Bust out stressful tension

By Courtney Harris
Mustang Daily

It's that time again—the beginning of the quarter, when stress slowly starts to creep in. The headaches of school are back in force. What can students do to alleviate the pain this time around? How about a new solution—massage therapy.

With an abundance of massage businesses in town, the only difficulty is choosing which one to go to. Not with booths at Farmers Market on Thursdays, there's no excuse not to see what these massage experts can offer.

Massage therapy is a one-stop shop. According to owner and physical therapist Jerry Whitaker, the first massage business to appear at Farmers Market was Stresshusters. In March, students registering at Cal Poly may have an alternate way to sign up for classes. For the past seven months, the Office of Academic Records and Information Technology Services have been working together to develop an online registration program for Cal Poly, said Jennifer Thomas, systems analyst for the OAR.

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Professors protest GE changes

Curriculum criteria dictate course content, history profs say

By Andy Castagnola
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The California State University system's new general education framework is on track for its 2001 arrival, despite efforts by some history professors to derail the program.

History professor Max Riedlsperger distributed a memo in November, outlining his primary concern that general education for 2001 dictates course content. Fellow history professors signed Riedlsperger's memo, and other departments responded with applause.

"I know there's significant anger in other departments," Riedlsperger said.

However, general education program Director John Harrington said it's too late to stop talking and start acting.

Riedlsperger pointed specifically to Area D of the program—Society and the Individual. Section D1, for example, the American history component, states that each course must follow 11 listed criteria.

Riedlsperger does not object to the criteria themselves. He even incorporates many of them into his own history classes. However, he does protest the narrow prescriptions for course content.

"The crucial decisions about course content would be taken away from the person who should be making them—that is, the professor teaching the course," Riedlsperger wrote in his memo.

The new program violates its own goal of flexibility and undermines faculty freedom, he said.

"There's no point in hiring professional Ph.D.s," he said. "This flies in the face of the intellectual tradition of American universities."

George Corkin, chair of the history department's curriculum committee, shares some of Riedlsperger's views.

"There's a general sense of frustration about all the
Faculty union continues salary talks

By Burt McNaughton
Mustang Daily

Negotiations on a contract settlement between the California Faculty Association and the California State University systems are in the final stage of fact-finding.

Fact-finding is a hearing of the negotiations before a three-person panel. This three-person panel is made up of one member from the CFA, one member from the CSU and a neutral party. The neutral party hears both sides of the dispute and then produces a report of its findings.

Ken Swisher, spokesperson for the CSU's chancellor's office, said if the CFA doesn't follow the recommendations from the neutral panel, then the CSU can give it its next best offer. This next best offer is the General Salaries Increase. The GSI calls for a 2.5 percent salary increase.

The main two issues being disputed are retroactive pay and how the merit pay system should work. Retroactive pay deals with pay increases during a contracted year. If the faculty members receive a pay raise halfway through their contracted year, then retroactive pay would then award the faculty with that raise for the period of time they've already worked.

Merit pay is the other part of the contract being disputed. Merit pay is given to faculty members based on their performance. Faculty members will apply other to their dean, their college's dean and then their department. From there applications go to the president, who has the final say, said Phil Fetzer, President of CFA's local chapter.

"It's wide open," Fetzer said. "We have no set criteria that's the problem."

The CSU system has offered the CFA a 3.5 percent salary increase. This increase would be split - 40 percent going to merit pay and 60 percent going to a GSI.

On the other hand, the CFA wants a 6 percent salary increase, with 20 percent or less going to merit pay and the rest going to the GSI. We are about 11 percent behind the CSU system, said Myron Hood, Chairman of the Academic Senate at Cal Poly.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission's comparison is a comparison of twenty institutions that Cal Poly has agreed to be compared with for purposes of compensating faculty members.

"Everyone's going to get a 4 percent salary increase, we just want 6 percent to catch up," Hood said.

The CFA wants to close the faculty salary gap and have faculty members actively involved in the salary discussion.

"We're striving to limit funds that can be used as merit pay," said CFA President Terry Jones.

On the other hand, the CSU's chancellor's office has different ideas about the use of merit pay.

"All our peer institutions across the country have a merit-pay system and most of them put 100 percent of their faculty salaries into merit pay," Swisher said.

Jones doesn't believe the administration is being treated fairly in terms of bargaining.

"We think we've been treated with disrespect and they're not bargaining in good faith," Jones said. "We want the university to understand this isn't a union matter but rather a matter of the quality of education."

"It's harder and harder to recruit new faculty because of the financial package," Hood said.

The CFA said the quality of education is suffering because of the administration's failure to act responsibly.

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"Based on current open-class list information ... the student can select classes from within open subject areas, and then register for those classes with one click of a button, according to Cattle."

"The purpose is to learn basic therapeutic massage strokes and techniques which are designed for stress reduction, relaxation, and understanding the connection between mind and body," said Obata.

