

Candidate forum turnout low



BARBARA BENSE MUSTANG DAILY

Three candidates for mayor and seven City Council candidates gathered in Chumash Auditorium to explain their game plan if elected.

Louise Dolby
MUSTANG DAILY

Students and members of the community gathered in Chumash Auditorium Tuesday night for a forum featuring local candidates in next weeks elections. Candidates focused on issues facing the community including building more affordable housing and attracting high paying businesses so young families and students can afford to live in San Luis Obispo and keeping Mardi Gras.

Mayor Dave Romero, mayoral candidates David Booker and Matt Mackey, and city council candidates Lauren Lajoie, Orval Osborne, Paul Brown, Andrew Carter, Shane Kramer, Phil Hannifin and Christine Mulholland each proposed their solutions to these and other issues in

hopes of informing students of their stance.

The poorly attended event, sponsored by Associated Students Inc. and moderated by The League of Women Voters, was an outlet for information about candidates in the upcoming election, rather than a rally to encourage people to vote.

"In a year where students are registered in record numbers, one thing that is left behind is the local elections that affect our day to day lives," ASI president Blake Bolton said.

Each candidate introduced themselves and described the issue they find most important to the community. Suggestions proposed to solve the lack of affordable housing included Lajoie's idea to create mixed-use village developments with housing above businesses, and Carter's plan to



MATT WECHTER MUSTANG DAILY

City Council candidate Paul Brown, talking with recreation administration senior Shannon Shutts after Tuesday's forum.

build more dorms as more on-campus housing for students.

Questions asked by the sparse audience addressed the need for higher paying jobs in San Luis Obispo so

residents will be able to afford to live in the city. Candidates agreed that bringing high-tech-industry jobs that will pay more than local businesses

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RESEARCH STUDY

Nerdiness defines the new cool

Natasha Toto
MUSTANG DAILY

What is a nerd girl?

Mary Bucholtz, associate professor of linguistics at University of California Santa Barbara, decided to research that question.

Bucholtz will be at Cal Poly today to present her discussion, "Nerd Girls: Nerdiness as a Gender Style Among California Teenage Girls."

In her fieldwork at a Santa Barbara high school, Bucholtz said she was able to construct the characteristics that define nerdiness.

"Nerds opt out of the pursuit of coolness to construct an alternative youth style based on intelligence, humor and eccentricity," Bucholtz said.

The presentation is free and open to the public and will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Science North building, room 215.

The talk will explore "nerdiness" as a gender style among European-American female high school students. Its focus will involve how nerdy social practices position nerd girls against the dominant gender order at school.

Bucholtz specializes in the study of language and identity, with a focus on gender, race and youth in the United States.

Bucholtz also said that in her studies, she did not define a "nerd girl" in advance.

"What I found was that some girls very proudly identified themselves as nerds," said Bucholtz. "For girls, nerdiness resolves several social quandaries, enabling the expression of intellectual ability and permitting styles that are normally off limits as 'unhip.'"

Bucholtz's information resulted from speaking with females who identified themselves as nerds and comparing them to others who did not define themselves that way.

"I found that even though some girls demonstrated the characteristics of a nerd, they refuted the title because of its negative connotation," Bucholtz said.

Bucholtz hopes to further explore her study of nerd girls by looking into other ethnic groups.

Today's event is co-sponsored by the Cal Poly Women's Studies Program and English department. The talk is part of the Women's Studies Program's Gender and Culture lecture series.

Students discuss presidential politics over soup

Ji Jun
MUSTANG DAILY

The portions were liberal in yesterday's Soup and Substance Campus Dialogues.

During a downpour of rain, a few students managed to gather at 12:30 p.m. in the east wing of Chumash Auditorium to discuss presidential candidates and eat soup.

Though the small group expressed liberal viewpoints primarily, no opinion held more weight than any other even if it went against the tiny majority.

Associated Students Inc. vice president Tyler Middlestadt, who leads the

once-a-month meetings, had a chance to share his personal views on who should be elected the next president of the United States.



George W. Bush

"A president's responsibility is to find a compromise that benefits both sides of the fence," Middlestadt

said. "Bush is the one candidate who fundamentally goes against every-

thing I believe in. He's not promoting a democracy."

The atmosphere was relaxed though arguments periodically got relatively heated over topics like the mistakes of the current administration, Kerry's flip-flopping and party line issues that might tip the scales in voter's minds.



John Kerry

"My voice is rais-

ing," history major Katrina dela Cruz said, stopping herself after an emphatic outburst over a woman's right to choose.

"They're using one issue to cover up other issues," she said. "Someone is trying to make your pain into an issue."

The students were generally informed and facts were laid out as students made their respective points.

Chemistry sophomore Dan Rivoire brought up Proposition 47, a bond measure to help public schools. Rivoire found it hard to believe that the state of California, which leads the

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Running to become champions

Men's cross country could go to nationals
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Interview with Tiger Army lead singer

Leading band in the American Psychobilly band genre
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WEATHER REPORT

TODAY	Rain	59°	Surf forecast
			Height: 2-3 ft.
			Direction: NW
THURSDAY	Partly Cloudy	63°	Sunrise 7:19 a.m.
			Sunset 6:13 p.m.

Forum

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currently do would solve this problem, but none of them actually suggested a way to attract these companies to the community.

"The No. 1 reason to come to San Luis Obispo is the environment, but the No. 1 reason that people don't come is the housing problem," Brown said. "People keep leaving because they can't afford to be living here. We need to give them that opportunity."

Another issue addressed was the need for more and better communication between students and permanent residents of the community since the Mardi Gras riots soured local opinions of students.

Some attended the forum to learn more about the young candidate Mackey, whose focus is on community relations. Mackey has been receiving mixed reviews on his decision to run for mayor because he is a student with no city council experience.

"I've heard about Matt Mackey, I want to know what he stands for. I think students need more representation, but I'm not sure if I'm going to support him," Annalee Hagood-Earl, recreation administration senior said.

