Greeks take it to the beach

Fraternity members kicked up some sand during the 23rd annual Greek Week volleyball competition. The event, held at Pismo Beach on Saturday, also included a tug-of-war match and chariot races. All proceeds from the week go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

CSUs reach out to future students

Cal Poly boasts fewest number of students needing remedial education

By Carolyn Ficaza and Alexis Garbeff
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITERS

California State Universities and K-12 schools are building a partnership to improve mathematics and writing skills among entering freshmen, CSU Chancellor Charles Reed said.

"It's a long-term goal. We hope to decrease the need (for remedial education)," said Mary K. Harrington, coordinator for Cal Poly's English skills program.

CSU pilots began a program four years ago with a goal to reduce the number of students needing remedial education by 10 percent by 2007.

Harrington said Cal Poly has the lowest percentage of students who need to take remedial math or English. In fall 1999, only 15 percent needed remedial math and 15 percent needed remedial English, in comparison to 87 percent and 77 percent, respectively, at CSU, Dominguez Hills.

One aspect of the program is to develop strong ties between high schools and community colleges.

"In the past, the universities have not made a very good case for what they expect of students entering college," Harrington said.

"Partnerships with high schools help students be prepared to enter college with the tools they will need."

To help schools better prepare students, CSUs plan to set clear standards for enrollment requirements and competence standards. They will also ensure that high schools, community colleges, students and parents see REMEDIAL, page 2

Professors hit auction blocks for Liberal Arts

By Monica McHugh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Imagine a professor volunteering to be your personal house cleaner or car washer. It sounds too good to be true. Good news—it's not. In an effort to raise money for the College of Liberal Arts, professors and their services are being auctioned.

"It's awesome that faculty are willing to embarrass themselves to raise money for the school," said Liberal Arts Student Council chair Sally Lord.

Some teachers are going as far as to offer students free T-shirts. Lord said.

The auction will be held today at BackStage Pizza from 11 a.m. to noon.

"Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served," Lord said.

During UU hour on Thursday, the students council will sell raffle tickets and T-shirts.

"This year we are hoping to make more money on the raffle because of the huge grand prize being offered," Lord said.

The grand prize is a $240 gift certificate to Aida's University Book Exchange. Other prizes include gift certificates to Sycomore Hot Springs, New Frontiers and McClintocks. Raffle tickets are $1. If a student buys five tickets, he or she will receive a free T-shirt.

Concluding the week's events, the women's basketball team will play a free game on Thursday night. The women's basketball team will play a free game on Thursday night. The university will also be offering a free T-shirt to the first 100 fans to the game.

Clubs raise money for professor's dream school

By Shannon Akins
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Chi Epsilon, Alpha Phi Omega and the Society of Civil Engineers are coming together today to raise money to build a school in India, complete with seven classrooms, a library and a faculty building.

Fresh Choice restaurant in downtown San Luis Obispo is hosting the event that begins at 6:30 p.m. Twenty percent of whatever spent will go toward the project.

The three clubs are the hosts for the fund-raisers, which will help make civil and environmental engineering professor Harapanahalli Mallareddy's dream of building a school in his home village in India a reality.

"He's working so hard for this," said Dana Cadena, a civil engineer senior and member of the three clubs involved. "He's teaching this summer and putting whatever he earns toward the school."

His personal experiences of growing up in poverty — where he had to walk two miles to a nearby village to attend school — inspired the cause. He said helping children in his homeland achieve a better education is his driving force.

"There are 165 students in seven different grades in this village who must walk miles to go to school," Mallareddy said.

He said he will name the school after his mother in remembrance of the woman who made sacrifices to ensure her son would have a better life.

The school is still in the planning stage, and Mallareddy said he plans to start the foundation this summer. It's expected to be finished by the end of 2003. He estimates that the project will cost about $40,000.

Because of Mallareddy's contributions, he has been included in the sixth edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2000."

A teacher must be nominated by former students who have previously made the National Dean's List or who have been cited for academic excellence. It's an honor approximately 2.5 percent of teachers in the United States achieve each year.

The Fresh Choice fliers, posted around campus, must be shown to the cashier in order for the donations to be made.

