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Speech communications major Gay Lumsden blows some glass to make a glass necklace at the ASI Craft Center in the University Union. Classes at the Craft Center include ceramics, photography, woodworking, stained glass, lampworking and bike repair. One day workshops include tie dye, paper making, stained glass, bike repair, marbling and candle making. The Craft Center is open every day except Saturday. Call 756-1266 for more information.

Student group offers free help filling out federal, state tax forms

By Karin Driesen

MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

The new year has just begun, and it's already time to start thinking about filling out those pesky tax forms again. But for some Cal Poly students, tax season is an opportunity to help others while getting practical business experience.

Between Feb. 9 and March 21, about 94 business seniors are offering their services free of charge to people who need help preparing their tax returns. This is part of their senior project, and it is sponsored by the accounting department, the IRS and the California Franchise Tax Board. The group's official name is Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA).

Most students are probably eligible for the service.

"Basically, it is for low-income individuals," said Janice Carr, an accounting professor who advises the students. "We screen people to see if they are the type of returns that we feel need help - people who probably couldn't pay to have returns done. This is part of their senior project, and it is sponsored by the accounting department, the IRS and the California Franchise Tax Board. The group's official name is Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)."

Students chosen for international contest

By Janelle Foskett

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Three Cal Poly dairy science students have been chosen to represent the United States at the European Dairy Products Judging Contest in France.

The students are part of Cal Poly's national championship team. Two students from South Dakota will join them to make up the five-person American team.

In April, Sarah Remmer, a dairy science junior, Marissa Bugbee, an agribusiness senior, and Renee McLaughlin, an agricultural science junior, will travel to La Rochelle, France, with their coach and dairy science faculty member William Gills. The Cal Poly students recently placed first in both regional and national competition; however, the team is composed of the top five individuals from the All Products judging category at this year's national competition in San Francisco.

"It's a terrific honor for them," Gills said. "It's great to have three of the top five in the nation from Cal Poly."

The students will be tested on their ability to correctly price and score six different dairy products: butter, milk, ice cream, cottage cheese, yogurt and cheddar cheese.

The officials pre-judge eight samples of the products, and then the students seek to duplicate the judge's critique. They judge the products based on appearance, flavor, body and texture.

This said that the competition is going to be difficult based on the different standards of dairy products in Europe.

"It is going to be very difficult to compete since we don't know their standards," he said. "We are going to have to collaborate their scoring to ours."

"We're going to get as many products as possible to represent European products, especially many specialty cheeses," he said.

Regardless of any difficulty he anticipates, Gills believes the students will represent Cal Poly and the U.S. dairy industry well.

At the Middle Regional Dairy Products Judging Contest, Cal Poly finished first in the All Products category. The team won first place at the National Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Contest, Cal Poly again took first place.

The Foundation of the International Association of Food Industry Suppliers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are helping to sponsor the team.

Cal Poly math professor chosen to serve on California Coastal Commission

By Matt Smart

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

George Luna, a Cal Poly professor since 1977, has been appointed to the California Coastal Commission.

"I always cherished the coast," Luna said. "I want to preserve it for this and future generations."

Luna was appointed on Friday. He will serve as an alternate for Shirley Dettloff. The California Senate Rules Committee appointed him at the request of Sen. Jack Connell. Luna will be able to vote on items if Dettloff is not present.

Gavin Payne, from O'Connell's office, said he did not know how many people applied for the position, but that Luna had qualities that made him a good choice for the job.

"I think he has strong credentials and a strong dedication to preserving the coast," Payne said.

Luna, 60, has been involved in local government for the past 12 years and has served on the Atascadero City Council three times. Luna, a native Californian, grew up in San Diego. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara, a master's from the University of California, Los Angeles, and a doctorate from the University of Washington in non-linear functional analysis. Non-linear functional analysis deals with spaces of functions and the infinite analysis of functions.

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The voters established the California Coastal Commission by passing an initiative in 1972. It was made permanent by the California State Legislature in 1976 with the Coastal Act. According to the commission's Web site, the agency is responsible for carrying out California's federally approved coastal management program and the restoration of land and water uses in the coastal zone.

"The Coastal Act protects both private interests and public interests," Luna said. "The initiative was created... with the intent of permanent protection of the coast as a distinct and valuable natural resource as it exists as a delicate ecosystem."

One aspect of the Coastal Commission is to maximize public access and recreational activities as long as they are consistent with constitutional law. This is currently in debate in Cambria and is an ongoing issue throughout California.

Luna has worked with O'Connell in the past.

"We have known each other professionally for eight years," Luna said. "We have worked closely together for the benefit of Atascadero."

In a press release issued by O'Connell's office, O'Connell speaks with confidence about Luna.

"I have known George Luna for many years, and I am certain he will be an asset to the state and an asset to our precious coast when called upon to deliberate before the commission."

Luna said he had never dreamed of getting into politics until the later part of his life.

"I view all this as public service," he said. "I think all of us as citizens have a responsibility to get involved."
Freshmen not interested in politics, according to new UCLA study

By Kate Gaither

DAILY TEXAN

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — A survey released Monday by the Higher Education Research Institute found that freshmen college students' interest in politics continues to decline.

