music into 28 different fields, with 105 categories within those fields. The academy's voting members then select five finalists in each category, who are nominated as the finalists for the Grammy Awards.

To help ensure the quality of the voting, members are directed to vote only within their fields of expertise and return their ballots to an inde-


pendent accounting firm that does the ballot counting.

Lists of the finalists are then sent to voting members of the Recording Academy with second-round ballots. The votes are counted in secrecy by the same independent accounting firm responsible for the first set of ballots.

Finally, the results are delivered in sealed envelopes to the Grammy Awards show, where the winners are revealed to the artists, peers and public during the awards presentation ceremony.

Though this selection procedure seems to be foolproof, some argue that it may be influenced by the membership of the panel of the voting members. But with the panel size of 150 experts, chances of bias are minimized, as the votes of all 150 members, with each utilizing experience, are considered.

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Kerry blocked Big Dig, got donations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate colleague was trying to close a loophole that allowed a major insurer to divert millions of federal dollars from the nation's most expensive construction project. John Kerry stepped in and blocked the legislation.

Over the next two years, the insurer, American International Group, paid Kerry's way on a trip to Vermont and donated at least \$30,000 to a tax-exempt group Kerry used to set up his presidential campaign. Company executives donated \$18,000 to his Senate and presidential campaigns.

Were the two connected? Kerry says not.

But to some government watchdogs, the tale of the Massachusetts senator's 2000 intervention, detailed in documents obtained by The Associated Press, is a textbook case of the special interest politicking that Kerry rails against on the presidential trail.

"The idea that Kerry has not helped or benefited from a specific special interest, which he has said, is utterly absurd," said Charles Lewis, head of the Center for Public Integrity that just published a book on political donations to presidential candidates.

"Anyone who gets millions of dollars over time, and thousands of

dollars from specific donors, knows there's a symbiotic relationship. He needs the donors' money. The donors need favors. Welcome to Washington. That is how it works," Lewis said.

The documents obtained by AP provide a window into Kerry's involvement in a two-decade-old highway and tunnel construction project in his home state of Massachusetts. Known as the "Big Dig," it had become infamous for its multi-billion dollar cost overruns.

Kerry's office confirmed Wednesday that as member of the Senate Commerce Committee he persuaded committee chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., to drop a provision that would have stripped \$150 million from the project and ended the insurance funding loophole.

The Massachusetts Democrat actually was angered by the loophole but didn't want money stripped from the project because it would hurt his constituents who needed the Boston project finished, spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter said.

When the "AIG investment scheme (came) to light, John Kerry called for public hearings to investigate the parties involved and the legality of the investment practices. However, he firmly believed cutting funding for the Big Dig was not the answer," Cutter said.

