WOWies and ROTC find course no obstacle

By Floyd Jones

Screams and cheers of success from Week of Welcome Group 17 bounced off the walls of the wooden stall. They had successfully hauled a phony case of beer and themselves over a nine-foot wall and across a washed-out bridge that lay over murky waters.

Next door, another group had been caught by police while sneaking a radio out of a friend's house. They were to cross the family pool with a ladder and scale a wall without the parents hearing. Unfortunately, time ran out and they were left stranded over the dirty, green water.

These scenarios and others were given to WOW groups Tuesday and Thursday at the Army reserve center. Camp San Luis Obispo. It's called the leadership reaction course. As the name implies, the course is used in Army ROTC training to evaluate leadership. Senior Cadet Brad Dreyer, a military science junior at Cal Poly, said that when ROTC cadets go through the course they are given military scenarios rather than those put to WOW groups. When the military goes through the course it's serious business, "but for WOWies it's just fun," said Dreyer.

Before they jump right in and start climbing walls, crawling through drainpipes and lying boards across cement stumps sticking out of the water, groups have time to think through the objective. Then the stopwatch starts ticking.

After a group completes one See WOW, back page
Beth Barker of WOW Group 100 hangs precariously over murky water. For more photos of Week of Welcome, see page 5.

Forum gets new director

By Stephen R. Jursa

Lectures to trace changes

The 1986-1987 School of Liberal Arts lecture series has a new director and plans to move in new directions this academic year.

Robert Inchausti, an English professor, was selected by the liberal arts lecture series committee to succeed Diane Michelfelder as director. The new series is titled "New Directions in the Arts and Humanities" and will focus on changes in those disciplines in a technological age.

Inchausti worked with Michelfelder on last year's lecture series and is familiar with the tasks of his new post. "Basically, it's my job to trace changes," said Inchausti.

Reagan hopeful for Geneva arms talks

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — President Reagan told the U.N. General Assembly on Monday "the ice of the negotiating stalemate could break" during the current round of Geneva arms talks with the Soviet Union.

Although Reagan said "a pall has been cast" over U.S.-Soviet relations by the Nicholas Daniloff affair, he did not suggest the case would stand in the way of progress toward reducing both medium- and long-range nuclear weapons.

Referring to the FBI's arrest of a Soviet employee of the United Nations accused of spying for the Kremlin, Reagan said: "Misusing the United Nations for purposes of espionage does a grave disservice to this organization. The world expects better."

Reagan's speech used stern words to criticize the Soviets, not only for their treatment of Daniloff, an American journalist arrested in Moscow, but also for their treatment of civilians in Soviet-occupied Afghanistan and their insistence on supporting Marxist-Leninist insurrections.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze listened to Reagan's address, making notes without signaling any emotion.

An administration official, briefing reporters about the speech on condition he not be identified, said that after Reagan received a letter Friday from Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev, he asked that the speech be reviewed to "make sure the tone was not nasty."

But Reagan cited Daniloff's arrest and his subsequent confinement to Moscow as "a particularly disturbing example of Soviet transgressions against human rights."
It's not a matter of life or death

Ever since the movement got underway to recall Chief Justice Rose Bird from the California Supreme Court, a nagging question has been lingering in the backs of our minds. Does this rabid anti-Bird stance really stem from a desire to see the death penalty enforced?

We, realize the death penalty is an emotional issue. The intense desire for retribution, and perhaps revenge, is easily understandable. However, the death penalty can only be imposed if certain constitutional requirements are met. As anyone who has a high school civics class knows, the Constitution is the law of the land.

Each time the Bird court has reversed the death penalty, it has found a conflict with the California Constitution. If the anti-Bird forces were really concerned about the imposition of the death penalty, perhaps their time would be better spent attempting to change the law.

We don't believe a coalition of conservatives has raised $5 million to see the death penalty enforced. This support for the death penalty is being used by the coalition, which wishes to place its own men on the court.

