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\$750,000 Cal Poly asbestos removal plan to continue

By Monica Ortiz
Staff Writer

Cal Poly has invested nearly \$750,000 in the removal or repair of asbestos insulation as required by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations.

"The regulation says that asbestos that is in locations where it could be impacted by people or disturbed in any way has to be secured so that it doesn't present a hazard to the environment," said Douglas Gerard, executive dean of facilities administration.

"We actually started the removals about four or five years ago," said Robert Pollo, manager of engineering services. "It's a pain because it (the removal) can turn a 15-minute leaky pipe job into a five hour job that has to wait until after hours."

Asbestos is an inert, fireproof mineral that works as an insulator. When sprayed on, the asbestos appears as a spongy

layer about a half-inch thick. This serves as an acoustic control as well as an insulator.

The danger comes when the asbestos is disturbed and becomes friable, or easily crumbled by hand pressure. This will cause the asbestos fibers to break free and linger in the air. In some cases, asbestos was falling off walls and ceilings in sheets.

Gerard said that all the buildings on campus built between 1950 and 1978 have some form of asbestos in the insulation.

Both Gerard and Pollo said that asbestos has already been removed or secured in the Ornamental Horticulture unit, the Farm Shop, some rooms in Engineering West, the South Mountain residence halls, and most recently the Vista Grande dining hall.

EPA studies have shown that exposure to the asbestos fiber for any length of time tends to cause

lung cancer. Since it is an inert mineral, asbestos fibers enter and irritate the lung when inhaled. The fiber does not dissolve and eventually causes a cancerous growth.

"We have employees that don't like working with it — they'd rather not have anything to do with it," said Pollo. "That's a struggle we've been having."

"We only involve our own university employees when it's a very, very small project," said Gerard, "... (such as) a section of pipe a foot or so long or when they have to get at something on an emergency basis."

Science Journal published a study, however, that said that low exposure levels to asbestos fibers pose relatively fewer health risks than if it is unnecessarily removed. The study said that this unnecessary removal only creates a risk for
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Escape Route, Gulliver's Travel offer a myriad of options for spring break

By Shanna Phillips
Staff Writer

It's dead week — time to finish last minute projects, prepare for finals and plan for spring break.

If plans are still uncertain, Gulliver's Travel and the Escape Route in the University Union may suggest some ideas.

For those interested in getting out of the country for a week, popular spots for Cal Poly students include the Mexican municipalities of Rosarita Beach, Puerto Vallarta and Mazatlan.

Monika Parker, travel agent at Gulliver's, said trips to Hawaii, Lake Havasu and Phoenix, Az. have also been requested.

Airfare to Mexico and Florida are in the \$300 to \$400

range, said Parker. "At this late in the game, prices may be closer to \$400."

The Escape Route has four openings for the Havasu Canyon trip, according to Mike Jollif, a volunteer and trip coordinator at Escape Route.

The Havasu Canyon tour begins March 24 and ends April 1. The \$140 fee includes food, gas and transportation. Students are encouraged to bring money for emergencies.

If a shorter vacation in California is preferred, backpacking in the Marin Headlands could be an option. The trip near San Francisco runs March 25 to March 31. The cost is \$22, but money for extras is necessary.

A Monterey Bike Trek will
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Doggone it...



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Nancy Schneider, an architectural engineering sophomore, adjusts part of her final project for an architecture class. For the class, 45 groups of five people each were given a site on campus and told to enhance it to the best of their ability.

Students feel more on-campus housing is an undesirable option

Rules, rent would be too restricting, hard to monitor

□ Last of three parts

By Marianne Biasotti
Staff Writer

Stacy Montgomery arrived in San Luis Obispo just before quarter began, and like many students she spent a few days looking for a place to live. Although it was more than she wanted to spend, she settled for a shared room in a townhouse for \$250 per month.

Now she lives in a house with her own room and bathroom and pays \$15 less than before, and said she will never go back to living in an apartment. The benefits of living in a house — the low rent, the proximity to downtown and the quiet neighborhood — could never be accommodated by the on-campus apartments proposed by the city, she said.

Montgomery, a biology junior, said she thought the \$300 per person rent projected by the university to share a room in on-campus apartments was too

expensive, and that living on campus would be too confining. Although the location would be ideal, campus restrictions on alcohol and noise would outweigh the benefits.

"It's too restrictive," Montgomery said. "The first time living away from home you would still have someone telling you what to do."

Michael Hoxie, an agricultural management freshman, agreed that a house is the most attractive place to live. He will probably move into an apartment after living in the dorms this year, he said, because he only wants a few roommates and a house is too expensive unless a lot of people want to live there.

"Everyone wants to live in a house because that is what most people grew up in," Hoxie said.