"I would use online registration if the odds were better than CAPTURE. But at the moment, it wouldn't," Lopez said.

"People to indulge themselves. Nikki Thompson, a psychology senior, received several for Stressbusters for her birthday last year.

"A half hour was a good amount of time," said Thompson, of her chair massage. "Almost kind of fell asleep," said Thompson.

"The Undergraduate Student Support Network along with the Association for Computing Machinery will host the fifth annual "Free Your Machine" this Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. in Engineering East, room 111. Free Your Machine seeks to help users install free operating systems, such as Linux and FreeBSD, with related software on their computers with the help of experienced volunteers.

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Committee to discuss raising student fees Friday

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A new motion to augment the Cal Poly plan could bring more revenue to the academic colleges — and a possible fee increase for students — as early as this fall.

The latest proposal is expected to be discussed by the steering committee Jan. 15.

History of the Plan

The four-year-old document has outlined three Associated Students Inc. administrations, one vote of rejection and countless debates since it became effective in Spring 1996.

The plan operates on a 45 percent-student budget enacted in 1996 through a long-term fee increase. The Cal Poly steering committee was created to overseer and manage the plan.

In Spring 1997, an increase in academic fees to $120 was debated through a student-wide referendum.

Changes

The latest phase of the plan, put together by the Council of Academic Deans, is expected to propose another academic fee increase. It would further educational improvements begun by the original fee increase.

The proposal includes a $105 increase bringing the total plan fees to $132.

At last month's two-hour session the Cal Poly steering committee agreed to increase the Cal Poly Plan fee as proposed ...

Mechanical engineering senior Patrick Ryan chairs the Student engineering student council and has met several times with Peter Lee, dean of the College of Engineering regarding the potential fee proposal.

"We want there to be a lot of student input," Ryan said. "They don't want people who are totally uninformed to make these decisions. A lot of students can just see a fee increase and vote it down."

Students can view already approved projects and their costs for the first, second and third years of the plan on the World Wide Web. A link is provided from the Cal Poly home page, located at http://www.calpoly.edu.

ASl president and steering committee member Dan Geis administers the plan and was passed without a referendum.

"A referendum, although important, is not something that is an automatic form of democracy," Geis said. Geis and three other students represent the ASI on the steering committee.

Student attitude toward the Cal Poly plan remains open minded yet skeptical, said an architectural engineering senior student said, "If it works, and we see some changes, it would be worth it."

Other expressed concern included "I agree with the (Cal Poly Plan) goals, but not the means of achieving those goals," said mechanical engineering senior John Leslie.

Mathematics senior Sean Brudaage said, "They said they would need a fee increase to achieve their goals and I'm wondering why they can't do it now."

Fees explained

The original $45 is used to further the goals of the Cal Poly plan mainly through a request for proposal process, but not all of it ended up being used this way. Vice provost for institutional planning and committee staff support, Linda Dalton said: "One third of the funds goes to financial aid. Approximately 45 percent of the original goes to hiring of 16 new full-time faculty positions who were major contributors to adding classes."

Of the remainder, about 10 percent was allocated for university-wide RFPs and the remaining 15 percent was dedicated to college-specific programs. Curriculum streamlining, the newly renovated labs in the College of Science and Math, College of Liberal Arts web-based instructional materials and studio classrooms for College of Engineering are examples of these projects.

There were also indirect benefits. Director of Library Advancement, Irene Hoffman said "The Cal Poly Plan made it possible for us to get a huge block of funds." Dalton agreed.

"We were able to find the library some money," Internal reappropriation is indeed a theme for the Cal Poly Plan. According to Dalton, the Cal Poly plan often leads to more efficient procedures and each department finds ways of saving costs. These savings can then be redirected to projects that are most often stay within the colleges.

The Cal Poly Plan steering committee's first meeting of the quarter is Jan. 15 in the administration building, room 409 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

University of California graduate TAs win ruling

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (UWIRE) — In a 3-2 vote, the board decided that the 1996 ruling issued by James Tann, an administrative-law judge for the University of California, was invalid. University of California graduate students won another round for unionization when the state's Public Employment Relations Board upheld a judge's decision guaranteeing teaching assistants the right to organize.

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requirements and all the paperwork," Corkin said.

He added, "While there's a logic to criteria, there's a concern about academic freedom.

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Getting ready for the ‘Y2K’ disaster

The Year 2000 is coming, and it’s time to get prepared. And I don’t mean buying your celebration champagne now — I mean really prepared. People all over the world are preparing for the worst possible scenario, and you know what? They’re doing the practical thing. Who knows what will happen at midnight in a few short months — the doomsday predictions of worldwide chaos may come true. Will you be ready?

