Crash and burn: Airline service leaves much to be desired.  

Homeless? New Web site lessens housing woes.

Poly poultry recognized as top grower

By Katriona Corey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly has the competition in the bag, at least when it comes to raising chickens.

Once again, Cal Poly was recognized as the number one grower for Foster Farms, the largest poultry company in the Western United States.

This is the eighth time Cal Poly has been distinguished in the three and a half years since they became free-for-service contractors for Foster Farms said Robert Spiller, Cal Poly animal science professor.

Cal Poly was recognized because "it was able to raise a flock of 7,000 chickens for 2.16 cents less per pound than the average grower," he said.

Spiller said that Cal Poly is the only non-professional grower on a permanent contract with Foster Farms.

"The challenge is that we start each flock of chickens with four students who have never raised a chick in their life, compared to other growers who do this for a living," Spiller said.

He said Cal Poly has a very small facility, which can accommodate up to 7,000 chickens compared to other growers with an average of 400,000.

Foster Farms gives Cal Poly a flock of hatchlings where three to four students, through an enterprise project, raise them to full-grown chickens, Spiller said.

He said the flock stays in the facility for about 46 days.

Joe Gardner, an animal science sophomore, was one of the students working on the fall quarter project:

"The forum is at 7:30 tonight in Cal Poly Theatre."

"60 Minutes" creator Don Hewitt will top the lineup.

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Teachers wanted

Left, Sean Reedy, a Cal Poly graduate student working on his multiple subject credentials, is interviewed by Holland Locker, administrator of the division of Human Resources for the Fresno Unified School District at the teacher recruiting symposium in Chumash Auditorium Monday.

Forum scheduled to discuss television and media issues

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Some of the television industry's leading journalists will come to Cal Poly tonight for a media forum looking at the glamorous and non glamorous side of the news medium.

"The Good, the Bad and the Boring," sponsored by Cal Poly, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Cal Poly Theatre. The free forum will allow candid comments from some of the biggest names in television.

Topping the forum will be Don Hewitt, creator and executive producer of "60 Minutes." Added to this list are Dee Dee Myers, former White House press secretary under President Bill Clinton and current adviser for NBC's "The West Wing;" Howard Rosenberg, Pulitzer-Price winning television critic for The Los Angeles Times; Meryl Marshall-Daniels, chief executive officer of the Academy of Television Arts and Science; the organization that awards the Emmy; Todd Purdum, writer for The New York Times; and, Terry Amaz, journalism professor at the University of Southern California and former television news anchor.

The panel will be moderated by Margaret Warner, chief interviewer for PBS's Lehrer News Hour.

Dean of Ag to be named to D.C. post

By Jennifer Hansen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Although it is not yet official, one of Cal Poly's own might be on his way to work for the president.

President George W. Bush will nominate College of Agriculture Dean Joseph Jen to be the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Undersecretary for Research, Education and Economics, according to a university news release.

"The announcement was made that they intend to nominate Jen," he said.

Bliss added that the Public Affairs office did not have further information on when the nomination would become official.

Lisa Hensch, public affairs assistant for the College of Agriculture, said that Jen's official position on the impending nomination is not comment on the matter until it is officially confirmed. White House officials have asked the College of Agriculture if it is interested in appointing Jen.

Joe Gardner, left, animal science sophomore, and Jon Chapman, animal science senior, display some of the chicks grown for Foster Farms at the poultry unit.
Auditors question Postal Service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Auditors are looking into whether U.S. Postal Service managers misinformed their governing board by claiming that a contract with Federal Express would benefit the debt-ridden agency more than $1 billion.

A spokesman for the Postal Service's Office of Inspector General, which reports to the presidentially appointed Board of Governors, said Monday it is reviewing the $3.1 billion, no-bid contract with FedEx.

