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It was a night set up to clear any misconception about the issues surrounding the relationship between homosexuality and religion, said Michael Deen, a philosophy junior and moderator of Tuesday night's event.

Five speakers, representing different faiths, lifestyles and beliefs, gathered at Yosemite residence hall in front of an audience of about 200 people, to represent their communities or their own views on homosexuality.

Deen opened up the evening alluding to a Christian fish pinned on his shirt, enclosed by a rainbow, which represented the acceptance of all people and all things, including homosexuals. The pin did not represent the absolute compatibility of the church and homosexual behavior, he said.

He then turned the microphone to the first speaker, Rabbi Norman Mendel, a San Luis Obispo high school teacher and an active member of the Jewish community, who presented a biblical perspective on homosexuality.

Mendel was followed by Rabbi Raul Vasquez from the Beth David community, who represented the Catholic Church.

“Leadership is similar in a lot of ways,” said Vasquez. “There are experiences that cross the boundaries of your particular career.”

Duet said that her talk would be relevant in areas other than journalism.

“The Catholic Church does not condemn homosexuals…. the church discourages homosexuals from engaging in.”

Ann E Lorenzo
member of Roman Catholic Church

By Raul Vasquez
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER
Spy worked in scenic parks, FBI says

VIENNA, Va. (AP) — The FBI agent accused of spying for Moscow hid his scholarly work along picnics trails to create a cover story, the government says. Still, he did not seem to appreciate the bushy black fur of the office dog.

"Recognize that I am dressed in business suit and cannot skew around to inch-deep mud," the FBI says Robert Hanssen complained to his Russian handlers, who never seemed to tire of finding new parks for their mole.

"I am not a young man," he is said to have written on another occasion.

Northern Virginia, with some of the country's worst traffic congestion, is also studded with parks and nature trails that provide respite from the suburban heat.

The FBI says they also became transfer sites for some of the nation's top secrets. CIA over thenvselves, " Bailey said. "I did a lot better on the final material," said Scott Weselis, a landscape architect.

"The extra time assures that I can," he said. "I am not a young man," he is said to have written in September 1987.

The parks were code named: An (as in Ann), Bob, Charlie, Doris, Ellis, Flo and so on. A look at the parks where the espionage is alleged to have begun in 1985 and ended Sunday, with activities and correspondence as described in the government's case.

Nottoway Park

"Code named for another park and, later, Prime, Nottoway is half a mile down Lemontree Lane from the home where Hanssen lived during the 1980s. Soccer fields, tennis courts and nature trails abound.

After settling the FBI material by mail, Hanssen proposed the first dead drop — a delivery left for someone to pick up without the two meeting. The drop was to be $50,000 in payment for the mailed secrets.

He is a piece of white paper on a tape strip to signal he was ready to receive the package. The FBI put a horizontal piece of tape across the road.

Then him, again, another vertical mark to show he had picked it up.

"Remove old tape before leaving signal," he instructed.

Some drops at the park were bunched.

Nike reports abuse in factories

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Workers at nine of Nike's contract factories in Indonesia, China and Vietnam verbal and physical abuse by supervisors against co-workers and female employees occurred in 1989, a company-funded report released Wednesday.

Employees also complained of being forced to work overtime, seeing assembly-line workers funded by managers and lacking access to medical care, restricted, said the report by Global Exchange.

Nike said the findings were "shocking," but said it welcomed the chance to improve conditions at the 25 factories from which it buys products.

"Of course, many of the results are disturbing, but that's exactly what we wanted to find out," said Maria Eielson, Nike's vice president and senior advisor for corporate responsibility. "While the messages are tough, we welcome them."

Working conditions at overseas factories have been a consistent public relations problem for Nike, based athletic shoe and apparel giant.

Nike paid for the latest report with a $2.7 million grant.

Researchers from Global Alliance for Justice, a Chicago-based labor reform group, interviewed 4,403 workers — 6 percent of the work force at the nine factories for the report. Subjects were given an envelope, and the interviews were done without supervision from factory officials, said the report's liaison, of Global Alliance.

The alliance, formed in 1999, is a consortium of groups and companies — including the World Bank, Nike and The Gap — committed to improving conditions for factory workers across Asia.

