More students depending on aid

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To pay for the rising costs of college, more full-time students and their families are depending on loans, according to a federal study released Thursday.

During the 1990s, tuition and fee increases outpaced both inflation and growth in family income, according to the U.S. General Accounting Office.

"Loans cover about 35 to 50 percent of my expenses," biology sophomore Astrid Dimayuga said. She depends on both loans and financial aid to cover her school expenses.

To keep college an option, financial aid will need to continue increasing with tuition rates.

"The rise in tuition has made me take out more loans and that alleviates the cost," Dimayuga said.

In 1990, only 54 percent of students got some sort of financial aid compared to 71 percent in 2000.

College grants that do not have to be repaid have increased in the last 10 years. The grants were not enough to cover the rise in tuition and fee increases that outpaced both inflation and growth in family income.

For this reason, more students and families are relying on loans. The number of full-time college students who received loans rose from 30 percent in 1990 to 45 percent in 2000, according to a federal study. Computer engineering sophomore Chris Clite used to depend on loans for about 50 percent of costs. In the past, it used to be about 25 percent, he said. The increase in tuition, student fees, housing and gas prices are the reasons he attributed for taking out more loans.

In recent years, changes in federal law raised loan limits and opened unsubsidized federal loans to all students, regardless of financial need. College students taking out loans are coming from low to high-income families and are attending both public and private schools.

Diversity at Cal Poly may reach new lows

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In light of the most recent Poly Vote race statistics and a lawsuit brought by three Latinos claiming Cal Poly has discriminatory admission standards, the campus has, perhaps, never felt more white.

Diversifying Cal Poly is potentially one of the most important goals administrators can set. Recent country population forecasts, however, indicate the university has its work cut out for it.

The state Department of Finance recently reported that population projections for San Luis Obispo County by 2018 have been cut in half, dropping from 100,000 potential new residents to merely 50,000.

Less surprising than the plunge, though, is the prediction that most of those residents will be affluent, white and older.

"The data does not surprise me," said Harry Hellenbrand, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

University Diversity Enhancement Council chair. "The slower growth does, but the fact that the growth will be white and older does not."

Deaf student breaks barriers

Animal science senior spent much of her time at Poly educating others about the hearing impaired community

Anastasia Kilham
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In the six years that Alisa Runstrom has attended Cal Poly she has accomplished a lot. As one of a relatively small population of deaf students on campus, much of her time here has been spent educating others about another aspect of campus diversity.

"Deafness is a culture based on language," she said. "You don't realize how many people have never heard a deaf person."

Being deaf has been a part of her life since birth. She uses a hearing aid and speaks in such a way that she can "read" lips. Without my hearing aid, she said, "I would choose to hide."

"I am proud to say that I am deaf without my hearing aid," she said. Thinking ahead to her June graduation, Runstrom said she wonders whether she will sit with her peers also majoring in animal science or with others who need visible access to an interpreter.

Since Cal Poly has a small deaf and hard-of-hearing community, she said, "You don't realize how many people have never heard a deaf person."
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Runstrom said she decided to create awareness on her own. She found ways to bring people into the culture and was recently recognized as the Disability Resource Center's Student of the Year for promoting disability awareness and advocacy in the Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo communities. Along with completing her major courses in animal science and minor courses in English, Runstrom taught American Sign Language classes on campus, served as a guest speaker on a variety of panels, organized silent gatherings, trained hearing dogs and generally acted as a liaison.

Deaf and hard-of-hearing people rely on various sensory abilities to communicate. "Sign is not the same language as the hearing world," she said.

For instance, Runstrom can sense vibrations in the ground to detect an approaching car, and she can sense vibrations in the air to detect an approaching person. She can also sense vibrations in the air to detect a phone ringing.

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Hellenbrand said, "The ability to get into that market correlates with wealth, which — in the States — correlates with age and whiteness."

While it is possible that the increase in population might create more service jobs within the county, it seems doubtful that they will draw in enough diversity to have a large impact on ethnically or economically under-represented populations.

If the projections prove true, the trend could impede Cal Poly's efforts to diversify the student population.

"This demography won't make it impossible for Cal Poly to diversify," Hellenbrand said, "but it will make it harder as the state, contrary to this trend, becomes more "brown.""