Air cargo carrier Emery Worldwide politely complained to the Postal Service last month that they were "materially misinformed" before approving the deal in January. The FedEx contract will "cost USPs much more, both now and in the future," and will lead to "reduced service levels" for the American public, said the two-page letter from Emery.

The Postal Service recently notified Emery and another carrier that their postal contracts will be terminated without any notice. Both Emery challenged the FedEx contract in U.S. Claims Court but lost.

The Justice Department said Monday it is continuing to look at possible antitrust implications of the FedEx contract.

Postal Service spokesman Ateeh Afshari said it "is unfortunate that the companies are debating this in a court of public opinion."

"Trust me, it's a terrific deal," Postmaster General William Henderson told the House Government Reform Committee at a hearing last week.

Several secret discussions last year between Henderson and FedEx chief Fred Smith about a possible "strategic alliance" triggered extensive negotiations, resulting in the seven-year contract. Shortly after announcing the deal in January, Henderson said he is leaving the postal service in May. He has not announced his plans beyond that.

The claimed cost savings are based on contract details that are being withheld as confidential, proprietary information. The only person in Congress permitted to see all provisions of the contract is Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., who chairs the reform committee.

University of Baltimore law professor Charles Tiefer, former Postal Service general counsel to the House of Representatives, said the public's money is "rarely given to General William Brown unless they're building the atomic bomb for the first time.

Tiefer, an expert in government contracts, said the contract puts FedEx in a "long-term semi-monopolist position." The contract includes a nonrefundable $100 million upfront "signing bonus" so FedEx can offer its start-up costs.

Tiefer said the government rarely "bestows" such bonuses.

Postal Service manager Paul Vogel, who negotiated the FedEx contract, said, "There are always start-up costs."

"Any company is going to recoup them," Vogel said. "If you pay up front then it's a cost that's done with."

Emery is appealing an unsuccessful court challenge against the contract, under which FedEx will carry the postal service's two-day Priority and overnight Express mail.

In her decision upholding the FedEx contract, federal claims court Judge Christine Miller was nonchalant, saying the quasi-governmental agency's"objectives" from the start of negotiations was a "sole-source award" to FedEx.

The postal service hired a consultant simply to justify the objective, Miller said, noting that in an internal plan drawn up last August, the postal service said the consultant should "assist the Postal Service in developing the business case for a contractual relationship with FedEx."

But eliminating Emery from consideration so early in the evaluation process was not "unlawful" or "irrational," the judge concluded.

FedEx spokesman Jess Bunn said Monday the company is confident the contract will be upheld on appeal.

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He said that it was a good hands-on experience learning the ins and outs of the poultry business. He said he spent about 10 to 20 hours working on tasks such as cleaning the litter and controlling the ventilation.

In addition to being the number one grower in 1999, Cal Poly set the highest "COBB Score" in the history of Foster Farms, Spiller said. He said this score is assigned to all flocks, which measures its performance based on livability, body weight, percent condemned at the plant and feed conversions.

Spiller said there is a combination of conditions that helped them achieve this distinction.

"On average the weather is better over here compared to places like Fresno, plus we just do a good job of giving these birds special attention," he said.

The students' hard work paid off. In addition to getting college credit, they received a 2.16 cents per pound performance bonus. Spiller said since the students raised the flock at the lowest production cost, Foster Farms took the difference from the average cost and gave it to them as a bonus.

Spiller said the students get 75 percent of the money and the rest goes to support the poultry unit. "This is a great incentive for the students," Spiller said. "The better the students raise the flock, the more they can make."

He also said that Foster Farms doesn't do this to make money - it is purely educational.

"With all the costs to transport the flock all the way over here and back, they really don't make any profit on this thing," he said.

Spiller said that with enough student interest, they can raise up to six flocks a year. He said they just picked up another 7,000 hatchlings on Saturday.

Technical fields pay graduates higher salaries

WASHINGTON (AP) — College graduates with engineering and computer science diplomas get the best-paying jobs, while an education degree yields the lowest monthly income, the Census Bureau concludes.