Doug Gerard, executive dean of facilities administration, agrees that this is the case. Because of the more difficult
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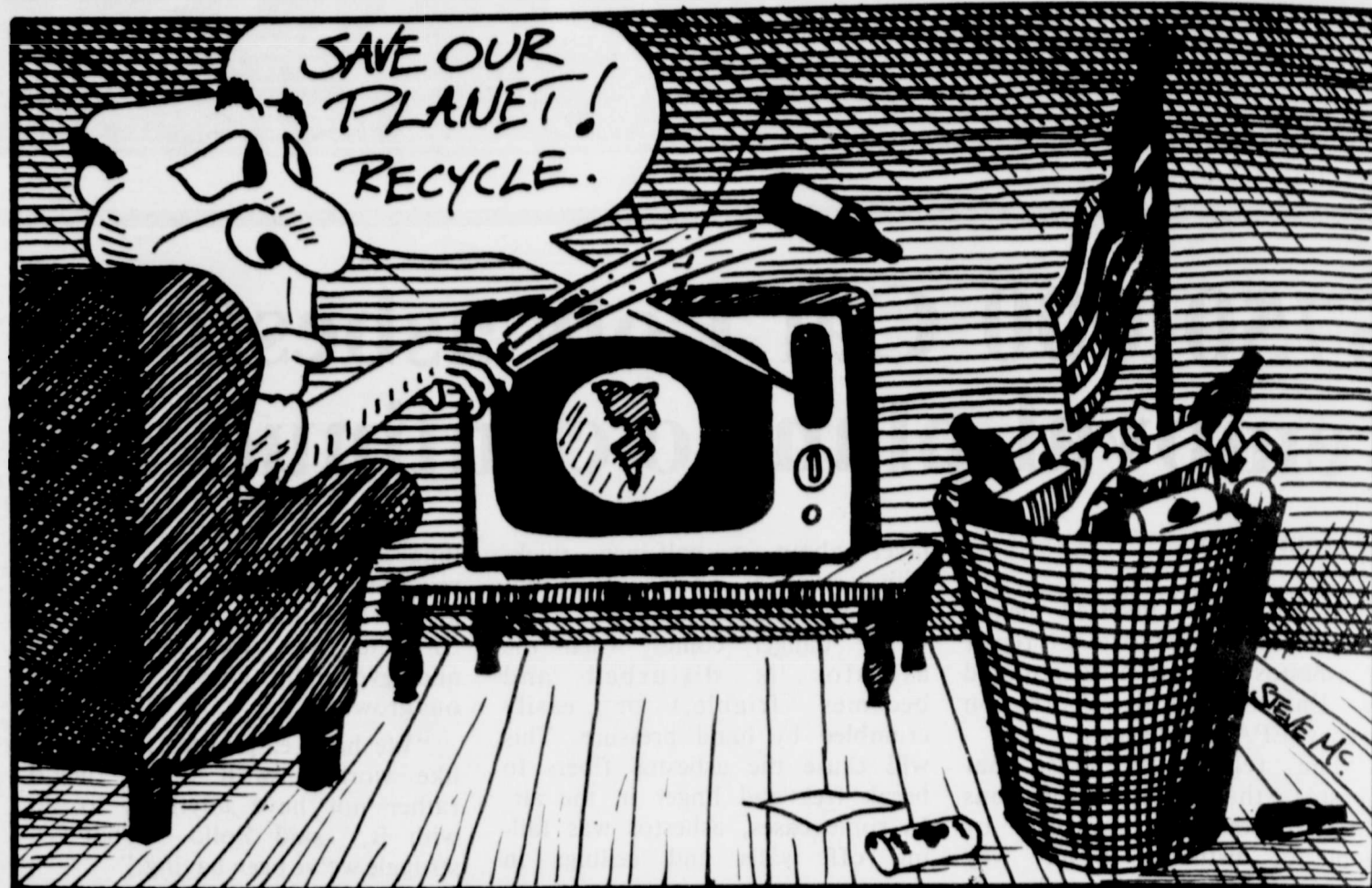
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Help improve world's condition

By Joyce Stark

You make a big difference in the way you think about the environment. Whether you appreciate it or not will be manifested, and every one of us is important in that manifestation.

The definition of ecology is "the totality or pattern of relations between organisms and their environment." Environment means the complex factors that act upon an organism or an ecological community and ultimately determines its form and survival. It is clear the very basic concepts of ecology and environment involve participation. All of us have our environment in common; how we are to share it seems to be the crucial question.

We, in the United States, are known as the "throw-away society." We conveniently have disposables of every imaginable type available to us. In our society it isn't easy to be environmentally conscientious.

Many have the attitude that was prevalent in colonial days: that our resources are inexhaustible. The stacks of plastic foam cups and trays visible daily on this campus gives that impression.

Our day-to-day actions and attitudes are important. For instance, the attitude that something can be thrown away and forgotten is erroneous. Even though there are trash cans installed about every 10 feet in the University Union for everyone's convenience, and it is hauled away each day, the trash still has to go somewhere. And remember the Law of Conservation of Matter: "Matter is neither created nor destroyed, but only transformed from one form to another."

As for actions, necessary changes are fairly simple. One important step is to educate yourself on the subject. Natural Resources Management 101 is an excellent place to start. I challenge each student

to go beyond taking classes required for graduation; include a course designed to solicit help in achieving "a better tomorrow."

The following actions, if done collectively, can also help make our world a better place:

- At the Cal Poly library, don't use electric doors or the elevator if you absolutely don't need to. Most students are perfectly capable of climbing stairs and opening the non-electric door.

- Join the Campus Coffee Club; buy a reusable mug instead of the plastic foam cups. If you do use a plastic foam cup, try taking it home, washing it and reusing it. It will last a long time; the landfills are demonstrating this.

- Instead of ice cream in a plastic foam cup, use a more biodegradable product — a cone.

- In the bathroom use: electric razors instead of plastic disposables, brush-on shaving soap instead of shaving cream in cans, bar soap instead of liquid soap in bottles, deodorant in a stick form instead of in spray cans and squeeze toothpaste tubes instead of pump plastic dispensers.

Other ideas include joining ECO-SLO or the Cal Poly Recycling Coalition. Also, plan on participating in the 20th anniversary celebration of Earth Day. There will be events occurring all over this county the week of April 16-22.

Our world is getting smaller, and it is encouraging that people all over the world care about our shared environment. The list of things each of us can do to create a better environment is limited only by our creativity. Each of us can actively do something to ensure a better tomorrow. This planet is being ruined by our ignorance and apathy.

Joyce Stark is a NRM senior.

Letters to the Editor

Students respond to column on rape

Editor — Kudos to Patty Mena on a well-written commentary ("Avoiding rape isn't a challenge," March 12). Far too often we let ourselves get lulled by the SLO life.

Shock and surprise are things an attacker has to his advantage, so by putting yourself in a position that maybe won't allow that

to happen in the first place (an escort or the buddy system), attackers would be discouraged.

We could all use Mena's example and learn from it. Thanks a million for a refreshing eye-opener!

Kay Radzik
Architecture

Editor — I, too, lulled by the peace and serenity of SLO life, was almost a victim. I was walking home from work down Broad Street last December on an unusually warm afternoon — not some dark alley at 4 a.m. A blond, nice-looking man in a Mazda asked if I wanted a ride.

My immediate response was, "No thanks." But he offered again, reminding me how hot it was and that we were going in

the same direction. He looked like the "boy next door." I took a step toward the car; then I saw he had been masturbating. I jumped back and he drove away.

Please remember a rapist doesn't wear a name tag telling you his intentions. He could be wearing anything, doing anything, at any time of the day.

Frankie Houck
Biochemistry

Students on the Soapbox

Under what conditions would you consider moving back on campus?



"I guess I would if rent got too high outside. I liked the year I spent on campus, but I wouldn't do it again."

John Schmid
Architecture senior



"I never would because I'm married and there isn't any married-student housing on campus."

Barbara Oliver
Business Admin. senior



"I would move back on campus if community housing became too expensive."

Charmay Wilson
Nutritional Science senior



"The only way I would move back is if I could choose my own roommate or if I could have my own room — and if they changed the meals."

Mike Bula
I.T. senior



"Nothing could ever make me move back — except if Mel Gibson was the RA."

Siobhan Collopy
Liberal Studies senior

Double takes...

Six Cal Poly students relate to their celebrity sound-alike names

By Shanna Phillips
Staff Writer

It sounds like a scene from Robin Leach's "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous." Some of their names are seen in newspaper tabloids, some on cereal boxes, album covers and even in NBA slam dunk competitions. These famous people all have one thing in common — they're Cal Poly students.

