Ropin' at the rodeo

By Andy Castagnola
Daily Staff Writer

Collet Arena has seen its last calf roping.

The Cal Poly Rodeo Club held its final event in the stadium during Open House. The new Sports Complex is planned be built on the site of the 5th-year-old facility.

Although nearly six decades of rodeo tradition will end with the demolishing of Collet Arena, Cal Poly Rodeo will continue at a bigger and better location.

“We hope to start breaking ground mid-summer,” said Rodeo Coach Randy Wilson.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker has approved a new site at the upper end of campus between the horse and swine units, Wilson said. A more attractive stadium would mean more rodeo and equine events, in addition to more publicity for Cal Poly.

“It would be a big boost for the university,” Wilson said.

Winter storms dealt blows to Collet Arena, which sits in one of the lowest parts of campus. The team practiced there for only three weeks during winter quarter, according to Wilson. The field was often muddy, like it was only four days before the rodeo.

Despite its poor location,

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The club scene at Open House

By Mark Hartz and Jaime Zaffuto
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly's Open House is more than just the average open house, it's a fun-filled family gathering.

Future Cal Poly students, their parents, friends and community members come together each year to Open House to explore the opportunities available to students.

“I'm a Cal Poly alumna and I never miss it,” said State Assemblyman Tom Bordenaro. “One of the attractions to Cal Poly is the family atmosphere, so far as being involved in things other than academics.”

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Tractors pull in big crowd

By Jayson Matthews
Daily Staff Writer

“We want some noise!” screamed a crowd of Atascadero high schoolers. They came to the right place.

Reaching upwards of 140 decibels, about the sound of a jet plane taking off, Cal Poly's Truck and Tractor Pull has been thrilling eardrums since 1971.

Organized by the bioresource and agricultural engineering department, the 90-minute event is the culmination of months of work put in by mostly agriculture students, who do everything from gathering sponsors to building the bleachers that line the track.

“A lot of student hours go into putting this on,” Tractor Pull Chairman Matt Yore said. “We start working on this (event) before Christmas.”

All proceeds from the tractor pull go toward an agricultural engineering scholarship. Yore said more than $11,000 has been deposited over the past two years.

“Friday night we were able to give seven scholarships to agriculture management students with that money,” Yore said.

The crowd of roughly 1,300 began arriving at the Cal Poly Airstrip long before the 1:30 p.m. opening pull. Eight dollars bought a prime bleacher seat, while $5
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Bordonaro also said that going to Open House is a great opportunity to see all of the new clubs and to get updates on the old ones.

"I like to see how all the clubs are doing really," said Bordonaro, "to kind of see the student participation that is going on and see what we had a long time ago."

Bordonaro said that when he attended Cal Poly the club he was most active in was the Bodeo Club, but his interests have broadened since then.

"I have been looking into scuba diving," Bordonaro said as he looked onto the booth's activities.

The Cal Poly Scuba Club is a fairly recent addition to the list of Cal Poly clubs. The Scuba Club set up two booths—one selling fish tacos and one for an activity—near the Kennedy Library.

Club President John Chupp said the space where the scuba booth was located seemed to be less filled with booths than in past years.

"I'm not impressed at all," Chupp said. "It seems to be a lot smaller; I think it's gone down from last year. This whole area used to be filled with booths and the field area was also filled with booths, but this year it seems a little empty."

The club's activity booth consisted of a red, 55 degree water-filled tank, in which a scuba gear clad club member waited for people to throw quarters into a small container. Participants who landed a quarter in the container received a free scuba club T-shirt.

The Scuba Club's activity booth has been a mystery to some people in past years, but Chupp said the recent additions to the water tank may help increase the activities' awareness.

"We're helping out with getting the word out about what actually happens at this booth," said Chupp.

"And the communications gear helps out with this because you can talk to the people. Last year we didn't have that. A lot of people would just walk by and not know what was going on."

"We've given away two T-shirts already, this morning," Chupp said.

"One of those T-shirts went to Cal Poly alumnus Amanda Defferrari, who traveled to Cal Poly from Sacramento."

