Dorm space already filled for fall

By Lyndsay Lundgren
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Incoming freshmen who have not yet secured on-campus housing missed their chance.

On-campus housing was filled on April 3, two weeks earlier than last year, said Jane Servent, office manager of Housing and Residential Life.

A portion of these spaces was filled by early decision applicants who applied for housing between Jan. 16 and Feb. 28. The regular decision students began applying March 12. Regular decision students have until May 1 to decide if they want to enroll at Cal Poly. Those who have not yet decided are already too late to get into the dorms.

Of the 2,783 spaces in the residence halls, about 600 of these are reserved for early decision students, but the number is flexible, said Preston Allen, director of Housing.

"Those are the spaces set aside within Housing with Admissions," Allen said. "As their numbers come in, we will negotiate as they need, up or down. We are trying to provide as many beds spaces as possible."

Students who did not get on-campus housing are referred to Mustang Village and Stemson Glen. Spaces are being held at the two off-campus housing locations, Servent said.

This is the first year Cal Poly has made arrangements with the Off-Campus Housing Association to reserve rooms at Mustang Village for Cal Poly students, said Betty Linton, manager at Mustang Village.

Students have until this weekend to reserve a room, she said.

"Three-hundred and fifty rooms," said Servent.

Cesar Chavez remembered at today's talk

By Cory Dugan
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The president of the United Farm Workers is coming to Cal Poly today to talk about the importance of Cesar Chavez.

"I cannot imagine a better place for remembering Chavez's contribution to the civil and human rights of agriculture workers than at one of California's top agricultural universities," said ethnic studies Professor Victor Valle.

Arturo Rodriguez, the speaker, is the second president of the United Farm Workers (UFW) – second to Chavez himself, said Shontae Pratteau, coordinator at the Multicultural Center. Pratteau said that his speech will primarily touch on what Cesar Chavez Day, March 31, is all about and Rodriguez's relationship with Chavez. His speech is titled "Cesar Chavez: His Life, Work and Vision."

Rodriguez was raised in a working-class family in Texas. He earned his masters degree in sociology at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. As a college student, Rodriguez was involved in the 1969 grape boycott, which caused tremendous uproar among the farm workers. He later organized support for the UFW boycott. As a member of the union founded by his father-in-law, Rodriguez continues to promote Chavez's philosophy of nonviolence as a strategy for social change.

Throughout his speech, Rodriguez is planning on explaining his personal relationship with Chavez and intertwining that with see RODRIGUEZ, page 2

Pints for points

Ryan Piper, a civil engineering senior and member of Pi Kappa Alpha, makes a donation at the Tri-Counties' blood drive Tuesday as part of Greek Week activities. He added five points to his team by participating. As of Monday night, Pi Kappa Alpha was the first place fraternity with 350 points. Phi Delta Theta was in second with 248, and Kappa Chi had 193. For sororities, Alpha Phi was in first with 377 points, Alpha Chi Omega had 347 for second, and Alpha Omicron Pi was third with 326 points.

Team rankings were as follows: grey, 820; green, 808; black, 760; blue, 730; white, 643; red, 589.
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Rodeo

Pope said the construction estimate for the project is $32,900,000. Housing reserves will account for $3 million of the project cost, with approximately $30 million expected from the sale of state bonds.

The Master Plan focuses on new residential communities accommodating an additional 3,000 students and to provide facility and staff housing.

Dalton said Cal Poly needs a minimum of $850 million in funding over 20 years for the projects included in the Master Plan. Approximately $50 million is expected from state funding, while the other $300 million is anticipated from other sources, such as private donors or from projects such as housing and parking that pay for themselves, Dalton said.

Dalton said her involvement with the Master Plan process has been one of the most exciting experiences of her career.

"The professional Master Plan team included individuals from on-campus facilities, planning and public affairs offices, as well as the architects and environmental consultants," Dalton said. "The team consisted of a group of people with very complementary professional backgrounds and expertise."