•Michael Jordan doesn't eat his Wheaties every morning; he's too busy studying biology. The senior is 6 feet and plays intramural basketball at Cal Poly.

"A lot of people know me on the courts because of my name," said Jordan. "They like to give me a hack."

Jordan has played basketball since he was six years old. His favorite team isn't the Bulls, though, it's the Lakers.

•Michael Douglass isn't a subscriber to the Wall Street Journal or in the middle of a divorce battle — he's an architecture senior.

"I'm really not a celebrity," said Douglass. "Really."

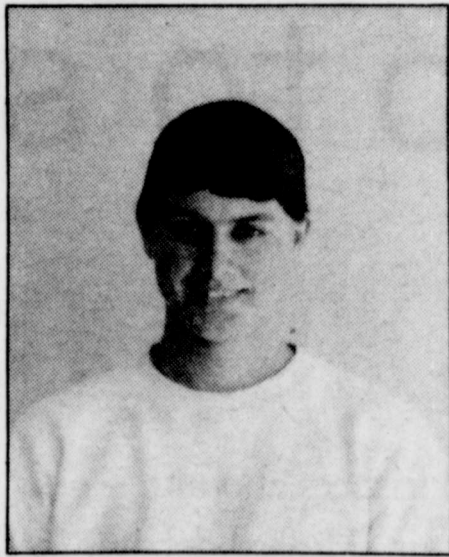
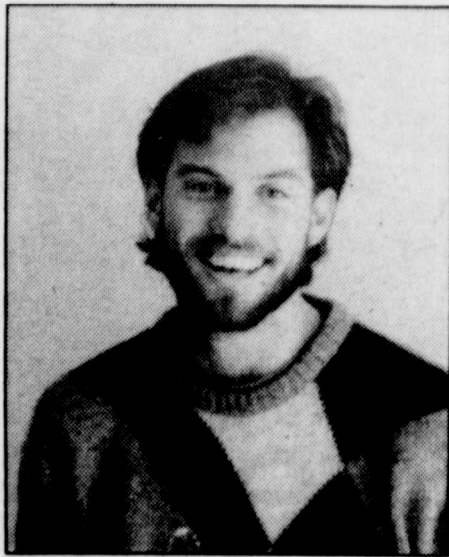
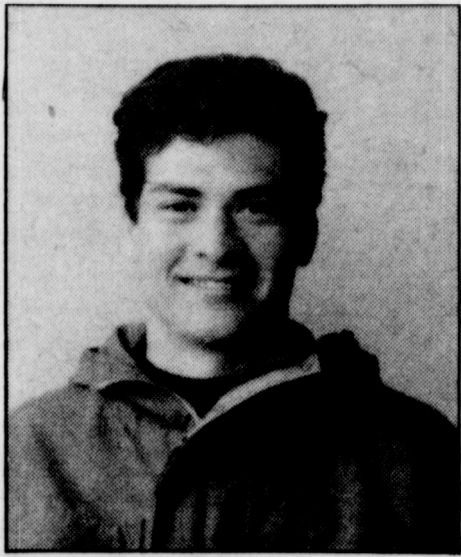
Douglass' parents did not name him after the talk-show host or the movie actor of "Wall Street" and "The War of the Roses" fame.

"People just give me funny looks when they hear my name," he said.

•Gary Cooper graduates with an industrial engineering degree this quarter. Cooper will work at Northern Telecom following graduation.

One drawback to having his name is that professors always tease him. "I have a habit of saying yup just like Gary Cooper did, and teachers make fun of me," he said.

Cooper grew up near a golf course and used to play in the sand traps. When golfers ap
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Photos by AMBER WISDOM/Mustang Daily

Students with famous names include (clockwise, from top left), Michael Jordan, Michael Douglass, Gary Cooper, Chuck Berry, Steve Martin and Elizabeth Taylor.

HOUSING

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admissions policies, he explained, the university accepts students with the highest GPA's. Statistics show these students tend to come from upper middle-class backgrounds, which means they probably grew up in houses, Gerard said.

"Even though we try not to become an elitist institution, to some degree it is happening," Gerard said. "People want to live in the environment they grew up in."

Hoxie said more on-campus housing is a great idea, but it would not work because of the limitations involved.

"(The university's ban on) alcohol is undoubtedly the number one problem," Hoxie said. "It's definitely a problem in the dorms."

Although on-campus housing would be convenient and close, he explained, the consumption of alcohol would be very hard to manage in the apartments.

Patricia McGhee, an English senior, has run the gamut of housing. She has lived in the dorms, an apartment, and three houses, and said she will never go back to apartment-style living.

Houses, she said, offer privacy, independence, and a control of the environment, and there are no people living above or below.

McGhee said she resents the

city's attitude toward students living in the community.

"The City Council in this town has a habit of treating the students in less than a just way," McGhee said. "Saying that we're draining the resources (housing and water) of San Luis Obispo is ludicrous. We are citizens of this town ... most live here for five or six years. We certainly pay for the right to live here."

McGhee said she has lived in neighborhoods where she and her roommates were the only students, and there were never any problems. But she can see how problems arise, she said, especially with students parking in front of neighbor's homes.

Even if more housing was built and more students were living on campus, she said, the majority of students still would be living in the community.

"You're still going to have the problem of incompatible lifestyles," McGhee said. "You have to put up with different lifestyles when you're living in a college town — that's just the way it is."

McGhee said if student housing could be condensed off campus to lessen the student impact in residential neighborhoods, there is a danger of it becoming another Isla Vista — the student ghetto outside the University of California at Santa Barbara.

ASI President Ricardo

Echeverria said the underlying factor of the housing conflict is that the City Council has to realize students are an integral part of the community.

"Students are not visitors here ... they are not just outsiders coming in and using the resources," said Echeverria.

Montgomery thinks the conflict between the city and university competing for limited land and water resources will not easily go away.

"They (the university) will have to deal with negative relations with the city or give up some of that valuable land," said Montgomery.

Terry Alberstein, an agricultural management senior, thinks the possibility of more on-campus housing in the next 10 years is nearly impossible. Students will not live under the no-alcohol policy, he said, and land will not be made available.

"I'm an ag major ... I've had many labs out there, and I don't want to see that land changed," Alberstein said. "I am optimistic that something could be worked out between the city, county and state to purchase property not part of grounds."

"You can't force people to live on campus — students are grown-up," said Echeverria. "If they want to live in the community and are competing for housing, that's the way it goes."