Despite his lack of experience in the community, Mackey described his qualifications and improvement plans to be executed if elected mayor next week.

"I want to put to rest the idea that I'm just a student candidate since the media seems to perpetuate that idea," Mackey said. "I am in favor of keeping Mardi Gras, but that's not the only thing I want to do. The biggest thing this city needs is to improve community relations since half of the San Luis Obispo community is students. There is a disconnect between what the city council and the majority of San Luis Obispo wants. Community relations have gotten worse in the last five years, so it's time for younger people to step up and solve some problems in this city. Getting more people involved and getting new faces in office is a good thing."

Mackey also described the current "political stagnancy" as a problem since people tend to rely on choosing a candidate with experience rather than a candidate with fresh ideas.

Mackey was criticized by other candidates who have seemed not to regard him as a mayoral contender. Mulholland agreed that while communication between students and permanent residents in the community is important, she does not feel that having a student run for the "top position" is the way to improve this problem.

"If (students) want to get involved then they're welcome to get involved, but it takes an effort," she said.

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country in technology, would short-change its schools.

"We are in a democratic society that should pay for people who don't have

what we do," he said.

Others discussed their genuine disappointment after having witnessed the events of the past four years.

"The Republican Party I believe in is nowhere to be seen in this year of Y2K plus four," mechanical engineer-

ing sophomore Andrew Crockett said.

Crockett explained why he thought Kerry was the better choice.

"That is Kerry's strongest point: when a mistake has been made he will correct it and not bow to arrogant 'stay-the-course' type mentality."

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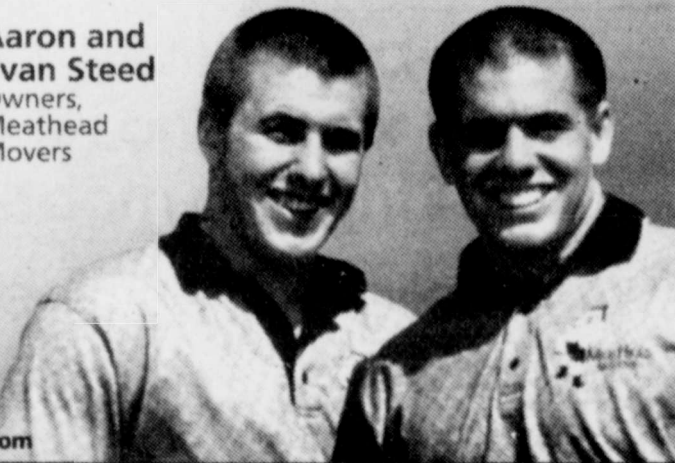
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The ASI Student Directory provides a listing of all students attending Cal Poly. This listing includes name, phone, e-mail address and major for each student on campus. Anyone who does not wish to have his/her personal information included in the directory should access

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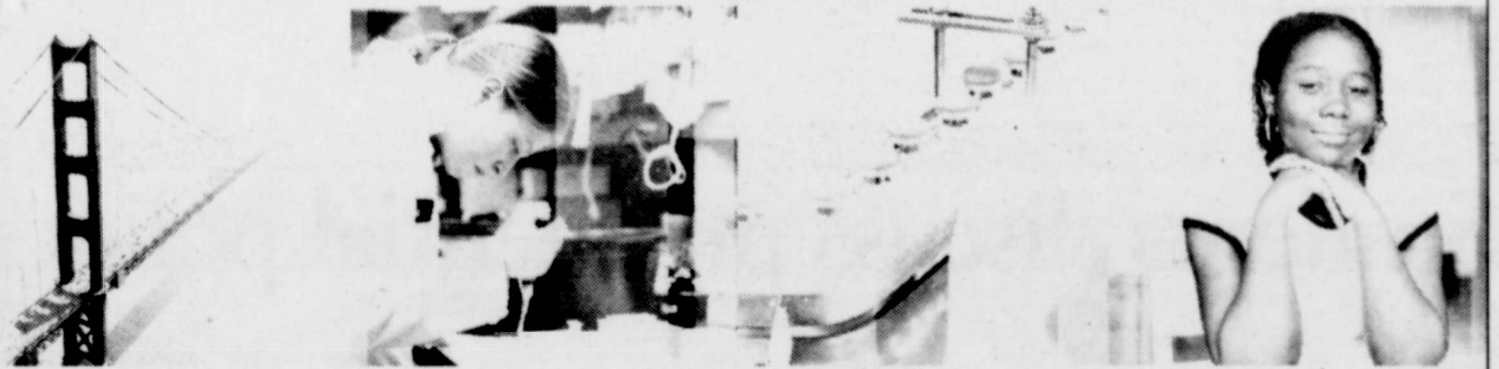


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STATE NEWS

SANTA ANA — A state appeals court faulted three judges in Orange County for their roles in a case in which a woman with AIDS who did not show up to testify against her boyfriend was jailed for more than a month and denied a court-appointed attorney.

The 4th Appellate District said the woman may have been unfamiliar with the judicial system and

should have been provided an attorney to challenge the decision to jail her on a bench warrant issued in December 2002 for failing to appear as a witness in a three-strikes case.

SACRAMENTO — After years of waging its political wars almost exclusively on the local level, Wal-Mart is spending aggressively this election in support of favored statewide candidates and ballot measures — including dona-

tions to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the state Republican Party.

The world's largest corporation, which once had a tradition of trying to stay out of politics, has given more than \$2.4 million to California races so far this year — well beyond any previous sum the company has spent here in one year.

Wal-Mart announced Tuesday it will donate \$500,000 to the opponents of Proposition 72, a measure

that will require employers to provide basic health insurance to workers.

SAN FRANCISCO — Facing a deadline and an ultimatum from San Francisco's mayor, the operators of 14 hotels at the center of a protracted labor dispute refused Tuesday to end their four-week lockout of unionized employees while contract negotiations proceeded.

—Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS

TAIPEI, Taiwan — They've fought with fists. They've thrown paper at each other. And on Tuesday, Taiwan's rowdy lawmakers had an old-fashioned food fight.

Legislators began chucking white cardboard takeout lunch boxes full of rice, meat, hard-boiled eggs and vegetables at each other during a heated debate over whether Taiwan should spend billions on weapons sold by the United States.

It was difficult to figure out who started the battle.

Local TV showed the legislators yelling at each other as they sat at long tables in a committee room during a lunch meeting.

Opposition lawmaker Chu Fong-chi stood up and began shouting at ruling party lawmakers when she appeared to duck to avoid being hit by an object.

She picked up a lunch box and flung it across the room at legislator Chen Chong-yi of the ruling Democratic Progressive Party.

Chen grabbed a lunch box and tossed it back at Chu, who had what appeared to be food stains down the back of her blouse. "My whole body smells like a lunch box!" she shrieked to television cameras covering the melee.

The food fight, which lasted just minutes, left tabletops, chairs and the floor littered with rice and chunks of hard-boiled eggs.

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — President Bush signed a landmark California water bill, committing \$395 million toward restoring the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that feeds the nation's most productive farm land and provides drinking water to 22 million Californians.

The bill reauthorizes the California Federal Bay-Delta Program, earmarking funding for

studying new storage projects, reconstructing levees, restoring ecosystems and other needs.

Bush's signature on the bill late Monday came after six years of debate and negotiations.

BALTIMORE — The only Civil War-era vessel still afloat left its mooring Tuesday for a leisurely cruise to the Naval Academy — its first trip to Annapolis in 111 years. The venerable USS

Constellation can no longer make the 30-mile trip on her own power, so the sloop of war was being pushed to the academy by tugboats. The visit is part of a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Constellation, launched in 1854.

ORLANDO, Fla. — Walt Disney World's largest union, upset over stalled contract negotiations, took its arguments directly to

tourists Tuesday, handing out leaflets at Orlando International Airport.

The Service Trades Council Union, representing 22,000 of the theme park's 53,000 employees, recently has taken to publicly showing its unhappiness over talks that began in March. Earlier this month, union leaders distributed fliers at the opening of a World of Disney store in New York.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

CAIRO, Egypt — A militant Islamic Web site on Tuesday showed a video it claimed was a Japanese captive kidnapped by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group and threatened to behead him within 48 hours unless Japan pulls its troops from Iraq. The man, who had long hair and wore a white T-shirt, was identified only as someone connected to the Japanese

armed forces. He spoke briefly in English and Japanese, addressing himself to Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim prime minister blamed the U.S.-led coalition Tuesday for "great negligence" in the ambush that killed about 50 soldiers heading home after graduation from a U.S.-run training course, and warned of an escalation of terrorist attacks. Insurgents made a new

threat of nationwide attacks against U.S. and Iraqi forces "with weapons and military tactics they have not experienced before" if American forces try to storm the militant stronghold of Fallujah.

PATTANI, Thailand — At least 78 people were suffocated or crushed to death after being arrested and packed into police trucks following a riot in southern Thailand over the detentions of Muslims suspected of giving

weapons to Islamic separatists, officials said Tuesday. Six others were shot to death during the demonstration.

Islamic leaders accused Thai troops of overreacting to the police station protest in Narathiwat province in Thailand's Muslim-dominated south. They also warned it could trigger a spiraling upswing in violence. The 78 dead were among some 1,300 people arrested after the riot.

—Associated Press



UNDER FOUR? OR CAUSING A SCENE?

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Study says wealth gap widened for blacks, Hispanics

Genaro C. Armas
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The wealth gap between white families and blacks and Hispanics grew larger after the most recent recession, a private analysis of government data finds.

White households had a median net worth of greater than \$88,000 in 2002, 11 times more than Hispanics and more than 14 times that of blacks, the Pew Hispanic Center said recently.

Blacks were the slowest to emerge

from the economic downturn that started in 2000 and ended early in 2001, the report found.

Net worth accounts for the values of items such as a home and car, checking and savings accounts and stocks, minus debts such as mortgage, car loans and credit card bills.

Greater wealth means a greater ability to weather a job loss, emergency home repairs, illness and other unexpected costs, as well as being able to save for retirement or a child's college tuition.

According to the group's analysis of Census Bureau data, nearly 33 percent of black families and 26 percent of Hispanic families were in debt or had no net assets, compared with 11 percent of white families.

"Wealth is a measure of cumulative advantage or disadvantage," said Roderick Harrison, a researcher at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a Washington think tank that focuses on black issues. "The fact that black and Hispanic wealth is a fraction of white wealth also reflects a history of discrimination," he said.

After accounting for inflation, net worth for white households increased 17 percent between 1996 and 2002 and rose for Hispanic homes by 14 percent to about \$7,900. It decreased for blacks by 16 percent, to roughly \$6,000.

Regardless of race and ethnicity, the median net worth for all U.S. households was \$59,700 in 2002, a 12 percent gain from 1996.

Only white homes recouped all their losses between 2001 and 2002. Both Hispanics and blacks lost nearly 27 percent of net worth between 1999 and 2001; the next year Latinos had gained almost all back (26 percent) though blacks were up only about 5 percent.

Roberto Suro, director of the Pew

Hispanic Center, said the accumulation of wealth allows low-income families to

rise into the middle class and "have some kind of assets beyond next week's paychecks."

"Having more assets enabled whites to ride out the jobless recovery better," he said.

Harrison says Hispanics were more insulated from the downturn than blacks, so they took less of a hit. For example, Hispanics made employment gains in lower-paid, lower-skilled areas.

Blacks were hit hard by job losses in the manufacturing industry and in professional fields, where they were victims of "last hired, first fired" policies, he said. Only relatively recently were large numbers of blacks and Hispanics able to make investments and accumulate wealth. They were slower to enter the stock market during the 1990s rush.