Ethnic diversity within the student body is an important factor for some when deciding what university to attend. "To the extent that students, faculty and staff judge campus choice on the basis of racial likeness to them in the surrounding community, they will, of course, look elsewhere to go," Hellenbrand said. "Previous cultural diversity surveys on campus do show this to be an important factor in people's decision to come."

Still, it is possible that Cal Poly's reputation for excellence and emphasis on particular programs will be enough to draw in students of all ethnicities who are interested in them.

"Cal Poly has the exact mix of programs — many high tech — that is the pass key to the new economy," Hellenbrand said. "People who want to enter that door likely still will consider going here."

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lic and private colleges.

The study focused on full-time students who were financially dependent on their parents. This demographic makes up about half of four-year public school enrollment.

The portion of low-income students taking out loans has remained steady at almost 50 percent, but the number of participants coming from the middle-income range has increased by more than low-income. In 2000, the average loan rose to $3,300, up from $3,000 in 1991.

About half of the students from middle-income families had taken out loans by 2000. Coming from the highest end of the income range, families making at least $124,600 annually, about 35 percent of students took loans. In 1990, only 13 percent took loans in 1990. Often loans from these high-income families go toward paying for more expensive schools.

Taking these loans are not always necessary, but the advantage is that they are low-interest. Nearly any family can get a loan.

"If I didn't have loan, my parents wouldn't be able to pay all of it," Clinton said. "I would be working so much it would affect me academically."

The net price to students for all college expenses at public four-year colleges remained about the same even after grants and loans. The annual cost is about $8,000 because loans have subsidized the rise in tuition and fee increases.
State Briefs

SACRAMENTO — Lawmakers trying to write a state budget have approved spending another $720,000 to enable high-speed rail planners to complete an environmental impact report.

The two-house budget conference committee voted 4-2 Wednesday to accept an Assembly budget subcommittee's recommendation and authorize the additional funding for the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

The legislative analyst's office said the money would be available from a state transportation fund that's projected to receive an additional $16 million in sales tax revenue because of higher gasoline and diesel prices.

Supporters of the $30 billion-plus rail project proposed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for the authority for the fiscal year starting July 1 wouldn't provide enough funds to complete the EIR.

SACRAMENTO — The board of directors of the nation's third-largest public pension fund voted Wednesday to make an initial investment of up to $250 million in the "clean" energy and technology sectors, part of a long-term state program.

The decision by the California State Teachers' Retirement System follows a $200 million initial investment in environmentally sensitive energy and technology companies in March by the nation's largest public pension fund, the California Public Employees' Retirement System.

Both decisions bolster state Treasurer Phil Angelides' "Green Wave" program called "stop-loss," affecting units that are 90 days or less from deploying, said Lt. Gen. Frank "Buster" Hagenbeck, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel.

WASHINGTON — Thousands of soldiers who had expected to retire or otherwise leave the military will be required to stay if their units are ordered to Iraq or Afghanistan.

The announcement Wednesday, an expansion of a program called "stop-loss," affects units that are 90 days or less from deploying, said Lt. Gen. Frank "Buster" Hagenbeck, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel.

WASHINGTON — Nabil al-Marabah was No. 27 on the FBI's list of terror suspects after Sept. 11.

He trained in Afghanistan's militant camps, sent money to al Qaeda's camps and was sent in January to his native Syria, which is regarded by the United States as a sponsor of terrorism.

"This is the great challenge of our time, the storm in which we fly," Bush told 981 Air Force Academy cadets Wednesday to make an initial investment of up to $250 million budget proposed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

...The Khobar attack came over the weekend, when suspected al Qaeda gunmen raided a complex housing foreign oil workers and held hostages for 25 hours at a hotel on the site until Saudi forces raided the site. Twenty-two were killed.

KUFA, Iraq — American troops clashed with Shiite militias in this southern city Wednesday — six days after a truce was supposed to have taken effect.

At least five Iraqis were killed and more than 40 were wounded. Another Iraqi was killed and three others were injured in interminable raids loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr exchanged fire with American soldiers in Baghdad's Sadr City.

UNITED NATIONS — Key Security Council members said Wednesday they still are not satisfied with a revised U.N. resolution on Iraq and want more changes and ideas from interim leaders and U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi.

