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By Shantelle Andrews
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The event began when the players boarded a Silverado Tours bus and took a ride around the city. The tour ended at Bishop Hamburgers on Monterey Street, where they kicked off their dinner with a hamburger-eating contest.

Mayor Allen Settle was on hand to enjoy the contest and gave a speech before it began. “It is an honor to be here,” Settle said. "I can't wait to see how many burgers these guys can put down.”

The contest was between Ron Nelthorpe, who represented the defense, and Brad Minor, who represented the offense. The first one to finish the three burgers on his plate won the contest.

Defensive coordinator Sam DeForest was betting on Minor to win the contest. He had seen him finish off the “Gambler”, a 35-ounce steak, at A.J. “I really like the town and can’t wait for the season to start,” said Kyle Ray, a freshman receiver from Colfax.

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Poly student’s disappearance leads to law
Gov. Pete Wilson signs the Kristin Smart Campus Safety Act Tuesday in Sacramento
By Shannon Pedrick
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Governor Pete Wilson signed the Kristin Smart Campus Safety Act on Tuesday. Smart's mother Denise and sister Lindsey were in the governor's office for the bill-signing ceremony.

The bill requires all state college police departments to contact local law enforcement agencies as soon as a violent crime occurs on campus. The law does not apply to investigations of missing people.

Sen. Mike Thompson (D-Napa Valley) helped draft the bill last November when Smart's parents testified in front of a special state Senate committee about the way Cal Poly police conducted the investigation of Smart's disappearance.

Campus Safety Officer Robert Schumacher was unsure of the effect the law will have. "I don't think anyone realizes what changes will be made just yet," Schumacher said.

As to how the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department will handle investigations, public information officer Sgt. Sean Donahue said not many changes will take place. "This is not going to impact the sheriffs department hardly at all... It is an honor to be here," Settle said. "I can't wait to see how many burgers these guys can put down." This is a fun event, and it helps the guys get to know each other," said head coach Larry Welsh.

Donahue said the sheriffs department has always been ready to help out other law enforcement agencies in the area when necessary. "This is one of the best counties where law agencies work hand in hand. This is a very close law enforcement community," he said.

The sheriffs department is better able to conduct violent crime investigations because of the many resources available to them, Donahue said. "Who is more set to handle these cases, us or them? Well, we are," Donahue said.

Previously, campus safety officials were not required to call in off-campus law enforcement agencies if a violent crime occurred. The Kristin Smart Campus Safety Act establishes a set protocol for handling investigations on campus while also requiring campus police departments to specify who is leading an investigation from the start.

San Luis Obispo Police Chief Jim Gardner said this law has little bearing on the police department because it mainly deals with interactions between sheriffs departments and campus police departments. "We have always worked very closely with the Cal Poly Police Department when it comes to cases involving students, and we will continue to do so if needed," Gardner said.

ASI President Dan Geis said it will make Cal Poly safer. "It is something that will provide additional resources in investigations to make Cal Poly safer places," he said.

Construction blocks exit from campus
By Steve Fairchild
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A project to replace a city water line will force traffic leaving Cal Poly on California Boulevard to reroute to Perimeter Road.

The digging on California Boulevard is expected to be completed in early September.

Drivers coming into campus on California Boulevard will be one way until Sept. 1 while crews replace a city water line.

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Spar in Templeton last spring.
The crowd cheered the contestants on as they walked down the boardwalk. Teammates cheered them on by yelling, "Three cheers per bite," and a cheerleader added "Hey big boy, quit talking and start chewing!"
Although the burgers disappeared from Nethere's place the fastest, it was rumored that he had a little help.
Minor shouted, "Hey coach, the defense is cheating!"
The response came from the crowd of players "Yeah, but the defense wins championships!"
After the contest was finished the team, coaches and cheerleaders enjoyed free burgers, fries and drinks.
Ryan Davis, a freshman outside linebacker from Kingsburg, said, "The burgers are great and I am really excited for the season to start.
The new players include 25 freshmen and 8 transfer students. They started their workout yesterday. The rest of the team returns to town Friday and regular practices are scheduled to begin the following day.
Even with all the excitement of the new season at hand, the players had more than football on their minds.
"I like San Luis Obispo because it's close to home," said Ron Cooper, a freshman running back from Los Angeles. "I also came to Cal Poly for the academics, I'm a chemistry major."
John Lloyd, a freshman center from Berkeley said, "Right now I am a Recreation Administration major, but I want to get into physical therapy so I have to work on switching my major to Physical Education."
Next year's cheerleaders were on hand for support and to enjoy some free food.
"We are just trying to make them feel more welcome," said Hayla Muleble from the dance squad.
The cheerleaders are also gearing up for a great season — this is their first year with a coach. The squad is made up of 18 women, 7 men and a mascot.
Members of the squad Melinda Young, Carrie Hughall, Ashley Cochran and Sherri Sheih, were enjoying their free fries, burgers and shakes.
The group made their way to Gold Stone where they were served their choice of ice cream.