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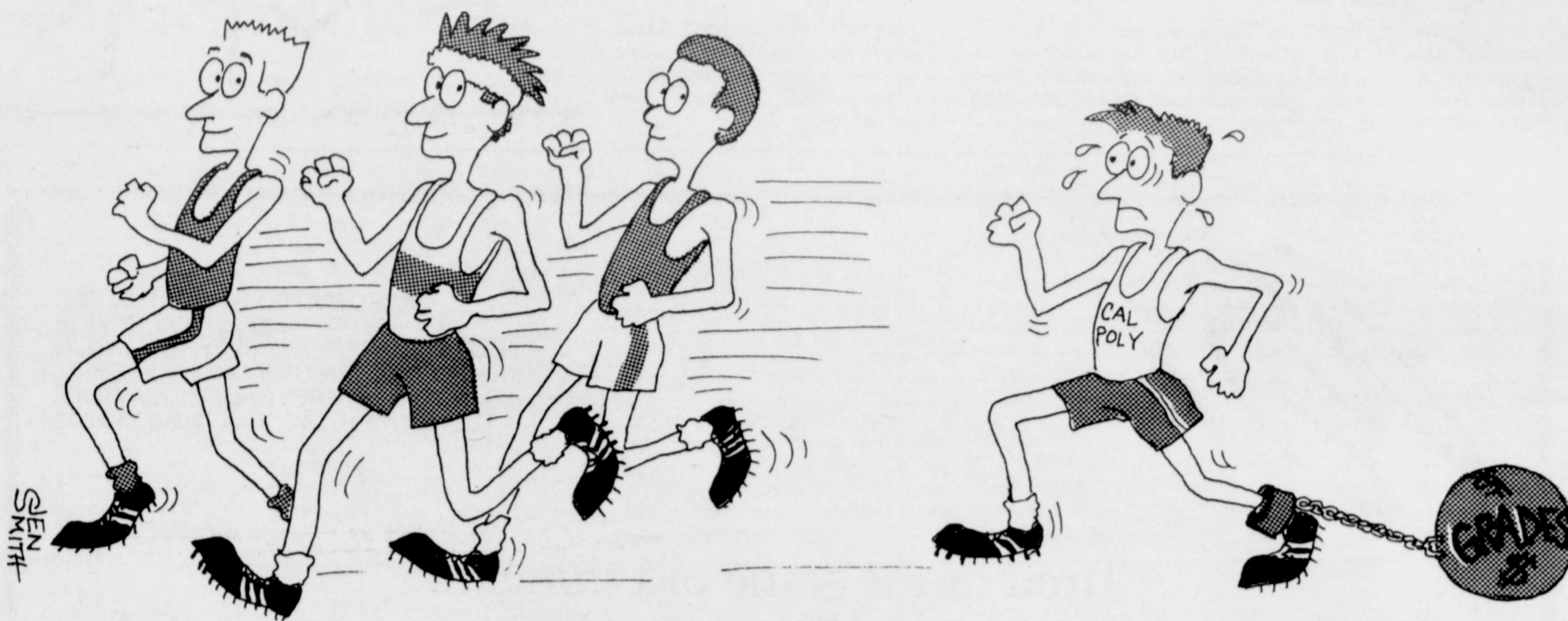
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Athletics vs. Academics vs. Economics

Cal Poly's athletic department searches for a balance

By Adrian Hodgson

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. And it doesn't make Jill happy either.

For many Cal Poly students, some form of exercise is essential to the way they spend their free time. Whether it is running, lifting weights or doing aerobics, thousands of students put their schoolwork aside for a small while each day to get a workout.

But Cal Poly also has a group of more dedicated athletes. The devoted ones. The ones who commit as much or perhaps more time to their respective sports than the average Jack or Jill. The intercollegiate athletes who compete at the NCAA level, Division I or II.

Some people are guided by the impression that athletes are dumb jocks who get kick-backs and breaks in admission and in classes. But the harsh reality is that the road to Cal Poly is not rosy. And neither is the road through and out of the school.

According to Admissions Evaluator Barbara Martinez, athletes get no perks in admissions.

"It's pretty tough to get into Cal Poly and they (the athletes) have to meet the California State University eligibility requirements," Martinez said. She added that in general, admissions standards are tougher because so many majors at the university are impacted.

"A lot of people have misconceptions (about athletes getting unfair advantages)," said Cornell Williams, a four-year starter at fullback and tailback for Cal Poly's football team. "We do get some privileges, but not as many as a lot of other schools. We get priority registration (in the same category with new students), but that's so we can schedule around practice."

In order to be eligible to enter a CSU, a student must have at least a 2.0 Grade Point Average in high school and meet an index which takes into account GPA and SAT or ACT scores.

The athletic department, however, has a 2 percent exception that allows an athlete to be accepted to the

university with less than the CSU requirements. Assistant Athletic Director Marilyn McNeil says although the exception rule can be used to admit an athlete who is academically below CSU standards, it is sometimes used to admit an out-of-state athlete. Out-of-state admissions requirements are tougher than those for California residents.

"The athletic department is mostly concerned with athletes having some success when they're in the classroom with very brilliant students with high SAT scores and good high school GPAs," McNeil said. "The coaches realize they're better off recruiting an athlete who has a chance to succeed. One of the beaming lights of this (the Athletic) department right now is that, yes, they (coaches) are recruiting athletes who are academically capable."

A recent article in CV, The College Magazine, said athletes are less likely than other students to major in tough subjects, such as computer science and engineering. Williams, an industrial technology senior, was looking at an engineering career before he left high school. "I went to a technical high school, Channel Islands High School, in Oxnard," Williams said. "It geared towards technical subjects and I was involved in an engineering program as a senior. When I came here, I realized I had an opportunity to get a good degree, get hands-on experience and play (foot)ball."

Wolfgang Gartner, Cal Poly's men's soccer coach, has had the same in-class success with his players over the last few years. Gartner said only one player he has coached in the last five years has dropped out of school.

In gaining entrance to the university, McNeil said the ultimate right of refusal rests with the deans of the different schools at Cal Poly, not the athletic department. But Athletic Director Kendrick Walker spends a lot of time reviewing athlete's applications, McNeil said. "Walker is very careful," she said. "He takes a long time (deciding on athletes). Coaches mostly complain that he takes too long."

And if a student's SAT score is more than 200 points below the average for the individual school to which he or she has applied, McNeil said he or she comes under very special scrutiny. For example, a typical SAT

average for incoming business majors is about 1200. Any athlete Walker or McNeil reviews who wants to major in business and who scores below 1000 on the SAT is closely watched. "It's in the best interest of the coaches if they go to all the trouble to recruit an athlete," McNeil said. "They (the coaches) want them (the athletes) around for more than one season."