Unforeseen Slack, director of communications, attended most of the Master Plan sessions. Slack said that one goal established at the beginning of the Master Plan development was to make the plan all-inclusive.

"It was really important to have the community's opinions considered and reflected in the plan," Slack said. Cal Poly's last comprehensive Master Plan was adopted by the CSU Board of Trustees in 1983. Dalton said that although that plan was amended throughout the years, there was no systematic review process.

An annual report will be prepared for the Campus Planning Committee in the review process for the latest Master Plan, Dalton added.


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professions. Rodeo said the speech will help people better understand how important the United Farm Workers Union is to him and how important it is to keep the same hard-working goals Chavez had when he was president. Rodeo said Rodriguez was not only a good friend of Chavez, but he was also a relative. Rodriguez is Chavez's son-in-law, so not only does he have a professional tradition to uphold, but a family one as well, she said.

In addition to explaining Rodriguez's relationship with Chavez and his role as president, Rodriguez will speak about Cesar Chavez Day and the importance it has in America. In the memory of Chavez there will be specific days dedicated to him and his accomplishments.

Starting today, there will be an exhibit of photos featuring farm workers on the Central Coast at August Editions Gallery at 570 Higuera St., Suite 201 in San Luis Obispo. On Saturday, a dedication ceremony to the Cesar Chavez May and the importance it has in America. In the memory of Chavez there will be specific days dedicated to him and his accomplishments.

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are reserved for Cal Poly students," Linton said. "After Open House, the rooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to anyone."

The reserved rooms at Stenner Glen and Mustang Village are an attempt to simplify the housing process, Allen said. "We are trying to make it easier to navigate and maneuver throughout this housing maze," he said. "We do really consider those spaces part of what we need to make available to students concerned."

Cal Poly is still giving housing tours on campus, however. The majority of the students coming to campus in the next two weeks are high school juniors who will be applying in a year and a half, Serjeant said. The other students on tours, however, have housing.

"We have been telling them if they have not applied for housing yet, they need to secure something at Stenner or Mustang," Serjeant said. Stenner Glen and Mustang Village will have a booth at Open House and will be giving tours of their complexes, Allen said.

The housing department wants students to have a chance at housing, Allen said. He added that building assignments will not be made until summer after the first payment is received in June.
Living Fit

Number of campus pinkeye cases growing

By Whitney Kellogg

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Architecture junior Elizabeth Ernst had a hard time opening her eyes Friday morning. It wasn't fatigue from last week's classes that kept her eyes sealed. It was pinkeye, a contagious eye infection that is spreading faster than usual among Cal Poly students.

Ernst is one of at least 135 students diagnosed by doctors at the Health Center with pinkeye since Jan. 1, according to statistics from Health Center administration records. Last year, 87 students were diagnosed in the same time period.

"I couldn't go to work because it's so contagious," Ernst said. "I still went to all my classes but I wore sunglasses. That way people didn't freak out when they saw me and it helped me remember not to touch my eyes."

Pinkeye, or conjunctivitis, is an inflammation of the mucous membrane that lines the inner eyelid and covers the white of the eye, according to Kaiser Permanente's online library of publications.

The small blood vessels on the surface of the membrane are more visible when they're irritated, making the eye appear pink, said Robert Brown, an anatomy and physiology professor in the biological sciences department.

The eye may itch or burn and have a watery or thick discharge, according to Kaiser's publication.

"No one ever dies from it, but I've seen students with eyes so swollen from it that they couldn't see out," Brown said. "Bacteria or a virus in the discharge spread pinkeye when the fluid comes in contact with another eye, according to Kaiser's publication."

The bacteria can survive on surfaces for at least a few hours, but a virus usually lasts less than an hour, said Dr. Brett Cochran, head of medical services at the Health Center. It can easily spread from eye to eye before symptoms appear. The infection is usually common in kindergarten and grammar schools, he said.

