Seniors present ICC

By JoAnn Sanders

Students from the Otis College of Business will see their hard work come to an end as they present the ninth Annual International Career Conference on Saturday.

As part of their senior project, 25 students making up a marketing team, a speakers and workshops team and a corporate recruitment team have worked on the conference since June.

The conference, which will be held at the Embassy Suites on Madonna Road at 8 a.m., will give Cal Poly students, the general public and even students from other states and countries a chance to meet and talk to industry leaders and companies recruiters from international and domestic sectors.

The conference that started nine years ago as a senior project for business seniors, is different from previous conferences because it often students a chance to meet with company recruiters at an on-campus venue and attend workshops.

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and newspaper advertisements.

The annual awards are given by Admissions Marketing Report, a monthly publication covering the admissions marketing field and published by HRM Publications Group.

"Cal Poly was the first campus to institute electronic applications in 1992," Matvis said. "Every year the diversity of applicants increases, and each year we're reminded that it's a privilege to attend school here, not a right.

The viewbook is just the first step in staying with the times and keeping the student population happy.

To access Cal Poly's virtual Viewbook tour, go to www.csu-calpoly.edu/admiss/viewbook.

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passes this weekend," said Ron Durall, community assistant for Mustang Village.

"The event is changing annually," Radiation said. "It's a time for students to relax and enjoy the peacefulness of the week.

"We are hoping the amount of enforcement will calm the entire week," Linden said. "We want to return Mardi Gras to a safe local event. This was Mardi Gras has been going cannot be tolerated. Huge drunken parties can't go on, too many people are getting hurt.

The problems are not so much with locals but with the out-of-towners who constitute more than half the arrests and citations.

"Visitors have no stake in the community," Linden said. "They don't have to deal with the neighbors Monday morning or deal with the local ramifications."

In 2002 concerns about safety led to the canceling of the parade. The event was returned, but changed to a Sunday afternoon parade which police and organizers agreed would be less of a problem than holding the event on a Saturday night.

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**Commission rejects fence**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — California regulators on Wednesday denied a SLOPP plan to release the names of those arrested to college and university offices of judiciary affairs statewide.

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by Eve Enslir. Proceeds from the performances will be donated to the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center and Mustang Week programs.

When: Friday at 7:30 and 9:45 p.m., Friday and Sunday, 6 p.m. and Sunday, 4 p.m.

Where: Chumash Auditorium

More Info: Call Cal Buckhalter at 431-1411

**What: VITA Community Tax Service.** Free income tax return preparation and assistance for low-income taxpayers provided by trained and qualified Cal Poly accounting students.

When: Saturday, Feb. 21 to March 13, 11 a.m.

Where: Bidg. 3, Rooms 306 and 307

More Info: Call Janie Carr at 756-1488

**What: International Career Conference.** The conference will feature corporate recruiting sessions, educational workshops, and remarks by PeopleSoft CTO Rick Bergequist and Marvell Semiconductors co-founder Welli Del.

When: Saturday, 8 a.m.

Where: Embassy Suites Hotel

More Info: Call Andy Amundsen at (707) 494-2887

**What: Cal Poly Choirs’ Winter Concert.** PolyPhonics, The University Singers, Cal Poly Vocal Jazz and Barbershop Quartets will provide a variety of vocal music from 1600 to the present.

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.

Where: Performing Arts Center

More Info: Call the ticket office at 756-2787

**What: "Eisenhower and Nixon: Adversaries or Advocates?" Noted Nixon scholar Irwin Gellman, author of "The Contender — Richard Nixon: The Present" will discuss the present.**

When: Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Where: Bidg. 6, Room 123

More Info: Call Linda Brady at 756-2760
**National Roundup**

**BURLINGTON, Vt. —** Faster than you can say dot.com bust, Howard Dean’s quest for the presidency ended Wednesday as the Democratic candidate in 17 contests, bowed to political reality and abandoned his bid.