Williams said when he got to Cal Poly more than four years ago, his first interest was getting an education and a degree. But he said his focus quickly changed to that of playing football, and his grades suffered. Williams went on Academic Probation after his first quarter. That was when the athletic department told him to get his act together. "I got a lot of help and encouragement from Dr. Walker," Williams said. "The (I.T.) department told me one thing, but Walker gave me a few more options. Basically he said, 'If you don't straighten yourself up, they (the university) are going to throw you out.'"

Gartner said he is lucky because recruiting is easy for him. "I think we (attract) top-notch athletes because Cal Poly has become a highly reputable academic institution," he said. "That makes me recruit on the academic side. I have a huge advantage over most other schools (to recruit) a good soccer player because people love to come here."

McNeil said coaches try to get athletes to apply within the deadlines with non-athletes who are trying to get into Poly, and there is success to a degree. "But the requirements to get into Poly are tough," she said, "so if you're a great athlete, you haven't necessarily taken all the honors courses."

McNeil gave a shocking example of how hard getting into Cal Poly can be for an athlete. "The women's track (and cross country) coach (Lance Harter) was just here with a girl who had around a 1200 SAT and a 4.3 high school GPA. She had been accepted to UCLA and Stanford, was a top runner in California, but had been rejected by Cal Poly."

Harter said the runner McNeil spoke of is an outstanding runner, probably one of the top three high school runners in the country. She had been turned

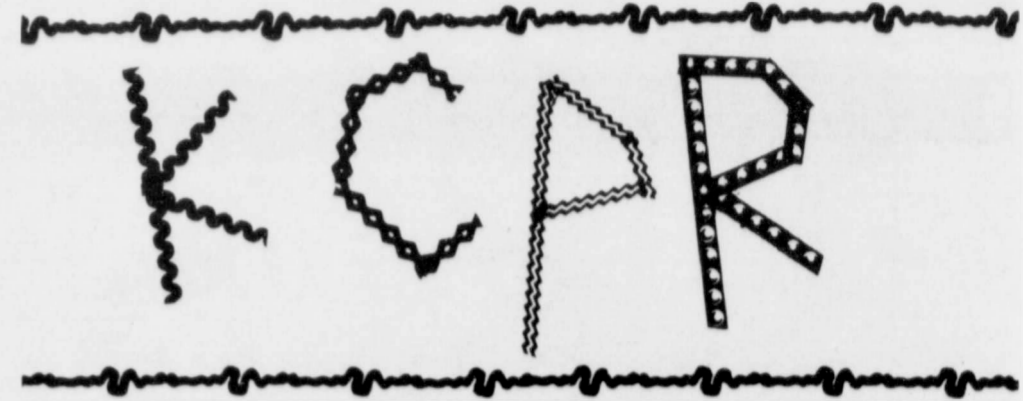
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TRAVEL

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run from Saturday, March 24 to Wednesday, March 28. Cyclists will take a train from San Luis Obispo to Monterey because of

the headwinds and cycle back to San Luis. The cost is \$35 to \$40 including the train ticket. Those interested need to buy their own food.

Sign-ups for Escape Route outings end this Friday. Some trips will require meetings prior to the event to work out logistics.



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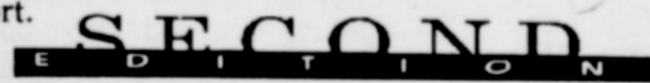
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Rabbi fears resurgence of Nazism if two Germanies are reunified

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The West should insist that German reunification include a "blueprint for the memory of the Holocaust," a Simon Wiesenthal Center official said Tuesday after corresponding with leaders of both Germanies.

"We should ask, 'What will you do to institutionalize the memory of the Holocaust?' Not a single Western leader, not even President Bush, has brought that up to the Germans," said Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Holocaust studies center.

"The victims of Nazi Germany have a right to ask."
Hier wrote Prime Minister

Hans Modrow of East Germany and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany to ask how they would preserve the memory of Nazi crimes as a warning to future generations.

Modrow agreed that Hier's concerns were justified, saying there is some basis for fears about a resurgence of nationalism, racism and anti-Semitism in East Germany as the countries move toward reunification.

The right-wing Republican Party in West Germany, led by former Waffen SS soldier Franz Schoenhuber, "is trying to gain a foothold here," Modrow said in a letter signed by his advisor Karl Heinz Arnold.

But Kohl dismissed the rabbi's fears as unjustified, saying in a Feb. 28 letter that West Germans had been "informed without any taboos of the causes and consequences of the National Socialist tyranny."

"It has probably also escaped your notice that in our Penal Code precisely these 'crimes of hatred' whose combating you recommend to me are punishable with fines or prison sentences," Kohl wrote.

"To my mind, there is no doubt that these provisions will also apply in a united Germany," the chancellor continued. "This certainly does not require any special demand."

NAMESAKES

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proached the hole, they would ask Cooper his name.

"Everytime I told them my name, they just laughed," he said. "It bugged me when I was younger, but it has its advantages now."

Cooper says his name is a good icebreaker during interviews and helps spark conversation when meeting new people.

•Chuck Berry doesn't know how to play the guitar, but he has a way with words. The English sophomore likes the sounds of the musician Chuck Berry because he's different.

"My teachers always ask if I can play the guitar for the class," he said.

•Steve Martin gets funny looks when people first hear his name, but the business management junior isn't

bothered by it.
"People ask me if I've heard any good jokes lately," he said.

•Elizabeth Taylor hasn't manufactured her own fragrance line yet. The name Elizabeth was a favorite of her mother's before she fell in love with a guy named Taylor.

Like the rest of Cal Poly's celebrities, Taylor also gets a lot of stares the first day of classes.

Probably one of the most memorable experiences the graphic communications sophomore had with her name was when she visited a friend's church.

