ASI surveys students' needs for UU renovation

By Kerri Holden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Put away the hammer and nails. All that's needed for the University Union renovation task are students with sharpened pencils.

The University Master Plan committee is conducting a survey to find out what immediate UU improvements, as well as long-term renovations, students want to see.

"We're allowing the students to dream a little bit," said Paul Baldwin, Associated Students Inc. Planning assistant. "The survey is really the brainstorming part of the process."

The one-page survey has sections where students can fill in suggestions as well as an area to check off future development ideas the Master Plan committee has already specified.

-- Students have until Wednesday to fill out a UU renovation survey, available in UU room 212.

Approximately 300 surveys have already been returned. A majority of these have had a movie theater and a 24-hour study area checked as priorities, Baldwin said.

One-third of respondents have written in the comment section to suggest ways ASI should utilize the UU plaza space, Baldwin said.

"People have said they want to tear out all the concrete and get rid of the fountain," Baldwin said. "Most of the comments have been pretty consistent with that."

The information gathered from these surveys will be compiled into one big list, said Stacey White, the designer from RRM Design Group, which is overseeing the process. The committee will combine that list with ideas gathered during visits to UC Santa Barbara, Cal State Los Angeles and other comparable campuses.

Focus groups will then be asked to narrow down the list and establish priorities.

"We'll try to see what is realistic and practical and take it from there," Baldwin said.

Watte said after all this is done, the committee will take the plan to the ASI Programs and Services committee for approval.

In the meantime, students interested in filling out a survey can find them in the ASI business office (UU room 212).

Canned love

Food science senior Steve McCready works at the canning machine in the Pilot Plant behind the Campus Market to spread Valentine's Day love. The Food Science Club put candy and Valentine's Day notes inside sealed cans and sold them as a fund-raiser.

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Spring flower brings cancer hope

By Monica McHugh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The first flower of spring, the daffodil, is a symbol of hope and renewal. For the American Cancer Society, this flower further symbolizes the promise that one day the world will be free of cancer.

For the 13th year in San Luis Obispo County, the ACS is raising money for cancer research, education and patient services through the Daffodil Days campaign. Individuals can buy flowers for friends, family or co-workers to support the fight against cancer. Businesses can also purchase a bouquet of daffodils that will be given anonymously to cancer patients at local medical centers and health care facilities through Gift of Hope donations.

"The American Cancer Society and the Daffodil Days Celebration honors cancer survivors," said field service manager Heidi Williams. The society will offer advance sales through March 1 with delivery the week of March 20. Most floral bouquets arrive in the bud stage, allowing the recipient to enjoy the entire blooming process.

Daffodils are available in ACS business offices. Donations range from $10 for a small bouquet to $50 for a large bouquet. For more information, call (805) 582-5530.

Heidi Williams
ACS field service manager

Proud parents of professor donate to scholarship

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The parents of a Cal Poly biology instructor wanted to honor their daughter and son-in-law's years of service to Cal Poly. To do that, they donated stocks valued at more than $140,000 to establish a scholarship endowment.

Dr. and Terri Anderson made the gift as a tribute to both their daughter, Andrea L. Waterbury, and son-in-law Arch Waterbury, also a longtime Cal Poly biological sciences professor.

The couple contributed shares of stock to establish the Arch and Andrea Waterbury Biological Sciences Scholarship Endowment Fund, and to buy about $29,000 worth of equipment for the department.

The majority of the gift will provide scholarships for students majoring in biology.

Andrea L. Waterbury is a 1973 Cal Poly biology alumna. She has taught in the biological sciences department since 1976. Her husband has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1973.
Charity walk

City and regional planning freshman David Richardson struts down the cat walk for charity Friday. The Black Student Leadership Commission gathered some of Cal Poly’s eligible bachelors for its Bachelor’s Auction at the Sandwich Factory. The commission, which dedicates itself to at least one charity activity per year, chose the American Sickle Cell Anemia Association as the beneficiary of this year’s event. Several males from other campus organizations and fraternities volunteered their time as bachelors and drivers for the couples. Local businesses also participated.

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bouquet of 10 bloom to $110 for a $55, or orders may be picked up in person.

The American Cancer Society is the largest nonprofit community-based organization in the United States. To date, the society has spent more than $2 billion on cancer research.

