Senate presents new diversity plan

By Heidi Lawrence
Special to the Daily

The executive committee of the Academic Senate endorsed Tuesday a temporary plan that will allow for diversity considerations in the admissions process in light of Proposition 209.

The new state law set forth by the initiative, deemed constitutional by the Supreme Court in September, prohibits state universities from giving special considerations to minorities and women in the admissions process. Since the mid-1980s Cal Poly gave bonus points to minority and women applicants in an effort to increase diversity among the student population.

The plan, cranked out in three weeks, allows admissions staff to give bonus points to applicants who come from households of a lower socio-economic bracket. Specifically, potential students whose parents did not graduate from high school and whose family earns less than $36,000 per year will receive the points.

Applicants whose mother or father did not graduate from high school will earn 500 points for each parent while those whose households netted low incomes will earn 250 points.

Under the old diversity system, applicants of under-represented races could earn up to 750 points. Veterans, given the highest number of bonus points at 751, are expected to receive the same number of points under the new plan.

Firestone visits campus

By Mary Hedley
Daily News Editor

Congressional candidate Brooks Firestone describes his political views to students Tuesday in the U.U.

With the special primary election looming next Tuesday, Brooks Firestone, a Republican seeking to become the next congressional representative of the 22nd district, visited campus Tuesday afternoon.

Students had the chance to say hello, shake his hand and ask Firestone what he plans to accomplish in Congress if he’s elected to fill the seat left vacant by the October death of Democrat Walter Capps.

Firestone said that despite their different political party affiliations, he agrees with many of the ideals Capps stood for. He (Capps) only had a few months or so in office, but I liked what he talked about, especially bipartisanship and decency in government, and constituent service,” Firestone said.

Firestone is a moderate Republican with a pro-choice stance.

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Daily Staff Writer

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Life moves SLO-ly while students are on vacation

By Steven K. Povlsen
Associated Press

DENVER - In a bitter disappointment to the families of the Oklahoma City bombing victims, Terry Nichols escaped the death penalty Wednesday when a jury deadlock over his punishment.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch dismissed the jury and will instead impose a sentence himself. Nichols could get up to life in prison without parole; under federal law, only a jury can impose a death sentence.

Nichols, 42, sat expressionless upon learning he would not join his Army buddy Timothy McVeigh on death row, then smiled and hugged one of his lawyers after the jury left the room. Another lawyer patted him on the back.

"I guess that's what we hoped and prayed for," said Nichols' sister, Suzanne McDonnell.

A bank clerk on the jury cried, and others looked depressed when the judge announced he was taking over the sentencing.

After deliberating 13 1/2 hours over two days, the jurors couldn't agree on the key question they had to answer to consider the death penalty: whether Nichols took part in the plot with the knowledge someone could die.

"The differences of opinion were small," said jury forewoman Niki Deutchman. "The sentencing phase obviously was evoking the pain of someone someone could die."

No immediate sentencing date was set.

Victims' relatives were stunned. Some cried in court; others later expressed disappointment and anger.

I don't think this jury understood what they wanted to do this case the way it should have been done," said Fred Anderson, whose wife, Rebecca, was killed when she was hit with debris while helping the victims.

Marsha Kight, who lost her daughter, Frankie Merrill, in the bombing, said: "I'm extremely disappointed in my fellow man."

"I lost my daughter and 167 others lost their families members, too," she added, breaking into sobs. "I just don't understand."

Nichols could still wind up on death row because the district attorney in Oklahoma City has said he will bring Nichols and McVeigh to trial on state murder charges and press for the death penalty. "It's not over yet," District Attorney Bob Macy said.

"The goal is whoever blew up that building down the street and killed all those people face justice. The men that did that need to die," Macy said later.

Defense attorney Michael Tigges said the judge gave the public a lesson in the justice system and "we've pleased." Prosecutor Larry Mackey said he understood "how difficult it must have been" for the jurors, although "the victims are disappointed.

In June, a jury ordered a death sentence for McVeigh after conviction of murder because "it was very hard to convince a reasonable doubt before they could even proceed to consider the death penalty on his conspiracy conviction."

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Nichols was convicted on Dec. 13 of conspiring and eight counts of involuntary manslaughter. But he was acquitted of first-degree murder and use of a truck bomb in the deadliest terrorist act ever on U.S. soil.