Support Services director retires after 18 years
Ray Macias will spend his newfound free time with his family and friends
By Amy Lovell
Summer Mustang
Ray Macias, whose 18-year tenure at Cal Poly included the position of director of Support Services, retired last month.
Macias said he retired because he felt he couldn’t adjust to the upcomings in Support Services' operations. He said the focus of the division is changing, from being customer-oriented to be more customer-focused.
Instead of waiting for unwelcome changes to develop, he chose to use this opportunity to pursue his other interests.
"The focus has been customer service for the past 18 years. Students dealt with the biggest customers," Macias said. "I think in some people’s eyes I’m obsolete.
Students use Support Services more often than they realize. The administrative office includes the Transportation Services, University Contracts, Mail Services and Purchasing units, which are all vital to daily activities on campus.
"We worked hard to maintain communication with students and others," Macias said. "For instance, when we answer the phones by saying, "Support Services," I don’t think people really understand what that is. So, we talked to people to get the word out about who we are and what we’re about.
"I’m concerned that communication breakdowns will occur as more people, who may not be able to handle that aspect of the job are coming to the division.
"The former director feels that the days when students first came and people dealt with each other as human beings are over. He’s concerned that people are becoming more numbers on paper, but emphasized that he only speaks for Support Services.
"Cal Poly is still university, as far as I’m concerned, one of the best schools in the (California State) University system, despite any changes taking place within it," he said.
As controversial as his retirement may appear to some students, both Macias and his former boss, Michael Johnson, said this isn’t the case.
"(Macias) was my friend, in addition to being an employee," Johnson, from the Purchasing unit, said.
"That doesn’t mean we agreed on everything, but he was definitely a team player, with a flexible management style," Johnson said. "He trusted people to do their jobs.
Macias said that regardless of other’s opinions about him, most people would probably agree that he doesn't see conflicts issues as a threat to the work environment.
"Whenever we disagreed, we always agreed that we could work together," said Macias.
Annie Gonzales, one of Macias' former employees, said she has always thought of Macias as a friend, not just a boss.
"He put in a lot of good years here," Gonzales said. "I think he felt like it was time to pass the torch.
Ray Macias' former Support Services director said, "The students and staff members who are in the trenches are the ones who matter the most. I got to know a lot of the students and staff pretty well, and I'm going to miss them.
" — Michael Johnson
Macias' former boss

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Whiskey Construction of Santa Maria contracted the city-funded $2 million project.
Following this construction project, traffic coming into campus on California will be rerouted. Cars will no longer be allowed to travel between the Moeck building and engineering building 13 during the construction project.
The C4 parking lot will still be accessible, but traffic will be directed parallel to the railroad tracks, through Poly Grove to the edge of the softball fields, making a right turn on Perimeter into campus.
Ryan said construction on the same water line is scheduled to begin in December at the intersection of Foothill and California boulevards.
By Shannon Pedrick
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A Cal Poly professor's confrontation of social issues has led to the banning of her book in Colorado.

Gloria Velasquez is a literature teacher at Cal Poly and is also the author of several books targeted to Latino youth. Each book written by Velasquez focuses on a social issue that she believes to be pertinent to today's children.

"I am a humanist and I write about social issues. That's who I am as a writer," Velasquez said.

One book in particular has raised the issue of freedom of speech.

"Tommy Stands Alone" focuses on a homosexual boy who becomes a social outcast when people find out about his sexuality. The character Tommy begins drinking and attempts suicide to escape his problems.

"I think that the sixth graders should be able to read 'Tommy Stands Alone,'" said Heritage sixth-grader Esther Diaz in a letter to Velasquez. "Because I think they should learn what is happening to kids."

KENT, Ohio (U-WIRE) — Kent State was one of the first universities in the country to start the Security Aid Program, and now it is celebrating 25 years of using the program to keep Kent's campus one of the safest in Ohio.