“Were very proud to have funded 42 Nobel Prize-winning researchers,” Williams said.

As a nationwide voluntary health organization, it is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives from cancer and diminishing suffering through research, advocacy and service.

The society would like to start an ASC club on campus for students. If students or faculty would like to place an order for daffodils, call the ACS at 543-1481 or 238-9657.

News

‘Peanuts’ creator dies before last cartoon

SANTA ROSA, (AP) — Peanuts" creator Charles Schulz died at home following a battle with cancer, just as the last original cartoon of his beloved career was being published in newspapers worldwide.

The 77-year-old Schulz was diagnosed with colon cancer in November, and his spirits recently sagged as he battled the disease and pondered retirement, said Monte Schulz, his eldest son.

“T think maybe he decided that his true passion was in the strip, and when that was gone, it was over,” Monte Schulz said Sunday. “He had done what he had wanted to do, and that was it for him.”

The son said that while the cause of death Saturday wasn’t known, “it appears he died in his sleep, almost between breaths.” His wife, Jeannie, was with him when he died.

On news of his passing, fans and colleagues across the country hailed Schulz as an irreplaceable artist whose work over the years had become infused in American popular culture.

“I think Peanuts has been for most of its existence the best comic strip in history, and nothing’s ever approached it,” said Melt Lazarus, who drew the “Mama” and “Mia” Peach strips, and knew Schulz for 42 years. “He’s going to be missed and will dearly never be replaced.”

The famous strip—with its gentle humor spiced with a child’s-eye view of human foibles—had one particularly endearing trait: constancy.

Year after year, the long-suffering Charlie Brown faced misfortune with a mild, “Good grief!” Tart-tongued Lucy handed out advice at a nicked a pop. And Snoopy, Charlie Brown’s wise-but-weird dog, still took the occasional flight of fancy back to the skies of World War I and his rivalry with the Red Baron.

The strip was an intensely personal effort for Schulz. He had had a clause in his contract dictating the strip had to end with his death — no one could replace him.

While battling cancer, he opted to retire it, saying he wanted to focus on his health and family without the worry of a daily deadline.

His last daily comic ran in early January, and the final farewell strip appeared in newspapers on Sunday. Old versions of the strip will continue to be published.

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Charles Schulz

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Charles Schulz, “Peanuts,” Lucy... how can I ever forget them...

It ended with his signature.

Fans of all ages mourn his passing.

In Santa Rosa, 8-year-old Trevor Jones offered a bouquet of flowers in decorated with a drawing of the character skating rink, which Schulz built. The drawing, delivered to the rink, read a child’s scrawl: “I like you.”

Ross Kusnugri, 25, arrived from Tokyo Saturday night for the sole purpose of reading the final “Peanuts” strip at the ice arena. Instead, she was mourning — and had not yet read the strip.

At the International Museum of Cartoon Art in Boca Raton, Fla., Schulz fans who came to see an exhibit featuring his comics became mourners.

“I said when they called me, ‘It’s not true,”’ said a tearful Jeanne Groover, the museum’s director of operations.

Schulz was born in St. Paul, Minn., on Nov. 26, 1922, and studied art after he saw a “Do you like to draw?” ad.

He was drafted into the Army in 1943 and sent to the European theater, although he saw little combat.

After the war, he did lettering for a church comic book, taught art and sold cartoons to the Saturday Evening Post. His first feature, “Li’l Folks,” was developed for the St. Paul Pioneer Press in 1947. In 1950, it was sold to a syndicate and the named changed to Peanuts.

It was in 1950 that Schulz approached the Saturday Evening Post and sold one of his strips to the magazine. The following year, Schulz began selling it to newspapers.


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A little rain didn’t stop nearly 100 agriculture buffs from gathering at the home of Cal Poly agricultural education professor Joe Sabol to share rootstocks and grafting tips at Saturday’s Sixth Annual Scion Exchange and Grafting Party.

Grafting adds fruit to a tree without altering the composition of the fruit. Scions are the pieces added to the base or rootstock of a tree.

The event, sponsored by the Central Coast chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers, has been held every year at Sabol’s house except one year when it was raining too hard to do so. As in previous years, there had been a contingency plan to hold the event indoors at Cal Poly, but the rain wasn’t quite heavy enough to deter this year’s participants.