The United States and Britain circulated the revised blueprint Tuesday on the end of their occupation and hand-over of sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government.

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Students design projects to aid Paso Robles

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Cal Poly architecture students have innovated another quarters’ worth of design projects that they hope will help bring the city of Paso Robles into the 21st century. They will present their models from “Visions for Downtown Paso Robles: Part Two” to the public at the Paso Robles Farmers’ Market on Saturday, June 5.

Some third-year architecture students have spent a majority of their spring quarter at the Cal Poly Downtown Studio, a donated space that is primarily afforded through various sources of grant funding. Architecture professor Alice Mueller saw the destruction caused by the San Simeon earthquake as an opportunity to guide her students in gaining practical knowledge about assessing a town’s needs, requests and preferences as they consider future architectural design.

“We’d like to have an effect on zoning and planning, that’s how I think we can have the greatest impact,” Mueller said.

They design buildings to replace those that were destroyed or damaged and propose new uses for some otherwise empty spaces. The goal is to combine design excellence with sustainable principles and cutting-edge technology, Mueller said.

Government officials, city officials and property owners are among those who have shown interest in the projects created in the past, she said.

Before creating the designs for the new buildings, all students must first become familiar with Paso Robles’ specific zoning guidelines and regulations. From there they see how far they can push the limits, Mueller said.

Third-year architecture student Lucy Bignan came up with a space that would house artists and their studios.

“It is completely different from how it began,” she said. This quarter there have been many new approaches to the project and students have been more daring, Bignan said.

It is the third quarter the students have had the opportunity to combine this kind of practical learning with theoretical knowledge in trying to accommodate one community’s specific needs.

Nick Nicola and course partner Kristin Mar designed a new hotel and conference center for Paso Robles. They were not limited by the budget constraints they would likely face in the real world. They designed a building Nicola described as “pure luxury.”

Nicola said that he was able to learn about design and theory in the two quarters that he has participated in the class.

Architecture junior student Sarah Bradshaw, who also participated in the off-campus study, said she enjoyed being able to look at the specific context of Paso Robles and design accordingly.

Other towns and community members have encouraged future projects for the class, Mueller said, and grant funding has already been requested for the following academic year.

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Mars rover pushes toward hills, twin ponders descent

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PASADENA — Still operating after months on Mars, NASA's Spirit rover is pushing toward an intriguing cluster of boulder-strewn hills while, on the other side of the Red Planet, its twin, Opportunity, is sending observations from the rim of a crater into which it may be sent, mission officials said Wednesday.

Spirit has covered more than 1.8 miles since landing in early January and has only about 440 yards to go to reach its first target at the Columbia Hills, which could give insight into how hills on Mars form, said James Rice, a science team member from Arizona State University.

Halfway around the planet, Opportunity, which landed in late January, has been using its instruments to study surface textures at Endurance Crater.

The rovers remain in good condition, officials told a Jet Propulsion Laboratory news conference, although Spirit had two computer reboots last month due to software problems and Opportunity has had to go into "deep sleep" mode at night to save power because of a faulty heater switch.

Engineers do not believe the two incidents involving Spirit suggest deterioration, rather that two low-probability events happened to occur in the same week.

Matt Wallace, the Opportunity mission manager, characterized that rover as healthy and accomplishing the desired energy savings. He acknowledged there is a trade-off in loss of some functions and the likelihood that one instrument — the miniature thermal emission spectrometer — will be ruined by cold.

A switch that controls a heater became stuck in the "on" position, allowing a thermostat to turn on the heater even when controllers didn't want it on, draining energy from its batteries.

"Deep sleep" is a more complete overnight shutdown of the rover, which only awakens when the sun rises. That eliminates the ability to do such things as relaying data and other communications through orbiters passing overhead at night, but lets the rover do more things during the day.

Engineers and scientists have also been analyzing crater images sent from Opportunity and doing testing at JPL to determine whether the six-wheeled robot could handle the slopes of Endurance Crater if it was sent down into the depression, Wallace said.

"If we go in, there is a possibility... no matter how much testing we do, that we might not come out. So the risk-benefit equation is still being worked," Wallace said.