No, you might think that those people who are selling all their worldly possessions and moving to communities in the middle of nowhere are going a little overboard, but that could be true. What if the millennium turns out to be 2000 instead of 2000 and things are like your public utilities stop working? You won’t be able to wash, dry, or go to the bathroom, or watch Ally McBeal. Thank you could handle it if you aren’t sure, maybe it’s time to prepare yourself for the reality of the impending crisis.

Try thinking of it as getting ready for an earthquake — only multiply that into something worse. Preparedness experts are recommending you have three days worth of supplies like toilet paper, bottled water, freeze-dried food, plus batteries, matches and a network of like-minded neighbors for support. Personally, I think you should be prepared for longer than three days — I mean, we’ve seen how quickly things have gone done around here. Plan for a week, maybe two, if you want to be really safe. And don’t stop at the list above. Include a complete portable PowerPort, alternative heat sources like wood-burning stoves, and stock up on non-perishable food. I’d also recommend filling your gas tank, getting printed, notarized statements from your bank with your current balance and keeping your passport for the last time in what could be a while. Of course, there are people who will tell you that the Y2K problem is not real. After all, the U.S. government is at the forefront of the Y2K preparation. It is true that the Y2K is a threat to the economy, and we’ve seen how quickly things have gone... but I don’t mean, we’ve seen how quickly things have gone... but I mean, we’ve seen how quickly things have gone...

In the land of convenience-dependent citizens that can’t imagine life without microwaves (let alone regular ovens), that would actually be pretty amusing. Or, will we all realize, pull together, and help each other out of our shared predicament? I hope for the latter, but I expect the former.

Think what you will of the preparation advocates, and those who listen to them, but what will you do to be ready? Maybe it’s time to consider forming a plan. For instance, I think I’ll be curled up in my soon-to-be solar heated apartment, surrounded by gallons of water, boxes of Cheetos, and candles galore. I hope you’ll find a place as comfortable.

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Despite the lack of snow this season, skiers and snowboarders are hitting the slopes all over California, skiing on man-made snow available at most resorts. Several Cal Poly clubs offer ways for students to get out of town for a weekend of riding the snow.

San Luis Obispo is not the best place to live for the avid skier or snowboarder. The closest ski resort is Sierra Summit, located north of Fresno off Highway 168. Sierra Summit is a relatively small resort with only five chair lifts, but is only a four-hour drive away, (as opposed to about a seven hour drive to most other ski resorts). All-day lift tickets at Sierra Summit are $35 on weekends in January and February.

Poly Escapes, located in the University Union, is currently planning a ski trip for 21 people to Sierra Summit in March. The trip includes two days of skiing, and costs $44 for lodging and lift tickets. There will be activities planned nightly. The trip is substance-free, and anyone is welcome to sign up.

Assistant manager of Travel Time, Debbie McKrell, has found Lake Tahoe to be one of the most popular student ski destinations. She attributes this to the casinos and the entertainment available there.

"You can ski by day and party by night," McKrell said.

Tahoe, located on the California/Nevada border, is just southwest of Reno. Its many snow-covered mountains have earned it the reputation as the number one California ski destination.

The highest elevation ski resort on the South shore of Lake Tahoe is Heavenly. This is the main resort in Tahoe and has the largest snowmaking system on the West coast, located only about one mile from the casinos.

There are 16 other major resorts along Lake Tahoe including Kirkwood, Sugar Bowl, Diamond Peak, Soda Springs and Squaw Valles.

Mammoth Mountain is another popular ski spot. Mammoth is situated in the Sierra Nevadas southeast of Yosemite. It is one of the bigger resorts, offering 150 different trails and 30 ski lifts.

Business senior Josh Fisher, Vice President of Finance for the Ski Club, said the club plans several trips throughout the year, some that are more popular than others.

"One of our most popular trips is to Mammoth," Fisher said.

"Another popular trip that we go on is to Whistler, Canada. People seem to like that place the best."

The ski club meets every other Wednesday night to discuss upcoming trip information and take sign-ups. The next meeting will be Jan. 27.

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Linnaea’s employees run the show

By Steve Noone
Mustang Daily

The featured artists at Linnaea’s Cafe this month are none other than Linnaea’s employees themselves.

The show titled “Cup of Joe: Darling,” opened Jan. 3 to what employee April Colgan describes as one of the warmest receptions she has ever seen.

“I’ve never seen an art show have such a good response,” Colgan said.

“The show was completely my idea,” she said. “There’s usually like a one-year waiting list, but Linnaea was able to rearrange a couple of weeks for us and it kind of all just fell into place.”

Colgan, who has worked at Linnaea’s for seven months, spent most of the weekend before the show opening hanging the art and arranging the store.

“It took me about eight hours to hang the show and figure out how to arrange everything spatially,” she said.

Colgan said the show gives store employees, many of whom are Cal Poly students, an opportunity to explore their creative side.