The mixed verdict led legal analysts to predict that the jurors would spare Nichols' life.

Deutchman, the forewoman, said Nichols was convicted of involuntary manslaughter instead of murder because "it was very hard to say from the evidence presented what Terry Nichols' role was."

The jurors found him guilty of conspiracy because they believed "he knew there was something big and nasty about to happen," she said.

In the trial's penalty phase, the jurors could have recommended death or life in prison, either of which the judge could have imposed on the judge, or they could have decided unanimously to let the judge impose some lesser sentence.

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Academic Senate approves catalog choice

By Paul Zingg
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The scoop on poop

By Colleen Walsh

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...and the world adulates her! Can we please leave them out of the equation?" The national figure of anorexia striking 15 percent to 20 percent of college women. The figure has long since been retracted as 1,250 times greater than the actual number! (Who Stole Feminism? Christine Sommers' anorexia is still the old faithful of the whine circuit.

I asked Elle Axeloth, Cal Poly psychology major, after her speech blaming "culture" for women's low self-esteem. "At what point do women take responsibility for their own lives?" She answered, "I don't like to blame women any more than they already are... but when they become adults." The current age is 18 for adulthood. Whiny white women on campus, you're overdue! Even though you will miss the whining, turn to this chapter called "Responsibility for My Own Life."

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Chicago physicist says he will try to clone human

By James Webb
Associated Press

CHICAGO - A scientist's claim that he will start cloning humans within two years set off a nationwide clamor Wednesday from doctors who say it can't be done, ethicists who say it shouldn't be done and politicians who say they won't let it happen.

At the center of the uproar is Richard Seed, a physicist and self-described eccentric with a Ph.D. from Harvard who is unaffiliated with any institution and appears to be virtually unknown in the field of genetic science.

He says he has the expertise as well as couples willing to take part, if he can set up an independent laboratory and raise the $17 million he estimates is needed.

Seed scoffed at the widespread opposition to the concept of human cloning - a possibility that suddenly seemed closer to reality last year after Scottish scientists announced they had cloned the adult sheep Dolly, the first cloned mammal.

"New things of any kind, mechanical, biological, intellectual, always tend to create fear," Seed said. "Then the subject becomes sensationalized and ignored. And the third stage, which always happens, is the subject becomes enthusiastically endorsed, and I think the same thing will happen in human cloning."

Researchers said cloning humans might one day be possible - but would be inefficient, pointing out that the Scottish team went through 277 sheep before cloning Dolly.

"The idea of setting up a human cloning clinic is kind of a crackpot notion, even forgetting the ethical issues, because the effectiveness rate would be so low," said Dr. Sherman Silber, director of the Infertility Center of St. Louis.

Dr. Lawrence Layman, chief of reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the University of Chicago Hospitals, said, "It's not like he can just throw together a lab and just do it."

Seed, who describes himself as "eccentric or brilliant or near-genius," said he hopes to begin his work within the next few months and set a goal of producing a pregnancy in a woman within 1 1/2 years.

He suggested that the techniques would be similar to those used to create the cloned sheep. DNA would be removed from a woman's egg and replaced with the DNA from the person to be cloned. The fertilized egg would grow into an embryo that would be placed into the woman, who would give birth to the cloned child.

President Clinton has barred federal funds on human cloning, and a bill that would make his order permanent is among several anti-cloning measures in Congress.

A national panel recommended

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Last year after Dolly's cloning that Congress make human cloning illegal, saying the technique posed unacceptable risks of mutations and raised troubling ethical questions.

"The scientific community ought to make it clear to Dr. Seed and I think the president will make it clear to Dr. Seed that he has elected to become irresponsible, unethical and unprofessional and should the pursue the course that he outlined today," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey said Congress should pass a human cloning ban quickly, and Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., who introduced such legislation last year, said he will push for emergency action when Congress reconvenes at the end of the month.

Seed and his brother developed a technique for transferring fertilized embryos from one woman to another in the early 1990s but failed in their attempt to make the procedure a commercial success. He said human cloning will help infertile couples have a child.

"So I think it's too bad you're all paying so much attention," he said.

Seeds' plans are unethical on several levels, said Ann Dally, assistant director of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics at the University of Chicago.