Another factor affecting disparities is that whites are far more likely to own their homes; homeownership is among the most common ways to build wealth. Census figures released in August showed the national median household income remained basically flat between 2002 and 2003 at \$43,318. Median incomes for whites (\$47,800) and blacks (\$29,600) also were stagnant, while the median income for Hispanics fell about 2 percent to \$33,000.

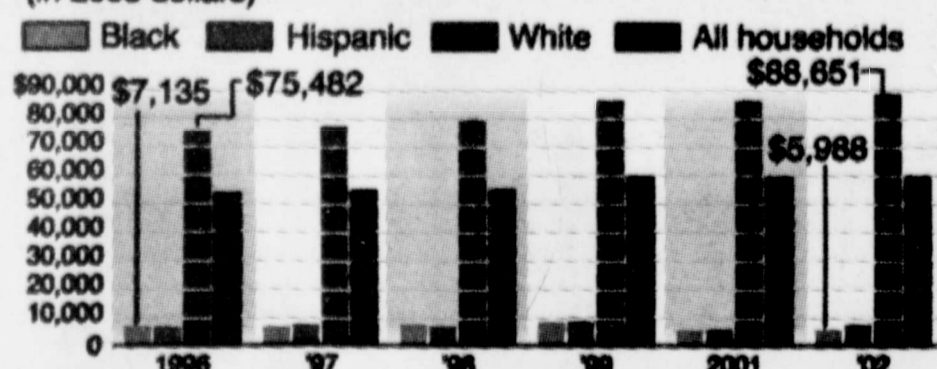
"The fact that black and Hispanic wealth is a fraction of white wealth also reflects a history of discrimination."

— RODERICK HARRISON
Washington think tank researcher

Wide gap in net worth among races

Since 1996, the net worth of white households has increased while that of black households have decreased, according to a study by the Pew Hispanic Center. White households still have 14 times greater net worth than blacks and Hispanics.

Median net worth of households by race and ethnicity (in 2003 dollars)



NOTE: Net worth is total asset ownerships including property, interest earnings, checking accounts, savings bonds, retirement accounts, stocks and funds, business, vehicles and other assets; 2000 data not available; all households includes Asians and others

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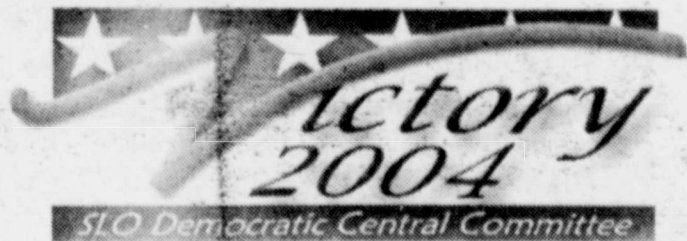
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COMMENTARY

Tiger Army — They're grrreat!

American psychobilly? No, that's not a horror movie — it's a hard-kicking, guitar-slammng musical subculture that's creeping to the forefront. The burgeoning movement fuses elements of punk, rockabilly and even country music for a sound that's dark and melodic, upbeat and pulsing and no longer resigned to the underground crypts of the popular music scene. It's an uprising all right — and luckily, it's led by an Army.

Tiger Army, led by singer/songwriter Nick 13, is arguably the most prominent band in the psychobilly stable. The trio, on Hellcat Records, is now spreading their emotional, tattooed gospel with a major U.S. tour to support their latest album, *Tiger Army III: Ghost Tigers Rise*. One morning, after the band's Pittsburgh show, Nick 13 had this to say.

Mustang Daily: How has Tiger Army changed since the first, self-titled album?

N13: I think we've definitely stayed true to the roots of the style we started out playing. We've played psychobilly music since we started in 1996, but at the same time, there's been a natural evolution and growth in songwriting and things like that.

MD: So what happened to your drummer? I heard a rumor that he got shot. Is he ok?

N13: Yeah, our old drummer, Fred Hell, was shot in the spring of 2003 and he recovered really well, considering the severity of the shooting. Even though we were able to do a couple of tours with him after the shooting, ultimately we had to face the fact that he wasn't physically up to touring or playing with the band.

MD: That must have been hard on you guys.

N13: Yeah, it was definitely the most difficult experience that I've had to deal with playing music. I think it was made a bit worse because the initial part of his recovery seemed to go incredibly quickly, which made us think we'd somehow be able to return to things exactly like they were before. But that wasn't the case.

MD: Yeah, and you guys have had a couple of line-up changes over the years. Has that taken a toll on the band or has that made it stronger?

N13: I think it's made it stronger. Tiger Army has always been, as far as the musical and artistic side, my vision. I've always written everything, which I think has given the band consistency. Different players bring different aspects to the band but as far as the recordings go, all the music and the arrangements are basically created by me. I think it's been difficult in a lot of ways, but in other ways, I'm kind of used to being on my own at this point.

MD: Do you have any advice for young bands who are trying to start out and do what Tiger Army's doing?

N13: Well, definitely the main thing is perseverance. Playing music is not always an easy thing, but I think you really have to follow your own muse, so to speak. There are so many bands doing things that aren't really original, and they're doing it with their eye on some kind of success. I think you're better off in the long run if you play music that you believe in, music that means something to you.

MD: So was it a difficult decision to pursue music full-time?

N13: It was and it wasn't. For me, it was made a little bit easier by the fact that there's really nothing else that comes close in terms of the things I love and the things that are important to me ... I think there are people who have musical talent who will never achieve anything because they're too concerned with their own security and having certain constants. Really, you're just closing your eyes and jumping if you choose music as a way of life.

MD: What's been your most rock-star moment ever?

N13: (laughs) Gosh, I'm not really sure. I'm sure there's something that's not coming to mind, but we're not really that kind of band.

MD: Do you wish you were that kind of band?

N13: Not really. I was a kid in the Eighties, and that whole "rock 'n' roll" thing struck me as tired. It definitely doesn't seem any less tired now ... Rock between 1970 and 1975, with the exception of the New York Dolls, is just garbage.