Once the little-known former governor of Vermont, Dean took a summer ride to presidential campaign heights, attracting scores of followers and a Democratic record $41 million in campaign dollars largely through the Internet.

Exactly one month ago, Dean was the candidate to beat — front-runner in national polls and poised to begin his primary romp with a win in the Iowa caucuses. It all crumbled when the numbers went contrary.

**FORT LEWIS, Wash. —** A National Guardsman accused of attempting to share military intelligence with al Qaeda yesterday pleaded not guilty.

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., said Wednesday she has been formally charged, and an Army spokesman confirmed the news Wednesday.

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**LAS VEGAS —** Sen. Harry Reid called for a federal investigation into safety practices at Yucca Mountain Wednesday after the Energy Department acknowledged it had been aware of the potential for silica-laden dust to become airborne during mining operations at the planned nuclear waste site.

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**World Roundup**

**HILLAH, Iraq —** Suicide bombers detonated explosives outside a Polish-run bus, killing 10 Iraqis and wounding more than half of them from coalition troops. The United States arrested seven guerrillas believed linked to al Qaeda in an early-morning raid to the north.

In the attack in Hillah, the third suicide bombing of security targets in two weeks, was part of a wider effort “to isolate us from the Iraqi people,” coalition military commander Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez told reporters in Baghdad.

Coalition and military officials said at least 106 people were hurt in the blasts, which happened in the Hayy Bahil neighborhood near Camp Charlie. The wounded included 32 Iraqis and 26 Poles, as well as Hungarians, Bulgarians, Filipinos and an American.

The casualty toll could have been much higher had guards not opened fire and prevented the bus from entering the camp. One truck exploded under the gate and another blew up after hitting a concrete barrier.

**NEYSHABUR, Iran —** Runaway trains carrying a lethal mix of fuel and chemicals derailed, caught fire and then exploded hours later Wednesday in northeastern Iran, killing more than 200 people, injuring at least 400 and leaving dozens trapped beneath crumbled mud homes.

Many of those reported dead were firefighters and rescue workers who had extinguished most of the blaze outside Neyshabur, an ancient city of 170,000 people in a farming region 400 miles east of the capital, Tehran.

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The explosion devastated five villages, where authorities rushed in blood supplies and appealed through loudspeakers for donors.

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But Mohammad Reza Khatami — who was deputy parliament speaker and among more than 2,400 candidates blackballed from Friday’s elections — warned against public demonstrations to demand change, saying Iranians have no appetite for another revolution.

In an interview with The Associated Press, he offered glimpses of a high-stakes gamble: trying to pressure Iran’s supreme leader and the Islamic power base that controls everything from foreign policy to the media.

**DAVIS, Calif. —** After a grueling marathon session that started Friday, a University of California, Davis graduate student Dan Meyer broke a world record for the longest paperclip chain made by an individual in 24 hours. Before it was done, his fingers were silverly, and “in really bad shape” from chaining more than 40,000 paperclips together.

However, the 21-year-old student who didn’t mind the public fuss that his feat drew over the previous world record by about 1,500 feet with a 2-pound chain.

“I figured I could break a world record quicker if we just broke a world record,” said Meyer.

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**College Roundup**

**PLACERVILLE —** A group of Cal Poly students today continued working outside on one of 23 building projects funded under the university’s Proposition 55. The projects are being funded under the Proposition 55. The projects are being funded under the Proposition 55.

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Campus Sustainability

Cal Poly will host a workshop sponsored by the Concrete Masonry Association of California and Nevada titled: Sustainable Schools and Public Buildings – Concrete Masoners’ Contribution. The Workshop will be held on February 20, 2004 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in the PAC Pavilion. Students are welcome to attend free, by writing “student participant” on the registration form. Student participants will not receive handout materials, and they will need to bring their own lunch. All others who wish to register may visit the new Sustainability Website at: http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/, click on the Sustainability icon, then the News and Events button on the menu. The purpose of the Sustainability Website is to promote awareness of campus activities, projects, resources and activities that relate to sustainability on campus.

