Bad grade? Blame it on the classroom
Where you sit and how you sit in a classroom can determine your performance

By Michelle Castilla
Daily Staff Writer

The next time you walk into a classroom, stop and notice the classroom layout — because where you sit may affect your grade.

An individual's choice of seating and the classroom's desk arrangement affect the learning process, said Don Maas, professor for the University Center for Teacher Education (UCTE).

And not only can this affect learning, he said, it affects the interaction between student and teacher and student to student.

“If a student sits in the back corner, it implies avoidance,” Maas said. “Students who sit who sit in the back are disconnected from the professor.”

English professor Dick Simon agreed.

“The student sitting in the far corner with a reversed baseball cap scrunched up by the door is the greatest challenge to involve,” he said. “I know he's bored and doesn't want to be here.”

It's easy for a teacher to prevent this problem by simply rearranging the desks, said Sue McVilie, professor for the UCTE.

“If it's possible, the teacher can reshape the classroom to get the configuration they want.”

However, most university professors do not rearrange the room, Maas said. They usually leave it as is.

“He only research indicates that once a student establishes their space, they tend to continue to stay in the same place,” he said.

“It's comforting for students to know the people around them,” Maas said.

The three most common desk arrangements are the U-shape, table clusters and traditional rows.

Maas said the U-shape is his favorite layout because the arrangement facilitates good eye contact, maximizes interaction and creates more participation.

Where students sit in a classroom can be a determinant for their success.

Business professor Ramí Shami said the U-shape provides quality class interaction that is superior to other seating arrangements.

SLO City Council votes to require parking permits at Park View

By Matt Laziar
Daily Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo City Council approved the development of a new residential parking permit district Tuesday night by a vote of 4-1.

With SLO Vice-Mayor Dodie Williams dissenting, the council found the need to regulate non-resident parking in the Park View area.

Several residents spoke in support of the district, saying the area's narrow streets are often impacted with double-parked cars.

The neighborhood has deteriorated in this neighborhood, Hall said. “Front yards are not safe for children, and parking can not be hard in front of one’s own house.”

Hall also said the petition was prompted by recent mass gatherings in which non-residents have littered, damaged and stolen property and even used residents' yards as “public bathrooms.”

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According to McCluskey, the City Council received the petition for this district in September of 1995. Seventy percent of the residents on the petition favored the parking district.

Several Park View residents who addressed the council at Tuesday's meeting disputed the 70-percent figure, and said the parking district is aimed at Cal Poly students who rent homes in the area.

The real motivation of this is an attempt to rid the neighborhood of students, said Carcaden, a Park View resident. “We need to work towards mutual respect, not discrimination.”

The rules of the parking district state that each residence would be allowed two parking permits. Most of the homes in the area have short, single-car driveways, so the permit would be that many student renters, who have four or five unrelated residents per house, would be unable to obtain sufficient parking permits.

Residents can only obtain additional permits if an original is lost. The first replacement permit would cost $15 and the second would cost $25. All permits would become void, McCluskey said.

Any time we’ve been asked to move a car, it has been for a visitor,” Hall said.

Arrested player's future uncertain on and off court

By Greg Manifold
Daily Sports Editor

The suspension of men's basketball freshman Da Moen Sanders, announced Tuesday since his arrest April 12 in connection with the use of a stolen credit card, Mustang Daily has learned.

The Athletic Department announced Tuesday that Sanders was suspended indefinitely for breaking team policy.

Sanders admitted Wednesday to taking the wallet and expressed remorse about the entire incident.

"I just used poor judgment," Sanders said.

"It wasn't taken with intent, it wasn't like I tried to take his wallet," Sanders added. "I've never done anything like that before, and I don't plan on ever doing it again.

Men's basketball Head Coach Jeff Schneider confirmed that Sanders had been suspended for the alleged theft, but did not elaborate.

"It's our policy that we cannot comment until everything is finalized," Schneider said from his office Wednesday. "At that time we'll be able to release a statement."

The incident occurred in the lobby of the Tenaya Residence Hall Sanders was arrested from a Tenaya residence called the police after he discovered his wallet missing.

The student, who wished to remain anonymous, said that he lost the wallet when he checked out a pool table.

"I pulled out my student I.D. to play pool," he said. "My wallet must have fallen out of my pocket. When I came back 15 to 20 minutes later I noticed it was gone."

