**Opinion**

Oh, poor Heidorama. Gettin' the slammer for her opinion of a certain poly sci professor.

**Erosion increasing on campus property**

Recent rains, Utilidor, reservoir project seen as catalyst of moving soil

By Megan Long

This fence, constructed to hold silt flow, shows how erosion has affected this portion of the reservoir project site near the Poly P.

**Cal Poly announces $5,000 addition to Kristin Smart reward**

By Gil Sery

Cal Poly is in the process of approving a $5,000 increase in the reward offered for the body of missing Cal Poly student Kristin Smart, bringing the total to $20,000.

"This is just another measure in the part of Cal Poly to find a perpetrator of this horrible crime," said David Adida, deputy attorney general for the State of California and Cal Poly's lawyer.

"We've been helping all along. We'll keep investigating this matter until we find out who committed this horrible crime." At this stage, the approval is just a formality, Adida said.

Denise Smart, Kristin's mother, said the family is "very pleased" at the addition to the reward. Neither President Warren Baker's office nor James Murphy Jr., the Smarts' attorney, was available for comment.

This announcement comes after a motion was filed on Monday by Cal Poly's attorney to have the university dropped from the civil lawsuit filed by the parents of Kristin Smart.

Stan and Denise Smart, the parents of missing Cal Poly student Kristin Smart who was last seen with Paul Flores around 2 a.m. on May 25 of last year, filed a lawsuit against Flores claiming that he allegedly murdered their daughter.

Steve Hamilton, a lawyer with Murphy's firm, said the Smart family is using Cal Poly because there was a lack of security and lighting on campus where Flores allegedly committed the crime.

"Cal Poly treated the case lightly and didn't secure, obtain or provide evidence necessary to pursue criminal actions against Paul Flores," Hamilton said.

Asked what the family hoped to gain from suing Cal Poly and Flores, Hamilton answered succinctly: "The truth."

Cal Poly was added to the suit because Murphy first had to serve the State of California with the lawsuit.

**Cal Poly football team starts a three-game series today against University of San Diego.**

**Cal Poly biology professor will accept microbiology award this May**

By Kellie Karhonen

Most students at Cal Poly don't spend much time on the fourth floor of Fisher Science building, unless they are majoring in a science. There, you will encounter a lab that Raul Cano and his students have used to discover ancient bacteria and conduct other scientific projects.

In May, Cano will receive the American Academy of Microbiology's 1997 Carski Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award at the academy's annual meeting in Miami Beach, Fla.

Cano found out he won the award while checking his messages from a hotel room in Oregon. He said he had no idea that his students had nominated him. Now, he said he is more worried about giving the 15-minute lecture at the awards banquet.

"He is an incredibly dedicated professor who believes what he does in his discipline," Susan Opava, dean of Research and Graduate studies for Cal Poly said. She added that he teaches by example and brings his teaching into his lab, especially undergraduates.

"It's what singles out his teaching," Opava said.

Cano was born and raised in Cuba, and emigrated to the United States in 1962. He spent 8 years at Cal Poly as a graduate student, teaching and doing research in microbiology, and then went on to the University of Montana. Introduction to bacteriology, cellular biology, parasitology and mycology are some of the classes he teaches at Cal Poly.

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"We watch all the wonderful things he has done for students in the lab, such as updating equipment so it's state-of-the-art, research for students, money for students, contacts for jobs and grad schools," Cox said, explaining why she nominated Cano. "So we felt he was deserving of national recognition."
Director of Women's Center aims for gender equality on campus

By Jennifer Bark
Daily Staff Writer

The Declaration of Independence states “All men are created equal.” But what about women?

Patricia Harris, coordinator of Women’s Programs and Services at Cal Poly, is trying to advocate the equality of women.

In her book, Faludi explains that feminism is portrayed by the media as something to be ashamed of. Harris defines a feminist as a “person that believes men and women are equal.”

“Person that believes men and women are equal.” But what about women? Harris is trying to change, men got scared and made some terrible strides,” Harris said. “I have a soft spot for re-entry students. They money goes toward orientations, newsletters which list local resources and agencies, and support groups.

“I have a soft spot for re-entry students.” Harris said. “I’ve been twice. Harris is also involved in the student committee exclusive to women.

Harris’ involvement with the Women’s Center started while working in the purchasing department at Cal Poly. As a volunteer in the Women’s Center, Harris received a grant from the CSU chancellor’s office to fund a mentor program for the Minority College Women’s Network.

“Some of the staff here, physically and psychologically isolated,” Harris said. “That’s why this kind of program was needed and so successful.”

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Harris took Pat through the Women’s Mentoring Program,” English sophomore Shannon Gillian said. “She’s the one who knows what’s going on the past everything together.”

The previous Women’s Center located near the Health Center relocated to its current space with Student Life and Activities in the University Union.

