Class critiques EIR for sports complex site

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Landscape architecture junior

Environmental Impact Report
EIR: Most are not pleased with their findings.

"The buffer zone (the EIR) is asking for is not big enough," said landscape architecture junior John Dalrymple.

Buffer zones are the areas between animal and human contact. In the EIR, according to landscape architect John Dalrymple, "It left a lot to be desired."

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Cal Poly feeds more than minds

By Amanda Keller
Daily Staff Writer

The proposed Cal Poly Sports Complex mimics the reality of competitive sports: there are winners and losers. Some Cal Poly students who have been studying the complex are afraid Mother Nature will be the big loser.

In landscape architecture’s third- and fourth-year lab, third-year students have been studying the complex and the land it is intended to sit upon.

"At meetings, ASI is presenting pretty pictures of fields," said landscape architecture junior Chelsea Lemb. "Under that picture, what are they building it on?"

With that question in mind, students in the class performed site analyzes and studied the site, which isn’t very good for soccer grass.

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Car accident claims life of former Poly student

By Brad Davis
Daily Staff Writer

A car accident claimed the life of former Cal Poly student Michelle Briones who was on her way to work at the Universal Hilton in Los Angeles Saturday morning.

Briones came to Cal Poly in 1995 for a soccer scholarship. During her time in San Luis Obispo, she became an active member of the Sigma Kappa sorority.

"She was always energetic," Feiler said. "She was a great friend, and great to be around."

Briones moved back home to Santa Clarita last June, and began working in guest services at the Universal Hilton. Her supervisor, Alex Delgado said she had recently passed her 90-day probation period, and was due to begin working at Eternal Village in Santa Clarita.

"Michelle always brought a smile to everyone in the department," Delgado said. "Guests always commented on how nice she was, and how she was always willing to help."

Briones was survived by her parents, Burt and Diane Briones, and her brother Tim Briones, 22, a Fresno State University student. Allender said her family believed she was a wonderful person, loved her and will miss her.

Memorial services will be held at noon on Friday at Eternal Valley in Santa Clarita. Friends and family are invited. For more information, please call the Sigma Kappa house at 543-9749 for more information.
wir ing clouds of cigarette smoke drift through the air originating from the middle of a lone student sitting in the middle of the lawn. Is this person stressed out from a long class? Just passing the time? Feeding an addiction? What are the thoughts behind the action of taking a long drag on a little white stick? A common image seen around Cal Poly—the lone smoker—raises questions about why it seems that the picture of a college student inherently includes a white cylindrical object releasing a stream of smoke at its tip.

Several types of cigarettes pop up in smoke every day. Marlboro, Parliament, Virginia Slims or home-rolled cigarettes without filters are just a few of the hundreds of options for today's smoker.

Tobacco smoking has been part of America since the southern planters seeded the first crops hundreds of years ago. Whether consumed by pipe, cigar, cigarette, chew or water pipes, tobacco still plays a major role socially and with health concerns in today's society, especially with young people.

Where does the influence of peers and the likes of Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man—who target their products towards young adults—begin, and does it ever end?

From Humphrey Bogart to John Travolta, smoking a match and lighting a cigarette has been paired with the glamour of movie and television stars for more than half a century. Even today, with all the anti-smoking campaigns, stars like Julia Roberts and Christian Slater face harsh criticism and questions of morality for portraying a smoking character. Hilary Rodham Clinton said these actors who may be role models to kids are giving the wrong message.

Wherever the cloud, the smoke remains the same.

In most of the world smoking is allowed almost everywhere. Whether the smoke forms a cloud over a nightclub in Paris or a cigarette is snuffed out by a cowboy's boot in Texas, people are smoking and more and more. Here in San Luis Obispo, "No Smoking" signs are posted everywhere. Smoking is prohibited inside the establishments of San Luis Obispo, but that change in places no further than 20 miles away, such as Los Osos. So the smoke clears inside and then reconfigures as more people gather outside for a breath of tobacco, nicotine and tar.

