Building’s smoke detector trips hours after staff, students evacuate

By Chris Hoffman
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly fire officials said the computer science building is up to fire codes, despite alarms not sounding when the building filled with smoke earlier this month.

"As far as I know, it is (up to code)," said campusfire safety officer Bob Sahar. "I haven’t been told otherwise."

Other Cal Poly officials became concerned the computer science building lacked smoke detectors after they smoke filled the building around 9 a.m. on Jan. 11 and no alarms went off. The smoke was created by contractors dismantling a water chiller with see SMOKE, page 3

STDs saw growth in 1998

By Andrea Parker
Mustang Daily

Though more people in San Luis Obispo County have reported cases of some communicable diseases such as chlamydia in the past year, taking proper precautions can reduce risk and worry.

Chlamydia, a sexually transmitted disease (STD), infected 341 San Luis Obispo County residents in 1998.

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"The skin is a great barrier," Schwencna said. Using see STDs, page 3

Poly student questions El Corral prices

By Chris Hoffman
Mustang Daily

One Cal Poly student says El Corral bookstore is "grossly overcharging students for books and supplies," and he plans to show his evidence to Associated Students Inc today.

"What I have discovered is that our bookstore charges us for our textbooks 10 percent more than the publisher’s list price," kinesiology senior Jerry Zinman said.

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Zinman found two textbooks from his Kinesiology 450 class that fit this pattern. "Health Promotion Ideas that Work" sells for $22 at El Corral but has a suggested price of $20, and "Worksite Health Promotion" sells for $37.50 despite a $34 list price.

Zinman said he bought these books from the publisher and has his invoice as proof of El Corral’s higher prices. He also found examples of four other similarly overpriced kinesiology textbooks, but states the trend covers other subjects as well. Zoology textbook "Atlas of the Anatomy," which sells for the list price of $59.95 at Cuesta College’s bookstore, costs $66.95 at El Corral.

"I found no examples of textbooks that did not follow the fact that they charge 10 percent higher than the publisher’s retail price," said Zinman.

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LEXINGTON, Ky. (U-WIRE) — As gay organizations evolve into structured social fraternities at several schools around the nation, University of Kentucky fraternity leaders say that such a group — while not out of the question — might have trouble gaining acceptance into the UK's Interfraternity Council.

Penn State, Colorado State University and the University of Florida have fraternities for students who are gay or lesbian.

"If an organization, like UK Lambda can become viable at UK, and considering the large population of students who are gay or lesbian, then an all gay frat is a definite possibility," said Josh Knipp, former IFC president.

Gay frats may face problems, leaders say

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IFC, campus groups reach out with safety education

By Joellen Smith

MUSTANG DAILY

After the disappearance of Cal Poly student Rachel Newhouse, some campus organizations want to stress safety awareness to local high school and college students.

Sharon Perkins, student representative of the Interfraternity Council and kinesiology senior, along with two friends of Newhouse, will be hosting a lunchtime discussion with students at Mission High School this week. The talk will cover issues like personal safety and the dangers of binge drinking. Teachers and counselors will be present at the discussion.

"I feel that with us going to the high school, (the discussion) will bring more a personal appeal," Morris said.

Morris wants high schools, especially male students, to take a more active role in protecting each other.

"As for the safety issue goes, offer (your friends) walks home from school or when they are out partying. Be there for your friends ... in a time when they need consoling," Morris said.

The idea to meet with local high school students came about before Newhouse's disappearance, Morris said. The incident triggered the need for an emphasis on safety awareness with students.

Another campus organization, Take Back the Night, plans to develop a similar program discussing safety to high school students beginning next fall.

"We always are stressing safety," said Sharon Perkins, Take Back the Night president and agricultural engineering senior. "I think that the (Newhouse disappearance) brought the issue of safety into the eyes of more people. It is really unfortunate that we have an example to look to now."

"Take Back the Night tried to get an outreach program available to local high school students this year, but the organization had to devote more time to fundraising, Perkins said.