Proposal 55

Proposal 55, the statewide school bond on the March 2 ballot, would bring more than $34 million to Cal Poly to replace aging buildings, classrooms, equipment, and architectural design, construction and equipment replacement which would otherwise be put on hold. Funding included in Proposal 55 for Cal Poly includes:

- $28.5 million in construction money for a new building to house the university’s architecture and construction management programs, part of Cal Poly’s nationally-recognized College of Architecture and Environmental Design
- $5.3 million to pay for new high-tech equipment for the Engineering IV Building.
- $1.2 million for initial design and drawings for a new Center for Science and Mathematics to replace the 50-year-old science building.

Engineering IV

Phase II of the new Engineering complex. The building will add 104,000 square feet to Engineering and will stand on the site northwest of Kennedy Library.

California Boulevard Extension

As part of Phase II of the Engineering III project, California Boulevard will be extended through campus to connect with Highland Drive. The project will provide connection to major parking lots and move circulation out of the campus core. It will improve and add pedestrian ways and bicycle paths on campus, and continue the bike route along California Blvd. Facilities Planning will receive bids this spring, with construction expected to begin at the end of spring quarter.

Student Housing North

The project will be completed over a three-year period, with a phased delivery. The EIR and schematic designs have been approved and the first phase should be available for occupancy in 2007, at the earliest, with the subsequent two phases opening in the following two years. Check the Student Housing North website for information about the project: http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/ Click on the Student Housing North icon.

Telecom Infrastructure Project

Project Telecom is continuing throughout campus. The project is upgrading telecommunications (voice, data and video) systems in all State-owned buildings on campus. Purple and orange signs identify the sites of the current construction activity. For further information, current building schedules, photos and other information, contact the Telecom website: http://telecom.calpoly.edu.

Engineering III

Phase I of the 41,000 square foot building at the North West corner of the campus is complete. Phase II is expected to begin construction during summer quarter and will finish the interior work, exterior awnings, screens and landscaping, and add a new jet propulsion lab building.

Building Permits Required for All Campus Projects

Facilities Planning & Capital Projects would like campus departments to be aware that all construction projects -- big or small -- must go through the campus building permit process. A building permit is required for all departments, offices and student projects whether or not they are using their own resources. For a building permit application and more detailed information on the process, go to the Facilities Planning Web site from the Cal Poly Home page and click on Building Permits. http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/

To find out more about campus projects, go to the Facilities website at: http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/
Traffic bottlenecks increasing

• U.S. choke points rise 40 percent; group hopes to cure highway congestion

By Leslie Miller
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The number of major U.S. traffic choke points — places where highways cannot handle all the cars — rose 40 percent over five years, a study says.

There were 231 major bottlenecks in 2002, compared with 167 in 1997, said the study by the American Highway Users Alliance. It also said seven of the 18 previous top choke points had disappeared as a result of construction projects.

The report by Cambridge Systematics Inc. of Cambridge, Mass., was commissioned by the highway group, which is lobbying Congress this year for a biger highway-mass transit bill than President Bush wants. The current six-year highway spending bill expires at the end of this month.

"There's hope for curing congestion on our highways," said Bill Buff, a spokesman for the group, which represents automakers, oil, trucking and construction companies and state highway departments.

Bottlenecks caused by too many cars on too little road came about half of all traffic jams, said the report, which was being released Thursday. Traffic accidents, work zones, bad weather and poor signal timing account for the rest.

Now the worst bottleneck, but previously No. 5, is the Ventura Freeway at Interstate 405 in Los Angeles, where California highway officials estimate traffic is jammed for nearly five hours every weekday afternoon. Four of the 10 worst bottlenecks are in the Los Angeles area.