Full-time workers age 18 and older who graduated from college with engineering diplomas made an average $45,680 a month in 1996, while those with degrees related to computing work averaged $44,416, the bureau said in a report released Tuesday.

Education majors made the least money, averaging $14,682 a month in 1996. The figures were the latest available, and were based on a survey separate from the 2000 Census.

"Majoring in a technical field does pay off even if you don't finish a four-year degree," bureau analyst Kurt Baumann said.

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Extended Education Program
Site takes guesswork out of student housing hassle

By Jennifer Hansen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Two Cal Poly students have created a way to minimize the headaches that go along with the daunting task of securing a place to live.

Architecture sophomore Nick Ladd and computer engineering junior Andrew Hunt are co-founders of a Web site called SLOrent.com. In an attempt to streamline the process of securing the classifications and stalking property management offices, Ladd and Hunt established a student friendly site that not only offers rental listings, but also textbook exchange, upcoming local concerts and events and instant e-mail notification of available housing.

SLOrent.com is a hub of sorts that caters to the various needs of college students, Ladd said. The main purpose of the site is to digitize the University Union posting boards.

"We're just trying to encapsulate everything 'Cal Poly' and put it on this Web site," he said.

Ladd and Hunt worked as a team to design SLOrent.com last December. The site is an outreach of Teknokratz, a Web site developing company that was formed in 1999 by Hunt, his older brother Rinaldo Hunt, a graduate of Long Beach State, and Tony Tomarchio, a computer science junior.

As head Web designer for Teknokratz, Ladd used his experience to create the graphics, page layout, site architecture and database design of SLOrent.com. Hunt orchestrated different types of marketing including fliers with the "Got shelter?" slogan and e-mail notification in addition to financing the site. The majority of the content on the site, however, comes from the people viewing the site by posting listings.

"It's a constant revolution," Hunt said. "It just builds and builds."

SLOrent.com is not associated with a class or Cal Poly or a senior project, he said. Hunt said he enjoys being involved with the creation of "techno-businesses" to help fellow students make their lives easier.

Now that SLOrent.com is a fully operational site, he said he and Ladd are committed to keeping it up.

Hunt said he encourages students to check out the site and take advantage of all it has to offer. Hunt said he feels that everything about the Internet had become too global. By establishing a membership community, SLOrent.com is trying to localize the search for housing, textbooks and entertainment through one easy-to-use Web site, he said.

In addition, SLOrent.com provides unbiased and objective information.

"The majority of rental sites right now only provide information about their rentals," he said in the e-mail.

While the site has only been up and running for approximately six or seven weeks, close to 300 people have registered as members and are already using the site regularly to either look for housing or post listings, Hunt said.

Ladd said that members of the site can expect more than just rental listings in the future. Upcoming features include a coupon section, romance classifieds and job opening postings.

"We are constantly working to improve the site and add new features," Ladd said in the e-mail.

Hunt said he is aware that other housing search sites on the Web might make competition tough when students begin the scramble to find a place to live next year. The main difference between SLOrent.com and other sites is the diversity it has to offer students.

"We're just altruists," Hunt said. "We want people to find good housing and try to weed out the bad housing."
Don’t silence other opinions or arguments.

There is serious racism still left over in America from the Civil War, illustrated by the violence of the South, 150 years ago. But America has made great strides since then, and the civil rights fight has become a proud and important part of our history and culture. After considering that history, we now come to the present where certain civil rights issues and activists have steered that fight in the wrong direction. In the battle over slave reparations, the small portion of the population that supports this idea has been demonizing and trying to silence any opposition.

Before I go further, let me recognize that the ones asking for reparations are not representative of the majority of people who live and work in this country. They are seeking reparations for those who lived 150 years ago, even though reparations are for that matter - I’m only concerned with those wishing to silence freedom of speech.

