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Getting to know Cal Poly for the first time

Both incoming and prospective students get a warm and fun welcoming from Cal Poly this weekend

Kelly Cope

Cal Poly's campus population will temporarily swell this weekend as thousands of prospective and admitted students and their families come to learn more about the university and what it has to offer.

The weekend will present many opportunities to explore the campus, but exploration is only one of the many activities offered. Last night, Farmer's Market provided the venue for C'dub Preview Night, where visitors were introduced to the extracurricular side of university life.

Today's events are specifically reserved for an Admitted Students Preview Day. (Check-in for students admitted to the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering and Architecture and Environmental Design starts at 7:30 a.m. and continues until noon on Mott Lawn. Check-in for students admitted to the Colleges of Liberal Arts, Science and Mathematics, and the Otis Hall College of Business starts at 9:30 a.m. and finishes at noon on Mott Lawn.)

The Resource Fair is a place where Cal Poly showcases its housing, health, food and work resources. Representatives will be available to answer any questions attendees may have from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Union Plaza.

From 8:30 to 9 a.m., students admitted to the Colleges of Agriculture, Engineering and Architecture and Environmental Design will receive their first official welcome to the university from President Warren Baker, the Open House committee and others in the The Cal Poly Recreation Center. Students admitted to the Colleges of

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Liberal Arts, Science and Mathematics, and the Orbilia College of Business will receive their welcome from 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The University Union takes center stage from 5 to 11 p.m., with the Friday Night Invite: The Pregame Show. From bowling at Mustang Lanes to making crafts at the Craft Center, the event will provide a great chance to connect with other students.

Parents can also attend the Parents' Coffeehouse in the UU Chumash Auditorium during this time. Worried first-time college parents can engage in a discussion with other more experienced parents and voice their apprehensions. Week of Welcome orientation leaders will also be present to contribute their anecdotes and offer guidance.

Tomorrow, campus clubs will be out in full force from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., as over 200 organizations will compete for awards such as "Tri Tip of the Year" and "Best School Spirit."

Jessica St. John, a biochemistry sophomore and a member of the American Chemical Society Club, said she is excited to meet the incoming freshmen.

The club will look to "get the students interested in their major's prospects and what sort of things there are to do in the major," St. John said.

Coordinating the events is a large task. Open House public relations director Nicole Stivers cited managing all of the colleges and working with campus organizations as one of the more difficult undertakings of the process.

"It's not just a community event, it's an university-wide event," Stivers said.

Stivers, along with many other Open House committee members, will be working long hours to make the weekend a success.

The Open House Information Booth will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and staffed with committee members who will answer questions and give out event information.

The Poly Koval Parade, an annual Cal Poly ritual, will kick off at 9 a.m. and make its way around Perimeter Road to Dexter Lawns. The day's events will officially commence with the opening ceremony at 10 a.m. at the end of the parade.

The Kids' Fair will offer face painting and carnival games to entertain the younger crowd and will be located in the UU Plaza.

On the main stage on Dexter Lawn, various dance teams and organizations will be performing from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. This will provide an opportunity for students to gain a more in-depth look at what these clubs are about.

At the end of the day, from 3:30 to 4 p.m., the club awards will be given out at the closing ceremony on the main stage on Dexter Lawn.

Sunday, students can get to know the campus themselves, on foot. Explore the campus, and cap off the Cal Poly experience by stopping by the All-State Wind Orchestra Festival at 2:30 p.m. in Harman Hall, located in the Christopher Cohan Center.

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Dr. Magic, Musty make appearances at the Kids’ Fair

Kristen Marschall

This year the Open House Committee wants to remind people that the weekend is not just for alumni and prospective students — it’s about the kids too.

“I remember going to events with my siblings and it was kind of boring,” said Serena Bruce, an ecology and systematic biology junior who promotes this year’s Open House by “overall good times for everyone.”

Bruce, who serves as a campus and community relations coordinator as well as a club relations coordinator on the committee, said the Kids’ Fair is slowly coming back since ending with Poly Royal in the ’90s.

Last year marked the return of the carnival, which Bruce thought was “a little shaky.” But this year the carnival was a priority for the committee, many campus clubs and local organizations jumped at the opportunity to help out.

The Student California Teachers Association will do face painting and organize an art project, while the Week of Welcome team will be putting on Poly Royal in the ’90s.

The committee also has some shows lined up, such as Zoo2You, a wildlife education program which will provide a show featuring an array of live animals. In addition, there will also be two magic shows, courtesy of local magician Dr. Magic.

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Deeply rooted in tradition, Cal Poly Open House, a university celebration that has been around for more than a century.

The event started in 1904 as a Farmers' Picnic, a celebration that attracted 200 visitors to the campus for new building tours, a BBQ, and agriculture shows. Then, in 1933 the celebration grew and turned into Poly Royal. In 1994, it was renamed Cal Poly Open House.

The spring of 1933 marked the beginning of Poly Royal and the now famous parade. The event featured livestock judging, agriculture shows, horticulture exhibits and a BBQ according to the Open House Web site.

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Though many of the traditional events are still held, the ASI concert and dance held by ASI at the end of every Poly Royal is a tradition no longer upheld and missed by some alumni.

"The ASI concerts were always my favorites, the student-bands and hired bands were always fun," said John Furtado, a Cal Poly alumni board member. "The event was less structured then, but the concert is something I miss."

The event's popularity steadily grew through the years and eventually became a staple community event of San Luis Obispo that attracted people from all over.

"It was a very community oriented event; it started as early as Thursday and went through the weekend." Furtado said. "It included the Greek system, academics, clubs and many others and it gave students a chance to discover other majors they wouldn't even have known about."

In 1994, Poly Royal met its demise as the popularity of the event swelled to the extent of a 1,000-person riot in the city that prompted the cancellation of the long-standing event.

The spring celebration lay dormant for four years until 1998, when President Warren Baker created the current Cal Poly Open House.

"It's (Open House) a balance of the missions of The Farmers Picnic, Poly Royal and the showcase of Cal Poly academics," said Nicole Stivers, a journalism senior and public relations director for Cal Poly Open House.

Though broken in its timeline, Cal Poly Open House is a historically unique event that has been a staple of Cal Poly for more than 13 years.

"We are the only state school that puts on and event like this that is entirely run by a student committee," Stivers said. "Other students use our event as a guide and students from Arizona State University came last year to look at our unique event."
Approximately 40,000 visitors, mostly prospective students, parents and alumni come to Cal Poly every year for open house. That means hundreds of extra hours of preparation for the university and its employees.

Major changes to the university take place in the form of food and parking modifications.

“We’ve been planning for this for months,” said Alan Cushman with Campus Dining Services.

Clubs will bring a majority of their own food to Saturday’s events, but on Friday an additional 3,000 boxed lunches will be packed and eaten at Cal Poly. In addition to the supply of department-ordered box lunches, two restaurants, The Avenue and Garden Grille, and Lucy’s cafe will open on Saturday to feed the crowds. The only one to not make an increased appearance with Open House is increased garbage from boxed lunches. This year, graduate student Andrea Ramirez collaborated Zero Waste, a project with Campus Dining to create compost friendly boxed lunches.

Recipients of the lunches will not find a trash can for their leftovers, instead the university will provide compost containers that will then be taken to Cold Canyon Landfill for disposal. This service will come at no additional cost to Cal Poly departments according to Cushman.

“Open House is a wonderful weekend to accommodate admitted students and their families,” Cushman said.

An additional 22 Community Service Officers and all University Police are on duty for the weekend. They oversee transportation and safety at the event.

It is mandatory that all UPD officers work during Open House. Officers spend the weekend enforcing parking violations, like being parked in red zones and spots reserved for state vehicles. Officers also direct traffic along the intersections of University and Highland Avenue and Grand Avenue and Perimeter Road.

“W e end up writing a few tickets,” UPD Commander Lori Hashim said. She said most are for obvious parking violations.

Increased campus access for the disabled is another large consideration for the weekend. Cal Poly will provide between 50 and 120 parking spaces for the physically disabled on Friday and Saturday.

The university police department also provides a shuttle service for visitors parked past the agriculture unit. It is mandatory that all UPD officers work during Open House.

In the winter and spring quarters “there’s always something coming up with Open House,” Community Service Officer Leon Sheynikman said.

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The roaring tractor pull

Jennifer Hall

It's time to grab your ear plugs and head to the annual Cal Poly Open House Tractor Pull on Saturday during Open House weekend. Cal Poly has two groups that participate in the pull, the Tractor Pull Club and the Tractor Pull Team that competes around the state.

"Tractor pull is a competition to see how far you can pull a certain weight through a field," said Monty Baker, an agricultural engineering senior and president of the Tractor Pull Club.