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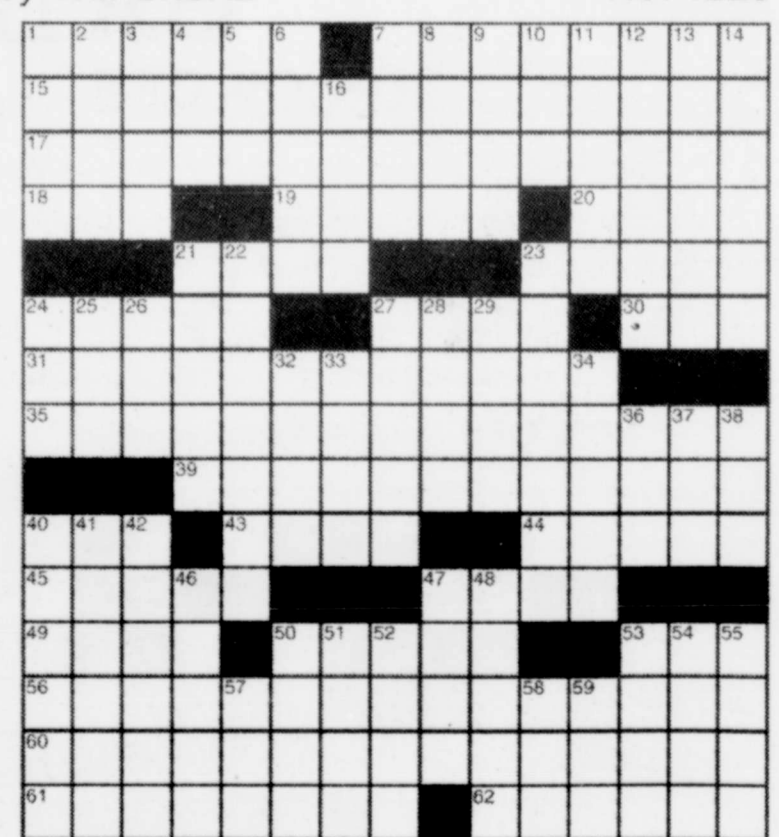
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Alpha Gamma Rho	**BBQ on Mott Lawn 6-8pm	Smoker and Slideshow @ AGR house 6:30pm	NO EVENT	NO EVENT	NO EVENT
Beta Theta Pi	Beta Bowling @ Beta Theta Pi house 7-9pm	Spaghetti Surprise @ Beta house TBA	Open House @ Beta house 2pm	**Smoker Veranda Café TBA (INVITE ONLY!)	NO EVENT
Delta Chi	**Pizza, Bowling, & Pool @ Mustang Lanes 5-7pm	Luau @ Delta Chi house 6-9pm	Beach Day @ Pismo 12-4pm	Dinner with the Brothers 3-7pm	Smoker (INVITE ONLY!)
Delta Sigma Phi	Mud Wrestling @ DSP house 7-9pm	Casino Night @ DSP house 7-10pm	Volleyball & BBQ @ DSP house 12-3pm	Smoker @ DSP TBA	Interviews @ DSP TBA
Delta Upsilon	NO EVENT	Movie night 6-10pm	Sports day and BBQ 11-4pm	Smoker 7-10pm	NO EVENT
Kappa Chi	Pasta & Poker @ Kappa Chi house 6-9pm	**Bowling/Pizza/Billiards @ Mustang Lanes 6-8pm	BBQ @ KX house 12-3pm	NO EVENT	Slideshow @ KX house 7-10pm
Kappa Sigma	**Kappa Sigma event in UU plaza 5-7pm				
Lambda Chi Alpha	BBQ @ Alpha Phi house 5-7pm	Slideshow BBQ @ Lambda Chi house	Dunk Tank @ Lambda Chi house 12-4pm	Casual Night @ Lambda Chi house	NO EVENT
Phi Delta Theta	**BBQ on P.A.C. Lawn 12-2pm	In 'N' Out Burgers & slideshow w/ Alpha Phi @ Phi Delta Theta house 5-7pm	Night Event w/ a sorority	**Pizza & Bowling @ Mustang Lanes 12-2pm	Interviews @ Phi Delta Theta house 7-9pm (INVITE ONLY!)
Phi Kappa Psi	**Bowling, Billiards @ Mustang Lanes 7-9	Baja Fresh Tacos & Margaritas @ the Kappa Alpha Theta house 5-7pm	Steaks & Cigars @ the Phi Kappa Psi house 6-10pm (INVITE ONLY!)	NO EVENT	Interviews (INVITE ONLY!)
Phi Sigma Kappa	**BBQ on P.A.C. Lawn 4-6pm	Off-roading 4pm	Sports Day 12-3pm Slideshow 7pm	Special Event 12pm (INVITE ONLY!)	NO EVENT
Pi Kappa Alpha	**Pizza & Bowling @ Mustang Lanes 4-6pm	Subs & Slides @ Pi Kappa Alpha house 5-7pm	Evening w/ Gamma Phi Beta 5-7pm	Interviews (INVITE ONLY!)	Fireside 7-9pm
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UMass hires McCutcheon

•Cal Poly athletic director leaves for Atlantic-10 conference school

By Dan Watson

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The University of Massachusetts formally named Cal Poly athletic director John McCutcheon as the new athletic director of the Minutemen in a press conference Wednesday.

