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**Former pledge reveals Sigma Chi hazing**

Four Sigma Chi members are being arraigned April 18 in San Luis Obispo County Superior Court on nine counts of hazing and one count of selling alcohol to a minor.

The arraignment is under investigation by Cal Poly Judicial Affairs, and the case is being prosecuted by the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney's office. A civil action suit and restraining order have been filed against both Sigma Chi and individual members this week by the pledge's lawyer. The suit states that the restraining order was requested after the former pledge and his family started receiving death threats by telephone.

Sigma Chi President Carson Kalin, as well as members Thomas Griffith, Jeffrey Farr and Chad McMills, are being charged with misdemeanor counts of hazing and selling alcohol to a minor in a report filed March 22 by District Attorney Linda Luong. An arraignment for the defendants is scheduled for April 18 in San Luis Obispo Superior Court.

The 21-year-old freshman vowed to resume the pledge process after he was dismissed from the pledge process by a majority vote from his pledge class on Nov. 5. In statements made to University Police, Luong and private counsel, the alleged victim said Sigma Chi fraternity members hazed his pledge class. He cited incidents in which he and his pledge class were forced to consume alcohol and put his personal safety at risk.

The pledge retreat at Santa Margarita Lake on Oct. 11 is one among many activities where hazing is alleged to have occurred. The former pledge stated his class was taken to the lake by Griffith, Farr and McMills, and was forced to drink a keg of beer and six bottles of Southern Comfort. While fracturing members slept in their vehicles, the alleged victim claimed the pledge class slept outside in approximately 40-degree weather. He also alleged the pledges had to sleep on the ground and burn their clothes for warmth. In statements taken by Luong from fellow pledge class members, some agreed that clothes were burned, but dispute the allegation.

**Counters roll onto campus**

The Census 2000 van came to the Campus Market Tuesday. Census employees passed out packets, pens and buttons to encourage students to fill out their surveys.

By Carolyn Faciga

A flashy van rolled onto campus Tuesday morning on behalf of the big count. It stopped in front of Campus Market. Postalers the size of people flanked the van. Long tables were stacked with information pamphlets, pens, pencils and buttons. A team of workers stood by to answer questions and take names for employment. Printed on everything were the bold, red letters proclaiming "United States Census 2000."

The van is one of 12 Census Road Tour Vehicles (RTVs) currently touring the United States. They are part of an effort by the U.S. Department of Commerce to inform the public of the importance of filling out the Census 2000 survey. The census uses its figures for federal studies and funds.

"I don't have a problem with the census," said business freshman Mike Fishers. "I would like to know where we stand in the world as far as population goes."

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**ASI board may oust presidential hopeful**

The Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors may decide to disqualify candidate Aron Deferrari from the upcoming ASI election after he violated campaign regulations.

Deferrari, who was one of three candidates running for ASI President, broke election regulations when he began campaigning before the specified date of April 16, said Leslie Moffatt, chair of the elections committee.

Deferrari violated election policy on two counts. He announced his candidacy in an article in The Greek Weekly and wrote about his campaign on his personal Web site, Moffatt said.

The elections committee, a branch of the board, will recommend at a meeting on April 5 that Deferrari be removed from the race, Moffatt said.

The board will then vote and make the final decision.

Deferrari, current ASI vice president, said he had not intended his newspaper article or Web site as campaigning.

"I wasn't a solicitation of votes," he said. "I realize now it broke the law, but at the time it was completely unintentional. I know it was a mistake."

Bob Walters, adviser to the board, said in every election candidates are allowed 10 days of active campaigning. According to election regulations, active campaigning is "the public display of information and distribution of written materials."

Candidates will begin campaigning after noon on April 16 and continue until the day of the election, Walters said. Elections will be held on April 26 and 27 on Dexter lawn.

Moffatt said the job of the elections committee is to make sure elections follow regulations and policy. The decision to remove Deferrari was an easy one because it was an obvious mistake on his part, Moffatt said.

Deferrari plans to contest his disqualification at the board meeting. After the elections committee recommends his removal, Deferrari will have a chance to state his case before the board.

"It's an overly severe consequence," Deferrari said. "I think in fairness to the other candidates, I should be punished, but taking me out of the race is overkill."

Walters said this is the first time in the history of ASI elections that there has been an active campaign violation like this one.

"From the elections point of view, there are rules for a purpose and that's to provide a level of equity among candidates," Walters said. "With that in mind, this particular violation is very grave."

ASI President John Moffatt said he doesn't believe that Deferrari should have to leave the race.