“Raylene (Gorum) is an architecture student at Cal Poly,” Colgan said. “She did the floor decorations that kind of lead you around the room and she made the lowered ceiling out of recycled paper. She’s really into the whole manipulation of space.”

“Rachel (Robison) is an English major, she did this kind of post-apocalyptic dummy with a gas mask and everything, it’s really cool,” she said.

Jason Joyce, a Cal Poly chemistry student and Linnaea’s employee, said he was excited about displaying his paintings at the show.

“April talked to Linnaea about it and she said we could have January to display our stuff,” he said. “I think it turned out pretty well considering we’ve never done this before.”

According to Joyce there are no current plans to do another employee showcase, but he said the store wouldn’t rule it out doing it again.

Colgan said the show provided the store with an opportunity to promote youth art, as most of the professional displays feature work for sale.

“I think it’s kind of funny that none of us are art majors,” she said. “But the show really covers all the bases. We’ve got everything from computer generated graphics to sketches to a tape of a song in a walkman that people can listen to — it really gave us a chance to get our creative juices flowing.”

She encouraged Cal Poly students to stop by and see the work done by their friends.

“We have five or six Cal Poly students who work here,” she said. “We invite everyone to cruise on in and check it out, it’s really pretty exciting.”

New Sugar Ray album flies: ‘14:59’a successful follow-up

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — I’m not a fan of Sugar Ray, but having never heard any of his songs with the exception of the hit single “Fly,” I was pleasantly surprised.

With a steady beat and occasional record scratching, Sugar Ray’s “14:59” is a great follow-up album.

Although the upbeat tempo is relatively original — almost the entire album is reminiscent of “Fly” — it works. This may get repetitive, but the lyrics and occasional record scratch ensure that it is never boring.

It’s a fun album starting out with the song “New Direction.” The singer tells listeners to “be nice to your sister,” and “talk to your grandmother.”

“New Direction” is the only song on the album that deviates from Sugar Ray’s normal style of music. The rest of his songs revert to the style that fans have come to expect. “Every morning there’s a halo hanging from the corner of my girlfriend’s four-post bed / I know it’s not mine but I see if I can use it for the weekend or a one night stand,” begins “Every Morning,” which has just hit radio stations. Those lyrics, sort of whimsical but making sense, are typical of the album.

The album is complete. There isn’t a bad song on it. Although not all the tracks are great, you probably won’t find yourself programming your CD player to skip any. Whether doing homework, talking with friends or just listening to music, “14:59” isn’t a bad CD to slip in the player.

Williams as Adams tickles funny bone

By Carla Flores
Mustang Daily

Patch Adams shines at the box office and proves to be worth every cent. The plot is based on the true story of a compassionate but outrageous medical student who risks his career by defying the medical profession with his invariable belief that laughter is contagious.

Robin Williams is appropriately cast as Patch Adams, the medical student who sees laughter and humor as a component of disease therapy. Though some of his tactics are a bit extreme, Williams, in his typical form, easily keeps the audience entertained.

Patch Adams touches on an emotional subject where one man changes the lives of many patients just by inspiring them to laugh. He believes that in the medical profession doctors should be able to treat the patients as well as the disease, and he succeeds in doing so.

This is a typical drama that focuses on the brighter side of life, and a man who succeeds in turning his dream into reality.

Williams proves himself easily up to the job of carrying this drama through such a predictable plot. It’s predictability doesn’t detract from the film, but obviously makes the outcome a bit more expected.

The film makes you think twice about how much laughter and humor really can affect your health. The subject has been widely studied among medical professionals. According to Richard Ascoli, a doctor at the Cal Poly Health Center, “A happy well adjusted person is more likely to be healthy then someone who is sad and depressed, so laughter can only help.”

Patch Adams is definitely a film worth watching. It is the kind of movie that makes you happy on a Saturday night and is still being talked about on Monday morning. Between all the laughter and the tears, there is enough magic in this film to make Patch Adams one of the most touching films of the year.
Cal Poly alumna teaches tap; senior project is now her job

By Jayne Fulford

Barbara Anderson envisioned a tap dancing class at Cal Poly and her senior project, which initially allowed her to "learn by doing," turned this idea into complete confidence that she would get a great deal of teaching experience and is currently teaching the tap class that she created.

"I went about the task of figuring out how to teach the class," Anderson said. "Before I began teaching the course, I had to do a lot of research on how to actually teach. I also received help from faculty advisor Maria Junco and Moon Ja Min Suhr," Anderson said. Junco advised Anderson throughout her senior project but it was Anderson who did all the planning and teaching.

"It was really her baby," Junco said. "Barbara was enrolled in my methods of teaching class and I knew immediately that she was a natural teacher. She also got a great deal of teaching experience when she taught me for a year. I had complete confidence that she would get the job done."

Since then, Anderson has been hired to teach the class as a part-time instructor. The class is still an experimental course, however.