The alliance's first report, issued last year and focusing on Thai and Vietnamese workers, was criticized by labor groups for not concentrating enough on violations and alleged abuses.

Of the workers surveyed in the latest report, 56 percent said they had seen supervisors verbally abusing co-workers; 15.7 percent reported observing physical abuse and another 13.7 percent said they saw physical abuse.

Still, some alleged that the deaths of two workers were related to the denial of medication.

Most factories have health clinics, but nearly 90 percent of workers surveyed said medication wasn't always available, and others complained that it was difficult to get time off to go to the clinics.

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Financial aid favors middle class

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Low-income students who are otherwise qualified academically to get into college run soon be shut out of the hallways halls anyway because of a financial aid system that favors middle class students, according to a panel authorized by Congress to oversee financial aid. The issue starts with a rising income students who are otherwise qualified for college. From 1987 to 1999, completion rates grew about 20 percent for low-income families, 62 percent for low-income families, while upper-income students face 16 percent for middle class families, and 7 percent for the wealthiest.

Even after they get to college, the report said, low-income students end up footing a larger portion of the bill than other students. After subtracting grants, loans and personal expenses, low-income students in a first-year pub- lic college typically face $3,900 in college-related debt per year. Middle class students typically face $2,250 in annual unmet need, and wealthy students face $1,400 in annual debt.

At the same time, the report said, the maximum federal Pell grant has failed to keep pace with college costs. In 1975, a student could cover 80 percent of costs at public colleges. In 1999, a student could cover only 47 percent of costs at public colleges and 80 percent of costs at private colleges.

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A quick word on ASI, more about Clinton

You know, after that unsigned editorial about Associated Students Inc. yesterday from the "Cal Poly Daily," you would think I would have plenty to say. However, despite the well-conceived notions of a knee-jerk reaction wrought with Drakulics, I will make only one comment. The rest I will leave to my colleagues who I am sure are flooding the opinion editor's inbox.

When critiquing the ASI Board of Directors, you need to remember just one thing - sometimes it's not their fault. At the time of the vote, the media, still offering George W. Bush a pedestrian honeymoon, have nothing better to do than listen to the Republicans and report on Clinton's "deviant" activity.

Congress is holding hearings on the Marc Rich case. What a waste of time. I am not defending Rich, but even if he proves Clinton did something wrong, what would change, and Bush's pardon would stand. The whole thing is a political show. If they really don't know how rich Clinton is, they prove Clinton did something wrong, which would be a kick in the teeth of those who have been waiting for Bush to prove Clinton is an illegitimate leader.

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Richard Nixon. It is supposed to mean "scarecrow." To me, it means incompetent journalists who have nothing better to do than give things stupid names.

You've got to ask yourself - why have the media been so focused on Clinton since he left office? Some will say that Clinton is the one making news, and the media is just reporting it. The reality of the situation is the Republican leadership in Washington, D.C., is doing everything it can to give Clinton a good hard kick in the ass as he walks out the door. The media, still offering George W. Bush a pedestrian honeymoon, have nothing better to do than listen to the Republicans and report on Clinton's "deviant" activity.

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CSU problems come from many sources

On Friday, Dr. Charles Reed, chancellor of the California State University system, wrote to a Mustang Daily explaining recent statistics on remedial education in state universities.

According to the study, in fall 2000, about 50 percent of incoming freshmen weren't proficient in English or math. The chancellor said that the increase in proficiency is more difficult at CSUs than at other universities.

The mathematics placement standards in the CSU system are the highest than any other state. The problem I have with this argument is, if the CSU system knows that the math standards are too high or unrealistic, why do they still have them. I don't understand why CSUs have higher standards than other states. By these standards, California students must have more math skills than students in Arizona.

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The chancellor also gave a possible explanation for the English deficiency. He said that about 40 percent of CSU students come from households where English is not the primary language spoken. I come from a household whose primary language is not English. I didn't need any extra remedial education. I doubt that all students that came from a non-English speaking home needed remedial education.

The high percentage of remedial education is explained by many little problems, but everyone in California is at fault.

