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Hunt for missing students comes to happy end

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The two-week search for two Cal Poly students who were reported missing came to an end in Washington on Saturday.

Armannae Travers, a mechanical engineering senior, and Israel Green, an industrial technology senior, were apparently camping somewhere in Skagit County, Wash., said Lt. Gary Orbach of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

Skagit County authorities notified the Arroyo Grande Police Department at 2:45 a.m. Sunday after identifying Travers, 21, and Green, 22, Orbach said. The agency that recognized Travers and Green called the Arroyo Grande Police Department line because Green is from Arroyo Grande and was listed there as a missing person, Orbach said. Both students called their parents on Sunday and told them they were OK.

"They apparently said they wanted to go camping longer," Orbach said. "They were fine, there's no problem."

Travers and Green were reported missing by Travers' roommates on Feb. 12 after the two students didn't return as planned from a weekend camping trip.

Belinda Quezada, a business senior and Travers' roommate, said the last she saw Travers around 3 p.m. Feb. 10 according to a previous Mustang Daily article. Quezada said the two students had mentioned they would be camping in Big Sur and were planning to return the next day. When Travers and Green did not return on Sunday afternoon, Travers' roommates called the San Luis Obispo Police Department Monday.

The Police Department notified the California Highway Patrol as well as the U.S. Forest Service, Orbach said in an earlier article. For two weeks, the only clues as to the students' whereabouts was when they were reportedly sighted at a campsite near Redding, Calif.

"Two credit card transactions—one made with Green's gasoline card and the other with Travers' credit card—were traced by police officials as originating from Redding, according to a previous Mustang Daily article."

Now that the two students have been found in Washington, family and friends are left to speculate about why Travers and Green decided to take an extended trip without telling anyone.

"Everybody that knows her (Travers) was surprised," said Travers' younger brother, a student at Cal Poly who does not wish to give his name for privacy reasons. He described his sister as someone "looking for more, pretending to have art to travel the U.S."

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Police urge students to use lockers after another theft

By Adam Jarman

MUSTANG DAILY DEAN OF CAMPUS

University Police identified another person suspected of stealing from unlocked lockers in the Lighthouse atrium Friday.

Sgt. Steve Schroeder of University Police said the Loss Prevention department at El Corral Bookstore was able to identify the student from video surveillance. This led the police to file two counts of petty theft against the 18-year-old student, whose name will be officially released today when University Police file charges with the District Attorney's office.

"This was a student who admitted to taking two books from two separate lockers," Schroeder said.

He said the crime is being charged as a misdemeanor and could result in a combination of jail time or a fine. This is different from the arrest of two non-Cal Poly students on Feb. 14 for stealing backpacks from the same venue. In the prior case, Schroeder explained, the value of the stolen property was over the $400 mark, classifying it as burglary. The police were able to prove that the two people had intent when entering the campus. Those circumstances classified the incident as felony burglary and conspiracy to commit crime.

"If you go into El Corral Bookstore and you have a plan to steal some books — and we can prove you had the intention, that is intent to commit a burglary," Schroeder said.

University Police will be charging this most recent student with two counts of petty theft.

Schroeder said the distinction between misdemeanor and felony behavior is important in how the police handle the crime.

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The many faces of Mardi Gras

By Karin Driesen

MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

A recent donation of Global Positioning System (GPS) field monitors, along with a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will help Cal Poly share new technology with students, community college teachers and members of the agriculture industry.

Magellan Corp., donated 18 AgNavigators, valued at $135,000 to the Precision Agriculture program, a partnership between Cal Poly, University of California, Davis and Fresno State University.

One of the monitors may stay at Cal Poly, but most will be donated to Precision Agriculture program. Some of the monitors are going toward a kit that will be sent to colleges. They will include videos on how to use them.

"Precision Agriculture is a Web-based educational program that teaches instructors and people in the industry about new technologies that focus on three areas: GPS, geographic information systems and remote sensing."

"John Phillips, a crop science professor, said the biggest use of these technologies is gathering data that is very location specific, usually within about a meter. The data would show soil moisture, soil fertility and other conditions in a precise area of land."

