Recalling King's dream
By Monica McHugh

To prepare for the future, it is essential to return to the past to inform the present, said Dwight Webster, Martin Luther King Jr. keynote speaker. Webster spoke at a birthday celebration held at the Cal Poly Theatre Thursday.

"Sankofa—Martin Luther King and the New Millennium" was the topic of the celebration lecture. "It especially clicked when Webster said, 'You can't achieve a dream if you don't have one,'" said Anna J. McDonald, director of Human Resources and Employment Equity. Webster, director of the Center for African and African-American Studies at Southern University at New Orleans, spoke of Sankofa, a derivative of the Akan people of Ghana West Africa. The word means, "Go back and fetch it." It refers to the notion of returning to the past in order to move forward.

"In this context we look to learn lessons from the life and teachings of Martin Luther King and from them, strategies for life, love and liberation, both in our present and in our future," Webster said.

English professor Dr. Kenneth Brown quoted King when presenting Webster: "We will never have peace in the world until men (and women) everywhere recognize that ends are not cut off from means, because the means represent the ideal in the making."

While highlighting lessons from the life and teachings of King, Webster explained the importance of going back to traditional values, such as the family, home and church and establishing a center within the community.

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Cal Poly looks into pockets for bus money
By Melissa McFarland

Bus fees might not be subsidised next year for students unless Cal Poly copees with nearly $70,000 per year from every rock looking for funding opportunities," said Cindy Campbell, parent and commuter services administrator for Public Safety. "We feel like we've done everything we can to discover a way to maintain this intesct funding and have found nothing."

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If the strategy for increasing funds is not found, the bus fee will be increased to $210 per student. If the fee is raised, the commuter fee will be increased to $180 per quarter. This will help offset the cost of maintaining the bus service.

The program uses role-playing and simulated crime scenes to give people the chance to practice and plan for additional California State University funding.

At the Academic Senate meeting on Tuesday, Paul Zingg, vice president of Academic Affairs, brought up the Strategic Program Initiative, SP, as an initiative developed by Cal Poly to increase state funding to all CSU campuses.

Last year Cal Poly asked the state for high-cost program funding, which would have benefited costly programs such as engineering and agriculture. Cal Poly would have received the majority of the money because those programs are specific to Cal Poly. Members of the Associated Students Inc. traveled to Sacramento last spring quarter to talk to legislators about the plan. "It was one of the most effective things we did," said Atan DeFerrari, vice president of ASI.

The plan made it to the governor's desk later to be denied. Under the new initiative, DeFerrari and others hope to round up support from the California State Student Association and from other CSU administrations. They plan to lobby legislature in Sacramento to turn a part of the budget over.

All programs on CSU campuses would get a piece of the pie, DeFerrari said. "Everybody wants the money, but it's who can make the best case," he said. "(CSUs) need money to enhance programs by making them more effective and more efficient."

The fight to get the initiative passed will be tough. The state legislature wants to cut tuition at state universities. As good as that may sound to students, DeFerrari said he has a problem with it. "It's a sell-your-soul good politicians trying to get votes. It doesn't make sense to cut money from a program that's already bailing," he said.

If tuition was cut, money students don't pay would be replaced by state money, leaving no money for additional funding.

DeFerrari said he believes that CSU students feel satisfied with both the tuition and the financial aid they are receiving. Philip Perez, political science professor, agreed that there are problems with tuition cuts. "I'm sympathetic in principle with tuition cuts, but it's a multiple issue," Perez said. "Can't allow more faculty hiring, which means fewer courses offered and delayed graduation," he said.

The next step is to take the new initiative to all CSU campuses for their support. DeFerrari said the initiative will go to the state sometime in spring.

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Poly dorms equipped for fire in wake of Seton Hall tragedy

By Jayson Rowley

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students at Seton Hall University in New Jersey awoke early Wednesday morning to a fire in their residence hall which killed three people. Sprinkler systems were not installed in the dorm, and fire hoses in the building had been disconnect-
ed because the equipment was obso-
et.

At Cal Poly, only Yosemite and Sierra Madre residence halls have sprinkler systems since they are the newest dorms on campus, according to Cal Poly Assistant Director of Residential Life/Education Carole Schaffer. All residence halls are equipped with smoke alarms, fire extinguishers and fire hoses.

"The full-time campus fire mar-
shal checks the equipment on a reg-
ular basis," Schaffer said. "The staff and residential advisors are trained in the campus fire marshals in terms of fire and evacuation."