The administrators are making placement standards that are not realistic. When compared to other states. These standards were probably made for bragging rights - educational administrators comparing each other's university system to see who has the smartest students. It doesn't make any sense that a student can have a normal math class in Arizona and become remedial by crossing the state line into California.

The teachers are partly to blame, because they are the educators in students' lives. Many K-12 teachers love their passion for teaching. Eventually, they become lousy teachers. The popular solution for this problem is paying the teachers more. I am all for it.

For as long as I can remember, teachers haven't been paid what they truly deserve for their services. The pessimist in me thinks they never will.

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By Brian Milne
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

This year’s Mardi Gras festivities, themed “Too Hot to Handle,” kick off today and conclude Tuesday with the 23rd annual parade.

But will it be too hot to hold?

Mardi Gras of San Luis Obispo President of the Board John Thomas is optimistic, the celebration will go on without any flaws, but said the parade could be canceled by poor weather conditions.

“If it’s pouring, it will be canceled,” Thomas said. “If there’s a light rain, it won’t be canceled.”

The parade travels down Marsh Street beginning at 6:11 p.m. Thomas said the Board expects between 15,000 to 20,000 people to attend the parade. Last year’s Saturday night parade brought in an excess of 40,000 onlookers.

Thomas said there’s a few differences between this year’s parade and last year’s.

“We had way more spectators last year,” he said. “We just don’t have the infrastructure to accommodate 45,000 people. By moving it to Tuesday, we’re trying to localize the event.”

Thomas also said city officials are leaning toward a more family-friendly event.

“It’s work,” said Ryan Eilertson, a graphic communication senior, in response to this decision. Eilertson works Tuesday and will miss the annual parade.

“I guess things could get out of control with all those people,” Eilertson said. “The city has to take care of the problems. There’s litter, vandalism and a whole list of things that could happen. But it would be nice if it fell on the weekend again.”

The move to Tuesday might not affect the popular Mardi Gras Fest, which has been held on the day of the parade in years past.

“We’re going to have the biggest parade we’ve ever had and the festivities will be bigger than ever,” Thomas said. “We’ll have new entertainment that’s never been seen. I think it will be fun.”

Organizers are using the mid-week parade to extend the Mardi Gras celebration from one day to four.

“We have one of the largest Mardi Gras celebrations west of the Mississippi,” Thomas said. “It’s the biggest free event in San Luis Obispo.”

A Mardi Gras preview will be held Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Higuera Street Farmer’s Market. The king and queen of Mardi Gras — local couple and longtime Mardi Gras supporters Steve and June Desvignes — will be on hand to judge the decorations displayed by local businesses.

Saturday’s Mardi Gras Fest at Mission Plaza is slated to go from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The carnival —
Globetrotters bounce into campus basketball arena

By Larissa Van Beurden

The Harlem Globetrotters are known for their antics on the court. They will be coming to Cal Poly on Feb. 28. Although the Harlem Globetrotters are 75 years old this year, the team is still popular as ever.

Many students around town are interested in seeing the Globetrotters play. Cuesta student Robert Doux feels, since the ticket prices are reasonable, it’s a great opportunity.

“I definitely going to see them - it’s history in action,” he said. “I’ve heard what they can do is pretty amazing.”

Those who want to see the Globetrotters in action are urged to buy their tickets soon. Nick Wynne, a liberal studies sophomore, sells tickets in the Rec Center Box Office. He said there has been a lot of interest in seeing the Harlem Globetrotters play, both from students and San Luis Obispo community members.

“We’ve sold out of the lower section already,” he said. “We still have a fair number of seats for the upper section, but it might sell out.”

Wynne said there are about 1,000 seats in the upper section still available. He said a lot of people want until the last week before buying their tickets, so he’s still expecting to sell more tickets.

Wynne said the Harlem Globetrotters played last year in Santa Maria to a sold-out crowd, and played two years ago at Cal Poly, also in front of a sold-out crowd.

