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This is the first in a three-part series about sexual assault.

June 3 - discusses the frequency of sexual assault on college campuses.

June 4 - explores criticisms of Cal Poly's sexual assault policy and what other campuses are doing with the issue.

June 5 - shares the experiences of two local survivors.

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By Anne McMahon

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Unless you haven't been near a newstand, radio or television in the last few weeks, you have probably noticed that stories about rape are showing up everywhere. The rape debates — whether to publish the victim's name or not, whether a woman ever asks or deserves to be raped because "no" really means no, whether the increase in rape statistics indicates that rape has become a crime of epidemic proportions or just that more rapes are reported, and so on — are sure to continue from the boardroom to the courtroom to the dormroom to the city desk. Perhaps it's because of the recent Florida case involving a member of the Kennedy family. Or maybe it's because rape has become an issue that won't go away.

Whatever the reasons, the debate is being waged on many fronts. And nowhere is it more heated, emotionally charged or complicated, than on university campuses. From the onset, it appears that the '90s will be the decade when more and more educational institutions will find themselves slapped with lawsuits testing their disciplinary procedures and liability for student safety, particularly for women.

From Rhode Island to Minnesota to San Luis Obispo, angry, frustrated college women who feel they have no other recourse are resorting to law suits, writing to their congressmen, or interviewing with the media. Last fall, at Brown University in Providence, R.I., graffiti on the women's bathroom on the second floor of the Rockwell Library listed more than 140 names of the ideas students, most identified as rapists.

The list started when some students wrote the name of one male student on the wall, accusing him of rape. It wasn't long before more names were added. In Northfield, Minnesota's Carleton College, a private liberal arts school, the writing was also on the wall. The list on the bathroom wall on the third floor of the school's library is called the "castration list." Carleton is also the target of a lawsuit filed by four women who claim the school did not protect them from two men who they say administrators knew to be dangerous. The four say they are among seven women who, between 1984 and 1987, filed complaints with the college accusing the same two men of sexual assault.

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Dead Kennedy blasts government for suppressing individual liberties

By Kelly Gregor

"Stay in your home. Remain calm. The number one enemy of progress is questions." These, according to Jello Biafra, are some of the words being passed to the American public by the U.S. government. Biafra, former lead singer for the punk rock band Dead Kennedys, addressed a nearly full house Thursday night in Chumash Auditorium. In his four-hour speech presented at ASI Speaker's Forum, Biafra talked about problems in the United States, especially government suppression of individual rights.

The former punk rocker drew from his own experience with authorities in his talk, referring to his 1985 censorship trial ... be a good patriot," Biafra advised the audience. He said one way to do this is to burn the flag, which he called "Old Glory, the Yankee swastika." Biafra said government propaganda spread by mass media is what keeps Americans in the dark about national problems. He said American leaders censor information from the public to prevent the mass outrage they would display if they knew about government corruption. Biafra also blamed government intervention and unfair press for artistic censorship. "Now we see what happens when people start with censoring a few controversial rock- and-roll songs, adult videos, photographers and books," Biafra said. "Before you know, it mushrooms into all of us being denied our access to information itself.

Biafra said his heroes are those who reject and "monkeywrench" Bush's "new world order." He urged the audience to always ask questions, seek alternative media sources and spread information person-to-person.

"Don't let them tell you resistance and sabotage isn't fun," Biafra said. "It's great."
Treat all staff with respect

California's budget crisis translates into a time of great uncertainty for this campus as well as all state-supported institutions. At this point it appears that in order to meet Cal Poly's share of the state's budget shortfall, a substantial number of faculty and staff will be fired. Loyed off is a gentler word only for those who will not be fired. For those layed off, the experience will be painful and traumatic beyond what we can imagine. Thus it is important that the greatest possible sensitivity be used in the process of notifying people of potential layoffs as well as the layoffs themselves. We believe that this will occur with a fair and equitable process.

Unfortunately this is not the case for staff people. On May 15 two of our staff people in the mechanical engineering department were notified by letter of potential layoff. Other staff on campus received similar notices at the same time. The deputy of the schools and the department heads in all of the affected staff had no inkling that these notices were being sent out. Thus the department head of mechanical engineering was not able to talk with the employees about their jobs and what the notice meant before they received them. The notice was sufficiently legalistic in its terms to confuse and frighten them. Were this coldhearted, university editorials represent the majority view of the Editorial Board Advertising is solely for institutional purposes and does not represent an endorsement by the publisher or

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A dog turd covered with frosting and chocolate sprinkles is not a birthday cake—it is simply frosted dog shit. As I read more and more about the effects that the budget cuts will have on Cal Poly, these words of wisdom keep ringing in my skull for the following reasons:

Fact 1: The total 1991-92 proposed budget cuts for Cal Poly amount to over $9 million with about a $6 million cut in academic affairs.