The Security Aid Program is a partnership between the Kent State Police Department and Kent State Student Security Aids. The security aches work with students in residential halls and academic buildings in search of unusual behavior. They also run an escort service, to safely accompany students to and from residence halls and academic buildings.

About 70 students work as security aides and are on duty from 8 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. They are the eyes and ears of the Kent State Police Department, carrying radios that police monitor.

Kent State Police Chief John Peach said the police department and resident security has had a "wonderful marriage" that has been in place for over 20 years.

"Our system is the prototype for higher education residential security systems within the United States," Peach said.

Peach said the student security aides receive some training from the police department on a regular basis so they understand how the police department runs.

"(The students) learn a lot on how to deal with people and the system in the police department, and there are a number of officers that we have that started out as security aides," Peach said.

John Peach
Kent State Police Chief

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— Allen Millette
Director of university relations
for CollegeLink

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New site will also allow prospective college students to perform customized college searches, explore careers and college majors, learn about college costs and financial aid and find scholarship and other funding opportunities, said Larry Matthews, director of ExPAN.

"The CollegeLink system has been incorporated into ExPAN. This will expose students to more colleges," Matthews said.

Nearly 2,000 high schools currently use the ExPAN college search service, Matthews said.

Augustine Garza, deputy director of admissions, said the university has been involved with ExPAN for the last few years but is considering leaving the service.

"We are breaking away from ExPAN and are doing it ourselves," Garza said. "We're organizing electronic sites for all 35 public Texas universities."

All Texas public colleges will be able to use a common application beginning next year.

David Stone, UT database coordinator, said the common application will be available on the Internet within three weeks and that it will first be available for students who plan to enroll in the summer and fall semesters, 1999.

Only undergraduate applicants who are U.S. citizens can apply over the Internet, Stone said, noting that this method has been extremely popular among students. Twelve thousand students applied electronically last year.

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ABOVE: "Tommy Stands Alone," one of Gloria Velasquez's books, has been banned by Heritage-Middle School in Longmont, Colo.

LEFT: Velasquez's self-portrait.

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Wear sunscreen to get that healthy tan

After rains in June and breezes in July, it finally seems as if sunny summer that we have been anticipating is here. Now is the time to take advantage of the blazing summer sun, to frolic at the beach, sunbathe, swim, ski, sail, and much more.

Sound good? Well, like with everything there is a catch: spending too much time unprotected in the sun is not only harmful, it can also be deadly.

For some reason many people I know don't believe in wearing sunscreen. Well, my question to them is: "Do you believe in skin cancer?"

Throughout history, many tragedies have occurred from the human attitude of invincibility. No one believes anything bad can happen to them. News flash: it can and does. People need to listen to the warnings of health professionals. This year more than one million Americans will develop one of three forms of skin cancer according to an article by Leigh Hochwald in a sun safety report.

What is a sun safety report?

A recent American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) survey from 1996 examined people's attitudes and behaviors about sun exposure and its link to skin cancer and sun protection awareness. The study depicted an increase in awareness about the dangerous effects of sun exposure, there was still an increase in the number of people suffering from sunburns. The survey found that people knew that others harm themselves by sun exposure, but did not fully recognize the potential harm of sun exposure to themselves.

I don't know how many times I have heard people complain about being sunburned, but let's just say that if I had a dollar... I'd be a millionaire. Besides the numerous complaints by my friends and fellow students, I constantly referring customers at work to the aloe lotion and foam.

I just get extremely exhausted of receiving the answer "I didn't know I was getting burned," when I ask why they didn't wear sunscreen. Some people believe that once they achieve a base tan they don't need sunscreen. According to Doctor Roger Credel, immediate past president of the AAD, chronic sun exposure thickens the deeper part of the skin, but the upper layer - where skin cancer develops - gets thinner and more vulnerable.

I have also repeatedly heard the excuse, "I have olive skin and I don't burn." It has been proven that fair-skinned people are at higher risk for developing skin cancer, but anyone can develop the disease. Especially at the college age, when people are real close to health and beauty.

For decades, a bronzed tan has been our symbol of health and beauty. The attitude that a tan is the ideal of health and beauty was established in the 1950s and '60s. We can only hope that in the future a new, healthier idea of beauty can be established.

