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Welcome to the land called Cal Poly

Messages inscribed on a hill, students riding bucking bulls, houses hidden in the woods and a professor with an ambush discovery.

By Michelle Boykin
Visions Staff Writer

Cal Poly, in its long, rich history, has earned many distinctions which set it apart from all the other schools. Like any other institution, the school has had its share of hard times and its moments of glowing triumph, but these events and particulars are more than just trivia. They have helped shape the Cal Poly we know today.

THE "P"

Many colleges have an initial on a hill near campus, but Cal Poly's "P," displayed behind the residence halls, is one of the oldest hillside initials in the nation. The original "P" constructed in 1919, was wooden, covered with white lime and outlined by white painted rocks. It was strategically built and placed to be seen from the highway, the porch of the original Administration Building (where the clock tower now is), from an airplane flying overhead (even though planes were still rare at the time) and from other parts of the city.

The "P" was re-limned and repainted each year by the freshman class as part of an initiation. Later, maintenance responsibilities fell on the lower of the freshman-sophomore brigade—an annual competition of three-legged races, tug-of-war, grueled pole climbing and other contests—until the 1960s. A 40-foot-tall and 30-foot-wide concrete "P" replaced the wooden one in 1959.

A new "P" was built in 1967, and the Rally Club handed a generator up to it to light it during home football games. It remained lit after the game too, with the "P" changed to a "V" if the Mustangs were victorious.

Later a direct electrical connection was put in, but Running Thunder, Cal Poly's spirit club, has gone back to using a generator because the line was ruined by cows chewing on it and people accidentally digging it up, according to chemistry junior Derek Martin.

Martin, the club's "Mr. P," is in charge of maintaining the "P".

Running Thunder has maintained the "P" for about five years. This maintenance includes repainting it and picking up after people who climb up to the "P" to see the view or to decorate it.

Decorating the "P"—changing it into hillside messages—has been a tradition for years, and often a reflection of the times, with messages like "GOP" appearing in 1964 and "POT" in the 1970s. It has recently been the site of fraternity, sorority, club and athletes' names and one marriage proposal.

Martin said that the most common decorating material is rolled-up white bed sheets, which Running Thunder hikers up after a few days to remove if the decorators do not do it themselves.

"Technically it's considered defacing state property, and if you're caught you can get fined," Martin said. But that does not stop people. "It's a tradition, and a way to get a message out to people." To learn more about the Cal Poly "P," check out www.usc.ca/dipex.html.

Running Thunder and the Sierra Club recently finished a trail up to "P" so people can hike to the historic initial. Just look for the signs leading to the "P" behind the residence halls.

CAL POLY RIDERO

The Cal Poly Rodeo was started in 1940 as a feature in Poly Royal, the predecessor of Open House. As an agricultural school, Cal Poly was an ideal place to host an annual rodeo, a contest which included steer and calf roping, team roping, stock horse class and steer riding.

This year's Open House rodeos will be the last held in the Collet Arena. The arena is being moved to make way for the new sports complex.

There will be rodeos on Friday at 6:30 p.m. and two on Saturday, one at 12 p.m. and the other at 5 p.m. Tickets can be bought at the gate for $7 for adults and $5 for students. Children ages five and under are free.

Cal Poly also hosts a fall rodeo in October, and the Cal Poly Rodeo Team competes in about 10 other rodeos throughout the year. Some members go on to the College National Finals in June.

The students on the team house their animals on campus and practice daily, according to Ted Wilson, the team's coach. Cal Poly has had 35 National Champions and has had more than 300 student places in the top five.

The 50 rodeo team members also compete at the professional level.

Rodeos have been a controversial topic, with arguments of animal cruelty being head-to-head with arguments on behalf of recreation, skill, sport and showmanship. The debate was rekindled after a horse died in last year's Open House Rodeo. One witness said the horse stepped on its own head and began twitching. After the horse was taken out of the arena, the announcer said the horse "just got the wind knocked out of it." and that it would be okay.

The rodeo continued, but people found out later that the horse died on the way to the veterinary hospital after 12 minutes of CPR, sparking outrage in some people.

Wilson said nothing like this has happened before.

"It was an accident, just like driving down the highway. You take all the precautions you can, but accidents happen sometimes," he said. "There are just as many cattle that get hurt in the hills of Cal Poly, getting stuck in gopher holes and tripping."