The Bird court has often been a thorn in the side of many of the people who make up the conservative coalition — some big businessmen in the state. Many of the court's decisions, such as increasing industrial safety standards, have cost the businessmen a great deal of money.

If Californians vote to recall Chief Justice Bird, executions may be carried out if the new judges do not strictly interpret the law. But one thing is certain: some fat cats will be laughing all the way to the bank.

Pardon me, do you know where...?

The beginning of fall quarter always finds befuddled freshmen, maps in hand, wandering about campus in search of their classes. But no matter how many times it seems like you've passed that same building, don't give up. It's true, the campus map is only useful from an aerial view or if you've already know your way around. But don't throw the map away, you can always use it to cover your head when it rains.

And no matter how much trouble you have, just remember your first week will be easy compared to mine.

Having transferred here from another California State campus as a senior, I refused to be seen waving a map around without a freshman. (Sorry freshmen, but you'll know what I mean in about a month.) So I set out to find my first class, map concealed in the palm of my hand, to building Number 8.

Why journalism history would be taught in the Agricultural Engineering Building was beyond me. And when the 10 students in the room began talking about the cheese class they took last quarter, I knew I was in the wrong place. I know most majors have broad curricula, but I couldn't see the connection between cheese and the mass media.

I found my other classes in the Engineering Building, which looked to be the Science Building was, but at the wish of my good luck. Eventually I found a faculty member who sent me in the right direction, but as soon as I sat down in a chair, class was dismissed. I was mortified. Can you imagine telling a professor that you missed an upper division class because you couldn't find the building? I found my other classes without a hitch, but my first experience was an adventure in itself. Actually it was an hour-long adventure — an hour and about five miles of walking in circles. By this time I was waving my map around and I didn't care who saw it.

There are several morals to this story. If you're looking for a building, go to the one with no number on the map. If you need directions don't ask another student. And don't be too quick to rule out Tractor Science as a support course.

Pamela Varma is a reporter for Mustang Daily, and now rarely gets lost.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK
Pamela Varma

It turns out there are building 8's. Why number the buildings, which by the way already have names, then give the same number out twice? I still can't figure that logic.

The second building Number 8 also had the room number I was looking for but the door was blocked by a teacher sitting on a tractor describing its intricacies to his students. I refused to believe that the Los Angeles Times requires its reporters to be trained on tractors, so I left.

Luckily I bumped into a janitor who knew that the building I was looking for was indexed on the map, just across from the Welding Shop (35) and right next to the Machine Shop (36). I checked my map and sure enough, there it was. No number on it, just a little black box on the map, I should have known.

Next I had to go to the Science Building, which looked to be the largest structure on campus. Strangely enough, the Science Building is only labeled on one side, and not on the five or six sides I passed by repeatedly.

Another demerit for the planning department. I went up the hill and asked someone where to find this invisible monstrous. He told me he's been here for four years and couldn't really tell me where the Science Building was, but at least he wished me good luck. Eventually I found a faculty member who sent me in the right direction, but as soon as I sat down in a chair, class was dismissed. I was mortified. Can you imagine telling a professor that you missed an upper division class because you couldn't find the building? I found my other classes without a hitch, but finding my car was an experience in itself. Actually it was an hour-long adventure — an hour and about five miles of walking in circles. By this time I was waving my map around and I didn't care who saw it.

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Six are killed in Soviet hijacking

MOSCOW (AP) — Two men seized a Soviet airliner at a Ural mountains airport in an aborted weekend hijacking in which the Tu-134 Aeroflot plane, with 76 passengers aboard early Saturday, the hijackers shot and killed two police officers during a car chase to the airport.

The thwarted hijacking occurred at the airport in Ufa, capital of Bashkir autonomous republic, about 700 miles east of Moscow. The plane apparently never left the ground before it was stormed and retaken by security agents.

