**Students, homeless go the distance**

By Victoria Walsh  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students and community members walked for hunger on Saturday to help increase awareness of homelessness in the community.

The walk brought an end to Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, which included a hunger banquet, a homeless pet and a dunking booth.

More than 100 people, including local homeless, participated in the walk. Campus Dining provided food for a barbecue afterwards.

The activists began the walk at the Economic Opportunity Commission homeless shelter on Broad and Orcutt streets and ended three miles later at the Prado Day Center off of South Higuera Street.

Paula Younce, Beyond Shelter co-director, said the walk was organized to "get the community involved and interact with the homeless."

Todd Cottele, a member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity, said, "We're doing our service event today by coming out and helping the community."

Beyond Shelter, a part of Student Community Services, planned the week's activities. Monday's hunger banquet in Chumash Auditorium showed about 80 students the difference between meals for the homeless, middle class and upper class.

On Tuesday, a panel of 10 homeless people spoke to 40 students and community members in Tenaya Hall about living homeless.

More than 100 students fanned out to挨家挨户 on Wednesday with a breaking of the fast at the Mission downtown.

A community meeting in the library on Thursday allowed students and other community members to discuss stereotypes and myths surrounding homelessness.

Three different food and improvisational groups "Smile and Nod" entertained more than 100 students in a benefit concert on Friday in Chumash Auditorium.

The week's activities raised more than $1,500 for both the Economic Opportunity Commission and the Food Bank Coalition.

Beyond Shelter announced that there are about 40,000 people living in poverty and about 4,000 homeless in San Luis Obispo County.

**Poly student studies, explores world aboard ship**

By Kara Knutsen  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

She has toured the jungles of Vietnam on an elephant's back, fished for piranha in the Amazon River and seen the poverty-stricken community members in N'tii, India. She is not famous, and she is not on vacation. Her name is Amanda Franchi, and she has been traveling the world for the past 79 days as part of the Semester At Sea program.

Students spend 55 days at sea on a cruise ship called the S.S. Universe Explorer and 45 days touring different countries.

Franchi departed from Nassau in the Bahamas on Jan. 22. Since then, she has visited Cuba, Brazil, South Africa, Kenya, India, Malaysia, Vietnam and Hong Kong. On Tuesday she will leave for a five-day stop in Japan. She'll return to the United States on May 8.

Joining Franchi for this 100-day trip are 630 students from 200 colleges and universities worldwide, 30 non-student adults and 28 professors.

Pam Franchi, Amanda's mother, said the students are very privileged to be able to do this.

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Students are required to take at least 12 units but may opt to take 15. Approximately 70 different classes are offered in subjects like anthropology, history, business, women's studies, religion, psychology, theater arts and music.

The professors for the program, sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh, are from a variety of institutions from the United States and abroad. They were hired for their international experience. All of them have lived in other countries. SAS Director of Enrollment Management Paul Watson said this.
lic apology, however, no one has offered an apology. If evidence is discovered, the men may bring a felony civil case against the party for libel.

"I plan on suing him for (libel)," Kellogg said. "He brought my friends into this. He's damaging my reputation.

University Police said it has a good idea who posted the fliers — it's just a matter of finding witnesses to the evidence from surveillance cameras located around campus.

Cal Poly student Santos Sarahia, the boyfriend of the woman who made the allegations against Kellogg, expressed his outrage at the men he calls rapists in a letter he wrote to the Mustang Daily.

"I often pray to God, and if God exists, then these rapist(s) will feel his wrath through me," Sarahia said in the letter. "In the end, the truth is this: if fighting crime and fighting these rapist(s) is something left for lunatics, then I will be the most devoted lunatic these rapist(s) ever confronted."

University Police Investigator Mike Kennedy told CPTV he believes the woman is being manipulated by Sarahia, not by Kellogg.

"I don't believe she was victimized by David Kellogg or any of the people named in the flier," Kennedy said. "I think she is being victimized by her boyfriend, and I think it's continuing."

"I don't mind if he speaks for me," the woman said. "He knows exactly how I feel."

Despite officials concluding there was no rape, Sarahia and his girlfriend still stand by their claim and said the system has failed them. She said she has now taken the matter to the state level. They also filed a complaint against Kennedy for discrimination.