“We usually have it here and that’s why we didn’t want to go down to the crops unit,” said environmental horticulture senior Laura DeVincenzo as the “guest grafter.”

In his spare time, DeVincenzo operates Gopher Glen Apple Farm in See Canyon.

“We started that with our children and learned how to do (graft) because we wanted them to be on a farm and have farm experience,” DeVincenzo said. “You can tell a kid, ‘Go clean up your room,’ but it doesn’t mean anything. It’s just harassment. But if you say, ‘You’ve got to go water those trees or they’ll die,’ they understand that and it’s not harassment.”

That was 10 years ago and the farm has since evolved into a very successful business featuring more than 100 varieties for sale and many other breeds developed by DeVincenzo.

Though the event was attended primarily by members of the CRFG and locals from Paso Robles to Santa Maria, there were several Cal Poly students and alumni.

Ag business senior Jeremy Ellis came out to support Sabol and his efforts. Ellis is a member of several farming and agriculture-related activities on campus, including Ag Ambassadors. Ellis had plans to graft an apple tree at the affair.

In addition to grafting tips and demonstrations, visitors had the opportunity to purchase a variety of rootstocks for $2 each, and dozens of scions were supplied by attendees for grafting to the rootstocks.

Sabol is passionate about what he does.

“I like grafting an awful lot. I really think it’s magic,” Sabol said. “People who have a small backyard can do some grafting and have two or three varieties on one tree and it extends their fresh-fruit picking throughout the summer and the fall. It’s a great way to teach young people about agriculture. Part of the fun is showing off all our trees.”

Sabol allowed attendees to take a self-guided tour through his orchard, which contains fruit trees of all kinds. Sabol, through the art of grafting, even has one tree that has more than 40 varieties of apple growing on it, with each variety labeled.

Attendees were able to try their hand at grafting under the supervision of a few grafting coaches.
Editorial

What would you like to see in a renovated University Union? Do you think administrators care what you have to say?

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He gave up his first chair clarinet in the band for her because she practiced so hard and he never did. This is how my grandparents met high school, and last September they celebrated 50 years of marriage. Grandma finally got the wedding cake she never got because they were too poor to have one.

Both now have the diamond rings that many marriages begin with. Yet Grandma still wears the skinny worn-out gold band that means more to her than the diamond.

On this day of love, I have been assigned the difficult task of defining true love—"true love" for all those "Princess Bride" fans. The problem is, how and where do I even begin?

When do you know when you have true love? George Burns always said Grace was his true love because she completed him. People say they become a better person when in love: "I love you not only for who you are, but for what I am when I am with you.

Many times love makes the world seem like a better place: "Only love lets us see normal things in an extraordinary way." Many today are disillusioned by love because of the stereotypical image that Hollywood, soap operas and comy romance novels portray. A one-night stand doesn't lead to 50 years of blissful marriage, and the perfect, peaceful couple does not exist. These images cover our eyes to what true love is. I guarantee you that Fabio riding a white horse to save Joan Collins's latest dandelion in distress is not true love.

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Look beyond society for true love

On this Valentine's Day, consider for a moment what true love is to you. Don't let me define it for you. Its meanings are endlessly, just as true love is.

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Opinion

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Our cynicism has a point. No student in his or her right mind would say no to any of these services in the middle of campus. Of course, graphic design services, larger study areas and a meeting space for every club is attractive.

However, students need to know if anyone really cares what we want. We feel rather ignored lately. President Baker didn't care what we thought about spending more student money for the sports complex nor that we might want to drink Coke between classes. Students have little reason to believe that administrators will listen to what we want in a fancy new UU.

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Media is responsible for Franken-food hype

Editor, John Weisniller's article last Monday regarding genetically modified organisms didn't contain many hard facts about GMOs. For a sum- mer internship, I spent the bulk of my time researching GMOs for the U.S. Embassy in Thailand, so I thought I might shed some light on the issues in Josh's article.