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Enron traders joked about manipulating Calif. power

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HOUSTON — Enron traders openly dis­
cussed manipulating California's power market
during profit-motivated telephone conversa­
tions in which they gleefully gloated about rip­
ing off "those poor grandmothers" during the
state's energy crunch in 2000-01, according to
transcripts of the calls.

The calls were obtained from the govern­
ment and transcribed by a public utility district
near Seattle that wants Enron to forfeit mil­
dions of dollars in ill-gotten gains over the
energy trading scandal.

Investigators say the transcripts paint an
even more scandal-ridden picture of the way Enron
allegedly ruthlessly ripped the market at a time of
widespread Blackouts and soaring electricity
rates in California. The transcripts also shed
light on discussions that are central to the
Justice Department's investigation of Enron's
trading practices.

"It shows unbridled drive for profit," said
San Diego attorneys Michael Aguirre, who first
sued Enron for unfair business practices on
behalf of California consumers in November
2000. "Everything about the conversations is
excessive. The language is excessive and the
whole mindset is excessive."

The transcripts prompted outrage among
California politicians who are demanding that
the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
compensate ratepayers billions of dollars for
years of price-gouging by Enron.

"Now, you can see into the heart and soul of
the scandal," Sen. Barbara Boxer and Dianne
Feinstein of California said in a letter to FERC
Chairman Pat Wood.

On the calls, traders openly and gleefully
discussed creating confusion on transmission
lines, taking generating units offline to pump
up electricity prices and overall manipulation of
the California power market.

They also kidded about Enron's hefty politi­
cal contributions — particularly to President
Bush's campaign — and how that could translate
into more opportunity for profit in California.

"I'd love to see Ken Lay be Secretary of
Energy," one trader said, referring to the dis­
graced former Enron CEO whose ties to the
Bush administration have drawn criticism from
Democrats.

In one transcript, a trader asks about
"all the money you guys stole from
those poor grand­mothers of
California."

To which the
Enron trader responds, "Yeah, Grandma Millie,
man. But she's the one who couldn't figure out
how to (expletive) vote on the butterfly ballot."

"Yeah, now she wants her (expletive) money
back for all the power you've charged right up
— un­limited right up her (expletive) for (expletive)
$250 a megawatt hour," the first trader
says.

In another, a trader said, "The magical word
of the day is 'burn, baby, burn,' " in reference to a
fire in California under a power line that
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over compensation for the increased demand for
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Judge weighs in on federal abortion ban

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A judge presiding over one of three federal court challenges to the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act questioned Wednesday whether the law is enforceable.

U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf commented during closing arguments in a case brought on behalf of four abortion doctors seeking a nationwide injunction against the law.

The hearing in Lincoln came a day after a San Francisco judge declared the law unconstitutional, saying it places an undue burden on a woman’s right to choose. That ruling affects the nation’s 900 or so Planned Parenthood clinics and their doctors.

The third case, in New York, is moving toward closing arguments later this month. The law has not been enforced while the cases move forward.

Kopf said he would issue his decision by the end of August.

The federal anti-abortion measure, signed by President Bush last year, bans the procedure known to doctors as intact dilation and extraction, but called “partial-birth abortion” by abortion foes. During the procedure, usually done in the second trimester, the fetus is partially removed from the womb and its skull is punctured or crushed.

Doctors challenging the ban say it is vague and could be interpreted as covering more common, less controversial abortion procedures also done in the second-trimester.

Kopf expressed skepticism to Justice Department lawyer Anthony Coppolino that the government could prove whether a doctor had specific intent to perform the banned procedure.

Coppolino said the law addresses only cases where a doctor begins with the intent to perform the banned procedure. Kopf also criticized as “stupid and superficial” the notion that federal judges impose their personal beliefs in making rulings.

Kopf said he did not think that “one uneducated judge, from the hinterlands to boot, ought to veto what Congress does just because he or she doesn’t like it. I’ve never seen a judge like that.”

Earlier in the trial, Rep. Steve King of Iowa sat in on testimony and spoke to reporters outside the courthouse.

King, a Republican, said the nation has to re-establish the separation of judicial and legislative powers and that “activist judges” were using their positions to impose their personal views on the rest of society.

Last month, Bush, renewing his support for a proposed constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, said: “The sacred institution of marriage should not be redefined by a few activist judges.”