Behind the Ventura Freeway, the worst bottlenecks were the Interstate 610-Interstate 10 interchange in Houston; Chicago's I-90/I-94/I-290 interchange; the I-10 interchange with state roads 51 and 90 in Phoenix; and the San Diego Freeway-I-15 interchange in Los Angeles.

The study defined a bottleneck as a place where drivers experience at least 300,000 hours of delay every year. No bridges or toll roads were included, eliminating some sites in the New York area from the list. The study ranked them according to the total time that drivers spent backed up at the point of congestion.

No longer ranked among the worst traffic hot spots are interchanges in Boston, Albuquerque, N.M., Chicago, Houston, Denver and two around Washington, D.C.

Boston's $14.6 billion "Big Dig" eased traffic snarls at the northbound intersection of U.S. Highways 1 and Interstate 93. The southbound lanes were completed in December, too late for the report to measure its impact.

The highway group argued that the cost of highway projects is worth the benefits. For example, it cost $233 million to reconstruct the "Big I" interchange of Interstates 25 and 40 in Albuquerque, but the total hours of annual delay dropped from 16 million in 1997 to 1.1 million in 2002 as a result.

"When you look at some of these projects the costs are colossal, the numbers will scare you, but the benefits are also colossal," said Alan Pisarski, author of "Commuting in America.

Last week, the Senate passed by a 76-21 vote a $318 billion highway-mass transit bill covering the next six years. Bush proposed spending only $26 billion and his advisers have said they will recommend he veto any bill much larger than that.

In the House, there is some support for a $375 billion bill that would be funded with an increase in gasoline taxes. Supporters acknowledge that opposition from House Republican leaders and the White House will probably force that price tag down.

Pisarski said Congress is having difficulty financing highway projects because the 18.4 cents a gallon federal tax on gasoline has not risen since the early 1990s.

Further, highway projects have gotten more expensive because they now have to minimize their impact on the environment and neighborhoods they traverse, he said. Giant sound barriers, for example, weren't around in the 1950s.

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**Gov't gives incentive to automakers**

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Washington Post Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — The government is extending an incentive program for automakers who build vehicles that can run on ethanol blend and other alternative fuels.

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Last of relocated wolves killed

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — The last of the transplanted Canadian gray wolves killed nearly a decade ago to repopulate the species here has been killed by federal officials after repeatedly killing young cattle.

The female wolf, known as No. 41, was shot less than two weeks after her sister, wolf No. 42, was killed in a battle with other wolves.

Authorities said wolf No. 41 had to be killed because she had been preying on calves in the Sunlight Basin area north of Cody.

"After that last calf was killed, we decided you knew what to do," said Ed Bangs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service wolf recovery coordinator.

Wolf No. 41, her two sisters and their mother, were among the approximately 10 gray wolves that were captured in Canada and transplanted in 1995 and 1996 to the Yellowstone ecosystem, part of the federal government's controversial effort to reintroduce the predator.

The four females joined a male and formed the Druid Peak pack in the Lamar Valley. The pack soon became the most observed pack of wolves in the park.

Conflicts within the pack, particularly with No. 41's often-violent sister, No. 40, eventually prompted No. 41 to leave the Druid pack behind.

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A severe outbreak of mange left several wolves with thinning coats, which can cause serious problems in the cold of winter. Meanwhile, the pack was found killing cattle in the area and causing problems for local ranchers.

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"She had been kind of off by herself for several months," Bangs said.

No. 41 and the other wolf apparently killed a newborn calf on private land on Feb. 6 and were seen feeding on the carcass by wildlife monitors managing the pack from the air.

Agents with the U.S. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service shot No. 41 on Thursday. Wildlife officials said she had a lame front foot and was suffering from mange.

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Animals

Seabird granted protection in California

By Terrence Chea

SAN FRANCISCO — State regu­lators announced a decision Wednesday to grant protected status to a coastal seabird that nests on islands off the California Coast, but fishermen warned that protecting the Xantus' murrelet will lead to more fishing restrictions.