A highly publicized report, released this year by an epidemiologist at New York City's Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, suggested that sunscreen might not prevent melanoma. The report was very misleading, as it pointed out by Fashion Magazine. The data was from the 1970s, when reliable sunscreens weren't available. The study looked at a 10-year period of sunscreens use, but melanomas usually take at least 20 years to develop.

If you are still in doubt, visit a dermatologist. Dermatologists recommend that fair-skinned people wear at least SPF 30 sunscreen for any exposure, and everyone else wear at least SPF 15. The AAD also recommends avoiding the sun between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. (when its rays are strongest), applying a broad-spectrum sunscreen that shields both UVA and UVB rays, reapplying sunscreen every two hours when outdoors; wearing protective and tightly woven clothing (such as a long-sleeved shirt and pants), even on cloudy days, wearing a hat with a four-inch-wide brim and sunglasses even when walking short distances; staying in the shade whenever possible; avoiding reflective surfaces because they can reflect up to 85 percent of the sun's damaging rays, and minimizing sun exposure.

I don't honestly think experts would take the time to suggest such extreme precautions if they weren't necessary. This research isn't funded by the sunscreen companies so I have no reason to be wary of what the AAD is telling me. I have been a datapoint for the past three years and I'm exposed to the sun every day. You can be sure I protect myself from the sun. As if the warnings don't scare me enough, I have also seen the scars on my relatives from having skin cancer spots removed. I am also living proof that it is possible to protect yourself from the sun and still be tan.

Some may also say they won't worry now because there are plastic surgery techniques and other things that can be done to remove skin cancer.

Why not take two seconds and apply sunblock before exposure to the sun? It's much easier, less expensive, less painful and I can't say I've ever heard of anyone complain about having lotion rubbed on their back.

Who knows, I could be one of those million Americans who develop skin cancer this year. I'm not perfect and have had many sunburns during my lifetime. I know that being burned is not worth it. I am fully aware of the harmful effects of the sun and have no excuse not to protect myself. My point is that it's never too late to become a reformed sunbather. At least now you can call yourself a smart sunbather, knowing that the results will be much better for you in the next 20 years.

So play in the sun and enjoy the warm summer weather El Nido has so graciously granted. Take your walks, go kayaking, play beach volleyball, surf, ski, swim, bike, climb, and yes, sunbathe. Just make sure you play safe.

Ray Cox is a Summer Mustang staff writer who always remembers to apply her sunscreen before a day of saving lives.

It's not about the women...it's about the lies

I'm writing in response to Shannon Pedrick's article Aug. 6. It's comforting to know that I have been just as piss off as I have. Pedrick's argument that "thousands of Americans risked their lives" to create and preserve the lifestyle that we all enjoy today is her strongest. It's very easy to become so self-absorbed in the great economy, highly regarded universities - such as Cal Poly - and, for many, the Oval Office!

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I have been a lifeguard for the past two summers... and have had many sunburns during my lifetime. I know that being burned is not worth it. I am fully aware of the harmful effects of the sun and have no excuse not to protect myself. My point is that it's never too late to become a reformed sunbather. At least now you can call yourself a smart sunbather, knowing that the results will be much better for you in the next 20 years.

I have been involved with. That subject makes me want to vomit.

Adrienne Stillwell is a construction management major.
The Mid-State Fair

A college student went looking for fun, and came home with a bag full of nothing

Let me just state it point blank: The Mid-State Fair did not float my boat. Perhaps I was just being better because a carnie ripped me off or maybe it was because of the $5 pair of sunglasses I bought there broke the next day.

Now, maybe you are calling me a whiner, and maybe I am, after all I did subject myself to peer pressure, and now I'm crying about it, but this is how I feel.

I didn't have the privilege or the money to enjoy a grandstand concert, which may have swayed me to present a more positive opinion, but my opinion for the moment stands.

I arrived at the fair and surveyed the scene, weighed my options and decided to start at the rides, what few of them there were. There was no roller coaster, just a "rolling coast," and there were about 1 different types of ferris wheels. I'm sorry, if you've been on one, you've been on them all.

The only good thing about the ferris wheel I chose to go on was that it overlooked the rides happening on the main stage.

I watched from my seat, stalled from atop the ferris wheel as a cowboy was bucked from his horse. Landing in an uncomfortable position on the dirt floor of the grandstand. Then the ride was over.

As I watched for another ride to try, I noticed they were all upside-down-thru rides, which were never my kind of thing to begin with. So I decided to see what the rest of the fair had to offer me. It wasn't much.