The event is scored based on the distance the tractors pull a 40,000-pound sled that digs into the ground the further it goes. The event is sponsored by the Tractor Pull Club and generally draws over 4,000 spectators.

The main objective of the club for the event is to raise money through donations and ticket sales for the Tractor Pull Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is given to a student who has done work in and around the agricultural engineering department.

"The great thing is that anyone from any major can join the team and apply for the scholarship," said Sarah Bradley, a horticulture senior and active member of the club.

Cal Poly has two tractors that compete in the Open House Tractor Pull: Mustang Fever and Poly Thunder.

Open House food booths a plenty

Jandy Jones

Visitors will have several choices for food at this year's Open House. More than 200 booths will be set up and selling food.

Booths will be located all over campus and out on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A new section of booths will appear in front of the English building, Fisher Science building, the Administration building and the Sandwich Factory.

"We are calling it the zone around Perimeter," said Nicole Stivers, director of public relations.

At last year's Open House the booths were set up in front of the Campus Market but were deemed a potential safety hazard and had to be moved, Stivers said.

The club must be Cal Poly affiliated in order to have a booth at Open House. Stivers said that there are two information meetings held during winter quarter and clubs can come and receive general information.

Stivers said that the club must complete necessary paperwork and pay fees in order to have a booth after the club chooses what food it wants to sell.

This is the only time that clubs can bring in food from outside campus, she said. Normally, the club has to order food from Campus Catering, but for Open House, clubs can bring in their own food, Stivers said.

Rob Stornetta, director of club relations, said some of the foods that will be sold are sushi, tri-tip, funnel cakes and strawberry sundaes.

"Food is a big part of Open House and it has always been," Stornetta said. Prices of the food will vary from club to club, he said. He added that clubs will also be selling T-shirts. Selling food and T-shirts is a great way for the clubs to raise funds, Stornetta said. The clubs will also be competing for awards.

Some awards the clubs will be competing for are Tri-tip of the Year, Original Ethnic Food of the Year, Dessert of the Year and Best Overall Food.

Last year Alpha Gamma Rho won Best Tri-tip, CP Greek won the dessert category and Best Overall Food went to Chicanos Commencement.

"We have booth judges made up of VIPs, media members, representatives from the city of San Luis Obispo, representatives of the university and former committee members," Stivers said.

The winners are chosen by an awards committee. The awards are given during closing ceremonies held at the main stage on Dexter Lawn at 4 p.m.
Poly Royal Parade marches through campus

Brigette Barbosa

"The Open House Committee wanted someone who went along with the 'Choice of Champions' theme," student volunteer director of events and entertainment for this year's Open House Allison O'Leary said. "We brainstormed and found that Terry was involved with both the Olympics and Cal Poly athletes."

Crawford has been involved with Cal Poly track and field for 14 years and has coached several athletes including NCAA high jump champion Sharon Day and 2004 Olympian Stephanie Brown. "I am very honored and excited to have the opportunity to be in this position," Crawford said. "Cal Poly has been an important part of my life these last 14 years with my involvement in the growing and development of athletics on campus. I am honored to be selected knowing the position involves and highlights women's participation in sports."

"The message I try to send as a coach is that my accomplishments I go hand in hand with my athletes and coaches' accomplishments," Crawford said. She is not sure what the committee has planned, but is not against inviting several top athletes to be showcased alongside her. Crawford will ride in the lead parade vehicle and will be followed by 20 to 30 participants. "Mostly they are clubs from Cal Poly with some local business participants," O'Leary said. "Some walk with see Parade, page 20"
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Katie Hofstetter
Managing Editor

Celebrating Earth Day and Open House in one weekend, Cal Poly is taking steps to reduce and eventually eliminate campus-wide waste. ZERO WASTE CAL POLY

The program headed by environmental engineering graduate student Andrea Ramirez and aims to completely abolish Open House garbage within a five-year period.

The program emphasizes recycling and food-composting as waste alternatives.

"The goal is actually to have the entire Open House event zero waste in the years so that the students coming in this year will see a zero-waste Open House by the time they graduate," Ramirez said.

She hopes that continued awareness and participation in the program will eliminate landfill waste by the 2011 Open House.

"This year (the goal) is to divert more waste from the landfill then we did last year," she said.

To implement the plan, Ramirez is working with organizations both campus and city-wide.

With the assistance of Cold Canyon Landfill, she discovered that during last year's Open House weekend, Cal Poly redirected less than 15 percent of its waste from the landfill.

Cold Canyon estimated receiving 31.36 tons of waste, while 7.11 tons were recycled.

Not only is recycling environmentally friendly, Ramirez said, but it is cost-effective. She said for the same weight, garbage pick-up is roughly twice as expensive as recycle pick-up.

The College of Science and Mathematics is holding Cal Poly's first zero-waste luncheon on April 21, where all serving materials will be recyclable and biodegradable and all excess food will be composted.

In addition, a group of 16 different campus clubs have agreed to participate in the program and will be displaying a zero-waste logo on their booths during Open House.

The logo indicates that club members are knowledgeable about the program and can provide recycling information.

"The perfect time to launch this at Cal Poly is on the Open House weekend," said Nicole Stivers, Open House public relations director and journalism senior. "Not only is it going to be targeting current students, it's also going to be targeting conditionally admitted students who are going to be attending Cal Poly next year. So it's reaching the target audience earlier."

In order to boost the project and help ensure its continuation, the San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Board donated two food composting units to Cal Poly. Cold Canyon Landfill is also planning to add a food composting operation.
Tractor

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Mustang Fever is the product of the mechanical design class in Agricultural Engineering. It was built and designed by three Cal Poly students in 1999 and pulled its first sled that year. It has 3,600 horse power and an Allison V12 engine from a WWII aircraft.

Poly Thunder, another student project, has an eight time winning streak, but will not be competing this year because the transmission broke in February at the Tulear World Ag Expo.

"The Tractor Pull team has been working hard to get it back and running for the summer pulls they will attend," Bradley said.

Poly Thunder has 3,000 horse power and two supercharged chevy big block engines. There are two advisors for the Tractor Pull at Cal Poly, Gary Weisenberger and Mike Zohns.

"Without those two guys we wouldn't be able to put (this event) on," Bradley said.

Weisenberger owns the sled that is used for the Open House Tractor Pull as well as the majority of other pulls in California. Zohns also owns a competition tractor, Bulldog, that will be competing at the Open House Tractor Pull. "I think tractor pull shows how hard students work for something and we appreciate people coming by to see it every year," Baker said.

The pull is from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are seven dollars and will be sold at the BKAE ramp next to the Agricultural Engineering building from 11 to 11:30 a.m. of the pull.

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College of Engineering

Weber said.

Cal Poly opened its doors in 1901 as an all-men's college. Since then, it has grown to include not only women, but seven different academically diverse colleges and 16,500 undergraduate students.

Ronnie Meehan
Rodeo has sight set on national championships

Frank Stranzl
March 21

Ben Londo doesn't pay much attention to collegerodeo.com's rankings, but the top male for the Cal Poly rodeo team should know that he's currently ranked No. 5 in the all-around points standings and the men's team is No. 10. Impressive as that may be, Londo spoke better of his female teammates. "Our women's team is just amazing," Londo said. And he's right. The Cal Poly women's rodeo team is ranked No. 2 in the nation and will probably move ahead of Weber State University, which has had three rodeo teams in its history, but has three rodeo teams remaining and the men's and women's teams are aiming for top seeds.

The top three individuals and top two teams in each region guarantee themselves a spot in the national championships and both teams have a good chance of qualifying, Londo said. This weekend the team will compete at the Poly Royal Rodeo with events scheduled for today and Saturday. From Cal Poly Pomona, Fresno State, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Cuesta College, Feather River, Lassen College, Western Nevada College and West Hills will take part with the first action to begin at 6 p.m. on Friday.

"It's a little nerve wracking," Londo said. "Definitely in front of the hometown crowd you want to compete and do well." With competitive as well as family-friendly events scheduled, such as steer riding lessons and calf dressing, Londo is hoping for a repeat of past experiences at the Cal Poly rodeo. "This is by far the best college rodeo I've been to," Londo said. Londo, a senior construction management student from Pendleton, Oregon, will lead a top-notch Mustang rodeo team into the weekend competition. Londo is ranked No. 4 in the West Coast Region in bareback riding and No. 2 in saddle bronc riding and his adaptable talents have translated into a No. 1 regional ranking in all-around.