"As we touch things, shake hands with each other, and pass each other books, it passes pretty easily," Brown said.

In the last 25 years, the number of pinkeye cases at Cal Poly increased several times, especially in general zoology lab exams where students use microscopes, Brown said.

"The students that don't even rub their eyes, but who look through a microscope and have their eyelashes touching a microscope, have just as high a risk," he said. "It can be passed from microscope to microscope very easily."

The best way for students to reduce the spread of pinkeye is to wash their hands frequently, especially after blowing their noses or touching their eyes, Cochran said.

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Distractions subtract time from our lives

Although disenchartered and somewhat embittered toward television and movies, I occasionally come across profound truths conveyed through a shallow and over-dramatized Hollywood scenario. These rare "pearls" to me into an issue in my life, and I am strangely exhilarated through the most seemingly unenlightening media.

The specific current application of this phenomenon is from a scene from the movie "Moonstruck" (which I do not particularly like, but manifestations of truth often do come from strange places). Recently I have been reminded (several times daily, in fact) of the movie character Ronnie whose hand gets cut off because he momentarily takes his focus off of what he is doing and entertains a distraction, sadly to his own detriment.

This image is symbolically applicable to each of our lives: We can all learn a lesson about maintaining focus and keeping harmful and unproductive distractions in their proper places.

Each one of us has one or several focuses in life; namely the thing(s) that define us or make us tick. It is what matters most to us, what we, in a sense, live for. This focus defines our everyday goals and objectives, as well as our long-term hopes and aspirations.

We all face countless distractions and potential derailing factors each and everyday, of varying shapes and sizes. A distraction is anything that has the ability to take our mind off of what we know we should be focusing on, and thus inhibit the fullest extent of our productivity and satisfaction.

The difficult reality is that distractions will always be there - we live in a world that thrives on diversion. In many ways, diverting attention from our ultimate purpose has become an art form, skillfully mastered and crafted into an entire industry.

Albeit providing pseudo-entertainment and fleeting peace of mind, these temporary fixes do not satisfy. Though unavoidable, distractions must remain peripheral. Allowing a distraction to dilute (or, worse yet, become) our focus could be detrimental.

Over-entertaining a distraction causes us to lose focus in everything we do. Since our focus is the central point of our lives, and our ultimate purpose which penetrates our core ripples outward and affects all other areas of our life. Our perceptions become tainted. Our sense of clarity is distorted. This destructive process is caused by derailing from our fundamental purpose. Since our focus gives us passion and fulfillment, actively seeking and furthering our deepest purpose fully empowers our strengths. When a distraction becomes our focus, the strengths of our character slip away and our shortcomings move forward.

In light of this observation, the clichéd idea of wholehearted dedication rings with piercing significance. The minute we begin to lose focus, our purpose becomes diluted and our heart becomes divided. Division is inescapable, which leads to stagnation. Before we know it, we have completely lost sight of our goals, strengths, and core purpose. Although I hope that none of us literally loses body parts as a result of over-inflated distractions, we are in danger of losing something even more integral - ourselves.

There's nothing like rioting to show how much a person really cares.

This was my first thought when I heard about the riots that occurred at Purdue University after the women's basketball team lost the NCAA championship game to Notre Dame April 1. It was happy to hear that people have finally having as passionate feelings for women's basketball as they do for men's basketball.

After these few happy moments, I remembered what the word riot means and why it is so stupid to riot over a basketball game - college or professional.

Purdue reported that the rioting cost $100,000 in damages to the campus and surrounding neighborhoods from 10:30 p.m. the night of the game to 6 a.m. the next morning. To find the individuals responsible, the university police department has posted images of various participants and spectators on the university's Web site (http://www.purdue.edu/police). The site has over 160 images for people to sort. Purdue is offering a $5,000 reward for any information leading to the arrests and convictions of those who vandalized cars and property.