According to the Harlem Globetrotters website, the team was founded in 1926 by Abe Saperstein, and played their first game Jan. 7, 1927, in Hinkle, Ill. The team tours the United States and Canada from mid-December to mid-April every year. The team annually visits over 200 cities, and have played in 115 countries in front of 100 million fans. It played its 22,000th game on Jan. 12, 1998. This is more games than any other sports team. Contrary to what many people think, the Globetrotters play real games, playing a hard initial 15 to 20 minutes during the game to set the tone. Fans will see the antics once the team has opened a safe lead of 10 to 15 points.

The game starts at 7 p.m. in the Rec Center. Tickets are $12 for the upper level. There is a $2 discount for kids 12 and under, seniors over 60 and students with an ID. Tickets can be purchased at the Cal Poly Rec Center Box Office or any Vallita ticket outlet, or by calling 1-888-823-5484.

Drew vs. Drew

Getting to know Jill Scott


Drew P.: I have no idea who Jill Scott is. Can somebody help me out here?

Drew S.: Jill Scott is a 28-year-old Philadelphia native who recently released her first album. It’s full of soulful, smooth tracks blended with her sweet soul voice.

Drew P.: Oh want to see the same Jill Scott who first appeared on The Roots’ live album last year?

Drew S.: Yeah, it is. She also appeared on Common’s acclaimed “Like Water For Chocolate” album.

Drew P.: And she was the original female lead on The Roots’ last single “You Got Me.” before Erykah Badu.

Drew S.: And now she’s making it on her own. With her single “Gettin’ In The Way” and “A Long Walk,” on most R&B stations and her music attracting attention on MTV, Jill Scott is on her way to soul-diva status.

Drew P.: She sounds sort of like Badu or Macy Gray, only more subtle.

Drew S.: She’s decent, but nothing remarkable. I would have liked to hear a few more up-tempo songs.

Drew P.: There are a few in this album, but it’s not supposed to hat hard. She’s got an incredible voice that makes every song sound good.

Drew P.: I was just expecting something more along the lines of Lauren Hill — more variety. This is just too mellow.

Drew S.: It’s soul, not rap.

Drew P. Thanks for the tip, Sherback.

Drew S.: Anytime. Let’s get to the point — she’s got an enormous amount of talent. I think we’ll be hearing from her in the future.

Drew P.: Remember DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince Will Smith? Well, the good news is, Jazzy Jeff is… yes, THE Jazzy Jeff, is one of the producers on this album. He’s written for him, I guess he and Jill Scott have done a fair job here, just not enough to get my endorsement.

Drew S.: This album is flat good. It’s soulful and personal, which is really rare in today’s pop music. People should get to know who Jill Scott is.

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Last year, the Career Symposium was held in the Rec. Center with over 100 companies attending. This year’s event has grown to 154 companies and will be held on both levels of the Rec. Center.

Today’s Career Symposium will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. A backpack drop off will be available within the Rec. Center in the Martial Arts room from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Today’s event is a great opportunity for students to speak with employers about career options, recommended preparation, and class and senior project possibilities. Students can also make contacts for summer, co-op, and career employment opportunities.

Job Search 2001: A Strategic Approach

Does the process of your job search seem overwhelming? Fortunately, Cal Poly students are seeking employment at a time when the economy is strong and unemployment is low. If you are ready to begin your employment search, it’s time to get organized and develop a strategy to land the job you really want.

by Jane Johnson
Guest Columnist

Here's a strategic approach to make your job search run more smoothly. Clarify your career goals through a process of self-assessment. Start to familiarize yourself with career options, job titles, salaries and requirements companies are looking for in potential employees. Meet with your Career Counselor at Cal Poly Career Services, Bldg. 124 to determine realistic goals and positions that fit your interests, personal abilities, and geographic preferences.

Research the possibility of observing someone in an occupation you are interested in firsthand. Don’t get “shadowing.” Watching a professional at work for a day will help you determine if their work is something you can see yourself doing.

Another useful way of gathering information about the world of work is through information interviewing. Use Career Services Alumni Network of successful Cal Poly graduates to ask questions about careers, companies, and how alumni secured their present positions.

When you have a more concrete idea of what jobs you are interested in, it’s time to begin the next step, identifying employers.

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You can also view the Graduate Student Registry which details the post-graduation activities of last year’s graduates including their job title and the employer who hired them. Use classified ads and the business section of newspapers in the geographic location where you’d like to work to uncover the employers in that area.

