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Health Center responds to birth control recall

By Christen Wegner

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Pharmacia Corporation has recalled all doses of its birth control drug Lunelle Monthly Contraceptive Injection due to its potential of failure.

The Cal Poly Health Center was notified Monday to immediately discontinue the use of the company's contraceptive, stating that it may not work to its full potential, said Dr. Burt Cochran, head of Medical Services at the Health Center.

"During their quality control testing, chose a few lots of the drug and

found out that some were not up to par," Cochran said.

According to the company's Web site, Lunelle was originally believed to be 99 percent effective in protecting individuals from pregnancy.

However, the company was doing random quality control testing when results showed that the product wasn't as potent as it should be, Cochran said.

"The drug seemed to work beautifully until the tests, when they found that it was only about 88 percent effective," he said.

Lunelle is a combination of the hormones estrogen and progesterone.

Once absorbed, the estrogen and progesterone work together with a woman's body to prevent pregnancy, according to the site.

"When we received the notice we immediately wanted to get the word out to those students who are currently using the drug," said Bob Negranti, Health Services projects coordinator.

Lunelle is somewhat different from the more widely-known shots like Depo Provera. Lunelle was only required once a month, while Depo Provera is required once every three weeks. Depo Provera also differs because it contains only the progestin

hormonal component, which some doctors say isn't as safe and dependable as the estrogen and progesterone combination.

It is unknown how many Cal Poly students were using the drug as a form of birth control, but the Health Center is in the process of contacting those individuals, Cochran said.

"I don't know if we received any of the bad lots, but we want those students to know that they should now use another form of birth control besides the shot," he said.

Cochran recommends that those students affected by the recall should

use condoms or a diaphragm until they can seek advice from their health care professional.

The Pharmacia Corporation is reimbursing the Health Center for any doses purchased before the recall and has also offered to give them a supply of condoms.

"Because this is a fairly new drug to the market, not that many students should be affected or inconvenienced, but those who are should take proper precautions," Cochran said.

The recall is nationwide and was conducted with the full knowledge of the Food and Drug Administration.

Parents hear from missing Poly student

By Andra Coberly

MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

Parents of the Cal Poly student missing since Friday reported receiving a phone call from their son, said younger brother Owen McDonagh last night.

City and regional planning sophomore Emmet McDonagh, 19, was reported missing Friday afternoon.

McDonagh was last seen by his Stenner Glen roommates around 1 p.m. Friday, when he left to go on a bike ride. A search Sunday of the Poly Canyon and the Bishop's Peak areas were unsuccessful, said Lt. Jim English of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

Owen said that his brother called from Los Angeles and was "in good health." His parents traveled south last night to pick up their son, Owen said.

His brother did not elaborate on reasons for his appearance in the Los Angeles area.

For reasons unknown, a trace of McDonagh's ATM card showed at least one transaction made in Oakland around 3 a.m. Sunday, said Steve

McDonagh, Emmet's father said.

The McDonagh family lives in San Francisco and said they had reason to believe he might have been in Northern California.

"We're pretty sure he's headed to Oakland," Steve said in an earlier interview. "We used to vacation in Northern California. That's my guess."

Before receiving the most recent phone call from their son, Emmet's parents last spoke with him Wednesday night, but nothing seemed out of the ordinary, his father said.

"It's totally baffling," Steve said. "When his roommates saw him, he seemed to be in good spirits, but this whole thing seems planned. He didn't leave any hints. We don't get it."

Journalism senior Sierra Fish, director-coordinator of Student Community Services, went to high school with Emmet and worked with him at SCS.

Emmet is the director of Youth Education and a volunteer for Best Friends, a program that works with the

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Faculty, students rock the vote around the clock

By Lisa Olmo

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In a move to help motivate Cal Poly students to register to vote for the upcoming election, Associated Students, Inc. will sponsor the second-annual "Rock-A-Thon" this week.

Cal Poly students, faculty and staff will rock in rocking chairs for 24 hours, starting at noon Wednesday and ending after the University Union Hour on Thursday.

Each rocker will serve a one-hour shift in a rocking chair on the University Union stage. At night,

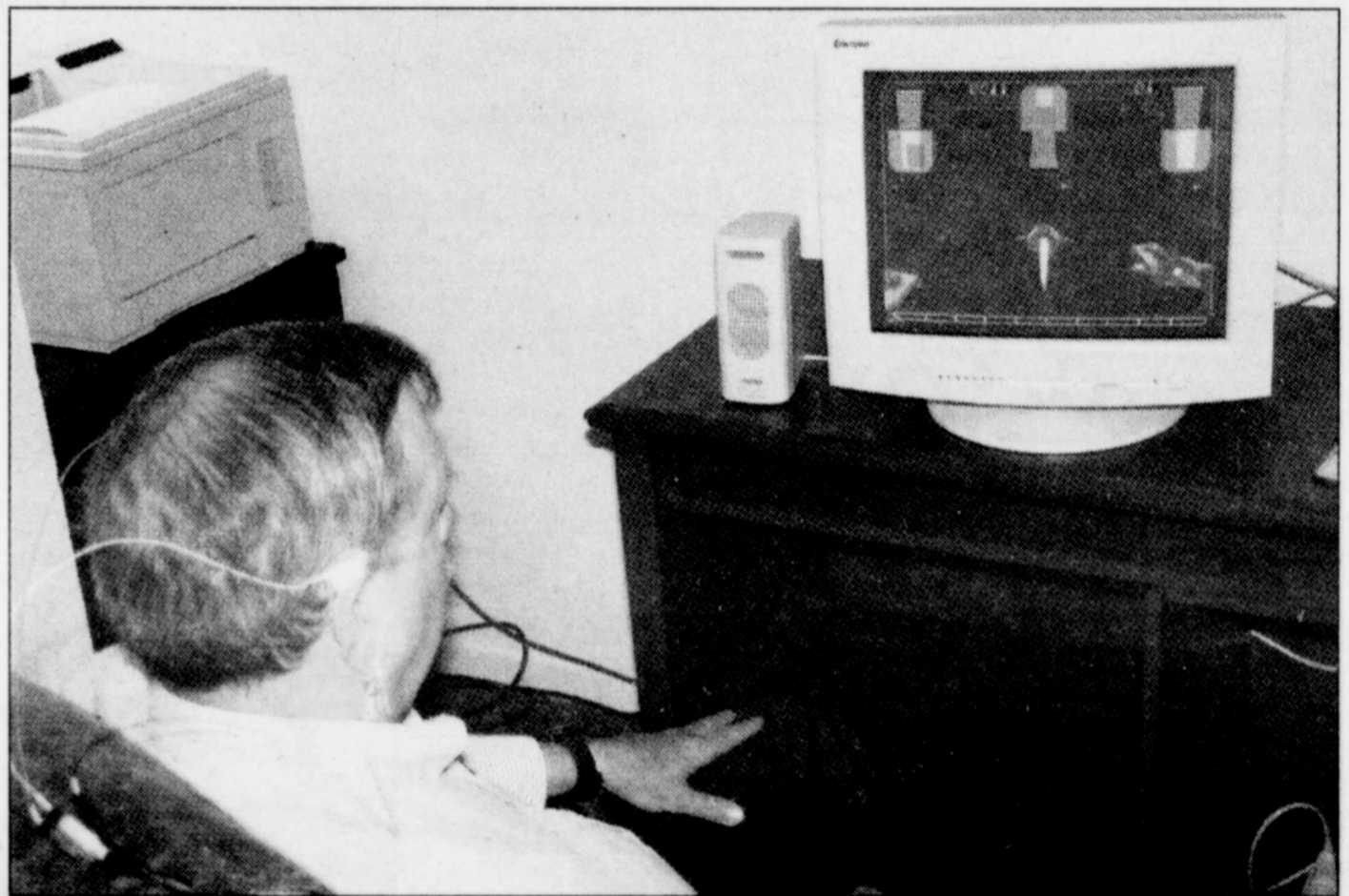
there will be lights for the rocker and also for anyone who wishes to register to vote at that time.