"These systems allow you to record where in the field exactly a specific piece of information was collected," Phillips said. "You can take all this information and create maps that show soil fertility, moisture, diseases and other things."

In the past, he said, farmers assumed that all the land in their fields was the same, so they treated it and fertilized it all the same. The land is not always uniform, though, and today these technologies allow farmers to see which parcel of land needs more of certain fertilizer.

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Police handle a suspect.

"In the case of felony, we would book the individual (at county jail)," Schroeder said. Misdemeanors, he added, offer three possibilities: police can release the suspect on site and have the person sign an issued notice to appear (like a traffic violation), book the suspect in county jail as in the felony situation; or submit a report for criminal filing from the District Attorney's office.

Schroeder said that Friday's suspect was cooperative in an interview, released, and told charges would be filed.

The student will appear in San Luis Obispo Superior Court.

Schroeder said that this type of petty larceny is common at this point in the quarter because textbook sales often make for easy cash. Another increase in petty thefts is just before summer because the campus population is reduced to one-third. The opportunity for petty theft decreases.

"We have people coming onto campus just looking for extra money," he said, adding that it is not always students stealing the textbooks and backpacks.

Last week, for example, Schroeder said that a "non-student who frequently campus" took money from the bowling alley in the University Union and later bought merchandise at El Corral using false credit card information. The suspect was arrested and hooked by the San Luis Obispo Police Department for similar thefts each student sells back. "When students sell their books back, we require a picture ID," Giambalvo said. She said that all cases of stolen textbooks are turned over to the police.

"Ideally, when a book is stolen, the student will notify us," Giambalvo said.

Students can prevent their belongings from being stolen by using lockers to secure backpacks and books.

"If it's unattended and it's not secured, it's an open invitation for theft," he said. He added that the Rec Center and VG Cafe have also been hot spots for petty theft.

Nicholas Chronis, VG Cafe supervisor, said, "Last year during finals, there were a couple of reports of missing backpacks. Usually what happens is the person brings the backpack back, having picked it up by mistake." He said there are lockers available for use, but they are often unused. "Very few people use the lockers - they just put the backpacks on the floor," he said.

Giambalvo said she thinks these measures have helped reduce crime.

"We have noticed a decrease in theft since we have been requiring (ID)."

"The book is easily sold off campus," he said.

On campus, however, selling them is more difficult.

"El Corral has been pretty good at identifying returned stolen books," he said.

Cynthia Giambalvo, courseware manager for El Corral Bookstore, said the store has a process for recovering stolen textbooks.

"Ideally, when a book is stolen, the student will notify us," Giambalvo said. They then take a detailed description of the book and its identifying marks, such as highlights, damage or writing, she said.

That information is entered into the computer system, so whenever anyone tries to sell back a book by the same title and author the description is accessed and the clerk is able to help determine if it is stolen.

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"El Corral also keeps track of the books each student sells back." When students sell their books back, we require a picture ID," Giambalvo said. She said that they don't actively monitor what students are selling back, but will use it to help the police.

"We know that all students don't steal books, but you never know," she said.

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"Our hope is if we can help the community college teachers educate their students on it, they can take it to the industry with them," he said.

"The money from these grants, which was the basis for the educational programs, and the donated monitors, which will allow hands-on learning in the field, will allow educators to make better use of resources, Phillips said. "It promises to allow us to make more efficient use of our resources," he said. "There's no end in sight to the application of this technology."
E-mail as a power tool

E-mail is a tool incredibly powerful. Email is an incredibly addictive. Therefore, e-mail is an incredibly powerful addiction. Well, it hasn't reached the ranks of crack cocaine, but for some reason I'm always sniffing and scratching my nose when I press that "Check Mail" button. You use it, I abuse it and do all sorts of things with it, and here are some very neat tricks you can use to make the most of your e-mail experience. Choosing (or switching to) the right e-mail provider (e.g., Hotmail) is just as important as utilizing their unique features. For disclosure, I use www.visto.com for my e-mail and pray anyone who doesn't.