First, the European stance on GMO's they hate them! They are labeled as "Franken-foods" in the media. Labels are required on any thing that might contain even a fraction of GMOs. But there is a ra- son for that: Europeans in general do not trust their version of our Food and Drug Administration when it comes to food. It is a kind of how we look at Clinton: He's there, but we don't know what he's really doing in what he says. You may remember when Mad Cow disease was rampant in the European headlines. This tragedy, along with many other such inci- dents, have made the European community wary of its system. My point is that every time there is an issue around food in the European Union, it becomes sensationalized. Americans do the same thing, I guess, but we put up stories about little boys from Cuba instead. I guess they didn't mean "those" who seem to think they can simply tear down any flier they disagree with. Unless we post hundreds of fliers, none will stay up at all. GLBU strictly follows all campus posting policies. May I remind everyone who has been tempted to tear down any flier: It is a violation of campus policy (as well as our First Amendment rights) to remove a legally posted flier. I do not tear down fliers for Bible study because I am not Christian, or for fraternity events because I am not in a fraternity. Please respect GLBU's rights in the same manner.

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Letters to the editor

Leave GLBU fliers be

Editor,

As a member of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United (GLBU) and one of the primary flier distributers for the club, I feel obligated to defend our posting practices.

In her letter (Feb. 11), Yamin Corless claims that "the majority of campus is not gay, lesbian or bisexual, and therefore the majority of posters on a bulletin board should not be advertising such a club." In fact, 10 percent of the population is gay (yes, even Poly students), but well below 10 percent of fliers on campus are for gay-related clubs or activities. GLBU posts hundreds of fliers each week for the same reason a fish lays thousands of eggs: only a handful survive. GLBU posts fliers on Monday nights, by our meeting time on Tuesday, the vast majority of our fliers have been traced by students who seem to think they can simply tear down any flier they disagree with. Unless we post hundreds of fliers, none will stay up at all. GLBU strictly follows all campus posting policies. May I remind everyone who has been tempted to tear down any flier: It is a violation of campus policy (as well as our First Amendment rights) to remove a legally posted flier. I do not tear down fliers for Bible study because I am not Christian, or for fraternity events because I am not in a fraternity. Please respect GLBU's rights in the same manner.

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Opinion

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TAKES ADVANTAGE OF WHITE MAN

Editor,

Former African-American Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall once said to follow Justice William O. Douglas, referring to affirmative action policy: "You guys have been practicing discrimination for years. Now it's our turn." Right those words were. Since the 1960s an entire culture of racial and gender preferences has sprung into existence in America. It encompasses every facet of our society, from the local school board to the largest federal government agency. Today discrimination against white or male individuals in school admissions, hiring and promotion is so commonplace and accepted that we have begun to think of it as normal and even inevitable. It's important to remember what motivated this discrimination in the first place. It was expressed in a debate earlier this year between the American Civil Rights Coalition (www.acrc.org) and members of various pro-discrimination groups. In that debate, Tont Van Pelt of the National Organization for Women made this statement: "White men have an obligation to give the rest of us —  women and minorities —  a leg up for all the times on you did." Mr. Van Pelt's statement clearly illustrates the outright class hatred that is behind the racial and gen­ der preferences in our society. Today's white males are discrimi­ nated against and denied opportu­ nities even though they may have never discriminated against anyone else themselves or committed any other wrong to society. It's enough that they are white males. That makes them guilty of a crime and deserving of punishment. Another motivation for affirma­ tive action derives from the fact that white males tend to be more conservative than other groups in America. If you can deprive white males of schooling, jobs, promo­ tions and other opportunities, you can decrease the power of conserv­ ativ e influence in society and thereby increase the power of liberal­ ism. It's a win-win situation. In that sense, reverse discrimination is a form of political opposition as well as class oppression.

When will affirmative action end? When asked this question last month, presidential hopeful Al Gore said, "We haven't reached the promised land yet." So I sup­ pose you can count on receiving equal opportunity in America when America has "reached the promised land." The fact that reverse discrimi­ nation won't end until white males decide they don't want to be discrimi­ nated against anymore. It's that simple. No one else will pro­ tect your rights if you don't have the guts to stand up for them yourself. If you are too timid to protect your own rights, then think about your sons. Will you just stand by while white males dominate schools, jobs and promotions just because they are white males? At some point you have to stop crying over­ the fence and start demanding respect.

I am sure this letter will attract a lot of hate mail. But it is important to draw attention to the fact that there is a major problem in America that needs to be addressed. It's not just a problem for white males; it's a problem for all of us. The time for change is now.