Not only is Londo a star at the college level, but he also competes professionally when he gets the chance. Teammate Ted Britt sits at No. 3 in the West Coast Region in bareback riding. As well as riding for Cal Poly, Britt, like Londo, competes professionally on the side. Also competing for the men's team will be Dallas Osiern, Elliott French, Wyatt Scott and Joe Clouse. On the women's side, Kebe Johnson is ranked No. 14 in the nation in all-around competition. She also appears in the national rankings at No. 11 in team roping header and No. 8 in breakaway roping.

Cal Poly women hold the top four spots in their region in breakaway roping with Johnson topping the list followed by Sadie Myers, Juli Copppini and Marcey Teixeira. Coppini and teammate Kalli Collins are ranked 2-3 in goat tying as well. Teixeira has also performed well and is ranked No. 4 in the West Coast Region in barrel racing.

The Cal Poly Rodeo Arena is located off Mt. Bishop Road on the university campus. Last year it was standing room only as everyone caught the fever and hope for clear skies.

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A couple dorm tips from former residents

Living in the dormitories can be fun, exciting and hard, but with a few tips from dorm veterans incoming students can get an idea about how to succeed.

Christina Casci

Thousands of freshmen live in the dorms every year and many find it a part of the true college experience. Then again, some can go without it. No matter their opinion, students from every year and every college have something to say about their dorm experience.

On-campus housing consists of three options: the red bricks, which consist of six buildings each specific to one college; the First Year Connection residence halls Sierra Madre and Yosemite, where mixes of different majors live together in towers; and lastly, the North Mountain Halls which have much bigger rooms with doors that lead outside, not to a common area.

Most students say the most important thing to do in the dorms is to be social. "During the first couple of weeks, don't be scared," said Tara Bonas, a freshman agricultural business major. "Walk around and socialize because that is when people find their close group of friends for the year."

On-campus housing was mostly the same for students. However, for those in the North Mountain Halls, it was a little different. "It was quiet when you wanted it to be," said Robert Peterson, a junior computer engineering major. "You could party when you wanted, but find quiet when you had to study."

A big concern for students is quiet time for studying. "Don't study in the dorms," said Maeve Messing, a sophomore nutrition major. "You won't get anything accomplished, you have to physically leave the building."

One thing that can make the experience of living in the residence halls pleasurable is the roommate a person gets, said Julie Kunz, a sophomore psychology major. "Just don't be best friends, you will get tired of each other."

Some people have interesting roommate experiences. Catherine Dickens, a junior biochemistry major, prepared for a roommate that walks and talks in their sleep," she said. Even though most students like the dorms, many have one big complaint — food. The meal plan is not regarded highly among some students. "The food wasn't necessarily bad, it just got repetitive," said Amanda Rausdell, a sophomore psychology major. "I always just wanted to go home and cook myself something, but I couldn't because I had a meal plan."

Students often fixed this with microwaveable foods. Evan Hendrickson, an animal science junior, said his solution was Easi-Mac. Though it's not as good as normal mac and cheese, he added.

Little pieces of advice were important to most students. "Things like get a carrier for the bathmom and definitely get flip-flops for the shower," Rausdell said. "Buy salads at Campus Market or go to Veranda for lunch if you want healthy food."

Kunz added, "Don't stay up really late because everyone else is."

A piece of advice to parents. "Don't worry, it will be OK," Rausdell said. "San Luis Obispo is a safe place, your children will have fun."

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"Cal Poly has always been the school I wanted to go to," said physics freshman Robin Beck. "When I decided in high school that I wanted to major in physics, I came to Cal Poly and toured the department on campus. I really liked the teachers and the students in my class."

Incoming freshmen in the fall of 2004 had an average grade point average of 3.9 and an average score on the SAT of 1230 while transfer students had an average GPA of 3.4.

College of Liberal Arts

Home to the award-winning Mustang Daily, the College of Liberal Arts offers students the chance to learn a wide array of disciplines. Music, theater, graphic communications, linguistic studies, and political science are just some of the many majors offered through the college.

According to data collected by Cal Poly, 97 percent of all CLA graduates leave Cal Poly to enter graduate school or they are hired immediately after graduating.

On April 3, Cal Poly appointed Linda J. Halisky as the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts. She will oversee some 650 staff members, 300 faculty members and 3,000 students who make up the third largest college at Cal Poly.

College of Architecture and Environmental Design

In its more than 50-year existence, the College of Architecture and Environmental Design educated 8,000 students to graduation. Those who graduate from CAED will be ready to apply their skills and make positive contributions to their fields.

The college enrolls more than 1,300 students, making it the largest program of its kind. Students in the CAED are linked to professionals for further hands-on experience and the program encourages faculty and student interaction.

Students have an abundance of resources at their disposal, including the 12-acre outdoor experimental construction laboratory at Poly Canyon, a photographic presentation facility and a media resource center.
Parade
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banners, but they can do whatever
they want.”
Awards and prizes are given to
the participants who best represent
the categories. The award cate-
gories include: “Best Overall,”
“Community Favorite,” “Most
Creative,” “Most Spirited,” and
“Best Use of Theme.”
The parade will begin on cam-
pus at the corner of Grand Avenue
and Perimeter Road and will end
where Perimeter Road meets Via
Carta. The Poly Royal Parade will
jumpstart opening ceremonies on
Dexter Lawn beginning at 10 a.m.
Saturday’s events are open to the
public.
If it rains, Saturday’s events could
be cancelled, but Friday’s events
will still occur, Stivers said. A hot-
line will be set up for participants
to call beginning at midnight to get
the official word. Stivers said when
she was an incoming student it
drizzled, but the events were not
cancelled. To her knowledge, the
event has only been cancelled once
in 13 years.
Last year’s Grand Marshal was
Andrea Kerns of Student Life and
Leadership. Previous Grand
Marshals include Open House
Planning Committee Alumni, San
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In August 2005, construction began on the 70-year-old Mustang Stadium to build a newly-designed Mustang Memorial Plaza where Week of Welcome events, commencement ceremonies and football and soccer games will continue to be held.

The stadium, which sits on the west part of campus between the business building and campus office's, has a tentative completion date of August 2006. Construction will not hinder Cal Poly Open House events, athletics director Alison Cone said.

When completed, the new stadium will hold 10,000 people — 1,500 more than the previous stadium, Cone said, "and will include amenities such as elevators (and) restrooms," something the previous rented seats did not offer. The stadium will also include a press area, coaching, radio and television booths, special box seating and an upgraded playing field with lighting.

"Our senior season will be the first to play for it (the stadium)," said Sharon Day, a junior who plays for the women's soccer team. "That'll be really cool for us."

There were a number of reasons to renovate the stadium, Cone said. "It's the one place that will hold everyone. It was not of the quality that other buildings on campus were."

"We have a really competitive football team," Cone said. "They needed a first-class venue to compete in."

The approximate cost of phase one is $21.5 million, Cone said.

In August 2004, Cal Poly alumnus Alex G. Spanos donated $4 million to the stadium's renovation, according to a California State University Web site article.

The donation "is the largest single gift in the history of Cal Poly athletics," the article said.

"We have two major donors and a number of others," Cone said.

Throughout construction, California Boulevard has been closed to through traffic causing nearby residents, students and vehicles to find a different route to campus.

When construction commences, the C-1 parking lot will become a memorial to the football team of 1960, many of the members lost their lives in a tragic plane crash.

"An important part of the renovation of our stadium is our goal to recognize and honor all of the members of the 1960 football team who perished in a tragic plane crash in Ohio," said Cal Poly President Warren Baker in an August article.

The plaza will be a memorial to those students and coaches who died. It will be the focal point of the stadium entrance to students, alumni and visitors attending games.

"We feel that permanent recognition on the Cal Poly campus of the young men who lost their lives and lost their friends and teammates is long overdue," Baker said.
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For the links: Sea Pines Golf Course
There's always that edge: during the first few dates, and the easiest way to eliminate it is to make yourself look like an idiot. Throw your clubs in the trunk, get your best pair of paid pants on and make sure to bring a few extra balls... because you're going to need 'em. Sea Pines Golf Course in Los Osos is set on the south end adjacent to Morro Bay. Several holes overlook the ocean, and since it's only a 9-hole course you won't get exhausted trying to find your ball out in the rough. To take it down a notch, you can always hit the driving range too.

Where everybody knows your name: Happy Hour at the Cliffs
Here's one for the crazy kids who are 21-and-over but haven't tied the relationship knot just yet. The Cliffs Resort in Pismo Beach is the place to be from 4 to 7 p.m. on weekdays for happy hour at the bar. Buy your special someone a drink, eat some tacos and watch the sun set over the ocean. You can explore the shoreline below, lie down on the lawn in front of the resort, or sit at your table on the patio underneath an umbrella with the sun gleaming in your partner's eye. Be prepared for your date to be impressed by your choice, because this place is a gem.