"Dance x139 includes beginning dancers as well as more experienced ones," Anderson said. "The environment in the classroom is great and I enjoy teaching something that I created."

Briana Broadfoot, ag business junior, is a student in Anderson's tap class. She has enjoyed the class and likes Anderson's teaching style, but wishes there was more room to dance.

"It's a fun class, so a lot of people want to be in it," Broadfoot said. "It's a small room, but it's the only one on campus we can use, so they should really offer more sections of the class."

Anderson was a dance minor and kinesiology major and a member of the campus dance group Orchesis. She began dancing when she was four, but stopped when she was fourteen. However, she found her way back to it when she entered college.

Along with teaching at Cal Poly, Anderson is an instructor at Class Act Dance, Pat Jackson's American Dance. She teaches tap, jazz, modern and hip-hop to all ages. Anderson also works at New Times as an editorial assistant.

"I enjoy working with college students because I can really relate to them," Anderson said. "However, adults are also a pleasure to work with because they know exactly why they are there and progress quickly."

Anderson is still unsure of what path she wants to pursue in the future.

"I am still kind of in the "I don't know what I want to do when I grow up" phase," Anderson said. "However, she will continue to dance and probably choose a career that involves some form of physical activity."

Dawson's Creek star pumps up for movie role

IRVINE (U-WIRE)—Football moves and film comedic as well. Varsity Blues, adds to this tradition, but sheds a very different light on the sport.

The film centers on the life of a high school football team in Texas and how their pain is ever-present, the film comedic as well.

"I've grown into," James Van Der Beek, as a kid I always played sports when I was a little kid. Dawson kind of reminds me of the theatre side of me when I was like 15. Most is closer to who I've grown into. As far as the football stuff, we got to Austin about three weeks before we started shooting and trained. Now I did have to train with a professional trainer for this film and how rigorous was that?"

"Van Der Beek: I put on about 15 pounds actually. I worked out on my own. I knew enough about training and I got myself started. Actually, Scotty Caan took me to the gym and kicked my ass every day. I tried my best to slim down as much as I could for Dawson's Creek.

New U.: How did you find the whole training camp experience?

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Cal Poly alumna teaches tap; senior project is now her job

By Jayne Fulford

Barbara Anderson envisioned a tap dancing class at Cal Poly and her senior project, which initially allowed her to "learn by doing," turned this idea into complete confidence that she would get a great deal of teaching experience and is currently teaching the tap class that she created.

"I went about the task of figuring out how to teach the class," Anderson said. "Before I began teaching the course, I had to do a lot of research on how to actually teach. I also received help from faculty advisor Maria Junco and Moon Ja Min Suhr," Anderson said. Junco advised Anderson throughout her senior project but it was Anderson who did all the planning and teaching.

"It was really her baby," Junco said. "Barbara was enrolled in my methods of teaching class and I knew immediately that she was a natural teacher. She also got a great deal of teaching experience when she taught me for a year. I had complete confidence that she would get the job done."

Since then, Anderson has been hired to teach the class as a part-time instructor. The class is still an experimental course, however.

"Dance x139 includes beginning dancers as well as more experienced ones," Anderson said. "The environment in the classroom is great and I enjoy teaching something that I created."

Briana Broadfoot, ag business junior, is a student in Anderson's tap class. She has enjoyed the class and likes Anderson's teaching style, but wishes there was more room to dance.

"It's a fun class, so a lot of people want to be in it," Broadfoot said. "It's a small room, but it's the only one on campus we can use, so they should really offer more sections of the class."

Anderson was a dance minor and kinesiology major and a member of the campus dance group Orchesis. She began dancing when she was four, but stopped when she was fourteen. However, she found her way back to it when she entered college.

Along with teaching at Cal Poly, Anderson is an instructor at Class Act Dance, Pat Jackson's American Dance. She teaches tap, jazz, modern and hip-hop to all ages. Anderson also works at New Times as an editorial assistant.

"I enjoy working with college students because I can really relate to them," Anderson said. "However, adults are also a pleasure to work with because they know exactly why they are there and progress quickly."

Anderson is still unsure of what path she wants to pursue in the future.

"I am still kind of in the "I don't know what I want to do when I grow up" phase," Anderson said. "However, she will continue to dance and probably choose a career that involves some form of physical activity."

Dawson's Creek star pumps up for movie role

IRVINE (U-WIRE)—Football moves and film comedic as well. Varsity Blues, adds to this tradition, but sheds a very different light on the sport.

The film centers on the life of a high school football team in Texas and how their pain is ever-present, the film comedic as well.

"I've grown into," James Van Der Beek, as a kid I always played sports when I was a little kid. Dawson kind of reminds me of the theatre side of me when I was like 15. Most is closer to who I've grown into. As far as the football stuff, we got to Austin about three weeks before we started shooting and trained. Now I did have to train with a professional trainer for this film and how rigorous was that?"