"Everyone wants to defend this person that did commit this crime," the woman said. "Kellogg knows I did say no. I wanted to wait until I got married."

Kellogg denies any allegations that he raped the woman.

"She even said I never hit her, never held her down," Kellogg said. "She wasn't intoxicated. Neither of us drank or did any type of drugs. She said yes. That's not rape. I confronted her later and asked her, 'Did I ever hold you down or rape you?' She said, "No, but you treated me bad."

Meanwhile, the other five men featured in the flier said they are trying to put it behind them until further developments arise. Officials said the five men had nothing to do with the allegations brought against Kellogg.

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**Give fish sanctuary, urge marine conservationists**

*By Christine Powell*

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Fishermen in Morro Bay may someday face the economic challenges of marine conservation advocates who seek to preserve diverse fish species by creating marine-protected areas.

A marine-protected area is any patch of water, shore or underwater habitat, like a rock reef or kelp bed, in which human activity is regulated. Marine reserves are protected areas in which fishing and other extractive activities are banned. Often, stringent regulations are put in place to control pollution and other threats to marine life and habitats. Reserves have been implemented in the past, and there is strong evidence that marine reserves protect biodiversity outside the boundaries of the designated areas.

Marine reserves also offer opportunities in education and research. Conservationists are working toward creating a network of reserves to protect important links and bring total ecosystem recovery and lasting health. Within the islands, there are three separate bioregions. To the north is a temperate cold water region whose nutrient-rich currents come from the northern waters of Alaska. The warmer water region to the south receives its waters from the El Niño current off the coast of Chile. The intermediate section of the islands is the transition zone, which is home to many interesting sea creatures.

The goal of the reserve is to protect representative habitats and sea life from the three regions. This idea of protected areas has been implemented on land and has proven successful. The only obstacle posed against this effort is from local fishermen. Protecting a certain habitat has long-term benefits, but fishermen cannot afford to stop working for the amount of time this would take.

"We feel it's important to set aside areas to aid in the recovery of depleted fish stocks," said Jesse Swanhuyser, a marine conservation advocate. Presently, there is a process in which representatives who have a stake in the matter, such as fishermen, environmental groups and government agencies can sit down together to discuss the conflict.

Students can help to protect the environment and promote marine reserves by staying informed about the issue. Open forums will soon be held where the public can come to speak about the issue of marine reserves and protected areas. For further information, please contact Jesse Swanhuyser at 689-1469.

**Republican attacks Clinton's foreign oil policy, renewable energy focus**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The reason prices are so high at the gasoline pump is because the Clinton administration has let OPEC, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, increase its oil policy.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, denounced President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore for focusing on renewable energy concepts like solar, wind and geothermal sources. Instead, he said, they should have opened U.S. lands for oil and gas exploration and expanded the hydroelectric dam system and used more coal-fired or nuclear power plants.

"So how do Clinton and Gore propose that we generate energy to run our industry and farms, heat our homes and fuel our trucks, cars and airplanes?" asked Murkowski, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. "How do we generate energy to run our industry and farms, heat our homes and fuel our trucks, cars and airplanes?"

"And the administration's energy department waited that if we do nothing, imports could rise to 65 percent in 15 years. So what did the Clinton-Gore team do to reduce our reliance on imported oil? In a word, nothing," Murkowski said.

The Clinton administration said that its diplomatic efforts resulted in the recent agreement by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to increase production by 1.7 million barrels a day.

"Washington won't do the job!" Murkowski said Americans are "being held hostage" by the Clinton administration's reliance on imported oil from the Middle East. He noted that the percentage of imported oil has increased from 43 percent in 1993 to 56 percent now.

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Kudos and critiques to week past

Obeying the rules is overstated
ASI Board of Directors voted to keep Aron DeFerrari as a candidate in the upcoming ASI presidential race. Obvioulsy, DeFerrari said, "The decision was fair." Most others, including his opponents, did not.

DeFerrari broke the rules by campaigning early, which should have disqualified him from running for office. Somehow, the rules don't apply to DeFerrari, and whether that keeps him out of ASI, we'll never know. What we do know is DeFerrari violated the campaign rules. If ASI is supposed to be a learning experience for students, then DeFerrari should have been disciplined and forced to learn from his mistake.