Letter by Jeff Burhans
Desperately

Seeking Stranger:

Saw you eating at Light House last week and couldn’t keep my eyes off you. Please meet me at Light House Monday, February 14th. I’ll be there from 4:30-7:00 pm. Really want to get to know you. I’ll be the one wearing the pink carnation.

CAROL

B R A N D E E -

Have a HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY! Hope this year has been fun for you so far. I wish you the best of luck.

Shannon

To: The wonderfully snacki girls of Alpha Phi

Can we be your Valentines?

Anxiously waiting,

The men of ΣΑΕ

CODY AARON, YOU ARE THE LOVE OF MY LIFE AND I COULD NOT ASK FOR MORE! FOREVER YOURS, KARI MARIE

LEIPSIN

SORRY I CAN’T BE THERE. LOVE YOU LOTS. POOH

Melanie, You’re the only one for me. Happy Valentine’s Day.

Love, Gavin

Happy Bday, Vday, Anniv.

This quarter has been the best because of you! -B

Julie

I’ve never met someone as adorable as you. Happy Valentine’s Day. I love you!

-Patrick

Mom and Dad,

I wish you both the wildest Valentine’s! I love you and miss you... Love, the best daughter

xxxoooo

Darling Julie,

May I Forever Feel Your Kisses

Love,

Asp

Mom and Dad,

I wish you both the wildest Valentine’s!

I love you and miss you...

Love,

xxxxo

Cathy, these past 3 1/2 years have been more wonderful than I ever imagined. I am looking forward to the rest of our lives together. I love you! Paul

To: Punkindoodle

Happy 3 month anniversary!

XOXO, Cutie pie

Punkindoodle

To: The fine snacks at ΣΧ (you know who you are)

You guys are rad!!!

Love the ladies @ Gamma Phi Beta

M- All my love to you, babe.

Be my valentine forever. -M

To: Suga

Roses are red

Violets are blue

You’re so hot

I wanna snack on you!!!

Luv: Big Daddy

Happy Valentine’s Day

Sug Girls

From Your Advisor

ERIKA DIAZ

I LOVE EVERYDAY PEOPLE

-- SLY
Hey Gay -
The road's been rough, but we're still together and will be always. I love you so much! SB+SG Forever!
Thanks for the good lovin'!
Love, Your Turbo

Ginko - Loving you is a dream come true. Happy Valentine's Day! Always, Blioba
P.S. Congrats on your acceptance to Georgia tech!

HARMONY H - I enjoy our bike rides together - Secret Admirer

To ALL THE SORORITY LADIES!
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! FROM THE MEN OF AEK.

I LOVE U ALEX W/ ALL MY HEART!
Le doy gracias a Dios porque me encontraste xoxo's, Tigger

Mom and Dad,
I love you so much. Thanks for all the love and support! Happy Valentine's Day! You guys are the best. All my love-Shannon B.

To: The Incredible Superstar B-ballers:
Looking forward to watching Your snacki buns for the rest of the season. Play hard, Your #1 fan.

I never knew any more beautiful than you: I have hunted you under my thoughts, I have broken down under the wind and into the roses looking for you. I shall never find any greater than you. — CS

Dearest Matt:
You're the only snack in my life. YES, I will marry you. Forever yours, Lisa

Thanks for the good lovin'!

I WOULD LIKE TO BE THE AIR THAT INHABITS YOU FOR A MOMENT ONLY. I WOULD LIKE TO BE THAT UNNOTICED AND THAT NECESSARY — M.A.
News

LAPD officer reveals part in scandal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The discredited officer at the heart of the LAPD corruption scandal claimed he kept with an informant and gave crack cocaine to another who was a homeless addict, it was reported Sunday.

Former Officer Rafael Perez also said he gambled away some of the thousands of dollars in cash that he and his partner allegedly stole from suspected drug dealers.

His testimony to a Police Department task force was reported by the Daily News of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Times.

A police spokesman declined to comment Sunday.

"It is an ongoing investigation that we cannot comment on," Officer Jason Lee said.

Perez, a former member of an anti-gang unit in the Rampart Division, is cooperating with authorities in exchange for leniency when he is sentenced for stealing eight pounds of cocaine from a police evidence locker.

He has alleged that officers framed suspects, lied on the witness stand and even shot unarmed men.

More than 30 convictions have been overturned and 20 officers have been relieved of duty, suspended, fired or have quit.