I managed to circle the entire fair in less then ten minutes, which surprised me, because I had this mental image of the California Mid-State Fair as being huge, not just a ten minute walk-about. I stopped for one fair game of cover the happy face with five disks. This was we I was ripped off.

"Free demonstration" is what I was told by the man running the stand. That's how they take your money.

I should have known better. I should have just walked away. Instead I turned around in mid-step and walked back to the man who now had a big grin on his face.

"Let's cash," he told me, "just watch."

And it was easy - for him.

Now this is where he started talking really fast, as is the game all carnies play.

"Only five bucks for four turns," he told my friend and me. "What a deal!"

Stuffy, he took $2 from my friend and $5 from me, with the promise of change. I had already started playing when he casually slipped me a dollar and I didn't notice I was being short-changed.

After our third unsuccessful run at the game, the carnie declared we had lost, but if we gave him a tip, he would let us play one more time.

This is when I noticed my change. "I believe we have already tipped you," I said.

The man, of course, denied this. "I don't see any money in my hand."

We got into an argument on the ethics of cheating. I told him he was ripping off a college student, and he told me his job story about not making enough money at his 45-hour-a-week job.

I didn't get my dollar back.

Maybe the fair is just a cool thing when you go with the kids. Perhaps, if I had taken my 2-year-old niece, I would have had more fun touring the haunted house and playing the bumper cars. All I ended up with was a sour stomach and $21 in the hole.

Whatever the reason, the fair was a once in a lifetime thing for me. And I'm glad ... that it was only once in this life, I mean.

Julie O'Shea is a Summer Mustang staff writer.

Poet's Corner — "A Presidential Affair"

In the district known as Washington, There dwell our president, Clinton. You would engage in flirtation. His dour eyes would burn! With "I didn't 'do it', but was erect."

I want the truth, so don't deflect Mr. Clinton, come correct.

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Morro Bay rock to get rocked

Morro Bay will host concert to support local skateboarders and their skate park

By Rory Cox
Summer Mustang

Grab your skateboard, put on your helmet and roll to Morro Rock to rock and roll to three local bands playing a benefit concert to support improvements of the Morro Bay Skate Park on Aug. 15, from noon to 5 p.m.

The concert is being put on by the Morro Bay Recreation and Parks Department to raise money for the inline skating and skateboarding park.

The park opened three years ago on a $10,000 grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

"The money has lasted three years but we hope to expand and add new equipment after the benefit," said Shannon Stocking, Youth Services Director for Morro Bay Recreation and Parks Department.

"We were trying to come up with a new and creative way to fundraise for the park," Stocking said.

The Teen Advisory Committee, made up of 7th, 8th and 9th grade students from Los Osos and Morro Bay schools, came up with the idea for the concert and suggested the bands.

First to bat the stage at 12:30 will be Snubnose 32.

"The whole band is down with the skating scene and we look at it as another way to help out the local skating community," Snubnose 32 bass player Mike McLaughlin said.

Snubnose 32 is being featured in two skate compilation videos.

One video is by Paradise, a San Luis Obispo skateboard manufacturer, and the other is by Consolidated Skateboards from Santa Cruz.

The band also has a demo CD which will be available at the concert, and has been featured at local bars like SLO Brew and Sweet Springs Saloon in Los Osos.

"The concert is for a good cause and we are also trying to capture label attention," McLaughlin said.

The second band, Swim, will begin at 2 p.m.

Swim, also a four-member band, has been together for about a year and a half.

The band was started by brothers Nathan and Pat Fisher after receiving a drum set and guitar one Christmas.

Swim has frequented the bar scene, playing everywhere from SLO Brew to 2 Dogs Coffee Shop in Morro Bay, and just finished playing at the California Mid-State Fair in Paso Robles.

"We are looking forward to playing for an audience that actually came to hear the music and not just to get drunk," drummer Nathan Fisher, said.

A four-song demo by Swim will also be available at the concert.

Headliners Now-A-Date will play last. The band has been receiving good response from the local community.

Their punk/reggae sounds have been featured on "Locals Only," broadcast on Charter cable channel 6.

"We're looking forward to it," Dave Abbott, bass player for the band said. "We're going to sell CDs for $10 and put $5 into the park."

Abbott said his band

doesn't have the negative vibe that other punk bands have. He added that the band likes doing benefits.

"We really like to do them so younger kids can get a chance to hear us," he said.

There will be raffles with prizes donated by local businesses, a barbecue and lunch time concessions available to the public.