MD: Well, I'm gonna sound like a geek, but I have to gush and tell you that in my high school garage band, we covered "Power of Moonlite" (from 2001's release of same name).

N13: Wow, that's cool. I've heard of a few people doing Tiger Army covers, but I've never actually heard one live or recorded, ever. It'd be interesting to hear.

MD: Ok, very last question: what are you going to be for Halloween?

N13: Oh, wow, I don't know. I'm into Halloween but not the modern party aspect, more the pagan aspects and kid parts of it. I might just be at home watching a movie.

MD: Would you ever consider dressing up like ... a tiger?

N13: (laughs) Uh ... no.

Stacey Anderson is a journalism and music junior, KCPR DJ and Moulin Rouge dancer this Halloween. Catch her Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m. on 91.3 FM or e-mail her at standers@calpoly.edu.



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We can't learn if we can't do

Journalism has been called the fourth estate, an extension of the three branches of government. This gives industry professionals the responsibility of reporting the facts to a public in need of education and knowledge. In the past, journalists have uncovered stories that served to better society. These include Watergate and the coverage of the Vietnam War. Without the investigative work of reporters, the public's world view would be filtered through rose-colored lenses.

And while journalists have recently taken a few hits (Jayson Blair, Stephen Glass and Dan Rathers, to name a few), journalists overall are committed to guarding the credibility and integrity of the profession.

Aspiring journalists at Cal Poly are no exception. Many of us chose this major with hopes to become the next Walter Cronkite and Helen Thomas — to make a mark on society by putting the truth out there. Basic news writing and reporting classes teach us what it takes to become one of these influential figures. And in upper division classes we put these skills to work, as we produce stories read in the Mustang Daily and broadcast on CPTV and KCPR.

These student-run media are what exemplify "learn by doing" in our department. But restrictions and guidelines can hinder this process and jeopardize our educational experience.

There are university administration officials who refuse to speak to student journalists without the mediation of Cal Poly public affairs. Reporters must submit their questions via e-mail to public affairs when they want to talk to these individuals. Electronic responses are sent back to the reporter through public affairs. No human interaction between the reporter and the source takes place.

As a journalist, there is more to reporting than getting answers to questions. When you interact with a source, you take into account the environment, the subject's mannerisms, idiosyncrasies and even use of sarcasm. Through e-mail responses, there is no way to gauge any of these elements of truth. Moreover, this dynamic only makes the source and the media dry and unappealing.

What makes this troubling is the fact that "mainstream" media sources are not burdened by this process. Reporters at The Tribune and KCOY Channel 12 pose their questions and concerns directly to the source. When public affairs serves as the middleman, not only does the use of technology detract from the credibility, but the process begs the question as to what information is being filtered.

Public affairs has stressed that these guidelines are to streamline the process and help student reporters get in touch with the right people on campus. Facilitation aside, the policy in its application sets up unequal access amongst bona fide media on the Central Coast. It is not clear when these rules were implemented and for what purpose. They remain questions public affairs has yet to answer.

It's our position that a streamline process is an egalitarian process — one where all media have equal access to newsworthy issues involving the university. It's what our readership and audience deserves.

— Mustang Daily editorial staff

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Morgan's poetic response to church versus state

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Allow me, if you will, to take up a new tone.

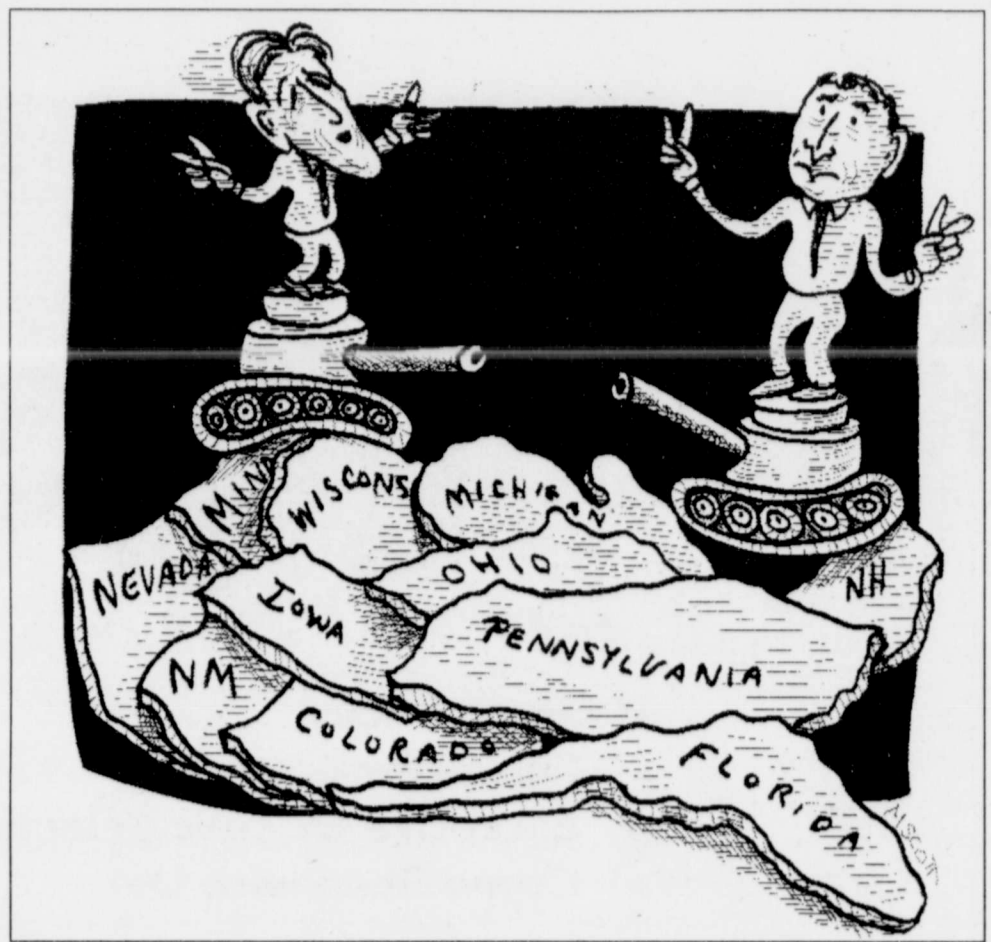
I understand how such big-otrous words can drone. Let me ask or let me state, what it is about religion that many of us hate. Mere words of wisdom written in books, simply fellow man's view of how the universe looks. Yet, something inside me fears it's power. I think it is faith that makes me cower. It blurs those lines that make things divine turn fact to fiction and a legend genuine. Books with teachings that men easily change, since their meaning and origin seem so strange. Save their souls or bring them to battle, above all keep them as cattle. I hope that history has at least taught you an answer to this. Yet, despite the past she always lingers with us. Certainly it is true that religion aids many. Hope is important to keep you steady. It's also true that the smart can be stupid. Wisdom it seems is never lucid. But still as I watch I often ponder, if we must run with our training wheels and anchor much longer.