The Fish and Game Commission voted earlier this month to list the murrelet as a threatened species after state biologists recommended the action. Under the California Endangered Species Act, the state must take steps to protect a threatened species until it regains population.

"It recognizes the status of the species — that it's declining and in need of special attention," said Esther Busken, a DFG wildlife biologist.

The Xantus' murrelet is a small bird that spends most of its time at sea, but is ground nesting. It is expected to be the most comprehensive study ever of the endangered species.

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Researchers look for mad cow test that doesn't kill

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SPokane, Wash. — When the nation's first case of mad cow disease was discovered on a Washington farm, it took the slaughter of more than 700 healthy cattle to prove the disease had not spread.

That's because there's no test for mad cow that can be done on live an­imals, and there may be not one for some time.

"I don't know how far away we are," said Don Knowles, who runs a U.S. Department of Agriculture laboratory in Pullman that is working jointly with Washington State University scientists to develop such a test.

"Data and announcements are coming out all the time," Knowles said. "But until these tests have validated data behind them."

Partly to diagnose an infection quickly could help keep contaminated beef out of the food chain and also cut the economic loss that comes from slaughtering healthy animals, according to a 2003 report by the National Research Council. The animals killed in Washington state, for example, would have been worth more than half a million dollars at market.

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Utah bill outlaws marriage
By Paul Foy
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SALT LAKE CITY — Despite a plea from the only known gay member of the Utah Legislature, the state House gave final approval Wednesday to a bill sanctioning marriage only "between a man and a woman."

The Utah House voted 62-12 for the Marriage Recognition Policy, which outlaws same-sex marriages.


"I'm not the only lesbian you know. Gay people are in every community in this state," she told fellow lawmakers.

"We are your friends, family and co-workers," Biskupski said. "Same-sex couples live in every county in this state, the same in your districts, some in your home counties."

"We work hard and pay our taxes," she concluded. "What's more, 39 percent of the women surveyed don't know the pill is available in the United States and 49 percent of the adult women surveyed confused Plan B with RU-466, which induces abortions."

By Paul Elias
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO — Most California women have no idea how to obtain the emergency contraceptive dubbed the "morning after pill" and many confuse it with the abortion drug RU-486, a study released Wednesday showed.

California is one of only five states that allow pharmacists to dispense the contraceptive pill, called Plan B, without a prescription. But only 9 percent of women ages 15 to 44 know that, according to the study sponsored by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

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- Significant penalties for minors in possession of alcohol, including suspended driver's license

- Potential expulsion from school for serious misconduct, such as violence and sexual harassment

- Strict law enforcement throughout the weekend on and off campus

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The greatest thing about Mardi Gras is that unlike the lesser holidays, Mardi Gras is a week-long event. The original frames of Mardi Gras knew that parties, sex and debauchery was not a sprint, but a marathon, so an iron-man, and that they built “recovery days” into the schedule. For us, this means that just when the party thought it was safe to let the orphans and the subverts back onto the streets, it’ll be Fat Tuesday and we’ll be spreading Vice all over the city for a second time.

When you add all that information, this Mardi Gras will fade into history like every other Mardi Gras before it. The streets will be cleaned, the orphans will be back onto the streets, and the orphans and subverts will recover from the bead-related injuries. The only difference will be that you are now one Mardi Gras closer to graduation, one Mardi Gras closer to leaving San Luis Obispo and one Mardi Gras closer to being too old to get away with it. So get fired up Cal Poly, restock your bead reserves and loosen the bra straps. Use this Mardi Gras for what it really is; as one of the golden times in our lives when we’re old enough to enjoy being scandalous, but still young enough not to know any better.

Patrick Munroe
editor in chief

Letters to the editor

At heist’s use moral reasoning

Dean was the best candidate

Editor,

I have noticed an inconsistency running through the recent letters and commentaries written by atheists (Morgan Flam’s “Faith prevents evolution” Feb. 10) and Deen (Chatterjee’s “Sound reasoning” and knowledge from science or Bertrand Russell.