The rockers are volunteering to participate in the campaign, as they hope to be able to show Cal Poly their support for the voting process and encourage youth civic participation, said ASI Marketing and Publicity Director Pedro Vazquez.

ASI President Jake Parnell will kick-off "Rock The Vote" Wednesday, and a "special rocker" will bring the event to a close on

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Center offers alternative therapy



BRIAN KENT/MUSTANG DAILY

A client of the Neurofeedback Center of San Luis Obispo plays one of the games that is used to help patients treat illnesses, addictions and depression. The game is played with the mind only.

By Rebecca Howes

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It looks like a combination of using the force and having telekinesis. With empty hands, patients use only their mind to control the game going on in front of them. Through concentration and discipline the players are able to complete a maze.

Neurofeedback therapy such as this can be an effective alternative to conventional drug therapy in the treatment of disorders ranging from Attention Deficit Disorder to depression, said Janet Ingram, certified neurofeedback practitioner.

"Neurofeedback training, also known as EEG biofeedback, is a technique that trains the brain to improve its ability to take care of itself and to regulate all bodily functions," said Ingram, who runs the Neurofeedback Center of San Luis Obispo.

The training involves attaching sensors to various parts of the head and monitoring, moment by

moment, the activity of the brain through an EEG monitor connected to three computers.

"Neurofeedback is physical therapy for the brain," Ingram said. "It helps the brain to maintain appropriate states."

Ingram, a former high school counselor from Northern California, was alarmed at the rate of students being prescribed drugs to control behavioral problems just to stay in school. She found out about neurofeedback training through a friend who shared her concern.

"We are on a real slippery slope when we begin to medicate behavior," Ingram said. "Who determines what behaviors are acceptable?"

Inspired by what she learned about neurofeedback, Ingram began her training in 2001 and opened the center, one of only 5,000 in the world, for business in April of this year.

She has 20 clients, ranging in age from six to 70, that she treats for a multitude of reasons, including

depression, anxiety, stress, tics, irritable bowel, ADD and panic attacks.

An affiliate of the Brian Othmer Foundation, Ingram receives information about the latest advances in this specialized field by attending conferences and communicating with other affiliates through the Internet.

"I'm not one person here," she said. "I'm connected with the Brian Othmer Foundation. I can pick up the phone and call the foremost experts in the field when I have questions. That is one of the reasons I agreed to do this."


The experts are chief scientist Siegfried Othmer, Ph.D., and clinical director Susan Othmer, who named the EEG Institute after their late son, Brian, who suffered with severe behavioral problems and epilepsy that caused Gran Mal seizures which were responsible for his death in 1991.


In 1985, the Othmers learned


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Students safe from sink hole

By Bonnie Guevara
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A hallow sink hole has established a home on the upper fields of the sports complex.

"We think a storm drain is broken under the ground sucking in the dirt," said Doug Overman, assistant director of Facility Services. "We're working on the hole right now."

The hole is currently between 10 and 15 feet across. Facility Services has been digging it larger to get underground to the storm drain, Overman said. It was discovered early Monday morning.

However, the hole has not yet succeeded in sucking in or harming any Cal Poly students - as of today.

"We checked the injury reports this morning, and they came back clean," said Joe Long, assistant director of Rec Sports. "Once the hole was discovered, we immediately called grounds, and they're working on it."

The sink hole will not disrupt the sports complex fields in any way, since the hole is off to the side of the playing fields.

"It should only take a couple days to fix," Overman said.

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Thursday.

"Our goal is to encourage participation among the student body and have the support of the faculty," Vazquez said.

ASI members said they hope that professors will tell students to support them as they rock away and also encourage them to register during their particular shift, said business junior Vazquez.

Voter registration forms will be available for students throughout the 24-hour campaign. Anyone who registers during the UU Hour will receive a free hot dog, Vazquez said. A

contest will also be held for each residence hall, with the hall with the most students who register during the "Rock-A-Thon" receiving a prize.

ASI Vice President Kaitlin Ayers said that it is important that people between the ages of 18 and 25 register to vote.

Studies have shown that this is a crucial age in the voting process; people who register at these ages become voters for life. Ayers also said that voting really helps to give Cal Poly a voice.

"We feel it is very important that students register to vote because it really affects the work we do on and off-campus," Ayers said.

Anyone who wishes to rock for the campaign may sign up in the conference room of the ASI office.

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developmentally disabled.

"He's a genuinely nice person," Fish said. "He's really a tremendous asset to us here."

Fish said she last saw Emmet briefly in the SCS office early Friday. He seemed a little reserved, but nothing out of the ordinary, she said.

"I am really relieved and happy he is OK," she said.

Mustang Daily staff writer Jordan Schultz contributed to this article.



