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Downtown SLO going modern with big-name stores

By Maxine Gisinger
Daily Staff Writer

If you're feeling weighed down by the sags of downtown San Luis Obispo's revered antiquity, it's time to perk up — downtown is getting a facelift.

In just a few weeks, the downtown area will welcome Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and Yogurt, Starbuck's Coffee, Fresh Choice, another Blockbuster Video and the city's second Juice Club.

Located within The Downtown Centre, the five new stores have entered the final stages of completion, according to Tom Maino, owner of Maino

Construction Corporation.

Maino Construction has been hired by the Copeland Investments Corporation, a company of

"I'll say (the Centre) is going to be (open) before Christmas."

Randy Rea
Project architect

two brothers who also own Copeland's Sporting Goods stores. The Copeland family owns the property of the Downtown Centre.

Delays in the openings of the

stores are expected, but Project Architect Randy Rea said there are always going to be delays and engineering problems.

"If you set a specific date (for the stores to open) and there is a slight delay, the public automatically assumes the development is in trouble," Rea said.

However, Rea did not specify an opening date for the Centre.

"I'll say that it is going to be before Christmas," he said.

Because of the tourism San Luis Obispo attracts and the city's student population, storeowners expect the Downtown Centre to be successful.

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Iraq denies threat; U.S. troops still pouring into Gulf

By Karin Davies
Associated Press

Kuwait — Skepticism over Saddam Hussein's intentions prevailed Tuesday, with the United States and its allies continuing their massive military buildup in the Persian Gulf despite reports that Iraqi troops were pulling away from Kuwait.

Washington was assembling its biggest military force since the 1991 Gulf War to face down the Iraqi leader: Tens of thousands of Americans were still ordered into the Gulf along with hundreds of the most potent U.S. aircraft and warships.

The Pentagon acknowledged some of the 80,000 Iraqi units menacing Kuwait may be "moving from their combat positions."

But "considerable (Iraqi) units" remain in the area, said Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Iraqi deployment toward the Kuwaiti border "wasn't just

some innocent exercise that they were on and we misread it," Shalikashvili said. "Far, far from it...I'm not at all prepared to say the crisis is over in any way."

Baghdad had claimed its forces began moving Monday night to a position north of Basra, 35 miles north of the Kuwaiti border.

The official Iraqi News Agency, monitored in Cyprus, quoted Foreign Minister Mohammed Said al-Sahhaf as saying the pullback was largely completed Tuesday. Only two brigades, about 8,000 men, were still near the border and would withdraw soon, al-Sahhaf said.

Another agency dispatch said the Foreign Ministry has asked the Russian and Chinese embassies to send their military attaches to verify the pullback.

Journalists on the road to Basra said troops and military equipment were moving in both directions, with heavy

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Higher than expected bids net delays for new courts

By Dawn Pillsbury
Daily Staff Writer

The sand volleyball courts planned as an addition to the Recreational Center may be finished before the end of winter quarter.

The two courts are slated to be built in the field adjacent to the center.

But before the courts can be built, funding problems need to be ironed out.

At the ASI Board of Directors Oct. 3 meeting, Director of Recreational Sports Rick Johnson said that because of the costs of fencing and cutting into the hillside for retaining walls, the bids for the job had been much higher than what the board had allotted for it.

The board voted to take \$55,000 out of last year's surplus to have the courts installed, but the lowest bid so far is \$70,000.

But now Johnson says things are looking better.

"It looks like we're in good

shape," he said. "The state has been extremely cooperative."

Directors suggested alternatives to increasing the funding of the project. Johnson asked if the Construction Management department could take on the task to bring down costs.

Hal Johnston, assistant professor of Construction Management, is working with Johnson on the project.

"Students in construction management are real interested in doing these sorts of senior projects," he said. "We do quite a few off-campus projects, but we haven't had many on-campus projects recently."

Johnston said he and Johnson are still planning the project, but that two or three students will manage it as their senior projects.

"In reality the bids that they got weren't out of line with that type of project," he said.

The managers will sub-

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Mayoral candidate Jim Scaife was particularly animated at Tuesday's forum. He envisions a united San Luis Obispo, he said / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

Candidates in city election discuss issues, skirt specifics

By Sharon Meaney
Daily Staff Writer

At an open forum Tuesday, City Council and mayoral candidates discussed the need for balancing economic growth while still maintaining San Luis Obispo's small-town environment.

The discussion hovered around broad issues, with can-

didates dwelling little on specific plans for action once elected.

All eight candidates — four council candidates and four mayoral candidates — attended the forum at the Pacific Suites Hotel to state their views on local issues and field questions from audience members.

Council candidates include:

Madonna Inn purchasing manager and Cal Poly political science student Marc Brazil; contractor Pat Veesart; Planning Commissioner Dodie Williams. Councilmember Bill Roalman is seeking re-election.

Mayoral candidates include: retired teacher Lark Jursek; Councilmember Penny Rappa;

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TODAY'S WEATHER: Low morning clouds, mostly sunny

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TODAY

Women's Council of the State University • Ongoing planning for statewide conference, "The Virtual Campus: Creating Feminist Perspectives," 12-1 p.m., UU 219 — 756-2600

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Arastide set to assume power in Haiti

By Anita Snow
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — U.S. troops took over the National Palace today, helping the government of exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide clear out the last vestiges of Haiti's military-backed administration.

Hundreds of American soldiers entered the sprawling, white building this afternoon. An army captain at the scene said Haitian soldiers would be escorted out as Aristide's prime minister prepared to take office. Aristide's Cabinet ministers fired all employees hired under a civilian figurehead government installed in May by military strongman Raoul Cedras, who resigned Monday under pressure from the U.S. forces in Haiti. Cedras' resignation clears the way for Aristide's return on Saturday.

"We can now roll up our sleeves and begin to rebuild democracy in the spirit of reconciliation," Aristide's commerce minister, Louis Dejoie II, said in an interview.

The government of Robert Malval, Aristide's prime minister, announced today it would be taking over the government ministry offices. To back up that effort, hundreds of U.S. troops were sent to the National Palace.

Earlier today, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said Haiti's former military ruler and his right-hand man will be heading together into exile — likely to Panama.

Shipments of gas and diesel oil were on their way to Haiti, meanwhile, the first sent by international oil companies since December. The world's trade em-

bargo on Haiti ends after Aristide's homecoming.

Cedras' resignation has cleared "the field for the real work of reconciliation," said Aristide spokesman Jean-Claude Martineau.

With Cedras' resignation, Haiti's military met the terms of the agreement former President Carter concluded last month as

"We can now roll up our sleeves and begin to rebuild democracy."

Louis Dejoie II
Aristide's commerce minister

U.S. warplanes were in the air, ready to launch an invasion.

Cedras is about to go into; so too is Brig. Gen. Philippe Biamby, who resigned Saturday. Port-au-Prince police chief Michel Francois, architect of the September 1991 coup that overthrew Aristide, fled last week to the neighboring Dominican Republic.

The agreement did not require the coup leaders to leave Haiti, but the United States has been urging them to do so. Today, U.S. Embassy spokesman Stanley Schrager said Cedras and Biamby would be leaving Haiti together, but he said he did not know when or to where.

A Panamanian official said today that Panama's government had been approached by U.S. officials about granting asylum to Cedras and Biamby, and was consulting with Aristide on the issue. President Ernesto Perez Balladares offered Panama weeks ago as a possible refuge for Haiti's military leaders.

President Clinton said Monday night that Aristide would return to Haiti on Saturday. He credited the 19,000 American troops who began their mission Sept. 19 for putting Haiti back on the road to democracy.

"But I also want to caution again: The job in Haiti remains difficult and dangerous," Clinton said.

In a reminder of continuing violence, the death toll reached 24 in a hit-and-run attack on a pro-democracy demonstration Sunday in a hamlet near the southwestern city of Miragoane, a radio station reported.

A man who witnesses said belonged to the pro-army Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti drove a bus into the rally, zigzagging to intentionally run people down.

The driver fled the scene.

In the capital, Malval was to assume his duties today with other ministers in the ousted government. The Malval ministers revoked all government appointments made by Emile Jonassaint, the army-designated president, since Cedras installed the 81-year-old jurist. Jonassaint's whereabouts today weren't immediately known.

Appointed by Aristide after the 1991 coup, Malval never wielded power or worked at government offices for security reasons.

Military-backed thugs prevented his finance and information ministers from working in government offices and nearly broke up the inauguration of his foreign minister. Assassins believed to be linked to the army killed his justice minister last year.

