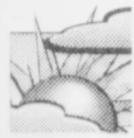


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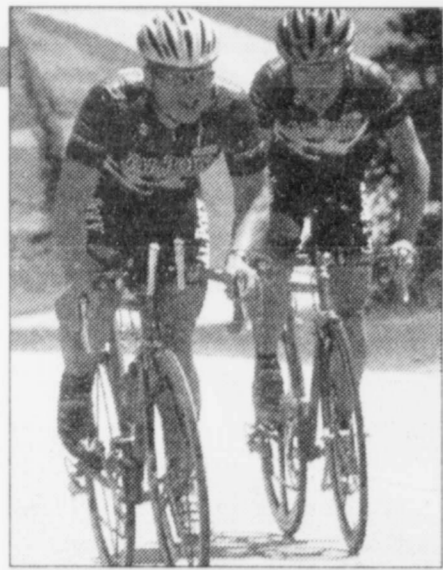
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ASI ELECTIONS

Candidates set for second round

President, chair of board races narrowed to two finalists each

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard

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Students will return to the polls for a runoff election in the races for Associated Students Inc. president and chair of the Board of Directors.

Engineering senior Samuel Aborne took the lead in the presidential race with 801 votes. Political science junior Aron DeFerrari came in second with 697 votes. Architecture junior Ishmael Hall followed with 684 votes, and Vincent Machado picked up 191 votes.

Aborne and DeFerrari will face each other once more in the runoff election next Wednesday on Dexter Lawn.

"I expected it to be close between Aron and me," Hall said. "I still definitely want to stay involved, I just have to decide where."

Business junior Melissa Varcak is the leading candidate for chair of the board after receiving 1,011 votes out of 2,295.

She will compete in the runoff against agricultural science junior Kris Elliott, who followed with 665 votes. Political science junior Eddie Drake came in third with 629 votes.

Candidates for both chair of the board and president must receive 50 percent plus one of the votes in order to win the election. Varcak came close with a total of 47.7 percent of the votes.

"I'm so thrilled that we got so many people out to vote," Varcak said. "However, the slate is clean now and it all matters who comes out to vote on Wednesday."

Approximately 14 percent of students voted in this year's election.

Bob Walters, assistant director of Student Life and Activities, said this was an increase from last year's elections when about 7 percent of the student body voted.



Chris Fesenmaier heads to the booth for ASI elections on Dexter Lawn Thursday. Twice as many students voted this year than last year.

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Turnout jumps from last year's 7 percent

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The verdict on this year's election is in: More students are interested, and more importantly, more students are voting.

Fourteen percent of Cal Poly students voted in this year's election which doubles last year's turnout.

"It was very busy (Wednesday) and we were really pleased that students are becoming more interested in student government," said Sara Horne, coordinator of the League of Women Voters.

At the request of Associated

Students Inc., the League of Women Voters oversees the ballot booths during election time, Horne said. Horne worked at the booths last year and has noticed a vast improvement in the amount of students voting.

Bob Walters, assistant director of Student Life and Activities, attributes the increased number of voting students to the candidates' campaigns.

"If there is a low voter turnout, it can't be blamed on the candidates," Walters said. "If there's a person at Cal Poly that doesn't know there's an election, they're

not alive."

Architectural engineering sophomore Chris Fesenmaier disagrees.

"I thought the campaigns were fairly poorly presented," he said. "I only thought one candidate presented himself well by going to speak to clubs."

Fesenmaier said candidates could have been more interactive with the student body so they're not just a name on a sign.

"Maybe they could have had a more descriptive campaign," Fesenmaier said. "It's such a huge campus, how can we possibly know

all these people?"

Candidates have managed to reach some voting students, though.

Nutritional science senior Tanya DeGregorio said, "I think the campaigns have been very interesting. I like the ideas they've had."

DeGregorio voted for the first time this year because she was more interested in the candidates.

She said the number of write-in candidates on the presidential ballot could confuse people who didn't know all the students running.

"I thought if you knew who you

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Arrested professor starts new position

By Adam Jarman

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

On April 14, police arrested Carl Brown, Cal Poly associate director of the University Center for Teacher Education, on suspicion of indecent exposure and lewd behavior in public. Today, Brown is scheduled to take over as acting director of UCTE, according to a source close to the case.

Since his arrest, the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department has forwarded the case to the district attorney and consequently cannot comment on its status.

Neither the district attorney's office nor the county Superior Court have record of any charges filed as of yet; however, the filing process may be in progress.

Brown, 55, was arrested at El Chorro Regional Park near Cuesta College. He was allegedly openly masturbating in the park's men's restroom. He was booked at the county jail but released on bail.

"I am completely innocent of any wrongdoing. I expect to be fully exonerated," Brown said.

Brown said he could not make any other comment about the incident or the status of the case.

UCTE refused to comment and referred inquiries about Brown's case to Provost Paul Zingg's office, which officially offered no comment.

Zingg appointed Brown to the acting director position before his arrest.

Asian group searches for marrow donors

By Victoria Walsh

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Lambda Phi Epsilon fraternity hopes to raise awareness of the need for bone marrow donors through its bone marrow typing drive on Saturday.

This is the fifth year the fraternity has sponsored this service project in association with the Asian American Donor Program (AADP), said Jimmy Yip, vice president of the fraternity's community service committee.

"Because the Asian community in San Luis Obispo is so limited, we're trying to push the awareness and get as many participants as possible," Yip said.

The process is easy, said J.B. Kim,

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Business seniors cook up contest

By Karin Driesen

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Twenty Cal Poly business students have a rather large goal for the culmination of their senior project this Saturday.

By producing the first San Luis Obispo chili cook-off at Rancho Grande Motors, they hope to increase the community's awareness of the dealership and raise money for child abuse prevention.