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- *"Bontoc Eulogy" film - A film will be shown in the Multicultural Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. It shows the exploitation of indigenous Filipinos during the 1904 World's Fair.
- *Tom Sgouros and robot presentation - A presentation on artificial intelligence and free will will be hosted on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

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National Briefs

Government offers advice on travel to Indonesia

WASHINGTON - At one time, perhaps the worst fate that could befall a tourist on the picturesque and popular Indonesian island resort of Bali was crashing a rented motorcycle. "Accidents on rented motorcycles constitute the largest cause of death and serious accident among foreign visitors to Bali," the U.S. State Department said in a November information sheet.

That statement also noted that Bali had been "largely free of the disturbances" rocking other parts of Indonesia.

"All tourist facilities (in Bali) are operating normally and, to date, foreigners have not been the specific target of any group," the department said in an advisory that nevertheless urged Americans to avoid nonessential travel to Indonesia because of dangers elsewhere in the country.

But that changed Saturday when a bomb blast at a crowded nightclub killed more than 180 people, mostly vacationing Australians. Two Americans were among the dead and four were injured. A second bomb exploded near U.S. consular office, but police said there were no casualties.

School Board: Ohio students should be taught evolution, controversies that surround it

COLUMBUS, Ohio - A state school board panel Monday recom-

mended that Ohio science classes emphasize both evolution and the debate over its validity.

The committee left it up to individual school districts to decide whether to include in the debate the concept of "intelligent design," which holds that the universe is guided by a higher intelligence.

The guidelines for the science curriculum simply put into writing what many school districts already do. The current guidelines do not even mention evolution.

"What we're essentially saying here is evolution is a very strong theory, and students can learn from it by analyzing evidence as it is accumulated over time," said Tom McClain, a board member and co-chairman of the Ohio Board of Education's academic standards committee.

Bush says "long way to go" to defeat al-Qaida; Iraq could be part of fight

WASHINGTON - President Bush called attacks in Kuwait, Indonesia and Yemen part of a grim pattern of terror, and said Monday, "We've got a long way to go" to defeat Osama bin Laden's global network. But he said Americans fight Iraq and al-Qaida simultaneously.

"We will fight, if need be, the war on terror on two fronts," Bush said three days after Congress gave him authority to use force against Saddam Hussein.

"Iraq is part of the war on terror." In a hastily arranged session with reporters, Bush said he was worried about potential strikes on U.S. soil

and drew links between the explosion on a French oil tanker in Yemen, shootings of U.S. Marines in Kuwait and the bombing at a night club in Bali, Indonesia, that killed more than 180 people including two Americans.

Stopping just short of tying al-Qaida to all three disasters, the president said, "It does look like a pattern of attacks that the enemy, albeit on the run, is trying to once again frighten and kill freedom-loving people."

He had strong words for Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri, suggesting his patience had grown thin waiting for the Muslim-dominated nation to crack down on terrorists.

International Briefs

Shots fired from civilian vehicles at U.S. forces in Kuwait

KUWAIT - U.S. military forces in Kuwait came under gunfire Monday for the second time in a week, this time without any casualties.

Shots were fired from two civilian vehicles on U.S. Army soldiers near a northern Kuwait training area, U.S. officials said. Nobody was injured and the soldiers did not return fire, according to a U.S. Embassy statement and a U.S. military spokesman at Camp Doha in Kuwait.

Within a few hours, Kuwaiti officials began privately suggesting the targets may have been pigeons, not American forces. Bird hunters start heading out this time of year as temperatures drop below 100 degrees.

The U.S. military official, however, said the troops involved had "no doubt" the shots were meant for them.

He spoke on condition of anonymity.

The shooting came six days after two Kuwaiti assailants opened fire on Marines taking a break from war games on an island off Kuwait. One Marine was killed and another wounded before the assailants were shot dead.

The following day, a U.S. Army soldier fired a shot at a civilian vehicle overtaking a military Humvee. U.S. officials said the civilian vehicle's occupant had pointed a gun.

Indonesian defense minister blames al-Qaida for Bali bomb; U.S. orders embassy evacuation

BALI, Indonesia - Indonesia's defense minister blamed al-Qaida and its extremist allies on Monday for the massive bomb attack that killed more than 180 people at a nightclub on the resort island of Bali.

"We are sure al-Qaida is here," Matori Abdul Djilil said after a Cabinet meeting in Jakarta. "The Bali bomb blast is linked to al-Qaida with the cooperation of local terrorists."

The leader of Jemaah Islamiyah, a group linked to Osama bin Laden's terror network, denied involvement and implicated the United States.

The defense minister's statement was the first time that a top government official had implicated al-Qaida in Saturday's attack, the worst of its kind worldwide since the Sept. 11 attacks in America.

Until now, police investigators have said they had few clues and no suspects in the blasts that tore through the Kuta Beach nightclub district.

In Washington, President Bush

said: "I think we have to assume it's al-Qaida. They are trying to intimidate us, and we won't be intimidated." Bush offered U.S. help in finding the perpetrators.

Britain resumes sole control of Northern Ireland, strips power of Catholic-Protestant hands

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - The struggle to keep a Catholic-Protestant administration for Northern Ireland suffered a potentially fatal blow Monday when Britain stripped its local politicians of power.

The gambit prevented resignations by the Ulster Unionists, the major Protestant party, because of alleged spying by the Irish Republican Army. An Ulster Unionist walkout would have killed the four-party coalition, the key achievement of the 1998 peace deal.

"This was the least-worst option," Northern Ireland Secretary John Reid said in an interview after he ordered an indefinite return to sole British control as of midnight local time.

Britain has successfully shut down and revived the Catholic-Protestant administration before.

But analysts agreed that the effort to create a stable coalition of British Protestants and Irish Catholics, wracked by chronic tensions since its founding in December 1999, has never faced a sterner test.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily staff writer Diana Krutop.

Sharon, heading to Washington, calls on Palestinians to oust Arafat

By Greg Myre
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM - In advance of a White House visit, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon urged Palestinians on Monday to overthrow their leadership, calling it a "despotic regime that is leading you from failure to failure."

Sharon's unyielding stance with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has won the broad endorsement of President Bush, who has also called for Arafat to be replaced.

But Sharon, making his seventh White House visit in 18 months, could face hard questions from a U.S. administration that has chastised him for failing to follow through with

pledges to ease blockades and curfews imposed on many Palestinian cities.

In the West Bank after nightfall Monday, Israeli forces shot and killed two Palestinians, Palestinian security officials said. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the two were members of the violent Islamic Jihad. The Israeli military had no immediate comment.

Sharon, who left Israel early Tuesday and meets Bush in Washington on Wednesday, has defended the security measures as essential to prevent, or at least limit, Palestinian suicide bombings and shooting attacks.