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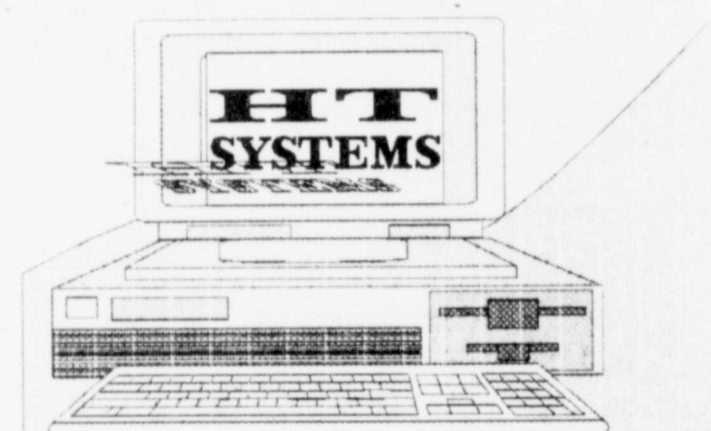
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Wilson rises from political dead; comeback leaves Brown struggling

By Doug Willis
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A year ago, every new poll was another nail in Republican Pete Wilson's coffin. Now it's Democrat Kathleen Brown struggling to breathe life into her campaign for governor.

Wilson's comeback since he hit bottom with a 15 percent job approval rating last year is one of the most remarkable turnabouts in California's political history.

A year ago, Wilson trailed Brown by 22 and 23 percentage points respectively in California's best-known polls. Now he leads Brown by nine and seven points in those same polls and has a 3-1 lead in cash for television ads in the latest campaign contribution reports.

"Voters are pretty much frustrated. It's more withdrawal away from Kathleen Brown than flocking to Wilson — a slow movement away from her and back to this relatively unpopular governor," said Mark DiCamillo, director of the Field Poll. "It's with a certain degree of reluctance that voters are going back to Pete Wilson."

Brown gave Democrats plenty to be enthusiastic about when she launched her campaign last year. Articulate, attractive and well-connected, the 49-year-old Brown raised exciting prospects which contrasted sharply with Wilson's bland public image.

Her victor was to cap the 1992 election of Democrats Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer to the U.S. Senate by making California the first state to elect women to its top three political offices.

As state treasurer and a bond attorney, she was comfortable with the state's corporate leadership. As the wife of a prominent television executive, she was connected to California's entertainment and communication industries, and as the daughter of former Gov. Pat Brown and sister of former Gov. Jerry Brown, she represented the

closes thing California has ever seen to a political dynasty.

"We will restore that dream of California that I was raised with, that dream of opportunity that I raised my children with," she said in her formal campaign kickoff.

Dozens of television, newspaper and magazine profiles proclaimed her California's next governor, in some cases not even mentioning Wilson or an upcoming election. In a typical profile, one national magazine found her "as cagey as her famous father and spacey brother and more charming than either."

Since then, Brown has repeatedly shifted political directions and campaign slogans, alienating some supporters and worrying others as she has tried to match Wilson's get-tough stands on crime, illegal immigration and welfare.

She erroneously blamed Wilson for releasing a serial rapist from prison when his release was mandated by a law her brother signed. Her portrayal of herself as champion of the middle class invited reminders that she was raised in the governor's mansion and chauffeured to college classes in a limousine.

Brown has promised to cut welfare and state bureaucrats, crack down on illegal immigration and enforce a death penalty she morally opposes. That has delighted Wilson by focusing the campaign on his strongest issues.

"She ought to be setting the agenda, rather than following Wilson's," said Assemblyman John Vasconcellos, a liberal supporter who was a member of Pat Brown's gubernatorial staff in the 1960s.

But Wilson hasn't soared. Rather he is rebuilding the shattered political coalition which put him in office.

Wilson has made crime the No. 1 issue of his campaign, signing a "three-strikes" life sentencing law for repeat felons, hammering Brown for her opposition

to the death penalty and drawing her into a debate over who is toughest on crime.

The 61-year-old former U.S. Senator and San Diego mayor needed all the help he could get.

A compromise candidate for governor in 1990, Wilson never had the enthusiastic support of conservatives. He alienated them further in his first months in office by enacting the biggest tax increase in California's history to close an inherited deficit.

As the recession deepened and more deficits appeared, Wilson cut welfare, health, parks, higher education and other programs. He hit bottom in public approval after a 1992 budget standoff with Democrats which left California paying its bills with IOUs for two months.

California was also wracked by earthquakes, fires, drought and riots as Wilson's term was a four-year exercise in crisis management.

That has gradually turned into a political asset, as he has campaigned as an experienced, steady leader who is "tough enough for a tough job."

January's Los Angeles earthquake gave Wilson a particularly big boost, as his administration rebuilt and reopened the Santa Monica Freeway — the nation's busiest highway — in just two months.

But DiCamillo says the most significant factor in Wilson's resurgence is Brown's failure to give voters a reason to vote for her.

"She hasn't emphasized issues that set her apart from Wilson," he said.

"More people think of Brown favorably than unfavorably, while the majority still think of Wilson unfavorably. But they don't see what she's doing differently," DiCamillo said.

David Roberti, former Democratic leader of the state Senate, agrees.

"With crime and immigration, she's sort of saying, 'Me too.' That's fine, but it's not going to win the election," he said.

DOWNTOWN: Stores expected to lure tourism

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But the sudden surge of new chain stores may cause some concern among small business owners.

Matt Richard, owner of Rocky Roadz Ice Creamery next to the Edward's Fremont Theatre, said he hopes the influx of big-name stores doesn't replace the novelty of San Luis Obispo.

"I just hope people realize we are the only homemade ice cream in town," Richard said. "But as far as being a small business owner, I think (the stores) will take away from what we have."

Another recent addition to downtown is the men's clothing store Structure, which had its opening day last week at Farmer's Market.

Structure sales representative and Cal Poly graduate Adrienne Botticelli has lived in San Luis Obispo for seven years. She said she has seen the need for change in the downtown area.

"As much as I love (San Luis Obispo) as a small town, we need these stores for the tourists that come in," Botticelli said.

She said many have been receptive to gaining another new store.

"People are happy that finally there's a men's store downtown," Botticelli said.

Boo Boo Records owner Glen Forbes was found strolling through downtown viewing the new buildings. Forbes said he was excited about the new stores bringing more people into town.

"San Luis Obispo has always held the 'Ma and Pa' type of stores, so it's interesting to see a change," he said.

"You either have to change with the times, or you get out of the business," he added, when asked about the possibility of competition for small business owners.

Others within the community argued that attracting tourists shouldn't be the city's aim.

Coffee Merchant employee Cali Danzinger said although Starbucks might gain a tourist following, she feels confident their local customers will remain loyal.

"Starbucks is the Denny's of coffeehouses," said Danzinger. "We are an authentic coffeehouse, with an atmosphere I'd feel more comfortable in."

According to most students questioned around campus, the development will be a much-needed addition to downtown.

"I like it because it's something new, something different," said liberal studies senior Patty Smith. "I'm bored and used to the other stores."

Allyson Campion, a liberal studies junior, agreed.

"Cal Poly students never really had any good stores for clothing before — you used to have to go to Santa Barbara. I'm glad they are gearing more toward our age group here."

Allyson Campion
Liberal studies junior

"Cal Poly students never really had any good stores for clothing before — you used to have to go to Santa Barbara. I'm glad they are gearing more toward our age group here."

But some students were concerned with the possibility San Luis Obispo might be expanding too much.

"The whole idea of San Luis Obispo is a small town atmosphere, and I'm not really sure if this will change things," said mechanical engineering sophomore Bryce Halford. "I don't really know if they need anything more. I see a lot of redundancy downtown."

But San Luis Obispo Development Review Manager Ronald Whisenand said that the development was not an option for San Luis Obispo citizens to decide upon.

According to the City Council's general plan (Land Use Element), the city's downtown area is available for commercial growth.

"There was always a retail use plan for it," he said. "The very little vacant space they have downtown, they are redeveloping."

Whisenand said that a portion of the sales tax revenues from the new businesses will go to the city.

Some students said that they hoped the city's commerce would indeed benefit by the development.

"If it brings in the revenue the town needs to keep (San Luis Obispo) going and to give jobs, then it's a good thing," said civil engineering freshman Kristen Faris. "Tourism is one of the larger sources of revenue here."

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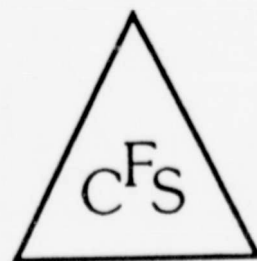
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STARTING FRESH

Matt Monpas

Campus fun on lay-away

As anyone with more than three functional brain cells can tell you, Cal Poly has more to offer than just an education.

I'm not talking about the visionary, idealistic opportunities — like "the chance to grow," "the chance to explore one's potential," or the chance to "learn by doing."

No, I'm talking about the opportunity to buy stuff — like books, tie-dye clothing, credit cards, calling cards, cheese doodles, a parking space, bumper stickers, soft pretzels, etc.

But there's more than just material trash being sold on campus. People are selling friendship.

As I walked on campus the other day, I counted 16 different fraternities, all looking for new members. I have nothing against this, but I wasn't wacked by the idea of purchasing friendship for \$60 a month.

This offer seemed a little expensive, so I decided to shop around.