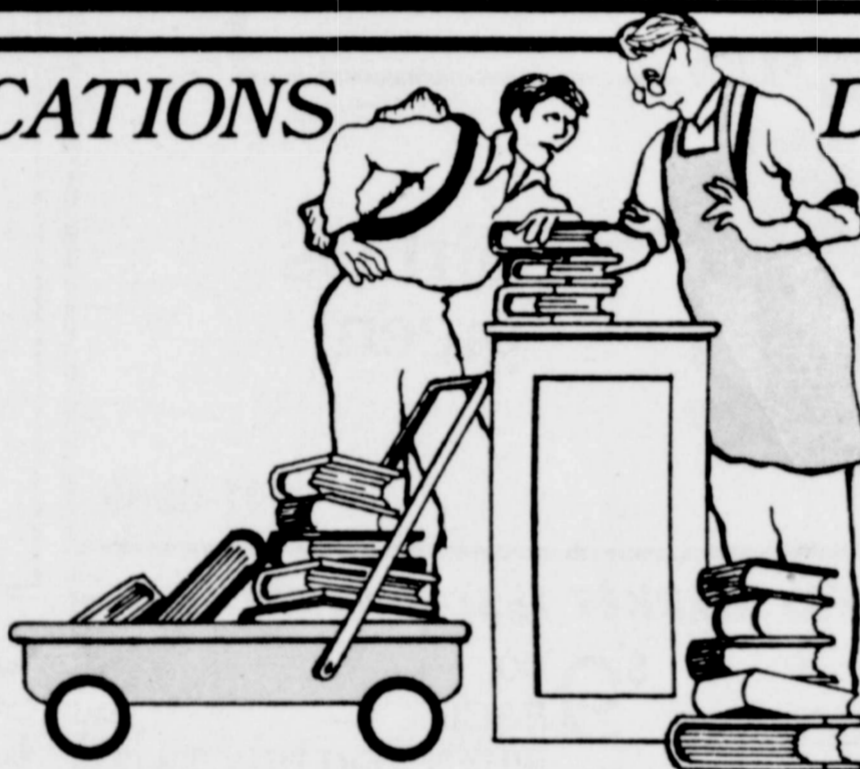
"During the sermon, the pastor asked everyone to shake hands and introduce themselves to their neighbors," said Taylor. "The woman in front of me turned around and said, 'Hi, my name is Helen Keller.'"

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INSIGHT

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 down after applying under biology. Harter also talked about other runners who had been rejected after applying to Cal Poly. One was turned down by the Physical Education department, and another couldn't get into the School of Business. Both had GPAs above 3.75 and SAT scores of 900 or more. But Harter can get all three into school here because of 10 admissions spots he gets a year from the athletic department.

"I think for a sport like cross country," McNeil said, "most athletes would come here and think, 'The hills are wonderful, the air is clean and this is my place to (train).'"

Clean air was just one of three reasons Gartner gave for soccer players wanting to come to Cal Poly — the other two are the high academic standards and the quality of the soccer team. "Players come here for the environment and fresh air. I wouldn't dare imagine what it's like training in Pomona (in the smog). I don't know how they train down there."

Economics

But do Cal Poly's high academic standards reflect the quality of athletes the university is able to admit?

McNeil said she believes bigger schools such as Michigan and UCLA have a decided advantage over Cal Poly because of their huge athletic budgets. Michigan has an annual athletic budget of approximately \$20 million for its 19-sport, 350-athlete program. That averages out to about \$57,000 per athlete. "They have tutoring systems, study halls and lots of academic advisers," McNeil said. "And all we do, in Dr. Walker's terms, is show them where the library is and say 'Study now.'"

On the other hand, Cal Poly has 17 sports, more than any school in the CCAA or the Western Football Conference. Playing those sports are close to 500 athletes, more than the number of athletes at Michigan, because McNeil said Cal Poly looks to walk-ons for many of its participants. But the most shocking fact is the total athletic budget. At less than \$1.5 million, an athlete gets an average of less than \$3,000 — 19 times less than University of Michigan athletes.

McNeil said Cal Poly's athletic budget is far from sufficient. Many athletes, she said, deal with hardships not associated with schoolwork or their respective sports. "We have athletes sleeping on floors of parents' and friends' homes," she said. There are also teams who have to travel Friday to play hard-fought games and matches Friday night, McNeil said.

The soccer team is one such sport, and it sometimes travels to the Los Angeles area during midweek to play. The team will sometimes stay the night down south before returning to San Luis Obispo, mostly before fall quarter begins. Once classes begin, however, the team will invariably travel back the same night. But Gartner said that his team's \$12,000 annual budget is sufficient and the team's return the same night is "not necessarily an economic factor; it's an academic factor. I ask my players what they want to do. For a Wednesday game, they're going to miss Wednesday class. I'll ask them, 'Do you want to come home Wednesday night, or Thursday and miss Thursday classes too?' They'll (want to) come back that night."

The budgets for other sports, however, are insufficient. Harter's track team got \$10,100 in 1979. "Now it's 1990 and his budget is \$10,100," McNeil said. "And it was short then (in 1979). We're in a no-win situation."

Harter agreed and said the budget is a situation that is just getting worse. He said the inflationary factor since he arrived in 1979 has gone up 57 percent, "so I'm working with about half the money (I was 10 years ago)." He added that his women's cross country team receives only \$1,800 a year.

Although budgets may be severely lacking in some sports, athletes still want to come to San Luis Obispo to play their sports while getting an education. But why is the town so attractive to prospective Division II athletes who have little chance of progressing at their specialties?

"I think athletes' parents are a big influence for their kids coming to San Luis Obispo," McNeil said. "This is also a place that looks safe and secure, and a lot of the big-city kids want to get out of their big-city environments."

Gartner agrees. He said San Luis Obispo is a fantastic location which gives the soccer team an edge other teams don't have. If a Los Angeles team wants to play in the Bay Area, it has a long way to go; we're in either place in half the time, he said.

But Williams said at first he didn't like the San Luis Obispo area. "The nearest major city was four hours away. It's not what I pictured college

Analysis

In writing this article, I learned a lot about the myths of the student-athlete at Cal Poly. Rumors that they are pampered and babied through Cal Poly are unfounded and unsupported. Most are hard-working, goal-oriented men and women who are here to earn degrees.

Let's face it. How many athletes willingly want to come to a Division II school with little or no chance of turning pro after they end their college careers? More and more, athletes come to Cal Poly to get a good education and also to play a sport. And because the funding for all sports is lacking, the athletic department is considering dropping at least one sport.

If the athletic department needs more money, why doesn't it begin charging admission fees to students for sports other than football. It may not bring in a lot more in revenues, but isn't something better than nothing?

— Adrian Hodgson

to be like." And when he began classes, he got a taste of culture shock. "I'd never been the only black in a class before. I was shocked," he said. But football helped him out, he continued, because some of his teammates were black and he was able to make friends easier with them than he would if he hadn't played football.

McNeil said the ethnic mix at Cal Poly is not what many, including the athletic department, would like it to be. "We'd like to bring in minority athletes, but in many cases they don't have the academic preparation that's needed to get in here."

Gartner said soccer crosses all ethnic and racial barriers because it is played in almost every country in the world. "We'll have more of an ethnic mix this year than ever before," Gartner said. He said in addition to Hispanics and blacks, two Vietnamese players will join the team in the fall.