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News

HIV doubles among San Francisco gay men

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Paul Torello is upfront about his life. He sells sex on the streets for drug money, and he's HIV positive. It's a story he tells all of his male clients before he lets them choose whether to proceed with or without a condom.

But more often than not, his words have little effect.

"It's sex that they really want to have," Torello said. "That's primarily the attitude in the city. It's a fun thing for them."

That attitude is partly responsible for an alarming new report released Wednesday that finds the HIV infection rate has more than doubled among San Francisco's gay men in four years.

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California's power hunt hits World Wide Web

Sacramento (AP) — With a click of a computer mouse, wholesale electricity suppliers submitted sealed bids — reluctantly in some cases — aimed at providing California with more reliable power.

The bids' weighted average price for typical day and night electricity use is 6.9 cents per kilowatt hour, Gov. Gray Davis said.

Davis declined to say whether any came in at 5 1/2 cents as the state had hoped, but said he was confident the state could provide the power to customers of financially strapped Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and Southern California Edison without further rate increases.

Among the suppliers' objections to the bidding process: Bids will be kept open for as long as seven days during negotiations with the state. Suppliers complained that the price of natural gas could spike during that period, but they could not adjust their bids.

Also, suppliers' bids could not include contingencies for power station breakdowns and other calamities. Nor, Reliant said, could they immediately determine the Department of Water Resources' endowments — a key point considering that the state's two largest investor-owned utilities are nearly bankrupt after operating in the same deregulated market.

"Our hands were tied in the auction as to how much we could offer," said Joe Bob Perkins, president of Reliant's wholesale energy group.

Davis established the auction hoping for bids about $55 per megawatt, far below current market prices. Some suppliers said they would be more interested in long-term contracts that paid about $60 per megawatt.

Power prices on the daily spot market have spiked as high as $600 per megawatt in the past year.

Reliant submitted five additional proposals that would provide a total of 3,500 megawatts, but under varying conditions. Company officials described the state bidding process as "too restrictive."

One alternative would provide electricity as low as $16 per megawatt over 20 years. The hitch that price reflects only the cost of making electricity. California would have to buy the natural gas to fuel the power plants and provide it to Reliant.

The first-ever bidding process was supervised at the Department of Water Resources' emergency operations center. Normally the center is used during natural disasters, and managers troop through wearing all forms of boots and safety gear.

This time, state officials from several agencies huddled in a third-floor conference room after bidding closed at noon. A guard was posted at the door.

"It's not a flood and it's not a drought," said water resources department spokesman Don Strickland. "But it is an electrical power emergency. They are kind of in a sequenced-bid situation."

To submit a bid, suppliers used a simple form posted on the department's Web site. They provided a brief company description and fill in the blanks for megawatts and price for electricity during the "summer super peak."

Contract periods covered the upcoming summer, 2001-03, 2001-05 and 2001-10.

**French experts link creatine to cancer; urge ban on supplement**

PARIS (AP) — French food safety experts, saying they have linked the popular training supplement creatine to a potential cancer risk, urged sports governing bodies Wednesday to consider banning it.

The use of creatine supplements, particularly in the United States, "constitutes a potential carcinogenic risk," said a report from France's Food Safety Agency or AFSSA, published on its official Web site.

The report said potential risks associated with taking creatine were "currently insufficiently evaluated" and that the product was of little benefit to athletes hoping to improve their performance.

Creatine is an amino acid produced naturally by the liver and kidneys and stored in muscles. Athletes take creatine supplements to gain extra energy, train longer and harder — and bulk up.

The supplement is popular among pro and college athletes in the United States, where it is considered a legal alternative to steroids. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has it as a food supplement and allows it to be sold with no more restrictions than those on vitamins.

High-profile athletes who have acknowledged using creatine include the French tennis player Mary Pierce and baseball star Mark McGwire.

Creatine is not listed as a banned substance by the International Olympic Committee, but its sale is illegal in France.

Past studies have indicated that creatine helps the body build muscle and store energy and could even assist in preventing brain damage after traumatic head injuries.

But the report by AFSSA's committee of experts on human nutrition found that the increased muscle bulk resulting from the use of creatine supplements was largely due to water retention. The experts also concluded that widespread claims concerning gains in strength and speed from taking creatine supplements were unfounded. A proven effect was only noticeable in activities lasting around 15 seconds, the report found.
Republicans, poor budgets make me sick

This week, I wish to digress from my usual barrage of Bush bashing and focus on something far more important: myself. These past five days I have been horribly sick with some kind of funk, twisted, right-wing-conspiracy-caused illness: coughing, sneezing, snotting — all the good stuff. At any rate, being the Democrat that I am, and believing the state should take care of me in my time of need, I walked my sickly butt over to the Health Center. Oh, the horrors. The automatic doors quickly slid open on their squeaky tracks, and a warm wind hit me. The wind had the smell of cheese and the thickness of a stinking night club with no air-conditioning. Somehow I could hear my white blood cells cry for help as they realized they might find more enemies than friends in the place.

Despite my initial impression, I still walked in and got in line to see the receptionist. The place was standing room only, and I quickly realized that more people than me had been infected with this strange, never-before-seen illness.

So here I am, waiting in a line of about eight people when a combination of apprehension and frustration hit me. Something told me it may be a while before my antibodies would get a boost from the CSU system. At the head of the line, I saw the receptionist shaking her head at a poor guy on crutches who appeared to have fallen in the mud and needed a wrap of his foot.