Well, that's what your mom said last night in bed.

Morgan Elam
Engineering senior

Bush-Cheney supporters present inconsistencies

Bush-Cheney supporters, like Matt Bushman from Point/Counterpoint, love quoting "Kerry said: 'Without question, we need to disarm Saddam Hussein. He is a



MARGARET SCOTT NEWSART

brutal, murderous dictator leading an oppressive regime ...so the threat of Saddam Hussein with weapons of mass destruction is real."

What I do not understand is how this shows Kerry is inconsistent. I would say it shows how he truly means what he says. The quote was, "With weapons of mass destruction" when, beyond a reasonable doubt, Saddam Hussein did not have WMDs.

Here is a short lesson in logic: (A) implies (B) gives us; If (A) is true, then (B) is true, but if (A) is false, then (B) may or may not be false. It requires more information to establish the validity of (B).

Kerry's statement was essentially (Saddam Hussein with WMDs) implies (Saddam Hussein is a threat). Because (Saddam Hussein did not have WMDs) it requires more information to establish the validity of (Saddam Hussein being a threat). Kerry's only "mistake" was believing George W. Bush was telling the truth when he said Saddam Hussein had WMDs. Kerry obviously believes that the president of the United States should tell the truth.

If you have an assertion against Kerry, then use correct logic. If you cannot use correct logic, then stick

to your fundamentalist values and stop trying to mislead Americans with your own inconsistencies.

Jay Hann
Mathematics sophomore

Halloween canned food drive to help community

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Get involved and celebrate Halloween in more than one way!

Andrea Susman
Speech communication senior

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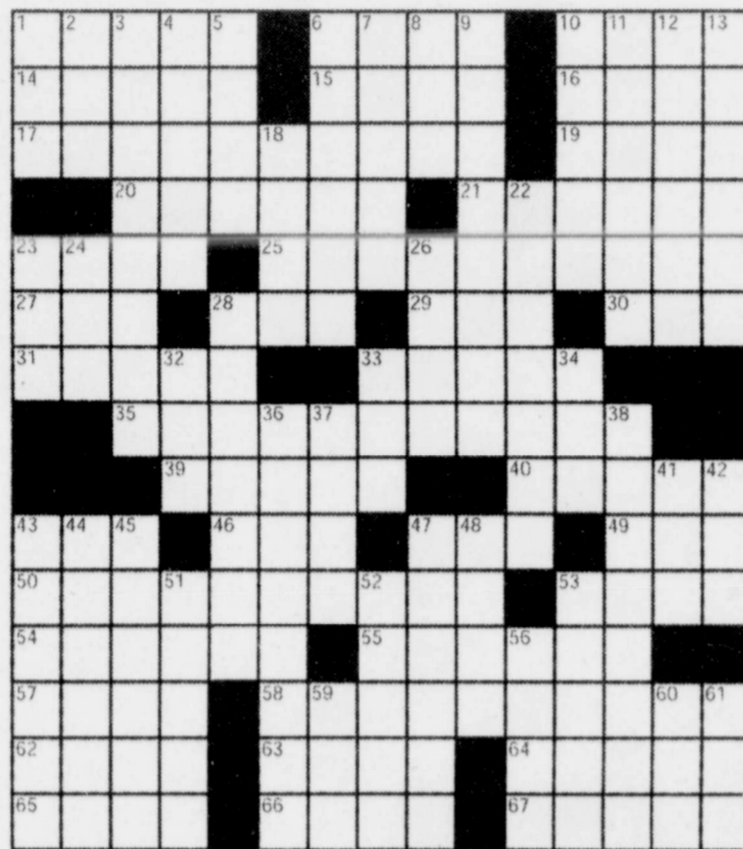
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Potato chip, to a Brit
- 6 Willy Wonka's creator
- 10 Little ones
- 14 Year-end temp
- 15 Plane measure
- 16 City south of Moscow
- 17 A pronoun has one
- 19 Bit of cunning
- 20 "The Omega Man" star, 1971
- 21 New arrival, of sorts
- 23 Maureen Dowd piece
- 25 "Get a grip!"
- 27 Straw source
- 28 60's trip cause
- 29 Teutonic surname starter
- 30 Chest item
- 31 Astronomical discovery of 1930
- 33 Somber song
- 35 "Ruthless People" star
- 39 Tony winner Swoosie
- 40 African antelope
- 43 Rover's warning
- 46 Former U.S. mil. acronym
- 47 Big poker player's wager
- 49 Clinch
- 50 Engage in woolgathering?
- 53 Old TV problem
- 54 Military surprise
- 55 No longer in effect
- 57 Box lightly
- 58 Battle cry
- 62 Narcissist's love
- 63 Came down

- 64 Knock senseless
- 65 Poker player's calculation
- 66 Famous rhymers of Bronx with "thonx"
- 67 Aggressive sort

