A Cal Poly student has his wheels turning on plans for a universally-designed boardwalk that will provide access for all people to the Elfin Forest in Los Osos.

"Universal design, means designing something that can be used by everyone, from the young to the old and the ailed," said architecture senior Mark Dariz.

This topic is especially important to Dariz because he uses a wheelchair.

The boardwalk was initially the idea of the Small Wilderness Area Preservation (S.W.A.P.) group that has worked on preserving the Elfin Forest for the past 10 years.

"It was originally subdivided into 300 house lots," said Rosemary Bowker, the president of S.W.A.P.

With a lot of campaigning, community support, fund-rais­ing and help from the state and county, pygmy oak groves in a 90-acre area will be preserved for the community to enjoy.

Bowker said the group has been thinking of boardwalk ac­cess for a long time because it would help protect the area from erosion and prevent exist­ing paths from getting wider.

The boardwalk would also help keep people out of damaged and trampled areas so they can grow back.

Dariz, who lives near the Elfin Forest, heard about the boardwalk and wanted to put his own spin on the project so he could enjoy the natural beauty as well.

"Working with Mark and getting his ideas into the plan­ning has been an eye-opener," Bowker said. "Dariz suggested constructing the boardwalk as a loop through the forest instead of a straight one going to one point.

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Dariz said Artho may build a prototype of the boardwalk, but may not have a part in the actual construction because he will be graduating soon.

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The committee did not make a decision on whether or not to include a full referendum or not. However, drives by Baker's opinion, there is not likely to be one without students requesting it.

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Can you imagine the stray cats on campus becoming such a nuisance that they had to be trapped and carted off to the pound to be euthanized?

That was exactly how bad the situation was at Cal Poly in 1987. More than 200 feral, or formerly domesticated, cats ran rampant around campus.

The situation became such a concern for the university that Public Safety Services was called in to solve the problem.

Numerous complaints, ranging from the odors left by the cats to their potential health threat to humans, poured into Public Safety.

Public Safety believed the only way to solve the problem was to eradicate the cats from campus by trapping them and then hauling them off to the San Luis Obispo County Department of Animal Regulation.

"It wasn't a very pleasant thing, but that is part of what we have to do," said Joe Risser, Director of Public Safety Services.

What they did not know was that a population explosion would result after the eradication as part of a natural process, only compounding the problem.

Garrett Quindimil, a Cal Poly graduate, knew this method of regulating cats on campus was doomed.

Quindimil believed he had a better solution, and he focused on devising that solution for his senior project.

"A program needed to be developed to bring together all individuals involved to work together toward a solution to the feral cat problem," Quindimil wrote.

Risser and Public Safety believed Quindimil's idea was a practical solution.

Thus, in the spring of 1992, a program known as TTVAR-M was instituted with the help of Public Safety Services and dedicated volunteers. TTVAR-M is a method that consists of six steps: trap, test, vaccinate, alter, release and manage.

TTVAR-M has been widely accepted and practiced for decades in the United Kingdom, Europe and Africa, but was virtually unknown in the United States.

After a cat is captured, it is then tested for various feline diseases. If the cat does not receive a clean bill of health it is euthanized. Those that do are vaccinated and spayed or neutered, in order to keep the population from increasing.

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Edie Griffin, assistant coordinator for the Cat Program at Cal Poly, fills a feeding station for Conwita, one of the cats in the program for feral cats / Daily photo by Mike Stapler

Campus solves feral cat problem?

By Shari Coffenbury
Daily Staff Writer

Is it the sound of that whispery voice, or those big, intellectual words? If your professors are putting you to sleep, Revive with Vivarin®. Don’t let fatigue get the best of you. Vivarin® is the safe way to stay mentally alert, with the same caffeine as about two cups of coffee.

So stay sharp in class. Don't sleep your way to the bottom.
Plans for an inner-city bottling plant in limbo

By John King Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bob Dole's big South Carolina victory brought no instant surrenders in the Republican presidential race. But as Steve Forbes, Pat Buchanan and others battled on Sunday, their words betrayed a sense of inevitability if Dole is not derailed in the GOP's defining week ahead.

"Senator Dole has enormous depth across the country," House Speaker Newt Gingrich said in an interview. And there's more to come: Texas Gov. George W. Bush could endorse Dole as early as Wednesday, providing a boost for that state's giant March 12 primary.

Gingrich talking about the presidential race at all, while Bush moves toward backing a candidate, was vivid proof of how South Carolina had changed the nomination calculus.

Dole was knocked from his place as front-runner two weeks ago in New Hampshire by rebel conservative Buchanan, who a week earlier had been running third.