The event will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the dealership off Los Osos Valley Road. Other attractions include free food, raffle prizes, interactive games and contests. Visitors can also test-drive General Motors vehicles. For every test-drive that day, the dealership will donate \$10 to San Luis Obispo Child Abuse Prevention Council (SLOCAP).

The event is the senior project of 20 winter and spring students who are taking part in the General Motors Marketing Internship (GMMI). Their task was to research, design, present, execute and evaluate a promotion for the local Rancho Grande Motors dealership.

The program was designed by EdVentures, the firm that coordinates the educational initiatives for GM. The students were assisted by EdVentures' Bryan Catello, the liaison between GM and the college, and were advised by marketing professor Norm Borin.

The dealership, which is run by Dean and Robert Haupt and is celebrating its 20th year of business, laid out objectives for the interns and provided them with \$2,500 for the project. The interns then spent most of winter quarter deciding on a project and conducting market research.

"Our research team did surveys with questions about music tastes, age, gender, what newspapers people read, what they know about the dealership, and if they knew the name of the local GM dealership and its location," intern Katie Miller said. "We also researched what event would

most likely be attended."

The analysis, based on numbers from the surveys, indicated that a chili cook-off might be a good idea, she added.

"It sounds different and unique because it's not the traditional event other clubs do," Miller said.

The team had to work as professionals in order to get the job done. First they had to get to know each other and build trust to be comfortable with one another's decisions. They also faced obstacles that they had not expected, such as needing permits for fire safety and health reasons, as well as having to buy burners for the cook-off.

Miller said they've found ways to overcome their obstacles.

"It's been challenging and educational, but at the same time a really fun experience," she said. "Pretty much every person has put all their heart into it."

The group was divided into five teams: research, public relations, advertising, event planning and report writing. After they completed planning the promotion, they presented their idea to the dealership and completed the work for the actual event.

Rancho Grande Motors has joined Cal Poly students in this effort for nine years. Last year's team won national awards with its walk-a-thon promotion for the same dealership.

The charity, SLOCAP, is also the same as last year.

"The students wanted to incorporate a charity into the event," Miller said. "Rancho Grande had already done things with SLOCAP before, so we decided to stay with them."

SLOCAP is a nonprofit organization that educates children, parents and the community about child abuse, and develops local efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The interns hope to attract visitors to the event with free food and a "Pin Your Nose on the Yukon XL" contest. The grand prize is a trip to Las Vegas.

Study links STDs, cheap beer

ATLANTA (AP) — Cheap beer is a leading contributor to the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, according to a government report that says raising the tax on a six-pack by 20 cents could reduce gonorrhea by up to 9 percent.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study, released Thursday, compared changes in gonorrhea rates to changes in alcohol policy in all states from 1981 to 1995. In years following beer tax increases, gonorrhea rates usually dropped among young people. The same happened when the drinking age went up — as it did in many states during the 1980s.

"Alcohol has been linked to risky sexual behavior among youth. It influences a person's judgment and they are more likely to have sex without a condom, with multiple partners or with high-risk partners," said Harrell Chesson, a health economist with the CDC.

Beer industry lobbyists, however, said recent statistics show young people are already drinking more responsibly, thanks in part to efforts by brewers.

"Excise taxes have little or

nothing to do with alcohol abuse in society," said Lori Levy of The Beer Institute in Washington. "I think that our members understand the importance of educating young people about how to make responsible choices once they're

old enough and they put a lot of money and effort into those programs."

Gonorrhea, one of the most common venereal diseases, was examined in the CDC study

because long-term statistics are available and the disease is more evenly spread among states.

The CDC analyzed the drops in gonorrhea rates following different tax increases and came up with the estimate that a 20-cent increase per six-pack would lead to a 9 percent drop in gonorrhea rates.

Chesson cited the example of a 16-cent per gallon — about 9 cents per six-pack — tax increase in California in 1991. Gonorrhea

rates in the 15 to 19 age group dropped about 30 percent the following year. Drops in other states were not as dramatic.

During the study, various states raised beer taxes 36 times. Gonorrhea rates in the 15 to 19 age group dropped in 24 of those instances, and rates among those 20 to 24 dropped 26 times.

In both age groups, men seem to be more affected than women by higher beer prices.

Most minimum legal drinking age increases were also followed by a decrease in the gonorrhea rate, especially in the 15 to 19 age group.

"This study suggests these strategies could have a significant impact in reducing sexually transmitted diseases among young people," said Dr. Kathleen Irwin, chief of health services research and evaluation for the CDC's division of sexually transmitted diseases.

About 3 million teen-agers are infected with sexually transmitted diseases each year, Chesson said. Gonorrhea usually can be treated with antibiotics, although some drug-resistant strains have been developed.

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a member of the service committee.

"They take a blood sample and then put it into the test bank," Kim said. "If your blood type matches with someone in need, then they contact you and discuss your options."

Since the AADP typically does not reach out to the college campus community, Lambda Phi Epsilon has committed to sponsoring this community service event annually.

"We do this every year because we know how important it is to inform the community about the situation," Kim said.

Last year the event reached out to

more than 150 students and community members, and members hope to increase that number this year.

"We're hitting the dorms, University Union hour and Farmers Market," Yip said. "We've got ads on the radio, fliers and local news stations. We really want this year to be as or more successful than last year."

Although the Cal Poly chapter of the fraternity has not made any matches with bone marrow, Yip and Kim both said that the more people tested, the more likely a match can be made.

"A lot of Asians have leukemia, and so far there aren't that many possible donors or matches, but the more people we reach, the higher the chance to find a match," Kim said.

Yip said that every year 30,000

▼ "If someone can get tested just once, that raises the chance to find a match. It's so easy, and it's so important to have it done."

