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and four at the power plant at the Engineering South building. A contract is out to have them removed sometime in February. Two above-ground storage tanks were constructed over winter break to replace the decommissioned tanks for a cost of nearly $55,000. Money came from a special repairs fund. One of the tanks now exists in the transportation building and fuels campus vehicles, such as disabled-student services transit and public safety vehicles.

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as if you lost money," she said. Public Safety will take reports on lost or stolen keys. Each one is serialized with a unique number, so if someone tries to rehash a stolen key, it would be indicated on the computer, Campbell said. A cash key belongs to the person who purchased it, and unlike a parking permit, anyone can use it. When a key is purchased, Public Safety Services will provide a map of where the cash keys are on campus, said Matthew Gepp, program service assistant for Public Safety. According to Gepp, the new keys will be strategically located at first.

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age 15. "The price increase is a good reason to quit," Cognon said. "I don't want to be a smoker for the rest of my life." Quitting smoking isn't easy, but Christy Radonich is happy to be free of the habit. She quit back in November, because of health reasons and the numerous disadvantages of smoking. "You see those old ladies putting on a cigarette, and I didn't want to be like that," said Radonich, an English senior.

Even if she hadn't quit before, she said the tax increase would have forced her to stop. "It was really expensive before, when it was only around $2 a pack, but now I definitely couldn't financially support the habit," Radonich said.

Though price provided a factor for her, she doesn't think it necessarily motivates smokers to quit. "I know people look at it and want to quit. My dad's smoked for 10 years, and even he's thinking about quitting. But even though they complain how expensive it is, I don't see them quitting," Radonich said.

David Harrigan, computer science senior, has cut his smoking in half and moved from Marlboro Lights to Marlboro Ultra Lights since Proposition 10 forced prices up. "It's forcing me to wean off the cigarette," Harrigan said. Before the tax passed, Harrigan paid around $2.25 for a pack of Marlboro Lights and now he pays anywhere between 4.25 and 4.75 for Marlboro Ultra Lights. He worries that prices will continue to increase due to tobacco companies settling lawsuits. "I'm already thinking about quitting," Harrigan said.

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Catherine Nguyen, a student affairs councilman, said he would use a cash key if he had one. "I hate running around for change anymore." "I think that if people fully utilize it... it will work well. But it will only happen if it's publicized very well." Nguyen said.

According to Campbell, the cash key program was planned to have started earlier this winter, but not enough electronic meters were ready.

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Partisan hatred responsible for unending trial

We have all heard it and we all sick of it. Dragging us through the mud of our president and the slums of current politics, the current impeachment trial has the essence of one of the most delicate political sciency. The impeachment managers claim to stand on a ground of morality and virtue; however they slip on the high of political preservation.

With a 70 plus percent approval rating, and the obvious back of a two-thirds secure majority, the right wing—hard core Christian coalition preaching—rhetoric, screaming, deceptive hyperbolic that are the impeachment managers—still close to an absolute despot. Despite the efforts of wise moderates and local Democrats in the senate to consider some kind of plea bargain to keep the president in office while admitting guilt, the managers press on for a conviction. Claiming it’s their conscience teaching and not their intellect, House managers adamantly refuse anything less than a conviction. What sense is this? Am these men to be ashamed or hated? It may alternate motives are propping these men to certain political demise, than we should praise them.

However, it is my contention that partisan hatred has consumed the souls and minds of the House managers. The big question: Did the president commit impeachable offenses? Depicable: Yes. Disgusting: Yes. Unacceptable as a husband: Absolutely. Unbecoming: No?

Wake up, America. Presidents he, congressmen, he, and people in general are corrupt. Real people he, real people exist. If you assume anything less come out of your case—Attempting to hold the leader of the free world to a higher moral standard is absurd. Let him be who is without sin the first stone.

Regarding the trial, senators are at a critical point. Soon their votes will decide the fate of one of the better presidents of the 20th century. Given our representative government, the will of the people—that acquit—should prevail. Or should it? Senators are touring the talk-show circuit, claiming only their conscience can make the decision. What? You are not in office for your personal morals and values, you are there to represent the will of the people. That will be a quick and positive close to this fracas.