Fact 2: The Rec Sports facility has a stagnant pool of money amounting to almost $12 million and expects almost $2 million more before construction starts.

Yes, it's true. We're making plans to close one school, two departments and the Co-op program, but don't worry because in two years we're going to have new racquetball courts. I'm not counting on it.

The $12 million dollar Rec Center budget should be used to save our school. Buildings are what it's all about.

In a hands-on school, part-timers are people that carry important insight in their fields of work, and that is irreplaceable. While full-time tenured experience is of high value, some professors can be 10 to 20 years out of date in the practical sense of their craft, and these holes must be filled. Eliminating any amount of nontenured faculty would be a fatal blow to the quality of this institution.

In his May 30 speech, President Warren Baker mentioned lottery money as a possible way out of some budget problems. It is also a great hope of mine that the tooth fairy will leave a large check under my pillow this summer to help pay for the $60 hike in full tuition, but I'm not counting on it.

As the lottery money has proven to be less credible than the tooth fairy, Baker and the budget committee should look for an alternate solution. In-appropriating the Rec Sports money by a new student vote would be the perfect cure to the festering cancer that is eating away at the quality of our campus.

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I question why buildings are currently under construction in two areas of campus and plans for two more exist (the Rec Sports Center and the new Performing Arts Center) when Baker stated in his May 30 address that the size of the campus would not increase in the near future. It's nice to know we have our priorities straight.

Now that I've got you all fired up about a great injustice that plagues this fine institution, let me tell you how it all happened.

For the last three years, we the students have been paying $31 per quarter (in our tuition) to pay for the new Rec Sports building. This amounts to 40 percent of the $12 million pool being saved to build the new Rec Center. The state is picking up the remaining 60 percent of the tab.

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But hey, I guess quality education can be sacrificed.

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Outsiders will just see the frugality. Outsiders will not see the educational and extracurricular significance that our school has grown to become.

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I am proud of my major, and it was a slap in the face to hear that a committee of this school's top officials found it unnecessary to build the new Rec Center. The students should be allowed to vote so that the budgeting error made in better times can be corrected.

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A $12 million dollar Rec Center budget should be used to save our school.
U.S. halts relief efforts as storm nears coast

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — A new tropical storm approached Bangladesh's southern coast on Saturday, forcing the U.S. to halt relief efforts for victims of the devastating April 30 cyclone that struck the same region. The Red Crescent, the Islamic equivalent of the Red Cross, said volunteers were working to evacuate hundreds of thousands of people from the coast.

The new storm, with wind speeds of up to 55 mph, may hit the coastal districts of Khulna and Patuakhali on Sunday morning.

Kuwait seeks death for alleged collaborators

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Prosecutors on Saturday sought the death penalty for 24 newspaper workers accused of collaborating with Iraqi occupation forces by spreading propaganda.

Summing up the case against the 24, the chief prosecutor compared them to Judas and demanded the "maximum sentence," death by hanging.

Defense attorneys decried the lack of concrete evidence. They argued that their clients should be acquitted, citing the pressure of the occupation, the lack of jobs to earn money for food and the minor roles of the group.

Anti-abortionists defy ban on clinic blockade

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — Police arrested up to 200 antiabortion activists Saturday in the biggest test so far of a state court order barring antiabortion groups from obstructing access to clinics.

The protest organized by the antiabortion group Operation Rescue targeted three clinics where abortions are performed in Brookline, a suburb of Boston. One clinic, Repro Associates, closed.

Fifty Brookline officers were dispatched to the three clinics Saturday. Later, all of the officers moved to one of the three, Repro Associates, when police determined it was the demonstration's focus.

Teenage girl killed in hotel room after prom

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — A 17-year-old girl died Sunday after being shot in the head as she slept in a hotel room rented for a post-prom party, authorities said.

Berlyn Cosman of La Crescenta died just after midnight Saturday said Bruce Lyle, the supervising deputy coroner in Orange County.

Paul Michael Crowder, 19, of Glendale, was taken into custody after the Saturday morning shooting and booked for investigation of attempted murder, authorities said.

The booking likely would be upgraded to investigation of murder, said Anaheim police Lt. Vince Howard.

General: Iraqi forces overestimated by U.S.

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Iraqi military strength was overestimated by U.S. military planners who lacked crucial information, including the fact that many enemy soldiers were on leave, according to a top Marine general.