"Your terrible suffering is needless," Sharon said, addressing his remarks to Palestinians in a speech that inaugurated the winter session of Israel's parliament.

Sharon charged that "murderous terror gangs" have taken over the Palestinian territories with Arafat's encouragement and consent.

"Change the despotic regime that is leading you from failure to failure, from tragedy to tragedy."

The Israeli leader has spoken in favor of exiling Arafat and has sent Israeli troops to the doorstep of Arafat's offices three times this year. But Sharon has stopped short of kicking out the Palestinian leader, with the United States and the Israeli security services both arguing against such a move.

The Israeli military actions have given Arafat's popularity at least a short-term boost, as Palestinians have rallied around him.

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Dining

French and Basque cuisine mix it up in bistro setting

By Jordan Schultz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The typical college student's budget doesn't allow for fine dining, but on those occasions when splurging is called for, Le Fandango Bistro is a good option. Offering a unique menu selection set in a comfortable yet classy location, good for a first date or just a great cocktail.

Tucked away in an accommodating yet intimately small space next to The Library bar on Higuera Street, Le Fandango Bistro offers a charm that is reminiscent of European dining.

The restaurant features Basque and French cuisine, a variety of food unfamiliar to many but definitely worth exploring.

The Basque region is in north-central Spain and spills over the border into France. Located on a coastal plain, the area offers a cuisine that is largely seafood-based.

French-Basque owner and chef Michel Olaizola opened the bistro about three years ago, and owned a restaurant in Paris before moving to the United States.

However, Le Fandango's menu is far more exciting and varied than a typical seafood restaurant. Amid the selections, which include rack of lamb, nightly fish specials and filet mignon, diners may choose to indulge in delicacies such as escarrot, frog legs and rabbit stew. Vegetarian entrées are also available.

Although Le Fandango does offer several elegant dishes and fine wines ranging from \$16 to \$420 a bottle, manager Antonio Moline said the restaurant is true to the bistro style.

"A bistro atmosphere is not considered fine-dining," Moline said. "It's more casual than formal."

The absence of tablecloths, the rustic atmosphere promoted by walls of brick and the lack of snobby service support that description.

"We like to get the smart college students in the bar, not the messy drunks."

Michel Olaizola
owner and chef

While Olaizola and other chefs were preparing food in the kitchen, set in clear view of the customers, attentive waiters filled water glasses and breadbaskets. Spanish-style music played while diners sipped martinis and wine courtesy of the restaurant's full bar.

Moline said the restaurant pulls in a lot of regulars and tourists.

"Our prices do promote an older crowd," Moline said. "But we also get a lot of first daters and friends of the staff, basically people who know the food is worth the price."

Prices were comparable to similar San Luis Obispo restaurants, with entrées ranging from about \$16 and up. Appetizers were around \$8 to \$12, and salads hovered around the \$7 range. All prices are clearly posted on both the menu and on chalkboards featuring specials.

Upon recommendation, I opted for the "Bistro Salad" and "Shrimp and Scallops Fandango Style," an appetizer many agree is the best in town, Moline said.



AMY SWEETNAM/MUSTANG DAILY

Two diners bask in the afternoon light on Higuera Street at Le Fandango Bistro. The restaurant serves up both traditional French and Basque cuisine in downtown San Luis Obispo.

"We want people to have confidence that they won't end up getting deceived by prices," Olaizola said. "Our intention is not to be a snobby restaurant."

My food was excellent and prepared in a timely manner. I would have to agree the shrimp and scallops, bathed in a distinct and delicious sauce, could rival most appetizers in town. The salad consisted of typical greens and vegetables complimented by feta cheese, egg, pro-

sciutto and a tangy dressing. Joined by three other friends, I sampled their selections of French onion soup and salads and found them to be equally tasty.

For a date or a weekend with the parents, I would highly recommend Le Fandango Bistro for lunch or dinner.

Although it is a little pricey for a typical college meal but perfect for a special occasion, the restaurant provides attentive service, delicious

food and an atmosphere that can be fun and romantic.

I'd also suggest taking advantage of Fandango's bar when the lines for The Library and Mother's Tavern are never-ending. The bar's specialty, the Flatliner Martini, was delicious and highly intoxicating.

But do be on your best behavior. "We like to get the smart college students in the bar," Olaizola said with a smile, "not the messy drunks."

Quiz

Match the region of France with the product it's best known for. As these lists tend to be arbitrary, we've added some other random elements. Score bonus points for finding the bogus item.

- A) Anchovies, thymus gland, olives, tomatoes
- B) Creamy sauces, cheeses, teeth
- C) Bacon, red wine, oxygen
- D) Seafood and ponies
- E) Leeks, riboflavin, potatoes
- F) Hot tots, olive oil, garlic

- 1) Burgundy
- 2) Paris
- 3) Provence
- 4) Marseilles
- 5) Nice
- 6) Normandy

- Answers
- 1. C oxygen
 - 2. E riboflavin
 - 3. F hot tots
 - 4. D ponie
 - 5. A thymus gland
 - 6. B teeth

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Dining

Morro Bay — three stacks, a rock and some crepes

By William Reitz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Those who eat a lot of restaurant meals know that, over time, they all run together like some unending strand of tangled linguine.

In Morro Bay, where seafood seems to be the rule, if one is looking for an alternative to the too-familiar clam chowder and fish & chips joints, there is a quaint little restaurant called Creperie Sophie.

Located less than a two-minute walk from the Morro Bay Embarcadero, it is a nice option if you are out shopping for a quiet dinner for two. It has been open for two years now and is known to Morro Bay residents as simply "the creperie."

Dessert crepes may be spread with a jam or fruit mixture, rolled or folded and sometimes are flamed with brandy or liqueur at tableside.

Creperie Sophie is a perfect example of why restaurants, like books, should not be judged by their covers. At first glance, the exterior looks like a cute little French café.



BETSY FILSON /MUSTANG DAILY

Creperie Sophie takes its name and recipes from owners David and Aaron Bidermans' grandmother, Sophie. A small collection of photos featuring Sophie greet customers as they enter the restaurant.

But the interior looks as if it was decorated from a thrift store, or perhaps a Cal Poly sidewalk poster sale. The dining room has a mix of prints by impressionists such as Renoir and Van Gogh. The "eccentric friend's living room" atmosphere is completed with other secondhand knick-knacks. Despite the clutter, it is decidedly "French."

Upon entering the front door, the sounds of a French jazz-singer fill the air and a warm "Hello, sit any-

where you like" comes from Renata Stein, Cal Poly agricultural business student and employee at the restaurant.