"An outreach program is kind of old-fashioned, but people will feel ripped off," Charlesworth said.

El Coral textbook manager Cindy Giamvalo says the cost of books comes from several factors, including the price the publisher charges the bookstore.

"We have a margin that we use based on covering our costs. And there's money we have to give back to the university so we have to cover that also," Giamvalo said.

Frank Cawley, director of El Coral, could not be reached for comment Monday afternoon.

Zunman plans to meet with ASP president Dan Ges and representatives from El Coral to discuss courseware prices.


cal poly escort van

Escort Van, run by the Community Service Officer (CSO) Division of the University Police will make scheduled stops at the following locations and times, Sunday through Thursday:

Kennedy Library ......... On the hour
University Union ......... 70 minutes after the hour
Business Building (Bloq 2) ......... 40 minutes after the hour

Arrangement can be made to be picked up from other locations on the Cal Poly campus by calling Public Safety Services at 756-2281.

• Hours of operation for the Escort Van are from dusk till closing time of the (Main) Kennedy Library (last pick-up at the Library stop).

• Escort Van does not run on Friday and Saturday nights.

• Please call 756-2281 for escort availability outside the scheduled operation hours. Escorts will only be provided for unusual situations, under special arrangement, or in an emergency.

Please plan ahead.

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"I think that the (disappearance) changed most people," said Kristie Lear, an agriculture business sophomore. "Especially since it happened again, after Kristin Smart."

Lear said that she and her roommates now make sure they lock the dorm door every night, especially when they go out. Before Newhouse's disappearance, she felt safe enough living in San Luis Obispo to leave their door unlocked.

Even though Lear is more concerned about her safety after the Newhouse disappearance, she said she does not feel the need to attend any safety awareness workshops.

"People are concerned about their personal safety and want to talk about it. But you need to take the next step. ... You do something about it," said university police investigator Raymond Bennett.

Bennett created the Scared Safe program 15 years ago based on an officer-survival course. More than 15,000 individuals attended this program that focuses on how to avoid and respond to dangerous situations through role-playing and crime prevention lectures.

According to Bennett, interest in the program increased after Newhouse's disappearance. Bennett would like to see more participation from Cal Poly. For more information visit www.scaredsafe.com.
**NEWS**

Tuesday, January 26, 1999

**CFA rejects fact-finding report**

**CSU salary negotiations to end later today**

By Bart McNaughton

Mustang Daily

A report that could determine the future of Cal Poly faculty pay is still under negotiations.

The California Faculty Association refused to accept the fact-finding report. Negotiations continued today.

The fact-finding report presented by a neutral party contains recommended compromises to resolve all of the disputed issues over the new faculty contract.

There are some of the compromises reached by the California State University system's panel but refused by the CFA:

- A three percent general salary increase.
- A $7.22 million fund to provide for retroactive pay increases.
- Establishment of mandatory faculty review committees for merit pay decisions.
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by Barbara Schwenoha

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Several common antibiotics are effective in treating chlamydia. Yet as with most STDs, prevention is the best treatment. Condoms and other barrier contraceptives act as the most effective preventative for the spread of STDs.

Unlike chlamydia, meningitis spreads much like a common cold. Reported cases of meningitis for 1998 are "at least twice of what we usually get," Schwenoha said.

There were only 13 meningitis cases reported in 1996. The cases increased to 35 in 1997 and to nearly 50 cases in 1998.

"Like other sicknesses brought on by bacteria or viruses, meningitis organisms come in contact with most every person during their time on campus, and some will actually get sick from it, while others will not," Schwenoha said.

"One person's symptoms fit those of meningitis, he or she is started on antibiotics and put in an isolation room right away, Schwenoha said.

Both forms of the disease may cause fever, nausea, and respiratory problems. The symptoms most likely linked with meningitis include a stiff neck and a "headache unlike anything you've had before," Schwenoha said.