Check out professional associations newsletters and journals for

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By Rebecca Howes

**SPECIAL TO THE CAREER ISSUE**

Today's Career Symposium promises to be the largest and most exciting symposium that Cal Poly has ever hosted. Last year just over 100 companies showed up. This year, the event will feature over 150 companies from all over the United States. The symposium will be held in the Recreation Center on the main and upper gym floors.

"Each of the companies listed an S.A.S.T. felt the use of the Rec. Center was appropriate because this is a service provided to students who go to Cal Poly," said Shel Burrell, Associate Director of Career Services at Cal Poly. "We certainly appreciate the use of the Rec. Center for our venue."

Burrell is particularly excited by the variety of companies participating this year. Bio-tech, marketing, high tech, agriculture, crop science, research, retail environmental consultants, and transportation are just some of the companies that will be on hand to greet students.

"This is a really exciting opportunity. There is something for every student at Cal Poly regardless of level," she said.

"Students can get information that will be helpful in completing their education, helping make concrete decisions as well as making specific contacts for summer and career opportunities," Burrell said. The event is intended to be open and very flexible for students. Each company has a space to make contact with a lot of employers at one time in one venue. Each company has a space to display information. Some companies bring promotional items like key chains, Frisbees, or pens to give students, while other companies have handouts with information about their company. Displays can be as simple or as elaborate as the companies choose as long as they are within their own space.

"This is a unique event for students to make contact with a lot of employers at one time in one venue. Each company has a space to make contact with a lot of employers at one time in one venue. Each company has the freedom to add as much or as little as they want. It is a one-time venue where students can go to one place and interact with a wide variety of employers that will help them overcome difficult situations or challenges they have in their lives," she said.

The Career Symposium will be held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. A backdrop drop off will be available within the Rec. Center in the Martial Arts room from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**JOB SEARCH**

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employees in industries who might hire someone with your qualifications. Post your resume on Career Services Web Walk Up program and identify interviews and jobs you are qualified for. Attend the quarterly Job Fairs and network with employers. Identify companies you want to work for and get ready for a targeted mailing of your resume and cover letter. Call friends, faculty, relatives to see if they might have some contacts in companies in an area you want to work. Your goal here is to identify a targeted list of employers who might have positions you are interested in.

Identify the Needs of the Employer

Conducting a successful job search requires that you learn what the employer wants, needs or expects from new hires. Universal employers look for strong interpersonal skills, teamwork, analytical abilities, written/oral communication skills, leadership and related work experience. In addition, it is the job seeker's responsibility to identify the problems the company is trying to solve. After developing a realistic perspective, you should review your strengths to let the employer know how you can help.

Employers are often looking for a "unique" skill or strength that they perceive to be of great value in their organization. You should also develop an understanding of the company's mission statement, organizational structure, interview process and characteristics of successful employees already working at the company. The goal of this step is for you to identify where you fit in to the organization.

Create a presentation, it's all about marketing!

One of the most crucial steps in the job search process is creating a presentation and marketing your skills, educational background and experience. If you were currently at the product you most need to sell is on your strengths and articulate them in everything you write and say - you will be confident knowing you are presenting yourself in the most competitive way. As with the marketing of any product, you need to develop supporting documentation to convince employers that you are worth the investment of their time and energy. This step requires developing a strong resume that clearly states your objectives and concisely describes your qualifications. Attend a Career Services Resume Workshop to obtain samples and craft a resume that is both pleasing to the eye and presents you in a way that will have employers calling you for a job interview.

If you mail, email or fax your resume to an employer you should attach a cover letter. The most effective cover letters are customized to each employer, mentioning the specific job title or department you would like to work in. Cover letters should include why you are writing and highlight several key experiences and strengths you have for each position.

The goal of the cover letter is to convince the employer that you can help the company achieve their organizational goals. Pick up a cover letter handout at Career Services, Bldg. 124.

Your biggest marketing presentation is the employment interview. This is your opportunity to convey to the employer through specific examples that you have the characteristics, qualifications and background to be successful with their company.