"Most importantly, because it is a copy of another human being, a clone," Mrs. Goldblatt said. But it is also an idea prone to repetition, failures, and Seed is "pulling at the heartstrings of people who desperately want to have a child."

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To that end, the 1998 IRS budget called for a study on incentive payments to firms that handle electronic payments for the software companies.

Turbo Tax and Kiplinger's Tax Cut are the dominant tax preparation software programs, but not the only ones. Last year, another 10 lesser-known companies also offered IRS-approved software.

And if you don't do taxes yourself, you take the return to an accountant or tax professional authorized as an "electronic return originator" to transmit to the IRS. The IRS says it will acknowledge receipt of your return within 48 hours.

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Welcome Back!!! Thanks for continuing to read MUSTANG DAILY

MUSTANG DAILY
Melodies, memories, memorabilia, merchandise metamorphose at Beatlefest

By Jasper
Special to The Weekly

My knees ache. The short security guard is dancing around yelling obscenities into his walkie-talkie. I sit in a red arm chair, sarcastic, pooped and flat broke. In the nearby ballroom, a Beatles tribute band plays, "A Day in the Life" sounding more like Richard Marx than John Lennon. OK, Jasper here, tired, hungry and LIVE AT BEATLEFEST, Saturday, November 29.

The tribute band has changed to a different tune. Oh no... it's the Paul McCartney clone (a scary overweight man with super thin eyebrows) and he's bellowing "Magical Mystery Tour." While driving down, I pondered what exactly takes place at a Beatlefest? Since we're a step below Trekkies, I theorized that Beatlefreaks would, more than likely, be surprise, surprise: fat and weird. Finally, we made our way to the Marriott, honeycombing down by the dreary parking lot across the street. I raced Rochelle, poor girl wearing shoes with a three-inch lift. She looked like she was walking tip-toe. We waited on down an escalator, standing behind some guy sporting a mullet (which I might add, was the hip new haircut at this convention).

While tripping on dream the rolling stairs, I envisioned a magical land of Beatledom where, upon arrival, Blue Meanies would hand out gel tabs, and gaggles of Beatles look-a-likes would roam, plucking songs out of the air. I'd be consumed into a pow-wow with George Harrison, learning his secret mantra...oh man. I'd become ruler of Pepperland. I'd be crowned "King Jasper," and then Yoko would give me this groovy set of... "Gimme your Ticket!!!" Tammy, the polyester ticket lady, holds out her hand. She was a far cry from Yoko.

Rudely awakened out of a daydream and set back into reality, I step foot out of the ticket line and into the middle of a beatle Auction. This was it! I'd get my Lennon autograph for sure. My beatle friend left me to experience her own antics, and I sat down to bid.

The auctioneer was none other than Mark Lapidos, the founding father of Beatlefest. He was auctioning off "a real Beatles Blanket... from England!" Before long someone snatched this quilt for $150.

The next item up for bid was...oh my God! a poster containing all four real Beatles autographs! I started the bid, deciding to forfeit my whole savings on this masterpiece. Eventually, I was out-bid by $50, and was heartbro
By Matt Berger
special to Arts Weekly

I never did like the holidays too much, and they’re already just a year away.

New Year’s Eve lived up to its inflated expectations once again in San Francisco, if you’re interested in spending $50 for a show featuring 10 of the top spinners in the city.

If you haven’t spent much time in the city lately, or any city for that matter, you may not have caught a glimpse of the new trend sweeping the alternative party scenes: It’s all about loud, gut-shaking digital rhythms played under the shrunk of electro-acoustic basses and buzzes.

Little alternative teenagers are asking for Casio keyboards and record players for Christmas so they can be the next Doctor Rhythm.

Because spinning equipment was in such high demand this Christmas, the Surgeon General added a warning to most Casio boxes and techno CD cases: "WARNING: Listening to this music can cause birth defects and may result in your snacking on Ho Ho’s and hoplessly attempting self beautification (there’s not much you can do with a Bathrobe and a hair net)."

Three programs that I highly recommend are Judge Judy, Jerry Springer and Days of Our Lives. If our generation is remembered by its daytime TV, these are going to be the landmarks in the trade. They represent every aspect of American life that affects us, from our moral and legal disputes to our daily struggles to the lives that we strive to achieve.

The vacation did give me a chance to catch up on my fix of daytime TV. I forgot how lucky I am that I have something to do between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. other than smacking on Ho Ho’s and hopelessly attempting self beautification (there’s not much you can do with a Bathrobe and a hair net).