San Luis Obispo County Tobacco Control determines that a "smoker" is a person who has smoked 100 cigarettes in their lifetime. This is an individual habit for every smoker. For some, cigarette smoking started in high school, junior-high school or elementary school, but apparently smokers light up more in college and, if they don't smoke, that's when they're likely to pick up the habit.

Ever had a high school friend who comes home to visit for the first time with the new accommodation of a pack of cigarettes? Can this be one of those things that just happens or is it peer pressure?

Who ground those old butts into the cracks in the sidewalks?

Everyone, unless they refute the surgeon general on a regular basis, knows smoking is unhealthy. So how and why do people start?

Tony Rudge, ornamental horticulture senior, started smoking at Cal Poly, and said there is a tendency to rebel in college. A picture of James Dean, with a pack of cigarettes rolled up in the arm of his shirt, sitting on the hood of his car taking a long drag comes to mind. A rebel without a cause.

"Once I got out of my parents' house I wanted to explore the other side and not be such a good guy," Rudge said. "It was just showing my adulthood, in a very childish way."

In Rudge's case, taking a walk on the wild side has led to a tobacco addiction. Food science freshman Kristie Lear already noticed her habit was becoming more frequent since she came here in September.

"When you are at home you can't just sit and have a cigarette," Lear said. "You have to go and drive somewhere."

College has given her a place away from parents, away from hiding, a little bit of privacy and more "reasons" to smoke.

Lear said she noticed some of her friends have started smoking in college and now most of her friends smoke. Becoming dependent on having cigarettes can sometimes override your pride, said Rudge.

"It is turning me into somewhat of a leech," Rudge said. "I'll have a quarter in my pocket and if I see someone smoking I'll offer them a quarter for a pack of cigarettes in 10 months."

When the only cigarette left in the pack is broken in half, you might think that would stop someone from smoking it, but a desperate, resourceful person could be seen patching it up with a napkin. The craving is too great once a cigarette is in front of someone who smokes.

Rudge said influence goes beyond just smelling and craving cigarettes when other people are smoking.

"You just see a pack laying before you and see how easy it is to just pull one out and start smoking," he said. "For me it is half addiction and half fixation. Not only oral fixation, but it is doing something with my hands."

Madeline Lalande, philosophy junior, said she agreed that a large part of the smoking habit comes from having idle hands.

"There really doesn't have to be anything inside (cigarettes)," she said. "I would still want one."

Every day a few students can be seen smoking during the break of a 90-minute class. Any time could be the right time for a smoke, but there seems to be a peak times when the craving sets in.

"I want one when I'm studying, after a nice meal, a shower," Rudge said. "If I'm busy I'm not going to think about it."

Smokers make time for a few puffs on a cigarette, but they also use it to rid themselves of boredom.

"It is something to do when you are just sitting there," Lalande said.

"Especially at night."

Mixing nicotine with a good beer buzz...

The collegiate night life and party scene is where smoking runs rampant. Smokers and non-smokers alike can relate to waking up with the smell of stale cigarette smoke clinging to their hair or clothes from last night's outings. The urge comes out in smokers and potential smokers once they enter the social realm.

"When you are drinking or in a social environment (you want a cigarette), and that is just because it is all around you," Rudge said. "If cigarettes just disappeared I would be fine, but they are still around. That is what gets me in trouble."

Seventy-six percent of male and 89 percent of female "smokers" surveyed by the Health Center said they smoke while drinking alcohol.

Business junior Courtney Smyth said a cigarette compliments the "buzz" of other party rituals like the snake.

"When I'm partying and I have a beer in...
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one hand it makes it a lot easier to have a cigarette in the other," Smyth said. They fit together.

Some students smoke only at parties with a group of people. Sarah Schuber, a business senior, said she smokes while she is hanging out with her friends and doesn't engage in cigarettes at other time.

"Some people have more addictive personalities than other people," Schuber said.

I don't think I'm addicted to cigarettes, but I smoke at parties. Some students don't like cigarette smoke "like chimneys" and when they have to deal with the clouds doesn't crave cigarettes at any other time.