From a long tradition of French cooking and family recipes, local area brothers David and Aaron Biderman named the creperie after their grandmother, Sophie, from whom most of the recipes originated. There is a small pictorial tribute to Sophie, who is alive and well in Toronto, on the entrance wall.

Crepe is the French word for "pancake," which is exactly what these light, paper-thin creations are. They can be made from plain or sweetened batters with various flours and used for savory (main course) or desserts. Savory crepes are filled with various meat, cheese or vegetable mixtures and sometimes topped with complimentary sauces. Dessert crepes may be spread with a jam or fruit mixture, rolled or folded and sometimes are

flamed with brandy or liqueur at tableside.

Morro Bay's creperie has several small, Formica-topped tables with green plants, and seats approximately 25 people. If people-watching is your thing, you may be a little voyeuristic and watch the shoppers pass, as the dining room's front window overlooks the sidewalk of Morro Bay Boulevard.

If it's been a while since high-school French, don't feel intimidated by the fancy French words, as this place is very approachable. The service was personable and attentive, without the stereotypical French attitude. The menu items are written in French but there is parenthetical, simple English breakdown for the not-so-gourmet customers. Plus, the food server was helpful with explanations of any unfamiliar dishes.

One note: the prices are not similar to those for fast food, nor is the time necessary to prepare these crepes, baguette or croissant sandwiches, and homemade soups and salads. Lunch or dinner for two will easily cost about \$30. Beer and wine are available.

Creperie Sophie is open Friday through Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and brunch is served Saturday and Sunday starting at 10 a.m. The restaurant is located at 355 Morro Bay Blvd.

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The American Dream is alive and well – in Brazil. Thousands of immigrants cross our borders every day in search of new lives in this land of opportunity, running from hunger, deprivation and oppression. They come to America because they believe they can achieve the American Dream of “rags to riches.”

They believe that with hard work and patience the dream can become a reality for them, because they believe in this system of meritocracy.

However, is the American system really one based upon merits?

When people tell the rags to riches story of Benjamin Franklin, they leave out the fact that he was a white male. This is true even though his race and gender both played important parts in his success story; these factors offered him opportunities not available to others around him.

In America, it is difficult for us to admit that our society is not equitable, that people do not receive the same opportunities. While we love to espouse the rhetoric of an equitable society, the fact remains that such a system does not fully exist within the our society.

A clear example of this is in the area of education. How far has our society truly come since the 1954 landmark court decision *Brown v. Board of Education*, which made racial segregation of schools illegal? Although this decision declared de jure – by law – “separate but equal” schools unconstitutional, did it really end de facto segregation or institutionalized racism?

Although desegregation was a key goal of the *Brown* case, equitable resources and opportunities were also sought.

Fifty years later, are schools comparably equitable?

The answer is no, and this is a fundamental problem in our society. First, we must ask ourselves why schools do not receive

the same funding and resources. This has to do with the inherently unequal distribution of funds for our public schools. The majority of funding for public schools in California is tied to property taxes, which means that the students who live in rich areas have the richest public schools.

In fact, the wealthiest 10 percent of school districts spend an average of 10 times more for public education than the poorest school districts.

The disparity in funding seems unfair to most people and even the U.S. Supreme Court. In *San Antonio v. Rodriguez* (1973), the Supreme Court acknowledged “the education provided to Mexican-American children in San Antonio was inferior to that offered to Anglo children.”

However, instead of trying to rectify the problem or even hinting that Congress should address the inequities of school funding, the Court decided that education was not “so fundamental a right that it enjoyed Constitutional protection.”

The reality is that nearly 70 percent of minorities attend minority-majority schools that have fewer resources, fewer qualified teachers, fewer college-required courses, fewer Advanced Placement courses, fewer extra-curricular activities and larger class sizes than their Anglo counterparts.

The government, to “solve” this problem, has come in with a corporate style approach, cutting money to poorly performing schools that already receive the least amount of funding. They continue to do this, even though study after study concludes that unequal resources explain almost all of the differences amongst student performance, even when controlling for race and socioeconomic background.

The state of California has added to the problem by ending affirmative action programs on University of California and California State University campuses, under the guise that admittance should be based solely on merit or that we don't need affirmative action programs anymore.

However, these arguments ignore all the resource inequities of our public schools and their ties to race, as well as ignoring white or class-based privilege.

If predominately white schools have better resources, more

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extra-curricular activities to offer students and greater access to AP classes, then Anglos have a better chance of getting accepted to college. As we all know, admission is based on grades, SAT scores, extra-curriculars and the difficulty of the course load.

Under affirmative action programs, race, ethnicity and gender were only one aspect of this formula, one extra point.

Until we equalize resources and end institutionalized racism, these programs are vital to maintaining and increasing minority access to universities.

It's funny that we never hear about the 20 percent of students that are admitted to Ivy League and top UC and CSU schools because their families have donated money to the university. Nor is the issue of student-athletes, and the privileges that they get in regards to admissions, usually addressed.

Being female, I see the inherent benefits of being male in our society. However, I didn't understand that I have been given privileges and benefits in our society simply for being white.

I'm asking each one of you to contemplate the privileges that you are given in our society, solely because of your gender, class or race. With our increased awareness, we must now do something about this problem.

As we carry on into the 21st century, I am hopeful that my generation will be the one to bring an end to these inequalities, as well as the practices of institutionalized racism that still permeate our society. I am hopeful that we will relinquish unearned privileges and start to level the playing field, especially in education, because I believe that equality is a fundamental right.

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Letters to the editor

Foundation does much for Cal Poly Campus

Editor,

Before you consider buying your books at Aida's, please note that when buying from El Corral, all profits are returned to you tenfold. It is so disheartening to see that some Cal Poly students neglect to acknowledge contributions that the Foundation makes.

The “Aida's vs. El Corral” articles that appeared in the paper a couple weeks ago suggest that Alexa Ratcliffe and Andra Coberly weren't able to investigate their stories thoroughly. As a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors, I'd like to clarify some information about the Cal Poly Foundation. No one is getting fat off money brought in by Foundation organizations. All profits earned are returned to you, the students.

How, you might ask? First of all, consider this paper you are reading. The Foundation supports University Graphics Systems, which prints the Mustang Daily. The following are also activities that the Foundation engages in to support the university.

The Foundation financially backed the construction of the Associated Students, Inc. Rec Center, Children's Center and Sports Complex. The Foundation floated loans for the Christopher Cohan Center (PAC).

It also administers the Agriculture Enterprise

Programs, Campus Dining and the Sponsored Programs office, which assists your professors in gaining the funds they need to give you the hands-on education you expect.