Even as Buchanan vowed to contest Dole's reemergence, he said he was thinking ahead to the GOP's March 14 primaries in Arizona and Idaho, where there is little doubt that Dole will win.

An emboldened Dole was in no mood to cater to Buchanan. On ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley," he said he was in a "good mood today." Buchanan was the one who made the mistake of going "too far" in attacking Dole.

A le x a n d e r b a lk e d a t Gingrich's advice. After South Carolina, he said, "the issue will shift from Buchanan to Dole and the question will be if Bob Dole who we really want to run against Clinton is a viable candidate."

But as more states weigh in, it is getting tougher for candidates who keep losing to Dole to make the case they are stronger contenders.

Although Dariz, Wolff and Artho never met the Fairbanks, they said they are glad their work will help maintain memories of the Fairbanks' family.

"It's a relatively new concept," Dariz said.

Even some of Cal Poly's new buildings, such as the business building, comply with standards of the Americans With Disabilities Act, but still have some problems, Dariz said.

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This commentary is meant to be read by every male student at Cal Poly. So all of you men, make sure all of your friends of the same sex take a look at this. If you are a female, don’t overreact to what I’m about to say.

This letter is not a prediction of the future, but a warning to my male peers. No one is realizing it, but the power of women is rising and rising every more day. So if we don’t remain strong (educationally), we may see women start climbing to the top. And once they’re at the top, over men, they can do some real damage to us.

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Lance Mutch Picktin Aeronautical engineering senior

 Mustang Daily

Feb. 24, 1996

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After several months of constant encouragement (demanding?) from my fellow musicians and Clarissa (my one-woman cheering squad) I got myself booked to sing this weekend at Aldreaan’s Cafe. I wonder if this would be a good time to flee the country?

Determining the fact I was among the top five percent, but later to realize I was only one of three guys on that stage. I was ranked number eight, but number one out of all the males. The top seven graduates in my school were all female.

Even the winner of the “District Graduate of the Year” award was a female, and four out of five of the honorable mention awards went to them also.

We need to start realizing that women can do eve ­thing a man does, but they are actually motivated to do even better than us!

Frankly, they’re “pissed off” at every man on this planet for how our forefathers treated them, and even some men still today. They want to prove to us that they can do everything we can, but their ultimate goal is to do better. And once they achieve that, I feel sorry for every male being living at that time. They’d want revenge, and now they have the power to ruin males in this society.

It just seems like men are slackers. We feel we’re in­visible at our position, but in actuality we are nowhere close to invincible. Women’s status is increasing while we stay stagnant. If women climb over us, we should all be afraid, very afraid! Use this as motivation, to work even harder than you are. Because the girl that sits next to you in class is giving 100 times more effort than you are.

Eric Carino is a computer science freshman.
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Once the feral cats are returned to their habitat, they are then closely managed and monitored by volunteers of the Cal Poly Cat Program.

Dealing with the feral cats is not the only thing the program entails. It also tries to educate students and faculty on the issues surrounding feral cats and domestic cats.

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Greg Marsolais, an animal science senior and volunteer at the clinic, said the program helps students determine if they want a career with animals.

Students will either really like it, or really hate it," he said.

Marsolais also pointed out that the program offers many different learning experiences for students interested in animal science.

They learn how to trap, adopt out the cats, care for them, and monitor their health.

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Tourney loss closes door on season

By Joanne Castello
The Sac State Daily

For some, Cal Poly's 71-66 loss to Sacramento State in the American West Conference tournament Friday ended the pain. Head Coach Karen Booker put a dismal 5-22 season behind her and can now look toward the future, forgetting her inaugural season as a Division-1 head coach.

For others, the Mustangs' final loss dug the nail even deeper.

Senior Kelly Hoffman, who played in her last game and finished with eight points and eight rebounds, could not contain the tears. After the game, she was almost too choked up to say anything.

"I think it takes a lot of effort for a team to stick together," Hoffman said.

Undoubtedly, it has been tough for Cal Poly. The Mustangs only strung two wins once in their season.

Cal Poly entered the game splitting the two games this season with Sacramento State (10-18) this year. Some said the tournament game was a toss up. But this game conjured images like all the other losses Cal Poly endured this season.

Turnovers and poor shooting plagued the Mustangs once again.

"We've had a tough time with turnovers all season," Booker said.

Cal Poly turned it over 29 times compared to Sacramento's 17.

And when the Mustangs had the opportunity to shoot the ball, it rattled and rolled off the rim.

The Mustangs shot 36 percent for the game, while the Hornets shot 45 percent.

It was the Hornets who were the box checkers, picking up 21 steals while Cal Poly only had 12.