Sarah Schisler, a business senior, said he doesn't like cigarette smoke. He said "I don't think I'm addicted to cigarettes, but I smoke at parties." He also one-on-one professional consultation where students can talk about cutting smoking out of their life.

Rejoim Dominguez, a health educator at the center, said the current Health Education program is geared more toward stopping smokers before they start.

"We deal more with the preventive aspect," Dominguez said. "We try to give students all of the facts so they don't have to deal with the issues later."

The most successful method to quit smoking, for the college age group, is cold turkey," Walker said. "So it seems at this age the addictive process might not be too far along.

Just dropping your habit without looking back might be easier for some people than for others. "I tried cold turkey without any help from a patch or gum," the Rudge said. "I was living with somebody who was smoking and it just was too hard that way."

Health Center Doctor Jim Aiken said the Health Education Program at the center is open to all students who want to quit smoking.

"We don't have any programs specifically for the cessation of tobacco yet," Aiken said. "People can go in and talk with peer counselor about an addiction. There is also one-on-one professional consultation where students can talk about cutting smoking out of their life."
Administration looks to Mustang Daily

Editor,

The administration needs to communicate with students effectively. It has a similar obligation regarding timely and effective communication with faculty, staff, and our external communities. It's one of my jobs to help make this happen, and I would like to share with you a few of the things the administration is doing today to strengthen communication across the university.

As a long-time faculty member, I believe it has seldom—ever—been the intention of administrators to keep the campus or the community in the dark. I admit, however, that they and the campus have sometimes had a hard time exchanging views.

But what are our expectations regarding the consultative process? First, of course, we rely on our elected leaders to explain their views to the administration through the ASI, Academic Senate, and Staff Council. And university committees composed of faculty, staff, and students provide additional consultation.

Clearly, though, other avenues of communication are needed to ensure that everyone in the university has an opportunity to be heard, and to ensure that the administration hears competing views on important issues.

So where does the administration go to let more members of the university become a part of the planning process and to let us know what is going on? How does the administration make sure it is getting the university's representative opinion?

I'm sick of Foundation, Baker

Editor,

I spent two years on the Student Dining Committee. I was actively involved in a club that operated a vending machine. I know the lies of the Foundation all too well. I just hope I'm still here for the day when the Foundation comes out and says, "The reason sodas are 65 cents is because we are greedy bastards and there isn't a damn thing you can do about it." After all, when it comes down to it, I am left with no other viable reason for why a can of soda has to cost 65 cents everywhere on campus. Is the Foundation afraid of a little competition? It makes me wonder if this will affect future

alumni contributions?

President Baker. I've been left with a bad taste in my mouth. Please don't ever send a solicitation for money to me or my parents. I've had enough. The greed of the Foundation, a President who doesn't care what the students think, Pepsi Contract, Polo Plan tuition increase, the Stadium.. Too late and it was not her fault.

After all, so our voices are needed. I have personally tried to bring these things up with the supervisor of the Light House and she acts shocked that people do not like the food served. She asked us to personally tell her when something is poor quality or tastes bad. When we did this, she argued that we had come to dinner too late and it was not her department. She always had an excuse. I also talked to Campus Dining. They told me to "move off campus." In other words, I should lose the value of living on campus and being along all the students and diversity in order to be able to eat a decent meal?

This evasion of truth is what allows the Campus Dining monopoly to exist. I am starting a student committee that is going to change the wrong that has existed over the campus for many years. If you agree with me about the quality ofcampus dining and are interested, let's make a change. Foundation has said that they are willing to listen, so our voices are needed.

Jason Kaltenbach is a mechanical engineering junior.

Make a run for the bathroom

Editor,

As a freshmen here at Cal Poly I've noticed the following during these three weeks.

First, after going through basic training for the Army National Guard, I've noticed that the food here is worse than at basic training. There's less variety and the spaghetti sauce is "Bolts." Second, the Foundation which is supposed to help students is hitting us. For instance, software offered solely for academic purposes is often 30 percent more than software at stores like Egghead.