The compelling case for reparations was when David Horowitz submitted his article with 10 reasons why slave reparations are a bad idea to a number of college campuses. Of those campuses that published the list, 14 out of 50, six have formed protests over the content, some demanding the resignation of the editor and an apology from the newspaper staff for being "racist." I am not going to debate whether or not slave reparations are a good idea or not, apparently that can get you a lot of bad publicity as well. Hence, the "Wings" sitcom series, I was greeted by a friendly customer service desk announced that the plane was in the air, and told me that I had just flown checked in to return to the plane at 35 minutes late because of the airline’s way of getting me back into their system. The couple assured was actually a 30-seat commuter plane with a cranky stewardess who spilled Coke on me and denied me my free snack. I didn’t label anything something that is not, and never be forced to apologize for what you believe in.

Dan Davitt is a political science sophomore.

My last airline experience was an experience to say the least. America West Airlines promised me convenient service to and from Phoenix, Ariz., a comfortably large passenger plane, an inexpensive rate and complimentary drink and snack while aboard Flight 617.

When I arrived at San Luis Obispo Airport, which is unmistakable right out of the "Wings" sitcom series, I was greeted by a friendly construction foreman telling me to move my car out of the way for his bullhorn. Ten minutes later, a call came over the plane with a cranky stewardess who spilled Coke on me and denied me my free snack. I didn’t label anything something that is not, and never be forced to apologize for what you believe in.

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Opinion
Airline service is going downhill

Commentary

The study said that, among major U.S. airlines in 2000, the number of flights arriving on time fell 72.6 percent. Planes might possibly not arrive at their final destination at all. When I returned home from Phoenix, just as I was about to board the plane, the customer service desk announced that the plane might land in Santa Barbara instead of San Luis Obispo, but the airline would not know until the plane was in flight. The couple assured was actually a 30-seat commuter plane with a cranky stewardess who spilled Coke on me and denied me my free snack. I didn’t label anything something that is not, and never be forced to apologize for what you believe in.
Clean up that gross, miserable vomitus mass

It has happened to everybody. Whether it was last weekend or ago, it’s happened to you to bed feeling quite up to par, and, at about 2 a.m., it hits. Whatever was in you gone to bed like Mt. St. Helens. Suddenly, what you are all over the bathroom floor. Disgusting! Yeah.

Right about now, you’ve broken out into a cold sweat sitting on the cold tile floor of the bathroom thinking about the toilet bowl for being there when you needed it most.

THINK OF THE SITTING CLOSEST TO YOU. GUESS WHICH ONE WILL BE DAILY ASSAULTED THIS YEAR.

The S.A.F.E.R. Program is sponsoring a University wide information campaign for women and men on the campus who want to be part of the "Real Women" and "Real Men" programs.

"Real Women" and "Real Men" will attend a training program and present a sexual assault awareness program to groups throughout the year.

Applications due April 27, 2001
Pick up an application in the Women’s Center for more information at 756-2282.

Reality will hit if actors strike

Last quarter, Wednesday nights were prime time for gathering togetherness with friends to see if Yoostie and Tahedal would get married on "Temptation Island" for having a child together. The anticipation for Wednesday nights was to see if sexual situations would be a norm on the show. America, however, has recently determined that the atmosphere around its coast is not international. This confrontation was international law. An apology would essentially give China the right to prohibit activity in territorial waters. That is which has no legal claim, or this precedence is very dangerous, as it could endanger U.S. aid to the democratic nation of Taiwan, or any other activities within the vicinity of China.

An apology would also be an admission of guilt on the part of the crew of the Navy EF-3 spy plane. Not only would they then be responsible for the accidental death of the Chinese Airman whose fighter jet crashed into their plane, but an apology would also indicate that their mission was wrong. While the Navy crewmembers are probably even more reluctant to return home, they obviously do not want to become inefficient in the nature of their work for the sake of a trip across the Pacific. They are, after all, members of the armed forces, and if it were to become a career which would involve being put in harms way for the sake of accomplishing their given mission. For the time being, their job is as in being in confinement. To bring them home at any cost would be a disservice to them, and would discount the mission upon which their lives are held.