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Club scene comes home

By Adrienna Benjamin

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's a huge disappointment for a fan to miss a long-awaited concert. Whether for illness or crisis or midterm, there are just some times that one can't get out of the house. To this scenario comes DCN.com to save the day. Luckily, with all the uproar over MP3 downloads, one significant slice of online music has gotten its way: live performance. Now, when anything prevents a seat at a favorite concert, it's possible to watch the band from home. Enter the new Digital Club Network (DCN.com), which streams live shows every night out of music venues around the country. Artists performing in DCN-affiliate venues gain the opportunity to have their show put on the Web and archived by DCN for future use.

The strategy of the founders of DCN is simple: sign up the best cutting-edge clubs in the country where major record labels have for new talent, and make the clubs accessible to anyone with a good Internet connection, the company said in a press release. Some San Luis Obispo club owners don't think DCN will come to town.

"We're more of a small town, so I don't think they'd ever have DCN here," said Matt Gabriel, manager of San Luis Obispo Brewing Co. "If our bands agree to go it, then maybe we'd be a good venue for it."

Gabriel said the small bands that DCN promotes need a live audience, not people watching at home. This is a reason why SLO Brew would choose not to have DCN right now. DCN started six years ago as an outgrowth of the Digital Club Festival, the Internet's largest annual music event, according to a media information sheet about DCN.

On their Web site, DCN states that each venue is responsible for providing electrical power and minimal equipment space to enable DCN to produce the live Internet shows. With this technology, fans have an opportunity to follow their favorite artists on a virtual tour, and get to experience unique performances from many different places.

"I would rather go and see them live, but if you're going to go online and see them play, you might as well check out DCN," said Rogelio Avalos, an electrical engineer junior. "I don't think they'd ever have DCN in here," Avalos said that with DCN, fans wouldn't be able to see the live performance in person, which Gabriel said the small bands that DCN promotes need a live audience, not people watching at home. This is a reason why SLO Brew would choose not to have DCN right now. DCN started six years ago as an outgrowth of the Digital Club Festival, the Internet's largest annual music event, according to a media information sheet about DCN.

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The chance to meet band members. "Going to the venue, you get to support the artist and promote them," Avalos said. "The atmosphere at a concert is a better listening experience, where at home would be boring."

With DCN developing its way through the Internet, new acts are opening themselves up to an international audience during the live Webcast. The acts have an opportunity to continuously promote their archived shows on the Web.

Matt Thompson, a biochemistry sophomore, still believes that seeing something live is a better experience than sitting at home and watching the show.

"I'd rather be part of the madness that goes on in the crowd," Thompson said. "Seeing something live is more energetic and is different."

While the idea may be foreign to some now, the DCN Web site claims that, 22 years from now, cultural analysts will be looking back on the impact of "The DCN Generation."
The down side to hooking up: a male version

A few weeks ago, I had a romantic encounter with a dollop of Facebookinis (names have been changed to protect the市场主体). He and I shared a fabulous evening of drinking, dancing and kissing, and it solidified a friendship that had faltered. I suspected, as most women do, that despite the fun he and I had, I would most likely not hear from him again. 

"You've already hooked up, so why should he call you?" my friend Zack told me. Super. Women are always getting caught between "playing hard to get" (a game I suck at) and giving in to hedonistic impulses. As I mention in my last column, I did seek more insight on the man moves on and we've screwed ourselves (so to speak...). And if there's one thing I have, it's missed opportunities.

Carpe dem, my friends! While I didn't regret my evening with Bennet, I did seek to gain more insight on the male perspective of hooking up. I turned to my friend Grant, a bona-fide male whore, for advice. As he sat me down sternly in my kitchen, I could tell he had news for me.

"The whole thing is a game," he mused. "You want to tame the beast. Getting a girl down to a challenge, and it's fun to see if you can win. And this Bennet guy already had you so why should he keep playing?"

I suddenly felt like a washing machine from "The Price is Right" - shiny and attractive at first, but then you realize that you just don't have room for it. But personal rejections aside, I did understand where he was coming from. Men conquer women through sex, women conquer men through relationships.