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SLO Theater salutes Sinatra with tasteful musical tribute

By Nate Pontious
Mustang Daily

Last Saturday's sold-out performance of "Love, Of Blue Eyes" at the SLO Little Theater presented a tasteful look at the life and music of Frank Sinatra.

The show's opening act gives a quick summary of Sinatra's life - on and off stage.

The second half of the show was (at best) an enduring tribute to the Chairman of the Board, at worst a sordid karaoke act. It worked at each level though, as audience members recognized most every song. Each cast member has the chance to do it his or her way, interpreting their personal Sinatra favorite.

Mark Padgett was one of the show's highlights as he taught the audience exactly what Sinatra meant by "singer like a houthing refrain" in his performances of "You go to my head," "One for my love," along with the rest of the crowd, who, as Padgett lowered his voice three octaves or so for the song's final verse.

"Love, Of Blue Eyes" was literally thrown together at the last minute. Although Blomfield wrote the play several months ago, elements were being added and removed two days before opening night.

"I was watching the funeral on TV and I was crying, but it was awful," producer Mary Meserve laughed. "Because I'm also thinking, 'Hey—we can make money on this!'

Money raised from "Love, Of Blue Eyes" will help support the rest of the SLO Little Theater's season, which includes the mystery "Scotland Road," Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," and "Tony 'n' Tina's Wedding" - an audience participation play. The show runs Thursday through Saturday night at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on Saturday. Tickets are $15. The Friday and Saturday night performances include a martini reception that will cost you quite a bit extra - $25 not including drinks - but Meserve says it does wonders for audience participation. Friday's show is already sold-out.

DOING IT THEIR WAY:
"The Friday performance of "Love Of Blue Eyes" is sold out. There are still tickets available for Saturday's show, which includes a martini and hors d'oeuvres reception before the performance.

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The Cal Poly Ski Team takes a trip to Mammoth Mountain every two weeks during winter quarter, where skiers and snowboarders compete in races. The team consists of about 40 registered racers. This year they have raced in two competitions, with the Cal Poly team winning both. The team is part of the Southern California Ski Conference, and they compete against all 12 southern California schools in the league. Each weekend, a different school is responsible for hosting the race and a party for all the skiers on Saturday night.

Chris Weigand, former president of the ski team, says that anyone is welcome to join.

"You don't have to have any kind of race experience," Weigand said. "People do it just for the fun of going skiing at Mammoth every two weeks."

There is a one-time registration fee to join the ski team. After that, there is a $50 charge for each weekend, which includes lodging and lift tickets. "It's a great price for a full weekend of skiing," Weigand said.

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"We had a guy who always dresses up, and one year he went as a chicken," Fisher said. "I change my whole personality. It gets people's attention, and they gotta wonder if that guy for real? You're a different person when you're on the slopes."
Cost is obstacle to credit card registration, Poly official says

By Julie O'Shea
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly students may someday have the option to pay tuition using their credit cards.

According to Stan Rosenfield, assistant director of payment management, the idea of credit card registration has been on the drawing board for quite a while, however, there is no set date when the option will be available to students.

"The technology is there," he said. "It's just a matter of paying for it. Cost continues to be the main obstacle."

For every student who would use a credit card to pay for tuition, a $15 processing fee would be charged to Cal Poly by credit card companies, costing Cal Poly thousands of dollars every quarter.

Some other universities that give students an option to use their credit cards for tuition keep up with fees due to the cost factor, Rosenfield said.

The University of California, Santa Barbara does not give students a credit card option.

"It's very costly to have a credit card system," said Pat Kelly, administrative assistant at UCSB. "It's just check or cash here."

Rosenfield said Cal Poly is exploring alternative ways to subsidize the processing fee.

One option is to require the student to pay the $15 fee if they choose to pay by credit card. Another option is to go through a credit card company without a processing fee.

Some students don't like the idea of having to pay any additional fee to Cal Poly.

"I don't think it would be fair if Cal Poly adds an extra fee," said Ada Navarro, a social science senior. "They have already taken so much out of us already."

"It all things were equal, and we didn't have to pay a fee, we would be doing it right now," Rosenfield said.

Allowing students to have an option when paying their registration fees would be a quick and easy method, he said.

According to Rosenfield, students would have the option to call CAPTURE on the day they register, punch in their credit card number, and then sign up for classes all in the same phone call.

"I think that the system is a good idea for students who may have a difficult time getting their tuition in on time," said Joel Miller, a forest and natural resource senior.

"Parents would be able to call in and pay their student's bill over the phone. No more having to wait for checks through the U.S. mail," Rosenfield said.

There will be legal issues if the processing fee is passed down to the students, Rosenfield said.