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Seminar focuses on Internet gambling

LAS VEGAS (AP) — What is the future of gambling on the Internet? Industry leaders will take a look at the subject Thursday in a special seminar sponsored by the Nevada Gaming Commission.

The informational seminar is sponsored by the Nevada Gaming Commission.

Brian Sanders, the commission’s chairman, said discussing the Internet is timely. “It’s enough of a reality to acknowledge Internet gaming is here to stay,” Sanders said. “We should know how it works.”

The kickoff session will explore how the Internet works. Anthony Cabot, a Las Vegas gaming attorney and Internet gaming law expert with Cabot, Sandoval and Tony Fontaine of Station Casinos will discuss the Internet and its technology.

Fernando DiCarlo of Gametronics will follow with a demonstration of Internet gaming. Eugene Christiansen, president of the International Seminar will discuss the Internet gambling industry and its future.

A fourth session will feature a panel discussion debating the pros and cons of Internet gaming. Frank Catania, former director of the New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement, and Sue Schneider, president of the International Gaming Council, will speak in favor of online wagering.

California man crosses country in golf cart

(WLWC) CARRIONDale, Ill. — Two years ago, George Bombardier passed through Carbondale during a cross-country adventure. Now he plans to make the cross-country adventure again. Bombardier, 59, is a retired roofer and inventor from San Bernardino, Calif. In 1998, he made the trip from California to Missouri. He passed through Carbondale during a cross-country adventure again.

Bombardier said he is doing it because he feels like it. Bombardier is not sure if he will pass through Carbondale again. He said it depends on the weather. Weather is especially important to Bombardier because of problems he had last time including an incident where he woke up in Kansas to see a tornado.

I heard a roar and lightning was all around me,” Bombardier said. “I felt like I was going to be Superman.” Bombardier said he pushed himself too hard on his last trip by not allowing himself enough sleep. This time he wants to take more breaks.


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The inside skinny on fad diets

By Shannon Akins
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In a society obsessed with being thin, many people feel pressured to fit the model image set by our culture. The problem isn't so much that people want to be thin. The problem is that they try to lose weight without taking into account their body type and their individual body's needs. Nutritionalists say fad diets that guarantee you'll lose weight quickly are the most dangerous and unhealthy. Unfortunately, people look to fad diets for a quick fix without considering the consequences.

Nutritionalists say that when you go on a fad diet and you're losing weight quickly, you aren't actually losing fat, you're losing water and lean muscle mass. "When people start these diets, they lose a lot of weight because they become dehydrated," said peer health counselor and nutritional science senior Kristy Long.

"If you gain the weight back, you feel like a failure," said Ronald Swadener. "But you're not the failure; it's the diet that failed you. You didn't lose fat."

A high-protein fad diet like "The Zone" and Dr. Atkins' diet of low-to-carbohydrate foods are the most dangerous and unhealthy. The soup diet lets you eat as much cabbage soup as you want, plus an additional specified food, also in unlimited amounts. However, exclusively eating one type of food denies your body of many elements it needs. "Even if you are fruits and vegetables every single day, if they're the same fruits and vegetables, you're going to be missing out on certain vitamins and minerals," Long said.

"Don't go on any diet that excludes fat, protein, or carbohydrates; you need all of them in moderation," said Swadener.

The facts are that fad diets don't offer healthy or permanent weight-loss solutions. Eating a well-balanced and exercising is the healthiest way to lead a healthy lifestyle. People lose weight on a diet, then go back to their old eating habits and gain the weight back again, Swadener said.

"If you gain the weight back, you may feel like a failure," said Swadener. "But you're not the failure, the diet is." Another aspect to keep in mind when considering fad diets is that they try to lose weight with the model image set by our culture, but they lose weight at the cost of an unhealthy body and mind, your first step should be to talk to a professional who can listen to your goals and advise you on how to improve your exercise and eating habits.

"They (fad diets) want you to fail so you'll come back," Swadener said. "It's a cycle.

If you have questions about fad diets or nutrition, ask a member of the Cal Poly nutrition team. They are located downtown in the Health Center, and they're free. Personal trainers are also available for consultation in the Rec Center.