Eliminating a huge inconvenience
Cal Poly Parking and Campus Services made the right decision when it ceased immobilizing cars with "the boot" — a device that puts a car when the owner has five tickets that have gone 21 days without payment. Problems with Parking and Campus Services' warning system and the Computer Office's check-cashing process caused several students to find their cars immobilized for no reason.

The odd part of the decision is when Matthew Ceppi, business services coordinator for Parking and Campus Services, said, "We're taking time to roll back with all those new responsibilities for this." It was a university department holding itself accountable for its actions. That's nice to see.

Trying to stay positive
The Sigma Chi having incident has put Greeks in a familiar position: trying to point out all the positive things they do in the wake of largely negative press. And it is true, sororities and fraternities are probably more philanthropic than most other clubs on campus (which remind us all the time). Hopefully, they do good things to help others, not for the credit or positive publicity.

The more important issue is news value. Greeks, like anyone else, want the fluffy, good news often and the negative, hard news to go away. This is understandable but not realistic.

Greeks are starting to realize newspapers don't exist to do their public relations work and have made important efforts to increase communications. That effort is certainly commendable.

Open house opens up the past, sort of
Open House was once called Poly Royal. Then a boot took it out. Then it was called Open House. Either way, the name was simple, sort of.

Indecisiveness now has led to an awkward combination of the two names. Open House now presents Poly Real. For the record, the name change won't go into effect until next year. So, it's Open House this year and Open House presents Poly Real next year. Are we the only ones who have a headache?

How about this: Mustang Daily will refer to the event formally known as Poly Royal this year as Open House and next year as Poly Royal. Glad we cleared that up.

Letters to the editor

Don't uplift ASI favoritism
Editor,
It is quite obvious that our student government is at a low. When an officer is allowed to break a rule and then get out of the punishment stated in Associated Students Inc. policy, a corporation has lost its true direction and purpose. Many folks were upset after Wednesday night's board meeting because justice was not served. A loophole was found and Aron DeFerrari jumped right through it. There was a time when I respected current ASI President John Moffat. Even came to him for advice on a couple occasions, but it is now clear to me that he would rather see face than uphold corporate policy, even though it was clear that two violations had been committed.
I'd like to thank all the board members who voted to uphold ASI policy and the officers who spoke in support of upholding policy. Do not worry, justice will prevail in the end. We continue to voice our opinions, work hard and honestly, and vote with integrity and not with favors, ASI will return to the corporation it once was. It is time to stop up anarchy and get back to the government. ASI needs to be for the STUDENTS, not for ASI. Needs to have more than just a "Form 81" relationship with clubs and organizations. Get ready for the most exciting ASI election you've seen in years. Things are about to change.

Ishmael A. Hall is a business senior.

Anti-hazing efforts first-rate
Editor,
Fraternity hazing ended years ago at Delta Upsilon as required by university policies. Recent events have prompted Juan Gonzalez, vice president for Student Affairs, to remind us all of these policies and make decisions concerning a group that may not have followed these policies. Society is changing, the fraternity system is changing with it, and the "Animal House" syndrome is weakening so we can get on with the job of building character and leadership skills in young men. Case in point: The Cal Poly chapter of Delta Upsilon revised its pledging policies over five years ago based upon recommen­ dations from its international headquarters. One year later, the international advisers approved not only the words on paper, but the on-site observations, including pledge interviews of the Cal Poly chapter's non­ hazing pledging program.
Delta Upsilon does not tolerate hazing.

The members guide themselves by asking this question that is published in the chapter manual. "Would I tell my parents, my girlfriend, a future employer and the university president about this activity?" That's a free rate guideline to prevent hav­ing from reoccurring, don't you agree?

W.S. Mott is the faculty adviser for Delta Upsilon and a graphic communication professor.

Greeks offer a lot to college experience
Editor,
I am tired of people at Cal Poly having such negative attitudes about Greeks. I'm tired of hearing the usual and even somewhat slanderous articles about us. Most of all, I'm tired of having to constantly defend myself, my creed, my college experience and my career fulfillment and worthwhile. With the developments over the past year regarding the greek system, and my years of involvement in my sorority, many of my thoughts obviously went in that direction. What a shame it is that Cal Poly seems to have such a vendetta against its Greeks. Through my sorority, I have met many of my best friends — people I have relied upon and people I will know for the rest of my life. These men and women have acted as a support system for me throughout college, helping me through some of the hard­ est and most confusing times in my life.