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Arts & Culture
DIVERSITY

Multiculturally-focused UU Hour: a break from the routine

The enticing scent of fried bananas and taco salad, the rhythmic sound of salsa music and the unique moves of an African dance troupe will replace the punk-rock selection usually found during University Union Hour when Cal Poly holds its first Multicultural Day today in the UU Plaza.

The event, a joint effort between the Multicultural Center and Associated Students Inc., will give students the opportunity to see other cultures and engage in important dialogue, said Multicultural Center program coordinator and animal science senior Tiffani Hamilton.

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Salsa Club will also perform.

A variety of other clubs, including the Filipino Cultural Exchange, the Vietnamese Students Association, European American Cultural Exchange club and cultural fraternities and sororities will be on hand to talk about diversity, pass out club and tribal information and participate in activities that increase cultural awareness, said Liz Levinson, ASI weekly entertainment supervisor and recreation administration senior.

"The main goal for the event is to promote the cultural diversity we have on campus," Levinson said. "It's really important because on campus it seems like we're all the same, but we're not."

ASI will sponsor piñata smashing, and Chi Delta Theta, an Asian interest sorority, will make origami. Other clubs will try to appeal to student hunger by selling ethnic delicacies — the Chicano Commencement Committee will make taco salad and the American Indian Students Association will hold a bake sale.

Levinson and ASI program coordinator Liz Adams presented the idea for Multicultural Day to the Multicultural Center as part of a series of themed events designed to change the lineups of bands that frequently play during UU Hour.

Levinson said the event will create a more open environment for students.

"I think it adds to a state of consciousness on campus and improves the campus climate," she said. "It will provide an environment of community."

Hamilton said the first key to creating appreciation for diversity is awareness because as students learn to appreciate different cultures, they begin to care about the issues surrounding them.

Kinesiology junior Maggie Esser said the food would probably attract a lot of people but doubted whether the day itself would contribute to a lasting awareness of diversity at Cal Poly, which he says is limited.

"It might make people aware of different cultures on campus but not really make people stand out," he said. "I would say the major cultures stand out but not the subcultures."
Alternative publications promote 'higher education'

• Decision to sell 'High Times,' other mags on campus based solely on sales figures

By Rachel Musquiz
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

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One concern is that a magazine like "High Times" may not provide accurate information about marijuana use. "Students have the freedom to make choices about substance abuse," said Mary Peracca, an alcohol and drug specialist at the Health Center.

"Before making a decision, we would want them to have accurate information," Cawley said. Cal Poly does not restrict First Amendment rights by banning books or magazines. No matter what the alcohol and substance-free policy at Cal Poly is, reading or even talking about marijuana is not in any way related to that policy.

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The decision to sell certain magazines is based on numbers and is not related to the content of the publication. If a magazine does not sell in the store, the magazine distributor will pull it from the shelf. So far, there have not been any complaints about campus stores carrying "High Times" on the shelves, Cawley said.

Some students say those buying "High Times" and keeping it on the shelf are most likely not individuals interested in experimenting with drugs.

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"We got better," Ellerson said. "He (Hill) just wasn't sorry that."
Ellerson later said, "I don't blame him. It would be great to have some of the fans but not great.

coaching wise. If his top team faces a top team, it's win-win since they play as there's the chance they can be really hurt. They're not going to return the favor to us."

A change back to the conventional 1-AA schedule, Hagan said, has focused on getting a competitively diverse 1-AA schedule.

"My goal is to try to get 1-AA schools in nonconference that are most like us, potential playoff teams," Hagan said. "I think it's good for a 1-AA football team to get an idea of different regions. Fans like to see different regions and it's a good game."