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tease, trend or Trash?
Rampant cases of visible underwear popping up on campus

Ashley Wolf

The daily scenario: You're sitting in your classroom waiting for the professor to arrive and in walks a woman who sits in front of you. As she sits down in her low-rise jeans, there it is: the bright-colored thong that is going to continue to distract you during the rest of the lecture.

Visuals of people's underwear have become a common trend at Cal Poly. The most common occurrence happens while sitting in a classroom. Thong-showing skyrocketed when low-rise jeans came into fashion. But local clothing store managers say this trend might be shifting.

"We don't carry the super low-rise jeans anymore," said Alicia Kagel, manager of Crazy Joy's clothing store on Higuera Street. "The trend is starting to not be as low, but regular low-rise jeans are still a popular item."

Kagel said fashion trends go back and forth, but low-rise jeans will continue to be popular for years to come. Some people don't see the problem with visual underwear in class, particularly men. An abundance of men agree that a thong showing during class is a turn-on and are glad that it's not changing anytime soon.

"It's kind of like a tease," said computer engineering senior Ryan Glenn. "They show you a little something, give you a little hint.

Women showing their thong by accident are deemed sexier than women who flaunt their underwear. Glenn said. "If girls show their thong by accident it's more accepted and understandable," Glenn said. "But girls who are trying to show it off aren't attractive. They're just trying too hard."

Women tend to agree that if it's an accident, it's more acceptable than women who flaunt their underwear in their low-rise jeans.

"I think that most of the time it's not intentional," said speech communication junior Hayley Gulko. "But girls tend to say, 'Oh, come on' when they see it and guys are more likely to say 'Yeah, that's sexy.'"

Although Gulko said most of the time this is accidental, she does believe there are ways for women to alleviate the problem. "Girls can make sure that their underwear is pushed down below their jeans, wear shorts that cover their backs and waistline or just pull up their pants before they sit down," Gulko said. "To my knowledge, my underwear doesn't show, and all I try to do is be cautious about it."

"Victoria's Secret has attempted to solve this problem by coming out with an underwear line of low-rise thongs and panties to fit with the jeans style. "We actually stopped carrying regular-size thongs," said Lauren Lamb, an employee at Victoria's Secret on Higuera Street. "The hottest panties on the market are our low-rise ones, and they are made to not show panties with low-rise jeans, and also to not show anything else."

Women are not the only culprits of showing their underwear during class — men are guilty too. Yet, for men, it's not accepted as a fashion trend as it is for women.

"Men are more visual when it comes to finding things sexy," Gulko said. "For guys, it's sexy because there's more room for the imagination of what is down lower than the thong. But girls don't really see it as a turn-on for guys."

While moving into summer, the number of women wearing jeans might decrease a little, but short shorts and mini-skirts are becoming this year's summer trends. The thongs will be replaced with bathing suits for a short period of time, but most agree that, come fall, visual underwear will be back in fashion.

"It's all about fashion," Gulko said. "Girls are going to continue to wear what's trendy and I don't see the low-rise jeans going out of style anytime soon. But maybe girls could be a little more cautious and try pulling up their pants."

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MUSTANG DAILY — It's been a great year. Thanks for reading!
Saying goodbye to Cal Poly with sex

**Commentary**

Well Cal Poly, here it is the last J-Spot of all time. Go ahead and take five moments to compose yourself. In a few short weeks students will be scattered like leaves in the wind, from our academic mantles for the golden summer days of life-guarding, camping, counseling or braces bumming. Some of us may even get the chance to stagger down the commencement aisle, drunk, not only on the 6 a.m. McCarthy's shot, but even more so on the wide expanse of possibility, opportunity and freedom left out before us.

Gone will be the days of books, generous professors and midterms. Gone too will be the roommates, friends and nameless people we hug at the bar. But most sadly, gone will be the crushes, the flirts and the anonymous fantasies. How are college students supposed to cope with such a devastating end? Frankly, there's only one thing we can do. Say goodbye with sex. That's right Cal Poly, the next week and a half should be the most sex-ed of your life. Go out with a bang, literally. At this point, you've got nothing to lose.

If this column has taught us anything, it's that it's OK to have sex, to miss class… to live life. That's what college is for. So why are we all so afraid, so scared of sex and track down the one who got away, that homie from your biology class or the man stallion from the University. Chances are, they'll be down for a little farewell sex too. Just remember, awkward silences and laps to the face, are temporary, but sex will last forever.