Meningitis is typically more common among children, but according to Schwenoha, adolescents and adults in San Luis Obispo County have had more cases. Only two or three Cal Poly students have been diagnosed with meningitis in the last five years.

Numbers of viral hepatitis cases in San Luis Obispo dropped by nearly 50 percent in 1998. Three different hepatitis viruses exist; A, B, and C. All three have similar symptoms and all attack the liver. Hepatitis A, can enter the body when a person eats or drinks something contaminated with the blood or feces of a carrier. The A virus' symptoms usually appear suddenly and wouldn't lead to the chronic problems caused by hepatitis B or C.

Nine cases of hepatitis A were reported in San Luis Obispo in 1997, down from the 25 reported in 1996. The best way to prevent getting hepatitis A is to practice good personal hygiene. "The key is hand-washing," Schwenoha said. Wash hands after using the restroom, changing diapers, and before preparing food. "Scrubbing with soap for at least 15 seconds is the best. Use soap and water, though not necessarily warm water, she said. Antimicrobial alcohol gel provides a good alternative if water is not available. Also, keep fingers out of the eyes and mouth, two places where disease could enter.

Hepatitis B, the most common STD, is "a lot more infectious than HIV, it stays alive much longer," Schwenoha said. It transmits just like HIV, which means through needles as well as unprotected sex.

There is an effective vaccination for hepatitis B. Good personal hygiene will also help prevent the spread of it — be especially careful not to share toothbrushes, razors or pierced earrings with other people. Microscopic bleeding can spread the disease.

Hepatitis C, not as common as A or B, typically spreads through shared needles or blood transfusions if contaminated blood is involved. According to the American College Health Association, researchers have recently developed a test for the virus in donated blood.

Information about these and other communicable diseases is available in the lower level of the Health Center on campus.
The Cal Poly Scam

Fellow scholars and dedicated students, have you any clue regarding the tuition increase in the works for next fall? Currently we are being charged $45 dollars a quarter for the Cal Poly Plan. The increase will be in addition to the current charge, bringing the total to $150 dollars over the next two years. At this time I am neither for or against the Plan itself, but I cannot allow myself to stand by and watch my fellow students fate decided by a 15 member steering committee. Now here is where the scam comes in.

According to guidelines set by the Cal State Finance Committee back in 1996, a student fee increase can only be authorized by a student referendum (vote) or some other form of alternative consultation that the University President endorses. This alternative consultation clause was submitted into the code by Cal Poly administration officials back in 1996, right around the time the Sports Complex and the original Cal Poly Plan were just pipe dreams. The Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee, which meets every Friday, has designed a system of alternative consultation to systematically "educate" certain groups within the University regarding the details of the Cal Poly Plan. Once that education has taken place and the elite opinion has been gathered, the increase will either be approved or disapproved. They plan to consult student councils, student clubs, college faculty, ASI and of course throw out a few non-binding student surveys. A problem arises in the fact that the administration will not be issuing a binding referendum (at least at the time of this writing), which will gauge how the students will actually feel about the increase.

From what I observed during the committee meeting, the administration is planning to consult only the elite students at Cal Poly. The councils, the college clubs, and ASI are all great places to start, but what about the students who work forty plus hours a week putting themselves through school and who only free time is consumed by studying and saving? Who will talk to them? They will be the hardest hit by a $15 dollar increase over the next two years and they are being overlooked.

Now I must give credit where credit is due. There are four students on this committee and at least two of them are minority who will vote down the increase. From what I observed during the committee meeting, the administration is planning to consult only the elite students at Cal Poly. The councils, the college clubs, and ASI are all great places to start, but what about the students who work forty plus hours a week putting themselves through school and who only free time is consumed by studying and saving? Who will talk to them? They will be the hardest hit by a $15 dollar increase over the next two years and they are being overlooked.

For the life of me, I can only think of one reason why the administration would not fully endorse a referendum. They are fearful of a vocal minority who will vote down the increase. Subsequently they seek "alternative consultation" to drive around the speed bump that is student opinion. The real solution would be a campaign to show the benefits of the Cal Poly Plan and exactly where that $180 dollars a quarter would be going, followed by a binding student referendum.