"The Scuba Club booth was my favorite so far, but that's because I won a T-shirt," Defferrari said. Her husband, Jim, was impressed with the set up of the Open House club booths.

"It's good because you get an idea of all the different activities on campus" he said.

Defferrari was not the only pleased visitor.

"This is the third open house I've been to," said Richard Oppoler. "I've been to one at USC and Cal State Fullerton. This one is definitely the best one. It's the friendliness of the students and how active they are. They are giving up their time to sell the school, so they must like it."

Oppoler's son, future environmental engineer freshman Jason Oppoler, was glad to have the opportunity to question members of the Cal Poly Wheelmen club about their programs. Oppoler plans to join the Wheelmen when he comes to Cal Poly.

"They gave me lots of information about the team," said Oppoler. "It'll be lots of fun next year."

Ryan Connolly of the Cal Poly Wheelmen said that this year was one of the team's finest, as they are now ranked number two in the nation.

He was also pleased with the booth location assigned to the Wheelmen.

"This Open House is better than all of the others we have been in, but that is because of the new location that we have and the space in which we are able to showcase our trials," said Connolly, a manufacturer.

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ENGINEERING GETS NOTICED FOR ROBOTS, BRIDGES AND TOURS

New and current students, parents and alumni seemed impressed by the College of Engineering's eclectic mix of Open House displays. About 40 prospective engineering students attended Open House. Many students who have been accepted to Cal Poly decided to enroll after touring the campus.

"I'm for sure going to go here," said Mike Sullivan, who will enter the computer engineering program next year. "When I got here and saw everything, that was the deciding factor.

Sullivan's father was also impressed by Cal Poly.

"I noticed a lot of pride on this campus," he said. "Pride is very important. It carries over into the work force. Unfortunately, it's a dying thing.

Among the events put on by engineering students was Roborodentia IV, which won this year's award for the most original Open House display. Last year's Roborodentia attracted so many people that the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers decided to broadcast this year's event on television sets across campus.

"It was really neat," said mechanical engineering alumni Ravi Indre, "There was a pretty huge turnout.

For Roborodentia, student-builders of self-autonomous robots try to navigate a maze, picking up racquetballs along the way. Out of the eight contestants, only the "Millennium Falcon" actually completed the maze.

Another display that attracted a large crowd was the mechanical engineering department's "Querty" machines. One of the these, the "M.U.M.-Breakfast Under a Minute"—machine, prepared a level of coffee, a cup of coffee and orange juice.

Spectators watched as this conglomeration of buckets, an alarm clock, a mini-saibot, a rat trap and car battery; among other items, each did their part in making breakfast. The short-lived, but crowd-pleasing display culminated in a weight dropping from about three feet, crushing an orange below.

People also packed into a civil engineering lab to watch a pepper-stick bridge-building contest. About 70 bridges—made of only sticks and glue—were built by seventh to 12th grade students.

The bridges were tested to see how much pressure they could withstand until cracking. The winning seventh grade bridge was able to handle about 350 pounds of pressure.

In addition to these special events, many incoming students went on tours to get a feel for what the engineering departments offer. "The tours reinforce what I thought about Cal Poly," said Patrick Ferris, an incoming mechanical engineering freshman.

Tour leader Chris Makalintal, an engineering ambassador for Open House, said, "I felt the most effective service we gave was the tours. I think that's what really gave the cake of what Cal Poly has to offer."

—By Calvin Liu, Daily Staff Writer

MAGIC IN THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATH

Open House "got started with a bang," as chemistry professor Christina Bailey put it, when she burst a hydrogen-filled balloon at the chemistry magic show Saturday.

College of Science and Mathematics Dean Philip Bailey and his wife Christina have been putting on the show since 1970. Dean Bailey said what he likes most about Open House is "talking to prospective students and new students."

Bailey said that attendance seemed lower this year than most years, and especially lower compared to Poly Royal.

Bailey said he feels the most important aspect of Open House is the chance for prospective students to see professors working alongside Cal Poly students in an atmosphere (such as the magic show) that they may not see at another college.

"Students help out here. We're joking and having fun, and it's indicative of what the teaching/student relationship can be like," Dean Bailey said.