Students who were actually rioting and vandalizing deserve to realize the consequences of their actions. Too many people in today's society go through life without facing up to the consequences of their actions. Dean of Students at Purdue University Linda Hawkins said it best when he said on the Purdue Web site, "Requesting public assistance with identifying students disturbs and pains me. I don't like having to identify students this way, yet we need to be aware that there are consequences for the choices they make." This disturbance could have hurt or killed people present. The vandalism is enough damage, but the mob may have done worse.

If the university's police let the rioters slide, the crowd will push the limits in the future. Deaths may not be just a possibility next time.

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Letters to the editor

Honor Cesar Chavez, support unions

Editor,

"This union is a group of farm workers who have joined together to win for themselves the high wages and decent working conditions they have already earned... we are not slaves and we are not animals. And we are not alone!" a young Cesar Chavez proclaimed. To Chavez, the union was a vehicle for justice for working people—to fight for safe working conditions, job security and a living wage. How ironic it is now that both nationally and locally, the unions-busting corporate interests Chavez fought so valiantly against and a living wage. How ironic it is now that free-trade, or more appropriately, corporately managed trade, have engulfed institutions that praise "free-trade," or more appropriately, the neoliberal doctrine of "free-trade," or more appropriately, the neoliberal doctrine

Chancellor Reed refuses to negotiate a contract with the faculty union, and the administration refuses to hire professors on tenure track, opting instead for a more "flexible" work force with insecure one-year contracts. The university's best professors, Dr. Malika Zulfacar, for example, are hired and released without a reason. The struggle Cesar Chavez represented—justice for working people through the unions—is in serious peril. To honor the man for his courage is simply not enough. We need to support union struggles everywhere and knock that fake smile from Chancellor Charles Reed, Bill Clinton, President George W. Bush and all those who observe Chavez Day just to take a break from their union-busting activities.

Jesse McGowan is a political science senior and member of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA).

PG&E gives big bonuses

Editor,

In Monday's Tribune, I learned about the very generous bonuses given to most PG&E employees because they "stayed the course" and helped their company through tough times. Back in the early 1990s, the California State University system experienced very tough times. We were hit with a substantial funding cutback, and employees were asked to work much harder and make many sacrifices in order to meet student demand and maintain high quality. So what was our reward when the crisis eased? Our chancellor at the time, Barry Munitz, generously allocated a total of $40,000 for merit bonuses to spread among the entire faculty at Cal Poly, with the stipulation that only about 25 or 50 people would actually receive awards. To this day we have never been properly thanked for what we did. Perhaps we need to put Mr. Davis' wallet fatter. You will make Cal Poly a better academic system.

Jay Devore is a professor and chairman of the department of statistics.

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women's team is not going to make it
easier."

Herein lies the problem. Title IX was not intended to create opportu-
nities for women at the expense of opportunities for men. Title IX says:

"No person in the United States shall,

on the basis of sex, be . . . subjected to
discrimination under any education
program or activity receiving Federal
financial assistance."

Title IX has been a failure. It hasn't provided equality. By taking away
opportunities for men, Title IX has not created opportunities
for women. No person's rights are more important than the next per-
son's. Title IX needs to be revised to
keep the dream of equality alive.

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New coach, new outlook for men's tennis

By Katherine Gernhardt
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As the new head coach for Cal Poly's men's tennis team, Jeff Spalinger combines hard work with a laid-back attitude.

Spalinger takes over the position from Chris Eppright, who announced his resignation on April 15. Eppright was in the middle of his tenth season with the Mustangs.

Freshman doubles player Nick Carless said the coaching change has brought a more enjoyable atmosphere to the team.

"(Spalinger brings) more positive practice, more positive matching, more positive road trips," he said. "It's just a lot more fun to be out here. Jeff's coaching style fits me a lot better."

Senior team co-captain John Cappello said he appreciates Spalinger's approach to practices.

"He's been consistent in the way we train," he said. "(We do) different drills, different routines. We've gotten into pretty good shape."