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“Take Back the Night,” a national event held in spring publicizing and protesting violence against women.

“I’d like to see it turn into a week just dealing with violence. It’s not necessarily a women’s issue,” she said.

Sexual harassment workshops are also available through the Women’s Center.

“I’ve seen every variety of sexual harassment; it’s annoying, some of the things going on,” she said.

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Professor focuses on linguistics of Ebonics

By Matthew E. Peyton
Contributing Writer

"Linguistics is the study of language, specifically, language as an aspect of human nature," linguistics professor Johanna Rubba said. Rubba's words fell on the large crowd who gathered at the business building rotunda Monday night to hear her lecture on Ebonics.

Lecture Review

"My specialty is linguistics," explained Rubba, who has a doctorate and has studied linguistics for 20 years.

Rubba's lecture focused on three objections representative of the many hurled at the Oaksland School Board's Ebonics proposal. Rubba classified these arguments as myths, and dispelled them in turn.

The first of these arguments focused on the validation that Ebonics will prevent students from learning standard English. Rubba cited the Bridge Program which showed just the opposite. Developed by linguists, the program gradually moves students from Ebonics to standard English. Those students who participated in the Bridge Program outlearned their peers in remedial classrooms by more than three times. Yet, the program was dropped in the face of much controversy.

Another argument rejects Ebonics as, "bad English," Rubba refuted this argument on the grounds of its subjectivity.

Rubba exacted some cases in which Ebonic grammar seems more logical than standard English. She also noted, "Non-standard English often repairs problems that standard English." Rubba confronted a final argument which says Ebonics patronizes African-Americans by assuming they can't acquire standard English without special help.

"Ebonics is not genetic in the sense of DNA," Rubba explained. "What leads to dialectal differentiation is segregation — physical, economic, or social." Dialect arises from culture, not biology, she argued.

Having dealt with these arguments and fielding questions from the audience, Rubba cautiously approached her summation.

"The insistence upon standard English is the result of social prejudice," Rubba said.

In a handout given to the crowd, Rubba stated, "The belief that some varieties of English are inherently inferior to others is no different from the belief that some skin colors are inherently inferior to others." Ebonics student graduate Lori Levine said, "I agree with Rubba's conclusion, but I question how we get over this subtle prejudice so children can learn." Others that attended asked about the implementation of Ebonics, the mechanics of teaching it, and the government cost. In response, Rubba said she sees LECTURE PAGE 7.

FEMA: Is it moving too fast now?

By Kevin Galvin
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Just a few years ago, the Federal Emergency Management Agency was accused of being slow and woefully ineffective. Now it's catching flak for its speed.

Troubled by reports that FEMA sent checks to California homeowners without conducting inspections after the 1994 Northridge earthquake, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has been pressing the agency for an explanation.

"I find it very disturbing that FEMA is in the practice of distributing disaster payments on a pay first, ask questions later basis," McCain said.

FEMA officials say the agency is being unfairly targeted for criticism after several media accounts wrongly suggested that FEMA out-learned their peers in educational areas.

"We knew that there were more damaged properties than could be visited up front by inspectors, we couldn't get inspectors out fast enough to reach the damaged homes," said FEMA spokesman Phil Cogan.

FEMA later inspector all the applicants who were awarded a check under the fast-track process. In a report to McCain, FEMA said 14 percent of the homeowners who received expedited funds didn't qualify for assistance.

Witt said that number was actually closer to 9 percent.

Lacy E. Sutter, a FEMA assistant.

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**Editor**

After reading Heidi Laurenzano's opinion article on Monday, I felt compelled to respond as a student of the College of Liberal Arts and Business. I am not only a student of Ms. Laurenzano, but also of the movie Braveheart, which I believe she may have overlooked. Ms. Laurenzano, I am aware that you have your opinions about the world, but I believe that you have not yet done enough research on various topics in order to make a clear argument.

As a student of political science, I have found that your arguments are not well researched. You argue that the wretched events of the American Revolution have nothing to do with equality, freedom, and the philosophical advantages of democracy. You argue that it was driven by a minority of rich white slave-owners who were more concerned with economics than philosophy. The United States were able to assert their independence because Britain was unable to pay for the military costs to protect or maintain its hold on the colonies. How much was all that political philosophy worth when the Confederate States wanted to assert their independence during the Civil War?

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EROSION from page 1
tor of the project, Swineerton & Wahlberg of Los Angeles, will be challenged due to the amount of
water and mud flowed down onto the residence hall parking lot next to Fremont Hall.

"There is a big problem with the site," said Jim Hoffman, construction
manager for Cal Poly's Chancellors' office. Hoffman said that there has been a lot of erosion, partly due to heavy rains.