Altogether, more than 70 police officers are under either criminal or administrative investigation by the Police Department, the Daily News said, citing sources who did not identify Perez.

Perez, meantime, reportedly told investigators that more than half of the arrests he made were illegal.

Among other things, he claimed that he and a former partner gave cocaine to a homeless woman who they used to point drug-dealing locations and taxi drivers who were dealing on the side.

Once, Perez said, they gave the woman $20 to buy drugs from a cab driver and then arrested him. She got to keep the money "and I believe she also got to keep some rock cocaine," he told investigators.

Another occasion, the two officers gave her some cocaine while they were inside the Rampart police station, he said.

Perez also said one 1997 informant became his lover. The woman informed mainly on family members, Perez alleged.

"She didn't want to keep using cocaine," he told investigators.

"She was tired of her family members being involved in this. That's why she had no problem giving everybody up," Perez also claimed he lost some of the money taken from suspects while gambling. He once gambled for 16 hours straight in Las Vegas, the former officer said.

Perez told investigators that he and other officers sometimes made sure a case would fall apart to protect an informant who knew about their illegal operations.

"We didn't want to give our informant that much power, that much knowledge, something that he could hold over us," Perez said.

Perez was arrested in August 1998 for allegedly stealing cocaine evidence. He told corruption investigators that shortly before the arrest, a sergeant and fellow officer tipped him off that he was being watched.

"You cannot investigate me and then call down to my division and say, 'Hey look, you know, what's Perez doing today?' They're going to tell me. Rampart's a close division," he said.

Perez doubted that police could be trusted with a corruption investigation.

"You know, it's like the fox guarding the henhouse. There's too many relationships, too many friends, too many connections," Perez told investigators.

"It's ironic that Perez would make those comments as he sits in his cold jail cell," police Cmdr. David Kalish said.

Meanwhile, his attorney said Perez was a changed man who read his Bible for hours in jail.

"It's interesting; it's kind of like when you see a pernicious skin disease," Winston Kevin McKesson said.

Spacecraft nears asteroid of love for Valentine hit

LAUREL, Md. (AP) — A robot craft that missed its mark a year ago is on target for a Valentine's Day rendezvous with an asteroid named for the Greek god of love.

The Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous (NEAR) spacecraft is approaching the asteroid Eros slowly and is expected to dip into orbit around the asteroid-sized space rock at midmorning.

If successful, NEAR will become the first spacecraft to orbit an asteroid. Researchers hope data compiled about Eros could one day help humanity defend the Earth against a "killer asteroid" like one thought to have wiped out the dinosaurs 65 million years ago.

Mission engineers loaded final instructions in the NEAR's computer on Saturday, starting an automatic sequence that will carry the spacecraft to the rendezvous.

"Everything is operating right on time," said mission Director Robert Farquhar said Sunday night. "It is working exactly as we expected.

A final rocket firing at 10:33 a.m. today will dip the spacecraft into an orbit of Eros. It will take 14 1/2 minutes — the time it takes for a radio signal to travel from the spacecraft to Earth — before mission engineers know if the rendezvous and orbit insertion were successful.

"We can just sit and wait now," Farquhar said.

Eros is a potato-shaped rock, 21 miles long and eight miles wide; by comparison, New York's Manhattan island is about 13 1/2 miles long and 2 1/2 miles wide. Like this planet, Eros orbits the sun, about 160 million miles from Earth.

The $242 million NEAR mission was launched Feb. 17, 1998. The craft was supposed to have gone into an orbit of Eros in January 1999, but it malfunctioned after a rocket firing that was to have aimed the spacecraft to the rendezvous was shut down automatically.

NEAR sped past Eros, capturing photos as it went. Then, for reasons still not understood, the craft went out of control and lost contact with Earth for more than 24 hours.

"We know why the rocket motor shut down," said Farquhar. "But what happened after that is a mystery.

The craft apparently went into wild gyrations and burned about 20 percent of its fuel before righted itself.

With just 10 minutes of power left, NEAR finally was able to aim its solar panels to the sun at again and start charging its battery, Farquhar said. If the battery had failed, the spacecraft might not have been heard from again.

Instead, engineers regained control and plotted a new course. NEAR and Eros circled the sun for a year in separate orbits.