When an alarm goes off, general procedure is to first evacuate the building, according to Schaffer. Residential advisors key into every room until the building is evacuated. Public Safety then responds to the scene, and the alarm sounds simul­taneously at the fire station. Public Safety calls the fire engines off if there is no fire and allows students to return inside once the building is deemed safe.

Schaffer added that alarms don't always go off because of a fire.

"Alarms go off when there is a fire, a system malfunction or student misconduct," Schaffer said. "In the event of student misconduct, we investigate and follow up on it if we are able to identify the parties involved."

"Only one alarm has gone off so far since I've lived here," said Jeannett Rocha, freshman English major and dorm resident. "I figured it was a prank, but I still went outsid e."

A New Jersey newspaper said fire officials ruled out careless smoking in the dorm as a cause of the fatal New Jersey college fire.

At Cal Poly, smoking is not allowed within 15 feet of dorms. If a student is caught smoking in the dorms, they must meet with the resi-
dence hall judicial system to come up with an appropriate resolution, according to Schaffer.

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dents."

Making crime easy is what burglars think, and keeping your home open to the street so they can watch out for you is not a good idea. John Moffat, ASI executive vice president, said Board members are currently trying to find ways to subsidize the fees.

"Our primary focus right now is to find a long-term solution, not a yearly mandate," Moffat said. "We want to continue providing that bus service to students for free. That certainly costs money, though, and that money has grown substantially."

In 1998, ASI came up with extra funding for the zero-cost program. Moffat doubts ASI's ability to offer such a solution now.

"(ASI has) to continue operating at the same level we have the last three or four years so we won't spend in the red in the future," Moffat said. "For any extras, like the bus funding, we would have to cut something else. So that's the big question — what are our priori-
ties?"

In the past, Campbell said, the zero-
cost program has always been rescued by outside groups.

"The first year we had the Foundation step forward and said they'd fund the difference. And then ASI stepped forward and said they'd fund the difference," Campbell said. "And this year we are at a loss as to how to keep this thing free."

Moffat remained optimistic that a solution could be found.

"Am I supremely confident? No. Do I think there are places out there where we might be able to find the money? Yes," Moffat said.

Lyle gave the complete recital Thursday night at San Luis Obispo's Mount Carmel Lutheran Church on Grand Avenue.

This year's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration was presented in coopera-
tion with the Cal Poly Black Faculty and Staff Association, music depart-
ment, College of Liberal Arts, the President's Office, Affirmative Action office, Administration and Finance and the Black Student Union.

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In completing the celebration, Cecil Lyle, concert pianist and provost of the Thurgood Marshall College at University of California, San Diego, previewed three songs from his acclaimed "Rags to Riches" recital, "A celebration of historically black colleges and universities" music programs wrote the collection of works.

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from the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Department for the past 10 years, gave the same advice.

"Most of your crime prevention is in the thinking," he said.

While participants were taken through the course, he gave a talk on how to safeguard a home.

He said that single-action deadbolts were the best locks for doors and front doors should be solid core. Strike plates, the piece of steel that is fas-
tioned to the door jam, should have four 3¼-inch screws. If a burglar uses a car jack to spread apart the door jam, the screws will help keep the jam from slipping enough to get the door opened.

"Watching out for your neighbors and keeping your home open to the street so they can watch out for you is important also," Johnson said.
Exploring Nature's Beasts

By Kathryn Tschumper

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Propelling t'ward the surface at over 30 mph, a solid mass of slate black emerges from the ocean's depths. More than half of the 45-ton body is visible before it comes crashing down into the ocean, sending a storm of salt water toward the boat. Up and down the Central Coast, visitors can see gray whales performing this act called breaching.

"Some people say it's a signal, and others say it's to knock off the barnacles that grow on their skin when they hit the water," said Darby Neil, owner of Virg's Landing in Morro Bay. "But I think they are just having fun."

Neil leads whale-watching tours at Virg's Landing where they have been operating tours since 1975. The business first started in 1953 when Virg, a Southern California fisherman, came up to Morro Bay in his boat, the Lady Jane.

"We'll find a pod of whales, which is two to eight animals, and we'll just stay with them the whole trip rather than going to look for different bunches," Neil said. Shaton Rowley, who has been a captain at Virg's for six years, said a spout of water is usually the first indication a whale watcher gets when scanning the horizon.

"Usually you see their spout first, because when they shoot up, it is 10 or 12 feet in the air," Rowley said. "If it's windy, it is hard to see because they get blown down. But most days, the morning wind hasn't come up yet and it's good visibility so you see them from quite a ways off."