Details were not complete, but Tass said "two armed criminals" whom it identified as N.R. Mantsev and S.V. Yagmurzhi were chased through the city of Ufa toward the airport in a taxicab they had seized.

At the airport, Mantsev and Yagmurzhi stormed aboard the Tu-134, which was bound from Kiev to the city of Nizhnevartovsk, Tass said.

East-West agreement adopted

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — A 35-nation conference on Monday formally adopted the first East-West security agreement since SALT II, and diplomats said it could be a step toward improved superpower relations.

The conference did not deal with actual disarmament or nuclear weapons. Its goal was to reduce the risk of a military surprise attack or conventional war breaking out by misunderstanding in Europe.

Delegates toasted the agreement with champagne, ending 32 months of prolonged deliberations among the United States, Canada, the Soviet Union and all European countries except Albania.

The accord is politically binding and when ratified will come into force Jan. 1, 1987. Agreement was reached late Sunday when Soviet and U.S. negotiators compromised on arrangements for notification, observation and on-site inspection of military maneuvers.

Class Encounters! by Grant Shaffer

Notables

■ Three Cal Poly support staff members were given recognition as "outstanding staff" at the opening session of the university's annual fall conference.

James H. Landreth, vice president of business affairs, Geraldine Montgomery of the biological sciences department, and Vicki Stover of the budget office were honored for their extra service and dedication.

Landreth served as director of business affairs for almost 15 years before assuming his present title and duties. He has been at Cal Poly since 1957.

Montgomery is a clerical assistant who joined the biological sciences department staff in 1974. Stover joined the financial operations department at Cal Poly in 1969. She is currently an associate budget officer for the university.

Recipient were given certificates and checks for $300, made possible by the Cal Poly Alumni Association.

■ James A. Rodger was recently named head of the construction management department, succeeding David R. Pierce Jr. Rodger has been a member of the faculty since 1976.

Rodger assumed the post at the beginning of summer quarter. He served two 14-month stints as interim department head, in 1978-79 and 1980-81.

The appointment was made by G. Day Ding, dean of architecture and environmental design, with the concurrence of Cal Poly President Warren Baker.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A woman who spent 12 years screening Defense Department security clearances, and asking some applicants if they were homosexual, filed suit Monday challenging her transfer, which was ordered because she is a lesbian.

Jean Kovalich said in the U.S. District Court suit that her transfer from a civilian supervisor's job with the Defense Investigative Service would violate her constitutional rights, government regulations and a 1973 federal court injunction against discrimination.

The suit said the DIS ordered the transfer solely "to prevent embarrassment" and has never explained why Kovalich's sexual orientation or lifestyle made her unfit to be an investigator.

Her demotion by one civil service grade in February was reversed this month by DIS.
‘...but for WOWies it’s just fun.’

Top, WOW students at a Main Gym dance. Right, a WOW counselor jumps for joy as her WOW students take part in an ROTC obstacle course. Above, a car painted by spirited WOW students. Left, the students take part in a beach bonfire.

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Cal Poly Presidents:
Dreams that shaped a university

By Gwen Dawkins
Staff Writer

Cal Poly's reputation as a fine university excelling in engineering and agriculture is well-known throughout the country. But the school wasn't always on such a stable ground. In fact, there have been moments when its very existence was threatened.

The school's beginnings and progress are the result of the hard work and sacrifices of many people, and the guidance of a few who established the direction the school would go.

Buried deep in dusty books, yellowed newspapers and old documents are the controversies and dreams reflected in the eyes of a dozen men.

It is from visions seen through the eyes of each school president, one by one, that Cal Poly has become what it is today.

Leroy Anderson, the first director (as presidents were then called) of Cal Poly, was chosen to lead the way in this educational pioneering trek.