Tourists at a seminar on Judge Judy were later asked what they got out of the seminar. Mrs. Abernathy who knew how to scan the crap out of us little kids. Her honor—a hardened law enforcer who bases her decisions on what Nancy Reagan would agree with—hovered over the petty disputes of the struggling class of America with practical justice just short of a spanking.

"My blind date ruined my $200 dress during dinner when he 'intentionally' spilled his wine all over me. I want some compensation," cries the disgruntled red head.

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School has made me realize that I missed the whole warm and fuzzy part of life that affects us, from our moral and legal disputes to our daily struggles to the lives that we strive to achieve.

The holidays do remind me of one special thing. No matter how screwed up my own life is, it will never compare to the unsanitized trash that stars daily on the Jerry Springer show.

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A naked woman walks into a bar. She's got a two foot salami under one arm, and a poodle under the other. She lays the salami on the bar, and the bartender says, "Like sand through the hour glass, so are the days of our lives..."

My New Year's resolutions: By Steve Forild

Order Jerry Springer's video "Too Hot for TV", get Susan's baby back and kill my television.

"Titanic" isn't the only movie making waves. The new James Bond movie "Tomorrow Never Dies" is on pace to become the highest-grossing entry in the 007 franchise.

"Titanic" was appointed by Librarian of Congress James Billington to the one-year term which just fell. At the laureate, Pinsky received a $35,000 salary and an office in the Library of Congress. He may also see increased sales of his books and stacks of mail from poetry enthusiasts.

Pinsky strongly believes in the potential viability as a medium to share poetry. For example, surfers can click on many poems featured in Slate magazine and have the poem read by the original author. In a recent New York Times article he said, "Computers and poetry share two key attributes: speed and memory."

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"Titanic" swimming in money

By John Horn

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From long lines at the local multiplexes to spirited discussions at holiday parties, the epic disaster movie has become a pop culture phenomenon, a genuine entertainment event. In a society frustrated by grocery lines longer than five minutes, millions of moviegoers are making five-hour commitments to see the film.

And as the new year settles in, "Titanic's" popularity is on the rise, not fading. The three-hour, 14-minute movie enjoyed its single best day in theater sales Saturday — its third weekend of national release — when it took in $17.5 million.

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Pinsky, nation's poet, graces Cal Poly Theatre

The most powerful poet in the nation is coming to Cal Poly to discuss the state of poetry, share his work and answer questions. Robert Pinsky, the country's ninth laureate, will appear at the CSU theater at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Cal Poly Arts and Humanities Lecture Series.

Pinsky, 56, has published five poetry books including "The Figured Wheel," which hit stores last year. He is also known for his "Birthday Invitations," which began last fall. As poet laureate, Pinsky receives a $35,000 per year salary and an office in the Library of Congress. He may also see increased sales of his books and stacks of mail from poetry fans worldwide.

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BEATLES from page A1
ken when my dream piece vanished.
I was redeemed though, I finally
outbid another mullet-sporting ex-hippie from Stockton for a Paul
signed 7 inch. This was a Beagle-Paul autograph, and not
some signature of his when he went solo. I know I'd get it at the sec
Lagado raised the record. I nudged a returning fic: "If I don't get
that, I'm gonna beat the hell out some weird, fat Beatles freak!"

After the purchase, I walked around and found different rooms
with an assortment of Beatles. One room was an art gallery
(made up of old magazine clippings and pictures), another held
Jon Wiener talking about John Lennon and the FBI (Jim
Cushing knows this man), and in one room there was even
some god-awful Beatles puppet show...horrible!

I was amused at the video room, though it contained most of
the fatter and weirder of the patrons. Quickly doubling the half
"Freak Alley" I ran way with my ears bleeding from an old lady
(wearing a Ringo dress) screaming out "She Loves You" in the
"Jukebox room."

I was rescued when I ran by
the one place that kept me dazed for hours-The Memorabilia Sale. I
must have circled that room 81 times in the course of the next six
hours. While Ro rooked out of LIVERPOOL (the tribute band); I
haggled with merchants over the prices of various items of Beatles
that now reside in my house.