"I think if he's found to have made a campaign violation, he should have to pay the consequences in fairness to the other candidates, but he shouldn't be kicked out." Moffatt said.

Leslie Moffatt said the disqualification of Deferrari will not affect the elections in any way except to prove the importance of election policy.

"I think this will uphold the respect
News

Student attempts suicide in dorm

By Alexis Garbeff

A freshman woman in Cal Poly's Pomeroy Hall was found dead in her room, attempting to commit suicide during finals week.

Cal Poly Police Chief Tony Ailts said that on March 11 the student's roommate took the knife away and called University Police.

The roommate took the knife away and called University Police. It is being reported that the student was sent to a San Luis Obispo County health institution where psychologists evaluated her.

Martin Bragg, director of Health Services at Cal Poly, said very seldom do police resort to implementing Code 5150.

"In a situation where someone is in imminent danger, we will send the county crisis team to see if they need to be in a hospital setting. Depression almost always lets up. The code helps to buy time to protect the person," Bragg said.

Ailts' goal is to inform students that there are on-campus services that can help to pull students out of depression before they resort to suicide.

"The point of this is that there are services available on campus. Students are depressed and overwhelmed, especially during finals week, and people can help," Ailts said.

Bragg recommends students to contact Cal Poly's counseling center, which is free of charge.

"Students can see one of our counselors anonymously and they will do an assessment of the student's life and family situation," Bragg said.

"They see the next course of events, whether it is to refer them to counselors in the community or prescribe anti-depressants available at the Health Center." Bragg stressed that treatment is treatable.

"It is important to get people in and started (on treatment). It seems so helpless and dark. Through intervention it can go away," Bragg said.

Friends mourn journalism graduate

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard

When Cal Poly graduate Kimberly Dunn Kralick was a child, she was given the nickname "Ms. Effervescent," a title attributed to her bubbly, contagious personality. Anyone and everyone was impressed with Kralick's chatter, and in public her mother had to pull her away from conversations with strangers.

It was this unwavering enthusiasm and happiness that more than 200 people remembered as they gathered at Kralick's memorial service Sunday at the United Methodist Church in Redding. Kralick was plagued with chronic asthma and other health problems. Most recently, she suffered from a severe sinus infection and blood clots in her legs, which caused her death on March 19. She was 23 years old.

To describe Kralick as a hard worker would be a vast understatement. Her family and loved ones recall her involvement in something. She served as public relations coordinator for Associated Students Inc. and wrote for the Mustang Daily.

During her last year at Cal Poly as a journalism major, Kralick overcame obstacles that the average student never faced. She solely financed her education and often worked two jobs while juggling classes and internships. Her health was always a burden to her and she missed a total of one year of school because of various medical problems.

Despite these difficulties, Kralick was always involved in something. She served as public relations coordinator for Associated Students Inc. and wrote for the Mustang Daily.

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News

Hunger hits home for students

By Kathryn Tschumper
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF CONTRIBUTOR

Hunger pants will hit the stomachs of some Cal Poly students during the second annual Hunger and Homelessness Week starting April 3. Beyond Shelter, a Cal Poly student community services project, organized the week to raise awareness about hunger and homelessness in the community.

"By getting involved in Hunger Awareness Week we hope to have so many people involved that it is hard not to notice us," said Joel Henderson, vice president of Student Community Services. "We want to make the student voice about hunger and homeless issues heard."

Students can get a free dinner at the Hunger Banquet on Monday. The banquet, developed by Chain Reaction, is meant to raise awareness about world hunger and an equal distribution of resources around the world. "A person goes into the hunger banquet and they get a ticket at random," said Younse, co-director of Beyond Shelter. "The ticket determines their class, their race, their income."

Students can also get a meal at the Homelessness' Week Homeless Pantry on Friday. Younse and students involved with the organization for three years, said, "We had some of the same events like the hunger banquet, the homeless panto and the fast. But this year we doubled the events and we are having a lot more fundraisers."

"We give them sleeping bags at night and we also give them a hot meal," Henderson said. "I don't have any money to do out of pocket," she said. "Something that I don't have money for and that the clients really appreciate is coffee."

"Last year was really successful," Younse said. "We had some of the same events like the hunger banquet, the homeless panto and the fast. But this year we doubled the events and we are having a lot more fundraisers."

Henderson, who has been involved with the organization for three years, is working on the Student Walk to End Homelessness. The walk is designed to raise awareness for the EOC Shelter and the Prides Day Center. "I'm hoping it will make people decide to help the homeless more either by voting more bills in or by helping people out on an individual basis," Henderson said.