In the school's first annual catalogue of May 1903, Anderson stated the basis on which the school was founded: "The School aims to supply a need which is felt not only in California, but also in every other state of the Union. That need is for an institution which will give boys and girls training in the arts and sciences which deal peculiarly with country life — the life of the home, the farm, the orchard, the dairy and the sheep."

He went on to say that when science is doing so much to unravel the mysteries concerning plant and animal life, it is important that the state provide a school where the facts and principles unfolded by science can be demonstrated to the boy and girl who will return to their home and make its life more attractive, more livable and more remunerative."

From the beginning, Anderson stressed Cal Poly must be different. He said, "The school is affiliated with nothing, it depends on no institution to prepare its students, it prepares its students for no institution; it simply tries to prepare them for an active and industrial life."

Anderson spent his initial time in office formulating the three-year course of study for students in one of three areas: agriculture, mechanics or household arts.

Students entering the school were required to have passed the eighth grade and to be at least 15 years old. With the major educational building mostly completed, the tall, lean president greeted three teachers and 14 students on Sept. 30, 1903.

The Andersons were regarded by many students as second parents. Anderson was fond of talking with students. Mrs. Anderson offered her advice as well, between darning socks and mending clothes.

When Anderson left Cal Poly in 1908, he was satisfied with his achievements. The primary buildings were constructed, the course of study outlined and enrollment had increased seven times since the opening year. Most importantly, the philosophy of learning by doing, which he so firmly believed, was firmly adopted by the school.

Leroy Burns Smith, vice director under Anderson, became the director of Cal Poly after Anderson. He did not make any radical changes in Anderson's preliminary work, just saw that the work progressed. The student body association was formed, campus clubs began, agriculture students began showing livestock in fairs throughout the state and limited housing became available to female students.

Prior to this, women attending Cal Poly lived with San Luis Obispo families.

The first threats to Cal Poly came in 1908 when the school's two water reservoirs nearly dried up. For nearly one year water could only be used sparingly on campus.

Widespread scarlet fever, seen through the eyes of each school president, one by one, that Cal Poly has become what it is today.
PRESIDENTS

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fever caused the school to be temporarily shut down in December 1911. The weather, however, was so bad again in 1912 that the school almost had to close completely.

To top it all off, enrollment took a big dip in 1912. Shortly thereafter, Smith resigned and was succeeded by the head of the mechanical department in 1914. Robert W. Ryder was the first director with training and experience in engineering. As enrollment steadily increased, a new department was added. Courses were reorganized into four divisions: agriculture, engineering/mechanics, household arts and the academic department. Tuition was reduced from $10 a semester to $2 a semester.

Enrollment requirements were raised, calling for students with high scholastic records and written requests by parents for their children's admittance. Enrollment increased to nearly 200 students. A year and six months after the United States entered World War I, however, enrollment dropped a sudden 42 percent. This alarmed Ryder, and he called a special assembly urging students to complete their educations. He pointed out that the country needed trained technicians. A total of 147 Cal Poly students entered the war.

Disease hit the area hard again. Ryder ordered Cal Poly under military quarantine because of influenza. Students were required to wear face masks everywhere except in their private rooms. Also, the city threatened a hefty $50 fine to anyone appearing in public without a nose and mouth mask.

In addition, Ryder did not have good relations with his staff, and he was hit with the problem of an extremely high teacher turnover rate. Of 16 instructors on staff at the beginning of his term, only one remained seven years later. In fall 1916, 70 percent of the teachers were new, and half of the staff for fall 1919 had no previous teaching experience.

At about this time, the California Board of Control recommended Cal Poly be moved out of San Luis Obispo or discontinued. All of this was apparently too much for Ryder to handle.

The year 1921 brought many changes to Cal Poly. The Board of Trustees was abolished and the school was placed under the State Director of Education. Cal Poly was then part of the California System of Education.

Nicholas Ricciardi succeeded Ryder and was given the new title of president.

Ricciardi made two major contributions to Cal Poly. He strengthened the school in vocational guidance, and publicized school activities statewide.