Monday, it will fire small rocket thrusters to drop it into the weak gravity field of Eros and start a year-long orbit of the asteroid.
By Ryan Miller  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

One of the characters in "Scream" suggests that "pop culture is the politics of the 21st Century." If this statement is true, "Scream 3" is definitively in the running for, at least, a senate seat. This slasher film boasts an enormous amount of references to its own prequels, other popular films and general Americana. The multiple celebrity cameos alone are enough to provide unexpected laughter between shots of surprise and terror.

All of the elements that made the first two "Scream" movies a hit are here as well: the inevitable opening stabbing scene, the clever dialogue, the terror-inducing killers and the sudden attacks that make audience members jump in their seats. Neve Campbell, Courteney Cox, David Arquette and Liev Schrieber all return to reprise their roles from the previous slasher movies.

"Scream 3" takes place in Hollywood where the horror movie "Stab 3" is being filmed as a sequel to two other "Stab" movies based on the events that transpired in the first two "Scream" films. Trying to explain the making of a movie within a movie is difficult in face-to-face conversation, near impossible in print. Suffice it to say that the details are rich and the plot is woven subtly through the fictional realities of the first two movies.

Campbell's character, Sidney Prescott, has secluded herself away since she experienced the atrocities depicted in the first two "Scream" films. The hardy survivor now works under a false name as a remote operator for a women's counseling hotline. After learning of the bloody demise of a character from her past, she is shaken, and begins seeing haunting visions of her dead mother, Marnie. Sidney's ghostly mother and their mysterious past figure largely in this creepy film, tying many loose ends back to the original. If you haven't seen the first two, watch them before this; the background is necessary to truly appreciate the various characters who have survived multiple attempts on their lives by various knife-wielding maniacs.

Wes Craven, who directed the previous two "Scream" movies, does an excellent job at throwing suspicion on just about any character. Anything can happen, and anyone could be the killer. The interaction between the main characters and the actors hired to play them in "Stab 3" is witty, and also serves to cast more doubt on the intentions of practically everybody involved with the film's production.

What is possibly the most chilling scene in the movie occurs when Sidney is chased through the set of "Stab 3" by the masked killer. She is forced to confront a life-sized working model of Wes Craven, who directed the first two "Scream" movies, this third (and supposed final) chapter should entertain you. In total, there are probably more laughs than screams throughout the bloody mess. Arquette is fantastic as the naive Woodboro, her old hometown and site of the original slayings. The blurring of the line between fiction and reality is deadly for the characters on screen and confusing, but maddeningly thought-provoking for the audience.

If you enjoyed the first two "Scream" movies, this third "Scream" is possibly the most chilling movie of the series. Sidney is chasen, chased, and reality is deadly for the characters, crossing the line between fiction and reality even more than the previous two "Scream" films. This is definitely in the running for, at least, an 18 in the movie rating.
Legendary Landry won't be forgotten

DALLAS (AP) — When Tom Landry was fired as coach of the Dallas Cowboys in 1988, many people said there would never be anyone like him again. Eleven years later, his name is still there.

Landry's death Saturday brought new reflection on his legacy. A master of the art of coaching, his contributions to the game are too many to count.
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team on fire, like we were from
down. But more importantly, Cal Poly may have wanted to prove they can play hard and play well.

The Mustangs' not going to put its head down, tail between its legs and take a beating," Womack said. "We're not giving up. This next week will be huge. We have to carry this momentum so we have a chance at our ultimate goal, which is to get to the NCAA.

After Thursday's debacle, getting to Reno looked bleak. But with Cal State Fullerton dropping both games this weekend, the Mustangs are only one game behind the Titans and UC Irvine, who are both 1-7. "We still have a shot and now our guys have some confidence. Winning is a great high," Schneider said.

The Mustangs will need to play well on the road if they want to make a legitimate run in the Big West Tournament. Starting Thursday, they get a rematch with UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton. Both games are on the road, and the Mustangs will need to play well to move up in the standings.

"This last one was really crucial with us going on the road next week with some confidence," Henry said.