If Mastercard and VISA, two of the biggest credit card companies, don't agree to waive their fee, then Cal Poly won't choose to bring in the credit card option.

"Right now students can pay their tuition by cash or check."

Easy financial aid on the Net

COLUMBUS, Ohio (U-WIRE) — Students who rely on federal financial aid are aware of the headaches that accompany filling the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

These students, however, may not know that the 1999 form, due by June 30, can be filed on-line.

Instituted in May 1998 by the U.S. Department of Education, the on-line service provides an alternative to the standard booklet format.

Anita K. Hart, director of financial aid at Ohio State, said FAISA has been improved to make the on-line version easier than the paper form.

Among the improvements is the ability of the applicant to download the form onto a disk.

This enables the applicant to interrupt the application process and make revisions to the data at a later time.

In the earlier version, changes meant that the applicant had to start the process from the beginning.

Although the option to file FAFSA via the Internet has been available to students for nearly nine months, only a small percentage of students have used it.

Whether this can be attributed to flaws in the earlier version, or lack of student awareness is uncertain.

"We certainly think that the response to FAFSA on-line has been positive among students who have used it," Hart said.

"Filing on-line is a major improvement," said Andria Whitt, a freshman at the U.N.C.-Newark campus. Whitt said that she had had her share of problems filling FAFSA by mail and is grateful for the newer, more efficient version.

An improved accuracy rate is also an advantage of applying via the Internet. Hart said students who file on-line make only 25 percent fewer errors than students who file in the traditional manner.

Those who filed through the mail erred 12 percent of the time, while Internet users erred only 3 percent. Internet users also delay the response time of an application.

Responses and rewards are processed quicker with on-line applications than they are with mail-in.

Although applying for financial aid via the Internet is faster and more efficient than the traditional method, it may not be for everyone.

"I'm a paper person," said Erin Hershner, a senior majoring in communications.

"When you're dealing with that amount of money, filling over the Internet can be kind of frightening."

Realizing that that is a concern for students, Hart said that filing FAFSA on-line is entirely secure.

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Magic on Michael:
“The most incredible athlete I’ve ever seen”

BEVERLY HILLS, (AP) — Calling Michael Jordan “the most incredible athlete I’ve ever seen,” Magic Johnson said Wednesday that Jordan’s retirement is a blow to pro basketball in the wake of the labor lockout.

“It’s an era, a one-man show. It’s a loss for basketball, but for kids, too, in terms of not being able to see a super role model in action,” Johnson said.

Johnson was the dominant player of the 1980s with five NBA championship rings, before Jordan’s Chicago Bulls and their six NBA titles in the 1990s.

“He’s won one more championship Los Angeles Lakers this year and he’s got all the guys until the young guys break through. Maybe it will be Kobe Bryant or Shaquille O’Neal or Grant Hill.”

He said he planned to phone Jordan Wednesday night or Thursday to talk, and hopes to have some pickup games. Both were part of the U.S. “Dream Team” in the 1992 Olympics at Barcelona.

However, Johnson’s not about to talk himself into 1-on-1 action against Jordan.

“That’s his game. If we played 10 times he’d win 10 times. My game was leadership, and passing. He can’t match my passes. But I can’t score 60 points. I can’t compete against him dunking,” Johnson added.

“I was hoping he would stay just one more year to help these young NBA players learn how to be a true professional,” Johnson added.

BEVERLY HILLS, (AP) — Ray Buchanan is sleeping just fine this week. No, he hasn’t suffered any nightmares about the prospect of lining up across from Randy Moss in the NFC championship game.

“I’m going to take a better knife out on the field,” Buchanan, the Atlanta Falcons’ Pro Bowl cornerback, said Wednesday, “if I cut him and he bleeds, that’s how you know this man is human.”

Of course, Buchanan was being facetious. No knives will be allowed Sunday at the Metrodome, though it might be the only effective way to halt the seemingly unstoppable Minnesota offense.

The Vikings set an NFL record with 596 points during the regular season, then blew out Arizona 41-21 in a divisional playoff game last weekend.

They have an endless supply of weapons that only begins with Moss, the NFC’s rookie of the year with 69 receptions for 1,313 yards and 17 touchdowns.

There’s NFC offensive player of the year Randall Cunningham, who threw for 3,234 yards and 34 TDs in a remarkable comeback season.

There’s Cris Carter, who had a team-high 78 receptions for 1,011 yards and 12 scores. There’s Robert Smith, who rushed for 1,187 yards. There’s an NFL — and tanked second in rushing. There’s an NFL — and tanked second in rushing.