The student said he then called the police whose investigation led to the arrest of Sanders. Police recovered the card that evening and returned it to the owner.

"I feel bad for the guy that did (use the credit card)," the student said. "I didn't lose anything from it. As a junior, I was first moved out for a couple of hours until I got it back."

"It's terrible," he added about the entire situation. "The opportunity was there. I know it's tempting but it's bad. What's going to happen to him now?"

Director of Athletics John McCutcheon said he didn't comment on the reasons behind Sanders suspension.

"He's got personal rights that we're being sensitive to," McCutcheon said. "We take the action we felt was necessary under our policy."

Cal Poly Investigator Mike Kennedy, who assisted the San Luis Obispo Police Department on the case, said he assumes Sanders was most likely taken downtown but not booked since the Police Department does not have a log of Sanders being jailed.

Kennedy said Sanders may face a host of different charges depending on how the District Attorney decides to proceed.

Possible charges range from petty theft, a misdemeanor punishable by a fine and six months in jail, to grand theft, a felony that carries up to a year in jail. Sanders would be charged with grand theft if he charged more than $400 dollars on the credit card.

Public Safety and the San Luis Obispo Police Department told Mustang Daily they are still finishing the file on Sanders. When they finish the investigation it will be turned over to the District Attorney's office.

From there it may take until the end of next week for the D.A. to decide on what type of charges Sanders will face, Kennedy said.

In retrospect, Sanders expressed regret to the person who may have taken his wallet.

Read the rest of the story on page 3
Questions raised over transportation of nuclear waste in San Luis Obispo

By Sandra Nighthorn Daily Staff Writer

Representatives from several county, city and public interest groups struggled to see eye to eye at a meeting Wednesday afternoon in an attempt to establish a public committee to deal with the potential transport of nuclear waste.

About 30 people engaged in a lively discussion in a small conference room of the city-county library about how and the extent which the community should get involved in planning guidelines for future handling of Diablo Canyon's nuclear waste.

"We need to draw some ground rules about how we plan to move this waste from Diablo in the event that it needs to be moved," said County Supervisor Evelyn Delaney, who led the meeting. She repeatedly stated that a narrow focus on transportation issues was necessary.

Others at the meeting disagreed that they should limit their efforts to the potential moving of waste.

"We need to look at the implications of on site storage as well," said June VonBoden of Mothers for Peace. "Where are they going to put the (storage) casks? How long can they be stored? Technical questions like those should be a part of what this committee deals with."

Diablo Canyon has the capacity and government approval to continue to store its nuclear waste on site in its two cement pools, said Jeff Lewis, a PG&E spokesman.

PG&E officials said they are unsure how waste will be handled after that date, especially since the federal government has met opposition to establishing a national repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

Transporting the waste to another location could be an alternative, Lewis said.

In addition to debating over which issues to address, several people voiced varying opinions on the structure and procedures of the group.

Delaney organized the meeting after the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, the regional transportation planning agency, requested that a "public committee" address this issue.

She said she wanted to keep the committee small enough and focused on "just one chapter of the nuclear waste issue"—the transportation of waste.

Others said they felt the committee should expand to include a broader scope of the public.

"We need the public at large involved in this issue," said Klaus Schumann of the Nuclear Waste Information Committee. "We need a public announcement to let everyone know about it. We need a more democratic process than one government official handing out invitations."

Questions about the committee's final product, the extent of influence, and the utilization of an impartial facilitator were raised. But all were left unresolved.

As the hour-and-a-half meeting adjourned and the next meeting set for May 15, many expressed mixed feelings.

"I am not happy," said Sheila Baker, a Cal Poly dairy science junior representing Students for Social Responsibility. "I would like to see our concerns taken seriously and not as a debate."

Shirley Bianchi, representing the Diocese of Monterey, said despite a rocky start, she was optimistic about future meetings.

"It was like the first meeting of any group — chaos," she said.

Have we got a treat for you!

It's VISIONS, a special Open House edition of the MUSTANG DAILY. VISIONS will take the place of the regular paper in newsstands tomorrow. Also, there will be no MUSTANG DAILY on Monday. Check out our special Open House wrap-up edition on Tuesday. See you then.