"We can't take care of you right now. You'll have to wait," she said kindly. Twenty minutes later, after backing up a kidney and half of an favorite lung (the left one), I made it to the head of the line. Crutch-man had retreated to the sanctity of the outside world and dry pavement. I guess he decided to tough out the indignity of his mud-foot and take care of it later.

Attempting to garner some extra sympathy, I told the receptionist my sub-story with extra coughs and an extra-weakened voice. I pleaded to be seen as soon as possible, but I guess I need to go back to Schmoeving 101 because it just wasn't going to happen with this one. She told me it would be an hour-and-a-half wait before I would be seen.

"Good Lord!" I proclaimed with an almost apocalyptic tone of voice. I began to realize that the degradation of health care in America was not only the result of Republican slack-assing, it also came in as a consequence of Cal Poly's budget priorities.

You see, the Health Center is allocated funds through our tuition fees and then a few bucks are generally thrown over from the Cal Poly General Fund. What we, or maybe you, fail to see is that the Health Center has been going broke for years. Hours have been cut, staff has been trimmed and prescription costs are rising. I know it is the flu season and all, but does it really take an hour and a half to be seen these days? The director of the Health Center, Martin Bragg, has done his fine job of keeping the place in the best possible shape, considering the budget he works with, but how long can that last? I guess nothing will change until the powers that be come down with what have and experience the same aggravation. And who knows where their offices are so I can go cough on them?

Eddie Drake

Eddie Drake is a political science senior.

Bush smashed Clinton's legacy

The president of the United States spends most of his time in office playing to politicians and others to whom he owes favors.

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With the soothing sound of jazz music in the background, one is able to enter a different time and place. The collage of black-and-white photos covering the surrounding walls of the art gallery reveal photos depicting a tough battle, and yet a time to bond together. From looking at these photos one can only imagine what life was like for African Americans who lived in Brooklyn in the 1930s and 1940s.

In one photo, an African American woman can be seen with a picketing sign and a large group of people. The caption below tells her story; she is the first, along with a group of many other African American women, to picket for jobs in Brooklyn.

These photographs are featured in the multicultural art show "Roots" that is being held in Club 221 in the University Union Gallery.

"I chose to do this show this time of year because of Martin Luther King day and black history month," said Maureen Goddard, gallery coordinator and curator.

The show displays photographs by Joe Schwartz, an 87-year-old artist who lives in Atascadero, and it also showcases artwork done by art and design majors at Cal Poly.

Schwartz's photographs were taken primarily in Brooklyn and New York City in the '30s and '40s. His work centers on everyday activities of common people. For instance, one photograph shows a group of children riding their bicycles in the city streets. Schwartz describes his method as "humanistic photography."

Cassandra Chambers, an art and design senior, also has work on display that represents a different place, Thailand. She visited the country a few months ago and decided to use it as a theme for an art project that she completed for class. The piece shows Thai letters and is decorated with gold leaf and deep red, two colors that are used very frequently in Thai culture.

"I think that this is one of the better pieces that I have done," Chambers said.

Sabina Basrai, an art and design freshman, has on display a black-and-white drawing of an old man and a young boy done in ink. The image came from a photo that her father took while he was filming a documentary in India.

"I found it in a box of loose photographs," Basrai said. "I thought that it was beautiful, and I wanted to do something with it."

In this piece, Basrai used different drawing techniques to contrast the boy and man.

"I think that it is a warm, sweet image," she said.

Schwartz's new book, "Folk Photography: Poems I've Never Written," was on sale at the show. It is also on sale at El Corral Bookstore. The book is a compilation of his photographs that span a range of about 60 years of some of America's history and was compiled by faculty at Cal Poly.

The art gallery usually has two art shows per quarter. "Roots" artwork and photographs will be up and available for viewing until Feb. 8.
Popstars, Making the Band are newest reality phenomena

By Katie Malmquist

(U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- In an age of pop superstardom and reality-based TV, network television's recent attempts to cash in on the genre of reality shows should not come as a surprise.

ABC's "Making the Band" show, which premiered Jan. 12, and the WB's "Popstars," which premiered Jan. 15, take full advantage of these two pop-culture fashions. Both shows combine fan frenzy and consumerism with a growing interest in reality television shows to produce what has thus far proved to be a marketing paradise.

Of course, the American market for this kind of synthesis is not a young one, mind you.

Made-for-TV bands like the Monkees have been around since the 1960s, and MTV's "Real World" series launched the reality trend nearly 10 years ago.

With the recent success of O-Town, the five-man group created for the series "Making the Band," the possibility of reaching Monke Mania heights could be a reality -- a scary one for groups like Rocketmen Boys and "NSYNC who spend a good deal of time countering accusations of this exact kind of "fan-band" manufacturing.

ABC's "Making the Band," which aired for 12 episodes in its first season, that the network has already placed an order for 13 more to run next season.

The members of O-Town are not the first genuine pop of music industry mass production, and in light of the WB's latest series, "Popstars," it is quite clear that they won't be the last. Besides crossing the gender line driven by "Making the Band" and during the creepy presence of Pearlman, "Popstars" is essentially similar to the ABC series. Even their final product, an all-girl quintet comparable to Destiny's Child or Dream, promises to be O-Town's shadow.