Now it's time for "Jasper's High Horse," in which I speak out
all of my woes and frustrations from this Beatlesfest. It seems that
the purpose of this convention is to celebrate the lives of John,
Paul, George and Ringo. But as I
quickly came to discover, this con-
vention wasn't about the Beatles, but about Benjamin Franklin and
the other various members of our
family!

While walking around in
silence (No, Jasper doesn't walk
around flexing his Beatle Penis wherever he goes), I would listen
to the merchants' complaints. It was amazing, these conversations
were absolutely identical from table to table. The merchants
talked of getting ripped off, and
how much they could get for this
or that. Not only were they greedy,
but quite colorful in their lan-
guage and thinking.

After having horticed for
a rare McCartney LP, I thanked the
merchant for the reduced price
and he happily replied, "We're not nikes here!" Gee! That's fun to
know! Some other guy was selling
a rare LP that he wouldn't sell to
the Japanese, but he sold it to me because I was a punter. What
the fuck is a punter?

I found some cool merchants
though, all with bad ho's, green
guppy hair, and these awful black
Beatles T-shirts. I was curious as
to why there weren't any Beatles
booths CD's about. I asked a mer-
chant, and he very apologetically
numbered a room piece into number of paper, and whispered, "Go to
this room, and you'll meet a man who
has what you want!"

Up in an elevator, Ro and I
ascended into a standard hotel
room with Paul singing "BlackBird" and trying his damnedest to think up the lyrics
("take these golden wings and share your legs... 
learn to fly... Yeah!"). This merchant had a great assortment of expen-
site bootlegs. Ten minutes later, I
left with a disc of John's lost
Dakota tapes, and Ro with a gear
copy of the "Let It Be" movie.

Back to the circus downtowns,
where Denny Laine and Laurence
Juber were telling stories about
their days with Paul in the '70s
super-group Wings. Now in my
professional Beatle-wisdom, Denny
Laine seems to be a fat, useless drunk, still pissed over the non-recognition of his three
years with Wings. His voice is nippy,
making him look like a Happytown, USA version of Rod
Stewart. His life is spent wandering
in his own pinned and voice.

Laurence Juber, on the other
hand, has got his shit together.

Maybe it's me, but I had a feel-
ing that I'd get all worked up at
Beatlefest. I wouldn't be Jasper if I didn't. In my blue QBPE shirt
and British Flag Focks, I'm here
to promote the youth of Beatle Fans,
but looking around at the all
mer-
chants closing shop and kicking their
cups to their fat wallets, I believe No One Really Gives A

I was lucky enough to catch
Denny later on in a nearby recep-
tion room. He gave a recital, Denny-free, and was absolutely
marvelous! (Denny recently played for "SLO unplugged" at the
Performing Arts Center.)

Oh no, Denny's now singing
"Band On the Run." Oh God, no!
That's almost as if Ringo were
crooning "Yesterday." Please,
would someone make a law pro-
bating fat, drunken, ex-ex-
Beatle collaborators from singing
in public! I mean, c'mon people,
how come Paul isn't hanging with this cat no more?

I did come out on top though.
The Rutles appeared, and I had
the distinct pleasure of sitting by
Neil Innes as he sang, "Cheese
and Onions." Plus, I picked up an
original copy of John Lennon's
first book (and translated into
French at that!) and an "I Love
Paul" button. Rochelle picked up
some good hot tea she came out
with a Yellow Submarine belt
buckle, and a bootleg Beatles Christmas record.

Well, Denny has finished his
set (thank God!), it's about mid-
night, and I best be getting on.
That was Beatlefest, and I'm dead
broke. Although I may be disap-
pointed, I still have the greatest
faith in Beatles Fans, as strange
and portly we may be.

As Karma would have it, after
making those awful remarks
about Denny Laine, Jasper was
killed instantly. It's that nippy,
when his Aston Martin spun out of
control, and crashed into a canyon
wall. Luckily, Rochelle was thrown
safely into a bay of oil, and sur-

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Kids find a kindred voice in ‘Anne Frank,’ ‘Zlata’s Diary’

By Deborah Hastings
Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. - Erin Gruwell was a 23-year-old stu-
dent teacher, in over her head, when the drawing that started
through Finglish class.

"So we decided that we were
going to tell all the other teen-
agers that they were not alone," Pineda said.