This year's rodeo will have steer, cattle and team roping, and rough stop events, which include saddle bronco, bareback and bull riding events for the men.

Sophomore Tom Clark and Mike Devan are two riders to watch this year. Wilson said last year, Clark placed third nationally for bull riding, Devan's specialty is the team roping.

The women's events include team roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping and goat tying. Senior helel feels it is a ride to watch in the goat tying, while junior Georgia Sims is a top performer in barrel racing, in this year's two-day, 17-school event.

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Today it's a 'P,' tomorrow, who knows? Cal Poly's prominent 'P' is subject to overnight transformations into hillside correspondence. (Top) This structure is just one of many architecture student creations in Poly Canyon.

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Education merges onto the Information Superhighway

Increasing inclusion of on-line technology met with both enthusiasm and reservations.

By Mark Hartz
Visions Staff Writer

From students e-mailing their professors to writing an entire term paper with information gleaned from the World Wide Web, the Internet has changed the face of research and communication in education.

These days, many students are bypassing the library and the dewey decimal system and going straight to the Internet for research material.

With Cal Poly offering free Internet service to dorm residents and reduced-rate service to those living off-campus, it seems easier to "point and click" to find a reference rather than venture out of doors to the library.

Cal Poly also has many computer labs where students can access the Internet and teachers' class pages.

This relatively new Internet dependence is changing not only the way students learn, but the way they are instructed.

Several professors at Cal Poly have incorporated the World Wide Web into their curriculum to encourage students to get acquainted with the "Information Superhighway."

"There is certainly a trend in this direction in the form of 'distance learning' via courses placed on the Internet/World Wide Web," said Johanna Rubba, assistant professor of linguistics. "Live' education through contact in classrooms is, however, still very much alive and still the way the majority of students receive their higher education."

Rubba uses the Internet to e-mail colleagues and Cal Poly's World Wide Web search engine, "gopher," to access reference materials and examine teaching history professor materials posted by professors at other universities who teach courses similar to hers, she said.

"Since (on-line education) promises a way to save money and deliver an educational product to non-traditional students any time of day or night, I am sure this mode of instruction will increase."

-- Max Riedlsperger
History professor

QUESTIONING WEB ACCURACY

Drawing information from the web brings up questions of accuracy and author qualifications.

"Accuracy is very variable. Students have a lot of difficulty judging the soundness of Internet sources," Rubba said.

There is no overseeing agency to regulate what gets posted on the Internet and by whom it gets posted. While there are numerous credible sources, there are perhaps as many unreliable sources presenting themselves as reliable.

VOICING ON-LINE EDUCATION CONCERNS

Not all professors are jumping on the on-line teaching bandwagon. English professor David Kann said he

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Private corporations join forces with public education, raising questions

The joint venture has been criticized by students and faculty who fear the scope of the partnership could lead to a loss of academic freedom and could give the companies a captive market.

For example, faculty groups have raised concerns that the corporations could influence the CSU to move toward a "virtual classroom" taught through computers. Such a system, they say, could infringe on academic freedom by limiting curriculum. Others have worried that students and faculty will not be allowed to use products sold by companies other than the four partners. By selling only their own products and services, the partners would have a captive market.

A possible solution that might be shopped out is the eventual sale of CSU's current cable TV system to a private-sector partner. The joint venture would open its cable TV service to other companies, thus creating a "captive market" for those partners.

The problems with GTE prompted Chancellor Reed to predict that the partnership would have a 50-50 chance of success, although he had earlier put the odds at 90 percent.

David Ernst, CSU technology strategist, said a final decision was originally expected in January but was delayed because all terms of the agreement were not worked out. Additionally, Ernst said, CSU officials wanted to wait until Chancellor Reed's first meeting with the Board of Trustees in March.

"The problems with GTE prompted Chancellor Reed to predict that the partnership would have a 50-50 chance of success, although he had earlier put the odds of approval closer to 90 percent," Ernst said. "Now everybody has to go back to their boards of directors to see CETI page 31"
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As Cal Poly gets strict with its alcohol policies, some local fraternities consider going dry

By Nicole Belt
Daily Staff Writer

Local and national incidents involving illegal use of alcohol at fraternity functions have prompted Cal Poly to impose stricter sanctions on fraternities that choose to violate the university's alcohol policy.