Shop smart: Buy organic products

If a food is organically grown or produced, that product is fresh and lacks synthetic fertilizers or pesticides used in growing it. Organic farmers do not use pesticides. They employ manure, compost and other organic wastes. Organic livestock and poultry are raised without antibiotics or hormones.

When farmers label their food as organic, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) must certify the product. The USDA requires that the food must have at least 50 percent of its ingredients produced organically. The food cannot contain any added preservatives, such as nitrates, nitrates or sulfites.

To find organic foods, shop at local grocery stores such as Trader Joe's and New Frontiers. Conventional supermarkets are also beginning to carry more organic foods. For the freshest and organically grown produce, livestock and poultry, buy from the local farmers' markets. There are farmers markets every day of the week somewhere in San Luis Obispo County. By shopping at a local farmers market, you actively support the local community of organic farmers and you're also buying food that's FRESH. But remember, when you buy organic produce, it may not last as long as supermarket fruits and vegetables because organic foods are not genetically engineered or otherwise altered to extend shelf life.

Organic food is a healthier and safer choice because it's pesticide-free nature, which could protect you from future diseases associated with pesticides. The organic market has exploded in the past decade, and lower prices are beginning to reflect popular market demand. One other thing to remember: Organic fruits and vegetables may not always look as picture-perfect as their bio-engineered peers, but they taste just the same (or even better) and ensure lean fields and water supplies for a healthy future for all of us.

* To find a local listing of all the farmers markets, check out the directory in the New Times.

Katy Kinninger is a nutritional science senior who writes a weekly column for Your Body.

Students get in shape with Rec Center training, events

Get going on your fitness goals. From now until April 15, students who sign up for a personal training package at the Cal Poly Rec Center will receive a 50 percent discount off the regular sessions' price. Sessions are sold in multiples of five and must be used during spring quarter.

The Call Poly triathlon team presents its spring triathlon April 17 to May 7. Participants will have three weeks to finish a 2.5-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run. Those who finish will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt. Both events charge entry fees, inquire at the Rec Center for more information.

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“Gas Out” sends silly message to oil tycoons

I drive a car that was built in the ’80s. It has vinyl seats, chrome bumpers, and a V-8 engine. In the ’80s, there was no such thing as unleaded fuel, which means my car was intended to run on gas that was over 100-octane. Today, the best I can do to feed this 12-mile-per-gallon beast is put 92-octane in its cavernous gas tank.

Maybe you haven’t been in the gas station lately, or maybe you’re one of those kids whose parents still pay for your gas, so you don’t really care. But what the heck is it that most of us did use our cars during the three-day period. It was a Gas Out, not a “stay at home and don’t go to school or work or shopping.” It means that people bought extra gas before and probably right after the protest to allow them to still drive. The only message that this sent to oil companies was that we are silly.

It seems to me that if we really want to send a clear message to oil companies, we should make a deliberate effort to buy less of their product. This could mean anything from condensing the number of car trips that we take each day to using alternative modes of transportation. So many of us Americans have been brought up under the unreasonable assumption that it is our right to be able to drive wherever we want, and at no cost to ourselves or others. The gas station on the corner is telling us otherwise. Let’s all get ourselves off of our dependence upon oil and the big oil companies.

Craig Weber is a city and regional planning senior.

Opinion

Good parents come in many forms

What makes a good parent?

Throughout time, society has claimed that there must be a husband and a wife to make good parents. In today’s society, there are new options in parenting: single motherhood and fatherhood or adoption. But what about the society of gays? They don’t have the option of being a husband or wife, but they’re capable of raising a family just as well as any straight person. They deserve the chance to be parents, to feel the love of a child and hear someone call them “mommy” or “daddy.” Gays should have the right to adopt.

Yet in one adoption situation, a man, because of his sexual orientation, lost a child to a molesting foster father. Simply because he is a homosexual, one person felt that he wouldn’t make a good father and “it would be unjust to place (the child) in an immoral household.” How in the world did this foster father decide that it would be OK to molest the child, but not OK to place her in the care of a gay man?

Adoption issues should include stability, maturity and the possession of the necessary resources and support system needed to raise a child, not sexual orientation.