Jimmy Yip

Lambda Phi Epsilon member

new patients need a bone marrow donation.

"If someone can get tested just once, that raises the chance to find a match. It's so easy, and it's so important to have it done," Yip said.

The Asian American bone marrow typing drive will be held on Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. For questions, call 1-800-59-DONOR.

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were voting for, you would be fine," DeGregorio said. "But if they didn't know any of the other names, they'd just leave it blank or vote for Sam (Aborne)."

Engineering senior Samuel Aborne is the only name on the ballot for president.

Fesenmaier said the large number of write-in candidates in this year's election is pathetic.

"I don't really know the situation, but it gives me the impression that



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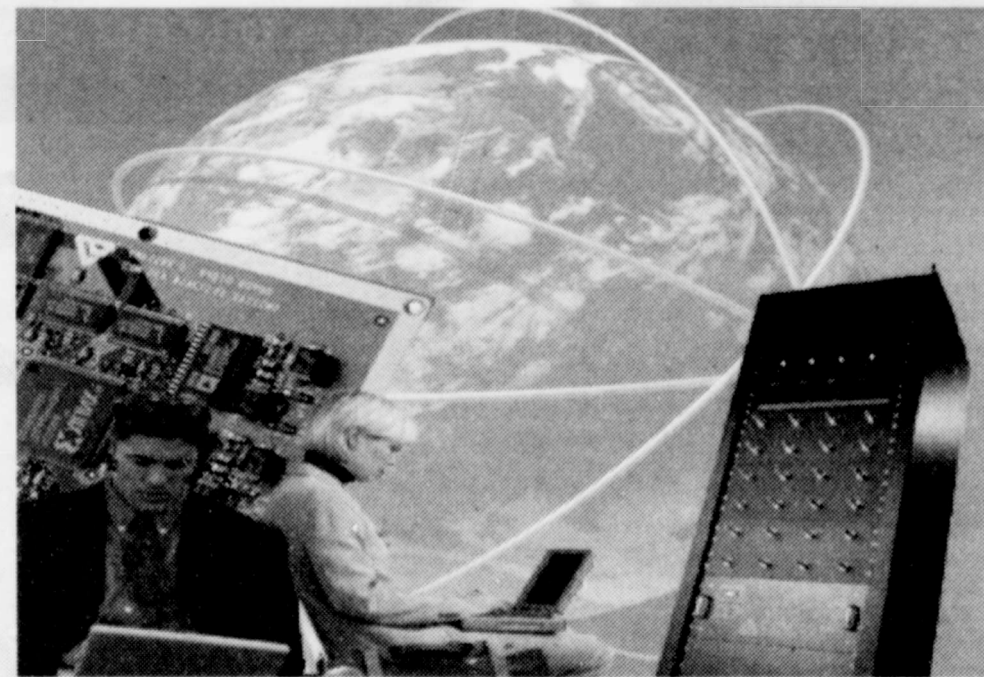
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Thrift shop 'till you drop

By Sarah Goodyear
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The weather is warming up, and more people are heading outdoors. Five students who live in the dorms decide to take a camping trip. They throw some clothes in their backpacks, grab some sleeping bags and head to the camp site they reserved.

They stop along the way to buy a foam ice chest and some food. One student even brings along a single-burner camping stove.

The group makes its way to the camp site. After setting up, they attempt to prepare dinner. What's missing from their gear, however, are pots and pans.

If only they had known that everything for a spur-of-the-moment camping trip can all be found in one place: their local thrift shop. Heavy jackets, sleeping bags, ice chests, cooking utensils, plastic cups and more can be found in thrift stores at low prices year-round.

From furnishing apartments to finding costumes for theme parties, thrift shops offer an inexpensive alternative to conventional stores.

A white leather sectional sofa that sells for \$2,000 at Levitz Furniture can be found at the San Luis Obispo Goodwill store for \$400. Other sofas start at \$25.

At the Branch House Thrift Store in Los Osos, pots and pans begin at 25 cents, and a nice Igloo ice chest is \$3.

"We're definitely the cheapest in town, unless you want to try your luck at a garage sale," said Goodwill manager Scott Musgrave.

The reasonable prices allow students to use items while they need them and then give them away or donate them back to the thrift shops when they are finished with them.

It may take some searching, but shopping in thrift stores can be a fun experience.

"You find one-of-a-kind things here. You can go to other stores and wind up with the same dress somebody else is wearing, or you can find a one-of-a-kind treasure, as we like to call them," Musgrave said.

Thrift stores also offer a valuable opportunity to experiment with your wardrobe and home furnishings. If you make a mistake, it won't break



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Karen O'Donnell, Cal Poly business marketing alumna, manages the Old Mission School Thrift Shop.

your bank.

The Old Mission School Thrift Shop in San Luis Obispo sells furniture, books, household wares and clothing. Most clothing prices at this shop are determined by a chart listing flat rates; for example, a pair of men's trousers costs \$2.

Newer, recognizable brand-name clothes are individually priced and dated. The store has a high turnover of recycled clothing with brands

ranging from Gap to Dockers and several vintage pieces.

A recent visit turned up a vintage, fur-trimmed cardigan sweater (\$25), a Revere Ware frying pan in good condition (\$4) and a pair of jungle green Structure trousers (\$2).

Watch for special bag sales and promotions to save even more. Bag sales involve filling a paper grocery bag with as many articles of clothing as you can and paying a flat bag fee, usually between \$1 and \$5.

One Branch House Thrift Shop customer recently bought a sleeping bag, a pair of pants, drinking cups and an ice chest for an impromptu camping trip. Her purchases totaled \$3.50.