Top of the Agenda

Thursday, April 18

26 days left in spring quarter

Today's Weather: clear skies
Tomorrow's Weather: mostly sunny


Poly Plan Forums will be held April 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium and April 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in U.U. 220. This is an opportunity for students to voice their concerns and have questions addressed.

Today

A Minority Marrow Typing Drive is taking place April 16-17 in the University Union from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Nick Tran at 781-9665.

Upcoming

The Physics Colloquium is having a discussion titled "The Mechanism of Forc e Generation in Muscle Contraction" April 18 at 11:10 a.m. in building 52, room E-45.

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design Student Council is hosting two guest speakers, Paolo Saleri of the Ceriani Foundation on April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Rec Center and James Wines of Site on April 20 at 6 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Tickets are now being sold on Dexter Lawn between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, contact Fred Beacons at theقصان@hoba.

The City of San Luis Obispo is commencing a new phase of the Public Art as an important civic investment, interested artists are invited to submit proposals for works of art commemorating the historic China Town district in April 20 at 6 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Tickets are now being sold on Dexter Lawn between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, contact Fred Beacons at theقصان@hoba.

Today's Weather: clear skies
PERMITS: Each household will receive 2 permits

Although the council passed the measure, all members stressed that it is not a final solution and that communication between the neighbors should continue. "This is not a fix-it-all," Settle said. "Communication between the neighbors should be kept closely in mind." Vice-Mayor Dodie Williams voted against the district, calling it a "last-resort issue." Williams said: "Also, this district could impact neighboring districts."

Council member Dave Romero also discussed what he called "serious misgivings" about the district, saying that the restrictions would not have a significant effect. But Romero echoed the rest of the pro-voting board members when he said that the board should honor the petition submitted by Park View residents.

"We do it," said Erica Daley, a jour­beef is that I pay $300 a month to live there, so I should be al­Park View resident. "My main

The parking-restriction hours from the district are answered, particularly during busy times of the year.

"We'll do our best to support the district," said SLO Police Chief Jim Gardiner. "We'll respond, but the response may be delayed."

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Menedez brothers receive life, not death for parent's murders

By Linda Drutch

LOS ANGELES — Erik and Lyle Menendez were spared the death penalty Wednesday for methodically gunning down their wealthy parents 6 1/2 years ago in their Beverly Hills mansion.

The same jury that convicted the brothers of killing the record company executive and his socialite wife recommended that they spend the rest of their lives in prison. They have already spent over six years in jail.

J urors reached verdicts after 15 hours of deliberations over three days. The decisions were delivered in a courtroom gripped with tension.

There were four separate ver­dicts in all, two for each brother for the killings of each parent. When the fourth "life in prison without parole" verdict had been read, a large gap of relief coursed from the portion of the courtroom where members of the Menendez family sat waiting.

The brothers, who entered the courtroom in shirts and ties, their faces paler than ever, showed no reaction to the pronouncements. Erik did sit for­ward in his chair to listen more closely.

The verdicts were read for Erik first. His lawyer, Leslie Abramson, sat with her shoulder touching his as the life in prison verdict was announced.

He leaned back in his chair when his verdicts were com­plete.

Lyle's attorney, Charles Gessler, appeared overcome with emotion and wiped his eyes.

The jury's pronouncement did not end the legal saga for the brothers.

The judge scheduled a hearing July 2 to hear motions for a new trial and to pronounce sentence.

While the jury's decision is only a recommendation, the judge does not have the option to impose a death sentence in con­tradiction of the jurors' wishes.

Had they pronounced death, he could have reduced it to life.

The penalty verdict came nearly a month after the brothers were found guilty of killing parents Jose and Kitty Menendez with 12-gauge, pump-action shotguns as they watched TV in the living room of their Beverly Hills mansion.

The brothers contended through two trials they were avenging years of abuse and cruel treatment. That defense was powerful enough in the first trial to deadlock the jury and force a second trial. In the second trial, it was turned aside by the judge.

After the five-month retrial, jurors took only four days to reach guilty verdicts, although there was a time out when two jurors were dismissed and deliberations started over.

Jurors were grim-faced as they filed out of the courtroom Wednesday. Their written decisions were handed in by the same young male jurors who led their deliberations during the guilt phase of the trial.