Delta Tau, a social fraternity, and Order of Omega, a Greek honor society, were both suspended last December from university affiliation for violating Cal Poly's alcohol policy in separate incidents.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC) slapped Delta Tau with a 25-year suspension after alcohol was served to minors at a pre-Thanksgiving party.

There, one intoxicated party-goer passed out in an awkward position, severely restricting blood circulation in his arm. The student's arm was completely numb when he awoke 14 hours later. He was rushed to the hospital.

Doctors expected to amputate his arm, but he recovered, four days in the hospital and $20,000 later.

"A student almost losing his arm was just an after-effect of the fact that you have underage people drinking," said Walt Lambert, coordinator of Greek affairs. "The sanctions were imposed because of that, not the incident itself."

Delta Tau appealed its suspension, but IFC upheld it, imposing one of the longest suspensions in Cal Poly history.

Order of Omega was suspended for holding an activity at a park at which pledges were kidnapped by active members who provided them with beer and hard liquor. The fraternity was originally suspended for two years, but on appeal had the sentence reduced to one year.

In this incident everyone drinking was 21 or older, but the problem was that the fraternity did not follow university guidelines and proper procedure for serving alcohol at events, Lambert said.

One of these is the social fraternity Phi Delta Theta. The fraternity's president, Ray Howden, said the decision to go dry was made at the national level nearly six times the legal limit.

"Something like that takes a little time to prepare for. (The dry house policy) shouldn't be that big of a deal because we really don't revolve only around partying; there's a lot of brotherhood and philanthropy, and we'll just have to do more of those things."

Howden's major concern with the decision was the clarity of the guidelines.

"In my opinion, it's taking away my right to do what I want to do," he said. "The guidelines aren't very clear. If I get some friends together and go have a beer, that's something I'm doing with my friends, and just because most of my friends happen to be in the fraternity, I'm breaking the rules. The rules are unclear if we're breaking the dry policy or not."

Still, Howden said he sees dry fraternity houses as a trend in the Greek system, with Phi Delta Theta as a national leader in that trend.

"I feel like (nationals) wouldn't make that decision unless it was going to better themselves," he said. "I think three or four years down the road, every house will be quote unquote dry."

Sigma Nu's chapter president, Matt Hazouri, said the decision to go dry was prompted by turnover at Greek events like this one.

"Something like that would other chapters. They know they could lose their houses if they don't," Lambert said.

These regulations have changed the way fraternities operate and organized their parties over the past couple years.

"With all these pressures, there's no excuse any longer for fraternities not to abide by regulations. They know they could lose their houses if they don't," Lambert said.

These regulations have changed the way fraternities operate and organized their parties over the past couple years.

"We always have a security guard checking IDs at the door and a strict guest list," Vineyard said. "Those who aren't on the guest list are usually turned away."

"When we have an increase in complaints so far this year is Delta Tau. We had a few meetings with the fraternity at the beginning of this year, and I'm really pleased with two or three of them that solved a lot of problems they were having," Hazouri said.

The meetings really paid off.

"Fraternities have not reported a decrease in enrollment as a result of the increased sanctions that have been imposed over the past few years," Lambert said.

"We have found an increase in awareness in the chapters about using proper procedures when planning events," Lambert said.
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By Joe Nolan
Visions Staff Writer

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• $280,000 program generated
• $340,000 other income

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1990-91 EXPENSES

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A new place to play

Poly's new sports complex promises future students superb playing fields, but at what cost?

By Brit Fekete
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly may be known for its strong academic programs and "Learn By Doing" philosophy, but a closer look will reveal there are other important areas of concern. One is athletics.

For many students, participating in sports is a part of life—whether they compete for a university team or play intramurals just for fun. To suit these varying levels of competition, the university has opted to build a new sports complex, a venue sharp enough to earn the Division I title Cal Poly earned four years ago.

After undergoing years of discussion and debate between administration, students and the city, the sports complex is scheduled to become a reality in Fall 1999.

Construction is expected to begin in July on the $9 million complex. The combination of six multi-purpose fields, a baseball stadium and a softball stadium is meant to give the baseball team an on-campus field and the general student body better playing fields.