Chris Weber is an architecture junior.

Opinion

Tuesday, April 10, 2001

Mustang Daily

Clean up that gross, miserable vomitus mass

Normally you’re conscience would come into play and keep you from leaving a mess behind to clean up. But right now, as you think about the bowl for being a cool place to rest your load, you think; It doesn’t take long for you to decide; Forget it, I’ve got class at noon and I need my sleep." But the rest is reasoning sounds logical, even innocent.

That is, unless you’re part of the janitorial service. Suddenly, you are the innocent little mess somebody was too thoughtless to clean up. They have to do something chemically to clean it, because it’s human waste and considered to be a biohazard. In the dorms at Cal Poly, custodians have another tool they use to help clean up. It could simply get up and walk, leaving it there for the next patron to view and enjoy.

Normally you would have already been informed of this. A fine of around $50 can land on anyone who does not clean up any messes they generate in the residence halls. The Dorm council has the possibility of fining the full floor if they don’t know who the culprit is.

AndNightlyso:

Think about this thing, if you don’t want to ever have to buy a new set of sheet men, who would anybody else want to? The only thing some of your own take is somebody else’s, and who would want to be seen as something disgusting, plain and simple. I have a funny feeling that you wouldn’t want to clean it. No, it’s not the same funny feeling that you get but see the statement, but that’s probably the same feeling that the poor janitors get when they have to clean it up.

Let’s get this straight. This is not a play from the janitors to get more funding. And, no, this is not a plan to stop illegal drinking in dorms. This fine applies to both drunk and sick puking. And Cal Poly is not the only school that has made this rule. Cal State Chico and Humboldt State, as well as many others, have similar rules that are fair. And, if you’re going to pray to the porcelain god, think about being there for yourself. It’s not something you’re stepping on, or sitting on for that matter, and maybe you’ll realize how important it is to clean up after yourself.

Aaron Lambert is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

U.S. apology implies more than regret

Editor:

There is nothing wrong with being the first to apologize in a situation where it is difficult to place blame. An apology given, regardless of whether or not it is owed, can save personal relationships, or end messy conflicts. People often offer apologies when others simply perceive them as having done something wrong. This shows a willingness to subjugate one’s pride for the sake of peace and can be a very noble thing to do in many cases.

Should, then, the United States, consider offering an apology to the People’s Republic of China in response to the recent air collision between a U.S. spy plane and Chinese fighter jet? The Chinese seem to think so. The Chinese may not have been satisfied with the statements which followed the collision which killed a Chinese airman. But an apology offered by the United States, they believe, could help to alleviate the situation and avert a conflict.

The United States was indeed ap­ laying on the Chinese. Among nations with roughly equal military intelligence, international waters and airspace are considered fair game. The collision took place in international airspace. China, however, has recently determined that the atmosphere around its coast is not international. This confrontation was international law. An apology would essentially give China the right to prohibit activity in territorial waters. That is which has no legal claim, or this precedence is very dangerous, as it could endanger U.S. aid to the democratic nation of Taiwan, or any other activities within the vicinity of China.

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But an apology offered by the United States, could cost a lot more than a collective swallowing of American pride. An apology would indicate that the United States is not interested in upholding international law, was engaged in illegal activities, is responsible for the death of a Chinese airman, and is willing to bargain at any cost for the lives of its servicemen and women with a totalitarian regime.

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"I’m a fighter," he said. "I usually try to wear my opponent down and out-otherwise."

"He’s got this season’s goal to be in the top 100 players in the country and to win the rest of his matches. Not only Autumn ranked No. 1 on Cal Poly’s team, but he is also the captain. He sees both positions as leadership roles for him."