"We need sleeping bags year round because clients might not get a bed because we are too full," Alther said. "We give them sleeping bags at night and since they are homeless and don't have anywhere to store them, they tend to lose them frequently."

The EOC shelter houses 49 clients, with an additional 23 at an overflow night. Clients receive dinner and breakfast along with a shower and bed for the night.

"They come on site at 5 p.m. and they stay around back," Alther said. "At 6 p.m. we open the doors and they get on the bed list. They can come and Iash if they don't choose to stay here, so that puts our numbers up even higher in the evenings."

Alther said the shelter's greatest need is money. "Our greatest setback is that things we can't get donated to us. We have to do out of pocket," she said. "Something that I don't have money for and that the clients really appreciate is coffee."

San Luis Obispo County has 4,800 people who need food every day.

Students can help ease this hunger problems with fund raising or by donating money to the shelter. "They can also volunteer their time to help out or the shelter to spend the night and help staff the center," Younse said. "Students can work with different programs like the soup kitchen and the EOC shelter that serve food."

For more information about Hunger and Homelessness Week, students can contact the Community Service and Learning Center.

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importance of an accurate count. One publication, "50 Ways to use Census 2000," lists some of the uses of the census. For instance, after the year 2072, citizens can use the Census to research their genealogy, quality for a pension, establish citizenship or obtain an inheritance. Other uses include planning for public transportation services and urban and rural development. It is also used to distribute more than $185 billion in federal funds.

The Bureau continues to reassure people that privacy is protected by law. No information can be shared with welfare agencies, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Internal Revenue Service, courts, police or the military.

All Census 2000 surveys were sent to homes in early March. There is a fine of $100 if the survey is not completed.

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Don't sit in ignorant bliss; gain knowledge

Ignorance is bliss. You've heard it said a thousand times. Yet, if this phrase is so cliché, why do we keep repeating it over and over? Who do we need to sit in college filling our minds with all sorts of things if what we really want to do is continue in the immortal and timeless tradition of ignorance?

What was so great about being a child? Maybe it was being able to get what we wanted simply by crying as a means to an end. Being a child means everything and yet contributing nothing. I rather think it was the mistake of our childhood that makes us who we are today.

Children can do almost anything because of their supposed lack of accountability. I imagine that we will still blame their actions for our own actions. "I'm sorry, officer, I didn't know there was a red light." "I'm sorry mom, I thought these textbooks were free."

But adults ARE accountable for their actions, and that's what separates them from children. We have been taught what to do and what not to do. There are no warnings. If we screw up now, it's our own fault, no excuses. Nobody's going to excuse you for not knowing anything. Instead, responsibility and accountability are the rewards of your education and knowledge.

As I was lying in bed one night, I began to think about the burden that knowledge carries with it. You ignore knowledge, but it's a bit too late for that. I grew up, and I'm in college now. I have knowledge and responsibility now. (OK, maybe it's a bit too early and I have to put it to good use. In fact, the greater the knowledge one possesses, the greater the burden.

Yet it's all that knowledge is there for the asking. This is where the real beauty comes into play. The more one has, the more one realizes that knowledge doesn't have any at all. Now I don't claim originality in regard to this idea, but with enough passion and energy, knowledge can mean more for me. So, if someone who thinks of themselves as an intelligent tells you that they are really ignorant, don't take it selectively. Knowledge is our view of the world, constantly teaching us to change our perspectives and look at things in new light. Some of us may become really jaded by what we see as drivers to the point of insanity, like the great philosopher Nietzsche. We hope we won't. We hope we'll see the mutability of our world and seek to change it accordingly.

Knowledge compels us to act on what we know. Once we have it, we can no longer sit back in a state of blissful ignorance and let things go on as they always have. No knowledge gives us a responsibility to wright change. And change begins with the self. To become truly wise, you must become virtuous — the four cardinal virtues being wisdom, justice, moderation and courage. Possessing these virtues, we begin to have the integrity needed to change the world, and the world needs a lot of changing. So don't just sit there! Use your knowledge for good!

Barnaby Hughes is a history senior.

Quarter-long stress requires more spring-break recuperation time

Spring break. Translation: time to relax, forget about school and catch up on your sleeping or drinking — depending upon your preference.

Spring break freedom beckons to students across the country, but to the dismay of many students, this time is consolidated into one little week. How could the administration of such fine institutions as Cal Poly and similar institutions throughout the country expect us to recover in just one week from the stresses and challenges of the previous 11? Students have done it before, but it seems to me that an extra week would help me to heal from my academic wounds.