The stadiums and the fields will be built on 33 acres of land at the northwest end of campus near the sheep unit. on the same side as the rodeo arena. Both of these facilities will be relocated.

This year's Open House rodeo is expected to be the last in the Collet Arena before it is relocated to make way for the sports complex.

Some fear, however, that the complex is too costly, not just in dollars but in environmental damage.

There's green in them fields

The original sports complex plan involved a joint effort with the City of San Luis Obispo. The city would pour $3 million into the fields and, in return, would have access to the fields.

Paradise lost?

Environmentalists would like more distance between the sports complex and campus reservoirs.

Agribusiness senior Corey Hortung enjoys fishing in the reservoir. Photos by David Wood

That deal fell apart last summer, however, when Cal Poly was unable to guarantee the city the amount of playing time it sought. The city chose not to make the investment, and funding for the complex looked sparse.

Administration turned next to Associated Students, Inc. (ASI). Cal Poly's student government, and asked for more money. ASI had already voted to increase student fees $7 per quarter for 15 years to fund the complex, but administration asked that the ASI Board of Directors extend the increase to 30 years.

ASI opted not to put the issue to a student-wide referendum, instead voting itself to extend the increase, funneling an extra $1.9 million into the fields. and bringing ASI's total contribution to $4.9 million.

The Athletics Department will contribute the remaining $4.1 million. The department earned $1.4 million of that sum when the university sold Pepsi exclusive rights to soda sales on campus for seven years.

Money well spent

The sports complex's $9 million price tag will buy the students six multi-purpose, lighted fields, along with the 650-seat baseball stadium and the softball stadium with room for 400 spectators.

Proposed development throughout campus makes the need for fields imminent. Construction on a parking structure that will eliminate the L-shaped playing field behind Mott Gym is scheduled to begin this summer.

The university's expansion plan also calls for a research building to cover the fields near the library, though construction is not yet scheduled.

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- Cal Poly recognize the current admission numbers as a crisis
- Cal Poly's student population be reflective of California's population
- Cal Poly create an independent, student run outreach center
- Cal Poly / ASI increase multi-cultural funding
- Cal Poly / ASI create retention centers for minority students
- Admissions increase outreach to local and impoverished communities
- Cal Poly cease to admit affluent students under VIP privileges
- ASI create a task force in an effort to implement immediate solutions to this crisis
- Cal Poly increase the number of Xicano and Black faculty

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Changing the face of Cal Poly

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—Ed Johnson

Engineering and utilities coordinator

A red handprint painted on the sidewalk outside Cal Poly’s Performing Arts Center marks the site of an assault. The symbol can be found throughout campus in places where such incidents have occurred.

How safe is Cal Poly?

By Mary Hadley and Alicia Kagel

Vision Staff Writers

The tranquil peace of Cal Poly was disturbed nearly two years ago when student Kristin Smart disappeared from campus after walking home from a nearby party. Smart’s disappearance, still unsolved, has been the subject of reports on "Unsolved Mysteries," "Geraldo," "20/20," "Leера" and "America’s Most Wanted."

Smart’s family sued Cal Poly, claiming the school didn’t provide a safe environment for their daughter. The lawsuit was thrown out by judges in two separate rulings, and Cal Poly officials believe the school’s campus is a safe one.

The statistics back them up.

Annual crime statistics for universities nationwide show that, of all California State Universities (CSUs), Cal Poly had the lowest rate of crime per residential student last year.

"We are the largest residential campus in the CSU system, with 2,790 students living on campus," University Police Chief Tom Mitchell said.

Mitchell said he believes Cal Poly has less residential crime than other CSUs because San Luis Obispo is a low-crime area. Mitchell also said he thinks Cal Poly attracts "cream of the crop students" who aren’t likely to cause trouble on campus.

Despite the relatively low crime rate, campus officials would like to see it get even lower. Several programs have recently been implemented to take on the issue of students' safety on campus.

One successful new program has added student members to the Public Safety staff.

These are students that work for us, and their title is Community Service Officers," Mitchell said. "They handle things like fingerprinting, stolen bicycles, stolen backpacks...types of things where the crime has already occurred. It allows my police officers to stay out on patrols."

These students receive 40 hours of training, learning the laws of arrest, crowd control, how to write reports, basic investigative skills and fingerprinting. They patrol student residence halls and academic buildings during the night and patrol campus parking lots and public areas during the day.