The big guns: Sycamore Hot Springs and some Italian cuisine
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Cal Poly music ensembles pay tribute to Gershwin

Amy Dierdorff

Three Cal Poly music ensembles will perform various arrangements from composer George Gershwin at the Open House Concert Saturday, April 22.

The Cal Poly Symphony, University Jazz Band and Cal Poly Wind Ensemble will pay tribute to the songwriter and composer at 8 p.m. in Harman Hall at the Performing Arts Center.

Bill Johnson, director of the band program and the wind ensemble, said the student-musicians will show off their talents and hard work, in keeping with this year’s Open House theme, “Cal Poly: Choice of Champions.”

“We’ve been working really hard,” said Johnson.

Johnson says Gershwin is an interesting choice because he “managed to take sounds of Broadway, jazz and classical music and merge them together.” He added, “They’ve been working very hard, I’m sure you’ll have a chance to hear it and know it’s him.”

The music department faced the challenge of finding a theme for this year’s concert that is equally as satisfying as last year’s “Fantasia,” written specifically for the orchestra and jazz instruments,” Arrivée said. “I think it will show us at our best.”

“The orchestra will perform two songs from ‘Porgy and Bess,’” “Summertime” and “My Man’s Gone Now” in addition to the rhythmic “Cuban Overture.”

The diverse arrangements the Cal Poly Symphony will perform gives them a chance to show a different side of their talents.

“People can think the symphony orchestra is really serious,” Arrivée said. “This just goes to show you can have fun doing it.”

Arrivée expects the show to be entertaining to all, but especially enticing to prospective students.

“I think they’ll leave with more than just having seen us play,” he said.

Tickets to the Open House Concert are $8 to $18 and can be bought at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Most members of the Cal Poly Mustang Marching Band are also part of the Pep Band Club, which plays year-round.

Making music: Pride of the Pacific

Amy Dierdorff

You may not see them at sports games, but the Cal Poly Mustang Marching Band has plenty of work to do recruiting new members and participating in other music ensembles this spring.

Although marching band classes are not taught during spring quarter, band director Bill Johnson said the students practice year-round.

Many of them take part in the university jazz band, wind orchestra and other music groups in the department.

“We encourage them to keep playing,” said Johnson, who’s been teaching at Cal Poly for 40 years.

The band, also known as the Pride of the Pacific, is most often seen during the fall “in all its grandeur and glory, performing at football games,” Johnson said.

However, they break into smaller groups, called pep bands, to perform for women’s volleyball and men’s and women’s basketball games during both fall and winter quarters.

“They’re an outstanding group,” Johnson said. “They put on a spectacular display.

Many of the band’s musicians are members of the Pep Band Club, which functions year-round, and is headed by Johnson and student officers. The club uses methods like calling and e-mailing high school seniors to recruit prospective students.

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Vinters in the making: Vines to Wines

Jemma Wilson

Adding a twist to Cal Poly's "Learn by Doing" motto, the Vines to Wines club's "Learn by Tasting" philosophy certainly entices students to know more.

"(We're) developing an educational and fun club for students to broaden their wine knowledge," Vines to Wines President Brian Simas said.

The 13-year-old club was developed by wine and viticulture students to help build a connection with the local wine industry as well as educate wine connoisseurs-to-be. With roughly 110 members and a small quarterly fee of only $2.50, the Vines to Wines club is a great way for students of all majors to bond over a common love: wine.

Meetings take place every other Tuesday featuring barbecues, guest speakers and slideshows about upcoming events. The club also has a night dubbed "Fab Friday" in which they devote an hour-long seminar to a particular wine, like Zinfandel, champagne or sparkling wine.

It wasn't until last quarter that the club was allowed to have wine tasting at the meetings due to a no-alcohol policy on campus. Now, after negotiations and strict rules in place, students 21 and over are allowed to taste wines.

Club member Travis Ballard has been part of Vines to Wines for the past two years. Ballard, an agricultural business junior, likes the idea of being able to meet people already in the industry and those soon-to-be in the industry.

"I like being able to meet everyone who you know will be in the industry in 20 years," Ballard said.

The club takes annual trips. They visit wineries in Paso Robles/Edna Valley, Monterey/Santa Cruz, Napa/Sonoma and the Santa Barbara County.

"Typically we will visit 10 to 12 wineries over three days and get VIP treatment at most of them inculding tastings, tours and lunch-eye. We just got back from a four-day Napa/Sonoma trip that was a blast," Simas said.

The club primarily funds the trips with students only having to pay a small portion and it covers food, hotel rooms, buses and activities.

With Open House approaching, Vines to Wines is gearing up for an eventful weekend. On Saturday, April 29, they will have a booth set up by Campus Market from 8 a.m. to noon where there will be barbecue food for sale, wine tasting and even sumo wrestling.

Also, Saturday will mark the fourth annual Cal Poly Wine Festival located at Santa Margarita Ranch starting at 1 p.m. Brittany Malone, a wine and viticulture senior and the Vines to Wines event coordinator, said that the club provides most of the volunteers and committee members for the festival and all proceeds from the event go to the wine and viticulture program at Cal Poly.

"The Wine and Viticulture major is only a year old so the festival is a way of giving back to the program," Malone said.

The festival called "An Afternoon Amidst the Oaks" will feature 73 wineries throughout California as well as food booths from 15 local restaurants. There will also be an art show, silent auctions and the band Joose will perform.

Tickets are on sale now. Prices are $30 for students and $50 for the public. There will also be a shuttle service provided to get people to and from Santa Margarita. For more information go to www.calpolywinefestival.com.

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Poly breaches national top 100

Christopher Gunn

Cal Poly has been named one of the top 100 universities in the nation in awarding undergraduate degrees to minorities, according to July’s issue of the magazine “Black Issues in Higher Education.”

Cal Poly was ranked 60th and was grouped with 14 other California State Universities that made it to the magazine’s annual “Top 100” list.

The list, compiled by “Black Issues in Higher Education,” compares the top universities nationwide in terms of conferring degrees upon minority students. The list is compiled from information supplied by the United States Department of Education.

“It’s encouraging that we’re getting results,” Interim Provost Robert Detweiler said. “We ought to be encouraged that we are continuing.”

In terms of universities awarding undergraduate degrees in agriculture, Cal Poly was highly ranked, receiving a ranking of No. 5 in degrees to all minorities.

In correlation to the No. 5 ranking, Cal Poly was also ranked No. 2 in degrees awarded to Native Americans, No. 3 in degrees awarded to Hispanic students and No. 4 in degrees awarded to Asian Americans in the same category.

“It is also discouraging that there aren’t more colleges graduating minority students,” Detweiler said.

According to the Cal Poly 2003-04 fact book, enrollment summary statistics, while there were 4,416 minority students enrolled during the 2003-2004 academic year, only 1 percent of Cal Poly’s total enrollment was African-American. That is 166 African-American students in a total college year average enrollment of 18,246 students.

Increasing diversity within the Cal Poly community is still a challenge, particularly with African American students, according to Detweiler.

In reference to the percentage of enrolled African American students at Cal Poly and the 6th overall national ranking, “It’s kind of discouraging for America, it’s a nice reflection on Cal Poly,” Detweiler said.

Despite the lack of African American students enrolled in the university, Detweiler acknowledged that for a polytechnic university, it is encouraging that Cal Poly is among the nation leaders for Hispanic and Black engineers.

“Both Cal Poly and the nation still must do more to encourage the success of minorities,” he said.

The next step for Cal Poly is to continue its efforts in improving diversity according to Associate Vice President for Admission, Recruitment and Financial Aid Jim Maraviglia.

Maraviglia, described as the man charged with increasing diversity at the Cal Poly, relayed his office’s efforts in increasing Cal Poly’s diversity.

“We do different things within targeted recruitment,” Maraviglia said. “We have adapted 42 different partnerships with high schools in California.”

Through targeted recruiting, Maraviglia hoped to improve the chances of minorities throughout California to get into Cal Poly as well as the CSU system.

“Our role is to increase the number of eligible applicants,” Maraviglia said. “Less than 5 percent of Black graduates coming out of high school are CSU eligible.”

“The nation should be doing its best to get all ethnic groups through higher education,” Detweiler said.
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Fool-proof method: Dean calculates a proper study load

Christopher Gunn
MUSTANG DAILY

Cramming may be the study method many college students use today, but it may not be such a smart plan if one wants to succeed.

Studying 25 to 35 hours per week is the proper and time-tested method for success in college, according to Philip Bailey, Dean of the College of Science and Mathematic.

Bailey, a veteran of the college of science and mathematics for the last 22 years, spends much of his time looking for ways to encourage students in and out of his department to develop good study habits.