News and Notes:

The Mustangs' hot shooting may be the result of a broken rim. The basket near the entrance was broken before the game and was replaced by one of the side baskets. "Womack is currently No. 10 on the Big West all-time scoring list with 1,814 points and needs six points to move into ninth. Every few games 1-3 pointers to become the Big West's all-time leader in 3-point field goals made. ... Cal's Bjorklund also became Cal Poly's all-time leader in free throw percentage Saturday, with 96...."
Mustangs split weekend games

By Joe Nolan
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After one of the most bizarre weekends Mustang history, Cal Poly's men's basketball team managed to get one game closer to the fourth and final playoff spot in the West Division.

Thursday night, UC Irvine (10-11, 3-7) came to Mott Gym and embarrassed the Mustangs 90-67, closing out the game with a 24-8 run. Senior Mike Wozniak called the team's performance the biggest breakdown in his four years as a Mustang.

It was also the first loss that wasn't a close game. And it might have been just what motivated the Mustangs (7-15, 2-8) to their 108-84 win over Cal Baptist. Point guard Jason King made six of 15 3-pointers and scored a career-high 22 points. Wozniak added 18 points on six of 10 3-point shooting.

"We just have to take the open shot and shoot it with confidence," Henry said. "I think we were missing the last couple games. We had the shots but we just weren't hitting them."

But it wasn't just the 3-pointer that got the Mustangs' offense going. It was working on all cylinders with nearly a perfect balance of inside and outside scoring. The inside-outside game never allowed the Titans to get comfortable on defense, and the Mustangs were able to do whatever they wanted on offense.

"Chris (Bjurkund) really dominated them early down low, which forced them to go to the zone," Wozniak said. "And then when a..." see BASKETBALL, page 11

Shooting guard Mike Wozniak lays in two of his 19 points vs. Irvine.

Wrestling wins one in tripleheader

Cal Poly wrestlers had a tough weekend. After beating San Francisco State 25-18, the Mustangs lost to Stanford and No. 2 Nebraska.

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Mott Gym was a flurry of reversals, pins and two-point takedowns this weekend as Mustang wrestlers lost two of three dual meets. Cal Poly defeated San Francisco State 29-18, but then lost to Stanford in the second half of the doubleheader, 21-15. Following their split Friday, the Mustangs fell to No. 7 Nebraska 32-18 Saturday.

The Cornhuskers came out strong, taking a 6-0 lead to begin the meet. Nebraska wrestler Tony Demke improved his record to 15-14 with a 9-2 decision over freshman Brett Schumann in the 165-pound weight class.

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:
Mike Torrez was the Boston Red Sox pitcher that gave up Bucky Dent's home run in the 1978 American League playoff game. Congratulations to no one!

Today's Question:
Which former Los Angeles Dodger was the first player in modern history to play all nine defensive positions in the same game?

Please submit sports trivia answers to: sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

Memorable All-Star weekend

Another NBA All-Star weekend has come and gone. The league finally got smart and brought back the slam-dunk contest to highlight the weekend. The contest actually lived up to the hype, featuring the high-flying display of the NBA's newest crop of superstars. The 3-point contest, along with the 2-ball contest, made A 11-S t a r S a t u r d a y night in Oakland one to remember.

In fact, the All-Star weekend was one of the more memorable NBA events in recent history. So here's my five takes on the weekend:

1. Vince Carter is superhuman. I hadn't bought into all the hoopla about Carter -- I knew he was a great dunker, but I didn't know if he could handle the pressure put on him to impress the crowds in Oakland. Once his first dunk went down, it was clear that Carter could not only handle the pressure, he could excel under it. His series of dunks was simply amazing and astonished announcers and fellow players.

2. Two-ball is pretty entertaining. Two years ago, when the NBA tried to replace the slam-dunk contest with 2-ball, it failed to live up to the excitement. However, when the NBA brought 2-ball back this year to complement, rather than replace the slam-dunk contest, it was great to watch.

3. Jeff Hornacek can shoot. Teaming up with Natalie Williams of the WNBA's Utah Starz, Hornacek couldn't miss in the two-ball competition. He even nailed a buzzer-beater to beat Thomas in the final round. He wasn't satisfied with just that victory, so he went on to defeat some of the NBA's best long-range shooters in the 3-point shootout. These competitions were a perfect fit for Hornacek because he's one of the NBA's west defensive players, but he can shoot.

4. Kenny Smith should be shot. Smith, one of TNT's announcers for the slam-dunk competition, was also one of the judges for the competition.

5. The weekend was simply amazing and astonished announcers and fellow players.

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