According to SpringBreak.com, the spring break phenomenon in America is nothing new. In the 19th century, well-to-do college students would escape to the coast or to mineral hot springs as a "restorative cure" for the rigors of academic life. According to HistoryChannel.com, early "vacationers" denied that their anxiety and re-fixus on their yoals.

So, students would spend the entire season at natural spring health resorts that were famed to have healing qualities. Areas that could boast the appeal of these trips is the idea that they are once in a lifetime, the last chance to be wild before you're out of school, married and spending your vacations at Disneyworld or the Grand Canyon with your kids.

For me, two weeks of sleep and relaxation is all I need. Spring break means a chance to meet up with my friends from home and catch up on where everyone is going and, if I'm lucky, do a little scuba diving out at the Channel Islands.

Spring break is about finding what makes you a healthier person so you can return to school refreshed and ready to take on the next big challenge. The original spring breaks of the mid-19th century lasted weeks, giving students a real chance to leave behind their academic anxiety and to focus on their goals.

The struggling students of today deserve the same courtesy of an extended break that past students once enjoyed.

Jennifer Beards is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Patt Fabby

by Beth F. Johnson

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Think outside societal lines

I've always had issues with rules. In elementary school I couldn't understand why it mattered if I chewed gum in class or used the bathroom without asking. In high school I couldn't find the harm in girls wearing tank tops to class or people kissing in the hallway. At those early ages, I acquired my personal philosophy based heavily on the Golden Rule. If I believe my actions will harm others in a way I would not want myself harmed, I rethink and avoid the action. It's this kind of common sense that has kept most of us out of serious trouble.

However, with the U.S. prison population reaching an astounding 2 million inmates last month, it seems apparent that this kind of logic is missing in many Americans — though on the part of law-makers, not criminals.

Common sense should dictate that consensual activities, often called "victimless crimes," which injure no one outside of the immediate participants, have no right being regulated by the government.

Thomas Jefferson is quoted as saying that "the legitimate powers of the government extend to such acts as are only injurious to others." Yet every year new laws further restricting the activities of legal adults are passed. Laws prohibiting consensual acts — from those regarding prostitution, sodomy and pornography to those concerned with sex between teachers and students (even if both parties are of age) — have sent a large segment of the population to prison. 

How do we expect ex-convicts to value being free as second-class members of society? By distancing criminals — especially those who are not guilty of physically hurting another person or their property — from the society at large, forcing them to reveal their offenses on job applications and, in some cases, stripping them of their civil rights, we are sending the message that anything different should be illegal.

It's time to rethink oppressive laws and allow consenting adults to live their lives as they please.

Megan Arenas is an environmental horticulture sciences freshman.

Opinion

Thursday, March 30, 2000

Editor,

Why isn't foreign policy an issue in this year's presidential election?

A few years ago, when world leaders were discussing the destruction of the treaty that limited the number of nuclear warheads, politicians were asking voters, "Are you with us or against us?" It's time for us to ask the same question of our politicians and candidates.

The election process alone will never alter our democracy is reduced to a hollow shell. Important foreign policy issues and news will be completely ignored. You won't hear about the United Nations General Assembly vote from November that once again condemned the United States for its continued blockade on Cuba by watching NBC News. Likewise, the WTO protests in Seattle, with so many students involved, somehow didn't deserve an ounce of coverage in the Mustang Daily.

The election process alone will never alter current foreign policies of murder and oppression. The only hope for change is external pressure coming from foreign and alternative media sources. Foreign policy is largely dictated by the profiteers of corporations backing presidents, not by the actual individual. While the media remains unfaithful to this, our democracy was reduced to a hollow shell.

The election process alone will never alter current foreign policies of murder and oppression. Our only hope for change is external pressure coming from normal folks like you and me, willing to unite in one strong voice of resistance.

Jesse McGowan is a political science junior.

Our Community is Counting on You.

United States Census 2000

What is the Census?

The Census is taken every ten years to count all persons living in the United States on April 1st in the year ending in zero. It is used to determine the number of congressional seats to which each state is entitled and to allocate money for schools, parks, student loans, senior centers, and programs like Meals On Wheels, Headstart, and job training.

The next Census is April 1, 2000. Questionnaires will be mailed sometime around March 15th. A household member will be asked to mail it back on or before April 1st. Please complete your questionnaire. This information is to be used for statistical purposes only and will be completely confidential.

Make Sure the Central Coast Get's Its Fair Share!

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By Christine Powell

The San Luis Obispo Symphony will play from the orchestra pit of the Performing Arts Center April 8 and 9. The symphony will accompany the Gilbert Reed Ballet in performances of two world premieres and three revivals, making Central Coast art history.