He also said that guys have to be aware of the aftermath of hooking up. Is there going to be drama the next morning? Is he going to wake up obsessed with me? Why can't I remember her name? Hooking up should be entered into with caution. But I think that women have been so routinely disappointed by hook ups that we know better than to assume that one night equals lasting interest.

Grant concluded his ramblings by leaning back in his chair and commenting hooking up to football when you're drunk. "It's the perfect end to a fun night. It is happens, great. If not, then always another party, a different girl and a chance to impress. But don't worry," he patted me hand reassuringly, "Bennet called.

But I wasn't worried, I was curious. I consulted my dear friend Mike, a self-proclaimed "fly-shit" on the subject. He confirmed Grant's mellow attitude. "When I hook up, I just look for a cool hot chick that I can hang with." But judging by Mike'sReu, he tended to tussle himself in as much drama as he could find. What people want and what people pull themselves toward are often two very different things.

Overall, my conversations did shed some light on the male perspective - everyone has motives for getting together, whether they be companionship, conquest or simply a misplaced desire to wear women's panties. So keep your own open kids, because hooking up is like a box of chocolates, you never know which you're going to get. By the way... Bennet called.

P.S - Want to know how the Emma Bowel Story of Shannon and her painful addiction to gummy worms and pop rocks? Drop me a line at: seancaldwelfl@gmail.com. 

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As the starch of the Grammys slowly fades, the nation turns its head toward Los Angeles' Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in anticipation of the granddaddy of all American awards shows - the Oscars, to be held March 25. Tens of millions will turn their dials to ABC's broadcast of the 73rd Academy Awards to check out movie stars in skimpy outfits, view awkward award presentations, and find out who a few thousand people think are the best, or most popular, of the past year in cinema.

That may sound like a pretty cynical take on the ceremony, and it probably is a bit too harsh. When compared to the Grammys, the Oscars come out smelling like roses. The music industry's preening awards show reaffirms its absurdity every year with lamely chosen nominees and winners (Steele Dan for Album of the Year?). The Oscars can usually be counted on to at least recognize a wider variety of artists than the Grammys. The Academy certainly has its favorites (like Tom Hanks, up for Best Actor again this year), but it also does a pretty good job at honoring deserving performers, regardless of their past accomplishments (see "Beverly Hills 90210" alumna Hilary Swank, last year's Best Actress winner for "Boys Don't Cry"). The list of nominees is always stocked with familiar faces, but it also usually accurately reflects the current cinematic climate.

The same cannot be said for the horribly out-of-touch Grammys (Steele Dan for Best Pop Vocal Album?). Before too much praise is heaped on the Academy, the entire spectacle must be observed realistically for what it is - a cheesy, drawn-out, self-important, yet pretty damn entertaining, event that ranks above its award show contemporaries but represents very little in the grand scheme of things.

The silly interviews on the red carpet, the outdated gowns, the tearful acceptance speeches and the grand musical performances - it all adds up to a supreme melodrama that should carry little significance to anyone except those who are vying for the awards. It's all fun as trancy entertainment, but anyone harboring illusions that there is any real significance to the Oscars should know better.

The awards themselves are, of course, given subjectively. A bunch of critics, actors and industry people get together and put their 2 cents in on which films or performances are the most deserving of awards. There are many factors that ultimately come into play when they make their decisions, and not all of these factors are directly related to the performances or films in question. There are sentimental votes, there are votes affected by advertising blitzes, and there are votes for friends in competition. None of these should add up to the final word on the best of the year in film.

There is no scientific formula for determining the merit of a performance or the quality of a film - it mostly depends on personal taste, and there is no rule that says the opinions of Academy members are more accurate than anyone else's. Sure, it is exciting to watch the best picture presenter dramatically fiddle with the envelope, the films' producers frozen in their seats. But it is also important to realize that the outcome far less represents a victory - over others than a lucky convergence of opinions and other factors.