Third, the price for most books at El Corral is not only higher than Aids but many popular books are sold for more than bookstores of universities such as U.S.C or U.C.L.A where the average student is much better off financially.

Fourth, Campus Police are really low when they ticket bikes, but don't move around bike racks to better accommodate students. Fifth, RexNet should be called the Inflatable Titanic, it keeps crashing.

Sixth, WOW withdrawal sucks. Seventh, the taco at VG's make you want to run for the Border...or bathroom. And last, go Mustangs.

Omar Masry is a city and regional planning freshman.

The Roads of Communication

Here, the print media have a vital role to play. "Mustang Daily" is the best way we have right now to reach Cal Poly students. The editorial appearing in the newspaper gets an administration response when one is reasonably required. In addition, the university has opened up the pages of "Cal Poly Report," the newsletter that goes to all staff and faculty. Readers are encouraged to exchange information and opinions regarding important issues, and the editorial staff will be providing longer, more detailed news stories on hot topics.

The University Affairs Director also is working with local media to try to expand coverage of the Campus Reporter, including stories working for "Mustang Daily," will receive timely news releases on important issues, and we will strive for balance in each of these releases. We are eager to offer other ways of enhancing campus communication, and I would like to invite you to share your suggestions, concerns, criticisms, and (if warranted) compliments.

Brent Keetch is the Interim Director of University Relations and an English professor.
Women aren't property

By Michelle Boykin

Women of the 90's are living in one of the most exciting times in history. Many of the battles that we have been fighting for centuries have been won, and we are finally beginning to be accepted as equal by most of the male world. Of course, there are still some people who refuse to fast forward to the present, whose minds continue to linger in the distant past when women were considered to be little more than property with no significant contributions to make in a male-dominated society.

These people often look down on women who choose to keep their maiden names after choosing a mate, dismissing them as rebellious and accusing them of wiping their feet on tradition.

And why shouldn't we? Tradition has tried to keep us trapped in the role of the silent, subordinate little female for far too long. The days have long passed since girls lived under their father's thumbs and were married off almost as soon as they could bear children. Back then, women were born and bred to live their whole lives under a man's thumb, and to be satisfied with such a crime?

Of course, there are several good reasons for both husband and wife to retain that status. But a more basic reason could be simple familiarity: the name that she has known all her life, that she has loved and answered to for as long as she can remember, and one of the few things that she could truly call her own, is dear to her and she wants to hold on to that. Why is that such a crime?

There are a high number of single mothers who take on the awesome responsibility of raising a child on their own. I give these women all the credit in the world for taking on a task which at times can seem to be impossible. My mother is one of these women, and I thank her for all that she has done, including changing my last name to that of my father's. She didn't want her son to grow up with insecurities or questions as to why I wasn't given the last name of my father like so many other children. In doing so, I was able to identify with both sides of my family's heritage and it gave me a feeling of completeness.

It's true that women today are more independent than they have ever been. It's the pattern that our society has taken which has caused a decay in morals, and the family institution has suffered because of it. But this doesn't mean that we should do away with the family altogether. Why would you deprive an innocent kid a chance to link himself with his or her father.

Women should stop and think about what it is that they are doing when they don't name a kid after their father. Children are a creation of two people, not one. Stripping a kid of their father's last name is like stripping a child of their identity.

Why would a women get married if she didn't want to share everything with her husband? Not accepting his last name is like not accepting him.

Wives should take on the last name of their husbands and children should be given that last name as well. It has been this way throughout history and should not be changed. In the words of a very wise and beautiful woman (my grandmother): "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Michelle Boykin is a journalism and Daily staff writer.

You owe it to tradition

By Jeffrey Varner

"We now join you two in holy matrimony." When a couple says their wedding vows, they agree to become one in mind, body, soul and last name.

It's a part of tradition that wives take on the last name of their husbands. Even though there are no written laws, it's the way that it has been done throughout history to ensure family legacy's are passed from one generation to the next.

As early as 2000 BC, there are biblical references to the descendants of "Father Abraham's family line." Having the name of Abraham as a part of its title identified every child along that line of ancestry.