Take it from me, in a few short years you will awaken from the blur of life-guarding and track down the one who got away, that homie from your biology class or the man stallion from the University. Chances are, they'll be down for a little farewell sex too. Just remember, awkward silences and laps to the face, are temporary, but sex will last forever. Let's go out with a bang... and not a whimper.

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No. You won't. This is why Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender need their pride week every year.

As we grow up, we tend to align ourselves with the general lifestyles and expect to have those choices respect-ed. Christianity is an example of such a lifestyle, and by accepting another's lifestyle you accept them as human beings and members of the culture. This is how an act like paint-ing over the "P" LGBT's message board for the week, is dehumanizing.

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Biologists alarmed at disease outbreak in Klamath River

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — The California Department of Fish and Game is worried that a parasite killing young salmon and steelhead migrating down the Klamath River to the ocean could kill hundreds of thousands in coming weeks as flows reduce.

Young chinook, coho and steelhead infected with the parasite Ceratomyxa shasta began showing up in traps that sample the annual migration around May 1, said senior fisheries biologist Neil Manji of the department’s Redding office. The parasite is found up and down the river, but the cause of the outbreak remains unknown.

The parasite infestation injected another source of strain in continuing tensions over dividing scarce water between farmers on the Klamath Reclamation Project, endangered suckers in Upper Klamath Lake, and salmon in the river.

“We get put in a very awkward position,” Manji said. “Do you want to use (water allocated for salmon) not to kill adult fish coming back or to help young fish go out?”

Releases down the Klamath River have been reduced after it became clear drought conditions were worse than expected, but the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is meeting Endangered Species Act mandates for water for endangered suckers in Upper Klamath Lake and threatened coho in the Klamath River, said bureau spokesman Jeff McCracken.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has generally found water quality and temperatures to be good for fish, said spokesman Al Donner in Sacramento.

The first sick fish were spotted in the trap farthest upriver. Over the course of the past month, up to 80 percent of the fish in traps showed symptoms of the parasite, and 50 percent were dead, Manji said. It is unclear if the same proportion can be transferred to the millions of fish in the river.

The numbers raised concerns of a repeat of a 2000 fish kill that left an estimated 300,000 young salmon and steelhead dead from the same parasite and a fungus that attacks the gills, Manji said.

The parasite appeared about two weeks before the release of millions of young salmon from the Iron Gate hatchery, making it unlikely the parasite infested the fish in the hatchery, or was a result of crowding in the river caused by the release, Manji added.

He said he was concerned it would get worse in coming weeks, when flows are due to be reduced to conserve water for irrigation on the Klamath Reclamation Project, and the return of spawning adults this fall.
 Commentary

A sunny outlook for sport

Our society is obsessed with looking back. Maybe it's because it shows us how much we've completed, how far we've come or possibly it's just the nostalgia of reminiscing. We spend hours at banquets celebrating what's already done. We watch videotapes of past experiences and some of us watch ESPN Classic way too much. Who doesn't want to see Ali-Frazier in the "Thrilla in Manila" when it's on, or Mike Tyson 18 years ago knock the sense out of some guy he's well, he's only got so many inches to write here.

This past week, we had a chance to reflect on some of the great Cal Poly sports moments of the year, but you're not getting a 2003-04 Cal Poly yearbook from me. That can be located elsewhere in this section.

I'm going to act like this is the NBA playoffs and there's just a long break for the next fact until the summer.

Instead, here's a top 5 list on positive prospects for the next athletic school year.

If you're coming back next year, or plan on remaining a Mustang fan after you leave Cal Poly, here are some things you can look forward to:

1) Football has a conference: Cal Poly can finally say it competing for a conference title in Division I-AA. Although the Great West will have to wait a couple years to earn its automatic bid to the playoffs, the winner of the conference should be a lock to get to the postseason until then anyway.

2) Cross country runners don't need nametags: Only five out of 35 runners on the cross country team were seniors. Sean Ricketts is one of those seniors, but Brandon Collins, Ryan Moorescott and Sean Ricketts, the Mustangs won the Big West Championships. Showing improvement, the women's cross country team placed fifth in the Big West Conference and seventh at the West Regional.