That being said, I have no doubt that on March 25 I will plop myself down on the couch and spend a couple (or four or five) hours watching the ceremony. I will sit in nervous anticipation as the drum roll begins and the envelopes are torn open. I will be shocked by a few awards, frustrated by others, and moved by some of those tearful acceptance speeches. I will be conscious of the fact that it is ridiculous to care who wins, but I will watch anyway and love it.

It isn't important, but it sure is fun.

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SATs don't delve deep

College and university presidents throughout the United States recently admitted that the Standardized Aptitude Test (SAT) was flawed, but it was still nec-

essary. Many of these presidents also said they were hesitant to go along with the announcement, made by University of California President Richard C. Atkinson, which said it was necessary to eliminate the SAT as an admissions require-

ment.

In an article in The Tribune, Freeman A. Hrabowski III, the presi-
dent of the University of Maryland, said the SAT is still the best measure to
determine the preparedness of students and their potential for suc-

cess. He also said it provides an effi-
cient way to make a rough cut of
who will do well at the school.

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What kind of message is this giv-

ing to students? It seems that only those students who have mastered the art of taking these standardized tests are the ones who get rewarded and are accepted to the accredited schools. Why should someone's entire future be gauged on a single test that asks questions on material that they have never seen before? How can this truly reflect what a

person knows?

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He claimed that the educated person is one who can think well in terms of the major disciplines and who has an understanding of them. He explained that understanding is not the same as knowing a lot of facts and figures.

More research definitely needs to be done in the area of how success-

ful standardized tests are. If they are just being used as a deciding factor between two recipients and don't actually reflect how well that person will do at the universities, then maybe these tests do need to be done away with. If this does not happen, then the SAT should not be so heavily weighed in the ac-

ceptance process. It is just simply not fair to assume a person's knowledge and future success based on a single test.

April Pack is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Opinion

G uys a n't  a l l f r e a k y j e r k s

There aren't many things in life that make me nervous. Having to speak in public, standing in front of a

big group of people who will do it, and being called a cop on the freeway for more than a couple min-

utes shakes me up a little.

Spiders definitely freak me out

Gardner says that because gender can claim responsibility for most of the misery in the world, every girl acting shifty and uncomfortable around little kids is not necessarily a sexual predator.

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who likes to go camping occasionally, but said she has never left without notif-

ing someone beforehand.

"We didn't know what to think," he

said. "Then we found out she was OK, but we still don't know what to think." Travers called her parents on Sunday

morning, but her brother said she

offered no explanation as to why she

left. She also did not say when the two

students would be returning, he said.

Gale Green, C'Veen's mother, spoke
to her son on Sunday and said he lett

because he needed to get away from his

life in San Luis Obispo for a while. He

said he didn't expect the local reaction

"He said he was rea shocked about how
many people were concerned," she

said. Gale said Green told her the two stu-
dents went to remain in Washington, and she's not sure how long they're

going to stay. She added that she didn't

think anything specific made the stu-
dents leave town and attributed it to

normal pressures such as school.

"It's a relief to know that they called

and we got to talk to them," she said.

Gale will be keeping in contact with her

son.

Quezada said in an earlier article that

the two students were just friends, and

not dating. Both students were
described as quiet individuals.

"Maybe she was bored or stressed out

or something," said Byron Samayoa, an

ecology and systematic biology senior

and Travers' friend.

Samayoa called Travers' sudden dis-
appearance spontaneous, and said it's

not like her to just leave the state.

Samayoa said Travers didn't reveal her

plans to leave with Green to anyone, and he did not know she was planning to

go to Washington.

"It's kind of crazy," Samayoa said.

Gale said as far as she knows, Green

is still enrolled for the quarter and has

't enrolled for next quarter. Travers' brother thinks his parents will withdraw

his sister from school for the remainder

of the quarter.

"It's just weird," he said. "No one

thought she would do this."

Student charged with murder

SANTA BARBARA (AP) —

Prosecutors charj;ed a University ot

California, Santa Barbara freshman
with four counts of murder and other

crimes Monday for allegedly runninti

down pedestrians with his car in a

neighborhood near the schixil.