Through the different positions I've held within the house, I've developed lead­ ership skills I may never have had a chance to otherwise. I've been involved in activities within the community, from our Adopt-A-Grandparent program and beach cleaning to serving warm meals to the hungry and homeless. All greek organizations do so much good for the community that isn't recognized by Cal Poly and most of the community and media. There are some people on this campus who believe that being a part of the greek system is all about partying. Granted, we do throw some fun parties, but there is so much more to it than that. This focus on partying by those people not involved in the greek system speaks poorly of them, not us. Unless people take an active part of something or take the time to educate themselves on the different aspects of an issue or organization, they shouldn't go around blaming us, it they enjoy having faulty opinions.

As a Greek at Cal Poly, I have had an incredible opportunity to create friend­ ships with some amazing people and gain experience in leadership and team-build­ ing. And, yes, I have had a lot of fun. After all, college is supposed to be one of the best times in a person's life — being a greek has helped me make it just that.

Annie Boschetti is a speech communica­ tion senior.

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 "There's gotta be something else."
Shakespeare's love story straight out of the ghetto

By Katherine Hays

Somewhere in England, William Shakespeare is rolling over in his grave. "Romeo Must Die" is a modern-day version of Shakespeare's classic "Romeo and Juliet" and stars Jet Li and Aaliyah as the star-crossed lovers.

This film simultaneously achieves the typical Montague/Capulet drama is played out through tension along both racial and territorial boundaries. A relationship ensues between Li and Aaliyah. There are several standout supporting players in this film who help to add levity between the fight sequences. If you're looking for an action-packed fight fest, "Romeo Must Die" is for you. If you're looking for a plot, however, keep looking.

The film does manage to keep you guessing until the end about the identity of the true bad guys. There are a few too many plot lines to follow, and it can be confusing to keep track of who's on which side.

Unfortunately, too much of the plot was left on the editing room floor to make room for yet another action scene. The major thing missing from this film is chemistry between Li and Ashyah.

In the end, it's not about the romance or the action. It's about the music, and that's where the film succeeds. The best new effects are the X-ray images "Matrix"-style special effects. The typical Montague/Capulet dyads in the film are shown of the henchmen as they tell each other racial and territorial boundaries.

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Travis invades with U.K. rock, Nogee brings Aussie pop-punk

Travis

The Man Who

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As a student, your everyday life is filled with these activities. And the Cal Poly Foundation supports all these activities in some way.

If you ask someone to describe what the Foundation is, what it does and whom it benefits, chances are you'll be met with a blank stare. But the answers to those questions are simple.

The Cal Poly Foundation is people helping people. It is organized to reflect the needs of the campus community. Campus Dining - Operates more than two dozen food outlets to tempt your taste buds. No matter what kind of food mood you're in. And hundreds of students earn money working for Campus Dining. A catering department is available for special campus occasions. El Corral Bookstore - Offers one-stop shopping for books (for class or for fun), computer and classroom supplies, and clothing and merchandise proclaiming your Cal Poly pride. Chances are the person helping you find that special item is one of the many students who work in the bookstore.

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Lisa Boyer

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against the Matadors. A run scored by Mustang outfielder Nicole Dambro tied the game at one going into the top of the seventh inning. However, Cal State Northridge's bats proved to be too much as the Matadors answered back with two quick runs in the top inning, making the final 5-1.

The following two games continued where the first left off. The Matadors made solid contact on offense and hit the pins in the outfield. The Mustangs slowly lost steam and were overpowered 6-4 in the second game and 9-3 in the finale. In Sunday's game, the Mustangs got off to an early lead when leadoff hitter Sarah Farnworth drilled the opening pitch of the game for a home run. One batter later, Veronica Lopez blasted another home run, chasing Mustang starter Tara Blankeblanker from the game in the first inning.

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Cal Poly was just a step behind Cal State Northridge this weekend. The Mustangs dropped to 12-26.

James Gehlret then entered the game and gave up a home run to Jamie Moore. Farnworth added a second home run later, and Usal finished off the hurlage with a sixth-inning homer.