The jurors said after the ver­dicts they did not want to talk to the press in the courthouse, although Los Angeles County Su­perior Court Judge Stanley Weis­berg warned they might be pur­sued elsewhere if they did not grant a press conference.

He thanked them profusely. "I hope your experiences as jurors will be one that makes you want to do it again," he said, then added, "Maybe not this year."

The panel laughed.

The judge agreed to allow nearly three months before sen­tencing after Abramson said she planned a lengthy new trial mo­tion that would be complicated and might consume more than a day of court time.

The judge ordered a probation report to be prepared on each defendant and asked if each un­derstood they had the right to be sentenced within 20 days. Both answered, "Yes," in firm voices.

One surprising twist in the widely followed case surfaced the reputation of defense attorney Abramson, who had become a legal celebrity as a frequent com­mentator during the O.J. Simpson trial.

In the Menendez penalty phase, defense psychiatrist Dr. William Vicary testified that Abramson ordered him to delete material from the notes he took during an interview with Erik.

The judge left the decision on whether she would be allowed to stay on the case for her client and Erik decided she would remain.

After the Aug. 20, 1989, See BROTHERS page 8
The blind leading the blind

by Rodrigo Espinosa

Relationships, commitment and the players who are a part of it all, yes, ladies and gentlemen, I am going to attempt to take on this subject. I am by far no expert in the field. In fact, if you want to know how to successfully ruin a relationship, I'm your guy. However, I have gathered my focus groups (comprised of their partners and their friends) and done some extensive research in the relationship, commitment and player area. Before you start sending me all that nasty mail that I love to receive, please realize that generalizations are going to be abundant in this column.

I've said it before, and I'll say it once more, the most valuable lesson you'll take with you will be the ones you learn outside the ivy covered buildings. Men and women go about getting to know one another without any prepartation whatsoever. Nobody ever warns us that men really don't know what they want, and women don't know where they stand. We stumble through the land mines of a relationship, and some come extremely bruised. It's learning by doing at its best. In many cases it's a guessing game. Sometimes, for some people, their friends are the only way to learn that, unfortunately, is by trial and error.

When it stops being fun is when you hurt the person that you know the ones, women and men, that play it for all its worth. They're the sweet, most caring people. They're the sort that when you take the hit, they're there at one point or another. The people who actually get a player are the ones, maybe one, three, again, people who want to make everybody happy, they're the ones who need to be accepted by the world, and believe it or not, they're also the ones who really deep down don't mean to hurt anybody. When it's all said and done, we're simply going about this relationship thing not knowing anything. We think we know it all, but we know nothing. Little by little through all the failed and the good relationships, we figure out what we want and what we don't. We don't take time though, and for our generation which wants everything half an hour ago, time is difficult to accept. Then you have probably the most valuable lesson that came out of my research/focus groups — women tend to want their cake and eat it too, but everyone will try. The only way to learn that, unfortunately, is by trial and error.

When someone's at their worst, how do you still find that deep love burning inside? Could I find a man who would still take me out for a romantic evening and buy me flowers, just because? Not that I'm not having fun flirting. But I realize that I want to be with that person? I'm actually enjoying for the first time looking for my mate. I'm actually having fun. But I realize that I want the majority of my life to be filled with a lifelong companion and hopefully a couple of critters to bring up. I want to be able to tell my kids what my parents used to do and I want to believe that they are not getting any lower. Most of my friends' parents are divorced. How do I not become one of these figures? I know that I am only 21. I'm by far not looking for my mate. I believe they have. Could I stay as passionate about my own love? I think everyone in whatever "close" relationships they share, be it good friend, brother, girlfriend or boy­friend can benefit from these words.

I know that when I am having a difficult time with the one I love I will remember those words my parents said to me. I know that when my fear of, "What if when I finally meet my match we won't be able to stay together" comes around, I'll think back on the times when I watched the stormy seas of an argument or difficult time turn into calm waters.

Cosima Celmayster is a Daily Staff Writer.

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

The cruelty of rodeos

by Cosima Celmayster

I've often stared at my parents' relationship and won­dered if it would be possible for me to one day mirror what I believe they have. Could I stay as passionate about my husband after 25 years? Could I nurmer sweet nothings into his ear when I know he had heard them all before? When, how, after so long, can I not get bored or too frustrated when he tells that story I've heard 30 times, one more time? And when you see someone at their worst, how do you still find that deep love burning inside? Could I find a man who would still take me out for a romantic evening and buy me flowers, just because? And how when I get in that terrible argument or go through that disastrous time can I still want to be with that person?