Basically, I was looking for an organization that could provide a sense of belonging, which meant that I needed to find people who could drink beer, party at full-throttle, act a little recklessly, and go on adventurous trips.

After doing a little searching, I decided to join two clubs — the "Ski" club, and the "Kickin' Glass Waterski" club. Both of these organizations offer top-notch social opportunities, great parties, and mountains of fun for only \$60 a year. Talk about a good value.

On the other hand, I could have joined a fraternity, made payments I couldn't afford, and gotten intoxicated for about 10 times the price.

Needless to say, it didn't take me long to realize that joining a frat is like drinking premium quality beer — it cost more and tastes a little better, but produces the same intoxicating effect.

I'm not trying to damage the reputation of fraternities, but they're just too expensive for poor college students like myself.

But maybe I can make some cash off an illegal sale I'm trying to arrange.

I'm trying to sell my dorm room. Yes, I know the Housing authorities won't be amused, but I'm posting a "For Sale" sign in my dorm window.

And as any advertiser would do, I exaggerated and distorted my sales pitch to achieve a high degree of ambiguity. I call it real-estate-speak. It reads:

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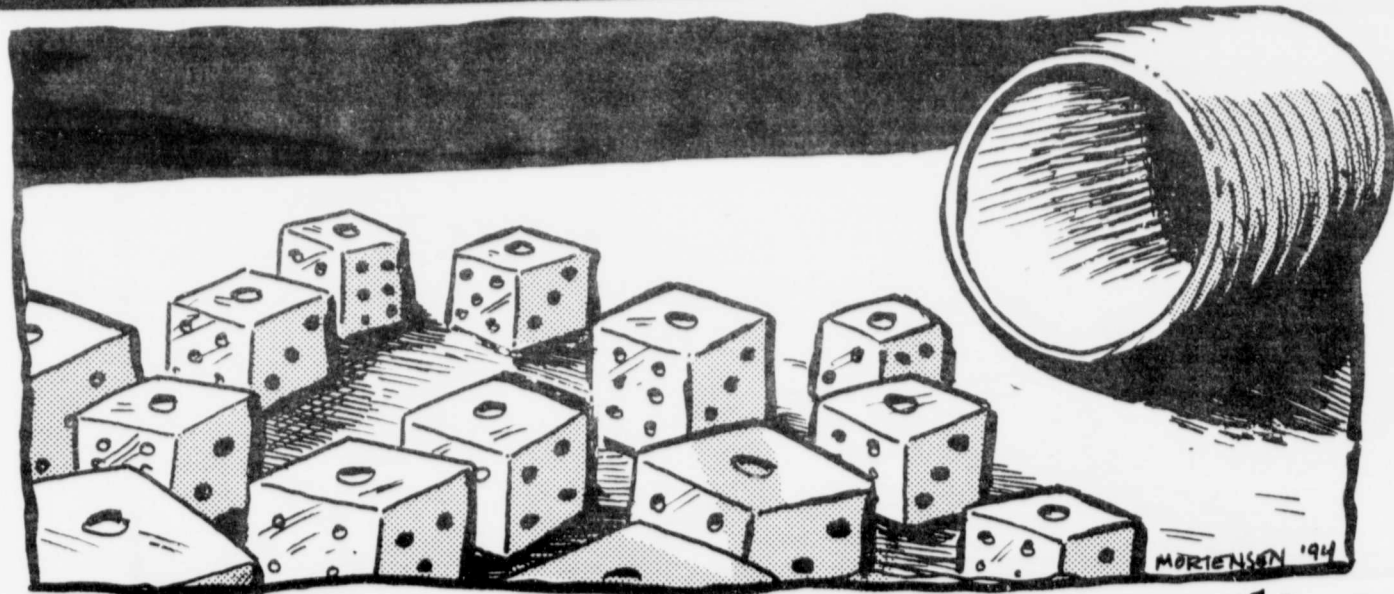
Surprisingly, I haven't had many offers. This is a shame because 100K would pay for college, and finance a new ski boat, a new truck, and leave me with a load of change.

Of course, most of this money would be consumed by a high-powered defense lawyer, charging \$1,000/hour to keep me out of prison for my unlawful sale of state property.

But on the other hand, anyone stupid enough to pay \$100,000 for 81 square feet of undesirable real estate would probably be incarcerated for criminal insanity.

Well, my room is still for sale. Any offers?

EDITOR'S MOMENT



What if the whole game's rigged?

By Len Arends

There's this Christian evangelist named Cliff who I used to see proselytizing in the U.U. Plaza or on Dexter Lawn.

Invariably, his diatribe would pull me into the debate, since I had a vindictive attitude toward people who justify their actions solely on "faith," and he and I would have a back-and-forth for 15 or 20 minutes at a time.

Most of the times I debated him, the crowd was largely on my side (Cal Poly being the den of godlessness that it is).

But this one time — I think it was in the spring — someone had dropped off a bus load of the saved in the U.U. Plaza. Judging from their vigor, I would say they had just returned from a two-week vacation at Heritage USA.

It was not my best experience. At that time, I considered myself an atheist, or an agnostic with atheist leanings. Knowing this, Cliff lobbed a forensic stink bomb into my court that I couldn't adequately address.

He put it thusly:

Atheists describe the universe as a concatenation of random laws and substances that somehow — just by chance — worked out to produce galaxies, stars, life and a life form with the ability to grasp this immense order.

Christians (and other theists) claim an all-powerful sentience designed this same ordered universe, with the specific intent of fostering humanity.

Atheists additionally claim, he continued, that in all matters of dispute, they honor the scientific method, which favors the simplest answer.

And which one of the two above scenarios is simpler?

Sensing my peril, Cliff finished me off by equating atheist philosophy with the belief that a tornado will assemble a pile of junk into a working motorcycle.

I hung on for a few more minutes, but Cliff and his junior God squad had already written me off. I left the plaza in a funk.

But like all good comebacks, I thought of mine later that evening. And for the record it progresses as follows:

Agreed, the odds are obviously astronomically slim that the behavior of gravity, electromagnetism and the strong and weak nuclear forces should pan out in just the right way to produce the universe we see around us.

But even astronomically thin odds are measurable, and in our current perception of the universe, we have an infinite amount of time to wait for the proper results.

And so I countered Cliff's analogy with one of my own.

Think of universe creation as an infinite series of boxes, each containing a pile of junk. If you shake all the boxes at once, chances actually favor that somewhere in that vast array of containers sits a motorcycle, regardless of the fact that all the boxes within the range of your sight remain piles of junk.

In reality, a "motorcycle" represents a universe where a species capable of comprehending its surrounding — like humanity — is created.

But since universes are, for all intents and purposes, self-contained, it is impossible for us to see the endless series of universes that were half-baked and complete failures.

Ours just happens to be the one universe in umpteen zillion that produced anything of merit.

I felt quite comfortable with this formulation, but the period of doubt between my talk with Cliff and bedtime had germinated a new kernel of thought.

What made my explanation any better than the theists'?

Personal preference? That isn't a valid method of establishing "the truth."

Gradually, I came to the realization that atheism is as much a religious belief as any red-blooded theology.

All human action is based on assumptions, many of which the vast majority of us agree upon.

But there are many fields of study, religion foremost among them, where there are several conflicting philosophies, all equally valid (because they continue to foster fresh believers). And atheism must be included in these numbers.

With this new insight, I fearlessly proceeded to craft a new personal belief system, one which I still follow: the universe is either spontaneous and creatorless, or designed with the intent of letting its inhabitants run wild.

I have no way of defending this conclusion, propped up as it is by a cotton candy of personal preference and cultural conditioning. But such is the case with every person's convictions.

• Len Arends is the Daily Opinion Editor. Next time — the Bible's book of Genesis and "fun with human free will."

LETTERS

More Ardarius fan mail

Re: "Life in Amerikkka"

And finally, a supporter

What if we educated the public instead of complained to them?

What if we worried about the future instead of the past?

What if I had not had a gun pulled on me by an Afro-American?

What if there had not been an Abraham Lincoln?

What if slavery was even an issue in today's society?

What if Rodney King had stayed down?

What if I was a minority?

What if skin color mattered?

What if.....?

Matthew Albers
 Computer science junior

What if Mr. McDonald could write?

That in itself is a challenge. And what if he strove beyond the scope of infantile poetry with poorly communicated Utopian ideas?

It amazes me that a newspaper on a so-called university would ever consider publishing such lame-duck philosophy from a man who can't express himself above high school gibberish that appeals to our sentimentality. If this is an example of Mr. McDonald's education, then it has failed.

What if Mr. McDonald was forced to swallow his own spit? Obviously he is pouring it down our throats.

Greg Heirshberg
 English graduate

CORRECTION:

In the Oct. 7 "From the Hip," Todd Shallahamer's name was misspelled. Mustang Daily regrets the error.

I must first commend Mustang Daily for publishing "The writing on the wall" in an uncensored form. I feel it is far from the "National Enquirer journalism" characterized in one student's reply.

The essay addresses a sad fact — racism is a neglected subject many would rather keep to themselves instead of bringing out into the open.