"The math and science department is the cornerstone of this polytechnic university because all of the students in engineering and architecture have to take classes with us before they begin the major course work," Bailey said.

In high school, students spend six to seven hours a day in school. Added up over the course of a week, this is the equivalent to 30 or 35 hours a week. Coupled with extra curricular activities, it could translate to nearly a 50-hour work week.

Bailey also noted that when students make the transition to college they often are bombarded with an abundance of free time which they spend doing activities not associated with the classroom.

"We're trying to teach students good study habits," Bailey said. "Habits that they will need to make it through their major."

"In unreasonable," senior software engineering major, Bloc Maramontes said.

But according to Bailey, 25 to 35 hours per week is hardly unreasonable.

During an average quarter in the College of Science and Mathematics, roughly 13 percent of the new class is placed on academic probation during their first year, according to Bailey. Bailey also noted that up until the 25 to 35 hours per week was implemented, the number of students that made the Dean's List on an average quarter was comparable to the number of students placed on AP. Directly following the implementation of the program, the number of students placed on the Dean's List increased by nearly ten percent.

Bailey made the point that despite the fact that this was just one class of students and that their number of Dean's List eligible students increased, there was a direct correlation between the implementation of the program and the increased performance of the students in the science and math department.

"Only 30 percent of the people that begin college receive a college degree," Bailey said. "A student may have not needed to study in high school to make good grades, but you can't do that here."

Although Bailey seems open to the idea of joking about his 25 to 35 hours per week program, he is vigorously dedicated to the idea of implementing good study habits in Cal Poly students, habits that one day could translate to a successful individual and a lifelong love of learning.

High school students average six to seven hours in class per day. For a week, that's 30-35 hours, the amount you should study, Bailey says.

Philip Bailey displays signs promoting his program in his office.
College of Engineering shines at Open House

Lauren Zahner
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's College of Engineering plans to showcase the success of its programs at Open House this weekend with the help of student projects, panel discussions and an alumni luncheon.

One of the most popular Open House events is RoboRodentia, a competition between robots built by teams of Cal Poly students and members of the community. It will be held in the Rec Center on Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m.

This will be the eleventh year of the event under its current name, but the contest has been going on for 15 to 20 years, Joe Grimes, an advisor to the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Computer Society (IEEE-CS), which organizes the competition, said RoboRodentia shows how Cal Poly students are successful as a result of their classes.

"People are interested in seeing what we're doing here at Cal Poly in terms of preparing our students. They're looking to see the different things that people have done to achieve the rules of the contest," Grimes said.

In fact, RoboRodentia draws such a large crowd that it was moved to Mott Gym last year. Donna Aiken, the director of college relations, said RoboRodentia is the second most popular Open House happening after the tractor pull. Last year, attendance exceeded 1,500 people.

Grimes said joining an engineering club or society such as IEEE-CS has benefits that extend beyond college.

Learning how to work effectively in teams is something engineering majors must master in college. Representatives from different companies give the students familiar with job opportunities in their fields through the clubs.

The largest engineering club at Cal Poly is the Society of Women Engineers, with 484 members. For the past three years it has been named the No. 1 Large Outstanding Student Section in the nation. SWE works closely with the Women in Engineering Program at Cal Poly, which will be having a panel discussion Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. titled "Past, Present & Future of Women in Engineering."

"Currently, the percentage of women in the college of engineering is 40 percent. Obviously, we're looking for that to be 50 percent," WEP director Helene Finger said. "Obviously, we're looking for that to be 50 percent.

Companies are looking for the same thing, she added, because a diversity of employees makes a better product.

The panel of alumni and students will be discussing several questions aimed at providing useful advice for incoming freshmen.

Future of Women in Engineering.

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Diya Chacko

Los Angeles — Recent studies of American college students have shown that the girls are beating the boys in terms of time studying, grades, and time taken to graduate.

A Student Monitor survey of 1,800 students revealed that female students study more often, more efficiently and for longer periods of time than male students. Male students, on the other hand, are more likely to study later at night, skim their textbooks and parts more often.

As a result, female students are achieving higher grades and graduating in less time than male students, the study found.

"This research confirms that hard work matters and quantifies the difference between those students with a set of solid study habits and those without," said Eric Weil, managing partner of Student Monitor, in a press release.

Student Monitor publishes nationally syndicated market research studies targeting the US college student body as a consumer group.

The study found that women are 35 percent more likely to study daily compared to a third of the male students.

Results from the study showed that nearly half of female students study daily compared to less than one in five men. Lastly, the study found that men party 20 percent more than women.

According to the University of Southern California Fall 2004 Scholarship Report, the average GPA of female students is 3.05, while the average GPA of male students is 2.87.

"Those numbers are the average GPAs of the entire USC student body," said Nikki Alice, a sophomore in the USC Baccalaureate/MD program. "When you think about it like that, the gap is actually pretty wide. Maybe girls are just more focused at this time."

At least some of the female at USC seemed to agree and individually reflect the study's findings.

"I study highly efficiently and have a lot more focus," said Nicole Williams, a junior majoring in political science. "To a degree, girls have a better sense of things. We clue in more to the professor and care more about our work."

Williams said that she studies around 30 hours per week.

Chil-Te Lee and Matt Byrne see a differently.

"Men are meant to be more physically active," said Lee, a junior transfer student majoring in business administration. "My personal understanding is that men can't focus because they're not meant to be active — they can't focus for really long periods of time."

But at the same time, he said that he studies around 72 hours a week. "Transfer students have to study hard," he said.

Byrne, a graduate student studying motion picture production, said that he thinks the sex of a professor could be important, among other factors overlooked in the study.

"Women are simply better students in some circumstances," he said.

Weil said that around 1,800 students were picked from random undisclosed universities and community colleges to take a 15-minute survey by telephone. Students were asked questions such as their year, whether they were enrolled full or part-time, whether they lived on or off campus, if they had taken basic courses such as Calculus I, Introduction to Psychology, or Introductory Chemistry and their grades in those classes and how much time they spent studying or partying, as well as their usual study habits. One question asked students to say whether they had been studying for a certain purpose.

"Actually, it was found that some women study just so that they don't embarrass themselves in class," Weil said.

The Association of American Publishers commissioned the study to find ways to educate students in a more sophisticated manner so they are able to graduate in less time.

These days, the growing number of college students is straining campus resources, causing the cost of education to go up and forcing students into higher debt. American college students are under pressure to achieve higher grades and graduate in four years or less.

"Currently, only one-half of all public four-year college and university students are graduating in four years or less," said Bruce Hildebrand, executive director for higher education at the Association of American Publishers. "We want to find out what else publishers can do to make products that better meet the needs of students.

The Association of American Publishers is the principle trade association of the U.S. book publishing industry and its members include most of the major U.S. commercial publishers.

Hildebrand said that there is a constant move to improve textbooks for an increasingly diverse student body. He quoted in Aug. 17 press release published by the ACP stating that only half of ACT test-takers who graduated in 2005 have college-ready reading comprehension skills and that no improvement has been shown in math, science and English scores.

"The key thing is to find what combination of instructional learning tools and time on task — actual application of time and hard work — will give the student the greatest success," Hildebrand said.

"We can then balance the tools of the professors against student success."

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Safety in SLO town

Jennifer Gongaware

Cal Poly doesn’t have a history of violent acts and crimes, but they do occur periodically.

In 2003, there was one murder, 23 forcible rapes, 19 robberies, 99 aggravated assaults, 344 burglaries and 131 car thefts in the city of San Luis Obispo, according to www.citydata.com, which is well below the national average.

“No matter how safe we are, going by the numbers and statistics, there are crimes in town and Hwy 101 brings a lot of people through town,” University Police Commander Bill Watton said.

The crime rate in San Luis Obispo has dropped 52 percent, and the university community crime rate has dropped 40 percent in the last six years, according to the Cal Poly Web site.

“Perhaps it’s because of our increase in visibility,” Watton said. “Most people feel safer here than at home.”

But, that doesn’t mean students can fall victim to theft of their bicycles, backpacks or things out of their cars.

When it comes to possessions in cars, theft usually occurs because someone leaves valuables on the seat. Also, there is alcohol affiliated with a large number of activities off campus, which increases the likelihood of a crime occurring.

“Typically we see people in trouble when alcohol is involved,” Watton said. “They drank too much, which can lead to aggression and a fight or a sexual assault.”

It’s hard for the Sexual Assault and Rape Prevention Center in town to track the number of actual sexual assaults since a majority aren’t reported, said Shannon Chain, who works in crisis services.

“Usually it’s between two college students,” Chain said. “A majority occur between acquaintances. It’s not the man hiding in the bush吊顶。”

Chain advises students to be cautious about where they are at and who they are with.