There is no big pot of money sitting around, and as an auxiliary organization (a helping organization) to the university, the Foundation's main focus is to enhance and support the mission of Cal Poly, like ASI. Before you groan about that extra five cents you spent on a banana from Campus Market, know that the Foundation is doing good with our money.

In the words of Andra Coberly, “It is about social responsibility,” and I cannot find a better example of that than in the Cal Poly Foundation.

Alexandra League is a business administration junior.

Don't let Bush administration distract you

Editor,

We should take a moment to applaud the brilliant maneuvers of the Bush administration, for they have simultaneously succeeded in taking attention away from problems at home and the general failure of the “War on Terrorism” with another war, the benefits of which are doubtful at best.

Look first to Jason Starkey's letter (“Reason for Iraq attack not just because of oil,” Oct. 11) for a typical embrace of Bushian tactics. Not only does he lump together Saddam and al Quaida in two instances, despite the continued lack of any observed connection, but also he echoes Bush's claims about Hussein's desire to acquire weapons of mass destruction and use them, another “fact” which still has seen no hard evidence. In fact, even the CIA intelligence is against Bush on this one, as they released a statement that the probability of such an attack is very low. They did, however, go on to say that going to war would likely provoke Saddam into acquiring and using them.

As for Mr. Artac's letter (“Letter writer makes inaccurate statements,” Oct. 11), it is true that Reinheimer's letter (“Attack on Iraq has hidden motives,” Oct. 9) is misleading, but are you looking at your counter-arguments?

For instance, your statement about C.A.F.E. is true, but you aren't looking at the whole picture. While fuel cells might come in the far-off future, car companies are still lobbying for the lowering of fuel and exhaust regulations now, and succeeding. This is called “green-washing.” And Bush's “view,” if you can call it that, on Alaskan drilling in a national park was outgunned by a massive negative public response.

Which brings me to my point – Bush's war isn't about the threat, which exists mostly

through PR stunts and mishandled information, but about diverting our attention from a failing economy (which war can fix up at the cost of lives), corruption scandals from Bush-supporting corporations and disastrous environmental laws (logging in national forests – just passed) that wouldn't see the light of day if we weren't conveniently distracted.

Open your eyes.

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Entrepreneurship club means business for students

By Lauren Chase

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The life of a college student is not only mentally draining, but it depletes the checkbook as well.

Getting a degree means shelling out a great sum of money in order to voluntarily spend years studying, writing papers and designing projects. Most students will not see the financial benefits of their years spent at Cal Poly until after they graduate.

However, two members of Cal Poly's Entrepreneurship Club, Jason Kaltenbach and Brandon Carey, don't have to wait for heavier pockets.

They are industrial technology seniors – and they mean business.

Last June the two created a busi-

ness plan, entered it in the Ray Scherr Business Plan Competition and presented it to a panel of judges at the Performing Arts Center.

Not only did they walk away with the first-place prize of \$4,000, but they also marketed their product in the real world, said Carey, vice president of speaker relations for the club.

"You get a lot of feedback from professors and judges by doing the plan," he said. "It's a great opportunity and the competition is just one of the things that the entrepreneurship club

has to offer in terms of getting ahead in the business world."

This year, the club will be facilitating and promoting numerous events, from the business plan competition, which is open to all majors, to real estate and stock market competitions, workshops and Entrepreneur of the Year awards.

"We have great networking meetings with community business members and some of the major CEOs and venture capitalists," Kaltenbach said. "We also have guest speakers that tell us about their company and all the horror stories of doing things on their own, and how they survived."

The club arranges for its members to meet potential entrepreneurs people and to gain business connections, Kaltenbach said.

"It's a great place to compare notes with other students about their businesses," he said.

The club is a goldmine for students already involved in a form of entrepreneurship or those who want to put their aspirations to work.

Club members own their own businesses and others own real estate, said international business sophomore Chris Miller, co-president of the club.

One member is an Internet web host provider, and another is selling a product to skydivers that will enable them to turn on a video camera as they are in the air, using just their mouths.

"It's a pretty high-tech thing for college kids to be doing," Miller said.

Miller started a business that developed Internet and software

applications when he was 15 years old.

Currently, his company is in the process of developing paperless transaction software that will make the home and auto-buying processes completely paper free.

Kaltenbach and Miller agreed that the entrepreneurship club is a motivational tool; students can look at the success of other members and feed off of their experience.

"We're trying to do the whole inspirational thing," Miller said. "The club allows students and local professionals to collide in a comfortable environment which facilitates businesses. It's inspiring for students to see their peers so heavily involved with a business at a young age, and that's what the club is all about."

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about neurofeedback training while attending a learning disability conference in San Francisco.

Medication was not working to control Brian's behavior.

"We were at our wits end," Siegfried said. "Brian would go into rages and become violent. My wife and I were afraid of him. We didn't think that we had any choice but to institutionalize him. When we heard about neurofeedback training we decided that we had nothing to lose."

The Othmer's took Brian to a clinician twice a week for neurofeedback training. They began to see immediate changes in his behavior.

"Brian never smiled or engaged any-

one in conversation," Siegfried said. "Two months later he began to flourish academically and his social skills improved. He smiled. He engaged my wife in conversation in the kitchen. We were amazed at his progress."

Brian's behavior changed so much

"When we heard about neurofeedback training we had nothing to lose."

Siegfried Othmer
chief scientist

that he was able to attend school at Cal Poly, where he majored in computer science and excelled at mathematics before his death.

He even designed some of the computer games that are used in neurofeedback training today.

Brian isn't the only Cal Poly student to benefit from neurofeedback training. Alumnus Debi Dickinson sees Ingram three times a week for training to treat anxiety and panic attacks.