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Tahoe Joe's combines cabin-style and contemporary cuisine to produce an atmosphere that will have people coming back for seconds.

Tahoe Joe's, the latest business to open its doors in the expanding Madonna Plaza, is perfect for those who enjoy variety and don't mind waiting for a well-cooked meal. If this weekend's attendance is any indication, Tahoe Joe's will soon become a San Luis Obispo favorite.

The steak house is not for the short-of-time or for the weak-of-appetite. For those who don't want to wait by the fireplace, eating at the bar is also an option. To keep track of waiting customers, waiters receive a "keep count" at the entrance that allows and lights up when the table is available.

With 22 hours of mandatory training behind them, their waiters will be more than helpful in aiding the undecided customer on which steak, chicken or seafood plate to choose.

A menu reason to go to Tahoe Joe's is the side. A pondosa steak costs $14.99, and Joe's house specialty, $14.99 black pepper steak, is marinated overnight and grilled in black pepper. Most of the steak meals come with a side of green beans mixed with cooked onions and a side of either tater, a baked potato or their lumpy house special, Mountain Mashed. This dish consists of red and Ruskin skinned potatoes with cream and shallots.

Truly undecided customers should start with an appetizer of Railroad Shrimp ($7.99). It is fried Japanese-style shrimp on top of shredded lettuce and a lemon dipping sauce. Another option is a side of the Calamari T&T ($5.99), strips of fried squid with a vegetable and lemon topping.

Tahoe Joe's also has an array of mixed drinks that vary from a simple pina colada to the more exotic Bellini, margarita with an added raspberry liqueur, peach Schnapps and nectar. For the designated driver, they have soft drinks and numerous lemonade flavors: mango, watermelon, strawberry and raspberry, to name a few.

A full steak meal with an appetizer and drink will cost about $30. To beat the dinner rush, customers should show up early, as Tahoe Joe's doesn't accept reservations.

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By Janelle Foskett

Violinist Gilles Apap and the San Luis Chamber Orchestra will combine their musical styles in a concert on Jan. 28 in Arroyo Grande.

The San Luis Chamber Orchestra is a nonprofit organization that performs annual concerts for the community. Apap instructs and plays violin all over the world.

The orchestra has been practicing since July 1997 and currently has more than 15 members. It usually plans music from the classical period, including Beethoven and Mozart. Apap performed with the group three years ago.

"This is a great opportunity to have someone (Apap) caliber play with us," said Leonard Lut, musical director of the orchestra. "It is more demanding on ourselves musically to play with him."

The group will perform movements from Vivaldi's "Four Seasons," Sarasate's "Gypsy Airs," the Tchaikovsky "Suite No. 4," and Shubert's "Overture to Rosamunde." The concert will close with improvisational pieces by Apap.

"Gilles has a love of the instrument," Lut said. "He makes music fun. During a solo he might just break off into some folk piece, but he'll always come back to the main theme."

Apap originally studied music in Nice and Lyon in France. In the summer of 1994, Apap was a soloist with the European Soloist Orchestra in Brussels. He also taught at both the Menuhin Academy in Gruy, Switzerland, and the Mannheim School in London.

In 1995, Apap was invited by the Glinka Museum of Culture to perform a series of recitals in Moscow. On a regular basis, he returns to teach at the University of Bence in India, and often performs in the United States and France, his home country.

Lut believes students will enjoy Apap's music. "He's a delight to watch," he said. "He makes little musical jokes for people who know music, and for those who don't, they just think he's having fun with it."

The concert with the San Luis Chamber Orchestra will be held at the United Methodist Church, 275 North Halcion Road in Arroyo Grande at 3 p.m. A donation will be requested at the door.

From Russia, with love

By Erica Tower

"The RNO is one of the best classical orchestras in the world," he said. "It's extra-large ensemble and eight stand-up basses, said Cal Poly Arts administrator Ralph Hoskins.

"The RNO is one of the best classical orchestras in the world," he said. "It's more distinctive for many other reasons."

Since its debut in 1990, the RNO became the first Russian orchestra to perform live at the Vatican as well as the first Russian orchestra since 1917 to be free of government control, supported entirely by private funding, according to a series release.

Slovakia's conductor, is as honored as the orchestra itself. A prominent violinist, he has appeared as a soloist around the world, as well as a conductor for the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the London Symphony Orchestra, according to the release.

The Academy Award-winning film "Shine" showcased one of the most complicated piano compositions of all time. Cal Poly will soon do the same.

The Russian National Orchestra (RNO), headed by acclaimed conductor Vladimir Spivakov, will perform live at the Performing Arts Center on Jan. 31, at 8 p.m. as part of Cal Poly Arts' Great Performance Series.

The 125-member orchestra,朴

"We're very lucky," she said. "The PAC appeals to lots of different groups touring in the area."

Tickets for orchestra range from $36 to $88, with student discounts available. They may be purchased in advance at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone call SLO ARTS; by fax call 756-6088.
Drew vs. Drew: a look at the year’s albums

Editor’s note: This is the second part in a two-part series.