Simultaneously setting an orchestra while staging dancers in full, theatrical ballet was not possible before the completion of the PAC.

The spring 2000 program of exquisite music and dance is a collaborative effort between artistic director Gilbert Reed, conductor Michael Nowak, and soprano Maria Jette.

Opening the program will be a revival of Reed’s poetic “A Lark Ascending,” accompanied live for the first time featuring violinist Kathleen Lenski. Lenski’s passionate interpretation of the famous score will soar to euphoric heights with lead, pas de deux.

Theresa Slohodnik, a professor at Cal Poly, has a total of three principal roles in the event. She describes “A Lark Ascending” as “poetic and pure.”

A revival of Reed’s “Percussive” will open mid-program to the music of John Cage. A modern work, “Percussive” challenges the classic vocabulary, stretching its possibilities.

Also in revival is the critically acclaimed, psychological ballet “Asylum,” in which principal dancer Slohodnik will reprise her role as a haunted, institutionalized woman. “The role is challenging in that the portrayal must accurately present a disturbed woman without being too melodramatic,” Slohodnik said.

The world premiere ballet of Samuel Barber’s “Knoxville Summer of 1915” will close the program. Barber’s sumptuous music, with the prose of James Agee, will again feature Jette with the San Luis Obispo Symphony. With sets by Gilbert Reed Ballet set designer Robert Halón and delicate period costumes by Kimberly Eaton, “Knoxville Summer of 1915” promises to be “a dream-like feast for the eyes and ears,” Slohodnik said.

The Gilvrt Reed Foundation is a nonprofit organization devoted to the performance of professional ballet and the education of children through the arts. The organization targets junior high school and high school students as well as at-risk teens.

Curtain times are 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 9. Tickets are on sale now at the Performing Arts Center box office. Call 756-2787 for more information.
"Following" was recommended by IRC because it was mainly a festival film. The Film Society wants screenings to be unique—not something people would otherwise see," Harris said.

"It's not just the usual screening, because we try to have guests associated with the theme of the movie," she added. The Society hopes to have special events like this on a monthly basis.

"Following" will be shown once at the Film Theatre on March 30 at 7:30 p.m. General admission tickets can be purchased at the door for $6. The film is about 70 minutes long, and is for mature audiences.

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**New eateries offer variety, 24-hour computer access**

By Katherine Hays and Shannon Akins

Virtual World Cafe

Night owl nor have a new hangout. Virtual World Cafe, the new computer-access coffee cafe in town, is open 24 hours, seven days a week. Located between Rite Aid and Albertson's on Foothill, there's an unlimited flow of local coffee, espresso and desserts, accompanied by quick computers and technicians to answer computer questions.

Virtual World Cafe, owned by business administration senior Lenette Martinez, The cafe is Lenette Martinez's senior project, and along with her business partners' knowledge in computers, made the concept a reality. Virtual World Cafe currently runs eight PC computers and plans to add a couple Macintosh computers as well as numerous laptop docking stations. Virtual World also features a TI connection to the Internet, which is far faster than today's standard modem. It also offers access to scanners, digital cameras and fax machines.

Forestry sophomore Sam Littlefield said Virtual World's technology will help out in the future. "They have a fast connection, good hardware and an extensive software collection," he said. "This is definitely going to help since Cal Poly doesn't have any 24-hour computer labs during finals."

Video game tournaments will be held every weekend, in the and there will also be Windows 98 computer classes and beginning Internet and Web page design.

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Veteran indie rockers return with a masterpiece

U WIRE — The latest release from Yo La Tengo. "And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside Out." is a spacious, introspective follow-up to 1995's masterpiece "I Can Hear the Heart Beating as One."

Yo La Tengo are the patrons of a vast musical world, and their songs joueur exotic atmospheres and emotional textures. More than anything else, Yo La Tengo is a band that crafts songs about having time to think. Every ounce of feedback and every striking chord immerses a mood feeling or emotion that can be as precise as a thermometer.

Yo La Tengo has a habit of releasing great albums in a matter how stripped-down or experimental their direction has been. "And Then Nothing..." is no exception. It's a complete masterpiece. When you have this kind of commitment and loyalty, your art is bound to yield a harvest. With this new album, they've found a wavelength into which all three members have tuned their transistors. There is no misunderstanding the historic message the band wants to communicate: They are in it for us.