DOWN

- 1 Lee's org.
- 2 Sought a seat
- 3 Taking a bath
- 4 Tilter's mount
- 5 Donation-soliciting grps.
- 6 Set into a groove
- 7 Where the action is
- 8 Farm layer
- 9 Up-to-the-minute news
- 10 Nameless
- 11 Properly
- 12 Texas border city
- 13 Hazardous for driving, maybe
- 18 J.F.K. postings
- 22 Was sociable, in a way
- 23 Alley ____
- 24 Bud
- 26 Mid-first-century year
- 28 "Odyssey" morsels
- 32 Shatner sci-fi drug
- 33 Noncombat area, for short



Puzzle by Alan Arbesfeld

- 34 Electric ____
- 36 "Circular file"
- 37 Use acid
- 38 Start of a deluge
- 41 One above a specialist: Abbr.
- 42 It may become hoarfrost
- 43 Former Connecticut governor Ella
- 44 Wheelchair-accessible
- 45 Like Playboy cartoons
- 47 The haves have it
- 48 Date with an M.D.
- 51 Browses, today
- 52 Perry of fashion
- 53 Serta rival
- 56 Wishy-washy
- 59 Taking after
- 60 Cohort of Curly
- 61 Sp. lady

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Soccer

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nine matches. The Vandals, coached by Arby Busey, have beaten Air Force, Idaho State and Long Beach State this season.

Jenny Springer and Ashley Cox each has three goals for Idaho while Melissa Martinazzi and Alyson South each have a pair. Goalkeeper Lindsay Smith have a 1.84 goals-against average and .735 save percentage with one shutout.

Idaho has been outscored 31-14 this season. Cal Poly has a 5-1 advantage in its series with the Vandals.

Cal Poly posted a 4-1-3 non-conference record before opening defense of its Big West title with wins over UC Irvine and Long Beach State. But in the past three weeks, the Mustangs fell out of first place with one loss and three ties

to go along with last Friday's victory over Cal State Northridge. The Mustangs have four scoreless ties this season.

Sharon Day, the Big West Conference Freshman of the Year in 2003, leads the Mustangs in scoring with eight goals and an assist for 17 points. Heather Bryan, Becky Clark and Katie Collins each have two goals while seven other Mustangs have one goal each.

Goalkeeper Liz Hill has a 0.56 goals-against average, No. 1 in the conference, and an .860 save percentage with seven shutouts, the most in the conference.

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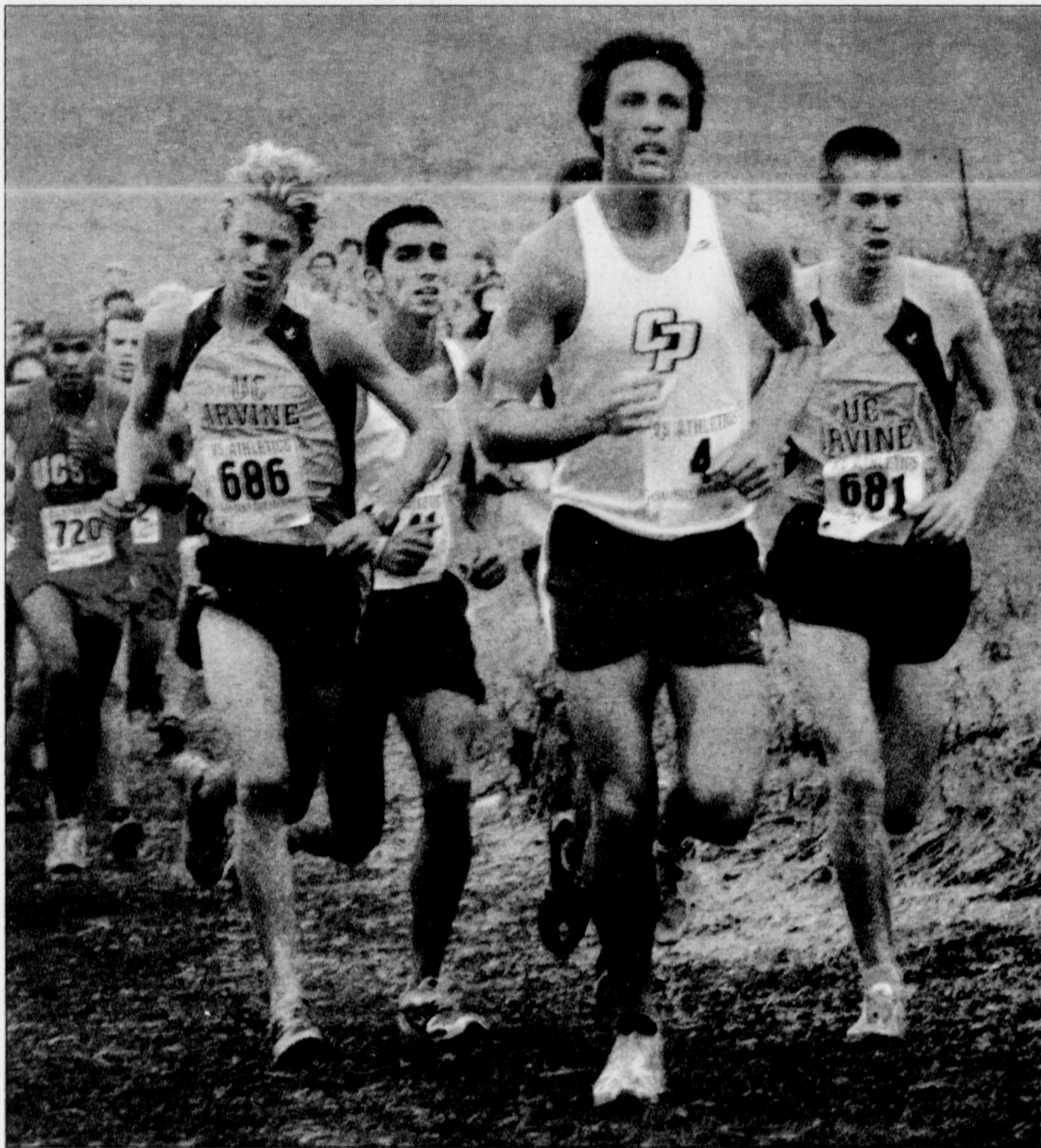
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The Big West Championships and beyond



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The men's team finished second at the Pre-Nationals in Indiana. The Mustangs can return to Indiana for the Nationals if they perform at the Big West Championships and NCAA Regional at Fresno.