"It’s a big role, since everybody’s watching you," he said. "You have to be a leader."

Intermediate head coach Spallinger agrees that Fallone is a leader. "He leads by example," he said. "He’s always out there working on some part of his game. His experience shows, and he knows how to win matches."

Spallinger credits Fallone’s mental toughness as playing a large role in his success. "He’s a self-motivated, hard-working player having a great season," he said. "He’s intense."

Both Fallone and Spallinger think the team has a strong season outlook. Fallone said the team is young this year, and if they keep working hard, they will have a good chance at winning the Big West Conference. Fallone graduates this fall, but he plans to play club tennis in Europe for a few years after graduation."

"I’m just going to have fun playing tennis and see where it takes me," he said.

**Aikman tells football goodbye**

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Troy Aikman’s NFL career ended with Dallas Cowboys after all.

The three-time Super Bowl champion announced his retirement Thursday after a news conference Monday at Texas Stadium, where he started for 12 seasons.

"You never think your time will never come," said Aikman, fighting back tears as he announced his plans. "My time has come."

"You watch and you think that your time will never come. My time has come."

Troy Aikman, former Cowboys quarterback

Aikman said last week he was trying to choose between pursuing a job as a starting quarterback in the NFL or moving into a broadcast role. He had made a transition to TV, with Fox the frontrunner to hire him.

The end of Aikman’s future has been in limbo since he was waived by the Cowboys on March 7, at a time when he was making $7 million bonus and seven-year contract extension.

Aikman also had said last week he was going to have fun playing with the New York Knicks before trying to wear my opponent down and out-otherwise.

The Cowboys are currently at 2-3 and heading into the bye week Sunday at Washington. Aikman"

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for walk-ons. Walk-ons are student-athletes enrolled at Cal Poly who choose to try a sport without being recruited.

The signing period lasts until May 15, and with four scholarships left to offer, Bromley is looking to build the men’s team with specific types of basketball players.

"I want more experience in the front line, which comes from junior college level," Bromley said. "I’ll also want the best player from a high school or junior college."" Bromley also said he is looking for a wing player and a point guard from either high school or junior college.

"We were turning over rocks all over the country," Bromley said. "We really want good players.""

The NCAA has strictly defined timelines for recruiting. Until April 12, recruiting is in the "dead period." During this period, there can be no in-person recruiting contacts, on- or off-campus evaluations, or visits. April 21 through May 31 is the "quiet period" where Division I teams are permitted to make on-campus recruiting contacts.

"(Recruiting) is a cut-throat situation," Bromley said. "We’re making up for some lost ground." Bromley took over as head coach on March 13 and got a late start on recruiting due to the coaching change.

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eliminate players from leaving college early and from entering the draft straight out of high school.

"I love competition and I love winning matches," he said. "Tennis teaches you what you’re like in a competitive situation."

After holding the No. 1 spot on his high school team all four years, Fallone received a full scholarship to play tennis for University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Fallone said when he got to UNLV, he was only the American on the team, and there were a lot of pressures and expectations on him to win.

Regardless of tennis, Fallone said Las Vegas wasn’t a fit for him.

"I didn’t want to live in Las Vegas as an 18 year old," he said. "It was lonely, and I’m more of a Southern California guy.""

At one year at UNLV, Fallone transferred to Cal Poly, which he considered to be a perfect fit for him. He said he had heard good things about both Cal Poly’s academic status and the tennis team’s camaraderie.

"I heard the team was really tight, and everybody was a good guy," he said. Fallone said his success is partly due to his hard work outside of practice. He said he had a lot of focus with his diet and running, which he said helps him last longer on the court.

Bryant may return to Lakers tonight

EL SEGUNDO (AP) — Kobe Bryant wants to return to the Los Angeles Lakers more than ever. The Lakers were shipped to Phoenix Tuesday, but a decision won’t be made until just before the game.