Their bottomless well of musical knowledge stems from an era in which Yu Kaplan spent his days as a music critic. Kaplan writes most of the songs for the band, plays lead guitar and occupies most of the vocal time. His wife, Georgia Hubley, plays drums for the band and also writes songs. Her celestial, euphoric voice is one of the main reasons Yo La Tengo is capable of producing such heart-wrenching works.

"And Then Nothing..." opens up with a song called "Everyday." The organ immediately sets a repentant, loveless mood. Hubley's voice sounds with lonely words as Kaplan matches her sentiments with touchingly narcotic guitar chords that beg for attention. The second song, "Our Way to Fall," is a sonnet that serves as Kaplan's answer to his wife's cries for help in the previous song. "Last Is Tony Orlando's House" is reminiscent of French keyboard perfectionists Stereolab, but also conjures up the first whiffs of their last album's swell electronic sound.

By this point, it's obvious that the album is building toward something, and the ninth song, "Cherry Chapstick," is the emotional outburst that Yo La Tengo has been edging toward.

The song opens up with Kaplan's wailing guitar, and for the first time in this album, he lets loose, and the jam culminates into a newsprint blend somewhere between the Velvet Underground and Jimi Hendrix.

You don't know what to expect from "Night Falls on Hoboken," except that the name implies that the end is near, and that the listener isn't quite ready for it to end. This song begins as a lullaby with a sweet soprano voice that sounds like Hubley, but is really Kaplan's voice backed by Hubley. After about five minutes, the lullaby falls away into the abyss, and for the next 10 minutes you are in the psychedelic universe of Yo La Tengo's instruments. Then it ends, an ingenious ending and "Nothing" turned itself into a fine work of art.

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University anthropologists examine 3,000-year-old skeleton found at construction site

(U-WIRE) EAST LANSING, Mich. — This week Michigan State University anthropologists will begin examining a 3,000-year-old human skeletal remains found at a Bay City construction site.

Bay City officials granted the university permission Tuesday to examine the remains, found Friday by MSU archaeologists in 4-and-a-half feet of sand during a routine search for historical objects at a planned construction site.

The archaeologists were examining an area near the Marquette Street Viaduct, slated for construction later this year. City officials had hoped to replace the 72-year-old viaduct, closed since 1997, with a street-level railroad crossing by October.

The city is scheduled to accept bids on construction work for the railroad crossing project April 5.

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Kolessar said the discovery of the remains shouldn't delay the city's construction project unless archaeologists unearth other significant artifacts.

"We hope not to find anything of significance, and that this is an isolated incident so the project is not delayed," he said. "At this point, we are not projecting a delay in the project."

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The following quotes were included in the civil action suit filed against Sigma Chi and its members, and the district attorney's criminal case against four members.

- "I found (the victim) to be rude to the ladies, lacking unity with the pledge class... unwilling to cooperate with others... and almost completely void of the virtues every Sigma Chi possesses."
- "pledge active Will Fuller describing why the alleged victim was dismissed from the fraternity in the district attorney's report.
- "I wasn't comfortable around him, I liked him, he was okay but I think he's gay and maybe there was a little homophobia going on."
- "Sigma Chi organization based on these changes is unknown while Judicial Affairs conducts an in-depth investigation. Another hearing Friday was to discuss the allegations made against the fraternity.
- "we're very concerned and we're taking extra precautions for his safety," Gonzalez said.
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that pledges were forced to drink the alcohol provided.
Another incident cited in the report filed by the district attorney also involves alcohol distribution by fraternity members at a Sigma Chi pledge party on Nov. 4, according to statements by the alleged victim. He stated that at this pledge party he consumed six shots of Southern Comfort and a beer before he blacked out and had to be taken to the hospital to have his stomach pumped. His statement in the civil action case also said he could not remember being taken to a hospital facility, but was informed about it later by a member of Sigma Chi.
Following his dismissal from the fraternity's pledge class on Nov. 5, a dispute over a fake ID ensued between Sigma Chi members and the alleged victim. This conflict was followed by harassment from Sigma Chi members, according to the alleged victim, which included death threats made by telephone from Feb. 24 through Feb. 27 to both him and his parents.
Those allegations and others have had University Police investigating the case for about a month, said Juan Gonzalez, vice president of Student Affairs and key spokesperson on the case. Based on the University Police reports filed late February, the District Attorney's office recently got involved in the case seeking criminal prosecutions against the four named individuals.
P. Davis, former Sigma Chi president and Interfraternity Council president during the alleged hazing, declined to speak about the allegations at this time. District Attorney Luong also declined to speak about the case until it is resolved.
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Baseball getting up to speed with ‘dotcom’ era

NEW YORK (AP) — Bobby Valentine sat down at his desk and watched his future on a thin computer monitor in his office at Shea Stadium.