Admission is $2 plus a recommended $5 donation. According to Stocking, all earnings from the event go to improvements on the park.

Helmets are required for skaters.

For more information contact Grant Leonard and the Morro Bay Recreation and Parks Department at 772-6276.

Shambhala jazzes up plaza for free Mission concert

By Jeff Biafore
Summer Mustang

Band, beer, Birkenstocks.

This was the scene Friday at the Mission Plaza in downtown San Luis Obispo for the seventh in a series of free shows this summer.

The band, Shambhala, played its version of groove for the crowd of people of all ages gathered in front of the Mission.

A local three-piece band, Shambhala played for about half an hour before the bass player, Josh Barrett, told the crowd, "Now that we've warmed up, we are going to start jammin'.".

This got people out of their seats and starting to dance.

Interpersed between original jams were covers of Hendrix's "Third Stone From the Sun" and Coltrane tunes that slowly turned into jams themselves.

After jammin' out tune after tune, all instrumental, that grooved from rock to reggae, it seemed that the band was eager to play more.

The crowd responded by dancing and doing the "patented hippie twist" to the music.

"We played better because people started dancing," Barrett said.

Aiding in the dance inspiration was the beer and wine booth serving local ales and wines. The line for the drinks grew as the sun went down and the people's attitude seemed to get better and better.

The crowd also stocked on hot dogs and sodas.

Daren Lee, a bartender at the booth, described the scene as "a blast."

He also said the concerts in the plaza have been different and diverse.

"There were a lot of different people dancing," Barrett said. "From little kids to older people. It was great to see so many people get into it. We're glad we get to play for people that we don't normally get to play for."

Each week, the free Mission Plaza concerts are sponsored by a different local business. Shambhala's show was sponsored by Audio Video Cellular.

The band has regular gigs in downtown San Luis Obispo on Thursday nights, at such venues as SLO Brew and the Frog and Peach Pub.

They appear at the Frog and Peach for the over-21 crowd every Sunday.

Next week's free show will feature the smooth jazz/funk sounds of Jive-N-Direct. The show begins at 5:30 p.m., and is sponsored by Barnes & Noble.
Movie shows true hardships of WWII

Saving Private Ryan deals with the harsh facts faced by soldiers in the second greatest war of this century

Julie O'Shea
Summer Mustang

"S
aving Private Ryan" is not a movie I'd see twice. The movie was too intense, too graphic, and too real for me.

Up until the point where I actually witnessed the 24-minute D-Day remnake of Steven Spielberg's latest epic, did I realize this wasn't the movie I was expecting to see.

Reality is something Hollywood has never done a good job at preserving. Its main focus has always been to romanticize. Man saves woman, woman saves man, the happy ending, the tragic ending. This movie is none of those.

I suppose that's why I liked it. It is the story of seven men asked to cross enemy lines in search of one man, who may or may not be dead. Their mission is to bring him home alive; if they fail, James Ryan's mother will have lost all four of her sons to World War II.

The story line is simple, but the dialogue is rich and the acting is powerful.

The group of men, led by Tom Hanks' character, Capt. John Miller, are strangers to each other, who have suddenly found themselves in a war zone, where no one is safe.

For one, the question raised. Why is Private Ryan more important than the next. But it's movies like "Ryan" that open people's eyes and makes them a little less ignorant of the sacrifices thousands have made for a better world.

Spielberg has transported his audience to the year 1944, in the midst of a war zone, where no one is safe.

The movie is very numbing and painful, which is not something most Americans like to entertain themselves by watching. But it's movies like "Ryan" that make them question the pain hidden in his eyes appears for the first time in 24 minutes, he begins to crack. His performance is riveting, and it is hard to believe that he could remain the same man. But he is a mystery to his soldiers, who have a bet going to see how long it takes before they can get him to crack.

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Liz Phair: White Chocolate Space Egg
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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — A $4 million lawsuit filed by an Indiana basketball recruit is "ridiculous," according to coach Bob Knight, who says the player was rejected for academic reasons, not because the university found out about his off-the-court problems.

The suburban Chicago high school player, Mark Treadwell, filed suit in federal court last week.

The six-count complaint charges Knight, St. Joseph's High School and coach Gene Pingatore with "interference with contractual relations." Knight and Indiana are accused of "breach of contract," and Knight and officials at the Westminster, Ill., high school are cited for "intentional infliction of emotional distress."

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