BRITNEY SPEARS, "Oops... I Did It Again!"
Drew P.: Oops... she did it again. She played with my heart. How about those MTV Music Awards, huh? She could be the next Madonna.
Drew S.: She’s going to be the biggest thing in pop music in this era with her catchy hits. What can I say? That’s the hottest thing in pop music in this era.

Green Day, "Warning"
Drew S.: But everyone likes hearing his songs. From department store elevators to automobile advertisements, Green Day is reaching the attention it deserves. Give him credit. The guy writes, produces, engineers, mixes and plays all the instruments on this album.

Moby, "Play"
Drew P.: Moby’s been around forever, but this was his commercial breakthrough. The album displays a clever mix of gospel samples and newer sounds. My complaint is that this album has been a little too overexposed.
Drew S.: But everyone likes hearing its songs. From department store elevators to automobile advertisements, Moby’s combo of emotional-electronica-dance sound is catching the attention it deserves. Give him credit. The guy writes, produces, engineers, mixes and plays all the instruments on this album.

Wu-Tang Clan, "The W"
Drew P.: Killas been attack! RZA, the front man, reunites the Clan with some Front department store elevators to automobile advertisements, Wu-Tang proves that when it comes to hip-hop rhymes, they’re still unmatched.
Drew S.: I hate to break it to you, but there’s only one song on this album that has both beats and themes. They haven’t been impressive since their first big release, “Enter The Wu-Tang (36 Chambers).”

U2, "All That You Can’t Leave Behind"
Drew P.: They’re back... I’m glad they finally ditched all that techno stuff. This time, simpler pop-rock sounds and Bono’s sincere lyrics put them back on top.
Drew S.: The best thing about this album is the variety of each track. The guitar is infectious in each one. I really appreciate their legendary talent for what it is.

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Stop cloning, our world is crowded enough

This year, Great Britain became the first country to legalize the closing of human embryos. The scientists, like the ones that made the recently celebrated cloning monkey, say this will help in finding the cure for many diseases like Parkinson’s, leukemia and diabetes.

Religious leaders are worried that this will eventually lead to the cloning of a full human being. Religious leaders shouldn’t be worried about human cloning for moral concerns, rather the implications cloning will have on having more humans on this small planet.

Even cloning with the intent to cure all diseases doesn’t sound beneficial for the Earth or our resources. It’s bad enough sharing this world with six billion people, now I might have to share it with clones.

In India, the population has tripled this century, but their resources haven’t. In a small scale, in the early 1990s, Rwanda was the most densely populated nation in the world. Women had an average of seven children, and, even today, 30 percent of the children are under the age of 5. The ethnic rivalry between the Hutus and Tutsis – which ended in the slaughter of one in seven – was partly due to competition for resources.

The routine, blackouts should be a warning to Cal Poly students that overpopulation is also a real problem in the United States. With all the violence on the nightly news, people may not believe that this is a problem. In actuality, the U.S. census shows that the population is increasing at about 1 percent annually, which is about 2.5 million additional people each year.

Around the world, and especially in the United States, modern medicine and technology like cloning has prolonged the lifespan of people, but hasn’t helped in social progress. More people are living longer in poorer conditions.

Even if we can find a way to cure every known disease, life has a way of “thinning out the herd.” Deadlist and rarer diseases will rise in their place. We need to come to terms with our own mortality. We have to die of something, other than old age, if we want to leave our children a planet worth living in.

I don’t want to be perceived as a human hater, but quite the opposite. I want Jackson to take his problems seriously, and care about future generations and the Earth they will inherit.

In the end, human cloning will be researched, and, eventually, human beings will be cloned, but I don’t think it’s necessary.

People might ask, “So what if it’s a disease that could be cured with research, why not just look longer?” The reason why is “right”, “I think we have to die eventually, right?”

In reality, how many people want another copy of themselves? I don’t. I can hardly stand seeing myself in home movies, let alone my clone.

Byron Samaya is an ecology and systems biology senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

Remember those red handprints? 

Editor, 

In response to recent discussions as to whether our campus is safe (“Safety” is an illusion; it can happen to us,” Jan. 22, “This campus is safe,” Jan. 24), I would like to point out to those who are too young to know and those who may have forgotten, that we were once reminded of exactly how volatile our environment can be every day.

Until last year, our campus was dotted with red handprints that represented the site of some sort of sexual assault. In an unfortunate decision, administration decided to cover them with gray paint before Admitted Students’ Day, labelling them as graffiti.

I wonder, in light of the possible abduction and murder of four girls before Admitted Students’ Day, that we were once reminded of exactly how volatile our environment can be every day.

Unanswered questions on student rights. 

Mike Fathom is a political science junior.

People deserve more than labels 

Editor, 

Categories of people are just that: categories (“Whites experience racism, too, but it’s different,” Jan. 25) I don’t suggest building more exclusive models such as French-American, Scottish-American, etc. The race/ethnic/creed labels mean to each person who is termed a certain way. These beliefs are sacred.

Politicians and the media have concocted obvious false distinctions, dwelling on our mud.

And soon, we’ll be able to propel ourselves into an ideal competition using genetic technologies. It is our goal, then, to preserve our independence. Ask any American.

Steve Addison is an industrial technology senior.