Mitchell said in the past two years campus theft and property crimes were cut in half. He attributes this to the program. "It’s gotten wonderful reaction from students, staff and faculty," he said.

Four new Public Safety officers have been added since 1996. "We received funding for an additional four officers between ’95 and ’97," Mitchell said. "Two of those were part of the Community Oriented Policing program. It’s a federal grant and the university provides a percentage match, then after the third year the university funds the entire program."

Public Safety also got a new $25,000 database computer program called ARMS (Automated Record Management System) up and running this year.

"The program takes all the crimes that have occurred throughout the campus and it’s able to tell us the location and time of day for every crime," Mitchell explained. "It can tell me where repeated incidences have occurred over a period of time, so we can start looking for things that may cause these rises and falls in incidences. Then we can take the appropriate action to prevent them."

BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CAMPUS

This year saw an improvement in campus lighting, thanks in part to the campus-wide utility upgrade project, Utilidor, completed earlier this month.

"Now that the Utilidor project is done, there’s enough electricity to improve the lights," Mitchell said.

All campus streetlights now have 250-watt bulbs instead of 150-watt bulbs. This will dramatically improve campus lighting, while tacking on an extra $6,000 a year to Cal Poly’s electric bill, according to Engineering and Utilities Coordinator Ed Johnson.

Replacement of lights began in February when Johnson took the annual Night Walk with students and faculty to identify places which needed better lighting. A second Night Walk was planned for April 16 to document the lighting improvement.

"I expect that everyone will be pleasantly surprised with how good the lighting is," Johnson said.

"We’ve also removed trees that were shading lights and trimmed bushes so people would feel safer walking on campus at night."

The program’s goal is to make people feel more secure on campus at night, though the improvements cannot guarantee an actual reduction in crime.

"You need to create an area where no one can hide," Johnson said. "Part of the Night Walk is walking around and checking things out. You don’t put in high bushes next to a sidewalk. When we did last year’s Night Walk, we had to cut down some bushes that were in a place we thought could be dangerous."

Two new streetlights were also added in the parking lot behind the residence halls.

Psychology junior Monica Saldivar said she is glad to hear about the upgrades, because she doesn’t feel safe on campus at night.

"I take a lot of night classes, and the campus is too dark," Saldivar said in an interview before the changes were made. "There’s just not enough lights."

THE ALCOHOL FACTOR

Cal Poly’s Violence Intervention Program (VIP) was created in 1996 in an attempt to reduce alcohol and drug-related injuries at Cal Poly.

Most arrests and incidents on campus are alcohol-related and involve minors, Mitchell said.

Alcohol was a factor in Kristin Smart’s disappear-
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Sexual Harassment Advisors:

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Cal Poly affirms its commitment to creating and maintaining a community in which students, faculty, and staff are able to work cooperatively in an atmosphere free from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is unwelcome sexual behavior that contaminates the learning environment and violates federal and state legislation.

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Mustangs prosper in '97-'98

Cal Poly has been making noise on the field, in the pool and in the gym. Here's a glance at some outstanding Mustangs this season.

FOOTBALL
With a new coach bringing a new attitude, the Mustangs outscored their best Division I season ever. Cal Poly posted seven straight wins, the team's best start in 24 years. The team's only loss came to Liberty in Virginia, 32-44.

After finishing 10-1, the Mustangs, without a center once broke season (northern) and headed to the NCAA playoffs.

For the first time ever Cal Poly boasted two running backs who each ran for over 1,000 yards. The dynamic duo senior Antonio Warner and sophomore Craig Young are both already practicing with the Mustangs for the 1998 season.

This year Cal Poly faces a tougher team in its schedule of 11 games. This time they take on Liberty in Mustang Stadium for the season finale. The Mustangs hope to go undefeated this season and head to the NFC AA Division I-AA Championships in November.

WOMEN'S SOCCER
The Cal Poly women's soccer team became the first team to win a Big West Championship in 1996 and were determined to defend their title in 1997. The Mustangs headed into the championship at the top of their conference, but fell to U.C. Irvine in sudden death overtime.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
The Cal Poly men's basketball team suited up the youngest team in the Big West Conference, but surprised critics by climbing to a second place finish in the Western Division of the conference. The Mustangs finished 14-14.

