Cobain: Solecisms of sadness

By John Hobbell Daily Editor

It was never any secret that Nirvana's Kurt Cobain had a troubled soul. The 27-year-old songwriter, found dead Friday in his Seattle apartment, led his hard-driving Northwest band to unwitting crossover fame with lyrics of anguish and angst. One month ago in Rome, he fell into a suicide. And it was Cobain, after all, who wanted to name Nirvana's latest album "I Hate Myself and Want To Die."

Even more ironic and foreboding was the weekend's Los Angeles Times Calendar section, distributed Sunday but printed before Cobain's death was reported. "Just when Courtney Love should be focusing on Hole and her career," read a headline on a cover story about Cobain's wife, "she can't help worrying about her husband, Kurt Cobain."

Yet the existence of foreshadowing close to Cobain's untimely death wasn't the only indication the rock existed only as the soundtrack to a disjointed strand of youth who claimed the music as their own. But their two gigantic hits, "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and "Come As You Are," pushed the band into the mainstream. More bands soon followed.

"Cobain is single-handedly responsible for a countless number of bands getting signed," said Neal Losey, former music director at former KCPR-FM airwaves in 1991, according to the Los Angeles Times. "He was making fun of the mainstream. More bands soon followed."

Another testament to just how far Cobain and Nirvana had pushed alternative rock into mainstream was the parody of the group's biggest hit. "Smells Like Teen Spirit" and "Come As You Are," performed by Cal Poly graduate and former KCPR-FM disc jockey "Weird Al" Yankovic, was released in 1992. "Weird Al" Yankovic, was quoted as saying by the Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA. He said there were civilian casualties, but did not elaborate.

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NATO bombs Bosnian Serbs in first-ever air strikes

By Steve Lecht Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Two U.S. war jets dropped bombs in the area north of the Muslim enclave of Gorazde on Sunday after Bosnian Serb forces overran government defenses to reach the outskirts of the town.

Meanwhile, President Clinton told reporters in Washington, "We have no way of knowing how many people were killed or injured, but we have now done so and will do so again if we are requested." Clinton called on the Bosnian Serbs to return to the negotiating table.

NATO headquarters in Naples, Italy, released a statement identifying the planes as U.S. F-16Cs based in Aviano, Italy. NATO also did not specify the target.

"We said we would act if we were requested to do so," President Clinton told reporters in Washington. "We have now done so and will do so again if we are requested."

Italian Rai state television said at least two tanks were hit.

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Would-be peacemaker loses teeth; Poly student was kicked when down

By Cynthia L. Balzer Poly Staff Writer

A Cal Poly recreation administration senior lost four teeth and suffered minor lacerations to his head after a fight Saturday night.

Jr Ayers, 24, was assaulted at about 11:45 p.m. when a fight broke out between two people during a party at 1307 Diablo Drive. When Ayers tried to break up the fight, police said he was jumped by four people. Police said Ayers then fell to the ground and was kicked in the head repeatedly by the assailants.

Ayers was transported in a private vehicle to the emergency room of Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center, where he was treated for his injuries and released.

Police said no suspects have been found, and an investigation is ongoing.

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Purple Barney turns black and blue after pummeling
'I'm going home to get my gun, Barney,' child tells victim, 'and shoot him'

BARNEY: The last time I saw him, he was a small blue monster, but now he's going to shoot him.

McRoy was treated at the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts-Memorial and released, but said she returned Saturday after suffering severe headaches and vomiting.

Doctors told her she had a neck injury that would take up to 6 weeks to heal, she said.

Derrick McMahen, a Worcester State College student, was charged with assault and battery. Police said his roommate, David Murdoch, was in the car and let McMahen hide. He didn't have the nerve to bash Barney. Murdoch was not charged.

There is no phone listing for McMahan or Murdoch in the Worcester area.

CObAIN: Poly students say Nirvana singer's influence was far-reaching

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Paasche, a Nirvana devotee, said he has been hit hard by Cobain's passing.

"I felt sick when I heard it and I wanted to cry," he said. "He meant a lot to me and I know a lot of other musicians he meant a lot to. It's really stunning, and I don't think it's quite hit me."

"He definitely had a personal influence on me," Paasche continued. "It really scares me because he's gone because he was the only superstar who had any musical morals. When he made it, he didn't forget the bands he started out with.

"I guess it's just tough when there is so much pressure on you — when you come out and do your thing and people start comparing you to John Lennon already."