An up-and-down season that almost cost Valentine his job at New York Mets manager had faded down to a high-tech form of scoreboard watching. How fitting that one of baseball’s most computer-savvy managers found his team was back into the wild-card race through pitch-by-pitch updates on the Internet.

“That was kind of radical,” Valentine said, recalling the Oct. 3 day when Cincinnati lost to Milwaukee, allowing the Mets to move into a tie for the wild-card lead with one game to play. “In a few years we will look back at that and say, ‘Can you believe we used to watch pitch by pitch?’

Computers and the Internet have some more practical uses then giving instantaneous updates of games. Managers use hit charts to position fielders, coaches use computer models to detect flaws in swings, scouts deliver detailed reports on prospects who have been called up from the minors, players communicate with the public on their own Web sites, and software can follow their favorite team from anywhere on the globe.

‘Computers have changed baseball like they have the rest of society. There is a new era in the game. Call it Badball.co.uk,” Valentine said.

“The N.F.L. has been using computers years ago and I think major league baseballs just starting to catch up with the computers now,” Red Sox pitching coach Joe Kerrigan said. “The things you can do with them are amazing. We’re just scratching the surface.”

Kerrigan, who heavily relies on technology, runs off odd statistics about his pitchers with ease: Pedro Martinez was 15-0 when he had an early lead between games up to triples last year, and nine home runs against him were solo shots.

Kerrigan keeps a database on all his entire staff, tracking the number of first-pitch strikes, pitches per inning, and other information he finds useful.

His boss, manager Jim Williams, looks at the numbers but would rather rely on more old-fashioned methods, like his own eyes.

“I don’t put that much emphasis on them because they are, in fact, after the fact,” Williams said. “They’re pretty good at hot-shot hitters, baseball writers’ dinners after everything’s completed, but how about for the moment, for this moment, for this at bat, for this pitch?”

Valentine and his staff use them for more than diners’ table conversation. Valentine and hitting coach Tom Robson use a tool called biokinetics to turn video of swings into a computer model that allows players to see their precise movements in good and bad swings.

Valentine spends a few hours a day on the computer, reading out-of-town newspaper coverage of upcoming opponents, checking out reports from scouts, and studying hit charts to determine where to position his defense.

“It is comforting,” Valentine said. “It’s better to be as prepared as possible for that one guy who asks the question so you can come up with the answer. It doesn’t necessarily help winning that particular game but it sure helps with your credibility.”

Getting computer accepted wasn’t always so easy in a sport not so eager to change. Even today, Valentine complains that he can’t hook his laptop up to the Internet in most parks on the road in most because of rules prohibiting outside phone lines in visiting clubhouses.

Ted Smith, in his sixth decade as an executive in baseball, was one of the first to introduce the new technology to baseball in the 1960s.

Tired of thumbing through thousands of scouting reports before the draft, Smith created a scouting report form for the Houston Astros that could be read by computers and sent to his database.

The method was greeted with some skepticism, yet the efficiency of the new system helped him convert.

“If you find out what was going on in the minors you had to call or visit for mail reports to come in,” he said. “The statistics were always a week or two behind what was happening. The information wasn’t at your fingertips. It has made all the difference in the world.”

Smith acknowledges that there are still managers who are wary of using computers to tell them on what count an opposing manager is most likely to steal a base or pitch out.

But he says those holdouts are at a disadvantage for not using a tool that can turn thousands of pages of scouting reports into a few pages of useful information.

“There are still people who are gun shy,” he said. “There is a lot of skepticism that they can tell you who can pitch ball. But it helps you make judgments by making info available complete and accurate.”

Baseball getting up to speed with ‘dotcom’ era
The Mustangs will continue to rely on the productivity of their underclassmen. Three of Cal Poly's sophomores lead the team. Sophomore Nicole Danshy leads the underclassmen. Three of Cal Poly's sophomores lead the team. Sophomore Nicole Danshy leads the underclassmen.
Softball can put an end to streak

Pol has dropped 11 straight games

By Christian von Treskow

Today's doubleheader against non-conference opponent San Jose State provides the Cal Poly softball team with a much-needed opportunity to a chance at a win that would put an end to an 11-game losing streak.

The Mustangs currently sit dead last in the Big West Conference with a record of 0-6. All six losses have been at the hands of nationally ranked conference teams, most recently to No. 11 Cal State Fullerton. The Titans are in first place in the Big West.