Gruwell also told them to
write anonymously, because
Woodrow Wilson High is not for
the faint of heart. It is a tough
school in a neighborhood of gangs,
drug, abuse and poverty. And as
a state-licensed teacher, Gruwell
must report crimes involving stu-
dents.

Her students took their name
from the Freedom Riders of the
civil rights movement. They num-
ber 150, all of them seniors, com-
pleting the last year of Gruwell’s
four-year program. Among them
are homeless kids, honor stu-
dents, former gang members and
survivors of violence and sexual
abuse.

Their friends now include
Miep Gies, who helped hide the
Holocaust and "Zlata’s Diary: A
Child’s Life in Sarajevo."

"We were drawing so many
parallels between Zlata and Anne
Frank and "Zlata’s Diary. A Child’s Life in Sarajevo."

"They were drawing so many
problems, there’s no way anything can
work out."

They ran the nonprofit
Tolerance Education Foundation.
They speak at other schools. All
have promised Gruwell they will
attend college and are completing
applications for admission. They plan to visit Auschwitz this sum-
mer.

Their writing, compiled in a
book titled "An American Diary:
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"These are my kids," she says.
And these are their stories:

"My own son took my life," my
grandmother said to me while in a
hospital bed. She had blisters all
over her body. All her hair was
burnt off. Her skin was black and
it was falling off her.

"I could smell the rawness of
her burnt flesh. I could hardly
hear what she was saying, so I
had to put my ear down to her
mouth. And some white stuff
came onto my ear."

"I didn’t understand what she
was trying to say. But then the
words, ‘My own son took my life—
your daddy. I couldn’t believe it. I
felt like I got hit by a truck.’"

The Freedom Writer had come
to home to fire trucks. Her father
had poured kerosene over her
grandmother’s head and struck a
match. The woman later died.

Another student tells of a
father she has never met.

"My dad is only the first man
in a long line of men who have
deserted me."

"For years, I had to go to ther-
apy because my mom thought I
was crazy and she would have to
give me up. She said I was out of
control. I used to sleepwalk and
once I even went into the street
and was hit by a car. I almost
died."

"Then after my mom fixed the
door so I couldn’t get out, I
would go into the kitchen and get knives.
I would slash my arms, legs. ...

"Not too long after that, I got voic-
es in my head. My therapist final-
ly figured out what was wrong with me. It was the Depression I
was going through from not know-
ning my father."

Another writes of her grandfa-
th'er using her for sex when she
was 9.

"I wondered if at any time
anyone was going to walk through
the door I wanted to come to.
Today, he was trying new things
on me. Probably things he had
already done to my sister. Lately
he has been doing it more to her.
I guess he doesn’t love me as much
as her."

Gruwell never expected the
stories to be pretty.

So when she read them to her
adult students at National
University in Orange County, she
was surprised by the reaction.

"Oh my God," Gruwell said,
"people in my college classes were sobbing."
Elway-Stewart showdown pits comeback masters

By Alan Robinson
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — He has rallied the Denver Broncos from seemingly certain losses to breathtaking victories more than 40 times — more than Marino, more than Montana, more than anybody.

John Elway is the only quarterback to drive his team 98 yards in the closing minutes to win an AFC championship game — at Cleveland in 1987, a victory that instantly became known as The Drive. No NFL quarterback has ever been more dangerous with a deficit.

But Elway will be 38 in June, and every playoff game may be his last — maybe even Sunday’s AFC championship game in Pittsburgh.

When he retires, and that day likely will come sooner than later, Elway must abdicate to a new king of the comebacks.

Elway-Stewart showdown pits comeback masters

To find him, he might not need look further than to the opposing sideline Sunday, to Kordell Stewart. His unflappable composure and boundless confidence have led the Steelers within a victory of the Super Bowl in his first season as a starting quarterback.

"I never get nervous — ever," Stewart said.

It shows.

Just check out this collection of comebacks, one that even Elway has been unable to match this season:

— Down 21-0 in Baltimore on Oct. 5, the Steelers equalized the greatest comeback in team history as Stewart fashioned a game even Terry Bradshaw would have been proud of, throwing for three touchdowns and running for two in a 42-34 victory.

— The Steelers trailed by 10 points against Indianapolis on Oct. 12 and again Oct. 26 against Jacksonville, both times at home, yet Stewart led comeback victories each time.