Ricciardi thought it was the responsibility of the staff to train students for the vocations for which they were best suited. Comprehensive counseling and testing was given to students to determine their interests and probable success at particular fields. Advisers held daily conferences with students so they were aware of the goals and capabilities of each student.

A series of short try-out classes were set up to give students the opportunity to try various fields of training.

Ricciardi made appearances before parent-teacher associations, mailed letters and attended conventions promoting Cal Poly.

The first part of his administration was clearly filled with optimism and expansion. The legislature appropriated badly-needed funds for repairs, equipment, roads and new buildings. Enrollment increased to more than 200 students. Cal Poly was able to buy livestock for the first time since 1914. Ricciardi expected enrollment to reach 1,000 by the mid-1920s.

In 1923 however, Cal Poly suffered a setback from which it almost did not recover. Then-vice president Ricardo Brick was advised the school be turned over to some other agency or used in some other way. Alumni and friends rallied to save the campus. Their efforts finally achieved the granting of a $254,000 budget.

Richardson then cut it to $124,500. In the meantime, a legislative committee was commissioned to determine whether or not the campus should be allowed to continue operating.

Ricciardi estimated the school could last one year on the reduced budget. Classes were cut back drastically, most livestock was sold and the staff was reduced to half. Following these setbacks, Ricciardi resigned.

Ricciardi's vice president Margaret Chase became acting president for the rest of the year. She encouraged students to continue their regular activities as much as possible in spite of continuing hardships.

Cal Poly had survived near-extinction but the battle wasn't over yet.

Tomorrow's article will look at the administrations of other Cal Poly presidents, including Benjamin Crandall and Julian McPhee.

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to write letters to the various
guest speakers and finalize all
speaking arrangements," In-
chausti said.

The lecture series originally
started as a forum to showcase
Cal Poly speakers but has since
been expanded to include
speakers from outside the cam-
pus. "This year most of the
speakers are from off campus," In-
chausti said.

The keynote speaker of the
1986-1987 series will be Walter
Kapps, a professor of religious
studies at UC Santa Barbara
who will discuss "Humanities
and the Conservative Revival"
on Oct. 2. All lectures in the
series will be held in Room 220 in
the University Union, and they
will begin at 11 a.m.

Other speakers include:
- Eric Gans, professor in the
  French department at UCLA,
who will speak Oct. 23 on
"Generative Anthropology:
Toward a Human Science."
- Douglas Kellner, media ac-
tivist and critic from the Univer-
sity of Texas in Austin, will
speak Nov. 6 on "Radical Media
Criticism and Activism."
- Bennet Ramberg, professor
of political science at UCLA, will
speak Nov. 20 on arms control
and its effect on international
relations.

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to students, faculty and staff, as
well as the general public.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A
group trying to oust Chief
Justice Rose Bird has circulated
a fund-raising leaflet claiming
the Bird court has made 15
previously condemned killers
eligible for release — an action
that was actually taken by her
predecessor.

An official of the anti-Bird
group was told after the fact that
the claim was mistaken, but said
the group had gotten the infor-
mation in good faith and did not
plan to mail an amended
brochure.

"All of the convicted
murderers on this list could be
out and walking the streets as
free as you and me soon —
thanks to Rose Bird's brand of
justice!" declares the brochure
that was mailed statewide last
month by the Law and Order
Campaign Committee, headed by
state Sen. H.L. Richardson, R-
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The list names 15 men, all of
whom had their sentences reduc-
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Student drowns at Spooners Cove

By Susan Harris
Managing Editor

A junior business administration major drowns Sunday night at Spooners Cove in Montana De Oro State Park.

Steven C. Robison, 22, was reported missing at approximately 8:15 p.m. by two friends who had accompanied him to the park.

Dave Sears, district superintendent for local state parks, said Robison had been sitting on the rocks watching the sunset, when he decided to go swimming.