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Dean Gwin  
Crash witness

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — A Navy F-14B fighter crashed and exploded while trying to land Wednesday, the fourth crash this year of the twin-engine supersonic jet. Two fliers on board ejected safely.

The $38 million jet crashed in a remote, densely wooded area just short of the runway at Oceana Naval Air Station. Witnesses said the jet was clearly in trouble as it approached.

"The plane was flying real low and it was real loud. It was a scary kind of loud," said Dean Gwin. "When I looked, the canopy was falling to the ground and the men were falling with the parachutes."

The pilot, Lt. Ross Slavin, 31, of Wilmette, Ill., was helped down after his orange and white parachute snagged in a pine tree 60 feet above the ground. He and crewmember, Lt. Dean Riess, 36, of Clarion, Iowa, were in good condition.

The F-14B was part of a squadron which trains fliers for aircraft carrier duty, said Lt. Cmdr. Mike Merrer, a Navy spokesman.

Skies were clear at the time, although winds were gusting up to 25 mph. The cause of the crash was under investigation, Navy spokesman Cmdr. Kevin Wensing said.

"The crash came one day after Navy and Marine Corps officials said they are revamping pilot training and improving equipment on fighter planes because of the recent crashes of F-14s and AV-8B Harriers."

The Pentagon earlier this year channeled money in its defense budget for emergency repairs on F-14a after after three recent F-14 crashes killed two-man crews and three civilians on the ground. The two crewmen ejected safely in the third the F-14 cash in the Persian Gulf.

All three of the earlier crashes involved West Coast-based F-14s. But Oceana will soon be the home of all Navy F-14s under a consolidation ordered last year by the federal Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

CLASSROOM: Less than one percent of Poly's classrooms are U-shaped

From page 1

"I try to create a U-shape room any chance I can," he said.

Tables grouped in four, known as clusters, encourage participation, McBride said. Students share the same surface and are encouraged to work together.

"Of course, it certainly causes too much visiting," she added.

The side and desk layout directs attention away from other students and toward the teacher for a non-interactive lecture, McBride said.

If students are wondering why they've never sat in a classroom with the U-shape design, it's because only four-tenths of a percent of the classrooms on Cal Poly's campus are permanently arranged this way.

"Five out of 120 classrooms on campus are fixed in the U-shape," said Debbie Arseneau, university class scheduler.

Four are in the business and education buildings.

Eighty-four percent of the classrooms have desks in traditional rows on the same level. However, not all professors prefer the U-shape or the traditional rows.

Professor Simon's favorite room is the big rotunda next to the business and education buildings.

"What I like best is that students can view two slides simultaneously," he said. "This I can see everyone's face with the tiered seating."

Getting back to ideal conditions, Professor Maas said a classroom variables such as lighting, temperature and air quality, also affect learning.

"Fluorescent lighting disorients the two hemispheres of the brain and affects absorption of information," he said. "And the low-level buzzing noise is distressing."  

Maas said the ideal room temperature is 65 to 68 degrees, and fresh air is better than recycled air.

One final note — for those students who think they can sit in the rear of the classroom and fall asleep — you can't hide. The professors see you.

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performing with the wind

by Mary Hadley
Special to the Daily

A 30-piece orchestra sits at attention, waiting for its signal to begin. The conductor makes a swift move with the baton in his uplifted hand and a burst of music fills the air.

Although most students may not be aware of it, this takes place every Monday and Wednesday evening in the N. P. Davidson music building, right across the street from the UH.

There, in the rectangular practice room with concrete steps in a semicircle around the conductor’s platform, a dedicated group of students meets with conductor and music professor William Johnson to practice pieces for upcoming performances.

The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra is comprised of a diverse group of students with one thing in common — a passion for music and, in most cases, years of experience practicing and performing.

Some of the orchestra members plan on pursuing careers in music, and a few are music majors. But for most, playing with the orchestra is a hobby, albeit one at which they excel.

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Cal Poly Plan Proposals Still Sought

It's not too late to file a proposal under the Cal Poly Plan. While more than 200 "statements of intent" have been collected from individuals and units on campus that plan to submit funding ideas, the deadline for proposals is not until May 13.