The following is a partial listing of thrift shops in San Luis Obispo County:

- Branch House Thrift Store:** 2085 10th St., Los Osos
- Goodwill:** 712 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo; 8310 El Camino Rd., Atascadero
- Old Mission School Thrift Shop:** 2074 Parker St., San Luis Obispo
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- United Voluntary Services Thrift Shop:** 474 Marsh St., San Luis Obispo

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The issue: Paying platelet donors

Blood should flow freely | It will prevent shortages

A major change is brewing in the world of blood donation, and the results could be deadly. A bill known as Assembly Bill 2714 was recently approved by the California State Health Committee that would allow any blood bank in the state to pay "plateletpheresis" donors for their services. More than 50 years of assuring safety through volunteer-based donating would end, and the integrity of blood donation would forever be jeopardized if this bill is allowed to pass through the state Senate as early as next week.

Plateletpheresis, or platelet, donation is different from normal blood donations in a few significant ways. In platelet donation, the donor is only giving one part of his or her blood, namely platelets. The process involves drawing the blood, separating out the platelets and then returning the rest of your blood — the plasma, white and red blood cells — back into your body. It is a slightly more involved and sophisticated process than normal blood donation. Platelets are used to stop bleeding, and due to the excess supply of these cells in the blood, the loss can be made up within days.

The fundamental issue here is whether you as a patient would rather have a blood transfusion from a volunteer donor or a paid donor. California public policy has been around since 1975 to support 100 percent volunteer blood supply due to safety concerns. All surveys and studies support the fact that paid donors are less safe than volunteer donors. Since there is no platelet shortage in California, the consideration of this bill is absurd.

When giving blood, a donor is asked nearly 45 questions to determine possible safety risks. These "yes" or "no" questions include, "For any reason (have you) been deferred or refused as a blood donor or told not to donate blood?" and "Do you have AIDS or have you had a positive test for the AIDS virus?" No one would want there to be a question as to the truth of answers given to these types of questions. When people are being paid to donate, common sense would say if they need money, the lies would come much easier. Maybe they have bills to pay or are trying to support a habit. We cannot offer these people an incentive to lie in an area where health risks could prove tragic.

The bill was introduced by a Los Angeles supplier of platelets with only one thing in mind: profits. How can we take seriously a bill created by a company with so much to gain? These unscrupulous businessmen are willing to put people's health at risk in the name of the almighty dollar. This cannot be allowed.

An old saying states, "If it ain't broke, then don't fix it." Well, California's blood supply isn't broke, and we don't need to fix it. Every blood center in California supplies 100 percent volunteer platelets, and since there is no blood shortage, why change a working system?

Locally, the Tri-Counties Blood Bank is responsible for collecting, processing, testing and distributing blood to health care facilities from Monterey to Santa Barbara. It has taken an official stance against the bill and is even encouraging people to write their local representatives to ensure it doesn't pass.

Mona Klemen, senior community relations representative for the blood bank explains why. "For the safety of the blood, we have found in the past that donors who are given incentives or paid would attract people that wouldn't normally donate," Klemen said. "You are going to get people who are going to need money bad enough that they would be willing to be less honest. People should be donating from the goodness of their heart and not for money."

The evidence against paying people for blood donation is overwhelming. The public cannot allow a greedy corporation to put us all at risk so it can raise profits. The safety of our community is at stake, and we must fight to preserve it.

Imagine your brother, sister, parent, friend or spouse has just been in an accident. They are bleeding out of control, and there seems to be no way to stop the loss of blood.

Doctors usually rely on platelet transfusions to alleviate the problem, but none are available. Sorry, we're in a shortage. What happens to your relative or friend?

This is an extreme situation but a possible one. Without regular donations of platelets and blood, this situation can become too real, too quickly.

The incentive of money for donations will encourage a higher number of donors. As of April 4, the California State Assembly Health Committee approved the elimination of California state policy of an all-volunteer supply by voting to approve Assembly Bill 2714. This means that any blood bank in the state can pay "plateletpheresis" blood donors.

Plateletpheresis is when only the blood platelets are removed from the blood donor.

Platelets are cellular fragments that function to maintain blood vessel walls and seal bruises, scrapes or cuts. In order to form a barrier or seal, platelets combine with calcium and other clotting proteins found in plasma.

Platelets can be donated every two weeks, as opposed to waiting 56 days before donating blood.

Most donated platelets are transfused to patients on anti-cancer drug treatments.

To donate blood, one must be healthy and weigh at least 110 pounds and be 17 years of age or older. Anyone who is at risk of catching or spreading viruses must not donate blood.

The group in our population here in San Luis Obispo that best fits this description and is in dire need of cash is

the college population. If money brought in more of these donors, the supply would stay at an acceptable level for the county.

The incentive of cash would also encourage regular donations, something that the Tri-Counties Blood Bank tries hard to achieve. It has stressed over and over again the importance of regular blood donations to keep the supply in the Tri-County area at a steady level. Here is a way to keep people, especially the young healthy population, coming back every month to roll up their sleeves.

Mona Klemen, senior community relations representative for the Tri-Counties Blood Bank, shared her concern over this issue. She said that the blood bank is strongly against this policy of paying donors and that the risks of attracting the wrong people are too high.

Yes, there is the risk of attracting the wrong people, but the idea is to bring in more people. Once you get them in and donating regularly, no matter what the reward, they'll keep coming back. Without such a policy, the blood bank risks losing the opportunity to bring in several new regular donors.

After awhile, the wrong donors will fade away and find another way to bring in money. The people who really want to make a difference and enjoy the monetary rewards will keep coming back.

In January our country faced one of the most extreme blood shortages in more than 20 years. Urgent calls were made to the public here in California, pleading donors to stop by to make a donation in the tough-hit areas of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego and Ventura counties.