Jesse Jackson did the right thing 

Just when we thought it was all over with sexual scandals, the final straw was presented last week when Jesse Jackson, under pressure from tabloid media, revealed to the public that he had indeed fathered a child outside of his marriage. I was initially sure that he had indeed fathered a child outside of his marriage. I was initially 

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at the fact that someone I respect and look up to as a black man had abandoned everyone he stood for – for irresponsible sexual gratification. I came around, though, looked at the facts, saw that he had indeed told his family the situation when the child was born and that he was taking full responsibility. It didn’t fit in any way make up for what he had done, but, unlike former President Bill Clinton, he didn’t misuse the public. I hope he will receive restored confidence from his family as well as those he represented.

I knew this issue would open the door for wide public ridicule, because I am still attached to the political and religious community. I think the media are forgetting the real victims of this situation, the only ones who will live with Jackson’s actions forever. I am speaking of first his family, most notably his wife, Michelle. She is an alleged “lover” Karen Stanford and largely, the daughter he has helped bring into the world will be his extramarital experiment.

In all the bad aspects of his actions, the child he has produced in his relationship will remain one of his indiscretions forever. This child, already almost two years old, is one of a series of timings of destruction. It has been born into the world that sees it as the product of hypocrisy. It is Jackson’s daughter the true test of his greatness.

Can he give this child the normal upbringing all children deserve? He has pledged to pay $3000 a month in the form of child support, but he still owes more much. In the age when the number of America’s children are raised in single-parent homes, Jackson is going to have to add role model to his many other titles. He is going to have to take responsibility for his actions and be a dad, not just the biological father. As aresult he is going to have to now prouch with actions. He owes it to his daughter and he owes it to the millions of people who respect and look up to him as a leader for the unspoken.

Through all his accomplishments he has had one mainstay: his wife. Jackie and his family have been there. Jackie was there when he had to witness the murder of his mentor Martin Luther King. She was there as he later solidified himself as the premier black leader in America. She was there when he ran unsuccessfully for president in 1994 and 1996. She is still there as they endure public ridicule. It upsets me that we don’t highlight the disrespect the revered showed his wife of 38 years and sympathize with the obvious pain this woman is going through. One thing that troubled me about the Clinton scandal was that he failed to apologized to his wife. It is in the words during these situations that foster the utmost in embarrassment, as well as to less of trust. I hope that Jesse Jackson will find a way to publicly apologize to his wife whom he has publicly wounded. More important than the facts, the political agenda at hand, he needs to do everything possible to fix things with his family and restore the trust and forgiveness.

I don’t know what Jackson said to his loving wife, nor do I know what both he and his “lover” were wearing in their acts. Karen Stanford, the former head of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, was a black woman and not that long ago a hard life as Monica Lewinsky. In looking at her history, this shouldn’t surprise me. Given he is a Ph.D. educated woman who had been involved and witnessed the politics and corruption of Washington. Yet she became its latest victim. Never again will she be known for her intelligence, her accomplishments in the field of civil rights initiatives; instead, she will be known as the lover of America’s black leader.

The best is yet to come. I now is a time to raise her daughter the best way possible, away from the media, allowing as normal a life as possible. It is sad but this stuff happens but it can only serve as a warning to other high-profile figures that engage in such behavior.

As a black male I was discour-aged to hear such news about a figur-e I looked up to -- for his political prowess, as well as his civil rights initiatives. It upsets me that the corruption of Washington could claim someone so many people looked to as a spokesperson for Americans unspoken. I think Jackson will grow stronger, and that his family will grow stronger. He is a very religious man and that faith will sustain both he and his family. I hope though, that he provide a life for his new daughter and restore the trust in his relationship with his family. I hope Jackson only so much for what he has done. We have all messed up and we need to learn from our mistakes, which is why I think the media are forgetting the real victims of this situation.
Lions name new coach

Pontiac, Mich. (AP) - Marty Mornhinweg, offensive coordinator of the San Francisco 49ers, was hired Wednesday to replace Gary Moeller as coach of the Detroit Lions, The Associated Press has learned.

Mornhinweg was one of five candidates considered for the job since Matt Millen became president of the Lions this month. Moeller, who took over in midseason for Bob Ross, was fired to make way for Mornhinweg. Millen's assistants also were fired but could be considered for retaining.

The 38-year-old Mornhinweg reached an agreement with the team following a final interview Tuesday, a football source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Lions scheduled two news conferences Thursday, one in Pontiac and another in Tampa, Fla., site of the Super Bowl. Officials would not disclose the reason.

Mornhinweg had been scheduled to meet with Cleveland Browns officials Wednesday about their vacant head coaching job that they postponed the meeting.

He agreed to a five-year deal, said another football source speaking on condition of anonymity. ESPN.com said the deal was worth $5 million.

Mornhinweg has spent the last four seasons as the 49ers' offensive coordinator after nine as an offensive assistant and quarterback coach for the Green Bay Packers.

Moeller was given a 2 1/2-year contract when he took the Detroit coaching job last season. But his status became shaky when Millen was hired by owner William Clay Ford to take control of all football operations.

Millen had planned to interview Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis after the Super Bowl. He already had interviewed Moeller. Others interviewed were Herman Edwards, who last week was hired to last week coach the New York Jets, and Denver Broncos offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak.

Mornhinweg has never been a head coach at any level, nor does he have any coaching experience on defense. He was Brett Favre's position coach during Green Bay's 1996 Super Bowl season.