Bryant, the NBA’s third-leading scorer, has missed 10 of the last 11 games recuperating from ankle injuries. He tried to come back April 1, playing 11 scoreless minutes against the New York Knicks before re-injuring an ankle.

Lakers spokesman John Black said Monday that Bryant’s availability against the Suns will be a game-time decision, with coach Phil Jackson deciding whether the All-Star guard will be able to help the team.

"I’m a fighter," he said. "I usually try to wear my opponent down and out-otherwise."
Fallon's path to success
No. 1 men's tennis player Brandon Fallon has brought Cal Poly close to a title
By Janelle Foskett
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

When Brandon Fallon was only 10 years old, he and his father, Jim, took up tennis at the same time. At first his athletic father could beat him effortlessly, but within two years they were engaging in fierce tennis matches. When he was 16, Brandon could defeat his father with ease, and the journey to his success in tennis began.

Fallon, an industrial technology senior, is currently ranked No. 1 on the Cal Poly men’s tennis team. He has an overall record of 17-10 this season, and he has won seven of his last eight matches.

Fallon grew up in Dana Point. His mother, Pam, taught aerobics at a local tennis club, so Fallon decided to give tennis a chance.

“I loved it,” Fallon said. “It’s more than just physical – it’s a thinking sport.”

From there his love of the game grew, and his experience began to mount. He started working with personal coach Andreas Weyermann, who Fallon credits with having a large impact on his game.

(Weyermann) kept tennis as a big part of my life,” Fallon said. “His unbelievable love for tennis rubs off on you.”

Fallon’s game improved even more, and he soon had the opportunity to play in one of the biggest tennis tournaments in the country at Kalamazoo, Mich. The tournament offers the top 128 junior tennis players in the country a chance to play in the U.S. Open. Tennis greats like Pete Sampras and Michael Chang played at Kalamazoo before they were stars.

Fallon went to the tournament twice, placing 64th one year and 28th the next. He then entered the college game.

Basketball recruiting is a major off-season activity
By Dena Horton

Although basketball season is only a few months on a calendar, building a team is a yearlong process. The initial signing date, April 11, is approaching and has men’s head coach Kevin Bromley and women’s head coach Faith Minnaugh recruiting new team members.

Cal Poly men’s basketball has already signed two players and is looking to fill the one additional scholarship, Minnaugh said. Joining the women’s team are Holly Richards, a 6-foot-2 post player from Montie Vista High School in Danville, and Michelle Henke, a point guard from La Cueva High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

“We’ve been actively recruiting junior college and high school players,” Minnaugh said. “We have numerous local products.”

The women’s team has 15 scholarship offers to offer, most of which will go to returning players for next year. For the men’s team, four players will graduate this year, leaving seven scholarships to offer.

However, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regulates the number of scholarships awarded to no more than eight in two years or five in one year.

During the early recruiting period in November, the men’s team signed Philip Johnson, a 6-foot-11 center from Arroyo Grande High School. Joining the men’s team for next year will also be Jared Patterson and Dabuy Kamara, students who transferred to Cal Poly this quarter.

Besides recruited student-athletes, Bromley will also be looking for two transfers.

Cal Poly Basketball Recruits
Men’s team
Philip Johnson
Jared Patterson
Diaby Kamara

Women’s team
Michelle Henke
Holly Richards

Cal Poly Basketball Recruits
Men’s team
Barrett Wright
Tillman named Player of the Week

He is averaging 14 points and three assists per game.

WEDNESDAY
Baseball vs. Bethany College
at Baggett Stadium 5 p.m.

THURSDAY
Baseball vs. UC Riverside
at Riverside 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
Baseball vs. UC Riverside
at Riverside 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
Men’s tennis vs. San Diego State
at Avila Bay C.C. 1:30 p.m.

Women’s tennis vs. San Jose State
at Avila Bay C.C. 10 a.m.