Here in San Luis Obispo, we managed to keep the blood supply at a reasonable level thanks to several blood drives, but it couldn't hurt to have more donors. There is nothing wrong with paying people to donate if it means that the blood supply level here is high.

If it falls, it could mean your life.



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"The Mustang Daily is hungover today."

Everyone is a victim of the fashion industry

The unpredictable fashion world has thrown us another curve ball: capri pants. The unusually cut, over-grown shorts posing as pants have crept into the homes of teenagers, women and now men across the country.

Skinny Gap dancers frolic through our television ads boasting capris in every obnoxious color imaginable, and store windows rarely display full-length pants anymore. As summer approaches, Californians seem to be reliving the 1950s for lack of anything better to wear. I thought capris were a trend that would die fast, but they're obviously stubborn enough to remain in style.

Last week I found myself in a disgraceful situation, completely caused by the incriminating pants. A friend and I went shopping at Macy's, and before I knew it, I was standing in the

dressing room about to try on two pairs of capris. Suddenly, I came to my senses — What am I doing, I thought. I hate these pants; why on earth would I try them on?

Then it came to me: I don't have a choice. I was completely surrounded by capris: The saleswomen, the majority of the shoppers and my friend were all wearing them, and the racks were overflowing with capris. Normal, full-length pants were impossible to find, and had obviously been demoted to the storage room.

Although I've always known it, the capri craze has shown me the ugly truth: No one really gets to choose what they wear. As much as everyone tries to be original or wear things that make them stand out from the average buyer, it's really the fashion industry that's determining our wardrobes. While this revelation isn't going to solve world hunger, it made me realize a few important things about myself

and our culture.

We breed conformity, and that's the simple truth. If Express or Structure tells us knee-length orange jeans are in style, then the majority of the population will wear them. It's not that people don't try to be original; it's simply the fact that society doesn't offer a choice in the matter. When full-length pants appear to be in hiding, the only option is to give in and buy whatever happens to be in style, regardless of how ugly it is.

People definitely try to be creative when it comes to dressing themselves. I see interesting clothes every day around campus, and I'll be the first to admit that people have their own styles. Unfortunately, these clothes are creative because Gap said they were. Unless you're making your own clothes, it is the fashion industry that chooses what you wear every day. I know plenty of people who have resorted to

the unflattering style of capris simply because there's nothing else to buy.

Until I stood in a dressing room ready to try on clothes that I don't even like, I thought my style of clothing was creative as well. It's really not. I could shop at random stores across the country that aren't even considered popular, and I would still be a victim to the fashion industry. I didn't design the clothes, and I didn't decide they were popular — someone else did, and that's the ugly truth.

Speaking of ugly, I never bought the capri pants that day, but maybe if they're still around next year, I will finally give in. I just don't see the point of having pants that don't cover your whole leg — my ankles always feel naked.

Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard is a journalism sophomore and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letter to the editor

Attack against greek system is unfounded

Editor,

Initially, I would like to thank Samson Blackwell for proving that the proverbial saying, "Ignorance is bliss," pertains to at least one individual on the Cal Poly campus.

I would like to declare, however, that I am not generalizing that everyone on the Cal Poly campus who is not affiliated with a greek organization shares the same feelings as Mr. Blackwell. I can say with the utmost confidence that I have, and will continue to build, true and lasting friendships with such individuals.

In reading through his "reasons" for the abolishment of the greek

system ("Greek system should be eliminated from colleges," April 25), I was unable to find a single argument that could possibly be justified from someone who has NEVER experienced a greek organization. Mr. Blackwell, you are truly ignorant in every sense of the word. It is painfully obvious that you lack the knowledge to make such dogmatic accusations. How can I avoid saying that reading your piece was a complete waste of time when your knowledge of the greek system stems from re-runs of "Animal House" or a "20/20" segment on hazing? Your naive statements could not possibly be respected, let alone validated, from anyone inside or outside the greek system.

Let us not forget that in this country we are blessed with the right of being "innocent until proven guilty." Although I am not discrediting Jason Stonehocker, the alleged hazing charges brought forth by this individual against Sigma Chi are just that — alleged. The fraternity has not been formally convicted of any wrongdoing in an official court of law.

Due to the 350-word limit imposed by the editors of this paper, I regret that I cannot address the further fallacies of your argument. However, I cordially invite you, Mr. Blackwell, to peacefully discuss this matter further.

I would like to conclude with some statistics on individuals who

were members of these supposed "exclusionary, supercilious cliques":

- All but two U.S. presidents since 1825 have been greek.
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- Eighty-five percent of the Fortune 500 executives are greek.

•Since 1920, 85 percent of the Supreme Court justices have been greek.

•More than seven million men and women in the United States and Canada are greek.