Many organizations will ask about your past behavior from situations you have been in, often referred to as the Behavioral Interview. They may ask questions concerning dealing with stress, creation, projects you've worked on in teams and overcoming adversity. The research you have done on the company and its products and history will pay off in the employment interviews.

Spend some time creating a list of strengths/weaknesses and skills you have to offer an employer to talk about in the interviews. Think back on your experiences and identify examples where you overcome difficult situations or challenges. Try to get some practice interviewing with your career counselor, friends, family or with yourself in front of a mirror. After the interview, always follow up with a thank you letter. Keep track of your contacts and the resumes you've mailed out.

Jane Johnson is a Cal Poly career counselor.

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Job-hunting seniors unfazed by changing economy

By Gerrit Hall
Swarthmore Phoenix

(UPWIRE) - It was 1991, the beginning of an unremarkable economic explosion that lasted throughout the 1990s with no sign of ever letting up. Swarthmore College students were entering their adolescence and learning that stocks were simply incapable of going in a direction called down.

But as a new millennium dawns, this well of prosperity has heated up to the point that it will graduate into a job market with the highest unemployment rate in years.

Mark Rockmore '91, an economics major with a minor in philosophy, is considering his future plans at this crossroads of his life. With economic growth slowing, he is wondering if his options are decreasing.

At the beginning of the year, when the economy seemed stronger, Rockmore was looking into conducting research on the state of the economy and its future.

On the business side, he looked into companies like Accenture Consulting and Goldman Sachs, an investment banking firm. In a booming economy, Rockmore figured, people would need to fill jobs in short sectors like consulting and investment banking.

"If the economy takes a nose dive, however, some economists are gloomy about the future of such jobs, which they worry will disappear like the thousands of positions that have been eliminated in the dot-com shake-out," Rockmore said.

"There was even concern that investment banking would drop...people," Rockmore said.

Career Planning and Placement director Tom Frances, on the other hand, was more optimistic, and said people in investment banking have jobs "no matter what the economy does."

"Negative economic news has stirred media headlines this year. Vice President Dick Cheney, for example, warned that "We may well be on the front edge of a recession."

"He things really gotten that bad?" Economics professor Mark Kuperberg doesn’t think so. He explained that a recession exists when the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is less than the GDP with full employment. The GDP measures the total production and consumption of goods in the United States. Full employment describes the market under average conditions.

Rcession exists, then, whenever production and consumption are lower than average. According to Kuperberg, the GDP is still above the full employment GDP.

"The economy is still strong by historical standards," said Kuperberg.

"We're still in an economic boom, just not as much of one."

— Mark Kuperberg
Economics professor

"There's a little bit of a concern, " says Rockmore. "I'm not as much of one."

"What has happened lately is that the economy has entered a slowdown. The GDP has dropped, and unemployment has risen a little," Kuperberg further predicts that this slowdown will last a while, until a recession is reality.

"Basically, you wanted to graduate last year," says Kuperberg. "It's probably the case that firms may be reluctant to hire new people."

Francis also sees a potential drop-off in the quality of the job prospects available to current students.

"There's a little bit of a concern," Francis said about the economy's slowdown. He points out that, in individual cases, students could get jobs that are less than ideal.

"He also added that campus recruiting is "fairly expensive" for organizations, and in a poor economy, it might not be economically feasible."

But he pointed out that the economy has not yet reached that depth yet. Furthermore, he added that the college has lost more recruiters because of "lack of student interest than by changes in the economy."

"We are small enough, and our student body is talented enough, that we tend not to be impacted by economic swings as much as one might think," Francis said. "The impact on individual Swarthmore students is just not as great."

He stressed that Swarthmore students are very "capable" and that organizations view Swarthmore graduates as "long-term assets."

"It's important for students to not be overly concerned about this," he says, echoing what seems to be the prevalent attitude of Rockmore and other seniors. Rockmore is considering the state of the economy in his search, but only as one of many factors. He said he realizes that if businesses had been hiring a few months ago "there would be more competition for students."

"Choosing a field that interests him is more important, as he's planning for graduation school," he said.

"Grad school is a fairly important thing nowadays," Rockmore said. Indeed, the majority of Swarthmore seniors work for a few years after graduation, then return to graduate school, according to admissions office statistics.