“The biggest thing is to be aware, trust your instinct and don’t get yourself alone, always use the buddy system,” Chain said.

The University Police Department hears rumors of drugs placed in drinks from time to time, but it’s not a mainstream thing, Watton said.

If a sexual assault does occur, the SARP center provides free services such as confidential counseling, clinical therapy and advocacy and accommodations to law enforcement training and court proceedings. Their 24-hour hotline, 545-8000, connects callers to state certified sexual assault counselors.

To prevent a sexual assault, the SARP center provides women empowerment and self-defense courses privately to dorms or clubs.

They will be on campus during WOW at the Awareness Fair with additional information.

University police provide an escort van for students Sunday through Thursday from dusk until midnight. They stop outside of the library and Rec Center every half an hour and drive students up to a half-mile off campus.

For those living in the dorms, there are also precautionary measures to take to protect yourself and your belongings. Although the outside doors to the dorms are locked at all times, some people do not close the door all the way and Watton suggests locking rooms at all times.

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Famous for its burritos, Tio Albertos has a huge menu with plenty of treats. A classic carne asada burrito, packed with rice, beans, cheese, salsa, guacamole, sour cream, onions, cilantro and crispy beef (they have chicken and pork as well) will tide you over for the rest of the day. However, these burritos are not designed for the党风廉政 eater. Weighing in at two pounds, according to the non-scientific study, these bad boys will drop anchor in your stomach for a few hours. If you're up for trying something new, try a special vegetarian burrito. With grilled vegetables (onions, bell peppers and more) and a special sauce added to the mix, it's a good backup if you're looking for something lacking meat.

BIG SKY CAFÉ
1121 Broadway
The best San Luis Obispo restaurant, according to the New Times Reader poll. If you're used to slamming fake chicken, this is the place to visit. You can try a brother Tom salad with grilled tomatoes, cucumbers, crutons and balsamic vinegar if you want to walk away from your plate. The City Breads are baked to perfection. They look like a pizza, but instead of sauce and toppings there's cinnamon and a sweet glaze.

WOODSTOCK'S PIZZA
1001 Higuera
Stop, don't think that this is a typical pizza place. Woodstock's is always bustling with crazy college kids, and there's a reason for it: it's good. It was rated top in the Mustang Daily "Best for" edition, Tribune Reader's poll and New Times. By the size, customers can snag a good meal at $1.50. If you want to go big, make sure to mention you're a student for the discount price. Woodstock's also has a few tricks up its sleeve. The Cinnabread are baked to perfection. They look like a pizza, but instead of sauce and toppings there's cinnamon and a sweet glaze.

On Wednesday nights, Woodstock's offers pint night. Buy a glass and get cheap beer ($1 refill, $2 for premiums). Beer and pizza always do mix, don't they?

Their salads are just as good as the pizza. Try out a Brother Tom salad with balsamic vinegar if you want to walk away from your plate. Topped with carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, cucumbers and mozzarella, you'll be happy that the Mustang Daily knew where to send you.
17 vital college commandments

David Swindle
OPEN HOUSE
MUNCIE, Ind. — She would die
of embarrassment, so I'm not going to
say who gave me the image. It’s
holding up a funny picture of
Christopher Walken on the fridge.
Frank Zappa wrote the quote “If you
want to get laid, go to college, but if
you want an education, go to the
library.”

Not bad advice. One good turn
deserves another; hence, presented in
random order, “Dave’s 10
Commandments for incoming:"

1. The most important piece of
college advice my father ever gave me
was, “Take the professor, not the class.”

2. Unless you’re one of those evil
college students, there are plenty of
friends, talented people.

3. Remember, those are deeply passion­
ate individuals who have dedicated
their lives to the subjects they teach.

In my experience, when they get
devoted students, they tend to open
their arms. My theory? We remind
dorms of themselves when they were
out age.

4. Search for a library is a treasure
mine. Between loads of periodicals,
popular new books, a solid collection
of tapes and DVDs, and a vast collect­
on that has inspired legitimate shock
and awe in me many a time, you’re
alone if you don’t take advantage of
it.

5. The most important because it will
separate those who can survive and
thrive in the college environment
from those who simply are not
equipped to handle it. It’s nice
to start your college career on a firm
footing. I would recommend
looking for a roommate a year
ago. By the time you are going
through dorming for two years —
the first semester is irrefutably
separate those who can survive and
thrive in the college environment
from those who simply are not
mature enough to handle it. It helps to
know when

6. The cafeteria in the student
center sells grapefruit halves for fifty
cents. Eat two daily.

7. Sharing a dorm room can be
difficult, whether it’s with a best friend
or a stranger. First, it’s good to know
both on or after 7/1/06

8. Last semester I pulled a Red Bull­
sided, nearly 24-hour writing
marathons — with one break for
breaks and classes — of two papers totaling about
50 pages. It yielded two of the best
papers I’ve ever written, as well as an
A and an A—.

9. I caution you, though, it only
works if you really know what you’re
writing about — you need to have all
the research and planning done
beforehand. Also, absolutely do not
have more than two Red Bulls in 24
hours. It will wreck havoc on your
system.

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Swarming the streets of San Luis Obispo, their brightly-colored wristbands give them away. During the last week of summer, the “Wowies” are seemingly everywhere.

Participants in the university’s unique WOW program introduce incoming students to their new Central Coast home with a variety of activities during the week of orientation.

“WOW is important because it introduces students to the campus, community, and sets up foundations for friendships,” said Nicole Goliti, a member of the WOW Executive Board for 2006. “It is a way to help new students have a smooth transition into their college experience.”

One of the largest student volunteer orientation programs in the country, WOW is made up of a team of student leaders and university officials striving to “provide an introduction to academic and social resources, encourage awareness, and promote relationships with the campus and community environment,” as described in its mission statement.

All WOW leaders go through 10 weeks of extensive training, working to develop the leadership, communication, and social skills mandated of a group leader.

Though exhausting at times, the lengthy training has its rewards. “I had a lot of fun in training,” said junior Joslyn Parizo, a WOW leader for the past two years. “WOW is obviously sleepless and a little stressful for the leaders, but a good stress, the kind that keeps you going, and when you are done you have had a rewarding experience.”

She enjoys showing Cal Poly newcomers the ropes and being a part of their first campus experience.

Though WOW orientation only lasts a week, the benefits of such an introduction can be lasting, with many leaders and participants staying in touch throughout their college careers.

While the WOW community is not a substitute for a student’s dotting family back home, it doesn’t hurt to have a little help when starting out at Cal Poly.

“Your WOW leaders are like having a big brother or sister on campus,” said Goliti, “someone to be there for you during your first year.”
Study shows student debt exceeds wages

Daniel Person
MONTANA KAIMIN (U. MONTANA)

MISSOULA, Mont. — Students who want to teach or enter social work in Montana after they graduate college may want to look elsewhere, as wages in the state cannot cover the student loan burden carried by many.

That is the finding of a study released Wednesday by the United States Public Interest Research Group. And while the group only looked at teaching and social work, a MontPIRG board member said at a press conference Wednesday that the findings indicated a trend that should be troubling to anyone planning on entering "low income but socially important professions."

Nationwide, 37.4 percent of students attending a public university would face "unmanageable debt" if they were to come to Montana to be a teacher or social worker. For students enrolled in private universities, that number jumps to 48.4 percent.

"Unmanageable debt" is a debt burden so large that one could not make payments and also keep up with other necessary living expenses. The study points out that with the baby-boomer generation getting ready for retirement, these numbers bode poorly for Montana's prospects on filling teaching positions. Nationwide, there will be 2 million open teaching positions in the coming decade as the baby boomers retire.

"Higher education is supposed to open doors," said Dustin Leftridge, a University of Montana student and MontPIRG board member. "Unfortunately, relying on debt closes some of those same doors."

Mick Hanson, director of UM's Financial Aid Office who also spoke at the press conference, said students face a steeper burden than students of the past because of a change in policy at both state and federal levels.

"The number of Pell Grants made available by the federal government has not increased in response to increasing college cost. The interest rate students have to pay on their loans has doubled since 2004, from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent. That means graduates must devote twice as much of their paycheck to paying off the loans."

In Montana, state funding of public universities has fallen to about a third of the total funding, putting an unprecedented cost burden on students.

A student who takes out loans for all four years of her schooling generally leaves college with just more than $20,000 in debt. The ability of students to "work through college" has become almost impossible. According to Hanson, if the ratio between minimum wage and college tuition were the same as it was in 1975, minimum wage would have to increase to $22 an hour. In Montana, it's $5.15 an hour. The study was done on a national level, and thus does not look specifically at how students paying Montana tuition fare in the job market. However, Hanson was able to provide some alarming statistics of his own. Hanson said a student who takes out loans for all four years of her schooling generally leaves college with just more than $20,000 in debt. Hanson said such a debt requires a job that pays more than $30,000 a year to keep up on payments.