Source: Dean of Students, Iowa State University

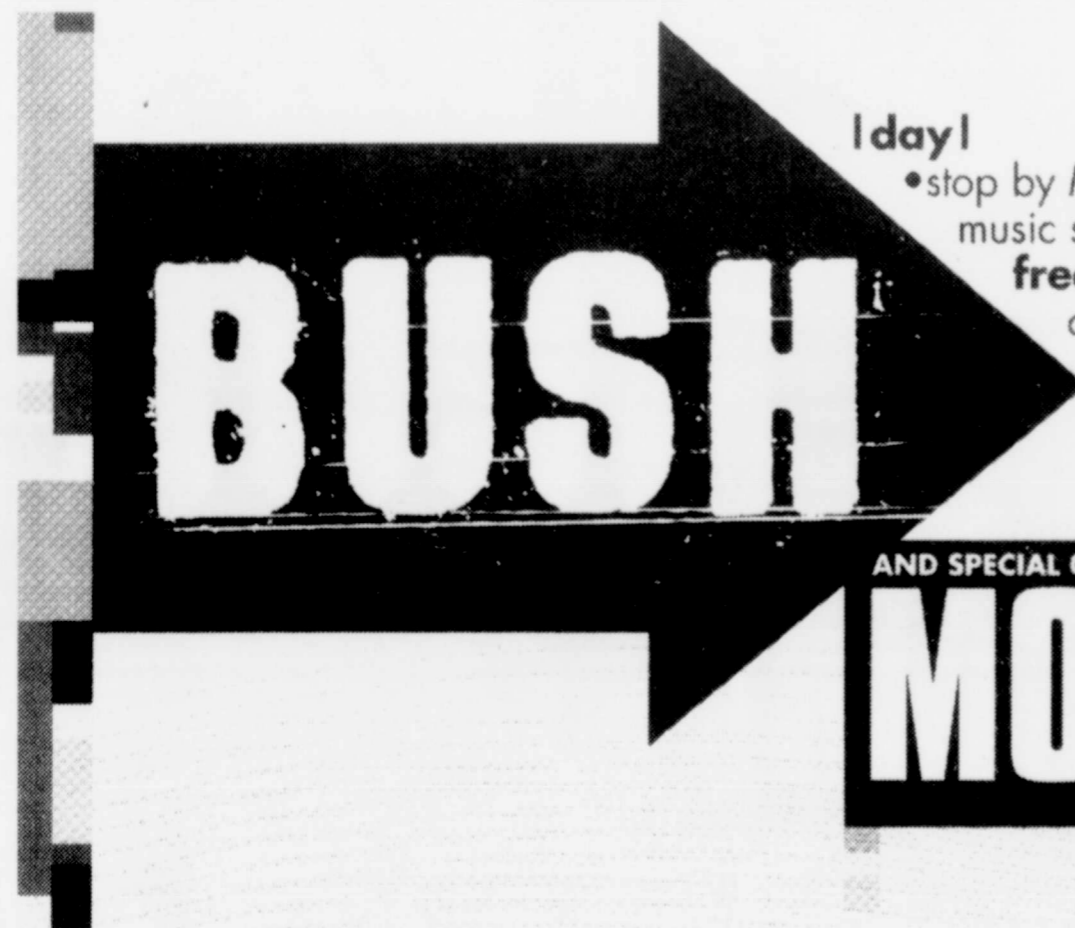
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For many of the Mustangs, this will be a chance to showcase what they learned and excelled at during the last months of training and hard work. But for some, it will be their last opportunity to show they have what it takes to don the green and gold for Mustang football.

"From a coaching standpoint, you always look at the critical side. From the playing side, you want them all to do so well and enjoy what they're doing," he said.

Many of the walk-on players trying to make the team see this as their final test.

"I can only take 90 guys to camp. It's that simple," Welsh said. "There

are some guys who this scrimmage is really important for; this will be like their last grade, their final exam."

The team has managed to stay relatively injury-free during spring training, and Welsh hopes to keep the team healthy through the fall.

Senior kicker Sal Rivas is one of the only starters to suffer a major injury during spring. Rivas broke his leg during a soccer game six weeks ago but said he's well on the way to recovery.

"I really miss being out there with the guys and getting to kick," he said. "But I know I'll be ready by summer camp and ready to have a great last season in the fall."

A few other minor injuries have been suffered along the way, but for the most part, the guys have been looking out for one another, Welsh said.

He said he feels like the team has had a great spring practice and he looks forward to seeing what the team can do.

"It's the kids that redshirted last year who are really important this spring," he said. "It's their first year to blossom as a Cal Poly Mustang."

The team has improved the depth in both its offensive and defensive lines by shifting players to different positions.

"I expect big things out of our defense. A lot of our guys are coming back," he said. "Offensively, we still have a few question marks, but overall we're feeling much better than at the start of spring ball."

The annual Green vs. Gold scrimmage will be held in Mustang Stadium Saturday at 11 a.m.

HULST

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given the opportunity to play, he just wasn't ready yet due to his sickness."

Hulst is the third player to transfer from Schneider's program in three years, following in the footsteps of Mitch Ohnstead and Washington. Ohnstead transferred to Minnesota while Washington went to Portland State.

"When I was recruited, there was nothing said about other players leaving," Hulst said. "It was basically hidden from me."

Highly-touted recruit Jamal Scott and junior Michael Burris are expected to take over some of the load at the shooting guard position for the Mustangs.

▼ "He would have eventually had a chance, just like every player in our program has a chance. Brandon Hulst would have been given the opportunity to play, he just wasn't ready yet due to his sickness."

Jeff Schneider
head coach

"I really wish Brandon was staying because now that King is gone and Woz is gone, he would have a great opportunity to step up at (shooting guard)," Campbell said.

WHEELMEN

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course that riders circle many times, will be held on Saturday. This is usually the most engaging race for the audience.

"Saturday will be entertaining, especially for those who have never seen a race before," said Jan Novak, soil science senior and Wheelmen club president. "Our criterium will be very challenging. Most criterium races are flat, but ours will have a hill. Spectators are likely to see the stronger riders breaking away from the main group."

"The marquis event races are the men's 'A' and women's 'A'. These riders are on their bikes training a minimum of 15 hours a week," Silverman said.

Also on Saturday, the Wheelmen team is holding four free community

bike races in order to inspire students and San Luis Obispo residents to get involved.

The Crazy Bike Race will start at noon. Any bike not made for racing is allowed, including tricycles, unicycles and pixie bikes. Decorations are encouraged.

The next community race will begin at 12:15 p.m. and is called the Knobby Race. This is for mountain bike riders. Full-face helmets and downhill gear is recommended.