The Cal Poly's offense Borkland earned Big West Freshman of the Year honors for his high-scoring contribution to Cal Poly's offense. Borkland recorded 25 double-figure scoring games and averaged 17.3 points per game, eighth best in the league. Barkland was also named to the league's honorable mention squad and all-freshmen team.

Freshman labhair Washington joined him on the all-freshmen team, while sophomore Mike Wozniak was named to the All-Big West second team.

WRESTLING
The Cal Poly Wrestling team came and went in a hurry, but not without making some noise. Two Mustangs were named PAC-10 Champions and five Mustangs traveled to the national championships at Cleveland. Ohio. Seniors Mike French (190) and Craig Welk (150) led the Mustangs with their first place victories at the PAC-10.

French, Welk, David Wells (158), Brian Bowles (177) and Can McGee (heavyweight) all represented Cal Poly at nationals. Wells upset the No. 13 and No. 7 wrestlers on his way to being named an All-American.

SWIMMING AND DIVING
The Cal Poly men's and women's swimming teams made their presence known in the Big West. The men's team finished third and the women's team finished first in the Big West.

Swimming and Diving

See MUSTANGS page 33

CLUB CORNER
Club Sports Schedule

SATURDAY

• Fencing exhibition at the club booth all day

• Men's Lacrosse vs. Chico State in the Divisional Playoffs in Mustang Stadium at 2 p.m.

• Gymnastics exhibition in Crandell Gym at 12:30 p.m.

• Men's Water polo "North vs. South" in the Rec Center Pool at 2 p.m.

• Women's Lacrosse plays an inter-squad exhibition game on Cal Poly Rec Center field at 1 p.m.

• Women's Field Hockey plays an inter-squad exhibition game on Cal Poly Rec Center field at 12 p.m.

• Wheelmen cycling trials and roller demos at the club booth all day

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Canyon was chosen for display and storage of the projects. Today a winding path takes visitors past 20 architecture students' projects in the canyon. The structures range from dwellings to bridges to pieces of art, including sundials and sculptures.

One of the oldest housing structures is known as the Shell House. Built by a student in the 1960s, the house was made by stretching cables down from a telephone pole, so that it resembled a tepee, and spraying concrete over it. The pole was removed after the concrete hardened, according to architecture professor Jacob Feldman. Student caretakers live in the housing structures in the canyon, and they are in charge of maintaining the canyon and protecting the projects from vandalism.

Poly Canyon is also the site of the annual Design Mileage, a 10-day project where schools compete in making a structure in the canyon. The structures in the canyon is known as the Shell House.

Cano is a candidate for a two-year fellowship. The team's plane departed from an airport about 20 miles southwest of Toledo on a densely foggy night and exploded after ascending 100 to 200 feet, breaking the plane into sections that came crashing back to earth. Because of the weather and the airport’s location, rescuers took more than an hour to arrive on the scene.

The team manager, a member of the Mustang Booster Club, the pilot, co-pilot and two members of the pilot’s family were also killed. Eighteen players, three coaches and the then-sports editor of the San Luis Obispo Telegram-Tribune survived with injuries.

A memorial game was played a week later in Mott Gym. The Homecoming activities planned for the next week were canceled, as were the three games remaining that season.

The university and the community rallied together to help with a memorial fund for the deceased, which included three married players—Don Omeara, 25; Gary Van Horn, 22; and Ray Porras, 27. Porras had four children.

A shocked Cal Poly community shut down the campus for a memorial service that Monday in Mott Gym. Almost everyone’s familiar with the plot of Michael Crichton’s “Jurassic Park.” The blockbuster movie based on Crichton’s book created a world where dinosaurs are real-life recreation. Because of the weather and the airport’s location, rescuers took more than an hour to arrive on the scene.

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SPORTS

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Cal Poly officially completed its transition to Division I in 1994, which according to Athletic Director John McCutcheon, went very smoothly. "We've really made great progress in a very short period of time," McCutcheon said. "The strength of the university, getting into the Big West, and fan and alumni support have really helped athletics develop."

Financially, alumni support and student fees have enabled the Athletic Department's budget to grow from approximately $2.6 million in 1990-91 to approximately $5.3 million this year.

These figures support a department which offers 17 intercollegiate sports with approximately 450 athletes involved. Cal Poly will soon have to add another women's sport to comply with NCAA guidelines.