How does anyone know that heterosexuality is the correct lifestyle? That’s just what society deemed correct ages ago, and it’s not like society hasn’t made mistakes before (i.e., minorities, women, gays). This particular case took place in Indiana where Republican state representatives actually had the nerve to sponsor a bill banning adoptions by homosexuals. Luckily, it was defeated in the Senate last year. Can you imagine what would’ve happened if it had passed? That bill would have erased all progress that any group ever prejudiced against ever made. Just last month, Californians shot down Proposition 22, an act designed to recognize gay marriages. Why is society so scared to accept these people into our lives? What about them is so threatening? Why is the idea that we use someone’s sexual preference to prevent them from giving a child such a horrible thought?

One person is gay, the other molests children. Who is the better parent? Who is the better person?

If we start segregating homosexuals from heterosexuals, what is to stop us from segregating blacks from whites, Jews from Christians, Asians from Hispanics? If we use someone’s sexual preference to prevent them from adopting a child, then we’ve stolen the opportunity of a lifetime from a child — the opportunity to live. No one should prevent anyone from adopting a child simply because of their sexual orientation, or they so eagerly want to and have the skills and power to do it.

Society must reinvent itself once again. We did it for slavery in the Civil War; we did it for women in the suffrage movement; and we did it for minorities in the civil rights movement. Perhaps now is the time for a gays’ movement.

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Re-examine boycotts

Editor

I can understand the outrage surrounding the recent jump in gas prices, but we need to realize that gas stations — just like consumers — are at the mercy of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries. Owners don't enjoy rising prices, but they have to keep a profit margin to stay in business. Just keep that in mind.

"Gas Outs" don't work! The whole concept behind the Gas Out is nonsense. The gas stations couldn't be more apathetic about when you fill up your tank, so long as you don't change your amount of consumption. Fill up on Sunday or Monday — the bottom line is, just keep filling up. Boycottage for one day or three is futile, and everybody knows it. Ultimately, Gas Outs only change the flow of money, not the amount, going to gas stations. There's no message sent, no harm done, only a bunch of consumers looking foolish.

To appease my opponents, I'll admit that gas prices did drop 19 cents per gallon a month after the previous Gas Out, but that does more to show the danger and prevalence of the post hoc, propter hoc fallacy than it does to prove the effectiveness of Gas Outs. What you need to do, if you are serious in your endeavors, is voice your disgust through capitalist means. You need to coerce gas stations into lowering prices. You need to force competition. You need a selective boycott.

The theory behind selective boycotts is simple: Abstain from a particular brand of gas station, and the said brand will have no choice but to lower its prices in order to entice "lost" consumers back. Consequently, all consumers, conscious of the boycott or not, would then flock to the cheaper, boycotted gas stations, and the remaining gas stations would be dragged into competition. The intent is to make price wars and bring about lower overall gas prices. The beauty of selective boycotts is you can boycott for weeks on end since there isn't any need to change when or how much gas you consume; you need only change where you consume. Additionally, stringent boycott dates are superfluous; people can begin boycottage once informed.

A few suggestions: Focus efforts on a single brand for the boycott's entirety. I suspect the majority of participants don't make the effort to learn of new boycotts. While there's a good argument to the contrary, don't set a timeline for the boycott; it would only stifle efficacy. Finally, a word-of-mouth campaign and a flurry of e-mails to inform consumers seems pragmatic.

Though tempted, I cannot take credit for this solution, nor do I know to whom credit should go. Also, I want to reiterate that I am leery of intentionally hurting businesses that don't have significant control over the price of their product, such as gas stations. But if you have the inclination and perseverance, then, by all means, implement a selective boycott.

Chris Ray is a Cuesta College sophomore whose major is undecided.

Swallows didn't have to be sacrificed

Editor

Any student who has had a spring class in the Fisher science building has probably seen the cliff swallows nesting there. Each spring, the swallows return en masse to build nests from mud beneath an overhang in the roof, proper box facchey than it does to prove the effectiveness of Gas Outs. What you need to do, if you are serious in your endeavors, is voice your disgust through capitalist means. You need to coerce gas sta-
**Sports**

**Giants open new park tonight**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — With its view of San Francisco Bay beyond the outfield wall, the Giants' new Pacific Bell Park is being compared to the Sydney Opera House in Australia.