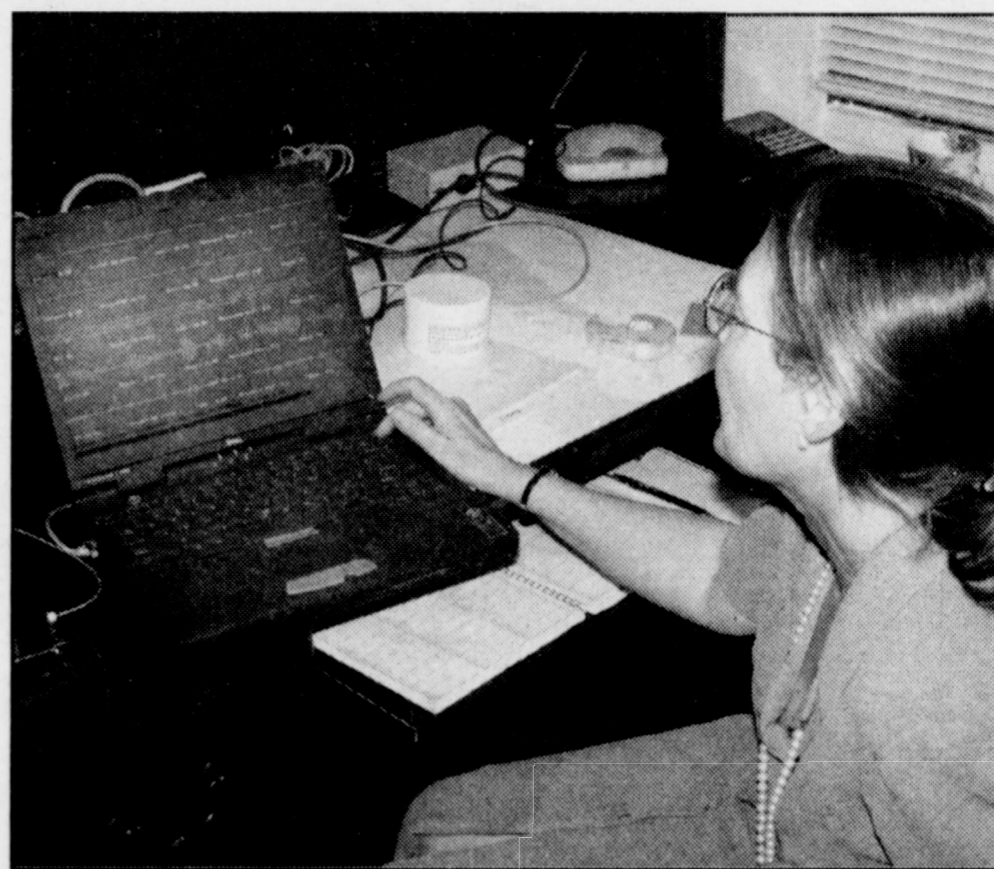
"Medication put me on the couch," Dickinson said. "It made me non-motivated and fuzzy. I'm a fitness teacher so medication isn't the answer. Neurofeedback training allows me to get things done."

Dickinson has suffered with acute anxiety and frequent panic attacks for decades. She said that neurofeedback training has changed her life in a positive way.

"I would wake up terrified before," Dickinson said. "I worried about the past and the future. I was never in the moment. Neurofeedback has taught me focus on living in the present, what is happening right now."

At \$85 a session, with two sessions recommended each week, neurofeedback training is expensive and time consuming. Dickinson said the money and the time required for neurofeedback are worth it.

The training technology is about 20 years old but it remains virtually unknown as an alternative to medica-



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Janet Ingram runs the Neurofeedback Center of San Luis Obispo.

tion. Siegfried said he believes he knows why.

"Neurofeedback was discovered by psychologists, not medical doctors," he

said. "The medical world doesn't learn from psychologists. If any radical new idea threatens existing scientific or medical paradigms, it will take longer to be accepted."

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Cal Poly Women's Volleyball

Simply overwhelmed

► Mustangs are no match for No. 7 UCSB, suffer 3-0 sweep on the road

By Graham Womack
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

SANTA BARBARA — Despite a valiant dog-fight, the Cal Poly women's volleyball team could not beat UC Santa Barbara, falling to the undefeated Gauchos 3-0 Saturday night before a crowd of 628 at the Thunderdome at UCSB.

The Mustangs could do little to keep pace with the Gauchos, slipping to 5-10 overall and 4-3 in Big West play. It took the Gauchos just an hour and forty minutes to beat the Mustangs 30-24, 30-25 and 30-19 in three short, fiercely-battled games.

The Mustangs simply could not find an answer to the Gauchos' front-line attack, which sent Poly players diving shot after shot. Middle-blocker Danielle Bauer particularly dominated, accounting for 22 of Santa Barbara's 58 kills, with a game-high 44 percent success rate on her kills.

"I thought we played well," Cal Poly head coach Steve Schlick said. "We're just not quite there."

Dual towers Worthy Lien and Kristen O'Halloran led the team with nine kills apiece, and the Mustangs deserve credit for summoning a mad-deningly intense effort in frantically trying to stem the Gauchos' many runs. Carly O'Halloran was all over the court, with a team-high 31 assists and 11 digs.

"I thought we fought really hard," sophomore outside hitter Jessica Diepersloot said. Diepersloot matched O'Halloran with a team-high 11 digs.

Still, the Mustangs couldn't match the Gauchos' finesse and poise. Santa Barbara remained unde-

feated this season, improving to 17-0 overall and 7-0 atop the Big West.

"They were one step ahead of us," Diepersloot said. "They ran the floor."

The Gauchos built an insurmountable advantage primarily through a series of late-game runs, going on a 9-3 run late in the first game, a 10-5 streak to end the second and a 13-3 stomping in the third to seal the finish. They knew the Mustang defense well, even varying their game plan late to rely on more tips.

Both Santa Barbara's offense and defense shined brightly. Kristin Nelson, Brooke Niles, Erika Menzel and Courtney Guerra had at least 13 digs on Mustang shots. The Gauchos also executed outstandingly, with Menzel and Francina Edmonds contributing 11 and 12 kills, respectively, to form a near-unstoppable triumvirate with Bauer.

There were several fierce rallies. Mustang middle-hitter Lien had five blocks, ricocheting back bullet after Gaucho bullet. Still, with the exception of one in the third game, which ended with an authoritative Lien kill, nearly all rally points went to UCSB.