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Bloodbath escalating in Rwanda
Atrocities continue as Europeans, Americans flee African nation

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PLUS A ROOT BEER FLOAT!
Supreme PC: Choose the best

Tim Vincent

The retirement of Justice Harry A. Blackmun, the Clinton Administration has the task of finding the most qualified politically and ethnically correct candidate in the nation. Each major minority group in the nation has solicited support from the President to choose a candidate from their ranks so that the Court could mirror the ethnic diversity of the nation. How best to serve the nation other than by choosing someone who is different, considering all the mistakes the Caucasian-dominated Court has made in the past?

What about just choosing the most qualified person for the job? A seat on the Supreme Court carries with it the enormous shared responsibility of defining the constitutionality of the laws that rule our land. With only nine justices on the Court, the opportunity to name a new member to the lifetime post allows President Clinton to change the political makeup of the Court well beyond his presidential tenure.

I don't care if President Clinton's nominee is a blue-vegetarian, a member of the NBA, as long as that person is the most qualified candidate for the post. The President should do the country a favor and decide with a level head and not a balanced agenda.

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The Supreme Court is a non-political branch of the government and it has no obligation to mirror the ethnic diversity of the population. The politicians'obsession with "diversity" and the Supreme Court what is constitutional law. From the Court's recent appointment to the Court, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg was chosen only after the President exhausted other female candidates. I'm not saying that Ginsburg is not qualified to sit on the Court, but I'd like to think she was the best person for the job. The same goes for Janet Reno's hiring as key government post that could potentially influence minority groups achieve an equal standing in society.

I don't understand how Clinton's re-election chances can be hurt by choosing the best person for the job. That would be likeike Los Angeles Kings coach Barry Melrose having his job potentially on the line for starting Wayne Gretzky because he's white. It's absurd. His job should be on jeopardy for not making his team the best it can be. The same should be true for the President.

Certain minorities should be taken to help minority groups achieve an equal standing in society, measures that balance the ramifications of past social injustices. But in the real world, it's ability that will determine whether a person succeeds or fails. I don't doubt the fact that being Hispanic probably helped me get into Cal Poly, but a balance of experience and ability is what will hopefully land me a job.

"The law tells us to drive 55, but everyone knows you can go a bit faster. The problem is nobody knows just how much faster."

By Brooke Richardson

What do chicken feathers and water have to do with each other? My first guess was: Absolutely nothing. I think most of you would agree. But somewhere in this warped little world, the two are related — and I spent eight hours in that dimension last weekend. Traffic school.

I still haven't figured out what point was in my spending eight hours stuck in a dark hotel conference room, sitting on an uncomfortable chair. OK, so the chair was padded and technically I'd kill to sit on in class — but when you have to sit still on your tush for that long, even a deluxe bucket seat chair with padded arms would lose its effect. The only comfortable position to spend eight continuous hours is lying down. Unfortunately, I think holding traffic school in bed would be politically incorrect.

Anyway, like I said, I can't figure out why I had to waste a beautiful Saturday like I did (i.e. bored and uncomfortable). OK, so I know technically, that I did it to keep my insurance company from knowing that I am a horrible human being and that — oh my gosh — I was caught speeding. And I know that I did it to keep the aforementioned company from jacking up my all-ready-economical insurance rates.

And let me get this little fact out of the way — I know I deserved the ticket. Way was speeding. But the fact of the matter is I'm still looking for someone to blame.

I've decided my best scapegoat is the people set the speed limit at 55 miles per hour. Who drives 65 on the highway all the time? If you say you do, you're probably either wrong or lying because it really is just about impossible. If you drive 55, you'd probably get pulled over for not going with the flow of traffic. But our state's maximum is still just 55.

You may say, "No, you're wrong. Brooke, the speed limit is 65 on rural highways."

I have to neg that statement on the basis of my recent driving re-education. The only other thing I learned besides the feather-and-water thing is that 55 is the max — 65 is just a posted speed limit. If you follow my teacher's reasoning, you could get a speeding ticket for going 63 in a posted 60 zone.

I'd love to see that happen. Frate drivers would take over the government and we'd all get to cruise along at any speed we pleased. California's highways would look like the Autobahn.

But maybe the real problem isn't with the speed limits, but with police officers. The law tells us 55, but everyone knows you can go a bit faster. The problem is that nobody knows just how much faster.

I thought I knew. Obviously, I was wrong. I was told I was definitely safe from tickets if I didn't go over 60 — and almost definitely safe if I didn't break 65. If I broke 65 and was caught, I was told, I had better have a good excuse and be pretty persuasive. Or have an extra 100 bucks lying around.