The B.O.B. Trailer Race will begin at 12:30 p.m. Contestants are encouraged to attach a "bob" trailer to a bike of choice, and cargo will be given at the time of the race. Decorations are encouraged in this race, too.

The last community bike race will start at 12:45 p.m. This is the BMX/Single Speed Race. To participate, bikes must have only one speed. BMX, single-speed mountain bikes and

beach cruisers are included.

Helmets are required for all races.

On Sunday, there will be a team time-trial race and a road race, both held outside of Santa Margarita. These races will not be as spectator-friendly as Saturday's races but are important and challenging events for participants. An awards ceremony will be held after Sunday's events are completed.

This event took one year to plan, and has been a group effort. It would not have been possible without the cooperation from faculty, staff and students around campus.

"Planning an event of this scale on campus involves a lot of preparation, coordination and trust. People are helping us out because they trust us," said Silverman, who is in his third year of planning the event. "I've definitely learned to communicate with people who have a lot of authority."



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The Wheelmen compete in the criterium, team time-trial and road races.

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Another defection from Mustang basketball team

By Matt Sterling

MUSTANG DAILY ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Cal Poly basketball team was dealt another offseason setback when freshman guard Brandon Hulst decided to transfer.

Hulst said his main reasons for leaving Cal Poly were differences with the coaching philosophy and not getting enough playing time.

"It's a combination that I don't think I'd be happy playing on the team and at the same time my career goal is to take some biblical courses," he said.

Hulst is transferring to The Masters College, a small NAIA Christian college in Santa Clarita. He is planning on entering into the Christian ministry.



BRANDON HULST: transferred

Along with Jason King's withdrawal from Cal Poly due to academic ineligibility, there is now a shortage of guards for the Mustangs. Possible new recruits or transfers could fill that gap, however.

Hulst was stricken with mononucleosis last summer and also during a portion of the fall. The illness prevented him from participating in team conditioning.

"Even when a freshman comes in 100 percent healthy, it is tough to get a lot of minutes," sophomore forward David Henry said. "A freshman coming in getting sick during conditioning, not being in full health. That's almost impossible (to get minutes). I think the best situation would have been for him to redshirt."

Hulst disagreed with Schneider's decision to not redshirt him this season.

"It's not like I can't play for the guy — that's not the issue. I choose not to, and I'd rather not, but I'm not transferring because of him," Hulst said. "I don't know necessarily if it

"Every time I got into the game I had numbers. I'd go in and make some freshman mistakes, but I wasn't able to be a normal freshman and make mistakes and just play through them. It was kind of like you screw up, you're out for four games."

Brandon Hulst
freshman guard

was my best interest to play at all. By them recruiting me and giving me a scholarship, I thought I'd at least get a chance."

Schneider said his choice to not redshirt Hulst was a necessity due to injuries to Brandon Beeson and the transfer of Jabbar Washington.

"We didn't have the luxury to redshirt (Hulst), and that was unfortunate," Schneider said.

The 6'4" guard averaged 5.6 minutes and 1.3 points and appeared in nine games for the Mustangs. He was expected to take over the shooting guard position after all-time leading scorer Mike Wozniak's graduation.

"Every time I got into the game I had numbers. I'd go in and make some freshman mistakes, but I wasn't able to be a normal freshman and make mistakes and just play through them," he said. "It was kind of like you screw up, you're out for four games."

Teammates of Hulst also agreed he didn't get the chance he deserved.

"He never had a fair shake," freshman guard Mark Campbell said. "It's kind of a shame he didn't get a chance to show his (skills) in games."

Schneider defends his decision to not redshirt Hulst.

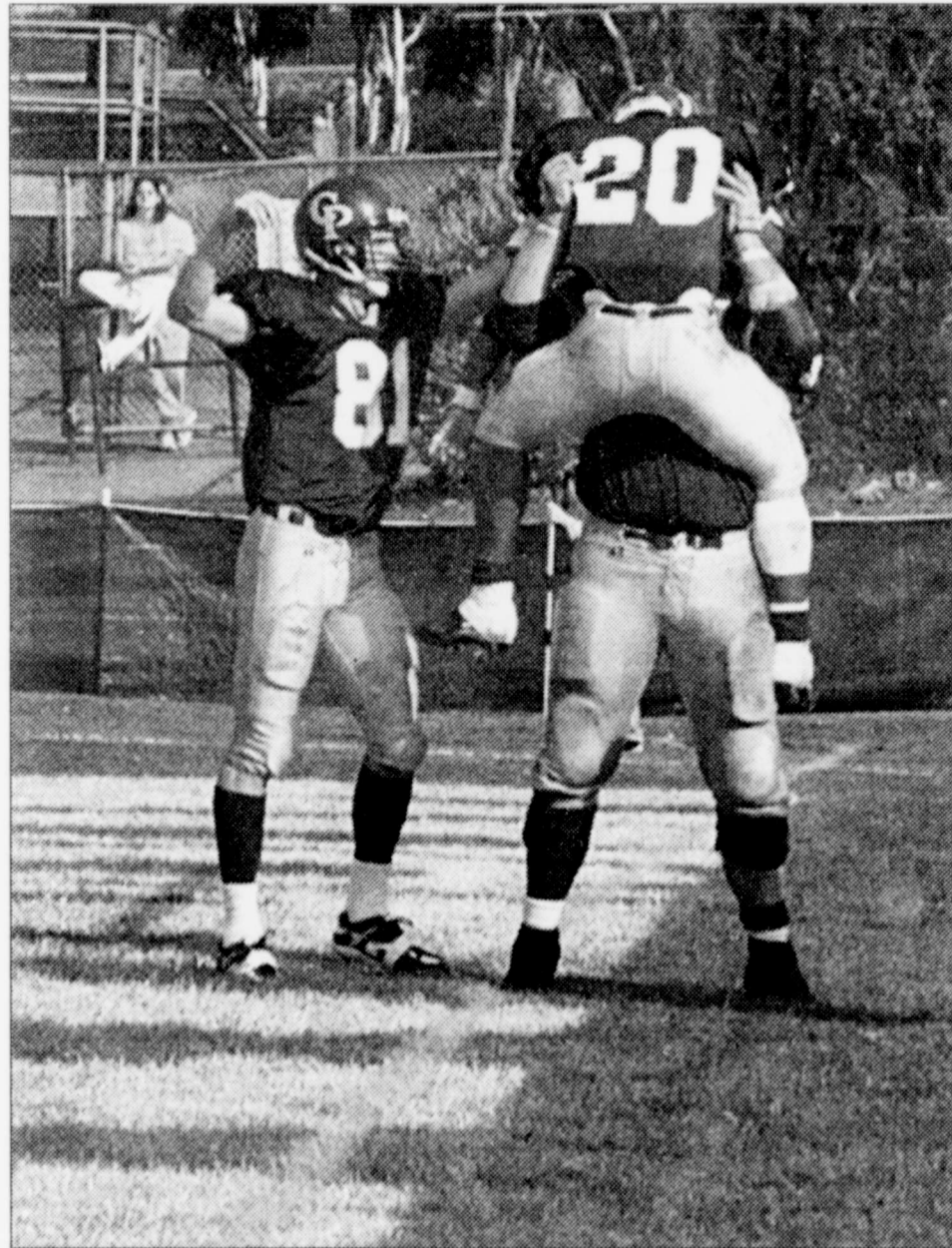
"He would have eventually had a chance, just like every player in our program has a chance," he said. "Brandon Hulst would have been