The gray whales are migrating south toward Baja California after spending the summer months feeding in the Arctic waters. Peak whale watching months are October and November when they embark on a 5,000-mile swim toward the warm lagoons of Baja California to breed, through April.

Generally, I head straight out until I hit a migration path when I get out to about 40 fathoms, which is 240 feet," Neil said. "They tend to hug that line going down, so I'll go out to that and start heading north. That way I intercept them as they are coming down."

After a gestation period of 13 months, gray whales give birth in the Baja lagoons from November through March. Calves are roughly 15 to 18-feet long at birth and grow an average of 180 pounds per day.

"We see whales here all the way through July, but it is usually the mothers with brand-new babies swimming close to the shoreline and moving slow," Neil said. He has seen a dramatic increase in the whale population in the last 25 years.

"We always see whales. I don't think we have had a trip yet this year that we haven't seen whales on," he said. "Stocks are now estimated at 50,000 animals, so it's back to or beyond the original stocks of pre-hunting days."

Alaskan and Siberian Eskimos have hunted gray whales for 1,200 years. During the 19th century, whalers began a commercial harvest of the animal, pursuing them with steam vessels and harpoon guns until 1937, when an International Agreement for the Regulation of Whaling forbid their killing. In the United States, the gray whale is now listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Conservation Act of 1969. The whale population is not the only species living off the Central Coast. Rowley said that visitors can also view sea otters and dolphins on the tour.

"We usually always see sea otters because there are lots of them around here. On a couple of trips this year we've seen dolphins," Rowley said. "We don't have to go to them. When we see the boat, they like to swim at the bow of the boat for anywhere from one to 15 minutes."

Michelle Baum from Pismo Beach saw dolphins on her whale watching tour.

"I loved it, just basically for the dolphins. They surrounded us and there were four that were racing us because we were leaving," she said.

Bruce Adams from Paso Robles said it was the first time he had seen any whales.

"I didn't know they were right off the coast," he said. "They are more enjoyable than whales because they come so close."

Cost of campgrounds outages outdoor buffs

I've been scammed, and I want the world to know. What began as a simple camping trip with the roommates ended up a debacle that took a chill wind out of my very soul (and my pocketbook, the two being closely intertwined).

Now it is certainly not in my nature to pay for a camp spot. However, for the sake of friends, I put my convictions aside and made a trek to the campground of a certain state park.

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Pro-choice doesn’t mean pro-death

The U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe vs. Wade decision made abortions legal in the United States 27 years ago Saturday. But for my grandmother a legal abortion was 45 years too late. For six weeks my grandmother lied in a hospital bed dying after trying to abort her sixth pregnancy. She left five young children and a heartbroken husband. My mother, then 7 years old, was told the hospital wouldn’t finish aborting the fetus because abortion was illegal and morally wrong. I’ve often wondered what the nurses and doctors thought as each of her five children filed through the hospital room to say good-bye to their dying mother.

My grandmother must have felt utter despair at the thought of bringing another child into the world. She grieved with her life and lost. My grandmother knew what responsibility was — she already had five healthy, well-cared-for children. She knew what pregnancy was, and she also knew what abortion was. I believe she made the decision she made nearly 65 years ago was about living. Her decision was to stop the pregnancy before the fetus became a child so she could better care for the five children she already had. If abortions were made illegal again, there would again be women dying from back-room abortions.

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Embrace a small life, make others happy

This weekend marks the anniversary of the landmark Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision of 1973. This decision ruled it is permissible to end a pregnancy simply because a woman has changed her mind during the first three months. To tell the truth, I hadn’t spent too much time thinking about abortion on a personal level. I mean, I studied the case as much as the rest of us in high school, and I did know what an abortion is. However, I didn’t feel I had a clear tendency toward my own pro-life-ness or pro-choice-ness. That is, I didn’t have much of a tendency until this past weekend. But this isn’t because of this upcoming 27th anniversary thing. It was because of Alexander and Breanne.

You see, a friend of mine recently gave birth to a baby boy, and I spent last weekend celebrating the birth and baptisms of 6-week-old Alexander. I’ve seen babies on television, watched them with their mothers in supermarkets and even have little cousins, but they were born before I was old enough to appreciate the miracle.

It seems to me anti-abortionists are demanding it be their right to tell parents, should they conceive, that they must carry the pregnancy to full term. Their belief is that life begins at conception. I believe a two-week-old fetus is alive, but I do not believe it is yet a baby. It is on this argument the abortion issue pivots.