Kimberly Claibough, 18, who plans to major in biological sciences, attended Open House this weekend to decide if Cal Poly is right for her.

"Cal Poly is really well-known," she said. "I've been impressed at how the students get a lot of attention and everybody's been really friendly and nice."

Claibough admitted that after she saw the red brick dorms, she started leaning toward U.C. Davis, which has suites and private baths. Still, when asked how likely it was that she would attend Cal Poly, on a scale of one to ten, she gave it a nine.

She satisfied the appetites of prospective students and others, the chemistry fraternity sold chowder-filled bread bowls.

Mathematics senior Abel Maestas represented the Math Club. He said he would like new students to know about the great faculty in the math department. He also hopes the math club will let people know about the social aspects of being a math major.

"There's this image of a guy who sits in a closet and studies all the time, and that's not all we do," Maestas said.

—By Sam Legley, Daily Staff Writer

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE: DESIGN AND WINE

Departments from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design captured Open House visitors' attention with the 25th anniversary of the Design Village in Poly Canyon and a senior project display of earthquake-resistant wine barrels.

Design Village is Cal Poly's annual showcase of student-designed temporary structures. The competition's theme was "City of Myths." Seven schools participated.

One of the tests of Design Village's portability, because the projects must be carried to the canyon on foot. Another test is materiality, because the participants must live in the structure for the duration of Open House.

The winners, announced Sunday, were:
• Long Beach City College, "Best Overall Design"
• Bakersfield College, "Best Response to Theme"
• Consumnes River College, "Best Craftsmanship"
• College of San Mateo, "Most Creative Solution"
• Consumnes River College, "People's Choice Winner"

Other participants were Orange Coast College, South Western College, Bakersfield College and the Cal Poly American Institute of Architecture Students.

The winner of "Best Response to Theme" Bakersfield College, had a seven-student team that designed...
Support Glover's solutions for diversity

Editor,

When building a solution, generally it is good to start with a strong foundation, then build upon that foundation. Victor Glover is building a solution to the problem of racial diversity. There is no type of a racism that should be judged, which makes Affirmative Action fundamentally wrong. Fighting racism with governed racism is very hypocritical.

While Affirmative Action solves problems, it also creates new ones. Prop 209 is fundamentally right. It eliminates governed racism, however it does nothing to solve any of the problems of ethnic diversity.

What Victor Glover is proposing is the first real step toward solving the problem of racial diversity, and at the same time it is fundamentally right. The problem of racial diversity starts with economics. Let's take a look at an example. African Americans make up 12 percent of the population in the U.S., however their percentage of wealth makes up .13 cent of the population in the U.S., however it does nothing to solve any of the problems of ethnic diversity.

It's our business

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Rand isn't a Libertarian

Editor,

This is in response to David Emmons article "Libertarians hold the answer." What I mean is that Mr. Emmons is on the political arena and his right to espouse the "principles" of his favorite bureaucrats. I must point out that the philosophical ideas and works of Ayn Rand would not be the appropriate source to "find out about the principles of the Libertarian Party."

I must be pleased to hear of others who enjoy Rand's works and encourage all to read them, but she must be singing in her own tune. I take the suggestion that the philosophy that has to be used to educate oneself about the Libertarian Party. One must keep Rand's ideas ("principles") in the context in which they are presented, in which case this is the objective philosophy and objectivist NOT Libertarianism nor the Libertarian Party platform. To learn more about objectivism and objectivist philosophy read the works of Ayn Rand. I would suggest her good article entitled "Libertarianism, The Perversion of Liberty." The Intellectual Newsletter April May 1980. This might change the views of Mr. Emmons and anyone considering Libertarianism and the Libertarian Party.

Augustine Salazar is a forester and natural resources junior.

It's our business

Editor,

This letter is in response to Mechell Vieira's "Get Out of Fairy Tale Land" April 17. While some parts of the original article by Kelly Youker may not have been correct, it was not written in such a manner as Ms. Vieira did. I noticed that she is an ordained minister. I sure she has seen many couples preparing to enter into marriage.

It became painfully obvious that her comments were more against marriage, rather than for it. I am referring to her pointing out what marriage is not, rather than what it is. If she were a truly dedicated minister who believed fully in the institution of marriage, then she, of all people should be lifting up young engaged couples, NOT tearing them down.