— In arguably the NFL’s game of the season, Stewart made an astonishing fourth-down throw to Yancy Thigpen to keep a fourth-quarter drive alive in New England on Dec. 13.

— Stewart then hit Mark Bruener for the touchdown and Thigpen for the 2-point conversion as the Steelers rallied from eight points down with two minutes to go to win 24-21 in overtime — a victory that ultimately clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

"We don’t give up because of No. 10 (Stewart)," Pro Bowl running back Jerome Bettis said. "We know he’s special and that anything is possible with him. He’s shown us time after time and game after game he can make things happen."

— Stewart showed the Broncos on Dec. 7, rallying the Steelers from a 21-7 deficit in the second quarter, again by throwing for three touchdowns — all to Yancy Thigpen — and running for two. It is his running, coupled with the pounding the lineman-sized Bettis puts on opposing defenses, that gives an the Steelers an added weapon and extremely difficult-to-defend dimension.

"I’m a guy who’s capable of getting out of the pocket and making things happen," Stewart said.

Like Saturday, when Stewart’s 46-yard tightrope walk of a touchdown down the sideline on the Steelers’ opening drive proved the difference in their 7-6 playoff victory over New England.

Stewart’s only deficiency, other than his tendency to sometimes force the ball into coverage, is his growing reliance on comebacks.

The Steelers repeatedly fall behind because of Stewart’s first-half inconsistencies, only to surge back in the second half after he rediscovers his passing touch.

Stewart has six touchdown passes and 14 interceptions in the first half, but 18 touchdowns and only four interceptions in the second half.

"It’s too early to start nick- naming him, like Elway," Thigpen said. "Kordell’s a sec- ond-half guy. Elway has been doing it for years. Kordell, he’s a one-year guy."

Yeah, but what a year it’s been.

"The one thing about Kordell is you’re not going to rattle his confidence," coach Bill Cowher said. "We talk about it all the time. If you’re going to do the things we are talking about him doing, he can’t be afraid to take chances — and he isn’t."

Sounds like a guy named Elway.

"I’ve seen the kid play and I’ve seen the look in his eye in big games," Cowher said. "We’ve played big games down the stretch, Denver and New England, and he’s performed pretty well. He’s not afraid to fail. You can’t be."

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The Lehigh Match

"I thought we matched up to beat them," head coach Lennis Cowell said of the Lehigh team. "Overall we wrestled tenaciously, but we were still able to win."

Cowell said he was impressed with 150-pounder senior Craig Wells' 3-2 win against nationally fifth-ranked Chris Ayres. Wells escaped from Ayres twice then was awarded one point for the riding time he had earned in the second period.

"I was a little scared at the end that he was going to take me down," Wells said of his match. "Winning definitely gives me and the entire team a little boost into the season."

Following 190-pounder Mike French's 4-3 win, the team had an 18-14 lead over Lehigh and they showed their potential like they are now, this could be their banner year to test and build up his skills, but was pulled into competition when

The Boise Match

Going into the Tuesday Boise match, the team and coaches were confident they would win and wrestle better, which they did.

Though Boise isn't nationally ranked, it was still challenging for the Mustangs to make weight and be mentally prepared after their Sunday win. The match against Boise however, turned out to be their best overall performance of the season.

"We wrestled tough tonight," Coach said of the 25-9 victory. "This is an exceptional group, and they showed their potential tonight. If they keep wrestling like they are now, this could be one of the best teams in years."

For freshman Jaime Garza, it was a night he'll never forget. Garza, the 118-pounder, won his first collegiate bout 5-2.

The wrestler originally believed this would be a red-shirt year for him to test and build up his skills, but was pulled into competition when

last year's national-qualifier Mark Perryman transferred to Arizona State, opening up a spot in the 134-pound class. The two weight classes below were bumped up.

It was nervous at first getting pulled out of my red-shirt year," Garza said. "This win has given me confidence."

Freshman Cedric Haymon, who took over the 134-pound class, won 9-5 with several impressive reversals, turns and riding time.

Following Wells' double overtime 2-1 win, 158-pounder David Wells put on quite a show for an 11-4 victory over the MAC-10's first-ranked Kirk White.

Wells' funky, yet characteristic performance included body-twisting and skilful take downs and reversals that had the entire crowd amazed at what they had seen.