This season, despite the retirement of Steve Young, Mornhinweg's offensive scheme helped the 49ers set several team records and send quarterback Jeff Garcia, receiver Terrell Owens and running back Charlie Garner to the Pro Bowl.

The former quarterback had a record-setting career at Nevada. He played briefly in the Arena Football League before a career-ending knee injury. He then spent 10 seasons as an assistant college coach before joining Green Bay.

"He has tremendous pedigree offensively going all the way back to his high school days when his coach was Mike Holmgren," 49ers vice president Bill Kenney has said. "He's been around successful offensive philosophies throughout his career."

Former girlfriend sues Ceballos

Los Angeles (AP) - Cedric Ceballos of the Miami Heat has been sued for more than $5 million by a former girlfriend who contends he broke a promise to take care of her and their 5-year-old daughter for life.

Shelley Cook, of Brentwood, said he gave her a beer and a gold American Express card in 1993 to devote time to Ceballos, traveling with him to games with whatever team he was playing at the time.

According to the suit, which was filed Tuesday, Ceballos told Cook "if she stayed by his side and did not work, it would be significantly beneficial to his career and more prosperous for both of them if she followed her own career."

Cook lawyer, Jim Colligan, said the couple broke up earlier this month.

The 31-year-old woman contends she is entitled to half the money Ceballos has earned as an NBA player since 1993. She said the couple met in 1992 while Ceballos was playing for the Phoenix Suns, and their daughter Candace, was born in 1994.

The 31-year-old forward was traded to Miami by Detroit in November. Previously, he played for Phoenix, the Los Angeles Lakers and Dallas.

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Odom misses practice after attending trade show

Los Angeles (AP) - Lamar Odom, the Los Angeles Clippers leading scorer and rebounder, is expected to be fitted for a new prosthesis.

Clippers spokesperson Rob Bachnien said the matter would be handled internally, and Odom's status for Wednesday night's game against the Seattle SuperSonics would be up to coach Alvin Gentry.

Odom, who missed practice Tuesday, attended the team's Wednesday morning shootaround.

Odom, averaging 11.2 points and 7.9 rebounds and 4.7 assists, was asked along with rookie Keyon Dooling to take part in a trade show in Las Vegas on Monday and depart from the team's conditioning drills. Dooling made it back in time for Tuesday's practice, but Odom called missing Tuesday night's game the "first time in his life he was going to be delayed, and then didn't show up."

Gentry reacted angrily, saying: "This is unacceptable. It doesn't matter if he has two broken legs and two broken arms, this is his job. He's supposed to be here. Being a professional means having responsibility. You can't have unexcused absences."

For the sixth year Campus Dining has been a Waste Reduction Awards Program, WRAP winner for efforts in waste reduction and recycling.

WRAP is an annual awards program established in 1993 by the California Integrated Waste Management Board to recognize California businesses that have made outstanding efforts to reduce nonhazardous waste and send less garbage to landfills. Realizing that the business sector generates more of the State's waste, the purpose of the WRAP award is to recognize companies that develop creative and aggressive programs. Practices evaluated include waste prevention, materials reuse, recycling, recycled product procurement and employee education.

Campus Dining began recycling efforts several years ago with a cardboard recycling program, which has expanded to recycling many other items and purchasing recycled product. This total waste reduction program strives to balance cost saving from waste stream reduction with the costs of purchasing recycled and recyclable products. Trash hauling has been reduced by more than 50%, yielding some cost savings.

Campus Dining recycles all their cardboard and much of their office and promotional literature. Containers are collected for recycling in kitchen and customer areas. Produce scraps are given to the student sustainable farm for composting and foods are donated to county food banks. Recycled paper is used for computers, stationery, business cards and many other printed items and other recycled/recyclable materials are used whenever practical. Thanks for your efforts to recycle, which has helped Campus Dining win this award again.

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Super battle in trenches

Tampa, Fla. (AP) — They didn't stand getting down and dirty. Neither did the New York Giants and Baltimore Ravens almost relish the idea of deciding the Super Bowl in the trenches.

And most of them insist that's exactly where the outcome of Sunday's NFL title game will be determined.

"We both have the same style of play, blue collar and physically aggressive defenses," said Pro Bowl defender tackle Sam Adams, a key contributor to Baltimore's record-setting defense. "That's how we both win and get here."

The team that wins the Super Bowl is the one that has the best defense.

"Will the game be decided in the trenches? Of course.

Neither team is at a defensive disadvantage at the line of scrimmage. While the Ravens allowed the fewest points in a 16-game season — and still are six points below the old mark — the Giants have been nearly as stingy at up front. Tackle Keith Hamilton might have been their best defensive player. Or perhaps it was end Michael Strahan.

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A legend returns home

Mike Krukow, Cal Poly alumnus and current San Francisco Giants broadcaster, speaks candidly about Cal Poly baseball, Baggett Stadium, memories of the 1971 team and life as a broadcaster.

By Matt Sterling

MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS EDITOR

Editor’s note: Mike Krukow pitched for Cal Poly from 1971-1973 and is still one of the leaders in many pitching categories at Cal Poly. I spoke with him Sunday as Cal Poly took on Stanford at Baggett Stadium.

Matt Sterling: How do you see the current state of Cal Poly baseball?