It was a system that allowed others to recognize their heritage while at the same time carrying on the legacy of Abraham. It gave Abraham's descendants a sense of importance because they knew from where they came and where they stood on the family tree.

Nowadays, people don't have titles but their last names still serve the same purpose. For the most part, families have been able to carry out their legacy by giving their children the last name of their father. God made man the head of the household; therefore he should be the foundation of the family unit. This being the case, any God fearing man or woman should realize that it's meant for families to bear the last name of the appointed head of the household: the man.

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programs. Cal Poly Foundation provides money for each project to operate. The students pay back their expenses and a management fee to Foundation after the project is completed. The remaining profits split, usually between the students managing the projects and the department.

According to Mark Shelton, associate dean of the College of Agriculture, most of the processed products like jams and honey can occasionally be found at local stores like Vons.

"We're not really a steady supplier of many of our commodities," Shelton said. "Cal Poly is a pretty small operation in most cases, so the scale of production is too small to really get much shelf space. Periodically products get sent to local markets."

One exception is eggs. Animal science professor Robert Spiller said that in addition to servicing the Cal Poly cafeteria, Cal Poly eggs can be found regularly at local markets and restaurants like Albertson's, Scolari's, Apple Farm Restaurant, Hobee's Restaurant, Cafe Roma, Bishop Hammonds and McIntocks in San Luis Obispo. Scolari's has been the main outlet for eggs in the Valley. The grapes are sold to the Cal Poly Alumni Chapter and processed into premium quality Chardonnay wine at the Wild Horse Winery in Templeton.

For agribusiness senior Scott Smith, producing over two acres of broccoli was an enlightening process. "Prior to my project, I had never had any type of hands-on farming experience. By the end of the project, I learned how to rip the field, disk it, plant and irrigate. Now, every time I drive by the field, I'm proud to tell everyone about the fields I farmed."

Smith said, "The food science and nutrition departments process items like summer sausage, beef jerky, lingua, ground beef patties and other miscellaneous meats. Depending on market demand, students process these products in Cal Poly's federally-inspected meat shop.

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College of Agriculture Dean

Some agriculture students' projects find their way to the grocery store.Operations related to garden or back-yard scale.

According to Shelton, Cal Poly does extremely well competing with other products. Occasionally Cal Poly receives some complaints from local, small agriculture producers who feel the university is unfair competition. This is something Cal Poly is sensitive to. "We don't want to undersell anyone," Shelton said. "We price our products fairly, and the scale of our operations are typically small enough that most of the growers and agriculture producers are not threatened."

Agriculture business professor Phil Dohb also emphasized that some agriculture students' projects find their way to the grocery store.

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Denver flew on suspended license; divers recover engine

By David Kingdom

PACIFIC GROVE—John Denver flew to his death with a pilot's license that he had twice been arrested on drunken driving charges, a federal aviation official told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The Federal Aviation Administration pulled Denver's pilot's license — which is required to fly with a pilot's license — on June 13, 1996, said National Transportation Safety Board spokesman George Peterson.

But Sheriff Norman Hicks emphasized that the evidence indicates the 53-year-old Denver was sober when he took off from his privately built Long EZ aircraft Sunday and crashed into Monterey Bay.

"From all indications that we've been able to find — talking to people who said they played golf with him, who saw him at the airport, to the person who dealt with him taking the plane out to get him ready to fly — he was not drinking," Hicks said.

Denver, who achieved fame in the 1970s with songs including "Rocky Mountain High" and "Sunshine On My Shoulders," died instantly of blunt trauma in the crash, according to the coroner.

Toxicology reports which would show any evidence of drug or alcohol use are expected in 10 to 12 days.

In Washington, FAA officials refused to say why Denver's medical certificate was revoked, citing privacy concerns.

However, another federal regulator, speaking on condition of anonymity, cited Denver's driving record.

The singer had two drunken driving arrests in 1993 and 1994 in Colorado. He pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of driving while impaired in the 1993 case and was scheduled to be tried in January for the 1994 accident, in which he smashed his Porsche into a tree.