"Once I got the takedown in the first period, things started to go my way," Wells said. "I felt good coming into this match after cutting weight (16 pounds), which was a good sign."

Senior 177-pound Brian Bowles also impressed the crowd with his quick pin at one minute and 54 seconds into the first period.

"I had much more confidence coming into this match," Bowles said. "I felt solid with the team, and everyone else's wins really pushed me through."

"I hope to keep my confidence up and stay strong. The team is solid this year, and it should be a really fun time."
holding their own after losing sev
eral Big West finalists to gradua
tion last year. Marti Hall is the
best distance swimmer for the
women and as a freshman is one
of the top point scorers for the
woman. She currently places 7th in
the 200-meter breaststroke.

Notable performances came
from Cal Poly's Wyles, Pyka and Kim
Jackson. Collins finished fourth in the
men's 50-meter freestyle with a
time of 21.98, and sixth in the 100-
meter butterfly. Collins also
finished fifth among 10 teams at the
invitationals.

"We had a busy two days," said
Cal Poly men's and women's
swimming head coach Rich
Fermain. "Most teams had each
swimmer compete in only one
event, where we had several com-
petitors in different events and swim
every well.""}

The Mustangs then had one
day to regroup as they traveled to
Arkansas to finish their road trip
with 22 as the Mustangs

Mary's 89-73 with everyone
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the top point scorers for the
women's 50-meter breaststroke.

More than anything the
young players on our team were
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for the Mustangs 79-78.

The Mustangs returned home
and took their aggressions from the
road trip out on Missouri-Kansas
City in an exciting come-from-
behind victory. The Kangaroos were
up by eight points with 54 seconds
left in the game when they were
ignored by a three-point shot nailed
by Ross Ketcham. In quick succes-
sion Larson had a steal and lay-up,
and Washington hit two free-
throws to cut the lead to one and he
hit the game-ender free throw
after a Kangaroo score to seal the
win for the Mustangs 79-78.

The Mustangs then continued
their undefeated home winning
streak with a victory over St.
Mary's 89-73 with everyone
healthy. Wozniak led all scores
with 22 as the Mustangs
improved their record to 7-5.

"Now all we have to do is win
on the road," Wozniak said.
Today's Question: How many consecutive years did Cal Poly wrestling win the Division II national championship?

Submit your answer to skienny@calpoly.edu. The first correct answer I receive will be printed along with your name in the paper the next day.

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**Men's Basketball**

| AirForce Academy | 90 |
| Cal Poly         | 73 |
| Sacramento State | 70 |
| Cal Poly         | 85 |
| Southern University | 97 |
| Cal Poly         | 90 |
| Arkansas State   | 114 |
| Univ Missouri-Kansas City | 78 |
| Cal Poly         | 79 |
| St. Mary's       | 89 |

**Wrestling**

| Cal Poly         | 19 |
| Oregon University | 18 |
| Cal Poly         | 45 |
| Portland State   | 0 |
| Lehigh University | 17 |
| Cal Poly         | 18 |
| Boise State      | 9 |
| Cal Poly         | 25 |

**Swimming & Diving**

| Unioes, inc. | 1st place |
| Cal Poly men | 3rd place |
| Cal Poly women | 5th place |

By Jeffrey Varner  Daily Staff Writer

The players on the Cal Poly men's basketball team have proven that they can beat the best teams in the Big West conference as long as they play on their home court in front of the Mott maniacs. But when they go on the road, it's a different story.

While other students were out of town visiting with family and friends, these student athletes took to the road to compete in our games that would prove to be their most grueling test so far this season.

The Mustangs road trip began with facing the Air Force Falcons, but the team was not at full strength because of key injuries to co-captain Steve Fleming and Mike Wozniak, who led the Big West Conference in scoring with an average of over 22 points per game.

Head coach Jeff Schneider inserted freshman Wendtne, Favoris for Fleming and freshman Jabbar Washington for Wozniak.

The Mustangs were led by Favoris who scored a career-high 33 points in 31 minutes and had three steals despite being defeated at the hands of Air Force 106-90 at the end of regulation.

"I am especially proud of the three freshmen who started that game, because although they don't have a lot of experience they overachieved all expectations by their play."

Jeff Schneider
Cal Poly men's basketball coach

By Marty Blackwell, Mustang Daily Contributor

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By Matty Blackwell, Mustang Daily Contributor

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