3) Men's basketball building up: Coach Kevin Bromley said it might be one of, if not, the best football seasons ever seen.

4) Women's basketball making a comeback: The Mustangs are one of the few people walking the earth who can make Wallace seem puny by comparison. Known as "Diesel," Wallace can be expected to power his way to the basket and rattle the rim with his dunks. Wallace, nicknamed "Big Ben," is a tenacious defender and rebounder with few offensive skills. Both are horrible free-throw shooters, O'Neal making only 41 percent of his attempts this season, Wallace making 48 percent. Edge: Lakers.

Chris Sheridan
Associated Press

A position-by-position look at the matchups in the NBA Finals between the Los Angeles Lakers and Detroit Pistons.

Coach

Phil Jackson vs. Larry Brown
One has nine NBA championships, the other has none. One is a great teacher who implores his teams to "play the right way," the other is more like a principal who tries to keep his pupils from skipping at each other. One tries to get his team to stick to the principles of the triangle offense, the other eschews zone defenses and Hack-A-Shaq strategies — even if they'd give his team a better chance at a victory. Edge: Lakers.

Center

Shaquille O'Neal vs. Ben Wallace
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Power Forward

Karl Malone vs. Rasheed Wallace
Malone gets the edge in charisma, charm and cunning, while Wallace has the better shooting range and more volatile disposition. Malone has proven himself to be a key component to the Lakers' success throughout the season, while the addition of Wallace in a trade-deadline deal gave Detroit the extra piece it needed to rise above the mediocre level of competition in the East. Edge: Pistons.

Small Forward

Devean George vs. Tayshaun Prince
George is the only non-supersaturated in the Lakers' starting lineup, a solid player both inside and outside who can hurt an opponent if he's ignored. Prince is longer and quicker, though he has struggled to be a consistent producer on offense during the post season. Edge: Even.

Shooting Guard

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Point Guard

Gary Payton vs. Chauncey Billups
A playmaker on the decline vs. an underrated leader who has changed from a shoot-first scorer to more of a traditional floor general. Payton has made drastic changes to his game since joining the Lakers and becoming the fourth, rather than first, offensive option. Billups has evolved under Brown's coaching into one of the league's standout point guards. Edge: Pistons.

Reserves

Derek Fisher, Slava Medvedenko, Kareem Rush and Rick Fox vs. Corliss Williamson, Lindsey Hunter, Mike James, Elder Campbell and Darvio Harris. Fisher and Rush are the only players in the series capable of providing instant offense off the bench, while Williamson, Harris and Campbell provide 18 fouls to use against O'Neal. Edge: Lakers.

How do the NBA finalists match up?

The Mustang year in review

Tarrah Graves

Wooden Award

Over the 2003-04 season, records were broken, titles were won and awards were given.

Cross country

As the fall season came to a close, the men's cross country team finished ranked 13th in the country and 2nd in the West Regional. Led by Brandon Collins, Ryan Moorescott, and Sean Ricketts, the Mustangs won the Big West Championships.

Showing improvement, the women's cross country team placed fifth in the Big West Conference and seventh at the West Regional.

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Bruce Beck was named 1-AA Independent Defensive Player of the Year.

Basketball

Men's and women's basketball kicked off the winter season, both teams making it to the Big West Conference Tournament.

Women's basketball finished the season with their best record since entering Division I with a final record of 14-14 overall and 10-8 in the Big West.

Junior Kay Paterson led the Mustangs in scoring and rebounding. Ali-Frazier was placed on the All-Big West Honorable Mention list.

Men's basketball finished the season with an record of 11-15 overall, including two wins against Pac 10 teams Cal and USC.

Senior Shane Schilling and Varone Dennis, and sophomore Kameron Gray all earned Big West honorable mentions for their leadership of the team.

Swimming

Matching fourth-place finishes in the Big West Conference Championships, the men's and women's swimming and diving teams shared successful seasons.

Ben Palmer would go on to be named Big West Men's Athlete of the Year, the men's team by breaking a Cal Poly record and dominating the 200 meter breastroke.

Winning the 2004 Trivia Master Award! Thanks to all who played this year. Zachary Lelevierjoseph wins! Read on...