Denver's attorney, Walter Gerash, said the singer may have lost his pilot's license briefly in 1993 or 1994 when he was charged with drunken driving.

But Gerash added that as far as he knows Denver had a valid pilot's license at the time of the crash.

"The FAA has different standards," he said. "I don't know what their position was in 1994. They would have suspended it for a month or two, but as far as I'm concerned he had his license. He told me he had it."

On the day of his death, Denver parked his Porsche at the Monterey Peninsula Airport. Hicks said authorities found a handgun in the car, but did not yet know if he had a permit to carry the weapon.

Meanwhile, divers on Tuesday recovered the engine of Denver's plane in 40 feet of water and turned it over to NTSB investigators.

"Piece by piece, we'll put the airplane back together. We're very happy with the condition of the engine," Peterson said. "The salt water has not taken its toll on the engine as much as we had feared. Investigators are assembling the wreckage in a hangar."
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Determination, dedication equals fun for club sports

Editor's note: This is the last of a two-part series on Cal Poly sports that begins with "Fencing," the first part ran in Wednesday's Mustang Daily.

By Rob Whitehead
Special to the Daily

Who says all clubs are pay to play? The Ultimate Frisbee Club has no membership fee because Rec Sports pays for its tournament dues. It's quite a deal—the Ultimate team was ranked seventh in the entire nation last year.

Similarly, triathletes pay only $15 for grueling, yet rewarding, seven-day-a-week training. For just $20 a quarter, students in the fencing club can learn the finer points of the foil, saber and epee.

While fencers suit up in layers of protection and a mask, water polo players strip down to ear guards and a swimsuit. Both water polo clubs are quite successful: The men's team was ranked third in America last year, and the women's was within the top 20 in the nation in the past two consecutive years.

Finally, the Alpine ski team suits up in warm winter clothes for its bimonthly trips to Mammoth Ski Resort starting the weekend before New Year's Day.

ALPINE SKI TEAM

Once the quarter falls, Mammoth Ski Resort is the destination for the Alpine ski team every two weeks. There, the members practice Giant Slalom and Slalom competitions and snowboarders work on the Giant Slalom and the half pipe.

The competitive season begins December 30 when 14 universities in the Western Intercollegiate Ski Conference head to Mammoth for the first run. Chris Weigand, club president for the third year, said there are 250 students from various universities at the mountain during that weekend.

In the meantime, the group of 35 to 40 Alpine ski team members use inline skates and play hockey to stay in skiing form. 'It's fun,' said Marianna Tuttle, the third-year president of the ski club. "We get the chance to play them." Tuttle hopes to "get out of the rut" and travel to University of Arizona, the Northwest Regional Tournament in Washington State and the Club Nationals in Boston. Most recently, it went to Occidental College in Los Angeles to win a four-team tournament. Cal Poly is hosting its annual tournament Oct. 25 and 26 with Sacramento State, U.C. Santa Cruz, Cal State Bakersfield and University of Arizona.

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ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Be careful of calling it a "Frisbee"—some players are sensitive about their club being labeled with a brand name. It's really called a "disc."

Cal Poly was ranked seventh in the nation out of 250 teams last year. The Ultimate Frisbee team is one of only two teams to beat first-ranked U.C. Santa Barbara Club.

Club co-president Taran Devitt-Carolan said, "People try [Ultimate] and never go back to it. There is no club fee. With seven players on the field at all times, there is a core group of about 20 to 22 players. Devitt-Carolan said.

There are open and collegiate tournaments in which Cal Poly competes. Open tournaments have teams whose players are any age, and are thus more competitive than collegiate games. The first tournament is in San Diego in November. Practices are Sundays and Fridays on the baseball field, and Tuesdays on the baseball field. All are at 3:30 p.m.

MEN'S WATER POLO

"Our latest addition is a power, house men's water polo team can't even practice at home every day. The team practices at Cuesta College's pool for two of its four weekly practices. The rest of the time the players are at Mitt Pool. Nevertheless, the team was the third-best water polo club in America last year. And what about the two teams who are ranked above Cal Poly? They are on the East Coast, so the Mustangs didn't get the chance to play them.