I was appalled at the remarks made about our age group having the highest divorce rate of all married couples. Face it, marriage isn't easy (That's why couples arrange with Libertarians or counselors before marriage.) I guess Ms. Vieira is simply more open to the school of thought in today's age. Divorce is so easy to get these days, and seems to be an acceptable outcome to any situation that a couple will encounter in marriage. I'm sure that Kelly and Tim are already well aware of that. If I am one of the few engaged Poly students that Ms. Youker was referring to in her article. I have had several friends ask me if I'm ready to commit the rest of my life to just one person. Can I tell them without a doubt? I have been ready for quite some time. When you find the right person, you will know. I don't feel bad to hear any negative comments about my marriage plans. To be honest, I don't really care somebody except myself my fiance and me.

I wonder why it is that some of my single friends are truly happy for me, while others try to tell me I'm not ready. Could it be that some people are jealous? Who knows?

Angela Cremer is a food sci­ence junior.

Bilingual children have advantages

Editor,

Many thanks to Megan Long for her excellent article on Prop 227 and bilingual education. There is much misunderstanding about bilingual education programs that may cause voters to vote yes on Prop 227 for the wrong reasons.

Bilingual programs are voluntary. Parents request that their children be placed in the programs. The students are truly fluent in two languages after attending these classes and also understand two cultures. In today's global economy, there are many economic and social advantages in being bilingual and bicultural. Relationships are strengthened through understanding between cultures. It is important that parents are given a choice of bilingual education for their children.

Vote no on Prop 227!

Kathy Gamir is a biological sciences senior.

Stolen' birds flew the coop

Editor,

I feel I have to try and reclaim my good name. "Coyote Boy." I know I have the reputation of being "involved with Native Americans." This is a misconception. I was in Borrego Springs surmounting that just a culprit was the third of the 400-pound bald eagle, a buffalo skull and the other allegedly "dead birds (hawks mostly) in the trees and time long since vanished," as years pass over "as specimens." Let it be known that despite my Indian affinities I did not steal these birds from anybody. They just don't exist. (This is true in my opinion) This is an omen and a prophecy — a sign of the times for all blind-sikers. When dead ani­ mals reconnect with their spirit-callers and depart from such a place as Fisher Science Building, where it means rerun­ ning and the life force are else­ where. Like Carl Carlsen says, "it's your job to look after your power place, your comfort zone."

It's a prophecy for the millennium, extending from the 39th Parallel to the Ghost Dance and before. It's a call to the admissions and retention and curriculum commit­tees and the "Cal Poly commu­ nity should heed."

I didn't steal these "specimens." But I understand why such as a group as Bald Eagles and Buffalo Head left this country. "The call of the omen of "welcome was long over. Maybe they just got tired of being spec­tacled.

Bob Gish is the director of Public Ethics.

Letters to the editor

Human life makes lots of园iasi­ats

Editor, 

This is what Christianity is about. It is about forgiveness. It is not about rules and excise. It is not about drinking or not drinking cigarettes. The reason some people choose to do these things is because they have decided between God and what they should do. If they stick to their pro­ claimed morals which I am doing, I am happy that someone in this world will hold their beliefs.

I am a Christian. Sometimes people ask if I am a "good Christian" which most often means "Do you follow the stereotypical standards that a televised Christian preacher suggests on public access every Sunday morn­ ing?" And my answer to this is "NO"! I am not by a box, sitting at home listening to Gospel music while the world turns, waiting for the apocalyptic-type of person. And nei­ ther is any other true Christian. I know I am a good Christian because I love God, accept his gift of eternal forgiveness and follow his will, which I think is not in the least bit futile.

It's not true for all of you who are reading this and thinking that what I am saying is just bullcrap, and that I am stupid. I am just back to the days of the Christian all my life. I know what it is like to be of one culture and to try to live life. Do you know what it is like to be a Christian and truly live? If not how can you argue against it?

Tommyn Lin is an electrical engineering sophomore.

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Some rodeo fans oppose demolition.

"I think it should stay the way it is," said nutrition senior Leslie Stephenson.