Projects have to meet objectives outlined in the "request for proposals" (RFP) created by the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee. Copies of the RFP can be obtained from the Agricultural Affairs and Faculty Senate offices or by sending an e-mail message to polyplan@aboee.

In the meantime, copies of the "statements of intent" can be reviewed in the Library, Academic Senate office, and in the offices of all deans and vice presidents.

More information about the Cal Poly Plan generally can be obtained at open forums slated for Tuesday, April 23, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Chumash 204, and Tuesday, April 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., in UU 220. These are chances to ask questions and offer suggestions.

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Bonham's first album looks toward success

By Greg Manifold Daily Assistant Sports Editor

It's hard to tell where singer songwriter Tommy Castro ends and the band begins, but the group is a close-knit unit for which Bonham combines both of those talents on her current album, "The Better Half of Uprising." Although she has released five albums to date, this is her first full-length album.

Kudos must go to her father, who recorded the debut album at Island Records where first Bonham and then joined her as business manager and percussion player.

The album is a collection of contemporary and intriguing ballads. All 12 songs are different and offer something for everyone of a listener.

The energy is high as is the sound that would be if the entire band had to be heard. Although the band focuses mainly on jazz music, this "channel" the sound so that the music is not lost in the mix. Many of the members moved their whole bodies to the fast-paced rhythm.

Although the band focuses mainly on jazz music, we will not hear the same music, the music only a hobby. 'I love playing in the orchestra,' Bloom said. 'It's awesome and there's a lot of good energy there.'

Bloom has plenty of performing experience under her belt; she toured Europe with her high school band, played for the Flagstaff Symphony when she attended Northern Arizona University and the State of Maine. "But I still get nervous every time I play in a concert," Bloom said.

Conductor John Johnson said he was impressed by the orchestra during a recent session in which it proved itself during an extremely difficult piece of music, "Hamamatsu Overture," a song that will be included in Cal Poly's upcoming Open House Wind Band Festival.

Before the final concert, Johnson, a stern, fatherly figure, coached the orchestra with the words "We're gonna have a great time, really be having fun.

The sound should fade away as it did in a row of chairs, Johnson told percussion players as they began the piece.

When the ensemble had difficulty with a particular part of the song, Johnson had the members turn the notes so they could get a feel for it.

"Don't worry about pitch," Johnson told the band at the orchestra. "Let's get in rhythm.

The next on run through, they played the piece smoothly.

The strength of this band, Johnson said, "is that they have enormous enthusiasm and an almost innate musical talent that makes them stand out as individuals.

"The weakness," he continued, "is that they are busy people who don't always have the time they'd like to devote. But their talent and enthusiasm makes up for it."
BEIRUT, Lebanon — Even as Israel raked Lebanon with new air attacks, the Lebanese government demanded changes Wednesday in a U.S. plan to stop the fighting. Beirut said the proposal would perpetuate Israel's control of its southern region and violate the basic tenets of a Mideast peace settlement.

Israel bombarded Hezbollah targets across southern Lebanon for the seventh straight day, and the guerrillas sent rockets crashing down on northern Israel. Two people were killed and 17 were wounded in Lebanon, police reported.

Some 400,000 Lebanese have streamed out of southern communities to escape the fighting, and they are squeezed into relative's houses, cars, and crowded school classrooms. At least 17,000 people have been evacuated from northern Israel. The U.S. plan, which Israel's main ally, and France, Lebanon's former colonial ruler, have been trying separately to broker an armistice, neither proposal has been officially disclosed.

Lebanon's prime minister, Rafik Hariri, and foreign minister, Faris Boucic, criticized the U.S. plan, saying it doesn't demand an immediate Israeli withdrawal from the enclave it controls in southern Lebanon.

Boucic, in Cairo, Egypt, for an emergency meeting of Arab League foreign ministers, said he had demanded basic changes in the proposal and was waiting to hear from Washington.

The U.S. plan, he said, would undermine a 1978 U.N. Security Council resolution that demands an unconditional Israeli withdrawal from the 440-square-mile buffer zone Israel carved out of southern Lebanon in the 1982 to 1990 war.

Boucic said it contradicted the land-for-peace principle of the peace process launched in 1991.