Most women want children and love their children. I don’t believe it abortion was truly the killing of a child, women would be doing it. If women believe, when they have an abortion, that they are killing a baby, they are a lot of men walking around disguised as good mothers and women. The instinct of motherhood is strong, and I believe reliable. Women know what they are doing. We must trust the decision a woman makes.

Some would say that abortion is the destruction of that instinct. I disagree. There are millions of babies born each day and welcomed with loving arms into the world. To me, this is pro-life and pro-choice. I have used these two phrases in a slightly different context than commonly used because I have a problem with these labels. The definition is no longer clear; the real event is obscured.

A woman chooses to have an abortion, not to have one. She makes this decision based on what she understands and believes about the fetus and early-term pregnancies. Creating neat categories is an easy place for people to hide when they don’t want to think about the issue for themselves. From what I can tell, abortion is not a black-and-white reality. Many people struggle with the issue. This is good. Maybe someday if people continue to struggle with it, there will be a definitive answer.

Abortions are not pleasant events, but are sometimes necessary. To decide whether or not to have an abortion is hard — I doubt many women would deny this. Women need concise information, not societal judgment.

If my grandmother was alive today, I wonder if someone would come to her hospital bed and paste a bumper sticker on it that said, “It’s a choice, a child.”

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MTV’s ‘Tom Green Show’ is modern American ugliness

“Beauty and meaning require effort and maturity to comprehend ... I don’t think Tom Green is bad for the American public. I think he’s just plain horrible and insignificant. He’s horrible because he lowers the level of comedy to almost nonexistence.”

During my first and last view of Tom Green’s 30-minute episode on MTV, I chuckled onl y once. An elderly lady walked off the stage in disgust, shaking her head and saying, “I didn’t know it was going to be porn.”

I bet, though, Tom Green is laughing all the way to the bank because people are calling this bank comedy and paying him for it. Now wait a minute, I thought to myself, give the guy a chance. Maybe I’m missing some message here. A few more minutes of viewing and I was certain. There is no message in this man’s degenerate behavior unless it is to simply make tools of his audience for even watching this dreck.

What does concern me, though, is why people think this guy is funny or even mildly entertaining. Watching a bunch of old people on an exercise mat out group sex on their meat pears is not funny. Squirting urinating on a downtown street corner is not funny either. Ugly is a better definition. And this is why I think Green is probably laughing:

1. I once drew a picture of an old man, an ugly old face. A friend of mine, who studies art, said when he saw it, “It’s easy to draw ugly pictures.”

2. I thought about when I drew the picture, and I knew he was right. It required the least effort of any of the paintings I have done. To be ugly and disgusting is easy. It’s a lot easier than creating something wonderful and beautiful or inspiring. Ugliness for ugliness’ sake has little or no value and requires very little effort.

Another disturbing thought occurred to me: If Americans think this guy is funny, they are also becoming lazy. Developing a keener sense of humor takes effort and maturity. Second graders love to gross each other out, and almost anyone can participate in second-grade humor. It’s been a long time since I hung out with people who thought he was funny.

Great artists have worked hard because anything that requires the least effort of any of the paintings I have done to think I might be worried about his show is insignificant because nothing that requires little or no effort should be afforded any significance at all.

I would rather watch a snail leave a silvery trail across my toes than watch one single more minute of Mr. Green.

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Destinations & Diversions

Hot springs are part of Poly experience

Let Sycamore Mineral Springs help your body and mind relax from the hectic pace of campus

Let's tick off the reasons why a student chooses Cal Poly — solid academics, prestigious reputation, active clubs, the hot tubs at Sycamore Mineral Springs. Okay, so not necessarily in that order.

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fullback. He gets most of his yardage on the run. "Tampa Bay is known for pounding the ball with Alstott and mixing it up with Dunn," Rams coach Dick Vermeil said. "If we can stop the running game, we're going to make King throw. He's a rookie back there, so we want to try to mix us up on defense and put him in unfamiliar situations.

"The thing to watch for is how precious it is to be in this situation. The Jaguars entered the season as the AFC favorite and went 14-2. But it was a season that taught them an uncomfortable 14.2," saying criticism in print, on the air and from the ubiquitous callers on talk radio.

The only team the Jaguars played with a winning record was Tennessee, and they lost twice, making this game even more pivotal.