Cross country comes off an impressive showing in Indiana and good performance at home. But the season's far from over

Kimberly Masculine
MUSTANG DAILY

They run, they run and then they run some more.

Now, if all goes right, they will run all the way to nationals.

The mission starts this weekend when the sixth-ranked men's cross country team travels to Riverside for the Big West Championships.

The Mustangs have seen more and more success as the year has progressed.

The Cal Poly men's team has run its way up the rankings this year with a second place finish at the pre-nationals.

The team's season is short, lasting from Sept. 4 to Nov. 22. They run in four invitational meets and depending on their Big West finish this weekend, will compete in the NCAA West Regional at Fresno and then the NCAA Nationals at Indiana State University.

"The team is dedicated to seeing the season through to the end," coach Mark Conover said.

The team's strategy is to race with a really strong pack mentality and then allow individuals to come out of the pack as the race develops, according to Conover.

The men's team was ranked 11th coming into the event held at Indiana State. There were 87 men's teams at the invitational. Eight of those teams were ranked above the Cal Poly men's team.

"It was exciting. We had high aspirations and I think we fulfilled them," senior Balk Swier said.

The men's team finished with a score of 165. They were behind the University of Colorado's team but finished ahead of Iona College, Georgetown University and Butler University. Those schools were ranked above the Mustangs coming into the event.

"There is more depth and more experience with the championship level of competition," Conover said.

The race was eight kilometers, approximately 4.96 miles. The race was held at LaVern Gibson Championship course in Terre Haute, Indiana.

"The (team) ran with confidence, they handled the elements and the competition," Conover said.

Four runners finished in the top 33 and the fifth finished 53. These five runners were Brandon Collins, Blake Swier, Jeff Porto, Ryan Moorcroft and Matt Johnsrud. Their places were combined to get the score that earned the Mustangs second place and brought the team's ranking to sixth in the nation.

Luke Llamas and Phillip Reid also raced in the event and finished 81st and 113th, respectively. Conover said the sixth and seventh runner's place can help bumper the team against another teams runners.

This is the highest national ranking the team has ever had. Last year, they finished 13th in the NCAA championships and were ranked 10th coming in this season.

"We have defiantly gotten stronger as a team. We have better depth," Swier said.

The Mustangs are a favorite going into the Big West Conference on Saturday. The team has been named Big West Champions in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2003.

W. swimming sinks in its season opener

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Swimming kicked off over the weekend as the Cal Poly women's swimming and diving team lost 195-95 to Loyola Marymount University at Mott Pool Saturday.

Megan Sandlin picked up the Mustangs only win in the 100 meter backstroke with a time of 1:03.06 while she also put in a solid performance in her leg of the 200 freestyle.

Stacy Sorensen placed second in the 50 freestyle with a time of 25:33 and near personal best of 2:03.64 in the 200 freestyle.

Both the men's and women's teams return to action Friday with the Green and Gold meet at 3 p.m. at Mott Pool. The meet will be strictly intersquad.

There will also be the Alumni Game played Saturday as well as a renaming of the Mott Pool at 10:30 a.m.

Last season the Mustangs finished fourth in the Big West Championships and Mustang Ben Palmer was named Men's Athlete of the Year.

Two games remain, w. soccer must make up ground

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly women's soccer will decide its own fate this weekend when it faces two road conference teams on the road.

The Mustangs, who had struggled offensively, discovered their offense against Cal State Northridge scoring a flurry of goals in the second half winning 4-0.

Cal Poly is 7-2-6 overall and 3-1-3 in the Big West and has won just one of its last five matches to fall into fifth place in the Big West Conference.

The Mustangs visit Utah State (6-9-1, 3-3-1) Friday at 2 p.m. and Idaho (3-12-0, 1-6-0) Sunday at 11 a.m.

After the win over CSU Northridge, the Mustangs battled Pacific to a double-overtime scoreless draw Sunday. Both matches were played in Mustang Stadium.

Cal Poly has 12 points — three for each win and one for a tie — in

the Big West. UC Santa Barbara and Cal State Fullerton both have 16 points while third-place Cal State Northridge has 15 and fourth-place Pacific 13. Only the top four teams will advance to the Big West Conference Tournament, slated for Nov. 5 and 7 at UC Irvine.

Big West Games

	W	L	T	Pts.
UC Santa Barbara	5	1	1	16
Cal State Fullerton	5	1	1	16
Cal State Northridge	5	3	0	15
Pacific	3	1	4	13
Cal Poly	3	1	3	12
Utah State	3	3	1	10
UC Riverside	2	2	3	9
Long Beach State	1	5	1	4
Idaho	1	6	0	3
UC Irvine	1	6	0	3

*Top four teams advance to playoffs

Utah State is coached by Heather Cairns and has won three straight conference matches against Idaho, Long Beach State and UC Irvine before last week's losses — 1-0 at Cal State Fullerton and 3-2 at UC Riverside.

Top scorers for the Aggies are Nicole Gooch with eight goals and one assist for 17 points and Charlsie Harris with five goals and one assist for 11 points. Goalkeeper Megan Mills has an 0.81 goals-against average and .838 save percentage with two shutouts.

Cal Poly owns a 7-1 series advantage over Utah State.

Idaho has lost eight of its past see Soccer, page 7



SCOTT STEBNER MUSTANG DAILY

Sharon Day needs to bring the offense back this weekend when the Mustangs face two Big West teams for the right to Big West playoffs.