Cal Poly senior guard Kellie Hoffman scored eight points and grabbed eight rebounds in her last career game against Sacramento State during the AWC Tournament Friday. Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

"I'm so proud of how this team played every night out," Schneider said. "It was a tremendous season.

At halftime, Cal Poly only trailed by 10 points and the possibility for a victory lingered with the team.

Booker had the team fired up going into the second half, but it fizzled quickly with Sacramento State's 14-4 run in the first five minutes of the half.

Sophomore guard Rena Bevian tried to remain positive after the game and gave praise for her teammates' efforts.

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"The effort was there," Bevian said. "Going into halftime we were all really juiced.

Sacramento State squeared the juice until Cal Poly dried itself out.

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Next stop, the Big West.

MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS

BASKETBALL: Cal Poly guards Shanta Cotright and Ben Larson earned AWC All-Tournament Team honors Saturday. Daily Staff Writer Mark Armstrong contributed to this report.

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Cal Poly finished the season 16-13 (5-1 AWC).

"It's always difficult to end a season with a loss," Cotright added. "16-13 isn't a great season, but a much-improved season. We're not satisfied with that. We need to work hard, and hopefully get a 20-win season next year.

Then Schneider cut in. "Don't put too much pressure on yourself. Schneider whispered jokingly.

Cotright and Larson earned All-Tournament Team honors after Saturday's game, along with Abie Ramirez of Sacramen-

to State, Trenton Cross of Northridge and Creschie and Gaines of Southern Utah.

Cotright was also awarded the Most Valuable Player award for the tournament.

Schneider said he was extremely pleased with the student and community support during the season. Approximately 100 Cal Poly fans showed up for the tournament in Northridge.

"We just have to continue to work hard, and continue to grow," Schneider said. "Which we will do next year.

MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS

Mustangs sweep Broncos in weekend double header

By Rena Siler
Daily Staff Writer

Powerful swings straight through the ball, strong pitches right over the plate and in uncatchable.

The Cal Poly softball team (9-4) used that combination against the Santa Clara Broncos in Saturday's double-header, as both games were taken by the Mustangs 10-2 and 10-0.

The win can be attributed to overall great softball, said Head Coach Lisa Boyer.

"We played outstanding softball," Boyer said. "The defense, the offense and just about everything was right on." In the first game, sophomore pitcher Deasnie Kupfer led the Mustangs' defense by striking out nine Broncos, five of which were consecutive.

"I felt good about the game overall," Kupfer said. "I'm really glad our hitting came through and earned so many runs.

Those runs began in the first inning when junior catcher Heather Scottini hit a hard ground ball to left field and sent sophomore Debbie Rafal home.

Next, sophomore designated hitter Ani Bauer stepped into the batter's box, connecting for a powerful double to deep center. Before the ball came down, sophomore Kelly Smith and senior Michelle Daddona scored for the Mustangs.

Cal Poly's score continued to grow and Santa Clara only showed signs of life in the fourth inning when Broncos' Michelle Singer and Elisha Previte doubled and scored out the runners home, making the score 2-4.

The Mustangs ended the game with four hits in the sixth inning with the final score of 10-2.

The energetic batting momentum flowed right into the second game for Cal Poly, as the Mustangs scored 10 runs in the first inning.

Deminizing at the plate, the team hit with uncatchable intensity, including a grand slam hit over the left field fence by junior Christal Ospe.

"We came out early and got a lot of security with the runs," Ospe said.

The runs were kept secure by Smith, who pitched for the Mustangs in the second game and held a tight defense to shut out the Broncos 10-0.

"The team did a great job," Smith, especially with the hitting and our defense was sold," Boyer said.

Helping out in center field, Daddona made a diving grab to rob Santa Clara of a hit in the second inning.

After the game's four and a half innings, Smith has now gone 31-straight innings without giving up an earned run.

"In both games we played with a lot of confidence," Boyer said. "They did a good job.

Cal Poly's winning streak began last weekend when the Mustangs came out of the Arizona State Softball Classic as the only team to go undefeated.

The tournament brought about five wins over some top teams, including a shutout of Iowa, ranked 10th in the nation by the College Sport's Magazine IVeseason Poll.

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SPORTS

Bittersweet Ending

The Cal Poly men's basketball team watched the final seconds of the season drain away at twice the normal speed, it seemed.

No triple overtime, almost no timeouts.

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In the teams' third meeting of the season, nothing was unexpected.

Despite an aggressive defense that kept the Mustangs within reach, Cal Poly couldn't pull out the key shot that has saved it so many times before and lost 55-53 at Cal State Northridge.

The Mustangs shut out the Thunderbirds in the second half and finally tied the game at 40 after freshman guard Steve Fleming flushed a swirling 6-foot jumper with over ten minutes remaining.

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