If there is one thing I have learned in life, it's that if you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything. Don't fall for this. Go to the upcoming forums, write to the Mustang Daily, contact your dorm. Don't let the Steering Committee's stereotypes become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Eddie Drake is a political science junior.
Leveling the 'ethnic' playing field

Nobody is arguing against diversity on University of California campuses. However, people are arguing. The affirmative action debate is alive and kicking and is being polarized and prodded by the UC Regents. During their January meeting, some regents hinted at a possible repeal of the requirement of affirmative action practices, reported the Los Angeles Times. Though it would only be a symbolic gesture—California's Proposition 209 takes precedence over any Board of Regents decision—the proposed reinstatement of affirmative action is sure to call proponents into action and to cause more arguing.

A symbolic repeal of the UC affirmative action ban is a smart public relations move on the part of the regents. More so, it is a smart student relations decision. Such an act, however, does nothing to address the diversity problem plaguing University of California campuses. Instead, it will only add fuel to an existing inferno of public opinions and actions have brought increased racial division on the San Diego campus. The UC Regents need to make a move that addresses the issue of diversity from the idea of ethnicity. The University of California is currently using to circumvent Proposition 209 need to focus on educational deficiency rather than on ethnicity.

A diverse learning environment cannot be narrowly defined as one with a mixture of ethnicities pro-
portionate to that found in California. Racial diversity is but one aspect of many that should be considered when discussing the diversity of a community.

The goal of diversity on a university campus is an educational one: students and faculty of varied backgrounds will present varied ideas and varied points of view—the end result being a broader, more enriching, more informative learning environment. A program capable of producing such an environment deals with a combination of different regional, economic diversity, diversity of religion, and a handful of other categories into which we fall that make us unique from one another—racial diversity being but one of them.

It is, however, this racial diversity that we focus on. And concentrating on issues of race and ethnicity touches us all like a branding iron to the heart. There is no escaping the emotion that comes with separating us into categories based on ethnicity, because we all have our own skin color and country of origin, therefore, be categorized and unquestionably split away from our peers. Californians are so starkly divided when it comes to issues of race that Proposition 209 passed with just 54 percent approval. On campus, this divide has revealed melancholy to us in a variety of hurtful words. A speaker at fall quarter's rally remembering Matthew Shepard singled out white males as the evil in the crowd. One group, marching on campus in support of racial preferences, spoke of the proverbial "white man." Fall quarter saw the appearance of swastikas on campus. Caucasian students express concern that their chances of getting into a UC school are decreasing. Students searching for seats in lecture halls—whether conscious of their actions or not—gravitate toward other students with like skin colors.

While it is true that racial diversity at UCSD needs balancing, it is only part of the whole idea of diversity and does not deserve of the trouble-making reputation it has developed.

The balancing of ethnicities is being done by the University of California in the form of outreach programs, such as partnerships with high schools and numerous recruitment efforts. Applications for the fall quarter of 1999 at UCSD from Latinos have increased by 28.8 percent from last year. There is also an 11.2 percent increase in the number of African American applicants. Matter of fact, it is wrong for an educational institution to discriminate based on ethnicity, yearly income, religion, hair color, political affiliation, or on which applicant lives. The only criteria on which a university can justify its discrimination of an applicant is education. Grades, test scores and coursework can be the only reliable determinants of traits in hurtful words. A speaker at fall quarter's rally remembering Matthew Shepard singled out white males as the evil in the crowd. One group, putting more weight than others because we all have our own skin color, determining our potential based on our ethnicity, causes an unrest in our community. It's not that attempts to balance UCSD's ethnic pie chart aren't admirable—they are. But the manner of that balancing—to again more our disproportionate opportunities and preferences based on our ethnicity—causes an unrest in our community. The harmful effects of which may outweigh the benefits of a balanced student body. To examine an applicant's past education rather than their country of origin addresses the problem that, perhaps, African Americans and Latinos are not afforded the same opportunities as Caucasians. Shifting the focus of affirmative action to educational discrepancies between applicants and to move toward solving the problem of a non-diverse campus. Allowing preferences based on ethnicity is just a bunch of duct tape hoping for something else to come along with nails and wood glue—a quick fix waiting for a real solution.