“Just like when the Lakers dominated the league ends with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar,” Johnson said. “Jordan’s retirement is a blow to the league and it’ll have to be the team’s quarterback, Mike14 point type $2.60 per line Boldface $1.00 extra ($ per line) (extra charges) (Total Due) AD DEADLINE IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AT 10:00 AM!!! Ads turned in later than the deadline will be subject to a late fee. 14 pt. type ends here
Jordan to play Bob Hope Classic

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"We have to rebound a lot better and play better defense." — Jabbar Washington

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In his freshman year at Cal Poly, Wyles struggled with getting acclimated to his head coach (Firm) and an entirely new program to follow. "My freshman year I had a very hard time accepting it, and it showed in my swimming," Wyles said. "When I look back, it was a good transition period for me." As a sophomore at Poly, Wyles began to show vast improvements, beating his 2:10.00 high school record by seven seconds.

"That's when I realized that the program was opening doors for me," Wyles said. "I owe so much to Rich, because I started understanding what I was feeling for the water." At that time, Moore decided to leave Cal and join Wyles at Poly for his junior year. "(Wyles) is probably one of the biggest reasons why I came here," Moore said. "He totally influences me. He's an inspiration, and to engineering and the physical sciences for principles and methods — for application to medicine, pharmacy, health and the environment.

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It's about time the 49ers locked up Mariucci

Have you heard the whispers coming from the Bay Area? "Bill Walsh is back, and Mariucci is out." The rumors that plagued the San Francisco 49ers head coach all year long finally ended Tuesday with a five-year renegotiated contract that locks him up until 2003.

Sure, at times Mariucci's decisions were questionable, and often, the team seemed unprepared to play, but as a head coach, he is only in his second year, which gives him time to learn and improve. Remember when Raider Owner Al Davis fired a young head coach named Mike Shanahan? Good move, Al, and congratulations on that 8-8 season.

Face it — the Niners have more serious problems than the incompetence of a talented young coach.

First and foremost, the Niners must see their first-round pick to draft an owner. Otherwise, the team's future includes another year of instability, an empty front office, and no centralized decision-making.

The Niners also must deal with the problem of being the league's oldest team, with 14 players over 30 years old. The front office, which is currently accepting applications, may need to take a page from the Jimmy Johnson draft manual by trading down high picks in order to stockpile picks in the middle rounds.

This is the best way to create an infusion of young players, and it may even produce a star, as Johnson was able to draft Leon Lett and Zach Thomas using this strategy.

An abundance of young players would also reduce the Niners' payroll, something they desperately need to do, as there's $25 million over the salary cap for next year.

Considering all the turbulence in the organization this year, the Niners had a successful season, but the off-season will determine if the team returns to dominance or regresses to mediocrity.

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Poly basketball takes to the road

By Adam Russo

Mustang Daily

It's crunch time for the Cal Poly men's basketball team, and it's only two games into the Big West Conference schedule.

The Mustangs are riding a six-game losing streak, with their most recent loss being a nationally-televised blowout at the hands of the University of Idaho. The team now shifts its attention to a two-game road trip, beginning tonight with a tough Utah State team and finishing at the University of Nevada Saturday.

Head Coach Jeff Schneider hasn't pushed the panic button yet, though.

"It's not a time to be adding a lot of things, changing a lot of things or making major changes," he said. "The thing we must do is shoot the ball. As soon as we shoot the basketball, everything looks good again."

In fact, Schneider is very optimistic about the trip.

"We haven't shot the ball well lately, but we will," he said. "It's interesting, a lot of our players individually are playing with confidence. Jabbar Washington has been playing his best since he's been here and (Mike Womack's) shot is coming back, so he's starting to feel real good about his game now."

If the Mustangs want to be successful on this short road trip, they must find that shooting touch that had them as the top-scoring team in the nation not too long ago.

During the six-game skid, the Mustangs averaged just 39.3 percent shooting from the field, a far cry from Valley and began swimming in recreational summer leagues at four. Wyales was always pushing himself to catch up to his older brother, who later earned a full scholarship swimming and playing water polo for the Universities of Pacific. In 1985, Wyales competed in a county championship called Clerk of the Courts. There he met and see WYLES, page 11

LEADER: Senior co-captain Eric Wyales has led the Mustangs to two consecutive first place finishes.

Swimmer exemplifies being a student athlete

By Aaron Culp

Mustang Daily

Although it is senior Eric Wyales' last year on the Cal Poly men's swimming team, he leaves in his wake a trail of success.

"Eric really typifies many of the top-quality athletes here at Cal Poly," head coach Rick Fetsmon said. "The other swimmers look up to him as an athlete and are in awe of him as a student."

Wyles, the team's captain, is an electrical engineering major with a 3.9 grade point average and won the men's Big West Student Athlete of the Year Award at Cal Poly last year.

"He's not the greatest student we've ever had, but he's improved and learned from his mistakes," Fetsmon said. "We haven't shot the ball real well lately, but we will," he said. "It's interesting, a lot of our players individually are playing with confidence. Jabbar Washington has been playing his best since he's been here and (Mike Womack's) shot is coming back, so he's starting to feel real good about his game now."

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