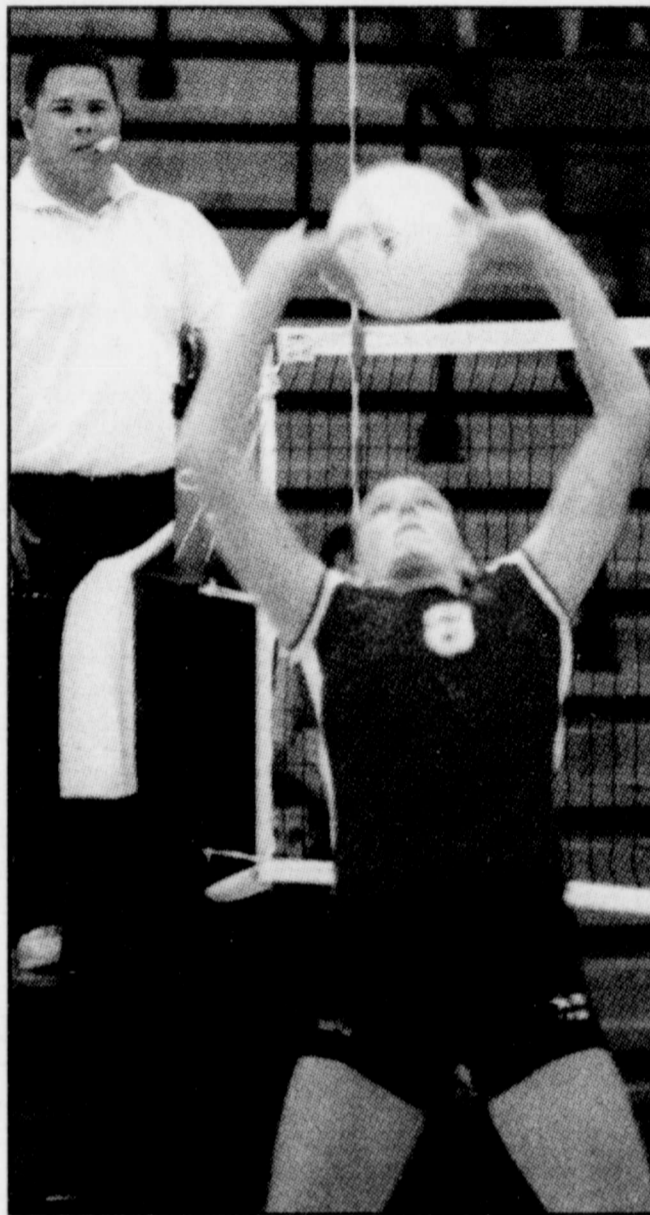
Big West MVP-candidate Bauer brought Gaucho fans to their feet multiple times, clinching multiple rallies with menacing spikes.

The loss in no way ended the Mustangs' playoff hopes, but it extended the Gauchos' current winning streak against Cal Poly to six games.

The Gauchos improved to 34-14 all-time against the Mustangs.

For the most part, the Mustangs weren't brought down by their performance.

"We usually play really badly against Santa Barbara," Lien said. "I thought this was the best we played at their home."



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Cal Poly outside hitter Kristy Pedotti lofts a set during the Mustangs' three-set loss to UC Santa Barbara Saturday.

Cal Poly's Greta Shirton

Goalie goes from 'short leash' to stardom

► Nation's No. 6 ranked goalie didn't pick up soccer until eighth grade

By Chrissy Roth
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Most kids begin playing soccer around the first or second grade and finish their careers at the end of the eighth grade when they realize competitive high school soccer is not for them.

But for Greta Shirton, goalkeeper for the Cal Poly women's soccer team, this is when it all began.

Growing up in a single-parent, Peruvian household in Santa Barbara, Shirton was held on a short leash. While her mother was adamantly against women playing sports, Shirton was forced to settle for unorganized games in her physical education classes.

It wasn't until after a friend witnessed Shirton kicking a ball in eighth grade that she received praise for her natural, untamed talent.

Shirton immediately joined her friend's traveling club-soccer team.

"While it was a constant battle for my mom to let me play soccer, (the game) quickly became my outlet to get out of my house and go on weekend trips," Shirton said.

Starting off as a forward, Shirton soon became the replacement goalie after the starter was injured.



BRIAN KENT/MUSTANG DAILY

Greta Shirton has led five shutout wins this season as the Mustangs' last line of defense.

Being thrown into the position, Shirton admits she was completely lost in the net.

"I remember my first save," she said. "The ball was coming at me and I did a Superman dive to land on top of it. The ball knocked the wind out of me. I didn't know what I was doing."

Even her first year at Santa Barbara High School, Shirton confessed to

her varsity coach that she still didn't really know how to play her position.

"Although I had the raw talent, I never received goalie training," she explained. "I still felt like a fish out of the sea."

Shirton's coach handed her two videotapes made by professional goalies about the fundamentals of being a good goalkeeper. It was while studying these videos that Shirton learned how to properly kick and run like a goalie and, most importantly, how to save a ball.

"I still have the videos," she said. "I watch them every once in a while for a good laugh."

Shirton has definitely come a long way.

Standing 6 feet tall, the kinesiology junior is not one to mess with on the field.

"Greta has a huge presence in the goal," said Annette Cruteau, the Mustangs' right fullback. "Our oppo-

"Our opponents are scared of her. There aren't many other women soccer players that are 6-foot, have purple hair and wear a black bandanna."

Annette Cruteau
Cal Poly fullback

nents are scared of her. There aren't many other women soccer players that are 6-foot, have purple hair and wear a black bandanna."

Shirton's goalkeeping skills have remained solid throughout the season.

So far, she has collected 39 saves and has only allowed nine goals through 13 games.

Despite being ranked No. 6 in the nation in save percentage, Shirton remains humble about her accomplishments.

"I don't really care about stats," Shirton said. "They're just numbers and I wouldn't want them to get in my head."

While Shirton credits most of her success during this season to her team, her coach attributes it to her newfound focus.

"Greta is so much more focused this year," coach Alex Crozier said. "Everything with her is good. There's nothing out of balance, and it reflects on the field."

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FOOTBALL	27
vs. southern utah	21
MEN'S SOCCER	1
vs. uc riverside	2
WOMEN'S SOCCER	4
vs. cs northridge	0
WOMEN'S SOCCER	3
vs. pacific	1
MEN'S TENNIS	eliminated in 2nd round
vs. bulldog classic	

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MEN'S SOCCER	wed., oct. 16, 7 p.m.
vs. cs fullerton	@ cal poly
VOLLEYBALL	fri., oct. 18, 7 p.m.
vs. uc riverside	@ uc riverside
WOMEN'S SOCCER	sat., oct. 18, 2 p.m.
vs. idaho	@ idaho
CROSS COUNTRY	sat., oct. 19
vs. invitational	@ cal poly
FOOTBALL	sat., oct. 19, 1 p.m.
vs. saint mary's	@ st. mary's
MEN'S SOCCER	sat., oct. 19, 7 p.m.
vs. uc irvine	@ cal poly
VOLLEYBALL	sat., oct. 19, 7 p.m.
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Scoring edge through 13 matches for the women's soccer team
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number of women's soccer players who have scored goals this season
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Friday's question

When was the last time the Cal Poly women's volleyball team made it to the NCAA tournament?
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Congratulations, Christie Tjong!!

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