All too often, we (meaning people of all races, genders, religions and sexual orientations) tend to shy away from addressing the issue. As offensive as Mr. McDonald's essay may have been to some, it was an uninhibited and honest response from one student's point of view — which is what a student newspaper should do.

Sure, the essay could have been sugarcoated to protect a few from obscenities that one only hears and uses everyday. Or it could have been one of tastelessness and absurdity. Instead, the essay may do more than offend — it should make one think, ponder and look within.






Just because slavery ended years ago, prejudice still permeates our society. It may not be as widespread as it once was, but as the gentleman who decided to scrawl his hatred on the bathroom wall reminds us, it is still America's original sin.

It's a sin that America as a whole has yet to deal with. And seldom in the past has it been addressed by the Daily, leaving readers to seek out less frequently published papers, such as the quarterly "Spectrum," for minority viewpoints.

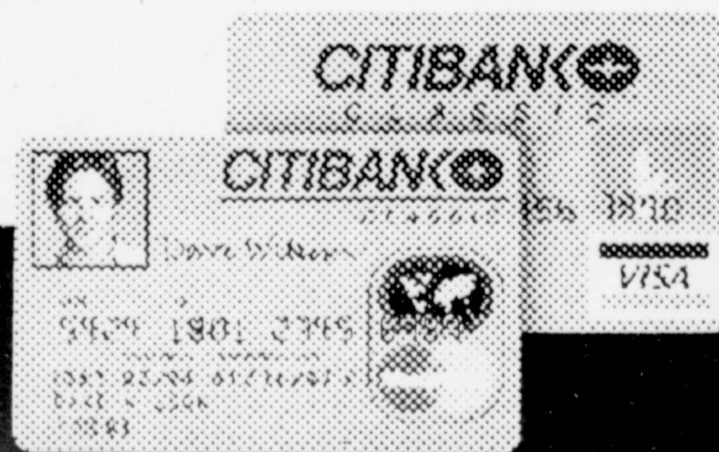
Out of all the sins that racism and prejudice have created, the greatest sin of all is ignorance.

Valanche Stewart
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Parking permits jam machines

By Kelly Koring
Daily Staff Writer

Rushing to school to snag a parking spot may be tough enough, but recently Cal Poly students and visitors have had problems getting a parking permit.

The yellow parking permit machines dispersed across campus have been malfunctioning more than usual.

According to Parking and Commuter Services Administrator Cindy Campbell, the daily parking-pass dispensers weren't working as well as they normally do during the storm last week.

"The machines jam or hang up when the weather is wet," Campbell said. Fog, rain and mist are the main culprits.

Campbell said that the parking passes stick together when they get moist and clog the machine. Recently, Campbell said she ordered water-resistant paper to be used for the passes. However, the new paper still jammed. She is currently contacting the vendor of that special

paper to make sure she got what she paid for.

"The passes are not supposed to be doing what they are doing," Campbell said.

But wet weather is not solely to blame — permit machines break down.

"I put my money in and the pass came out with the wrong date," said math and statistics senior Rachel Hodgson. "I got a ticket."

"I've had problems with those machines once or twice," said agricultural engineering technology senior John Desousa. Desousa said the machine ate his money and did not give him a pass. Desousa also got a ticket.

Both Hodgson and Desousa said they went to the Public Safety office and informed the office of the malfunctions. They did not have to pay their parking tickets.

"If a machine jams or doesn't give a permit you have paid for, the only way we can help you is for you to come to Public Safety," Campbell said. "We'll give you a

daily pass and fix the machine."

Campbell said their main goal is to get a permit to students promptly so they can go to class.

Complaints are kept on computer files at Public Safety, she said. According to Campbell, only one individual has consistently complained of not getting a permit.

Overall, Campbell said she trusts the students when they report that a parking pass machine is down.

But sometimes it is the students' fault for the malfunctioning of the machines, she said.

Campbell attributes some of the breakdowns to students who feed the money in the machine too fast. Campbell said that the money has to put in the machine slowly so the machine can read it. When the machine cannot read the money, it will not dispense a permit, she said.

"There will always be malfunctions," Campbell said. "But by-and-large the daily parking pass machines breaking down is not a major problem."

FORUM: Candidate views cover wide spectrum

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author, actor and bookseller Jim Scaife; Cal Poly political science professor and vice mayor Allen Settle.

Both Settle and Rappa said students are an important part of this community. Settle said he was very pleased with the success of such programs as Good Neighbor Day and the Student Neighborhood Assistance Program, and that he was a strong supporter of students having the right to vote where they reside.

Rappa added that continued cooperation between students and the city was important.

"We need to have an on-going opportunity for dialogue and discussion," she said.

The forum, sponsored by the Association of Realtors and the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce, lasted about an hour and a half. Each candidate had three minutes for an opening statement, which was followed by a question and answer period.

Scaife, who spoke using animated hand gestures, asked the audience to respond to his greeting with a big "Hello."

He went on to show the audience a hand signal he said he wants to be "the symbol of San Luis Obispo." The symbol is a variation of a peace sign, only instead of making a "V," fingers are put together, forming a "U."

"This sign means unity," Scaife said. "I want to see a unified San Luis Obispo."

Scaife both entertained the audience and jokingly suggested that one way to unify San Luis Obispo would be to have massive picnics every weekend.

But all joking aside, Scaife said he feels people get too caught up in specific issues when deciding how to vote. He said he wants to go beyond that in his campaign.

"We need to rise above the issues," he said. "It's easy to get over-focused on the issues."

At one point in the forum, candidates were asked their views on San Luis Obispo's smoking ordinance, which prohibits smoking in restaurants and bars within city limits. Most supported the ordinance.

However, Jursek went one step further.

"I would like to see the bars taken out of San Luis Obispo as well," Jursek said.

Jursek said he wants San Luis Obispo to have "royal standards." Eliminating bars is one

way achieve these standards and make the city more attractive to outsiders, he said. Jursek said he also thought the government should contain more spirituality.

"I'm running because I think we have to get God back in government," he said.

He said that when dealing with the homeless, it was important not to overlook their spiritual needs.

However, most of the candidates focused on the issue of balancing San Luis Obispo's "small-town" atmosphere with business and economic growth issues.

Council candidate Veesart called San Luis Obispo a "small, human-scaled community."

"We are a balanced community," Veesart said. "I want to see the city maintain that balance."

Council candidate Brazil said he shares a desire for improved quality of life, but "wants to do more than just protect the city's history."

"We need to strengthen and improve the community's

economic base," Brazil said.

Councilmember Roalman said if elected, he would focus on protecting neighborhoods and the environment.

Councilmember Williams tried to reconcile the two views. She said a certain amount of economic growth and business expansion was an integral part of having a high standard of living.

"We must plan for the future with care and sensitivity," Williams said. "We must grow in a healthy and productive way."

In her nine years on the Council, Rappa said she's seen what works for the city and what

doesn't. If elected mayor, she said voters can expect "economic recovery."

Settle cited a similar reason for running.

"I want to keep the community financially sound," Settle said.

Settle also said he favors slow growth for San Luis Obispo.

"I'm a big advocate of keeping the existing growth management policies," he said.

San Luis Obispo is currently restricted to one percent growth each year.

IRAQ: Official says Saddam's 'cat-and-mouse game' can't be tolerated

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artillery heading south.

Baghdad had claimed the buildup was a routine rotation and training exercise. But the mobilization was alarmingly similar to the one that preceded Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Kuwait's information minister, Sheik Saud al-Sabah, told the Associated Press on Tuesday that he was skeptical of the Iraqi withdrawal announcement.

"They could withdraw a couple of tanks north...and send them back the next day," he said. "We cannot tolerate this kind of cat-and-mouse game being played. Saddam has always been playing these games with us for the last two years."

Iraq's claims of a troop pullback have been called into question since Iraqi officials first made them Monday.

"We will just simply stay on course and judge what we do as events unfold," President Clinton said Tuesday when he announced that Western deployment would continue.

Shalikhshvili said the Pentagon had "started to get indications that units were moving from their bat positions into assembly areas and towards rail sidings for potential loading of their equipment on trains."

But, he added, "We are continuing with the deployments that the president has set in motion."

He placed the number of American forces in the region at 19,000, with an additional 44,500 in "various stages of deployment and planned for deployment." He said 156,000 more troops have been placed on alert.

A total of 252 American and allied aircraft were in the region, with 467 more American planes in various stages of deployment and an additional 196 on alert, he said.

At the U.S. army staging area in the Doha, 20 miles north of Kuwait City, U.S. troops prepared their M1A1 Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles for action.

Maj. Don Janning, an army spokesman, said some 600 troops from the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Ga., had been flown to Kuwait since Monday and 32,000 more were en route.

The USS Tripoli and its amphibious battle group, carrying 2,000 Marines, arrived off Kuwait's shore on Tuesday. The aircraft carrier USS George Washington began patrolling the Red Sea on Monday, and its escorts were carrying Tomahawk cruise missiles able to hit Iraq.