Despite the tough losses, Mustang head coach Lisa Boyer remains positive and expressed confidence in her team's ability to bounce back. "I feel very confident in our team's ability to win. Hopefully, the players feel the same way," Boyer said.

"I'm going into (today's) games looking for good things to happen, and I think they will." San Jose State enters the game with a dismal 0-9 record. The Spartans have struggled this season with a 2.72 batting percentage compared to their opponents' .334 percentage. They are led by seniors Kara Kannek, batting .355 with five home runs and 14 RBI. Pitching has also been a sore spot for San Jose State. The Spartans' top pitcher is freshman Brooks Reed, who has appeared in 14 games, with a record of 5-6.

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The Cal Poly softball team has lost 11 staright games, including all six league games.

Baseball wins, softball losses abound during break

By Matt Sterling

SPORTS STAFF EDITOR

While most Cal Poly students chose to spend spring break as far from campus as they could, Mustang athletes remained in training and competing in games.

The baseball team continued its winning ways at the beginning of the break, defeating Pepperdine University in Malibu, the Mustangs' fourth win in a row after their sweep of New Mexico State the previous weekend.

Steve Wood could do no wrong in that game, batting .571 and driving in 11 runs during the three games. In the third game of the series, Wood smacked home a home run — hitting for the cycle — getting a single, double, triple and home run in the same game. Wood also hit his 1st career home run, which set a new Cal Poly record. For his torrid hitting, Wood was voted Big West Conference Player of the Week.

Wood became the second Mustang to receive the honor, joining shortstop Brian Otsby who won it earlier this season.

The Mustangs added a win over Sacramento State to bring their winning streak to five before dropping the last two games of the series. The record now stands at 10-15 overall and 4-5 in the Big West Conference.

The Mustangs play host to California Christian College today at 2:30 in SLO Stadium.

Coach Lisa Boyer and the softball team didn't fare as well over the break, continuing to add to their losing streak, which now stands at 11 games.

However, all 11 of those losses came against opponents ranked in the top 20 in the nation, including a pair of games against No. 4 UC Berkeley. During the difficult stretch, the team has been outscored 72-11 and has a 6-26 team ERA over that span.

Not everyone on the team was doing well, though. Outfielder Nicole Dunkley added seven hits last week to bring her season total to 26. The Mustangs can put an end to their losing ways when they play a doubleheader today vs. San Jose State.

"Men's and women's tennis also saw their seasons continue, with the men's team most recently picking up a win against Dartmouth College, improving their record to 9-5.

The women's team competed at the UCI Spring Invitational, picking up a fourth-place finish. Danielle Brandlin and Danielle Hurst led the team with victories in Irvine.

Track and field also put up strong results, with both the men's and women's teams placing second in the Spring Break Invitational in Irvine. Each team finished within 12 points of first place.

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Cubs open baseball season with win in Japan

TOKYO (AP) - A world away from Wrigley Field, the Chicago Cubs were winners.

No beer-guzzling bleacher bums at the Tokyo Dome for the 2000 major league opener Wednesday night. Instead, fans snacked on sushi with chopsticks and washed it down with sake.

A sumo wrestler waddled to his box seat. Crown Prince Naruhito and Princess Masako sat in the Royal Box, and later greeted with Sammy Soza and Mark Grace.

Baseball truly turned international and the Cubs, coming off a last-place finish and without a World Series title since 1908, beat the New York Mets 5-1 in the first major league game played outside North America.

"At home, opening day is completely different than it was today," new Cubs manager Don Baylor said. "But today was very special."

Mike Hampton had a disappointing debut for the Mets, walking a career-high nine in only five innings and taking the loss. He struggled to get his framing on the mound, and many batters also had trouble with the dirt in the batter's box.

"They're having a tough time getting out of it," commissioner Bud Selig told Fox Sports Net, which broadcast the game back to the United States. "They had to work on the dirt a little bit."

Hampton did not blame the foreign soil.

"The consistency of the mound wasn't something I was used to, but I wasn't the problem," he said. "I wish I could've performed a little better."

A mostly quiet, sellout crowd announced at 55,000 watched the earliest opener ever and saw Steve Andrews hit the first home run of the 21st century. Grace also connected for the Cubs, while Soza doubled, singled and walked twice.

Mike Piazza, who visited the U.S. Embassy with Soza before the game, hit a two-run homer for the Mets and, in keeping with Japanese "beshbne" custom, was presented with a stuffed doll when he reached home plate. Piazza followed tradition, too.

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Sports Trivia

Today's Question:

Which former New Orleans Saints coach was the first to lead and inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame?

Josh Schnittker, Mustang Daily Staff Writer