Nicole Dambro was the lone bright spot for the Mustangs, watching seven hits in 10 at-bats this weekend.

Mustangs head coach Lisa Boyer said the team morale is still high despite the tough losses. "Certainly we're frustrated, but overall team morale is good," Boyer said. "We've got some fighters on this team."

One thing the Mustangs can smile about is the recent announcement concerning the signing of Jennifer Grant. Granted from Livermore, is a right-handed pitcher and was named 1998 and 1999 MVP of her high school softball team. The Mustangs search for their first conference win takes them to Utah State Saturday. The Aggies are currently in sixth place in the Big West.
Mustangs swept by Northridge

Team has lost 19 of 21 games, including all Big West games

By Christian von Treskow

The Cal Poly softball team was continued this weekend as they dropped all three games of a three-game series against Cal State Northridge. The Mustangs have yet to win a conference game and have lost 19 of their last 21 games. Cal Poly's 0-12 conference record places them in last place in the Big West. The team is 12-26 overall.

Freshman outfielder Brooke DeVusser said she was disappointed with the losses. "It's just frustrating when we don't play to our potential," DeVusser said. "It seems like we can't put it all together and have a complete game."

The first game of the series proved to be the closest the Mustangs would come to a victory. see SOFTBALL, page 7

Big inning lifts Poly to series win

MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS

A seven-run sixth inning catapulted Cal Poly ahead of Nevada Sunday, giving the Mustangs an 11-8 victory and a 2-1 series win.

The Mustangs battered around in the sixth inning, scoring seven runs, and Steve Wood added two more with a home run in the seventh to put the game away.

Head coach Ritch Price made a wise move by inserting Josh Barringer into the lineup for right fielder Phil Thompson. Barringer went 3-for-3 entering the game and had 2 RBI and a run.

Junior Jared Blasdel went 6.1 innings for his second victory of the season. Josh Morton and Kevin Gornick worked the final 2.2 innings.

The Mustangs won Friday's opener in dramatic fashion. Cal Poly trailed 6-2 before getting three runs in the seventh and four more in the eighth to steal the game, 7-6.

Joe Smith worked eight innings for the win, bringing his record to 4-2. Wood went 3-5 and had two RBI as did Kyle Albright and Kevin Tillman. In Saturday's game, the Mustangs couldn't keep up with the Wolf Pack, losing 5-2.

Tiler Fitch pitched five innings, giving up seven hits and only two runs, earning a loss, his first on the season.

The Mustang bats never really got going, getting only six hits for the game.

Cal Poly travels to Santa Barbara for a three-game series this weekend.

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Mustangs: Giants of the Central Coast

With the resurgent play of the Cal Poly baseball team, a connection needs to be made that hasn't been seen before. It's easy to see: The Mustangs are the Central Coast's version of the San Francisco Giants. There's so many similarities between the two teams, it's unbelievable.

Both teams are led by a power hitter. For the Mustangs, it is first baseman Steve Wood, and for the Giants it is left fielder Barry Bonds.

Wood has been hitting everything he's been seeing in recent games, earning himself a nod as Big West Player of the Week earlier in the season. Wood continues to lead the team offensively. Bonds is the leader of the Giants in nearly every aspect — he excels in the field, at the plate and is a perennial fan favorite.

Hitting expectations are something both teams are great at. Cal Poly has played better than nearly everyone expected, putting up wins against quality teams like Fresno State as well having an above-average Big West Conference record. No matter where preseason polls place the Giants, they end up above it and contending for the pennant each September.

New stadiums are also part of both teams' future. The Giants get theirs this year, with Pacific Bell Park opening on Tuesday against the Dodgers. When the sports complex opens next October, Cal Poly will have its own premier sports facility. Instead of driving across town to play at San Luis Obispo Stadium, the Mustangs will have a high-quality ballpark on campus, which will definitely help their recruiting efforts.

Both teams have to deal with powerhouse within the division — for the Mustangs, it is nationally ranked Cal State Fullerton. The Giants have to contend with the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Titans are able to recruit some of the top baseball talent in the nation, and the Giants are able to recruit some of the top baseball talent in the Big West.

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Cal Poly used large comebacks to win two of three games in Reno.