Part of Cal Poly's problem has been the lack of a conference to work with. Instead of having a number of conference games set in stone each year, Cal Poly is forced to schedule all its games without much notice.

A change back to the conventional 11-game format also hurt the Mustangs' bid. Last year, the NCAA allowed for a 12-game season due to a unique calendar year.

"It absolutely is a problem," Hagan said. "With the pool of games out there, an extra game to every school, in a 12-game season, makes it a lot more comfortable to schedule 1-AA games. Having only 11 to work with and still having that requirement to qualify for a bowl makes it a little more dicey to schedule. There aren't many flaring out there."

Cal Poly's unique option offense may have closed out all favorable odds.

"I could never let a 1-AA team that runs the option play a 1-AA team," said Portland State athletic director Tom Burman. "They have no experience playing with other." Senior attacker Peter Reed led the Mustangs with three goals and one assist. Junior attacker Tim Casey had one goal and two assists, and LeClair chipped in with a goal and an assist.

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regained the lead 6-5 at the break. It looked like Cal Poly had sealed the game by the end of the third quarter, after senior defenseman Spencer Douglass charged down the entire length of the field and bounced in a goal to give the Mustangs a 9-7 lead. However, the fourth quarter belonged to the Panthers, who scored four goals in the final period. The Mustangs failed to score in the fourth, and subsequently caused a breakdown in their defense.

"Chapman is dangerous," Hechtenroether said. "They are definitely a team on the rise and the coaching staff is exceptional. We can always expect them to come out and challenge us."

They had trouble communicating and could not contain the Panthers' late surge.

"We get into game shape as the season goes on," junior midfielder Conor LeClair said. "Right now we don't really have our legs. We are also really young this season and have to play a lot of guys who do not have experience playing with each other."

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Cal Poly pounded out 15 hits in the win over the Highlanders and scored six runs in the fifth inning to overcome a 1-2 deficit.

Sparray had three hits, including a double, for Cal Poly. Lisa Modglin, Chelsea Green, Kristi Alvers, and Jackie Gehre-Jones each added a pair of hits. Eva Nelson went the distance on the mound for the win, scattering 10 hits with five strikeouts.

Against No. 2 Oregon State, Cal Poly scored its four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to cut the Beavers' lead to 5-4, but Oregon State answered with three runs in the seventh to hold off the Mustangs.

On the first day, the Mustangs fell to Utah 4-3 and Michigan 9-0.

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Poly this quarter to snowboard professionally.

Most had spent a full Saturday at the ranch, prepping the arena, clipping their horses and braiding their hair. Most had met before 6:30 a.m. and arrived before 8. Full-on deliria started to permeate the ranks by late Sunday afternoon.

"Let's not lose the horses here!" Dougherty joked, as a group of us stood around the barn, debating whether or not a horse can ride in its own poop.

The day ended around 5:30 p.m. with an awards show. Dougherty, Olle Cawley, Kani Fincher, and Woodward officially qualified for Nationals on Sunday, and if I had, I'd tried to New York in April to watch them compete."

I'm glad I saw the show Sunday. I wouldn't watch dressage on television, but it was refreshing to break from the typical Cal Poly sports experience. I'd even venture to say I had a nice time— even if I didn't meet any cougars."

Graham Wonnick is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily columnist.
The Cal Poly softball team returns to action Feb. 22 through 26 as they travel to Santa Barbara to compete in the "Softball By The Beach" tournament hosted by UC Santa Barbara. The Mustangs are 5-2 overall.

The Mustangs hit the road for the first time this season as they traveled to the "Sin City" to compete in the 2004 UNLV Classic. Cal Poly went 1-4 in the Classic, going 0-3 versus top-25 teams.

On the final day, the Mustangs fell 4-1 to No. 2 California. Freshman Emily Hicks pitched 2 2/3 innings, surrendering eight hits and four runs, suffering her second loss of the season in three decisions. Remi Sperry collected two of the Mustangs hits in the loss.

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