"No other team has the site we've got," the view from the upper deck are spectacular," says team owner Peter Magowan, whose $139 million stadium makes its official debut Tuesday when the Giants play host to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The park affords fans a spectacular glimpse of the San Francisco Bay Bridge and the Oakland hills in the distance. But one Giant great is much more interested in what he'll be able to see on the field.

"Who cares about the view? Let's play ball," Willie Mays says. "This isn't a condo, it's a ballpark."

The 40,800-seat park, the first privately financed major league baseball stadium in 38 years, has plenty of curiosities for everyone to see. The 9-foot bronze statue of Mays at the stadium's main entrance, a 26-foot maitte the left-field bleachers and an asymmetrical outfield wall that may drive fielders crazy.

The 20,000-pound mitt, built of fiberglass over a frame, is 36 times the size of the actual glove — a 1927 Reds' — from which it was modeled. It sits 518 feet from home plate, reachable by some of today's power hitters.

The four-fingered mitt was designed by Gerald Howland, who grew up playing cricket in London. But he quickly learned about the low

"I thought of the glove. I don't know if anyone ever thought of their glove away," Howland says. "It think it added a lot of warmth to the stadium."

The one thing that has always set San Francisco apart from other major league cities is its weather, which is often frosty on summer nights. At Candlestick Park, players and fans dreaded the cold winds that whirled throughout the stadium.

It will probably take a while for fans to feel comfortable leaving their parkas at home, but the forecast for Tuesday's opener is downright balmy — sunny and warm, with a high of 72 degrees.

More than 29,000 season tickets have been sold, compared to a peak of 12,000 at Candlestick Park, and most games this season are sellouts.

You went out to Candlestick and I think the environment, the people got caught up in it and that was their personality. People are going to be in a better mood here," says New York Yankee manager Joe Torre, whose team played an exhibition game at Pac Bell earlier this month.

"When you go from ballpark to ballpark now, at least you know what city you're in. For a while, they all seemed to be cookie-cutter ballparks."

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**San Francisco, San Diego slated to get teams in new soccer league**

NEW YORK — Parlaying deep-pocketed investors, a strong television presence and the popularity of the World Cup champions, a women's professional soccer league plans to begin play next spring.


Listed as alternates were: Chicago, Columbus, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, Portland, Raleigh-Durham and St. Louis. Any of those cities might be selected if one of the original eight drops out.

Under consideration are Milwaukee, Denver and Houston.

The league begins in April 2001 and has letters of intent to play from all 20 members of the 1999 U.S. championship team.

"We want the focus entirely on the women's game," said Julie Foudy, co-captain of the 1999 U.S. team. "We all know how difficult it is to get a league off the ground."

"All of these resources these companies have and all the promotion you can have, we feel we need that directed focus and ener-

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had. He really cares about the team and he puts a tremendous amount of time and effort into the program," Walker had his team well prepared for the important matches.

"We had a really intense week of practice," said Gritzke. "For the first time, we were trying to do anything we could to stay focused on the game." For the second of their two games over the weekend, beating Sonoma 6-2 Saturday, after dropping a game Cal-Chico 7-5. After the game, the players couldn't contain their excitement.

"After the game, once we shook hands with the other team, we celebrated and showed all three of our coaches in the pool," Gritzke said. "We were all just laughing and cheering. It was just really fun. We were basically just treading water on top of each other."

And that's the team continues to tread water as it awaits the nationals. Cal Poly will only play once, an exhibition game vs. Viola April 19, before the nationals.

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Fizer headed to NBA

(AP) — Marcus Fizer decided he could do more for his family as a rook­

ite in the NBA than as a senior at Iowa State.

Fizer, an All-America who led the Cyclones to their best season ever, announced Monday he would skip his final college season and make himself eligible for the NBA draft.

"I really think this is the time I can do all the things I've always wanted to do for my family, who is engaged and has two children.

"I have a heart where everyone in my family is within. It's going to be a comfortable feeling to know that I will have a chance to help all of them."

Fizer's announcement was no sur­prise.

Fizer's NBA stock rose throughout the season as he followed one big

game with another in leading Iowa State to the Big 12 regular season and tournament championships. The asymmetric, 6-8, 265-pound forward is projected to be one of the top picks in the June 28 draft.