David E. Attias, 18, accused ot heinfi

bhind the wheel ot a car that killed

tour people and injured a thirtli as it bar-

reled down an Isla Vista street Friday

night, was scheduled tor arraij^nment

today in Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

Attias, of Santa Monica, was

charged with tour counts ot murder,
four counts ot nross vehicular

manslaughter while intoxicated, and

five counts ot driving while under the

influence of drugs and causing; yreat

bodily injury.

The scene ot victims strewn on the

street and Attias fighter with other

young men before his arrest was video-
taped by a local cameraman.

Attias, who was held without bail, is

the son of Daniel Attias, who has
directed episodes of "Ally McBeal," "The Practice" and "The Sopranos."

The Attias family could not be

reached tor comment Monday despite

several calls to their Santa Monica

home. Officials said that Attias was

not represented by a Los Angeles

lawyer, but the attorney's identity was

not released.

Sho uld student fees be adjusted
to keep pace with inflation?

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Stanford back at No. 1 in AP poll

(AP) — Stanford, the only Division I team with fewer than three losses, was a unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press college basketball poll for the second time this season.

The Cardinal (25-1) received all 25 first-place votes, 1,750 points from a national media panel on Monday. This is their second straight week atop the poll since the season's No. 1, Jan. 8, its first week on top of the poll this season.

Stanford coach John Dance gets a chance to prove its dominance in an election that sees only four AP teams with fewer than three losses, national recognition.

Dance said he hopes to help make the team more competitive nationwide.

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Sports

Four wrestlers book trips to NCAA tourney
By Ryan Ballard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly wrestling team had a strong showing at the Pacific 10 Championships Feb. 25 and 26, finishing in fifth place.
The Mustangs had four athletes qualify for the NCAA Championships, which will be held March 16-17 in Iowa City. The top four wrestlers at each weight class qualify, along with three with wild cards.
No. 13 Cedric Haymon (189 pounds) and No. 13 Steve Strange (174 pounds) both made the finals of the Pac-10 tournament. Finals results were not available at press time.
Also qualifying for the NCAA tournament by virtue of fourth place finishes were Andrew Ghani (141 pounds) and David Schenk (197 pounds). Jaime Garza (125 pounds), Nathaniel Ybarra (133 pounds) and Josh Blag (157 pounds) finished in sixth place, but did not qualify for the NCAAs.
Haymon ran his string of consecutive victories to 21 with three wins to reach the finals. Haymon won his first two matches by major decision and beat Boise State's Collin Robertson in the semifinals, 5-3.
Strange won his first two matches by a fall and a major decision to set up a finals matchup with Nathan Cory of Oregon State. Ghani went 2-2, losing in the third place match to Boise State's Cade Vigil. 12-4 Schenk broke the 20-win plateau with his 21st victory, before falling to Cal Poly's Pederson's Babak Nejadmaghaddah, 11-5, for third place.

Headed for World Cup play
By Janelle Foskett
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

His impersonations of his teammates bring laughter to an exhausting practice, yet it is his focus and intensity that made Mike Collins immediately welcomed by Cal Poly's rugby team.
Collins, a forestry and natural resources freshman, was recently chosen to play for the United States in the under-19 World Cup of Rugby. Collins plays inside center for the rugby team, an Associated Students Inc. club sport.
Collins said he didn't expect to make the World Cup team, yet he believes it was his hustle and tackling abilities in the December tryouts in Trinidad that helped solidify his spot on the team.
Collins said he feels extremely privileged to have this opportunity.
"This is a big honor for me," he said. "It's just another step to getting that much better." Industrial technology senior John Kurtz is the rugby team captain. Kurtz said Collins is an excellent player who deserves to play with the World Cup team in April.
"He takes rugby seriously," Kurtz said. "If certain people made a team how he did, they would get a big head, but not him.
Kurtz said Collins also has a great personality and does enough to help him qualify for the World Cup team.
Collins became involved with rugby in his junior year of high school at Bellarmine in San Jose. He placed football for the school, and he said some of the older players on the team encouraged him to play rugby with them. He agreed and began playing for College Park