I don't know where I heard these rules, but all I can say is they're not true. Basically, a speeder's fate is left up to the whim of a person who may be having a bad day, or a person who may have hit his dog as he backed out of the driveway in the morning. One person in my class had a story of getting ticketed for going 55. Still more were ticketed for going just 62. OR, so many of us were going over 65 but ticketed at a speed less painful on the pocketbook. We get "good" cops and were very thankful for the gift — but there needs to be more clarification.

I can't afford another ticket. I feel like a grandma lately when I get in my car. I set my cruise control and watch everyone speed past me.

But even putting along at 60, I don't feel completely safe. I'm still not guaranteed to not get a ticket. I know going over 55 is usually OK — but I don't know exactly when and when not. I crave some more rules.

What I would like to see are some additional signs along the highways. Below the taken 55 mph sign would be one that said: "The officers in this area begin ticketing drivers at 55 mph."

Driving, and life, would be so much easier.

Oh, for those of you who are still wondering what the heck chicken feathers and water have to do with one another, here's the payoff: Both are the only things that can be legally dumped on the highway. Of course, I won't tell you why this is or who came up with this over-so-brilliant law. All you need to do is get caught speeding and you too can spend eight hours in traffic school to find out for yourself.

"Brooke Richardson is a journalism junior. Writing this commentary was a way for her to overcome her extreme guilt at having broken the law."

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Please submit a hard copy with your disk.
Poly's CCAA streak halted by Riverside

**SPORTS**

HAMILTON: Monmouth's men's sports better hang on to something equity. She told a Mustang Daily reporter she felt Cal Poly would not stay from its path to gender equity, but I am less optimistic.

Granted the individuals making the decisions in the Cal Poly athletics arena seem committed to gender equity, but the constant reminder of what decisions best fit gender equity will be missed. The absence of McNeil's consistent demand that women be considered to fill positions or that the women's teams deserve equal opportunities to play at the prime times will have an unfavorable effect at Cal Poly. The Athletics Department owes it to McNeil and every student on this campus to fill McNeil's vacancy with a person whose resume shows unquestionable devotion to gender equity and not just a mouthful of fairness rhetoric.

Brad Hamilton is Sports Editor of the Daily.

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BASEBALL: Key home runs help the Mustangs win two games in a three-game weekend series at Cal State Los Angeles

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Bronze Friday and Saturday by scoring two home runs.

According to Agler, junior Brad McDermott and sophomore Bob Crowall will start on the mound Tuesday against UC Davis. Either player will likely use a host of pitchers in the game. It will be the first game for the standard rotation of Stephens, Simonne and Woods. The Mustangs will return to action this weekend against Cal State Dominguez Hills.

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McNeil's absence may tilt equity

Friday afternoon another reality of life socked me in the mouth like a crisp Evander Holyfield jab when I casually walked into Athletic Director Marilyn McNeil's office. To my horror, I was informed McNeil had already closed the chapter of her life at Cal Poly and was bright enough to catch the attention of Monmouth College on the other side of the United States in New Jersey.

McNeil is the president of the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA). The organization focused on directing the NCAA to gender equity is a consistent electric prod in the side of the beefy NCAA.

I was nearly kicked out of our library's reserve room when I screamed, "Holy bejeebers" when I saw NACWAA on a magazine's cover. I almost didn't make it past the hallway entrance to the reading room.

Knowing McNeil's devotion to gender equity, I figure Monmouth will be gender equitable by April 22 — a week and a half before she starts her new job. So I suggest Monmouth's administration sign on to her report. And to the Monmouth women running and kicking their third and fourth stringers — whom McNeil likes to refer to as "practice dummies." Not to slight her administrative abilities, but if Monmouth did not hire her to utilize her skills in the field of gender equity, they are in for quite a treat.

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For Coach Chris Eppright, it was his third title in his third season as the men's tennis coach.

The sweep of Cal State Los Angeles — without a lost set — improved the Mustangs' record to 16-3 on the year and a perfect 6-0 in the CCAA.

Freshman Rafael Huerta wasn't content with the league title, though. "I feel really good about it, but we were expected to win," Huerta said.

With the CCAA title, the Mustangs automatically qualify for the NCAA championships which will take place May 13-15 in Kansas City, Mo. "I expect to win nationals," Huerta said. To do that, "it's going to take everybody being mentally strong. We're all pretty motivated. We know we can do it." Freshman Jason DeJavera hopes doubles partner Junior Dave Mullarkey can keep the pressure on opponents so he's not slammed with a hard return volley. The two play at No. 3 doubles for Cal Poly. Daily photo by Scott Robinson

Sophomore Michelle Berkowitz hits a high lob during recent tennis action / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

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