Mike Krukow: I think it’s about to embark on its best history. You have a facility here that’s really going to encourage good players to come to this school, and I think it’s going to make a big difference for the existing team.

This is their field now – they don’t have to share it with the rest of the city. It’s on their campus. You’re going to get a lot more student body involved and out to the ball games – and I think that when you’re a young player, one of the most important things is to be seen. When you have people coming out to the ball games because you have a facility like this, your caliber of players gets better.

Matt Sterling (MS): What was it like seeing your old teammates at the alumni game? 

Mike Krukow (MK): It hadn’t been 10 years since I had seen those guys.

The thing about what players play for – what do you play for? You play to be remembered. When you’re in college, the people who remember you are your teammates.

We sat back Friday night and Saturday night and told old stories and laughed like hell. And it was fantastic – we just had a great time. It was fun to see everybody. They were doing well, healthy, having good lives, and they looked forward to seeing each other just as much as I did.

MS: What are your favorite memories with Robin Baggett?

MK: Here’s a guy who had below average skills in almost everything. He didn’t throw well, didn’t run well, but the guy found a way to win. He made you a better player.

He was a hard worker and very enthusiastic about the game. Great sign thief – one of the best I’ve seen in all my years of baseball. He felt that was a way he could beat you. He made you better with his desire and intensity.

I got to him at a good point in my career – I was a freshman and he was a senior. Three freshmen made the varsity that year – Gary Knuckles, Les Ohrt and myself – and we watched the seniors. We had a bunch of seniors – Dave Kline, Lathum Marsh, Steve Freedom, Larry Sylvia, Bill Hall, Kent Adler and Baggett. We watched these guys. They were great role models for all of us.

We felt that when they left we had a legacy to carry on, and we did. We had two good years in the three years that I was here, and it rolled right into a National Championship right here in 1989. This team out here today is very aware of that history, and I think that’s going to be a lure for young kids who want to come up and go to school here.

MS: Compare the recruiting that Mike Krukow was in San Luis Obispo to throw the inaugural first pitch Baggett Stadium last Sunday, along with stadium namesake Robin Baggett and Cal Poly Hall of Famer Dave Oliver. He spent 14 seasons in the major leagues, and was an all-star in 1986, where he went 20-9 for the San Francisco Giants. He finished his major league career with a 124-117 overall record and 3.73 earned run average.

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Conference wins elusive for Mustangs

Men’s basketball has not yet won a Big West game

By Raul Vasquez

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The Cal Poly men’s basketball team will be looking for its first Big West Conference win as they play host to Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine this weekend.

Cal Poly fell to 0-4 in conference play after dropping a pair of road games against Pacific and Long Beach State last weekend.

Fullerton enters Thursday night’s game with a record of 2-13 overall and 1-4 in conference play.

“Fullerton is struggling right now, and we will be looking to build momentum against them going into the UC Irvine game,” said freshman guard Jamel Scott. “We’re happy to be back home.”

Cal Poly will look to dictate the tempo against Fullerton, and be more aggressive.

Head coach Kevin Bromley said Fullerton will take their time on offense due to their injuries.

“We’re going to have to force them into making mistakes,” he said.

Bromley has been very happy with the level of his team’s performance.

The team has been working on getting better everyday and improving their transition defense.

“We’ve had a few good practices this week, and we’re trying to work on keeping teams below the 80 point mark,” Scott said.

Bromley is optimistic in his team’s execution of the game plan.

“We would like to win, but can only do the things we need to do in order to win – that’s what is most important,” he said.

The Titans are led by junior guard Kevin Richardson, who is averaging 11.3 points per game. Ike Harmon, Fullerton’s all-time leading scorer, did not play in the team’s last outing last Saturday due to a stress fracture. He is likely to be out of the lineup for Thursday’s game.

Cal Poly has won six straight games against Fullerton and 16-2 against the Titans since joining the Big West during the 1996-1997 season.

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**Sports Trivia**

**Yesterday’s Answer:**

Steve Young threw six touchdown passes in one Super Bowl.

Congrats Mike Allven!

**Today’s Question:**

What college did Buffalo Bills wide receiver Eric Moulds attend?

**Schedule**

**THURSDAY**
- Men’s basketball vs. Cal State Fullerton at Mott Gym at 7 p.m.
- Women’s basketball vs. Boise State at Mott Gym at 7 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Utah at Baggett Stadium at 5 p.m.
- Women’s swimming at Loyola Marymount at 11 a.m.

**FRIDAY**
- Women’s basketball vs. Idaho at Mott Gym at 7 p.m.
- Men’s indoor track at Westpac Invite at Reno, Nev. at all day.
- Men’s basketball vs. Utah at Baggett Stadium at 7 p.m.
- Men’s swimming at UCSB at 1 p.m.
- Wrestling vs. Oregon at Mott Gym at 7 p.m.
- Men’s track at Wolfpack Invite at Hawaii at 3 p.m.

**SATURDAY**
- Men’s basketball vs. UC Irvine at Mott Gym at 7 p.m.
- Women’s indoor track at Westpac Invite at Reno, Nev. at all day.
- Women’s basketball vs. Boise State at Mott Gym at 11 a.m.
- Men’s basketball vs. UC Irvine at Mott Gym at 7 p.m.