Rodeo Club Treasurer Julie Yanez, agricultural business senior, said she regrets losing a tradition but she hopes for the new arena.

A fundraising committee from the College of Agriculture is currently searching for money to build the new arena. Wilson would not specify an exact cost for the facility.

The rodeo itself costs about $29,000 to produce. This money funds awards, announcers and an on-site veterinary unit. Wilson said he estimated that $1,500 goes for an ambulance, $1,000 for rodeo security, and another $2,500 to insure animals and riders.

ASI contributes $25,000, which is paid back with rodeo profit revenue.

Beyond the repayment to ASI, the Rodeo Club uses profits for scholarships and the coach's salary. Wilson said. Plus, the club funds its 100 practice animals $100 worth of hay each day.

Increased attendance

Wilson said the death of a horse last year's rodeo did not discourage attendance. In fact, he said 5,500 people showed up the two-day event, with approximately 6,500 people watching the shows.

"This was the best draw we've had since the rodeo was Chamber of Commerce Poly Royal," Wilson said. "With the crowds we had, we should definitely see a profit.

Though no animals suffered injuries this year, up was during the 5 p.m. show. The calf was later reported to undergo surgery Monday morning.

Fresno State rider Tim Van Stavern reportedly broke his jaw, but Wilson could not confirm the report.

"Cowboys fare a lot worse than the animals," Wilson said.

Event standings

Rodeo fans saw the Cal Poly men's team place first in the team standings. West Hills College in Coalinga finished second in the 13-team field. The West Hills women, however, edged Cal Poly in the women's team standings.

The agricultural business sophomore Tom Clark finished first in bareback (horse) riding and bull riding. Clark also won the All-Around award for the most points received in two or more events.

In both bareback and bull riding, a rider must stay on his animal for eight seconds. Judges score based on the difficulty of the task.

Chad Zgragen, an agricultural business senior, won the calf-roping and team-roping events. In calf-roping, a timed event, a rider loops a rope around a calf's neck, jumps off his horse and wraps three of the calf's legs together.

One rider in team-roping must loop a rope around a calf's neck while the other rider ropes the animal's hind feet. Time stops when both riders and horses face the calf.

Agricultural business junior Ken Griffin scored well in both barrel and rodeo and took the saddle bronc riding title. Saddle bronc riders are judged on their control and the difficulty of the ride.

In steer wrestling, the sixth man's event, the rider must jump off his horse, grab the steer's right horn and wrestle the running animal to the ground.

On the women's side, agricultural science junior Toni Arave captured the All-Around award.

Women have four rodeo events. They ride with the men in team roping and have three events of their own.

In gusy tyng, the rider dismounts her horse and captures a goat coming from the opposite side of the arena. Her time stops after tying three legs together.

A barrel racer is timed as she rides her horse around a three-barrel course.

Breakaway roping is the women's version of calf roping. The rider, however, is not required to tie the calf's legs together.

The Open House rodeo was the sixth of 10 rodeos for the season. Riders are working toward the College National Finals Rodeo June 16-20 in Rapid City, South Dakota.

At last year's national championships, Clark finished third in bull riding. Arave placed first in break-away roping as a West Hills team member.

Fifty-eight students ride for Cal Poly. The team is neck-and-neck with West Hills in the 14-member West Coast division.

Riders weren't the only rodeo entertainers last weekend. Rodeo clown Martin Kiff strutted around with a mailbox tied to his head, and he battled with a man in a dress to use an outhouse.

Several fraternity sent students to chase loose calves in the calf dressing competition. The winning team was the first to successfully pull pants over the calf hind legs.
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reserved a spot on the grass just up the hill. No one seemed to complain they weren’t close enough.

"This is so cool!" said 8-year-old Marty Backman of Los Osos. "I’ve never seen anything like it." Backman admitted he had no idea what the event was all about.

"Basically it’s all about pulling," he explained young Backman. "Uf...right..."

The sport of pulling's roots can be traced back to the early part of the 20th century when folks got together with their horses to see who had the strongest breed. The first recorded "motorized" pulling events took place in 1929—one in Bow, Wash., and one in Van Nuys, Ohio. Forty two years later, Cal Poly had its first tractor pull.