For the water polo season, the team will travel to University of Arizona, the Northwest Regional Tournament in Washington State and the Club Nationals in Boston. Most recently, it went to Occidental College in Los Angeles to win a four-team tournament. Cal Poly is hosting its annual tournament Oct. 25 and 26 with Sacramento State, U.C. Santa Cruz, Cal State Bakersfield and University of Arizona.

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FENCING

What do a foil, a saber and an epee all have in common? They are all different types of fencing weapons.

Under the instruction of the nationally known Eric McDonald and under the watchful eye of the Aerobics Room in the Rec Center.

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

The women's water polo team has been trying to "get out of the realm" of club sports and into the possible 40-team NCAA Women's Water Polo League. The team has been within the top 20 in the nation for the past two years.

However, women's water polo is competing with women's lacrosse, also a club sport, and indoor track for the only open slot for a varsity team.

The first meeting is tomorrow in front of Mott Gym at 11 a.m. The season runs January to May with five tournaments and 10 home matches. There will be an A and B team.

RUGBY

It's a rough game, probably the toughest club on campus. But the competition is great in Cal Poly's rugby club league, and the sport is known for developing camaraderie among the players.

The Division I club league extends from Cal Poly to Arizona for the winter quarter sport. While Cal Poly's club won just two of eight close matches in league play last year, they went to four straight sectional championships in the early '90s, and went to one national tournament during that time.

In Cal Poly's territory are the University of Southern California, UCLA and Long Beach State. Among others. All are Division I clubs. Since the schedule is only practice right now, the team is still looking for plenty of new players to join the 40 rugby members. Players pay $130 for the year, or $50 per quarter. In the preseason, the rugby club will play in the Unicorn Tournament in Huntington Beach Nov. 15, and the club will challenge several Division II teams like Claremont and Occidental College.

The club encourages students to come out and try rugby at practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m. on the baseball field.

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Robinson may step aside
By Ken Peters
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Coach John Robinson, calling Southern California a football team in crisis, said Tuesday that he will quit after the season if the Trojans don't improve.

"I'm a really good football coach who's not doing very well right now," Robinson said Tuesday. "If I don't do better, then I will step aside."

If we don't turn the program around, I'm not talking about wins but I'm talking about facing the facts and having our players respond, then our football team must get the football team back on track.

Athletic director Mike Garrett said after the Trojans' 35-7 loss at Arizona State last Saturday that he was sticking with Robinson through this season. The coach's contract extends through the 2001 season.

Robinson said he, Garrett and school president Stephen Sample had talked, including on the flight back from Arizona last weekend, and were in concert as far as trying to get the football team back on track.

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“Four Weddings...and a Football Game”

Once upon a time, in the kingdom of San Luis Obispo, there was a brotherhood of mighty warriors, the Mustang knights, whose record in battle was 6-0. Of these knights, four of them were fighting for more than the name of their province, Cal Poly. These knights of honor were also fighting for the affection of their respective ladies...

Four of Cal Poly's football players have a better half, a personal cheerleader whom they come home to every night because they have vowed to love, honor and cherish her for the rest of their lives.

During football season, these young couples face hectic schedules which require them to balance school, work, football practice, family and other priorities—and they wouldn’t have it any other way.

THE QUARRIES

Markel Quarles, a senior safety, married Carolina Galaz on June 15, 1996. They met at San Luis Obispo High School, where they both attended. During the 1992 football season, Markel separated his shoulder in a CIF game. Carolina asked him how his shoulder was doing, since she had heard about his injury, and began a friendship that would end up lasting a lifetime.

I thought she was beautiful. She was friendly and easy to talk to,” Markel, now 22, said of his first impression of Carolina. Carolina, now 21, admits that at the time she thought he was “big-headed; he thought he was all that,” but they quickly became each other's best friend and spent a lot of time together. Friendship grew into romance when they began a boyfriend-girlfriend relationship in January 1994, during Markel's freshman year at Poly.