Allied troops, ships and aircraft also reached Kuwait on Tuesday. The French anti-submarine frigate George Leygues, armed with Exocet anti-ship missiles, Crotale anti-aircraft missiles, cannon and torpedoes, docked at Kuwait's port.

Six British Tornado fighter-

bombers flew to Kuwait from their base in Germany. Britain also sent a destroyer, HMS Cardiff, to join a Royal Navy frigate, HMS Cornwall, already patrolling off Kuwait City.

Some 150 marine commandos left from barracks in Scotland, an advance party of a battalion that will bring the British deployment to some 1,000 ground and air troops, the British Defense Ministry said.

"We don't go by words," the British defense secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, said today. "We don't believe Saddam Hussein until events show he means it."

Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and the foreign ministers of Britain, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman are scheduled to meet Wednesday in Kuwait to discuss the Iraqi moves.

Turkey and Saudi Arabia have offered staging area for American warplanes and support craft expected over the next few days.

President Boris Yeltsin of Russia sent a delegation Tuesday to Baghdad to try and diffuse the crisis. "Russia seriously warned Baghdad not to take any steps that could escalate tensions even more," Foreign Ministry Grigory Karasin said in Moscow.

Before the Iraqi buildup, Russia, along with France, had been leading efforts to tease U.N. sanctions imposed on Baghdad for invading Kuwait.

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VOLLEYBALL: Court bids exceed \$55,000 budget

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contract the work to construction firms and students as senior projects and as volunteers.

Johnson said the time-frame of the project will be an important factor, because the state is seeding the fields around the Rec Center. If the courts are not done on schedule then the state will take over the project and the school will be responsible for the cost.

"We'll cut through holidays and weekends," he said. "That's what construction is about — getting the job done."

A few companies charged high prices for the masonry work on the project, Johnson said, resulting in the high bids.

"It's absurd and everyone on campus believes it's absurd," he said.

The bids shocked Facilities and Operations when they were opened, because they believed that the \$55,000 was ample for the job, Johnson said.

"We thought this was going to be a sweet deal," he said.

The second lowest bid was for

"We thought it was going to be a sweet deal."

Rick Johnson
Rec Sports Director

\$82,000, which makes the \$70,000 bid seem unlikely, Johnson said.

Johnson said that the material costs of the project were low: \$5,000 for the sand and \$3,000 for state-of-the-art poles.

The problem is the water unstable water underneath the area, Johnson said.

Choosing another spot for the courts was not likely, as no other spot was close enough to the Recreation Center to control entry to the courts, he said.

And Johnson said directors' suggestions to build the project piecemeal were not feasible.

"The university prefers a package deal," he said. "Regardless of their own record."

Prop. 187 pits African Americans against illegal immigrants

By Steve Farr
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — For many black proponents of the "Save Our State" initiative, illegal immigrants aren't victims of discrimination. They're competitors for a shrinking number of jobs and dwindling health and welfare benefits.

"Illegal immigration has placed the African American in the position of having to compete for resources that are far and few between," said Compton Mayor Omar Bradley, a Democrat. "Even though this is a Republican initiative, you're going to find a lot of blacks favoring it."

A recent Field Poll found that black and Asian American voters support Proposition 187 by 53 to 37 percent.

Opponents of the initiative point out that illegal aliens are already barred by law from receiving welfare and taxpayer-

funded medical care, except in emergencies. They also claim that California could lose billions of federal dollars if undocumented children are kicked out of public schools.

Former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and most of the state's nine black legislators oppose the measure.

With California's black unemployment rate hovering around 14 percent, however, some black leaders say they'll back anything that attempts to reduce the flow of illegal immigrants from Mexico and Asia.

"In Southern California, aliens have taken over most of the entry-level jobs," said William Ruffin, executive director of the 6,000-member Black Employees Association of Los Angeles County. "Those jobs do not exist any more for blacks."

Federal laws against hitting illegal aliens are routinely ignored, Ruffin said. His organiza-

tion receives 100 complaints a week from blacks, especially young men who can't find work in the hotels, hospitals, and restaurants that once offered blacks their first steps to independence.

In Oakland, an explosion in Alameda County's welfare caseloads over the past two years has forced the county to slash payments, said Deborah Wright, a black Republican running for the congressional seat held by Democrat Ron Dellums. Although illegals cannot receive aid, area blacks claim newcomers are swamping the system, she said.

"There's a limited amount of money in the pot and we have to split it up among more people," Wright said. "I think that money should go to American citizens first."

In Wright's overwhelmingly Democratic district, "I mention limiting immigration and people are very responsive," she said.

While the number of blacks in

the state remains flat, the Hispanic population is growing rapidly due to immigration and a high birthrate.

According to the 1990 census, blacks make up nearly eight percent of the state's population and nine percent of registered voters. Hispanics are 26 percent of residents but just five percent of voters.

In Compton, a city of 100,000 that borders south Los Angeles, blacks who spent 30 years gaining power from whites during the civil rights movement feel politically threatened by immigrants from Mexico and Central America who have moved into the area during the last decade, Bradley said.

"We've seen a lot of Latino groups come to us and say 'we want the power, we demand the power,' Bradley said. "It's a natural law that you attack the weakest, and right now African Americans are weak."

But Bradley and Wright say

the issue is not one of race or class.

"The question is not black versus Latino, the question is American versus non-American," said Bradley, who refused to state his position on the initiative.

"Lower-income American citizens are being impacted most by illegal immigration regardless of race," Wright added. "People who are opposing 187 aren't representing low-income people."

Norman Matloff, a computer science professor at the University of California at Davis who has editorialized for Prop. 187, says many mainstream black leaders have remained publicly neutral on the issue for fear of alienating other ethnic groups.

"What's happening I think is a lot of waffling," said Matloff, who is married to a Chinese immigrant and studies the use of welfare by aliens.

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Grieving fathers berate gang members at sentencing

By Laura Tolley
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Over objections from defense lawyers, two grieving fathers lashed out in court Tuesday at the gang members who raped and killed their teenage daughters.

"We live for the day that you die," a tearful Randy Ertman said after the three defendants were sentenced to death. "You are baby killers."

As the last of the three was being led from the packed courtroom, Ertman told him, "I'll watch you die, boy."

The fathers were allowed to confront their daughters' killers under a Texas law that allows

victims or their surviving relatives to speak at sentencing.

Such courtroom confrontations stem from the growing victims' rights movement of the past several years. Thirty-five states permit victims to speak at sentencing, according to the Arlington, Va.-based National Victims' Center.

Five other states allow statements from victims to be read at sentencing.

"There are a lot of social issues that we deal with in criminal justice, psychological needs of society," said Sandra Guerra, an assistant professor of law at the University of Houston. "I think it is appropriate to use the courtroom to a limited extent."

tent."

On Tuesday, Efrain Perez, 18, Raul Villarreal, 18, and Joe Medellin, 19, showed no emotion during the fathers' speeches. They were convicted last month.

Two other gang members, Peter Cantu and Derrick Sean O'Brien, both 19, were already sentenced to die in the case. A sixth defendant, Vinny Medellin, got 40 years because he was a juvenile.

After the hearing, a shouting and shoving match erupted in the hallway between relatives from both sides. No one was hurt, and sheriff's deputies quickly separated the feuding parties. Security had been in-

creased for the hearing, and courtroom metal detectors were used to screen for weapons.

The fathers, who addressed the court from the spectators' gallery, berated the defendants even though they were told to be civil and to speak to the three judges who had presided over the defendants' trials.

At one point Ertman said, "You are worse than spit. You belong in hell."

Adolf Pena said, "I wish that these guys could get executed the way they did and be left out there, just left there on the ground to die."

Defense attorneys repeatedly objected when either man directly addressed the defendants.

"I think it was a three-ring circus in there," defense attorney Ricardo Rodriguez complained afterward.

While more than 400 people were murdered in Houston last year, the girls' slaying stood out.

While taking a shortcut home from a party around 11:30 p.m., Jennifer Ertman, 14, and Elizabeth Pena, 16, came upon six gang members drinking and holding a gang initiation. The gang members grabbed the girls and took turns raping them for an hour before killing them. The bodies were found four days later.


Prosecutors delayed the hearing a couple of weeks to let emotions subside.



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Nobel nomination for PLO chairman causes controversy

Doug Mellgren
Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — The traditional secrecy around the Nobel Peace Prize seemed torn Tuesday, just days before the award announcement, when a newspaper reported a bitter dispute over the choice of Yasser Arafat as co-winner.

The Oslo newspaper Aftenposten, in its top front-page story, reported that the PLO chairman and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would be announced as winners Friday.

And the newspaper said a committee member, Kare Kristiansen, who has labeled Arafat a terrorist, would resign if the Palestinian leader shares the \$933,000 prize.

There was little surprise about the names of Rabin and Arafat, who have been mentioned for months as likely winners for the historic treaty they signed last year, granting Palestinians self-rule.

But the bald disclosure of the names and glimpses at behind-the-scenes bickering was rare. Even though there have been leaks in past years to Norwegian media, the news wasn't reported with such certainty.