"The first one was right behind the Yosemite dorm," said Gary Weisenberger. Tractor Pull co-adviser. "Back then the parkin' lot was just a dirt strip."

The tractors and trucks pull a machine that gets heavier the further it is pulled down a 1-foot track. It is called a weight transfer machine or, more commonly, a sled.

"We only had one sled when we first started out," Yore said. "It was the first sled ever built in the state of California...now we have three.

The sled looks like a flattened semi-trailer, with a weight box on top and a steel plate at the front. The total weight is about 45,000 pounds. The weight box starts the pull at the rear of the make, and as it tractor pulls the sled down the track, the box moves toward the front of the machine.

"The sled is driven by the rear wheel. The box is driven through a series of drive chains," Yore said. "As the box moves forward, the entire weight of the machine is transferred from the rolling rear wheels to the steel plate at the front."

The friction between the plate and ground eventually overcomes the traction and horsepower, whichever the tractor runs out of first. When the tractor comes to a stop it is unhooked from the sled, and the length of the pull is measured. The sled is towed back to the starting line. The track is repaired and the next puller is ready to try his luck.

Running out of horsepower and stuck wasn’t a problem for one of this event’s highlights. The Godfather, a four-engine outfit with a price tag of more than $300,000, sports 7,000 horsepower.

"We can be product managers, sales, or do estimating if you are the 20th century when folks got together with their horses to see who had the strongest breed. The first recorded "motorized" pulling events took place in 1929—one in Bow, Wash., and one in Van Nuys, Ohio. Forty two years later, Cal Poly had its first tractor pull.

"The first one was right behind the Yosemite dorm," said Gary Weisenberger. Tractor Pull co-adviser. "Back then the parkin' lot was just a dirt strip."

The tractors and trucks pull a machine that gets heavier the further it is pulled down a 1-foot track. It is called a weight transfer machine or, more commonly, a sled.

"We only had one sled when..."
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SPORTS TRIVIA

Wednesday's Answer: The San Diego Padres lead the baseball national league at 12-3 on the season.

Congratulations Ryan Bond!

Today's Question: Name the national hockey team which just claimed bankruptcy.

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BRIEFS

Former Cal Poly athletes head to professionals

Kamal Loud

Cal Poly wide receiver Kamal Loud was selected by the Buffalo Bills in Sunday's NFL draft. Loud was chosen as the 48th pick in the seventh round as a compensatory selection.

The Bills also picked wide receiver Fred Coleman from Washington, linebacker Sam Cowart from Florida State, offensive lineman Robert Hicks from Mississippi State, running back Jonathan Linton from North Carolina and offensive lineman Victor Allikey from Indiana.

Damien Levesque

Former Cal Poly men's basketball player Damien Levesque signed to play professional basketball in Australia.

Levesque, who ranks second in all-time rebounding at Cal Poly will play for the Challenger Ford Rockingham Flames in Perth, Australia.

Despite a comeback effort, Cal Poly men's lacrosse team fell to Chico State, 6-5.

SPORTS

Club sports make their presence known

Sport clubs entertain and impress students

By Christine Lowder
Daily Student Writer

Hockey parks, bikes, sailboats and a tub filled with water were just some of the many things at club sports booths all over campus during Open House weekend.

Eleven club sports had booths exhibiting pictures and flyers, and sold food and T-shirts. In addition, many had demonstrations showing new and old students what they had to offer.

The Cal Poly Wheelmen Cycling Club had one of the biggest exhibits on campus. This included a bike trial course in which members of the club, in full uniform, performed various tricks on different sized wooden structures. This drew an audience that, at times, encouraged the cyclists to push themselves to the limit with dangerous moves.

Junama Nahi, social science senior and member of the team, said she enjoys the company of the team and its 130 member body.

"It's a lot of fun to be with such a big group of friends who like to do similar things," Nahi said. "Open house is a great way to promote our team's unity and fun."

Just across the way from the Wheelmen's booth was a bunch of students demonstrating full-white attire and protective black masks with weapons in hand.

"On task" was the theme at the Fencing Club's booth. Club members took a stab at one another in one-on-one electric fencing with foil. The target area in this type of competition is the torso.