Lt. Gen. Walter Boomer, commander of Marine forces in the Persian Gulf, said there were no attempts to mislead the public about Iraq's military power. He said that planners only discovered the true picture weeks before fighting broke out.

Idyllic Cal Poly must cope with reality of STDs

By Suzanne Roberts and Gwenn Friesen

Cal Poly has the reputation of being a conservative campus. After all, the things that happen in other places don't happen here, right?

According to the County Health Department, they do. Last year alone there were 17 reported cases of AIDS in the county. But AIDS is not the only sexually transmitted disease whose occurrence is on the rise.

The number of cases of condyloma (genital warts) diagnosed at the Health Center is overwhelming, said Dr. Richard Ascoli at the Health Center. In fact, genital warts are more common at Poly.
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than all other STDs put together.
If STDs are the problem, what's the answer? There are a
few, and each person must choose the solution that's best for them. One choice is to abstain from sexual intercourse and ... against STDs, including AIDS. Be sure to use latex condoms, though. Lamb skin con-
doms don't protect against dis-
case.
A third solution is to remain in a long-term, monogamous relationship where both partners have been tested for STDs if they

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after deciding to go public with her story, hoping to personalize a
crime whose victims most often opt for anonymity.
Last month she was honored for her courage at a luncheon
given by the Victim-Witness As-
sistance Office of the SLO Dis-
trict Attorney's Office.
While the details of Knight's and O'Kieffe's attacks differ, on one thing they both agree.
They were raped.
Statistically, college-aged women are the group most at risk of becoming the victims of rape. A 1987 study estimated that in a single year, one in 20 female college students had been a victim of rape or attempted rape. The rate among older, working women was less than half that.

Based on the statistics, Knight is in the minority for several reasons.
She did not know her attack-
er, the rape happened outside and during the day, and she reported it to law enforcement.
Research has found that a col-
lege woman is most likely to be raped by someone she knows, on a weekend and in the residence of the victim or attacker, and alcohol and/or drugs are usually involved. Most of these women will never report the rape. Many will never tell anyone.
Since O'Kieffe and Knight have told their stories, both have been approached by women who have been raped, some as many as 20 years ago. In some cases, O'Kieffe and Knight were the first ones they confided in about their rapes.
Whether you are a woman or a man, chances are that you, your roommate, a classmate or a friend from your dorm will rape, or be raped, before graduating from Poly.
If you think it cannot or will not happen to you, think again.
• In a 1990 survey, a random sample of Cal Poly dorm residents were asked if "since en-
rrolling here as a Cal Poly stu-
dent, has someone you know been raped?" Of 225 responses, seven answered "yes, by an ac-
quaintance" and seven answered, "yes, by a stranger."
• In a 1984-85 study involving college students, Dr. Mary Koss,
a University of Arizona professor of psychiatry, found that four of five rape victims knew their at-
tacker, and more than half were raped by a date.
• Cal Poly Public Safety in-
vestigator Ray Berrett cites a U.S. Attorney General's Office
statistic that 75 percent of the college women who are victims of acquaintance rape are freshmen.

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audience included decreasing public apathy by voting, increasing campus involvement and national literacy and signing the hemp initiative to legalize marijuana.
Biafra encouraged everyone to be willing to fund education and support organizations such as Greenpeace and the American Civil Liberties Union. He told the audience to use alternative ways of finding out what is hap-
pening in the world.
Biafra urged the crowd to act on what had been said. "It's now or never — them or us."
Spikers seek playoff spot, winning record

Poly recruits three outside hitters, hires new assistant coach to help improve 13-23 record.

By Geoff Seratti

The 1991 season looks promising for the Cal Poly women's volleyball team as it adds two talented freshmen to its arsenal, a sophomore transfer from Michigan and a topflight assistant coach.

Cal Poly played as an independent NCAA Division I team last year, compiling a 13-23 record overall and missed the playoffs for the first time in 16 seasons.

The Mustangs played only six home matches under head coach Craig Cummings; he has upped that figure to eight for the 1991 season. Cummings is in his second year as the Mustangs head coach after eight years as the team's assistant coach.

The Mustangs lose only one player from last year's team, three-year starter Jill Myers, who led the team in kills in 1990.

The new face coaching-wise is assistant coach Catherine Miligan, who started work for the Mustangs on April 1. Miligan was head volleyball coach for the James Madison University women's team for the last three years.

He said Miligan's teams at James Madison were similar in style to Cal Poly's teams — very defensive oriented and aggressive.

The Mustangs return five starters from last year, including senior setter Kim Kaelin, who sat out most of last season with a foot injury.