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Linguistic Professor Habib Sheik said, "The background and explanations Rubba presented helped calm debate."

Sheik also added, "The debate on Ebonics lies in calling it a dialectic variation."

Sheik said Rubba's lecture imparted knowledge rather than inciting debate.

A final question remains. Is it ever okay to discriminate against people for the dialect they speak? For Rubba, the answer is no.

Men from page 8

This season, Jackman continues to be a threat to Cal Poly. He is fifth in the Big West Conference with 17.9 points per game, second in shooting from the field with 54.9 percent and third with 32 percent from the free-throw line. In last weekend's 57-40 win over U.C. Irvine, Jackman sank 17 points and grabbed five boards.

Point being: when Jackman is hot, the Mustangs win.

Idaho has won its last three games, with a five-game losing streak. Currently, it is shooting 47 percent from the field and 35 percent from the three point line. As of January 26, it was ranked 10th in the NCAA Division I with a 73.5 free-throw percentage.

Off the court, Cal Poly and Idaho have a few similarities:

- Both teams have a 3-5 conference record (Idaho in the Eastern Division, Cal Poly in the Western Division) and a 10-11 overall record.
- Both are new to the Big West; the Vandals were part of the Big Sky Conference last year and the Mustangs were in the American West Conference.
- Lastly, both teams play better when at home — a lot better. Cal Poly has an 8-2 home record (0-7 away) while Idaho is close behind with a 7-3 home record (3-4 away).

The home to away records show that the Mustangs have a slight advantage entering Saturday's 1 p.m. home game against the Vandals at Mott Gym.

"It does feel good to be back at home," said Cal Poly senior guard Shanta Corlett. "It has been tough for us on the road — it always has been — and in the Big West it is even tougher."

"It's going to be good fo us this five-game stretch," he added. "The home games will give us the confidence boost we need to jump start us into finishing the season strong!"

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“Will provide a great game.”

How, or why does Schneider know so much about the Vandals?

The main reason is location.

Idaho isn’t too far from Washington State, Idaho is only about eight miles according to Schneider. At Washington State, Schneider was a part of Kevin Eastman’s 1994-95 coaching staff. When he wasn’t coaching, Schneider would head over to the Vandals’ Kibbie Dome and check out a few games.

Schneider said Idaho’s main style of play focuses on senior forward Jason Jackson.

“They send the ball inside to Jackson,” he said. “He was the player who hurt us last year, he averaged 16 points per game.”

Last season, Cal Poly and Idaho split games. The results of both games could be linked to Jackson’s overall performance. In the 86-84 overtime loss to the Mustangs, Jackson only sank 19 points. In Idaho’s 84-78 win, Jackson scored 31 points.

“They were great games,” Schneider said. “The game here was one of the best we had played all year.”

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Women’s tennis full of new faces and talent

By Kimberly Koney
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly women’s tennis team has 12 new faces this year.

And even with such little collegiate experience under their skirts, the Mustangs are ready for their first season in the Big West Conference.

Women’s Tennis

“We had a talented team last year,” head coach Bob Rios said. “This year we have a good balance.”

Five of the six starters on last year’s team were seniors who graduated in June.

Sophomore Lindsay Olson, 8-8 at No. 6 singles last year, is the only returning player on the team.

But Olson will miss the early part of the season due to a knee injury.

Seven freshmen and five juniors round out the rest of the team this year. Leading the team is freshman Karen Apra, who plays No. 1 singles. During high school, Apra was ranked in the top five in Northern California and won the 1995 North Coast Section title.

Rios said the team was able to attract top-notch recruits with its new placement in the Big West Conference, a known powerful tennis conference.

The projected lineup for this weekend places freshman Donna Tam second, junior Karly Kolb third, freshman Kim Westerman fourth, junior Natalie Grubb fifth and junior Raquel Cardo sixth.

Grubb, Cardo and Kolb are transfer students who bring impressive records to Cal Poly. Grubb, a transfer from Santa Barbara City College, was undefeated in singles and doubles play in her 1995 and 1996 seasons.

Kolb, originally from Morro Bay, is a returning to the area to play for Cal Poly after attending the University of Washington on a tennis scholarship.

“Our big goal is to get off to a good start,” Rios said.

The Mustangs did just that, winning their first match of the season against U.C. Santa Barbara on Jan. 24, 7-2. This win was very important, Rios said, because Cal Poly hasn’t beaten U.C. Santa Barbara in almost seven years, and the southern rivals won the conference last year.

The top five singles players all won their matches along with the top two doubles teams of Kolb and Green, and Westerman and Apra.

Cal Poly will host three more tough matches this weekend.

The Mustangs face Cal State Northridge today, Santa Clara University on Saturday and U.C. Davis Sunday. Last year the Mustangs went 1-1 against Northridge and 1-0 with Santa Clara.

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