Even more seldom were reports of disputes within the five-member committee, which has a tradition of keeping its quarrels private and putting on a public show of unity.

"Even in 1973, when two resigned from the committee, they waited until after the awards ceremony," said Geir Lundestad, the committee's non-voting secretary.

Lundestad, Kristiansen and others involved in the peace prize refused to confirm or deny the newspaper's report to The Associated Press or to Nor-

wegian media, which all were quoting Aftenposten on Tuesday.

According to the newspaper, the award committee still had time to meet and change its mind, although the paper said that appeared unlikely.

"I don't have any comment until after the chairman has made the announcement on Friday," Kristiansen said. "If we started to confirm or deny reports, it would lead to (secrecy) falling apart."

Kristiansen is a former Christian Democratic politician and a long-time friend of Israel. Asked whether his reputation for disliking Arafat was correct, Kristiansen said, "That's right."

Earlier Tuesday, when Israeli radio told him in an interview that some Israelis would appreciate his stand, Kristiansen answered: "Thank you very much."

Lundestad, the committee secretary, has said he has tried to end the leaks since taking office in 1990.

"Leaks are not compatible with trust within the committee," he said Tuesday.

Speaking in an interview Monday, Lundestad admitted past committees had sometimes intentionally leaked some information to selected Norwegian media but said that practice had been stopped.

Norwegians treasure privacy, and the news media, aware of the prize's international prestige, have been careful to portray any reports as speculation. Whether and why Aftenposten departed from the pattern is unknown.

In 1973, two committee members quit in protest over the peace prize being awarded to then U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and North Vietnamese negotiator Le Duc Tho —

the only laureate to ever decline the prize.

But the members waited two months to announce their resignations so they wouldn't mar the prize. Disputes "usually remain within the committee," Lundestad said.

The two men who might be most interested in the decision — Rabin and Arafat — have refused comment. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres even

tried to take the high road.

"I am working for a prize much greater than the Nobel and that is to bring peace," Peres told Israeli television.

The Aftenposten report said Kristiansen opposed Arafat throughout the selection process. He reportedly wanted to honor those who did the actual work in the Norwegian-mediated talks, such as Norwegian peace broker Terje Roed Larsen and Israeli and Palestinian negotiators.

Other key players in the 1993 Israel-PLO accord were Peres and Mahmoud Abbas, founder of the Palestine Liberation Organization who signed the peace accord last year.

Kristiansen, a former member of Parliament who joined the committee in 1991, made waves before. He has questioned the giving of awards to active politicians, pointing out that the Soviet crackdown on Lithuania came just months after then-Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev won the prize.

Kristiansen also has noted that Israel invaded Lebanon after the Nobel committee honored then-Prime Minister Menachem Begin, along with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, in 1978.

Spacecraft ends \$900 million mission with one final trip

By Jane E. Allen
Associated Press

PASADENA — Magellan hurtled to its demise Tuesday in the gaseous atmosphere of Venus, ending its four-year mapping mission with one last experiment: a study of the spacecraft's aerodynamics as it descends.

Since there was no way to return Magellan to Earth, scientists ordered the craft into a slow dive to gather information that will be used in other missions.

The researchers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory began firing Magellan's thrusters at 7:21 a.m., sending it through miles of Venus' carbon dioxide and sulfuric acid clouds.

Magellan was expected to lose power and contact with Earth, possibly by Wednesday, ending the \$900 million mission. Exactly what happens to the craft may never be known.

"It may get toasted and flutter down. It won't go in like a meteorite," project manager Douglas G. Griffith said. "It will heat up. Maybe things will start to burn into cinders, but we don't really know for sure."

Some of its parts may disintegrate, but the sturdiest components could drift and land on Venus as late as Monday, Griffith said.

During its mission, Magellan used radar images to see past the thick clouds surrounding Venus and sent back images of towering volcanoes and crisscrossed craters. The pictures allowed scientists their closest look ever at the surface features of Venus, allowing them to compare them to features of Earth.

"Sure, it seems kind of sad to us to do it, but we're ending the mission on a very positive note," said Mike Stewart, mission director.

Venus is the nearest planet to

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Earth, as close as 25 million miles away. Magellan was launched in 1989, and it went into orbit around Venus in 1990.

Magellan's slow dive will give scientists another batch of data. The fall is an experiment to explore the spacecraft's aerodynamics as it plows through Venus' atmosphere.

"That data will be used to help program the Mars Global Surveyor, when it tries to use aerobraking in Mars," which also has a carbon dioxide atmosphere, Griffith said.

Aerobraking uses a planet's atmosphere to adjust a craft's orbit. The Mars-mapping Global Surveyor will be launched in 1996.

The Magellan mission was described as successful beyond expectations:

- Magellan was the first craft to demonstrate the potential of aerobraking, which could be useful to steer the Mars surveyor through atmospheres that are different than Earth's.

- A windmill experiment in the outer reaches of Venus' atmosphere tested how much force needs to be exerted to keep a speeding craft from spinning.

- Magellan helped prove the efficiency of small, specialized groups of scientists in managing phases of space missions.

- The mission provided more data than all previous NASA missions combined, with years of analysis still ahead as scientists try to draw conclusions about Venus from gravity measurements and radar signals.

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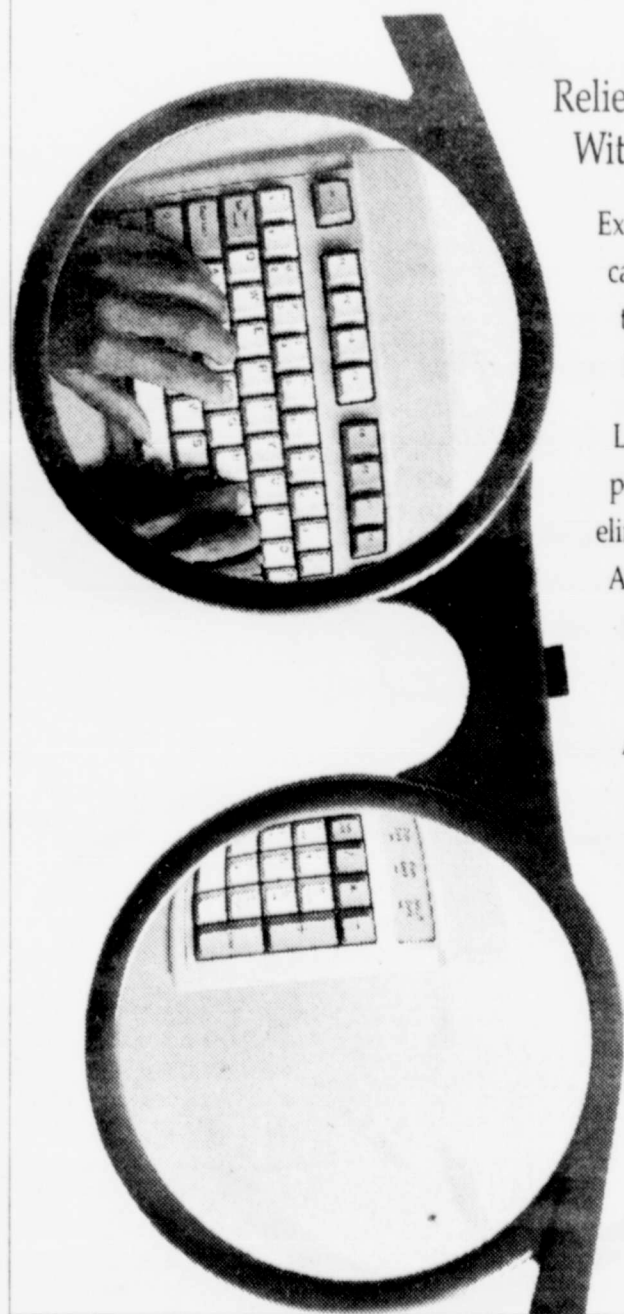
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One of the problems the rodeo circuit sometimes encounters is threats and protests from animal rights activists for the inhumane treatment of livestock.

"The treatment of rodeo animals is a controversial issue," said Ron Walsh, executive director of the Wood's Humane Society. "As a local humane society, we have no direct knowledge of how the animals are treated. We hope that the animals are cared for as humanely as possible."

According to Keith, there is an open invitation for anyone to come and see the livestock and talk to the people who take care of them.

Rodeo club member Michelle Mojoinner said it is in the best interest of the animals and the riders if the animals are treated well.

"A lot of (people who criticize rodeo) have never even been to a rodeo," she said. "An animal that's not treated well doesn't perform well. If rodeo was inhumane for animals, it wouldn't have been around so long."

Keith did not know of any or-



Action like this can be seen at this weekend's Cal Poly Rodeo / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson

ganized protests at Cal Poly. He added that the livestock is an expensive venture.

"(The animals are) an investment," Keith said. "And I'm not going to let anything happen to them."

The Cal Poly Fall Rodeo is Saturday at noon and 4 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the gate or the ASI Ticket Office.