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Minnowaugh said, "We're going to play a zone and see if we can't make people that aren't keen on shooting have to shoot.

The athleticism Minowaugh refers to is the form of North Texas' triple threat on offense: seniors Ashley Norris and Empress Drane, and sophomore Jay Mitchell.

Mitchell was honored as a first-team selection on the All-Big West team last year after scoring in double figures in 26 of 28 games. Teammate Ashley Norris has recorded 24 20-plus-point performances in her three seasons with the Mustangs. She also holds the school career record for 3-pointers despite having missed all but three games last season due to knee injuries. Drake is a second-team all-league pick and chips in 11.1 points per game.

Injuries continue to plague the Mustangs this year. Center Stephanie Brown and forward Caroline Rawls are out for the season with injuries. Rowls averaged 13 points last season and Brown was second in rebounding last year, averaging over five points a game. Though they did not practice with the team to evaluate his options for the team this year,

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step on the court and play. But I think his influence around the players is going to make a difference.

Jordan said Wednesday he envisions practicing with the team to evaluate talent, but NBA ownership rules prohibit him from playing in a game. He said he anticipates Jordan putting on a practice jersey "maybe next week.

Describing his challenge to revive the Wizards, Jordan said that "everybody's disposable," essentially putting Heard, Unsel and everyone else on notice.

"I don't feel undermined," Heard said. "Believe me, we need all the help we can get right now, and I can't think of a guy that's better suited for it than Michael."

Heard, in his first full season as an NBA head coach, has said over and over again the Wizards' problem is not talent but chemistry, and that no player has been willing to step forward and be the team leader. He said Jordan cannot fill that role.

"I doubt anyone can do it," Heard said. "Michael cares about winning the championship. And if he's not getting the job done, he'll ship my butt right up out of here.

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Battle of the backfields for NFC championship

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Two against one doesn't seem quite fair. Except when the one is Marshall Faulk.

In Mike Alstott and Warrick Dunn, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have a nice running back rotation. Alstott is the 250-pound battering ram, and Dunn is the speedy outside toy.

All the St. Louis Rams have is Faulk. All, as in, he does it all.

Faulk wins the NFL Offensive Player of the Year, setting a record with 2,439 yards of total offense. So two against one doesn't seem quite fair. Except when the one is Marshall Faulk.

"We've been getting some big plays and getting deep, but a lot of our best plays have been just dumping it to Marshall and having him go with it," Hamilton said. "When Faulke gets the ball against the Rams, he can expect to draw lots of attention. "It will take all 11 of us to keep him under control," said defensive tackle Warren Sapp, the Defensive Player of the Year. "If we eliminate the big plays, we will be fine."

The best way to limit Faulk's contributions is to not let the St. Louis offense, which led the league, onto the field. And the best way to do that, of course, is for Alstott and Dunn to have big days.

Alstott, like Faulk an All-Pro, has become as much a feature back as a see NFC, page 7

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Mustangs travel to North Texas

By Christian von Treskow

The Cal Poly women's basketball team has lost two straight games and hopes for its first Big West Conference win at North Texas this weekend.

Turner said Wednesday on CNN's "Moneyline," his first public comments on the Rocker flap. Turner pointed out that the ace left-handed reliever has apologized.

I don't think we wanted to hold it against him forever," Turner said. "He didn't commit a crime."

The Braves have been under pressure from some quarters to discipline Rocker, 25, who told Sports Illustrated last month that he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to ride a subway train "next to some queer with AIDS." He also said, "I'm not a very big fan of foreigners... How the hell did they get in this country?"

"I think he was off his rocker when he said those things," guard Mitch Richmond said. "I sign up to see how Michael Jordan helps shape the Wizards" was right in the middle."

"It was surreal at first," Hamilton said. "All you can do is sit back and listen. But it's reality. And he's come here to help turn this basketball team around."

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"I think he was off his rocker when he said those things," Gar Heard said. "The only impact that he has here is that he's going to be a tough road." He admitted as much. Having Jordan walk through the door may create some excitement, but it does not automatically mean victories.

"We still have the same team," Heard said. "The only impact that he could have right away is if he were to..."

Jordan wastes little time in new role

WASHINGTON (AP) — He did not practice. He was casual slacks instead of shorts, and he stood on the sideline.

Michael Jordan looked more like an assistant coach Thursday during the Thursday morning practice, the day after Jordan became the team's part-owner and president of basketball operations. Only the last half-hour was opened to reporters, as Jordan was gone by the time the cameras and notebooks arrived.

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