Fighting raged Wednesday, with fighter-bombers, helicopter gunships and artillery based in the Israeli-held enclave attacking guerrilla rocket launchers and hide-outs near the port city of Tyre and the market town of Nabatiyeh.

Two people were killed and 17 were wounded, including two U.N. peacekeepers caught in the cross fire in southern Lebanon, police reported. Also, two Nepalese soldiers were wounded in a guerrilla grenade attack.

The Iranian-backed Hezbollah fired three salvos of Katyusha rockets into northern Israel, wounding one person and damaging houses and cars.

In all, 48 people have been killed and 187 wounded in the fighting. Civilians have been hit hardest: 39 of the dead were Lebanese civilians.

The Israelis launched their recent offensive to stop a series of recent Hezbollah attacks on northern Israel. But the offensive has only intensified the attacks, with the Israelis reporting more than 200 Katyusha fired in the past week.

Hezbollah says there are more to come.

Its Al-Manar television station broadcast warnings in Hebrew, Arabic and English telling Israelis to abandon homes in northern regions targeted for attack.

The only way for Israeli settlements to be secure "is for our civilians — children, women, farmers — and villages to be safe from aggression," Hezbollah's leader, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, declared.

Israeli officials said Wednesday that the U.S. proposals include placing international monitors in the field and getting Syria, the dominant power in Lebanon, to guarantee any agreement to halt the fighting.

Israel would also be required to declare that it has no claims on any Lebanese territory and would be willing to withdraw its troops from the buffer zone on condition Hezbollah is disarmed and doesn't attack Israel for a fixed period.

The American proposal, the French plan reportedly is based on a 1993 verbal agreement under which both sides agreed to stop attacking civilians.

Still, Prime Minister Hariri noted, Beirut hasn't rejected either plan.

"We hope to see America and France cooperate together to make a joint proposal," he told a news conference after meeting in London with British Prime Minister John Major.

Two senior Israeli officials said Syria has been cool to the idea of a broad, new agreement and wants to restore the U.S.-brokered verbal understanding reached after a similar Israeli offensive against Hezbollah in July 1993.

Stiffer, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said Wednesday that he wants a written agreement to end hostilities with Hezbollah. "If we reach something reasonable, practical, we'll sign," he said while inspecting an army base in northern Israel.

An envoy from Iran, Hezbollah's main backer, signaled support for the French plan during a visit to Syria on Wednesday. But Foreign Ministry official Mohammed Kazem Khavansari dismissed the American proposals as "negative."
BY LARRY GERBER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORANGE, Calif. — Rod Carew's 18-year-old daughter died of leukemia Wednesday after the Hall of Famer's appeal for a bone-marrow donor drew 70,000 responses but not one match.

"All we did was we told her that we love her, that we're all here, and I just told her to have a safe journey," Carew, tears in his eyes, said hours after Michelle's death.

Michelle died with her father, her mother, Marilyn, other family members and friends by her side at Children's Hospital of Orange County.

Her battle against the disease had been followed by people nationwide after her father issued a plea in November for bone marrow donors.

"That unprecedented response, no doubt, will save the lives of other cancer patients in the future," hospital spokesman Orman Day said.

Carew, who starred with the Minnesota Twins and California Angels and is now an Angels batting coach, said: "When this started she just wanted me to do not only for her but for the other kids.

Michelle received a transplant of fetal umbilical cord blood on March 22 in an effort to rebuild her immune system. It was tried as an alternative after no matching marrow could be found. Michelle's two sisters and her parents were incompatible. Her father is of West Indian and Panamanian ancestry; her mother has Russian Jewish roots.

Chemotherapy was used to kill the cancerous cells, but it left her body blistered and raw.

"The percentages weren't in her favor as far as finding a match," Carew said in the hospital lobby. "She just ran out of time. ... She just lost the battle." The hospital received thousands of calls and letters. Many promised to be tested as donors. Some knitted snowflakes for this young woman who had never seen falling snow.

Michelle was diagnosed in September 1995 with non-lymphocytic leukemia. The transplant of the umbilical cord is a relatively rare operation. "We really didn't have enough time to see the fruits of that transplant," said Dr. Mitchell Cairo, director of bone and blood marrow transplants at the hospital.