McCutcheon leaves Cal Poly after 12 years of work. His accolades include grasping a Division II program and pulling it into Division I in 1994, leading the majority of the Mustang sports into the Big West Conference and achieving upgraded facilities in numerous sports.

"He's done an extraordinary job in managing the program and understanding the importance of student-athlete academic success," said President Warren Baker Wednesday afternoon. "... We're looking to replace a lot of things that he has been able to bring to the job."

Now the national search for a replacement begins.

Asked when the process starts, Baker responded, "Very quickly. It'll be a national search as we did in the past recruiting John from Boston

College ... We'll use essentially the same process with a search committee that'll screen candidates and have a chair that will be appointed or elected."

Baker also expressed the hope of having a new athletic director announced by the end of the academic year.

McCutcheon interviewed last Thursday for the UMass position, which opened in September when then athletic director Ian McCaw accepted the athletic director position at Baylor University.

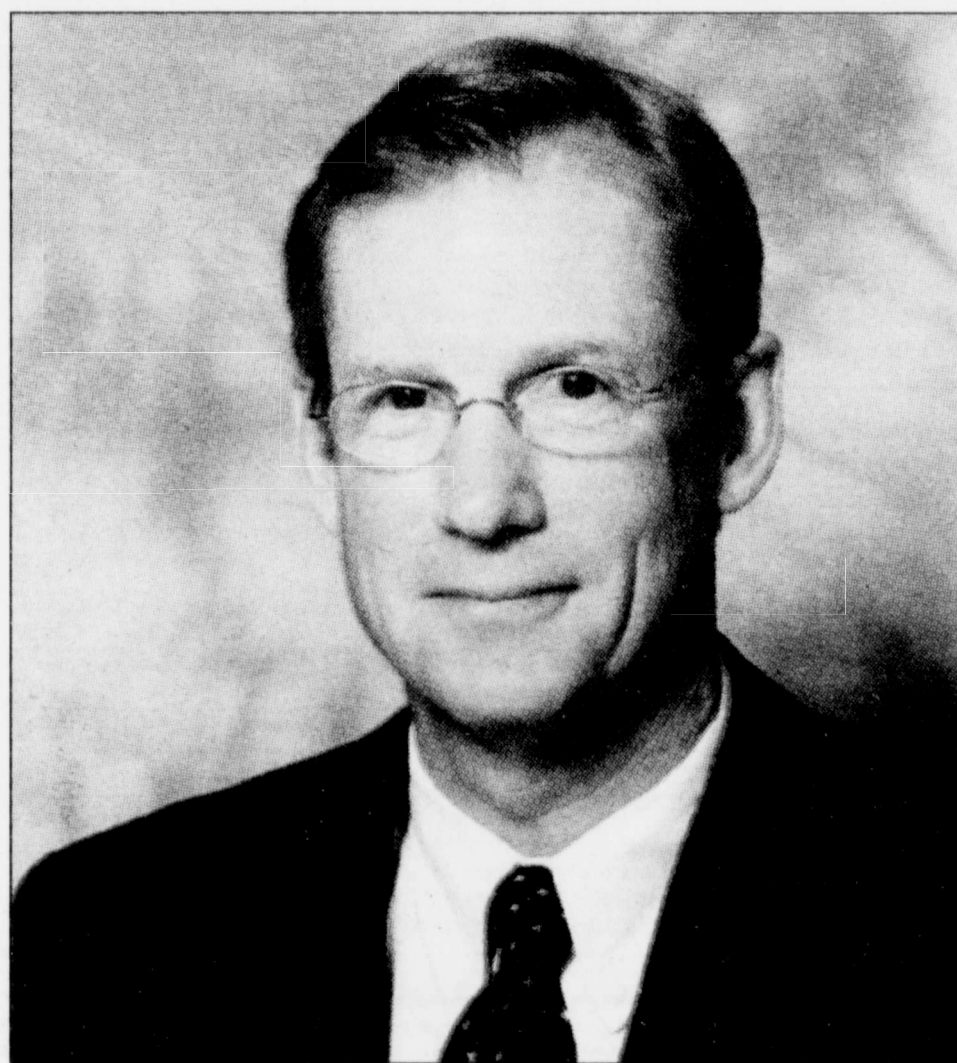
UMass interim athletic director Thorr Bjorn said March 1 will be McCutcheon's first day in charge of the Minutemen program, one that has eliminated six sports since 2002 and continues to search for a football coach. Former UMass football coach Mark Whipple left the team to join the Pittsburgh Steelers' staff as a quarterbacks coach.