In addition to tossing around the idea of a silly public relations repeal of their affirmative action ban, the regents discussed increased focus on teacher training. One regent hopes to double the number of UC-trained teachers. Gov. Davis has already approved three programs that move toward this goal. The regents should be applauded for this effort; better teachers in California schools will level the currently uneven playing field that is causing an imbalance of ethnicities on UC campuses.

Concerning affirmative action, the UC Regents must make strides to remove the emotional category of race from any of their decisions. Dividing and categorizing students based on race when the problem is one based on education does nothing to improve the learning environment on a university campus. It only makes more visible the divides. The goal of a rich and diverse education and campus is much broader than the incendiary issue of race.
Trend toward bottled water may hurt teeth

Flouridated tap water is important for dental health, research suggests

By Alexis Garbeff
Mustang Daily

Bottled water may taste better to many Cal Poly students, but dentists say tap water is the best drink for teeth. Many dentists have grown concerned due to the increase of cavities and periodontal diseases among children and adults. These diseases are, on average, attributed to a lack of fluoride intake. One major cause is bottled water.

According to San Luis Obispo dentist J.W. Pedersen, people are getting less fluoride because many people have chosen to drink the alternative to the fluoride-filled tap water.

"Recent research indicates fluoridated water for students may be more important than previously thought," Pedersen said. "Fluoride is beneficial for students, and it doesn't hurt them."

Most bottled water does not contain any fluoride, and if it does, levels are not consistent and very low. Fluoride is a natural element found at various concentrations in all drinking water and in soil. It acts as a shield that prevents acid reproduction by bacteria.

According to Anita Mark, public information for the American Dental Association, fluoridated water is very important for teeth. "The ADA recommends access to fluoridated water," Mark said. "When teeth are forming, intake of fluoride is needed in order to keep strong teeth."

San Luis Obispo City, as well as Cal Poly, has had a fluoridated water supply since 1954. According to Gary Henderson, San Luis Obispo water division manager, the city has the optimal level of fluoride — 0.8 milligrams per liter — set by the Food and Drug Administration.

However, San Luis Obispo residents' access to a fluoridated water supply is not the problem. The problem stems from some people's dislike of tap water and the growing bottled water trend, which has increased among Cal Poly students.

The leader in this bottled water domination is a Pepsi product, Aquafina. Aquafina — a nonfluoridated water — is the only bottled water sold at Cal Poly.

According to Dale Lackore, assistant director of procurement for Campus Dining, Vista Grande Restaurant, The Avenue, Sandwich Plant and sending machines sell a lot of Aquafina to students. Campus Dining has sold 1,582 cases of 15-liter bottles since July 1. It also sold 4,473 cases containing 24 20-ounce bottles. "I would say the bottled water sales have peaked in April and are on the go down when the next big trend comes along," Lackore said.

Bob Cushing, clerk for the Campus Market, believes that the Campus Market sales are no different when it comes to Aquafina, if not higher. Last fall quarter, Campus Market sold 9,031 20-ounce bottles of Aquafina. It also sold 5,055 one-liter bottles.

"The sales numbers have not been consistent," Cushing said. "In the last six to seven years, bottled water sales have been increasing much like the Snapple trend a few years ago."

Whether bottled water is a trendy drink or not, most students prefer the taste of the nonfluoridated drink to tap water. "I drink mostly bottled water, and I buy probably $5 worth at Vista Grande," biology freshman Prentice Biss said. "Tap water just doesn't taste right; it doesn't taste pure."