Mustangs tennis fights Riverside, falls to LMU
By Erica Tower
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly women's tennis fought back from a tough loss Friday against Loyola Marymount and swept UC Riverside Sunday, improving to 6-3 in the season.
In all matches singles against Riverside, the Mustangs limited their opponents to only one game, showing that the women have improved over the course of the season, said women's tennis head coach Hugh Bream.
"We beat UC Riverside in the past, but this time we really dominated," he said. "Our veterans at the top are doing a really consistent job for us, and our freshmen are really coming along.
Among these veterans are junior Stephanie Wezering, who crushed Cal State Fullerton's Bahak Nejadmaghaddah, 10-6, 6-1, 6-0 in the No. 1 position, and senior Danielle Brandlin, who overpowered Kristen Schuster 6-0, 6-1 in the No. 2 position. Bahark's win was especially significant considering Fullerton's talent.
"Before going to Riverside, Caitlin played No. 1 singles for Peninsula High School in Southern California, which was ranked No. 1 in the nation," said junior Stephanie Wezering, who did not compete Sunday due to an injury. "She's a great player, but Angie destroyed her, which shows that we have a tough competitor in Angie." Rounding out the singles line-up for the Mustangs on Sunday was freshman Kate Romm, fresh'sman Lindsay Irons and junior Erica Nelson and junior Cerissa Drum, who each easily defeated their opponents.
"Even though we beat Riverside before, we still had to be on top of it because they probably wanted it (the win) bad," said Nelson, who is unde­ feated this season. "But we really came through and showed that we wanted it more."
The defeat of Riverside was a sharp contrast to a tough loss to nationally ranked Loyola Marymount just two days earlier. After a hard-fought battle for the women, the ladies fell 4-3 to the Lions after entering the doubles round a bit early for some baseball players
For a handful of Cal Poly student-athletes, this is finals week. But instead of Spring Break follow­ing winter quarter classes, former Cal Poly pitchers Joe Smith, Mike Zrelli and Jeremy Cunningham will take their exams, pack their bags and report to the San Francisco Giants Spring Training camp in Scottsdale, Ariz.
The popular myth is one an ath­ lete signs a professional contract, school is forgotten. A college Joe Nolan e d u c a t i o n, which is an afterthought, might be finished much later in life or sometimes not at all. That's the story typically told, and for some athletes, it may be true.
But for the former Cal Poly pitch­ ers, finishing their education is the top priority outside of baseball. However, they cannot enroll in spring or summer quarters and have to leave for Spring Training during the ninth week of winter quarter. So the ability to complete winter quarter in eight weeks makes reaching the goal of graduation more likely.
"It would be four years of every fall if my teachers didn't go out of their way to help me," said Smith, a baseball player who finished his Mustang career last spring.
The shortened quarter is a terrific system for the players and the univer­ sity.
It demonstrates that if a student is committed to completing their edu­ cation, teachers will accommodate them.
After all, it is understandable for athletes who can't make it back to class after years of professional ball. Being away from the classroom can expose players to the reality that life goes on without a degree. This leads many athletes in Smith's shoes to take spring or summer quarters because they probably want it (the win) bad," said Nelson, who is unde­ feated this season. "But we really came through and showed that we wanted it more."
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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:
Fred McGriff was the second player in history to win home run crowns in both the NL and AL.

No one submitted the correct answer.

Today's Question:
Who caught the longest pass in Super Bowl history?

Scores:

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Loyola Marymount 4
Cal Poly 3
UC Riverside 0

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Idaho 82
Cal Poly 75
RUGBY
Cal Poly 33

MEN'S TENNIS
Cal Poly 19
UCLA 10

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
Pacific 3
Chico State 2

THURSDAY
Men's basketball vs. Boise State
at Boise State • 6:30 p.m.
Women's basketball vs. Long Beach State
at Mott Gym • 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
Baseball vs. Loyola Marymount
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SATURDAY
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WHELEN
Second place at Criterion tournament in Davis

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