Rockmore was hired by a consulting firm in early December. He recognized that consultants may be slower careers in the economic turmoil, and noted, "They're going to hire me before I start."

Nevertheless, he said he feels pretty secure and has even received calls from other firms.

Rockmore will most likely work for two to four years before going to graduate school for a Ph.D. in economics. He says he may wind up as a professor of economics, where he'll analyze the economy rather than worry about it.

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Some majors less affected by shrinking job market

By Celina Moreno

Students in the Colleges of Engineering and Communication have not felt the effects of a nationwide economic slowdown in the U.S. high-tech industry. University of Texas officials said Monday officials added that on-campus recruiting efforts remain at high levels.

"I've talked to my colleagues about it, and we've been reading it in the newspaper that there has been a nationwide drop, but we haven't seen any drop of company recruitment efforts at the University," said Nancy Evans, director of Career Services in the College of Engineering. "I think companies realize they need to keep their presence at the University."

In Fall 2000, 92 companies visited the University to recruit engineering majors, an increase of 130 companies since Fall 1999.

Evans said the University's engineering school is one of the nation's highest-ranked, making it less likely to falter.

"When you're the ninth-ranked engineering college in the country, you don't have to go and look for people to come to you," Evans said.

The number of interested companies who attended the Engineering Co-op and Intern Fair this year also increased from 84 companies last year to 98.

The College of Communication has also managed to escape the consequences of the nation's financial slump, said Matt Berndt, director of placement at the Communication Career Services.

"We've held pretty steady," Berndt said. "In Fall 2000, we had 56 recruiters come and conduct 375 interviews, and we should be able to hold it roughly the same or more in the spring, which would total about 70 to 75 businesses."

Other universities across the nation, including Carnegie Mellon University in Pennsylvania, have had more difficulty avoiding the decreasing numbers of company recruitment efforts.

"The slowdown in the economy since January, has definitely had an effect on company recruitment here," said Judy Mancoo, director of recruiter and employer relations at Carnegie Mellon University.

"Large companies and dot-coms that were really prevalent last year are now disappearing, and that's information that can't be ignored." Mancoo added that the economic change is starting to level out and career counselors should inform students that when they're offered a job, they can't let too much time pass to return calls.

Berndt attributes the University's success of recruitment efforts to its career services' decentralized system.

"UT has a broader reach to companies to attract students from every major who knows they want to work for an engineering firm," he said.

"I would like for college job-hunters to be more active and aggressive," he said. "Students must make it clearer to the companies what job they want because it's not as obvious as, say, a mechanical engineering major who knows they want to work for an engineering firm."

In Fall 2000, 63 companies interviewed 772 Liberal Arts students, a decrease from Fall 1999, when 103 recruitment companies conducted 1,265 interviews.

"Patel, who recently worked at Texas A&M University, said he has also seen a decrease in recruitment at Texas A&M, which has centralized career services office.

Random Business News...

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge has appointed a mediator in the case between the recording industry and Napster, the free Internet song-swapping service. U.S. District Judge Manor H. Patel ordered the two sides to meet even before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against Napster last week, according to Russell Frackman, an attorney representing recording companies.

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Napster attorney Lawrence Palerm referred questions to a public relations company hired by the company. Calls to the company were not returned; a spokesman from another firm hired by Napster declined comment.

SALF, Ore. — In a small office space in South Salem, a group of young men are huddled over brightly colored Macs. From the outside, one would never know that this small gathering of techies is home to the creators of Napster, Napster's popular music-download service.

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denial

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Program opens market for U. New Mexico students

By Jenna Naranjo

(K.U. WIRE) ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - University of New Mexico engineering students now find the job market friendlier after graduation.

The University was recently accepted to participate in the Global Wireless Education Consortium, which some University officials say could bring more jobs to people in New Mexico -- including UNM graduates.

Christos Christodoulou, electrical and computer engineering department chairman, said UNM's involvement with the Global Wireless Education Consortium will give new graduates a better variety of career opportunities.