There is also a Rodeo Club dance on Oct. 15 at 8:30 p.m. at the San Luis Obispo Elks Lodge #322. Tickets are \$7 at the door. The dance is open to anyone 18 and older.

St. Louis group to make bid for Los Angeles Rams

By R.B. Fallstrom
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The city takes its latest shot at returning to the NFL on Wednesday when a four man delegation makes its formal presentation to the Los Angeles Rams in Anaheim.

Thomas Eagleton, the former Missouri senator, heads FANS, Inc., a non-profit group, and his entourage reflects the seriousness of the negotiations. Instead of civic leaders, Eagleton will be accompanied by a lawyer, a banker and a businessman.

"They had a political show earlier this year," Eagleton said. "One of those is enough. This is low-key, down to business. It's 'what's your proposal?'"

Eagleton said he's convinced the Rams are just as serious about moving.

"I think they're genuinely interested in the prospect," Eagleton said. "I don't think this is just an exercise they're going through."

He's also convinced that St. Louis is in good position to get back the NFL team the city lost when the Cardinals left for Phoenix after the 1987 season.

"I'm optimistic," Eagleton said. "I think it's between us and Anaheim. We're neck and neck, and we've got a lead over Baltimore."

St. Louis leaders believe the city has a substantial edge over Baltimore because its \$260 million domed stadium is to be completed in October 1995, and because Washington Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke has planned a stadium in Laurel, Md., near Baltimore.

Eagleton said he's been in

close contact with the Rams since becoming the head of FANS, Inc., in August. He said he expects a decision after mid-November.

"They're not going to make an instant decision," Eagleton said. "They're going to take some time and they'll probably have some follow-up questions for us."

Eagleton didn't provide details of the financial package offered by FANS, Inc., but said part of the money would come from a premium-seat licensing program. Charlotte raised about \$150 million during a seat-licensing campaign that helped that city land an NFL expansion team.

On Monday, a group trying to keep the Rams in Anaheim presented some written proposals during a three-hour meeting with team president John Shaw.

Shaw said his meeting with Save the Rams was "more of the same."

"We're still talking. Shaw hasn't kicked us out the door," said Wayne Wedin, an Anaheim-based business consultant.

Save the Rams put into writing some of their previous verbal guarantees, including one to buy all luxury boxes built into a renovated Anaheim Stadium. But the scope of the luxury boxes have not been finalized.

"Am I optimistic the Rams will stay here? Yes," said sports agent Leigh Steinberg of Save the Rams. "Our offers keep getting better and better and at some point I think Mrs. Frontiere will be able to see ... that all her dreams can come true here."

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NGUYEN: Freshman is Northern California's leading high school rusher

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he had to follow.

Nguyen was introduced to the game on his neighborhood streets and his ambition to play college ball grew from what he saw on television.

Like many other second generation Vietnamese college students, Nguyen's parents immigrated to the U.S. from South Vietnam after the Vietnam War. His mother Truc is a Catholic charities worker in Oakland and his father Minh owns a plumbing and remodeling business.

During the war the two were separated. Truc left the war-torn country with Nguyen's older brother Dave for the Philippines while her husband stayed back to defend their homeland.

When the United States withdrew their forces and surrendered South Vietnam to the north, Minh fled in search of his wife and son in the Philippines. After the three were reunited, they were sponsored to come to the United States by a family in Fayetteville, Ark. Dan was born after his family came to Arkansas.

Within three years the Nguyen family moved to Oakland where they stayed until Dan was 11 and then settled down in Alameda.

It was there that Nguyen began his football days playing for the San Leandro Crusaders, a

Pop Warner team.

He continued his athletic prowess at Alameda High School, where he was a three-sport athlete in football, basketball and baseball.

But football became his best sport. Nguyen won the honor of being Northern California's all-time leading rusher.

In his senior season, Nguyen tore up high school records as he

"At his size and strength I thought he'd have the ability to help us as a true freshman."
Head Coach Andre Patterson

rushed for 2,180 yards and 24 touchdowns.

Nguyen's accomplishments attracted many college recruiters. Schools from the Pac-10, Big West and Western Athletic Conference all inquired about him. Nguyen didn't want to move far from home, so he was hoping to sign a letter of intent with UC-Berkeley — the school which had been recruiting him the hardest.

But the recruiting process was bittersweet for Nguyen.

UC-Berkeley decided not to recruit him just before the end of the signing period for high school football players.

"I think they led me on that they were going to give me a scholarship but they never did," Nguyen said.

He found himself in a bind since all the other schools had lost interest in him.

"All the other schools stopped calling because I had told them I had committed verbally to Cal."

It seemed as though the only choice left was to attend a local community college.

That's when Cal Poly snuck in and stole one of the top prospects in the state.

Patterson didn't hesitate to give Nguyen a scholarship.

"I had been watching Dan for two years," Patterson said. "I was recruiting him when I was at (Washington State). He was in my recruiting area."

Patterson said he thought Nguyen would have signed with a WAC or Big West conference football program.

"I knew he would be productive here," Patterson said. "At his size and strength I thought he'd have the ability to help us as a true freshman."

Cal Poly was allowed an extra three weeks to sign players after the NCAA deadline because of the new coaching staff.

Reflecting on what happened last year, Nguyen said he was fortunate that Cal Poly was interested in him because the school fits both his football and academic needs.

Patterson credits the academic reputation as a key tool in luring Nguyen to Cal Poly.



Nguyen was a three-sport athlete in high school but displayed more talent in football / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson

"Academics is very important to him and his family and with the academic reputation of Cal Poly I think that helped a lot in selling Dan that this was the best place for him to come," Patterson said.

As for a life after football,

Nguyen said he doesn't think about it much. As an industrial technologist, he hopes to make a career in business engineering.

Nguyen realizes that the chances of playing football after college are slim but he says, "anything can happen."

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Troy Petersen



Breathing a sigh of relief

Saturday, Rafael Huerta damn near took away my manhood. It wasn't because he beat me 6-0, 6-0 in tennis, although that didn't help matters.

It was one particular shot that could have been devastating.

Huerta — last year's Division II freshman of the year and the No. 2 player on Cal Poly's men's tennis team — had just finished whipping me in the first set when my cajones became seriously jeopardized.

This was one of those rare moments in life where one instant is drawn out in the mind to the extent of which a movie script could have been written.

It was the beginning of the second set, and I had a renewed sense of confidence — only because it was 0-0 again.

Rafael brought his racket back to serve and WHAM! Here comes a yellow glare heading at me in the neighborhood of 276 miles per hour.

Okay, react, I thought. My left brain was thinking "forehand" while my right brain said "backhand." My body froze.

That streak started to look like an approaching freight train traveling at the speed of light right toward my midsection.

My gut ached in anticipation of the worst as the tennis ball inched closer at a ferocious pace.

My mind frantically yelled at my body to "move, Move, MOVE!" My body, however, replied, "Nah, it's the weekend, dude."

At the last second, my body twitched slightly left and leaned back as my eyes closed, afraid to see the impact.

THUD!

There was a feeling of intense pressure, but no pain. I opened my eyes just in time to see the ball deflect over the back fence. Ah, relief.

The ball hit me on the top of my leg, just right of my groin.

As I laughed meekly, Rafael was nice enough to give me an apologetic wave from the other side of the net. Yeah, it was his fault for serving at a gargantuan pace as I my body stood motionless, frozen by fear.

It was his fault that the thought never occurred to me to use my racket. Duh.

With my manhood still in tact, thankfully, I was able to continue taking a beating — rather drudging — on the tennis court.

Tennis is (or was) my best sport. I played varsity for four years in high school. I was the No. 1 player on the team my junior year and won my league doubles title my senior year.

Rafael hardly seemed impressed. He disposed of me faster than one could throw away that three-month old meatloaf behind the milk on the bottom shelf of the fridge.

Dressing for the occasion didn't even help my cause. I wore my imported Wimbledon T-shirt that my mother bought for me while in England last year. Didn't work, Mom, sorry. Thanks anyway.

The night before the onslaught, I received some timely advice that I should have taken. Mustang Daily's photo editor Scott Robinson offered this:

"Cheat," he said.

So simple, but yet in retrospect, I probably should have listened. At the time, I laughed it off. Scott even offered to call lines — or cheat for me. But I blew that off as well.

Silly me.

I went into the match with one simple goal — win one game. That's one out of 12. Quite a lofty goal. Heck, Rafael had to screw up at some point.

Well, I won a few points, most of them were because of his double faults. But other than that, I was no threat to Rafael.

So he creamed me. I had to make excuses. It was the shadows that created a real problem in seeing the ball. I hadn't played for a long time. And of course, the ever popular "I've never played this bad in my entire life."

Meanwhile, an after-the-match conversation revealed that Rafael was the one with legitimate excuses. There was a party at his house that ended about 3 a.m. On top of that, Rafael had to play two other matches starting at 8 a.m. and he had a pulled muscle in his abdomen. He said it slowed the velocity of his serve.