The difference Cappello referred to is Spalinger's focus on teamwork at practice. Since joining the team at midseason, the new coach sought to strengthen the team's bond.

"In practice, we do a lot of things together," Spalinger said. "We do drills together, we do all of our running together. We're trying to build up the team." Cappello said the coaching change brought the team closer.

"When (Eppright) left, we kind of had to come together as a team rather than rely on a coach," he said. "We just kind of relied on each other." Spalinger said that one of his main goals for the remainder of the season is to do what most coaches want to do: practice hard, play hard and win as many matches as possible.

Interim tennis coach Jeff Spalinger took over for Chris Eppright, who resigned on April 15. His approach to coaching has team members focusing more on teamwork at practice.

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Alpine ski team prepares for Mammoth

By Aaron Lambert
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The Cal Poly alpine ski and snowboard team will finish with its last race this season at Mammoth Mountains on Easter weekend.

The event comes a month after three members of the snowboard team placed third in the combined meet at the National Championship event at Bogus Basin in Boise Idaho.

Jeff Nokkeo, architecture graduate student and team member, said the event was good.

Nokkeo took seventh place in the banner-cross event in Idaho. That result, combined with an eighth place finish by graphic communications senior Danny Grote and a 16th place finish from political science senior Eric Wierschem combined for a second place finish in the team category.

The event, which ran from March 5 through 10, used points combined from the banner-cross and the giant slalom to determine the highest finishers.

Great placed 15th in the giant slalom, which gave them enough to pass Long Beach State for third place.

At the next Southern Colorado Collegiate Snowsport Conference race in Mammoth on March 25, Nokkeo and Wierschem finished first in the two spots in the slalom.

The ski team also had success this season, repeatedly having finishers in the top three in every race.

They won two of the top three spots in every giant slalom and all but one slalom race this season.

Civil engineering sophomore Garrett Higard, who was the conference champion last season in the giant slalom, slalom and combined, has led the team.

Higard, who is from Mammoth Lakes, has not finished lower than third place in any race that he has completed this season. That gives him one first place finish, two second-place finishes and one third place finish.

"Garrett is the best men's skier that we have," said Cory Sandusky, manufacturing engineer junior and ski team member.

This racing season Higard has chased another Mammoth Lakes local, UC Santa Barbara freshman Wesley Smith.

Team president Greg Gerken has contributed as a member of the team this season, posting one win, one second and five third-place finishes.

"I think we did pretty well," said Devon Yarosh, agriculture business freshman. "We could've done a little better with the talent that we have."

No equality when dealing with Title IX

Equality will never exist.

In theory, equality is a great concept. Our society is obsessed with the idea of it. We are constantly looking for ways to make a balanced society of men and women, black and white, of the majority and minority. For a while, affirmative action was supposed to be the answer to creating equality.

In 1972, Congress passed a law called Title IX. It was an amendment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that intended to bring an end to discrimination in education. Title IX quickly changed the landscape of college athletics as women began to have more opportunities for scholarships and to compete. The fruits of these changes are the explosion of popularity in women's athletics and professional leagues being formed in softball, basketball and even football.

When the U.S. women's soccer team won the World Cup in 1999, it was a win for Title IX as well. Unfortunately, Title IX has a dark, ugly side. As with many laws, much of Title IX is left to interpretation.

Title IX is basically interpreted as saying that there should be a proportional number of athletes of a particular gender as the school has overall. For example, if a school has 60 percent of the athletes be women, the intent of the law is that schools that have less than proportional numbers will increase the opportunities for women.

Many schools, however, have found a way to circumvent the law. Adding a women's sport is often too expensive, so schools find it more convenient to drop a men's program. Generally, schools target low-profile, so-called "non-revenue" men's teams for elimination. Therefore, it is women who are the beneficiaries of the law.

An interesting development with Title IX happened in the last few weeks. A year ago, the men's volleyball—see BALLARD, page 7