In June 1994, Carolina discovered she was pregnant. They were both 18 years old. Markel, a kinesiology major, admits he was very distracted during that 1994 football season, with this new responsibility to think about. The pressure of impending parenthood and their families’ expectations put a huge strain on their relationship.

When their daughter, Ebony, arrived that December, they had hopes of mending their relationship, but the stress became heavier as they tried to focus on providing for the new baby.

That following year, things improved for the young couple. They worked hard at trying to figure out what they wanted and where they wanted to be in life. Through much prayer and soul searching, they realized that they were meant to complete their life’s journey together, and Markel proposed in October 1995.

Their wedding drew 300 people, including some of Markel's past and present football coaches. Their daughter was the flower girl, which they both said was “kind of weird, but special.”

They attribute the strength of their bond to their desire to serve God.

“When you put the Lord at the center of the relationship, you both have a common goal, and he works things out for you,” Markel said. Carolina said it is the fact that Markel works so hard to be a godly husband that makes her an excellent provider and head of the house.

THE ECKLUNDS

Senior quarterback Nate Ecklund and his wife Michelle met at Poly in January 1995. They were both athletes who hung out in the training room, and they quickly became friends, but it took them a while to become romantically involved.

“Even though he was a great guy, I never thought we would get together,” Michelle, 21, said. In fact, she tried to set him up with a few of her friends, but none of those relationships caught on.

They finally got together in August 1995, beginning a relationship that Nate, 22, says flourished quickly, because they really clicked and had lots of fun together.

It was March 1996 when Michelle found out she was pregnant.

When they decided to marry, Michelle wanted to be married in the Catholic church, but the priest they visited said he wouldn’t marry them because of her pregnancy. However, their wedding on July 13, 1996, was still memorable.

“It was like a huge party, it was lots of fun—exactly what I wanted,” said Michelle, a sports medicine senior. Their son, Benjamin, was born in November.

The Ecklunds say their marriage is strong because they are good friends, making fun of each other sometimes to keep the playfulness going that they shared during their courtship. Nate, a biology/pre-dentistry major, says one of Michelle’s best traits is the love she puts into everything she does.

THE OLIVERs

Matt Oliver, a senior offensive tackle, and his wife, Karin, first met in high school in Cerritos. They were both members of the track team. Their relationship began May 1993, and continued on through their time at Cerritos Community College, and after Matt, an ecology and systematic biology major, transferred to Poly in spring 1996.

Karin, a liberal studies junior, also wanted to come to Poly to finish her studies, and they were married this year on July 19.

“I married my best friend,” Matt, 22, said of Karin, 20. About 250 guests attended their wedding for which they wrote their own vows. Both described the day as a big, fun party.

The Olivers help stay close by getting together once a week for a coffee date, a mini-date that gets them out of their home to spend some time together.

“Usually the first thing they ask is ‘How old are you?’” Matt and Karin say playful competition helps keep them strong. Whether it is a contest for highest GPA or a spontaneous foot race, the Olivers make little wagers, like the lower has to take the winner out to dinner.

THE GRIFFINS

Rico Griffin, a sophomore defensive back corner, and his wife Kristie Barnes, a junior guard for Cal Poly’s women’s basketball team, were married July 28 this year. When the two athletes met in the Rec Center in October...

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By Michelle Boykin
Daily Staff Writer

Clockwise from above: Markel and Carolina Quarles at their wedding with daughter Ebony; Kiko and Kristie Griffin are expecting a baby in two weeks; Mom Michelle and Baby Benjamin congratulate Dad Nate Ecklund after a football game; Newweds, Matt and Karin Oliver were married in July; Photos courtesy of the couples’ families.

Tuesday’s Answer:
The Cal Poly football team’s best start came in 1953 under Coach LeRoy Hughes. The Mustangs won all nine games that season.

Congrats Ryan Holt!

Today’s Question:
Why did the Cal Poly football team cancel the last three games of the 1960 season?

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