"It'll allow us to fix some things that are broken," Bjorn said. "He'll bring an outside opinion with great experience."

Local ties make the Pittsburgh native's hiring a homecoming. McCutcheon lived in Massachusetts for 15 years and was an associate athletic director at Boston College before hired at Cal Poly in 1992.

"We'll definitely miss him," said baseball coach Larry Lee.

One of McCutcheon's main legacies may be his part in the building



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John McCutcheon is the only athletic director Cal Poly has had since joining Division I in 1994.

of the baseball/softball complex.

"He's very down to earth, had a good understanding of the life of a coach," Lee said. "He's been around athletics a good many years and has a good sense about what a coach's life is about. He backed the baseball program 100 percent ... He's allowed

us to be equal and compete in one of the best conferences in the country."

Baker also had nothing but nice things to say about McCutcheon.

"He's also very low key, very analytical and is a very decisive, methodical person. A real asset to the university," he said.

Harassing the competition

This week, there will be peace in Mott Gym.

As the men's basketball team travels to the frontiers of Idaho and Utah State, and the idle dance team comes over to boogie at my apartment (ladies: this week, we salsa!), the small, shabby, archaic Mott Gym will be darkened save for two women's games, likely signaling the absence of raucous fans.

It marks a huge shift from last weekend.

Though the Mustangs slew a pair of bottom-dwelling teams, the Cal State Fullerton Titans on Thursday and the UC Riverside Highlanders on Saturday, Cal Poly fans raised the roof.

Commentary Hell, it got so bad

Thursday night that Titan guard Anthony Bolton made an ass out of himself in front of the student section, cracking under a mountain of derision. Members of the Sixth Man, a group of students devoted to wreaking havoc for men's basketball opponents, had ridden him continuously, chanting "Bolton Sucks" when he played and "WE WANT BOLTON!" when he sat. It culminated in a profanity-laced, second-half meltdown.

"He flipped us off a few times, blew a couple kisses and he looked like an idiot for the entire game because he sucked," business administration senior and one of the loudest Sixth Man members Michael Pierce said.

It wasn't much different Saturday,

when Pierce and his homies spent much of the game yelling at the Highlander bench, calling out pine-dwelling freshman forward Jeff Mailhot, who never made it into the game.

The Sixth Man commonly harangues unskilled opposing players. The bunch of Cal Poly upperclassmen clad in black T-shirts have appeared at almost every men's basketball game, home or road, seeming half party animal straight out of "Saturday Night Fever," half sports-obsessed guerrilla rebel, even incurring brushes with the law.

They were lucky they didn't wind up in the slammer after their group's debut at the Cal game in Berkeley.

"We got liquored up before it ... We got crazy," Pierce said. "We were louder than all the Cal fans there. We called everybody hippies, and they didn't like it. Then our team won by a point, we rushed the court, we got nuts."

One Sixth Man almost got arrested on the court, and Pierce said he was assaulted by a number of fans, including one who was beyond 70-years-old.