The department is considering the addition of women's water polo, women's lacrosse or a golf team.

Cal Poly is also building a sports complex in order to fulfill part of its vision deal. The biggest project is renovating Mott Gym, a tennis grandstand and eventually Mustang Stadium.

"The biggest focus for (Cal Poly) in the next two or three years is improving the facilities," McCutcheon said.

The sports complex is the department's biggest project. It will provide the baseball and softball teams with top-notch stadiums on campus. The sports complex will also offer six other fields for recreational use by students and the community.

Currently, Cal Poly uses the following sites for athletic competition:

San Luis Obispo Stadium, the Cal Poly Softball Field, the Library practice field, the tennis courts, the L-shaped field, Mustang Stadium, the track, Cowdell Gym, the Rec Center field, three pools and Mott Gym.

A major renovation to Mott Gym will add more seats and create more accessibility for television coverage. Renovations should be completed this fall in time for the basketball seasons.

Men's basketball head coach Jeff Schneider said the future of Cal Poly athletics will only get better with these improvements.

"Renovating Mott Gym will help all four sports (men's and women's basketball, wrestling and volleyball) who use it by providing tremendous home court advantage," Schneider said. "For basketball it will be more compatible for television, so hopefully we'll get on ESPN."

Cal Poly funds almost the same number of programs with a smaller budget in comparison with most other Division I colleges. Cal State Northridge, which has approximately 8,000 more students than Cal Poly, also made the transition to Division I athletics in 1990-91 and currently offers 20 sports with approximately 400 athletes.

Northridge's budget was, and remains, higher than Cal Poly's. In 1990-91 it was approximately $3.6 million, and this year it will be more than $6 million.

With its increased budget, Northridge also offers many more facilities for its athletes.

However, the two schools are headed in very opposite directions. While Cal Poly is expanding, Northridge is focused on maintaining the level its at.

"We're basically just trying to stay where we are," said Northridge Assistant Athletic Director Ryan Finney.

It is important for a new Division I university to develop strong ties with a solid conference, Finney said. He said it allows schools to develop rivalries and is good for recruiting.

Cal Poly doesn't have to worry about getting accepted into a conference; they can concentrate on becoming a powerhouse in the Big West.

"My vision for Cal Poly is for us to become even more competitive in the Big West," McCutcheon said. "Right now we're really ahead of schedule, especially in basketball and softball. I think what we've been able to do has really raised some eyebrows across the country."

Some Cal Poly teams are not a part of the Big West, but have succeeded nonetheless.

Men's soccer, which competes in the Mountain Pacific Soccer Federation, was the first, and so far the only, Cal Poly team sport to receive a bid to the NCAA playoffs.

The Mustangs were knocked out in the first round to perennial-power UCLA, 2-1. The team was ranked as high as No. 13 in the nation.

Football, an independent in Division I-AA, ranked as high as 16th in the nation this past season. Wide receiver Kamil Loud was a draft pick in this weekend's National Football League draft.

Wrestling, a member of the PAC-10 conference, has sent members to the NCAA championships.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS**

Another long-standing conflict 

lies in the environmental impact the sports complex will have.

The complex will be built on 

land in close proximity to the Smith 

and Shepard reservoirs which Cal 

Poly created more than 50 years 

ago. These areas have become 

home to various plant and animal 

species, including 33 species of 

wild waterfowl.

To protect this wildlife, buffer 

zones of vegetation will be placed 

between the complex and the reservoirs. Biologists and environmentalists, however, believe the buffer is too narrow and have been fighting to widen its dimensions.

V.L. Holland, head of the biology 
department, said the buffer zone around the Shepherd reservoir stands at 50 feet. Holland is a member of the Biology Advisory Committee that is trying to secure a buffer zone of the same width around Smith reservoir.

Another committee, the Landscape Advisory Committee, is also participating in the push to widen the zones.

Cal Poly’s Academic Senate 

voiced its support by passing a reso- 

olution asking for larger buffer zones.

The sports complex debate lent 

itself to a lesson in Cal Poly’s “learn by doing” mantra when a landscape architecture class studied the area the complex will sit on. That class also determined that the buffer zones were too small, adding its voice to the pleas for larger zones.

William MacNair of Cal Poly’s 

Facilities Planning said that in 

response to committee recommendations, project designers are looking at the proposed alterations.