Academic regulation

Williams, like many other athletes, has worries off the playing field and in the classroom. After he had difficulty with his grades during his freshman year, Williams turned things around and now has a 2.7 GPA. He estimates he has 12 or 13 classes to take before he graduates about a year from now.

Many schools, including Fresno State University, have full-time academic advisers who have athletes' class schedules and their GPAs in front of them in order that they can monitor and catch an athlete before his grades fall. This prevents situations like Williams' first quarter grade drop. McNeil summed it up when she said, "Most of the time we see it (poor grades) after the fact." The University of Miami Athletic Department goes so far as to hire students to monitor athletes and report on their class attendance.

Williams said going to class is a requirement for the football team. Some players take classes together, so when the team goes on road trips, a player who stays behind will go to class and pass the notes on to his teammates.

Gartner said he never has to worry about which of his players is going to be eligible next year because he knows they can take care of their grades. "I don't put pressure on them," he said. "They can at any time take off from practice or an event that the team has scheduled — for academic reasons. If they don't do well (in the classroom) they are no good to me. That's the bottom line."

The bottom line is money

So what does Cal Poly need to do in order to improve the athletic program as a whole — attract better athletes and keep their heads above the ever-rising waters of classroom competition?

The bottom line is money. Money the university and the athletic department does not have.

McNeil would like to see Cal Poly hire academic support assistants. Then, she said, the university could be more demographically representative of California's population. "I think we could attract so many more athletes if we could assure parents and athletes that once they get here, they're not going to be put out on a limb," she added. "I think then we could have a lot more success." But hiring more staff members requires more

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Short Takes

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Poetry manuscripts should be submitted to the English department office by 5 p.m. on Friday, Mar. 23. Students' names and addresses should appear on each page of the manuscript, and must be printed, along with a local telephone number, on the submission envelope.

For additional details, contact the contest coordinator, Dr. Angie Estes of the Cal Poly English department at 756-2596.

Ride-a-thon to aid ranch for disabled

People with physical and development disabilities will be the beneficiaries of ride-a-thon scheduled for Saturday, April 14.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. and cover an eight-mile loop trail that will begin and end in the parking lot near the Horse Unit just north of the university's main campus. The ride-a-thon is being sponsored by the Cal Poly Cutting and Reining Club.

The event is a fund raiser for the B.O.K. Ranch, a non-profit facility where disabled persons, along with their families and friends, can grow, share, learn, and experience a ranch environment.

Poly club plans March floral show

A show of the latest fashion and floral designs for weddings will be presented on Sunday at March 18, in the atrium of the Embassy Suites Hotel.

Scheduled for 3 p.m., the event is being planned as part of a series of activities sponsored by the Cal Poly student chapter of the American Institute of Floral Designers. Admission will be \$5.

We welcome submissions to Short Takes. Send them to GA 226, Cal Poly University, San Luis Obispo, 93407.

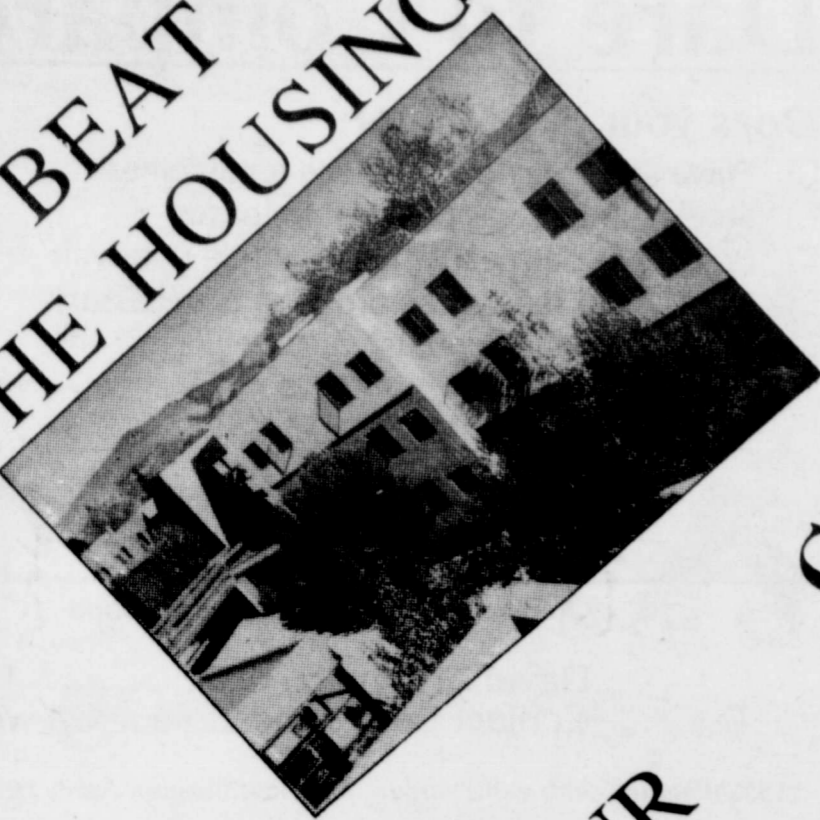
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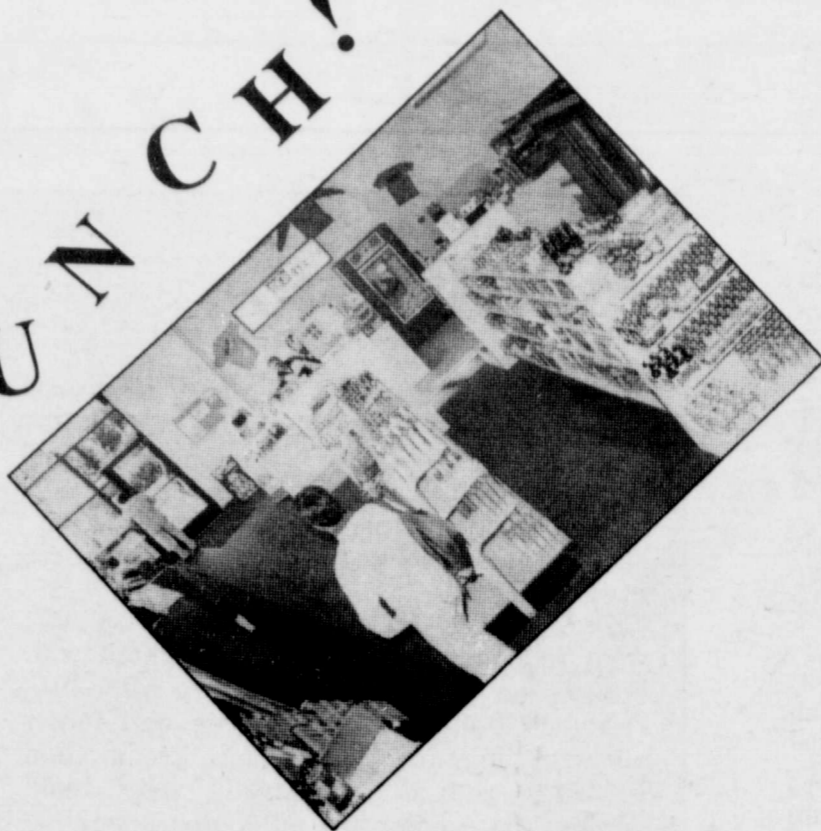
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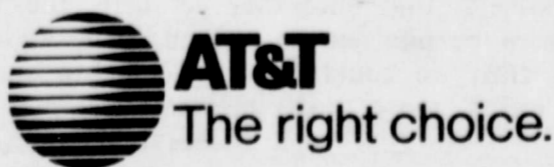
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money.