Sears said his friends didn’t immediately realize Robison was missing, but when they did so, they quickly notified park rangers. Rangers began the search at approximately 8:20 p.m. and Robison’s body was found close to the rocks 20 minutes later.

Deputy Coroner Mike Sheridan said an autopsy was performed Monday morning and death was determined to be caused by drowning.

Sheridan said that the only injuries Robison appeared to have sustained were superficial abrasions.

He said Robison was reportedly a good swimmer, but the cove has strong rip currents. "It’s an easy area to get in trouble," he said.

According to Sheridan, Robison had drunk about four or five beers before entering the water.

Robison was a member of the Cal Poly Men’s Choir.

He was from San Mateo, Calif. and is survived by his parents and a younger brother.

Rentals, Roommates, Cars, Jobs, Greetings from Your Friends, and Lots More...

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Summer in San Luis Obispo sees little action

As usual, summer in San Luis Obispo was slow and relaxing. And things on campus were equally quiet. But while some students and administrators were vacationing, there was a little activity at Cal Poly and in the community. For those who were gone during the summer, and for those new to San Luis Obispo, here is an update of some events that took place during the summer.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker asked the Foundation, Board of Directors to reconsider its decision not to divest from companies doing business in South Africa. At the recommendation of the Foundation board investment committee, the board of directors will meet this week to reassess its policy.

Also concerning divestment, a group of Cal Poly professors have ordered their textbooks for fall quarter from Bookland on Higuera Street instead of El Corral Bookstore as a way of showing disapproval of El Corral. The group of professors plans to expand its program and get more professors to order books off campus if the pilot is successful during fall quarter and if the Foundation still refuses to divest.

The Centrepointe student housing complex on Broad Street has converted to a senior citizen housing center called The Village. Students who had already signed leases at Centrepointe for fall quarter 1986 were notified of the change beginning in late June.

Fall quarter fees were reduced $19 to the previous year’s level of $239 by the California State University Board of Trustees. The reduction was made despite a state-mandated yearly fee increase. Those students who had already registered for fall quarter will be entitled to refund checks available now.

Approximately 300 students have converted to a senior citizen status and were dismissed from Cal Poly fall quarter for not having satisfied the Elementary Level Mathematics requirement. This is the first time since the requirement was initiated in 1983 that students who have not either taken the ELM or passed it will have a hold placed on their records.

Cal Poly management professor M. Bill Aussieker pleaded guilty to four counts of child molestation and was assigned to a court-appointed psychologist who will determine if he is eligible for probation or if he should serve a jail sentence. Aussieker, originally charged with eight counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a child under the age of 14, reversed his earlier plea of innocence in exchange for four of the charges being dropped. Aussieker was suspended with pay by the university July 15.

Maintenance workers at Cal Poly marched for an hour in front of the Administration Building to make the public aware of what they view as the inconsistent pay practices of the system. Members of the State Employees Trade Council in all of the 19 CSU campuses will hold similar pickets in the next few weeks.

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Volleyball team is working to silence the critics

Lady Mustangs making believers out of critics, climb in national poll

By Tim Robinson
Special to the Daily

With little or no fanfare, the Cal Poly women's volleyball team has quietly compiled a 7-2 record, and despite not being ranked in the pre-season polls, has now crept up in the rankings to eighth in the latest NCAA polls.

"We've already won a couple of matches we weren't supposed to win. We were picked to finish seventh in the conference, and we've already beaten Long Beach State twice and they were picked to finish in the top five," said coach Mike Wilton, whose team will put that ranking on the line tonight against 10th-ranked Pepperdine.

Pepperdine, who lost two close matches to Cal Poly last year, has most of its starters returning from last year's squad. And Wilton expects them to still be a test for his team.

"They're tough. They beat Texas in three straight games, and Texas had beaten perennial powerhouse Stanford twice this year ... so they're tough."