She died of cardiac and respiratory failure at 6:28 a.m., the hospital said. Since the March 22 operation, she had

"She became more famous than her dad," he said, "and we talked about that a lot." A private memorial service was scheduled Friday in Santa Ana. The funeral was planned for Sunday at 11 a.m. at Temple Emanu-El in Minneapolis, with burial at United Hebrew Brotherhood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

Instead of flowers, the family asked contributions to the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation at Children's Hospital of Orange County, Box 1076, Orange, CA 92668-0076.

BROTHERS: Claimed self-defense in confession

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The brothers said they were sexually and psychologically abused as they grew up and they finally believed their parents would kill them rather than risk disclosure of incest.

Prosecutors painted the brothers as greedy underachievers who killed to claim the family fortune.

They called witnesses who described how the brothers bought the guns, planned the killings, took time to reload one gun before the killing spree ended and then disposed of the guns as well as they were never found.

Defense lawyers tried to use the theory known as "imperfect self-defense," which held that a killing by one who believes he is in imminent danger can be justifiable even if that belief was unreasonable.

The family had thought Michelle was going to die in December. For seven months, the Carews had stayed in a spare hospital room or in a motor home in a rear parking lot.

Carew, a seven-time American League batting champion who retired in 1985, has been on leave from the Angels.

"She kept our spirits up by telling jokes," Carew said. "We would walk in the room and she would always say something funny to make sure we were smiling."

Carew, red-eyed, mustered a smile at the recollection.

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Moderate Republicans unveil their own minimum wage hike

By David Espo

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whose wallet he admittedly stole. "I apologized to him, to coach Schneider and the Cal Poly basket-
ball program, because Jeff Schneider is a professional," Sanders said. "I hope I haven't ruined it.
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Sanders, originally from Tulsa, Okla., started as a guard midway through the season for the Mustangs, though. He finished with a 16-13 record, midway through the season for Cal Poly and averaged 5.5 points per game. He averaged 17 points after going 1-26 the season around season for the Mustangs, though.

McCutcheon said Sanders' future is uncertain.

"Well make the determination (about where he stands with the team) at a later date," McCutcheon said.

Daily Sports Editor Melissa M. Geisler contributed to this report.
Ex-employee shoots three at Hughes plant

By Michael White
Associated Press

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. — A former employee opened fire at a Hughes electronics plant Wednesday, wounding an unarmed security guard and two others and taking one worker hostage before his arrest, police said.

Walter Waddy, 62, who resigned in 1993 for undisclosed health reasons, was unhappy about unspecified benefits, police Capt. Ron Green said. Hughes spokesman Emery Wilson Jr. said: "I have no knowledge of that."

The gunman wounded the guard and slightly wounded two employees with a .38-caliber pistol after arriving at the plant at 9:10 a.m., Green said.

"The suspect was inside moving around the building and at various points in time he had control of different employees and eventually made his way out to the back of the building," Green said.

At 10:25 a.m., the gunman came out of the complex holding a handgun to the head of a male hostage, Green said. A police officer ordered him to surrender and the gunman complied, the captain said.

Hundreds of employees evacuated the two-story building at the Hughes Space and Communications manufacturing complex during the height of the drama, Hughes spokesman Kenney Bothwell said.

"A guy with a gun! A guy with a gun! Everybody out!" a Hughes worker shouted to Mel Andrich, 53, of Lake Elsinore, a private contractor working in the building at the time of the shootings.

The plant just south of Los Angeles International Airport is part of General Motors' electronics subsidiary, Hughes Electronics Corp.

After shooting the Pinkerton guard, the gunman went upstairs to a computer room and wounded two Hughes employees, one in the shoulder and the other in the hip, Hughes spokesman Wilson said.

Ramon Ramirez, 60, of Corona, employed by Pinkerton since 1988, was in critical condition after surgery, said Warren Robak, spokesman for the University of California, Los Angeles, Medical Center.

Employee Joe Berlino, 41, of Corona saw a bullet hole in a metal door near the guard station.

"It's definitely traumatic to a lot of people knowing somebody can slip through security and start shooting," Berlino said. "Hughes security used to carry guns, but now these Pinkerton guards don't. All they can do is make a telephone call."

Pinkerton's 4-year-old contract with Hughes specified unarmed guards, said Derek Andrade of suburban Encino-based Pinkerton Security Inc.