According to economics freshman Steve Schueneman, students worry about the fluoride content of the bottled water. "The real battle and unknown starts when you go down to the lowest levels," Schueneman said. "We don't know if it will hurt you or not."

A recent survey done by students shows that the 20 brands of bottled water tested contained low levels of fluoride — 0.2 milligrams per liter — a limit set by the FDA for bottled water. Although only four brands of the 20 are sold on campus — Aquafina, Crystal, Sparklets and Yosemiti, students often buy other brands of bottled water when they shop off campus.

One solution for fluoride-concerned bottled-water drinkers is to drink one of the 20 fluoridated bottled-water brands. According to the International Bottled Water Association, the 20 brands of bottled water contain low levels of fluoride — 0.2 milligrams per liter — a limit set by the FDA for bottled water.

Whether or not a student drinks bottled water, it doesn't hurt them because people are getting less fluoride. According to Dr. Warren C. Breidenbach, who led the surgical team at Jewish Hospital.

Breidenbach said first signs were good for Scott, 37. The "hookup" of veins and arteries had worked, providing blood to the hand to turn pink. Scott, a paramedic, lost his dominant hand in a Dec. 23, 1985, blast from an M-80, which resembles a firecracker but is far more powerful. Most M-80s have been illegal in the United States since 1966. Scott has worn a prosthesis device ever since. He was able to resume working, and in 1990, was named National Paramedic of the Year by Emergency Medical Services magazine.

Some doctors have questioned the risks of transplanting a normal organ such as a hand. But Breidenbach said Scott was chosen for the experimental transplant because he had not adapted well to his artificial hand and is intelligent, articulate and has plenty of support from his family, which includes his wife and two sons.
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate closed its door Monday to debate a Democratic attempt to dismiss all charges against President Clinton and bring his impeachment trial to an end. House prosecutors pushed for testimony by Monica Lewinsky and a shortened list of additional witnesses.

Senate debates secretly

Democrats attempted to dismiss their witness list during the day marked an attempt to hold the support of wavering Republican senators whose votes will be crucial when the trial is called.

Lewinsky, remains at the top of the list, House officials said, and there is continued interest in seeking testimony from Betty Currie, the president’s secretary. Additional consideration is being given to召唤 presidential friend Vernon Jordan to the list, or perhaps a White House aide, either chief of staff John Podesta or Sidney Blumenthal.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, and the idea of trying to question Kathleen Willey had been dropped, as had the idea of summoning any of a handful of other, less well-known women who have alleged that Clinton made unwelcome sexual advances. House prosecutors had long sought their testimony to see whether Clinton or associates tried to intimidate them to change their stories.

Bradley kicks off run for president

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — With a final shout of "Hail to the Chief," in a gentle arc toward the basket. (Thursday), president of the House, Bill Bradley launched the ball in a gentle arc toward the basket.

Bradley had missed, a boy’s club slams driven through the net with a tell-tale Swish! "I take a while to warm up," Bradley said, looking at his sport coat sleeves, which had ridden above his shoulders during Monday’s exhibition.

"I have not been a part of the pattern that has shaped the debate the last couple years," Bradley said, trying to position himself as an anti-Washington Democrat despite his 18 years in the Senate.

And he argued that he stands a better chance than Gore of beating the GOP presidential nominee.

"I’ll be better able to attract independents and Republicans," he said.

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Iowa professor's study debunks college stereotypes

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According to "The American Freshman," an annual survey of the attitudes and behaviors of college freshmen, 91 percent of freshmen at Brown in recent years, and a survey of technology in education, some students are not prepared to use the Internet, Sax said.

The survey was started in 1966 by UCLA professor Alexander Astin to track trends in students' attitudes and activities. Now, the survey is given to incoming freshmen at over 400 colleges and universities across the country in order to get an idea of national trends.