He said the softball stadium 

will be shifted to the south to 

widen the buffer zone and the 

parking lot will be reduced in size.

MacNair said the designers are 

reviewing the plans to see how 

they will be able to incorporate 

these changes into the complex’s 
design. He said he will need to see 

the altered drawings before he can 
determine how long construction 

will take, or if there will be any 

problems.

Frank Lebens, vice-president for 

administration and finance, said 

the landscaping and biology com-

mittees have been working hard.

“The progress we’re making is 

being well-received by both the 

committees. They’ve both been 

extremely helpful in making rec-

ommendations,” he said.
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is adamant about the perils of teaching through the Internet. "I will resist the tendency of teaching through the Internet. I have," he said. "Education is not a matter of efficient delivery and thoroughput. Education happens when people sit together and debate issues. Education is a human activity defined by human interaction. It is the dialectic process of people testing their ideas against each other and against previously discovered knowledge."

"It is NOT talking heads in lecture courses delivered on videotape," Kann continued. "It is NOT solely access to information on the web to be examined uncritically. It is NOT talking; heads in lecture courses delivered on videotape. "There are some differences in the way that we communicate," he said, "but nothing has drastically changed."

Ernst said the final documents will be released to the public every four months for a 30-year public review. After that, 15 days will be reserved to consider public input before any changes are made.

"I don't think we will ever get to the point where there are zero objections," Ernst said. "But once we get the complete plan out there and say, 'Look, here are the components,' I think most people will see that it's going to be beneficial."

Ernst said the chancellor's Office will continue to rely heavily on suggestions from students and faculty. The complete plan is available for review on the Internet at http://ceti.calstate.edu Comments can be submitted via e-mail to the site or to Cal Poly President Warren Baker's office.

"Each president will gather the comments from the campus," Ernst said. "That way, we won't have everything coming in completely unorganized."

"We've had to use the Internet for some of my general education classes," Joanne Smets, art and design senior said. "It has its benefi ts in that if you lose your syllabus, it's on the professor's page. It also helps to be able to directly e-mail my teacher when I have a question or a problem and can't make his office hours."

There is no formal, traditional science senior said, "You don't know if the sources are really credible, so you have to find them and then evaluate if they are credible or not."

History professor Max Riedlsperger sees the resource in a different light. "Since (on-line education) promises a way to save money and deliver an educational product to non-traditional students any time of day or night, I am sure this mode of instruction will increase," he said.

"The major hardware and software players see this as a way to increase their market-share further intensifies the drive in this direction."

Kann views on-line education the same way, but said he feels it will create "an exploited underclass of unqualified wage slaves who serve as teaching assistants for course work."

"It all has to do with the bottom line," he said. "It is the product of administrators and accountants, not educators. How many students can we educate for the least amount of money? How much 'product' can we deliver to our 'consumers' so as to 'maximize the throughput'?"

"You have to understand I did not make any of these terms up. They are in use," he continued. "So, if, as a student you want to be a consumer receiving a product so that you can be part of maximized throughput, please understand, you're not being educated."

Riedlsperger uses an Internet server to post his syllabus, course outline, reading assignments, daily announcements, analysis of quizzes that have been given and lecture outlines.

"I have a major commitment to the World Wide Web for my History 315 (Modern World History) course," he said. "I am rather skeptical about the delivery of whole courses on-line and am a firm believer in face-to-face contact with students in classes of a size that still permit discussion."

Technology seems to be increasingly incorporated into education, through proponents and opponents of its inclusion still debate the educational merits of its growing role. Technology, as cost-effective as it may be, remains relatively impersonal and has drawbacks in terms of credibility.

"There are some differences in the way that we communicate," he said, "but nothing has drastically changed."

"I don't think we will ever get to the point where there are zero objections," Ernst said. "But once we get the complete plan out there and say, 'Look, here are the components,' I think most people will see that it's going to be beneficial."

Ernst said the chancellor's Office will continue to rely heavily on suggestions from students and faculty. The complete plan is available for review on the Internet at http://ceti.calstate.edu Comments can be submitted via e-mail to the site or to Cal Poly President Warren Baker's office.

"Each president will gather the comments from the campus," Ernst said. "That way, we won't have everything coming in completely unorganized."

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