The Mustangs, despite being overlooked in the pre-season polls, have also looked tough by winning seven of their first nine matches. It is also no embarrassment to be picked to finish seventh in a conference that includes the likes of University of the Pacific, the defending national champion, Hawaii and San Diego State.

Pacific, which is ranked second, gave Cal Poly its first loss of the season on Sept. 17, and it wasn't even close. The Mustangs managed to win the first game of the match 16-14, but were soundly beaten in the second and third game and lost the final game of the match 15-11.

Basically, we stopped passing. We're a little team and we need to pass accurately and well to run our offense," said Wilton. "If we don't pass well our offense gets very predictable. In other words, we lose our options and against big teams that's not good."

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Wilton added that both Cal Poly losses have come at the hands of the physically bigger teams. Aside from losing to Pacific, the Mustangs' other loss came to BYU on Sept. 6.

The size of the Mustang squad is of concern to Wilton and his staff because many Cal Poly opponents will be bigger and more physical.

Although the Mustangs have dropped two decisions so far this season, their seven wins have made them a pleasant surprise in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference, and have won praise from critics.

"I'm really pleased with the teams' attitude ... they've been very competitive, real scrappy and I'm really pleased by that."

The Mustangs, who gained their seventh win at the expense of PCAA rival Long Beach State, were lead by Michelle Hansen, who had 11 kills, and Carol Tschasar, who had seven. The Mustangs won easily 15-7, 15-6, 15-10 in front of a home crowd of approximately 1,200.
Soccer players show they can play with the best of them

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The Cal Poly men’s soccer team is off to its best start in recent years with a 4-1 pre-season record after defeating perennial powerhouse teams such as Stanford and Chico State.

“This is the best team I’ve played on since I’ve been here,” said senior midfielder Jeff Meyer.

“We’ve got more talent and depth from the bench than before.”

Meyer’s enthusiasm is understandable. Chico, which has always fielded a strong squad, fell to Poly on Sept. 1 in Mustang Stadium, 2-1. Meyer and Grant Landy each scored and Dave Shively got the assists.

This was only the second time the two teams have met, with Chico having won the first encounter. In both contests, the teams played very physical.

After the Chico State game the Mustangs went on to defeat Stanford for the first time ever, 4-1. The Mustangs got two goals from last year’s high scorer, forward Dan Campbell.

Cal Poly scored all four goals in the first half.

“We just exploded,” said coach Wolfgang Gartner.

Assistant coach Curtis Apsey said Landy, a freshman, played exceptionally well by giving great passes and showing great effort.

Poly’s only loss came in muggy Northern California weather against UC Davis on Sept. 13.

The Mustangs were in control for most of the first half, but after both teams scored within 10 minutes of the second half, Davis was sparked to life by a goal headed in by their sweeper from 12 yards out. Both teams scored again, but Poly couldn’t get the tying goal and lost 3-2.

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"It's always this way at Davis," said a frustrated Apsey. The last several meetings between the two teams had spawned similar scores, but Davis always prevailed by one goal.

Not moping about after their loss, the team went to Sacramento State the next week and routed the Hornets 5-1. Dan Tobias scored two goals and Campbell, Pat Dwyer, and Quinn Allen added one apiece.

With the skill his team has shown thus far, Gartner has good cause to be excited. "We've got some strong players and we should do well," Gartner further acknowledged the strength of this year's team over those in the past.

After downing the Hornets of Sacramento State, the Mustangs took a little R and R at Lake Tahoe before making the longest road trip in their history. They went to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Even the grueling drive couldn't take the wind out of the Mustangs' sails as they rolled over the BYU Cougars 2-0. Meyer scored in the first half off an assist by Campbell, and Campbell scored one of his own in the second half unassisted.

Tobias said of the match, "It was the biggest field I've ever played on and we were getting tired of running all over the place."

However, Tobias shares Meyer's excitement about the team's abilities. "We're beginning to find out more about each other and we will play even better in the upcoming games as this continues."