Seemingly disintegrated in the political viability of their party in 2000, the Republican right wingers are up to their tricks in quicksand, and asking for it. Let us not forget the lessons of Watergate. After denouncing Nixon, a (true low-life, but don’t get me started) Gerald Ford (Republican) lost the 1976 election to Jimmy Carter (Democrat). The public rejected Republicans, and the same fate could easily befall them once again in 2000, despite their claims of morality and virtue.

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Team president Adam Swantko said the teams were equally skilled, but the Mustangs were put at a disadvantage when they lost a man in the second half.

"It was an evenly matched game," he said. "They are a really good team. They just pulled it off in the end, they had something we didn't.'

The Mustangs didn't find what they needed to win Sundae, as they lost to Arizona State, 19-13. It was an action-packed first half as the two teams struggled for the lead. Cal Poly shot ahead early with the first penalty kick for a 3-0 lead. But the Sun Devils were quick to come back, making a try but missing the conversion, making it 3-3.

Brown scored his first try and conversion this season, pushing Cal Poly back on top, 10-5, but the Mustangs couldn't keep the Sun Devils at bay, and they scored a try to lead, 12-10, at the end of the first half.

Cal Poly gained the upper hand in the second half with a penalty kick pushing the score to 13-12, but the final play of the day was a try and conversion by Arizona State for a 19-13 win.

Besides a great play by Brown, Gerner said team captain Dennis Yee also had a good game.

"Dennis played really well," he said. "He's a silent leader. He plays well when we need guys to step up."

Swantko said there were several reasons for the bad weekend.

"In both games we had a lot of penalties," he said. "And the team made a lot of mistakes that just killed us. Some guys just weren't really thinking."

He isn't worried, however.

"The team's a little bit in shock," he said. "I think we'll bounce back this weekend."

Sean Ranney, who plays center front row, thinks the team's been hurt by the lack of a place to practice.

"It's pretty tough to have a place to practice," he said. "I think we'll bounce back this weekend."

Agent denies Magic Johnson's plans to buy baseball team

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Basketball legend Magic Johnson is not involved in any group planning to buy the Oakland Athletics, his agent said Monday.

"Three months ago, we basically had two telephone discussions and passed on the deal," said Lon Rosen. "It just didn't look like the right thing to do."

Several San Francisco Bay area newspapers have reported in the past few days that a wealthy developer, John Kehriotis, has talked about the deal with Johnson, who owns a piece of the Los Angeles Lakers and baseball Hall of Famer Frank Robinson.

"Who is he?" Rosen asked. "We deny it," he added. "He's probably a very nice gentleman, but no."

Kehriotis, part owner of the Sacramento Kings, told the San Francisco Chronicle that he hasn't actually spoken to either Robinson or Johnson, but has been negotiating with a Los Angeles attorney acting on behalf of the two sports stars.

Four other investor groups also have shown interest in a $120 million deal to buy the Athletics, according to Bob Caporale of Game Plan LLC, which is shopping the team for the city of Oakland and Alameda County.

Robinson, who played with the Baltimore Orioles and Cincinnati Reds and later was a field manager for the San Francisco Giants, is also interested in a management role, Kehriotis told the Contra Costa Times.

Kehriotis owns 8.25 percent of the Sacramento Kings and is building an Embassy Suites hotel in Las Vegas. The Athletics' owners, Steve Schott and Ken Hoffman, put the team up for sale last December. In a settlement with the city and county, they agreed to drop their asking price from $355 million to $120 million for buyers willing to take on the existing lease at the Coliseum, which expires in 2024.

A local buyer must be found by April 21, or the team will go on the open market.
"Getting a set of brand new courts is what we need."

— Pete Gunther
head tennis women's coach

The new tennis courts may take awhile before they're finished.

"We've been working since December on abatement of the tennis courts," said Dave Rose, project information coordinator for facilities planning.

The four new tennis courts will be placed behind the four existing courts while the four existing courts are being refinished. Facility planning has its eyes set on next winter as the expected completion date of the project.

SPORTS
Callaway sues rival golf company

Associated Press

In a dispute between rival golf-club manufacturers, Callaway Golf Co. is suing Orlimar and charging patent infringement and misleading advertising.