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Football finishes spring practice with Green vs. Gold scrimmage

By Katherine Hays

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER



JOE NOLAN/MUSTANG DAILY

Poly will get a good look at which back will replace Craig Young (20).

Spring football training will culminate Saturday at the annual Green vs. Gold scrimmage.

The Green vs. Gold scrimmage has been an annual event for many years and has become the traditional ending for the spring season. It's a chance for the team to show the coaches, the Cal Poly community and themselves what they can do.

"It's our last practice; it caps off the spring," said head coach Larry Welsh. "We've had a lot of fun."

Team members have been practicing several times a week, in addition to their conditioning and weight lifting schedule they began during winter quarter.

"I'm excited just to let them go," Welsh said, "and to let them play and have some fun."

Welsh said he sees the many advantages of the scrimmage.

"It's their opportunity to be out there without any coach telling them what to do, to be on their own," he said. "It's sink or swim on what you know and what's expected of you."

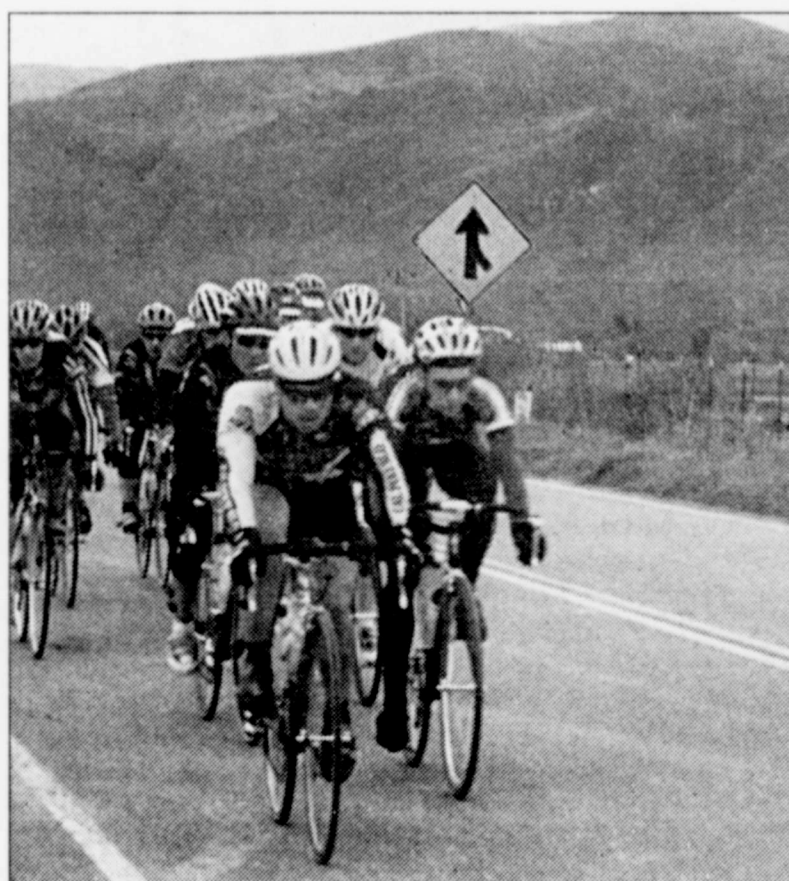
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Wheelmen defend cycling championship

By Christine Powell

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly Wheelmen will be trying to defend their Collegiate Cycling Conference Championship at Cal Poly this weekend. Eleven other teams will compete at the conference.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Cal Poly Wheelmen cycling team has a strong chance of taking first place again this year at the Western Collegiate Cycling Conference Championships, held this weekend on campus.

"We won last year, and we hope to take it again this year," said Mike Silverman, soil science junior and race director.

Only the top 12 teams will be competing in the conference, including Berkeley, Stanford, Reno, University of California, San Diego, Santa Barbara and the University of Hawaii.

Three main races will be held throughout the weekend.

The criterium race, a short loop

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