"I think I bumped his wife accidentally," Pierce said.

It's too bad no one's rushed the court at Mott this season, but Pierce



Golden Graham

said that will happen when the 7-9 Mustangs beat a big-time opponent or record a huge win, not just a pair of lopsided victories over lackluster Fullerton and Riverside.

Fans have also been criticizing Mott, which was seemingly constructed during Biblical times and is certainly not equipped for the demand for tickets that has emerged this season. Head coach Kevin Bromley said there is room for luxury boxes to be put in the upper corners of Mott Gym. For now, however, maximum capacity is at 3,032.

"As far as getting in here, it's lame," Pierce said. "We sell out nearly every game with just over 3,000 people. It doesn't get loud enough. Santa Barbara chants 'High school gym,' and we can't do anything about it because it's true."

Even without peak conditions however, Mott is renowned. Highlander coach John Masi said the level of support in Mott rivals UC Irvine, Santa Barbara and Utah. Cal Poly players say they feed off the Mott crowd.

Perhaps the biggest praise for the Sixth Man and the student section overall comes from Bromley.

"If I could go up and give each one of them a big hug and high five I would," Bromley said.

Personally, I'm the not type to get all sentimental, but I look forward to verbal fireworks from Cal Poly fans at future games.

If only Bolton wasn't graduating this year.

Graham Womack is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Women face Aggies, Vandals

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly's women's basketball team, which last Saturday earned its first win in 10 tries on the road this season, will put its perfect 8-0 home mark on the line this weekend with a pair of Big West Conference games.

The Mustangs (9-9, 5-4 Big West) will host Utah State (3-14, 3-6) on Thursday and Idaho (14-4, 6-3) on Saturday, both games tipping off at 7:05 p.m. in Mott Gym.

Cal Poly and Utah State are meeting for just the second time, and the Mustangs hope to avenge a 76-73 loss to the Aggies on Jan. 10 in Logan. Christina Zdenek hit a three-pointer with 0.4 seconds left on the clock for the Aggies.

The Mustangs and Vandals have met 12 times and Idaho has an 8-4 advantage, including an 84-53 victory on Jan. 8 in Moscow. Idaho won the first five games of the series but Cal Poly has won four of the last seven.

Top Aggie scorers this season are sophomore center Ali Aird (13.1) and Zdenek (11.7). Aird also leads in rebounding with a 7.0 mark.

Idaho is having its best season in five years. Sophomore post player Emily Faurholt scored 26 points in the nation's leading women's basketball scorer with a 25.6 average. She also leads her team in rebounding with a 6.9 mark.



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Schedule

M Basketball @ Utah State
thurs, feb. 5, 6 p.m. (KKAL)

W Basketball VS. Utah State
thurs, feb. 5, 7 p.m., gopoly.com

Softball VS. Colorado State
thurs, feb. 5, 3 and 5 p.m.

Baseball @ San Jose St.
fri-sat, feb. 6-8

Softball VS. USD
fri, feb. 6, 4 p.m.

Softball VS. Nevada
sat, feb. 6, 7 p.m.

Wrestling VS. Oregon St.
fri, feb. 6, 7 p.m.

Swim & Dive VS. CSUB
fri, feb. 6, 2 p.m.

W Basketball VS. Idaho
sat, feb. 7, 7 p.m.

Stats

By the numbers...

13-3

Junior left fielder Kyle Blumenthal had three hits and drove in three runs to lead Cal Poly to a 13-3 victory over Westmont College in a non-conference baseball game Tuesday night in Baggett Stadium. Third baseman Matt Guiliano, right fielder Chalon Tietje and center fielder Sam Herbert also had three hits apiece.

Trivia

Today's question

When was the last time Utah State was ranked in the top 25 before this year?

Send answers to: spmartin@calpoly.edu

Last Question

What round was Jake Dehlomme drafted in? Undrafted

Congratulations to all!

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