Remind me to bring support next time, Rafael.

Maybe I'll stick to intramural inner tube water polo.

Troy Petersen is the Daily's sports editor and a dedicated member of Shark Bait

Transcending stereotypes

Vietnamese-American leads team in rushing

By Ajoy Bhambani
Daily Staff Writer

When freshman tailback Dan Nguyen carries the ball for the Mustangs he never thinks of what is so unusual about him playing college football.

Nguyen, who is of Vietnamese descent, is one of two Asian Americans on this year's football squad.

But it doesn't matter to Nguyen that he is one of the few Asian Americans playing Division I college football. He said he never thought about it before, so he doesn't think about it now.

At 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighing 210 pounds, Nguyen knows he is talented enough to play in the college ranks. He also has the potential to become one of the premier running backs in the country.

But don't ask Nguyen about how good he thinks he can be, because that's of little significance to him. Nguyen says he doesn't like to focus on any kind of personal goals — it's the team's performance he's concerned about.

"I didn't come here to make a name for myself and I didn't really come here with the intention to set records," he said. "I just wanted to get the chance to play."

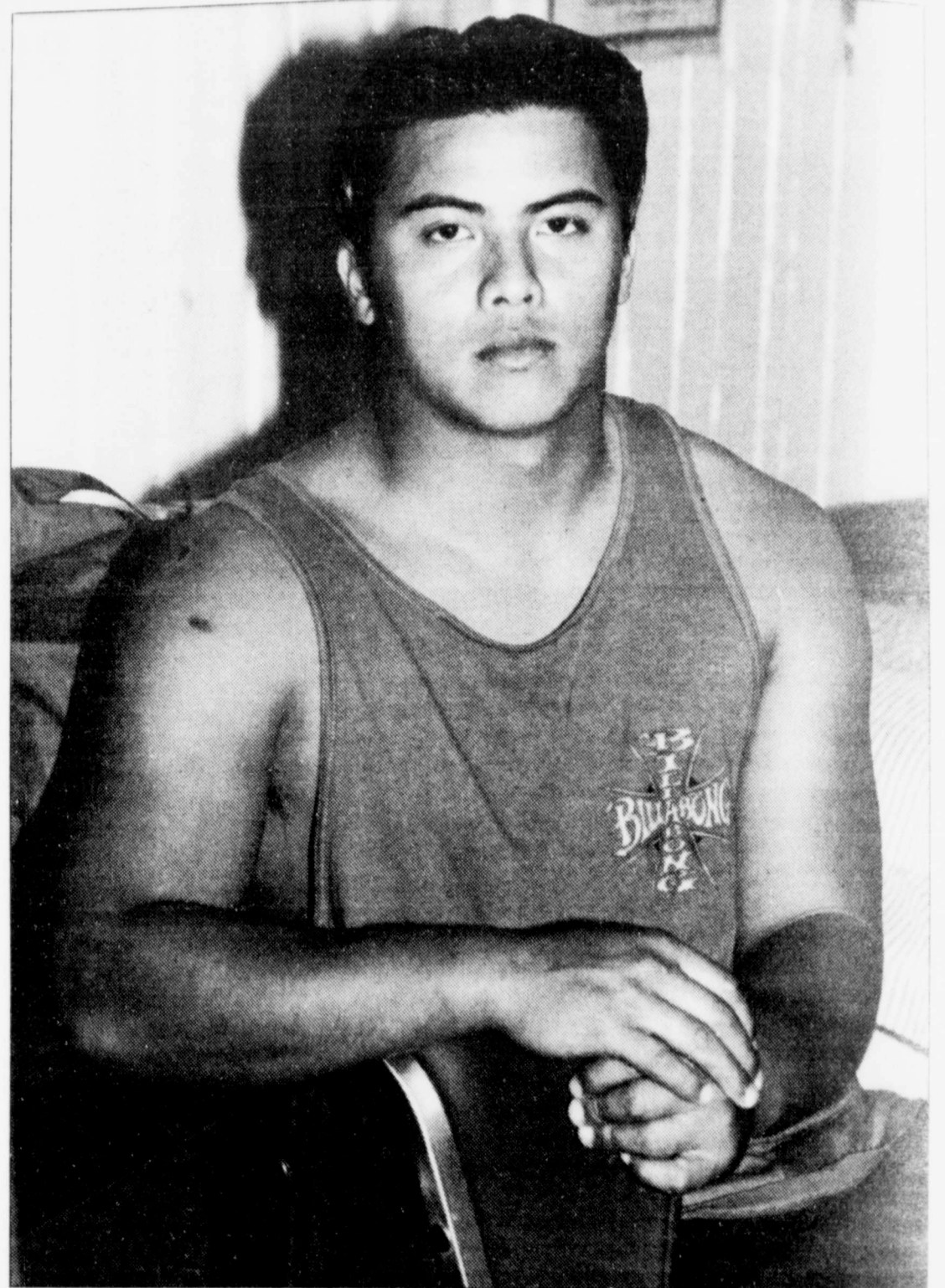
Head Coach Andre Patterson, who followed Nguyen in high school, gets excited when he talks about the potential of his running back.

"I think Dan has the ability to have a great future and career here at Cal Poly," Patterson said. "He has the potential to be a 1,000-yard rusher."

Nguyen has been splitting time with freshman Antonio Warren because of an injury to sophomore starting tailback Jacques Jordan. He has already put up impressive numbers in the five games he has played.

Nguyen is averaging 5.8 yards every time he carries the ball and leads the team with 265 net rushing yards on 46 carries. He is third on the team with 308 all-purpose yards.

But the only numbers that matter to this freshman are 2-3 — Cal Poly's



Freshman Dan Nguyen has 268 rushing yards and 306 all-purpose yards this season. Nguyen, however, has little concern for individual accomplishments / Daily photo by Kellie Korhonen

record.

"I'm just worried about winning," Nguyen said.

Although this sentiment is often voiced by other teammates, he is not like most college athletes.

The quiet and modest Nguyen, who comes from a family of four, is the only member of his family to play an organized sport.

There was no athletic figure Nguyen looked up to, no father who was a former athlete in his younger days, no older sibling whose footsteps

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The Nguyen File

Tidbits on football player Dan Nguyen

Age: 18

Position: Tailback

Major: Industrial Technology

Year: Freshman

Hobbies: Weightlifting

Favorite food: All kinds

Favorite movie: Cheech and Chong
Favorite sports memory: 328 yards and 5 touchdowns over DeAnza High School

Career goal: Be happy and successful
Nickname: Viper

Rodeo Club readies for its bi-annual bonanza

By Clark Morey
Daily Staff Writer

It's time to pull your boots on, shine your belt buckle and get ready for a hoot-hollerin' time at the Cal Poly rodeo.

The rodeo is scheduled for Oct. 15 and 16 in the Collet Arena on campus and promises to be a big event, according to Cal Poly rodeo coach Randy Wilson.

"It's the biggest year we've had in college rodeo," he said. "The numbers are way up."

According to Wilson there are usually three schools competing. This weekend there will be six.

"West Hills in Coalinga is our toughest competition," he said. "And Lassen from Susanville County, they're bringing a really tough women's team."

The Cal Poly Rodeo Club has been nationally-ranked for a number of years. According to Wilson, there have been seven national champions in the last five years.

Last year the men's and women's teams finished first in the West Coast Region. They have also dominated in steer wrestling.

Four of the six rodeo team members graduated last year, Wilson said, so this year's team is young.

"Not one of them is older than a

junior," he said.

Wilson said he tries to help as much as possible in recruiting potential rodeo team members.

"If they are at a junior college, I'll tell them which courses will transfer to Cal Poly," he said. "I get a lot of

CLUB sports

This is the first article of an ongoing series Mustang Daily will publish on Cal Poly's club sports. Next week, read about the Polo Club.

transfer students. These kids go out of state or they come to me."

The club hosts two rodeos a year, with the second one taking place during spring quarter.

According to 1994 national steer wrestling champion senior Tyler Keith, wrestling a steer is a lot harder than it looks.

"A lot of steer wrestlers are normally the bigger guys," Keith said. "A lot of strength is involved and some technique."

Keith explained the most effective maneuvers.

"The best technique is to wrestle the head part down," he said. "The steer is a strong animal. The technique is a lot like wrestling."

"My old wrestling coach used to say you should be able to close your eyes and feel where other guy is," Keith added. "It's like that with a steer."

Other fast-paced events include team roping, calf roping, breakaway, goat tying and barrel racing.

The roping events require quickness and lassoing skill. Like steer wrestling, the animal is given a head start and the rider or riders must catch up with the animal and rope it.

Saddle bronc riding is the rodeo's classic event. A rider must stay on a bucking bronco and only use one hand. As in other roughstock events — such as bull riding and bareback riding — if the rider's free hand touches the animal or any of the equipment, the rider is disqualified.

The bull rider has a flat braided rope to hold on to. It can be wrapped around the rider's hand or laced between the fingers to create the desired grip.

For each of the roughstock events, the livestock are scored on their

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