In Montana, neither social work nor teaching pays that well for starting wages. Thus, even Montana students may need to look out of the state in hopes of pursuing jobs that do not carry lucrative starting wages. Both Hanson and MontPIRG representatives said students should focus on pressuring legislators to devote more money to higher education.

"You all (students) are more powerful than me," Hanson said. "They think I'm just trying to line my own pockets."

Budgeting for the Montana University System will begin later this spring. The Board of Regents and the universities will submit requests to Gov. Brian Schweitzer, who will then create a budget for the entire state government and submit it for approval in next year's legislative session.
Applicants continue to soar as Poly releases latest ‘Factbook’

James Mellor
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Cal Poly’s Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis released the 2005 ‘Factbook’ of student characteristics at the university and for the 12th straight year, Cal Poly has received an increased number of applicants.

A record 28,840 incoming freshman and transfer students applied to Cal Poly for fall 2006. The 3,420 incoming freshman averaged 1284 on the SATs and had a 3.73 high school GPA. The 8,088 incoming transfer students’ GPA averaged 3.27.

The number of applicants increased 5 percent from last year’s statistics, 41.6 percent from 2000 and has nearly tripled since 1993.

As of fall 2005, 11.1 percent of Cal Poly students are black, 11.3 percent are Asian, 10 percent are Hispanic, 8 percent are Native American, 3.3 percent are of “other” non-white ethnic origin, 8.3 percent did not specify their ethnicity and 64.7 percent are white.

Of Cal Poly’s 19,475 students, 10,365 (55 percent) are male and 8,100 (44 percent) are female. The average Cal Poly student’s age is 21 years old.

Ninety-four percent of Cal Poly’s 17,488 undergraduate students are age 25 or younger. Almost one-third (32.3 percent) of new freshman were from the San Francisco Bay Area. 38 percent were from the greater Los Angeles area, nearly 50 percent were from the San Joaquin Valley, 8.5 percent from San Diego county, 8.5 percent came from out-of-state, just over 8 percent from the Central Coast area, 7.1 percent from the Sacramento area and 6.9 percent from other California counties.

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King also said it is a positive reflection for his high school to send so many students to a highly competitive university.

“It reflects their education and I was prepared coming in here, I think Jesuit does a good job preparing you to take that next step into college,” he said.

Community colleges that sent the most transfer students to Cal Poly were Cuesta College, Allan Hancock College, Santa Rosa Junior College, Ventura College and Diablo Valley College.

Cal Poly students in 2004 had 91.3 retention rate after their first year, and 68.9 percent of the freshman class from 1999 have graduated within six years.

Diversity at Cal Poly*

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Freshmen Cal Poly students rank highest in recent California State University report in mathematics and English proficiency and high school grade point average for entering freshmen.

The study, published on March 15, 2006, analyzed freshmen students' readiness for college on three components. Cal Poly students ranked the highest among all the CSU schools in all three areas.

"Our newly-selected students are college ready," said Jim Maraviglia, assistant vice president for admissions, who required remediation in mathematics and 9 percent required remediation in English.

According to Cal Poly press release, 98 percent of the students admitted to Cal Poly who required remediation were proficient at the end of their first year.

"Remediation really isn't an issue," Maraviglia said.

The average high school grade point average for entering Cal Poly students was 3.74 according to the University Systemwide. 63.2 percent of CSU students ranked highest in college readiness.

The report also included the percentage of Cal Poly students that required remediation in mathematics and English during their first year. Five percent of freshmen required remediation in mathematics and 9 percent required remediation in English.

The second-highest mean in high school grade point average was San Diego State with 3.49.

Forty-five percent of freshmen Cal Poly students were proficient in mathematics and 91 percent were proficient in English, according to the CSU Web site.

The third-highest mean in high school grade point average was San Diego State with an average of 3.49. At Cal Poly Pomona, 71.2 percent of freshmen were proficient in mathematics and 50.6 percent were proficient in English. The mean high school grade point average was 3.77.

The CSU Trustee policy requires that new students show proficiency in math and English before they can enroll in college-level math and English courses. Proficiency is based on standardized test scores or performance on the CSU Entry Level Math (ELM) exam and the CSU English Placement Test (EPT) according to the CSU Web site.

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Students, faculty and community members were invited to attend the “State of the Student Address” given by ASI President Tyler Middlestadt on Wednesday in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion, where he discussed the challenges students face today, as well as the opportunities ASI provides students to tackle them with.

Before Middlestadt spoke, he was preceded by Cornel Morton, the vice president for Student Affairs, and Cal Poly President Warren Baker.

“ASI represents 18,000 students,” Morton said, “students who are challenged by work responsibilities, family allegiances — every one of our students is different.”

Baker stressed that the path to the university level must be improved, noting that the K-12 system in California is struggling. To combat this, he said outreach programs have been created to help parents and schools of K-12 students understand the opportunities that will prepare and lead students to a university education.

“The university can’t stand by and do nothing,” Baker said.

But he also warned that “the squeeze” will be put on higher education in terms of money and academic success, and certain measures must be taken to succeed. These measures require increased attention to math and science — subjects that countries such as China and India are doing exceptionally well in — and balancing the curriculums with these subjects and an environment that fosters creativity.

“I am confident . . . that we will meet this challenge,” he said, “and we will continue to be the world leaders in a way that will help the rest of the world as well.”

Finally, Middlestadt took the stage.

“Tonight is a culmination of 10 months of work at ASI,” he said. “ASI is so much more than the person elected in my position . . . ASI is really about the transformation that occurs when people work with each other.”

He launched into the highlights of 2005, which started after his election in June when a CSU committee approved a policy for energy conservation that 14,000 students had been involved in — a cause that “brought the most unlikely people together,” he said. Cal Poly also contributed ten megawatts of renewable energy.

“To see it done now is a proud moment,” he said.

In August, 200 students through­out the state, including ASI delegates, met in Long Beach to discuss the price of education. The meeting put a statewide spotlight on the students and reached Sacramento, where the students were able to meet with the governor to talk about the issue. The message was heard, Middlestadt said.

“Had students not stood up, we wouldn’t have been on the radar,” he said. “Today, ASI continues to be a strong voice in Sacramento.”

Other important accomplishments throughout the year included working with the city of San Luis Obispo to find transportation alternatives and improving neighborhood relations throughout Marck Gess.

Middlestadt said he hopes for a record turnout of 25 percent of the student body when ASI election commence in May and encouraged students in the audience to get involved.

“(In ASI,) when you show up, when you don’t give up, you make a difference,” he said, adding to a standing ovation that students are the No. 1 priority and ASI serves as “the eyes, ears and voice of the students.”

Colin Goodridge, a junior art and design major, was impressed.

“It makes me feel optimistic,” he said. “I’m interested in getting involved . . . it’s amazing what’s going on.

Goodridge was further impressed by Baker’s presence and it was the first time he had seen the university president.

“I wish at the beginning of every year he could show his face,” Goodridge said.

Becca Swanson, ASI chief of staff, said it was a good chance for students to hear President Baker.

“Not many students get to hear him,” she said, adding that many leaders throughout the school and community were in attendance.

“The event was a huge success,” former ASI President Blake Bodoh said. “Tyler was diplomatic and poet­ic, his passion is really inspiring. Hearing about the state of the student — we got that and more.”
SPORTS

POLY PLAYERS WITH JIMMY VAN OSTRAND

Kyle Johnson

MOST KIDS growing up in Canada learn to play winter sports. They play hockey, luge or maybe even curling, but not Cal Poly’s Jimmy Van Ostrand. Van Ostrand is a different story.

Van Ostrand grew up in the icy cold climate of Richmond, British Columbia, which is on the Western side of Canada. But while most of the other kids were playing hockey, he did something very few other kids up north do; he played baseball...

“Hockey is way bigger than baseball up there, especially because of the weather, but I still wanted to play baseball,” Van Ostrand said. “It was tough, though, since up there we could only play for four or five months of the year because the weather would get bad.”

This was no problem for Van Ostrand, however, as he took up badminton in the off-season. “I actually got pretty good, and I was ranked third in the country in my age group at one point,” Van Ostrand said. “But eventually I had to choose between baseball and badminton, and I chose baseball... it was my first love.”

Out of high school, Van Ostrand went to Hancock College, which lies in Santa Maria, Calif. There he met Jesse Zepeda, who coached at Hancock at the time. In early 2004, Zepeda signed on at Cal Poly to be an assistant coach, and a season later, Van Ostrand followed.