The lawsuit, filed Friday in San Diego, seeks an injunction and monetary damages.

The two California equipment companies have been at odds since last year, when Orlimar cut into Callaway's dominance in the fairway metal market.

Orlimar officials were traveling Monday and had not seen the lawsuit. President Ed Delmar said he would have no comment until then. Callaway, based in Carlsbad, contends the patent infringement concerns an undercut that goes all the way around the cavity behind the back of its irons and is designed to move weight from the face of the club.

There is another patent in which the undercut goes only around the heel, toe and bottom of the iron. Callaway lawyer Steve McCracken says Orlimar's TriMetal irons infringe on this development.

"They had shown the irons in their booth in Las Vegas in August, but they were not available," McCracken said. "We were able to obtain one last two weeks, slice it open, analyze it and find the violation."

The other claim in the lawsuit alleges unfair competition. Callaway contends Orlimar has been running ads on TriMetal driver that claim the 7.5 degree loft is a favorite in pro tours.

McCracken said according to the Darrell Survey, which keeps track of the clubs in a player's bag, there was only one 7.5 degree driver from Orlimar put in play on the four U.S. tours last year, and 11 this year.

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Rugby drops two

By Jen Stevenson
Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly rugby team is staying upbeat, despite a double loss this weekend to the University of Arizona and Arizona State.

The Mustangs were shut out, 18-0, by Arizona on Friday, and fell to Arizona State on Sunday, 19-11. The team is undaunted as they prepare for their next two games.

"We have a tendency to start off slow sometimes. And against good teams like this weekend, we can't start off slow."

— Rob Gerner
rugby player

TORN UP:
Tennis team has only four courts left.

By Kristie Griffin
Mustang Daily

The Mustangs lost two tough games this weekend making them 1-3.

Kristie Griffin releases a shot over a defender.

see RUGBY, page 6

Mustangs lose on the road

By But McNaughton
Mustang Daily

The placement of Cal Poly's new parking structure has made practices for the tennis team a bit more challenging.

Cal Poly's new parking structure is being built beside the Pertaining Arts Center and has stripped away six tennis courts leaving the team with only four.

"It's hard when scheduling practices," Pete Gunther, said.

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JUMPER: Kristie Griffin releases a shot over a defender.

There was a whole lot of sucking goin' down at the Super Bowl

By Joe Nolan

So the game sucked. Actually, I think the word "sucked" perfectly describes this year's Super Bowl.

Don Reaves hosts the Super Bowl.

The poor guy's heart took a brutal beating Sunday, as it had to withstand its fourth thumping. Hey, at least his average Super Bowl margin of defeat will come down — from 32-1.

Budweiser also blew it, big time.

After several brilliant commercials, they decided to climax up on their soup ads and preach about the importance of stop­ ping underage drinking. The spot instantly incited a flam­ mentous and unanimous boo throughout my living room and several of my 20-year-old buddies threw down their Budweiser in disgust.

Then, there's Eugene Robinson.

Good old Eugene. The family man. The Bill Clinton of the NFL. He got blown deep on Sunday — even though he would have preferred it Saturday night (allegedly).

Shannon Sharpe and Ray Buchanan both sucked. All that great talk and so little play. Buchanan did a good job shutting down Ron Smith (152 plus receiv­ ing yard) and Sharpe couldn't suck it up and play in the big game. And, at 5-1 odds, he was a half-yard away from the game's first touchdown — that sucks for me.

Speaking of odds, my betting skills sucked. I lost the Shannon Sharpe bet (even though I was close), I picked Ed McCaffrey to catch more passes than Terrence Mathis (he lost seven to five) and I actually lost the frag­ gin' coin toss. Very sad.

We didn't get to see much of the "Dandy Bud" on Sunday — okay, maybe that doesn't suck.

Chris Chandler blew it big when it counted. The journeyman quarterback completed two really nice passes to Darren Goodson, sealing the Falcons fate. Maybe, Chandler should try his sixth team next year.

Well, we actually don't have to wait until next year to watch NFL football. The Pro Bowl is only a couple of weeks away and that game never sucks.

Hey, I can't think of anything else that sucked. Oh wait, my column.

Joe Nolan