Gartner wants Cal Poly to follow the lead of UC Santa Barbara, but with a less drastic approach. UCSB dropped its football program a few years back in favor of building up other sports. Now its men's basketball and women's volleyball teams are competitive at the national level. The Gauchos' football program now has been rejuvenated, but at the non-scholarship level. Gartner suggests making football a non-scholarship sport like UCSB. "We're holding onto tradition," he said. "We're too inflexible." But the likelihood of football attendances staying at current levels if that happens is next to impossible.

And that means a drop in revenues.

Williams said the university needs complete corporate sponsorship and better training facilities. "We don't have the facilities," he said. "The weight lifting facilities are ancient. We're behind the times." Williams also said once training areas improve, all programs will turn around for the better. But to replace or improve existing equipment, the athletic department needs money.

Corporate sponsorship may provide the answer, but it's a catch-22 situation. To get corporate sponsorship, the university needs a consistently outstanding team. And to get a consistently outstanding team, the university needs corporate sponsorship.

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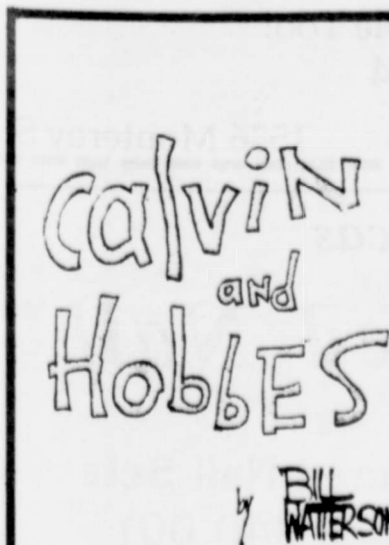
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Speaker addresses problem of world starvation

By Natalie Guerrero
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A local advocate against world hunger issued a challenge to a Cal Poly club to help put an end to worldwide starvation.

Phyllis Davies, who has been outspoken against world hunger for the past 18 years, spoke and challenged Cal Poly's Nutrition Club members to get involved in stopping world starvation. Davies spoke during last week's National Nutrition Month presentations in the University Union.

"You and I, with an awareness of nutrition and the role that it plays in solving one of the great

problems across our world can make the difference," she said.

Davies, a 1966 Cal Poly agricultural business graduate, said every day 240,000 children die because of starvation.

In order to put this grim statistic in perspective she shared a powerful analogy. She asked them to imagine a jumbo jetliner with a capacity of 240 people. Fill the jet with relatives, friends and neighbors, then watch the plane crash after takeoff, a hundred times over. This is like the pain and agony people go through when they watch their children die of starvation.

"Whenever I go to a Third World country and touch the life of a mother whose child died, I can assure you that her pain is no greater than mine when my son died," said Davies, referring to a plane crash that took the life of her son.

Famine and other hardships shown by the media are not the main factors of world hunger, she said. The problem, chronic persistent hunger, is the inability for people to feed themselves. The problem stems from a combination of overdependence on foreign relief aid and modern technology taking farming jobs away from the people.

The relief agencies no doubt help the immediate need of drought-stricken areas but (the aid) also takes away motivation for farming, said Davies. Farming does not only help the present situation but saves the future. In addition, modern technology, such as tractors, has changed traditional farming so drastically that work is limited, which causes economic hardships for most Third World countries, she added.

Davies presented four guidelines that people could use to make a difference in the world hunger crisis. People need to get a picture of the what world hunger is all about. This is done by researching the issue and studying the different aspects that surrounds world hunger.

"One of the important (things) I acquired at Cal Poly was that if I studied a half an hour a day on any subject within five years I would be one of the world's experts on that subject," said Davies.

The second step involves get-

ting others interested in solving world hunger. Choose a project and results will happen with the combined efforts of dedicated people, she said.

An example given was a non-profit organization called World Neighbors, located in Oklahoma City, OK. World Neighbors was founded in 1951 by John L. Peters. "It was founded because one man had a dream to help end the poverty in this world," said Davies.

The organization works in 19 different countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. World Neighbors is rooted in Judeo-Christian tradition of neighbor helping neighbor and is a non-sectarian, self-help movement, supported by private donations.

Davies recommended that people look closely at Peters' dream and seek out a dream that interests them. "I invite everyone to make that kind of decision, to make a difference in the world," said Davies.

Fifteen die, 50 wounded in separate incidents between S. African blacks and police

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Blacks fought with police and among themselves across South Africa, and 15 people were killed, 50 were wounded and hundreds arrested, police said Tuesday.

Police listed 57 incidents on Monday and Tuesday, the largest number on the daily report since violence erupted last month in black areas across the country. More than 200 blacks have been killed since early February, most of them in factional fighting.

In the southeastern province of Natal, the site of four years of fighting between rival groups, police said eight black men were stabbed, shot or burned to death in three separate attacks.

Elsewhere, four black men were killed in separate incidents when police fired birdshot to disperse stone-throwers in the Cape and Orange Free State provinces, the report added.

Also, two black men were fatally shot and another stabbed to death in townships outside Johannesburg, police said.

Most of the injuries occurred in

Natal, while those arrested were picked up at demonstrations in and around Cape Town.

The unrest report also listed instances of arson and attacks against black police and their homes. Militant activists consider black police collaborators with the white-run government and often target them for attack.

Apart from Natal, where about 3,000 blacks have been killed since 1986, there was relatively little unrest prior to last month, when President F.W. de Klerk legalized more than 60 black opposition groups and released black leader Nelson Mandela.

The recent fighting is seen as the most serious unrest since the mid-1980s.

Some of battles involve bitter political rivals, but elsewhere the conflict is between taxi groups battling for control of routes, young gangs with no political affiliations, and criminals taking advantage of the situation.

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