“Coach Zepeda was the main reason I chose Cal Poly,” Van Ostrand admitted. “He was a great connection to the school, and it felt like a good fit, so I came here.”

In his first year on the team, Van Ostrand exploded onto the scene. He hit .345 with four home runs and 25 runs batted in, and earned Honorable Mention All-Big West Honors as a right fielder. This year, Van Ostrand is playing first base as well.

“He made the change very easy,” head coach Larry Lee said. “He worked hard all fall and now he can play either position for us.”

“The positions are different, but I feel comfortable with both of them now,” Van Ostrand said. First base is not the only new position Van Ostrand is in this year. He has also become the leader of the team both on and off the field. “He’s a physical presence on the field, and has become the leader of our team,” Lee said. “He makes sure everything goes to plan, and we need him out there.”

But Van Ostrand remains modest about his new role, though. “This team is very easy to be a leader on,” Van Ostrand said. “Everyone works hard and I don’t really have to say much.”

That hard work is paying off as the Mustangs currently rank No. 22 in the country. They also hold the most wins in the Big West, with 10, but Van Ostrand and the rest of the ‘Stangs aren’t satisfied yet.

“It feels good to be ranked right now, but our goals this year are to win the conference and qualify for regionals,” said Van Ostrand, who leads the team through 12 games with five home runs and 17 runs batted in. “Once we’re in the playoffs, anything can happen.”

Winning the Big West and qualifying for the regional tournament are pretty lofty goals, seeing as how every Cal Poly team in the past has fallen short. But don’t expect the same this season. Led by Van Ostrand, the 2006 Cal Poly Mustangs are a different story.
Study abroad programs now reach to Ghana, South Africa

Thao Tran

The international studies department will launch a new program of study in South Africa and Ghana.

The South Africa and Ghana programs, designed to give students a new outlook and perspective for developing countries, will be available in 2006.

Students interested in studying in Ghana will attend the University of Ghana in Legon and students interested in the South Africa program will study at the University of ZwaZulu-Natal in Durban or the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth.

"We want students to have knowledge of the world, knowledge of other languages and cultures," Director of International Studies Program John Battenburg said.

"Africa is the place where we need to be."

The director of the Office of International Programs from the chancellors office in Long Beach said students going to Ghana will be living in dormitories with other international students. The dormitories will be within walking distance from classes and several miles from Accra, the capital city.

The Ghana program also includes enrollment in classes to learn the country's local language, Twi.

Students enrolled in the South Africa program will take Zulu language classes.

The CSU system has been involved in international studies programs for about 50 years in 19 different countries and at over 50 institutions.

Approximately 600 students in the California State University (CSU) system participate in the program each year, extending knowledge and gaining experiences in different countries such as Japan, Italy and Western Europe.

Most of the study abroad programs offer studies in Western Europe, but the program is now trying to extend learning opportunities in developing nations.

"We did have a program in Zimbabwe but it was suspended for political reasons," Battenburg said. "We had one in Israel, but that one is suspended also."

Applications to study in Ghana are due Feb. 1, 2006 and May 1, 2006 for the South Africa applications.

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Cal Poly's student government: For the students, by the students

In 1937, students formed the first Cal Poly student government association. Now, more than 60 years later, ASI is still with students every step of the way developing programs and services, supporting clubs and organizations, providing facilities and recreational opportunities, and advocating the student perspective on campus, in the community, and beyond.

You've probably seen the Experience ASI window paintings, postcards, magnets and brochures and may have found yourself wondering, "Experience what?" Well, wonder no more.

ASI is a non-profit corporation committed to being every student's connection to the ultimate college experience. ASI offers countless ways to get involved, here are just a few.

Joining student government will help you gain leadership skills in addition to getting involved on the campus, state and national levels. Student government has provided a strong voice of Cal Poly students on all student issues.

The executive staff is working hard to bring important programming to our campus and community. Most recently we've launched the "Best Seat in the House" program at Mustang athletic events where two spirited students are chosen to sit in comfy recliners and enjoy the game while being served free snacks and refreshments.

The University Union Advisory Board is developing plans to enhance the UU Plaza space with better access and improved furniture. They've also recently upgraded technology inside the UU by adding new and improved e-mail stations.

If none of these opportunities sound interesting, you can always get involved with Cal Poly clubs which work directly with the ASI Epicenter for facilities reservations, club chartering and co-sponsorship funding. ASI also offers professional opportunities to more than 400 students each year with positions ranging from front desk assistants to children's center classroom assistants to student managers responsible for organizing an entire team of student staff.

If that's not enough, students are encouraged to participate in all of ASI's programs and services designed to shape the ultimate college experience. Here is a peek at what ASI offers:

- Quarterly fitness classes at the Cal Poly Rec Center
- Free movies every Tuesday in Chumash (through Feb. 23)
- Quarterly craft classes at the ASI Craft Center
- Weekly outdoor adventures with ASI Poly Escapes
- Popular performances at UU Hour and the Rec Center thanks to ASI Events
- Preparations for the Cal Poly Rose Float in the Rose Parade

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The executive staff is working hard to bring important programming to our campus and community. Most recently we've launched the "Best Seat in the House" program at Mustang athletic events where two spirited students are chosen to sit in comfy recliners and enjoy the game while being served free snacks and refreshments. The University Union Advisory Board is developing plans to enhance the UU Plaza space with better access and improved furniture. They've also recently upgraded technology inside the UU by adding new and improved e-mail stations.

If none of these opportunities sound interesting, you can always get involved with Cal Poly clubs which work directly with the ASI Epicenter for facilities reservations, club chartering and co-sponsorship funding. ASI also offers professional opportunities to more than 400 students each year with positions ranging from front desk assistants to children's center classroom assistants to student managers responsible for organizing an entire team of student staff.

If that's not enough, students are encouraged to participate in all of ASI's programs and services designed to shape the ultimate college experience. Here is a peek at what ASI offers:

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- Quarterly craft classes at the ASI Craft Center
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CSU chancellor optimistic on future budget, diversity plans

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CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed was positive about the current state of the CSU system in a teleconference Wednesday. Reed discussed the current system-wide ban on alcohol, the CSU's future plans to promote diversity and said he anticipated that the chancellor's proposed buy-out of the fee increase would be supported by the assembly.

Reed started by commending the governor's decision to re-compensate the 8 percent fee increase proposed next year, calling the buy-out a “Christmas present to all students.” He said if passed, the $54 million allocated in the budget would save each CSU student $204 next year.

“All in all I am very optimistic about the budget. I anticipate both the assembly and the Senate budget will be very similar to the governor’s recommendations,” Reed said.

The CSU system is also looking to increase enrollment and hopes the absence of a fee increase will further promote their plan.

“I feel the influence of the budget on the CSU students will be reflected in our guarantee to admit another 10,000 students, both freshman and transfer next year,” Reed said. “The budget provides economic relief for struggling students and the $204 saved next year will not only attract more students, but keep more as well.”

Expanding on the budget allotment, Reed said that more money would be put toward math and science education and that come March, further funding will be allocated for nursing programs and CSU master's programs.

In search of a more diversified CSU system, Reed pledged his effort to help underserved students by signing a contract and creating a partnership with PQ, a parenting institute for quality education.

Though focusing on the Latino community, the program isn’t exclusive, Reed said.

“By working with the institution and adopting 125 to 150 elementary schools in California, we want to identify with parents that will participate in a nine-week education training program that will focus on how parents can manage their children to be successful and how to go to college,” Reed said.

The program was developed to educate parents on proper studying habits at home and to inform them about the correct courses students should take in preparation for college, such as algebra, science and foreign language.

“I’m excited about that (the PQ program). I think it’s something that we need to do to help students from underserved communities and we’re going to do it as a pilot, and if it’s successful I am sure we can expand the efforts,” Reed said.

The recent campus-wide alcohol ban was briefly brought to light as Reed stressed his concern for student safety as the driving force behind the ban of alcohol at all CSU sporting events.

In addition to the alcohol ban at sporting events, Reed explained that as the contracts for alcohol-related advertisements lapse, they will be replaced with other non-alcoholic beverage types such as water, Pepsi or Coke.

When asked if the ban on alcohol would have adverse effects on commuter campuses by promoting drinking and driving because of the lack of alcohol on campus, the chancellor reiterated his concern for student safety and said he felt there were other viable options available to students who need a drink.

After fielding questions from CSU reporters from many campuses, Reed once again emphasized his commitment with the current state and future plans of the CSU system.

“I feel really good about the direction the CSU system is going, the momentum we have and the support we have from the legislation, the governor and the national support in Washington,” Reed said. “So good things are going on in the CSU system.

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