"Her injury gave us the opportunity (to play) freshman setter Carrie Erzlikoski, and she got a lot of experience," he said.

Cummings said two returning players, junior Lael Perlstrom and senior Sonja Van Winden, both 6-1 middle blockers, will make a big impact for the Mustangs next season.

The fifth returning starter, junior Jennifer Jeffrey will compete for an outside hitter position along with the three new recruits. Senior Amy Vanderpool will also compete for one of the three outside hitter starting positions.

Cal Poly's first home match is See VOLLEYBALL, page 7

Soccer brings experience, potential into team effort

By Travis Swafford

"As far as quality of players, we have the ability to beat anyone," said Wolfgang Gartner, Head Coach of the men's soccer team, regarding the potential of next year's squad.

"We have five seniors returning next year," said Gartner. He said four of the seniors are defenders that add stability to the team. On offense, Gartner said his team is one of the fastest in the nation. "It's a true team effort," said Gartner.

While he admits that the losses hurt the team last year, Gartner continues to believe that the games were not a mistake.

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Race at top performance during finals

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By Peter Hartlaub
Staff Writer

Led by head coach Deanne Johnson, the Cal Poly women's cross country team will be seeking its 10th consecutive NCAA Division II national title in the fall.

With four veterans returning and several top prospects coming in, the Mustangs and their second-year head coach look to make a strong run at No. 10.

The Mustangs' string of nine titles, dating back to 1982, is an NCAA record for the most consecutive national championships in any sport.

Next season's team will be led by Kristina Hand, Poly's top runner last year, and Melanie Hiatt, who was Cal Poly's No. 3 runner. Hand finished third at the Division II nationals and Hiatt finished seventh.

Also returning are veteran standouts Tracy Leichter and Christine Hamilton. Of the top four runners, all will be seniors except Leichter, a junior.

Rounding out the top five should be incoming freshman Jennifer Laosvera from Morro Bay, who won the 1990 state high school championship for small schools.

Other runners will include Vicky Peterson and Kris Kochel, both members of Cal Poly's 1991 NCAA Division II winning track team.

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"I'm not interested in a win/loss record. Quality of play is the most important thing," said Gartner.

Despite Gartner's beliefs, the Mustangs will face fewer Division I opponents next season. Two games have been eliminated from the schedule and Gartner said top Division I schools are not interested in coming to Cal Poly.

Gartner is willing to travel if it's necessary, but he said it makes it harder to win. "For good competition, we basically go anywhere," said Gartner.

The Mustangs will face "good competition" from four of the top teams in Division I. They play Cal State Los Angeles, Fresno State, San Diego State and UC Santa Barbara next year. Three of the games will be on the road.

"These are top-notch teams ... four possible losses. Some people aren't willing to take that kind of risk," said Gartner.

In California Collegiate Athletic Association play, Gartner expects tough competition from Cal State Bakersfield, Cal State Dominguez Hills and new entry into the league Cal State San Bernardino. But Gartner is confident about next year's squad.

"We have been to the NCAA playoffs two of the last three years, but last year's squad was probably the best I've ever had. Next year's team will be as good or better — but it can't get much better," said Gartner.
Men's cross country looks to preserve CCAA title, despite poor national finish

By Jeff Krump
Staff Writer

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Adams, who is deaf, was heavily recruited by Washington State, San Jose State, Fresno State, and Montana State. "Adams is an extremely talented individual," Dutton said. "If he shows that he is capable of starting, I will not hold him back."

The secondary is led by junior Joe Barsi and sophomore Steve Lombardi; both intercepted three passes last year. Transfers Todd McChristian are returning from last year's offense that compiled 4,545 total yards.

Cal Poly's Bill Davenport placed third in the nationals last year and should contribute heavily to the team's success in 1991. Pat Zwiefel and Dan Berkeland will also return to compete for Cal Poly.

With a new recruit who (X )zes potential and a conference champion returning, Cal Poly's men's cross country team has a prime opportunity to repeat as California Collegiate Athletic Association champions in the fall.

Of the top eight runners from last year's team, five are returning for the 1991 season. Scott Hempel, who recently won All-American honors for track and was last year's CCAA cross country champion, is in the Mustangs' top returnee in 1991. Matt Hempel, who placed fourth in last year's conference championships, will also return. Cal Poly's Bill Davenport placed third in the nationals last year and should contribute heavily to the team's success in 1991. Pat Zwiefel and Dan Berkeland will also return to

next year's team should do better at nationals. "If next year's team isn't (better at nationals), we're in deep trouble," said Henderson.

Trevillian and Josh Awuna will battle five other returnees for the remaining positions.

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