Though many students reported using the Internet, there is a vast difference across colleges in the degree of access to this technology. In some, some students are not prepared to use the Internet, Sax said.
Gov. Gray Davis, the Wilson administration warned that the state has been the target of "special interest" and "political pressures" in two-parent welfare families. The proposal includes $26 million for the Reading Excellence Act, a new program that makes local grants available for reading improvement and tutoring, and $5 million for a new program that targets reading problems in the youngest children. The remaining funds were earmarked for a variety of family, early education and research programs.

The announcement came amid Vice President Al Gore's two-day tour through California for Gore, who is considering a leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2000 but has yet to formally announce his candidacy. The pledge also comes as California's new Democratic Gov. Gray Davis pushes a new slate of education reforms.

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Searching for Treasure

With a treasure map in hand and clues to be answered, Cal Poly students will have a chance to find sunken treasure, or at least win some prizes.

Beginning Monday, January 25, the University Union will be a mass of treasure hunters and drawings. Using a map supplied by participating merchants such as the AST Craft Center, TravelTime and other businesses throughout the U.U., students will have three days to follow the map and search for clues. As students visit each location they will get their maps stamped. When the entire map is filled out, students will then turn in their map to the last location visited, thereby being entered into a drawing for prizes.

BackStage will spice up the Treasure Days atmosphere with noon performances Monday through Wednesday with artists such as Jim Holder, Ray Rossi, and other businesses throughout the University Union will be a treasure trove of prizes.

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Also celebrating the event will be SLY'N and their giant prize wheel. Prizes include a travel certificate, a backpack full of supplies, a bowling ball and free bowling, coffee and a mug at Julian's, free pool at McPhee's or a pizza party at BackStage Pizza.

Along with the drawing, students can also take advantage of a 20% discount off most items at El Corral plus a Pirate Blend Coffee tasting at Julian's. Darrel Voss Latin Jazz will contribute to the party atmosphere from 6 to 8 pm on the stage at BackStage. Watch the University Union Plaza and businesses come to life the week of January 25 with prizes and music. Take advantage of the coupons attached to the maps that will be given out while attempting to win the treasure.

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The Mustangs filled the gap left by their earlier forfeit when Joey Hart took the 184-pound class after Stanford's Tim Kendall forfeited due to an injury.

The last match of the day was taken by French, back for his first competition in over a month.

"I was happy to see him back," Raymon said. "The team was missing him."

Garza agreed the team needed French.

"Mike brings quite a bit of leadership back to the team," Garza said. "He pushes everybody up." Wells, who both wrestled major
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Wells said. "In the past they've been a tough team, but I think they're weaker this year. I don't think it will be that bad. It's just a long boring drive for one dual meet. Hopefully the drive doesn't create too many problems.

The team's next home match is against Fresno State on Friday at 7:00 p.m., and the team does expect some
trouble from their long-time rival. "It's our biggest rival in the Pac," Wells said. "We beat them last year by a point. They usually beat us." Wells said he expects a compet­itive match.

"We happen to beat them last year," he said. "But wrestling is all about matchups, and we match up to where it could be five wins, five losses from each of us. It may be up to who gets points from major deci­sions, and who gets pin points."

"It will be a nice rivalry and a good competition," Wells said. "But we are planning on winning. Fresno is on a mental low right now; they've lost some matches. We're sky high because we're winning."
Swim teams fall

The Cal Poly men’s and women’s swim teams both lost at Fresno State on Saturday. The men lost to University of the Pacific, 157-26, and the women fell to Fresno State, 157-70, and the Pacific, 124-96.

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Griffin is a guard on the Cal Poly women’s basketball team. She has helped the Mustangs turn their losing season around from 6-20 last year to 6-8 this year. Griffin’s competitive nature and her ability to shut down her opponent has helped her average 10.5 points per game with 4.4 rebounds.

“She’s a great kid, she’s a leader on the floor … whatever it takes to get the basketball," head coach Faith Minnagh said.

At the end of her first season, Kristie became pregnant by her husband, Cal Poly football player Kiko Griffin. She had to alert her coaches and parents of the news, since post-season conditioning was beginning.

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