Others seem to think highly of this year's team, too, because the Mustangs are ranked 13th in Division II. This is the first time the Mustangs have ever been ranked in soccer.

The team is expected to continue to do well if everyone stays healthy. Last year the team was hurt when playmaker Meyer injured his knee and missed almost all of the season after undergoing surgery. Now that he is back he is playing as well if not better than before, according to Gartner.

Cal Poly has received a good deal of offensive firepower from Campbell, who leads the team in goals with five, and from Meyer, who has scored three. Four players share the team lead for assists, with four.

The kickers will play at home against St. Mary's on Wednesday in Mustang Stadium at 7:30 p.m.
A great way of making sure that tasks are completed as quickly as possible. In the reaction course, which became fused into the WOW itinerary in 1984, has been snowballing because of word of mouth, said Dreyer. This year some groups have come back twice. Thursday, a young man dressed in dark slacks, a white dress shirt and a tie quietly ascended the catwalk steps and proudly looked down at the sprawling screaming bodies below. He was warmly greeted by the cadets and officers who passed by. Three years ago he was one of the men in khaki suits who patrolled the catwalks of the course, making sure of the WOWies’ safety. With a modest smile he introduced himself. His name is Adam Sullivan, the mastermind behind getting WOW involved in the leadership course. A graduate of Cal Poly, Sullivan got the idea in 1984 when he was on reserve as a student. He was training to be a WOW counselor, and found that activities dealing with teamwork were the most fun.

Sullivan said he thought the leadership course would be a good tool for coordinating teamwork. He said the program goes well because most WOWies have a natural aptitude for engineering and problem solving. Sullivan said he received encouragement from his officers — a far cry from the red tape and formality one must plow through to achieve something at Cal Poly, he said.

After a few more minutes spent admiring the activity and after taking a couple more pats on the back, Sullivan descended the steps and slipped back into the civilian world as quietly as he had come.

Cadet Dave Caporicci, one of the coordinators of the leadership reaction course, said, “I think the cadets have more fun than the people going through it.” Caporicci is a junior landscape architecture major at Cal Poly.

Cadets and WOWies seem to enjoy each other. Caporicci said cadets have been known to strike bets with WOWies involving payoffs such as underwater push-ups if a task isn’t completed in the allotted time.

The leadership course is good public relations for Cal Poly ROTC. Caporicci admitted that they give their ROTC plug to WOWies, but they don’t pressure anyone to join.

Caporicci said it’s important to himself and to other cadets that students don’t get impressions of WOW as strict military. Most ROTC isn’t that way to be seen as human, which is reflected by the camaraderie between WOWies and cadets and harsh military yells followed by teasing smiles.

At the end of the course, which lasted about an hour, the WOW groups, about six of them consisting of about 90 people, gathered for the announcement of the winning team.

“And the winner is...” yelled a cadet through the bullhorn. As he placed his open hand aside his ear a roar of WOWies screaming their group numbers erupted from the crowd. The roar died, and Sullivan smiled as the ribbon rose from Group 31, as they were announced the winners.

WOWies’ responses to the leadership reaction course were varied, but all positive.

“...I thought it was going to be like jumping through tires,” said computer science freshman Lincoln Heacock of Group 43. “I didn’t know what to expect... I thought it’s neat that they (ROTC) are willing to spend their time when they could be doing something better.”

Other responses were as crazy and off-the-wall as WOW itself.

“I thought the end was going to be like jumping through tires,” said Greg Fivesh from Group 36, a graphic communication junior. “It’ll be a lot easier to sneak beer into parties.”

Casey Clyde Gretelein summed up the overall feeling of the leadership course: “We were all over that noise.”

Although each group will be the first to admit that their group is the best ever, everyone left Camp San Luis Obispo as winners — with enthusiasm, friendship, and group pride. Each face had a smile on it.