The team had a tournament in Santa Barbara last week and members were enthusiastic to show off their tricky moves.

Laura Shima, psychology freshman, and team member, said she never had any fencing experience before she joined and really enjoys it. "I have met so many people through the club," Shima said. "I like to fence because it is fun to do activities with the team like this one."

Out on the baseball field many people gathered up to have a chance at being a roller hockey player.

Five shots for $1 was the demonstration put on by the Roller Hockey Club. For their back, participants of all ages got five picks, a hockey stick and a long, narrow concrete path leading up to a very big goalie in full gear.

The Roller Hockey booth was packed by many people awaiting their chance to go one-on-one with the goalie. With a purchase of five shots, participants received a raffle ticket for a chance to win either a T-shirt or a jersey.

Bobby Imamura, math senior and treasurer of the team, said although the turnout this year was smaller than last year the booth was still a success.

"It is a lot of fun to come out here and set up this game for everyone," Imamura said. "I have a lot of fun playing hockey, so I know other people do too."

Open House attendees who passed the Scuba Club booth might have seen a big red and white water tank with people bobbing around inside.

The Scuba Club had various members actually diving in the tanks throughout the day for every one to see. The divers had communication devices with them in the tank so people were able to chat with the divers as they swam around the tank.

Twenty T-shirts were given away throughout the day during Open House. With a full-size sailboat, flyers and T-shirts, the club seemed to be taking advantage of getting its name out in the open.

Eric Law, mechanical engineering sophomore and co-founder of the sailing club, said the club is different than the Sailing Team.

"I used to sail for the team and it is very competitive," Law said. "I like to sail for fun so I started the Sailing Club."

Although, some teams had smaller booths with less activity they still found Open House to be a lot of fun.

The Ski Team had a very decorative booth, which displayed skis, sold snowboard and the ever-popular snow cone machine.

Kalen Swan, business senior and member of the team, said Open House is a good way to recruit new members and have a good time.

"Having the booth is a lot of fun," Swan said. "Lots of people have come by and signed up or just came to buy a snow cone. Either way it has been fun."

Many clubs had games on campus throughout the day.

Women's lacrosse, rugby and field hockey had inter-squad games, the gymnastics club had an exhibition inCrudall gym, men's water polo had a "North vs. South" match and men's lacrosse had a playoff match in Mustang Stadium.

Men's lacrosse drops game

By Ian Nolan
Daily Student Writer

For the Cal Poly Men's Lacrosse team, Saturday's 6-5 loss to Chico State in the Divisional playoff at Mustang Stadium will be a match they won't forget any time soon.

Down 6-2 in the third quarter, Cal Poly valiantly battled back behind loud fan support and the senior leadership of Kevin Kirchenher, who scored the last two goals.

"We just dug deep and fought back," Kirchenher said. "We almost got it done."

The loss ended the Mustangs' season and sent Chico to the Final Four. Kirchenher said the physical Chico team should go on and do really well.

The Mustangs' Kevin Flanagan got the comeback started with a goal at the end of the third quarter with an assist from junior Jan Karachtch. It narrowed the Chico lead to 6-3.

With six minutes left in the game, Kirchenher took over.

First, he scored on an unusual play. Ordinarily, whoever has the ball is swarmed by defenders, but this time, Chico's defenders looked as if they didn't know who had the ball. This allowed Kirchenher to get close enough to get a good shot. His goal brought the Mustangs within two points, 6-4.

With the home crowd now yelling louder than ever, Kirchenher scored unassisted again to narrow Chico's lead to 6-5.

The Mustangs got an opportunity to tie the game in the last few seconds, but despite making several good passes, the Chico defense wouldn't allow the Mustangs to get a shot off.

Chico built a solid lead early with three goals in the first quarter. The Mustangs took more shots than Chico in the first quarter, but failed to capitalize on any.

Chico added one more goal in the second quarter and took a 4-0 lead into halftime.

Cal Poly's first two goals came during the third quarter.

The Mustangs' first goal from junior Doug Sleasak who scored Cal Poly's second goal from junior Larry Leuz with an assist from Flanagan.