The timing's right," Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy said. "He's cer­

tainly a lottery pick."

Fizer has not hired an agent and said he is simply looking for the pos­

ibility of returning to Iowa State next season if he felt that would improve his position in the draft.

Eustachy was not counting on that happen­ing.

"He's not coming back," Eustachy said. "Last fall he had it for him to tell everybody this is it."

Fizer averaged 22.6 points and 7.8 rebounds and shot 86 percent from the field as Iowa State set a school record for victories in finishing 32-5. The Cyclones' season ended with a 75-64 loss to eventual national champ­ion Michigan State in the Midwest Regional final.

Eustachy said it became clear as the season progressed that Fizer was ready for the NBA. When the two sat down after a season-ending loss, Eustachy said he encouraged his star to turn pro.

"Really at the beginning of the year I thought Marcus would be back," Eustachy said. "I didn't think he'd make so much progress."
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. is expected to miss two weeks with a broken pinkie on his pitching hand, reliever Greg Olson has an inflamed nerve in his forearm and the Los Angeles Dodgers are feeling banged up just a week into the season.

Brown met with hand specialist Dr. Norman Zemel on Monday in New York, was told not to pitch in a game for about two weeks. "I will talk to Brownie before I make any determination of what we will do," Johnson said. "Brownie still thinks he can pitch in a week, but that's not what our medical people think.

Dodgers trainer Stan Johnston said Brown will be allowed to work out with the team and throw a ball on the side. The main reason to keep him out of games is so he doesn't aggravate the fracture while hitting or fielding.

"He will be wearing a splint, but he will be allowed to take it off to play catch to keep his arm in shape," Johnston said. "You don't use that finger to hold the ball."

Brown, who has a $105 million contract and is the ace of the Dodgers' pitching staff, broke the finger on his right hand while attempting to bunt Saturday. He said over the weekend he'd try to play through the pain, but that's not what our medical people think.

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Reliever Jeff Williams was with the team at Monday's workout, ready to take Olson's place on the roster. Also at the workout was Carlos Perez, who was optioned to the minors last Friday but has not yet reported. If Brown goes on the disabled list, Perez could take his place on the staff.

Sheffield spent Sunday on crutches after hurting himself while tumbling on the warming track in Saturday's game against the Mets. She said he reluctantly accepted the wheelchair ride at the airport.

Brown's return to the starting rotation will be a major boost for the Dodgers, who are currently leading the NL West by a game. The Dodgers have already told Griffey that the number is being retired in honor of recent Hall of Fame selection Tony Perez.

Nobody's home for Open House?

Would-be freshmen will invade our campus this weekend for Open House, and their first impression of Cal Poly sports will be ... nothing. While other clubs and campus organizations will have booths and activities for incoming students, all of Cal Poly's spring sports will be out of town.

The purpose of Open House is to give would-be students some idea of what Cal Poly is all about. The agriculture department will have products its students have made, and the general idea is to show off what talented Cal Poly students can do.

The athletic department will not have that opportunity. Baseball, softball, track and tennis are all on the road this weekend. (Technically, men's tennis is at home, but it plays in Avila Beach.)

The funny thing is, this may not be a bad thing. Please read on before you think this is a knock on Polyt. Poly athletic department is simply not ready to open its doors to the public as of yet. Let's face it. Right now, Cal Poly athletics just doesn't have much to offer. Other than baseball, which has used timely hitting and strong starting pitching to play territorially lately, the rest of the sports aren't that enticing. The softball team is the loser of 19 of its last 21 games, and plays on a tiny little field in the middle of all the ag land. The track team is always strong, but competes on what is comparable to a bad high-school track. Thanks to the parking structure, the men's and women's tennis teams have been ousted from campus and really aren't playing that well, anyway.

So when soon-to-be freshmen walk by the track and tennis courts, maybe they will think those are practice fields. Heck, that's what I'm going to tell them.

Because the truth is, after this Open House, every other new student's first impression of Cal Poly athletics is going to be, "Have you seen that beautiful baseball stadium and that great softball field in the new sports complex?" and "I heard the

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