"Basically what happens is a lot of companies in the United States have to hire about 250,000 foreign high-tech workers because United States universities cannot produce enough workers in the area of wireless technology," Christodoulou said. "When our students get out, they will be very attractive to the industries."

Christodoulou said that's why top technological companies formed the Global Wireless Education Consortium -- to provide top-of-the-line training to the next generation of engineers.

The consortium was formed by Lucent, Ericsson, Motorola, Vodafone, Verizon, AT&T Wireless, Nortel Networks, Nokia Telefonia Technologies, Raytheon and Agilent Technologies.

Though UNM is the only New Mexico university involved in the program, that doesn't mean other schools will be left out. Chaouki Abdallah, a UNM electrical and computer engineering professor, said the program will provide breakthrough information for universities all over the world.

Abdallah said companies leading the program will ask certain universities to create courses in the area of wireless technology, which can include anything from cellular and satellite communications to sensors and signal processing. Once the courses are created, other universities can access the information.

"The schools get together with the companies and come up with the skeleton for courses," Abdallah said. "This will help determine what courses are needed for the advancement of wireless technology."

Students will not be the only beneficiaries though. Both Christodolou and Abdallah said the economy is expected to benefit from the Global Wireless Education Consortium and in focus on technology, especially cellular and satellite communications.

"All of those areas will be very important in the future for keeping the United States economy strong," Christodoulou said.

He said the program will be available as long as UNM remains a valuable member. Christodoulou said what makes UNM valuable is its strong contact with Latin American universities in the field of telecommunications.

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From left to right: Tim Hollister, Marie Duenow, and Mark Quinelly from Target; Richard Equinoa, Director of Cal Poly Career Services; and Polly Harrigan, Vice President of Student Affairs Office representative. Students may speak with Target Stores representatives at today's Career Symposium.

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Cal State-Chico 'super mom' works toward business degree

By Nancy Christianson

(U-WIRE) CHICO, Calif. - "Super moms" juggle the responsibilities of work, volunteering, cooking, cleaning, shopping and steering outside to their children's activities, all while managing to remain sane.

Mara Benson does all these things, and more.

This 'super mom' has added the task of being a full-time California State University at Chico student to her juggling act.

"I love school," Benson said. "It keeps me alive. I have other people to talk to. Some are going through similar things."

The 33-year-old business major is a single mom raising two daughters, Alexandra, 11, and Sophie, 5. A typical day begins by dropping off Sophie at day care and Alexandra at school, she said.

"I go to school with her," Benson said. "I'm a clerical aide and a teacher's aide."

After working for three to five hours at Alexandra's school, Benson is ready to fall into the role of mom. When her class is over, she picks up her daughters and heads home.

Alexandra is very responsible and helps by cooking dinner twice a week, Benson said. She makes easy things, like spaghetti and salad. After dinner, they study.

"We do our homework together," Benson said.

In her free time, Benson volunteers for Students in Free Enterprise. But she doesn't go alone. Alexandra goes with her and has helped with the registration table at the Bidwell Park cleanup event. Benson said she makes an effort to include her daughter in as many activities as possible.

She said the responsibility her oldest daughter has taken has given her a strong work ethic, which is "I can pretty much do everything, but I'm not always the nicest person."

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Sophie will be with her father. "Both my daughters see that I love school," Benson said.

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**Virginia Tech students learn to deal over meals**

By Melissa Jones
The Collegiate Times

(C-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. - Offices and classrooms are not the only places interviews are held. Prospective employers also interview in restaurants over a meal.

Almost 150 Virginia Tech students gathered in the Owens Banquet Room Wednesday night for Career Services' annual program, "Whose Glass Is It Anyway! Dining Etiquette in a Business Setting." The program teaches students appropriate table manners and how to be interviewed.

"The reason why it started was because so often when students go on site interviews, they have to eat a meal with an employer," said Laura Yu, career advisor in Career Services. "Sometimes these interviews are at really nice restaurants."

Seven students sat at each table with a table host while they listened to a presentation and ate a four-course meal.

"The table host kind of hears the conversation and answers questions if they have any questions about what's appropriate to talk about," Yu said.

Representatives from Lexmark, Virginia Tech Alumni Association, and Career Services serve as table hosts. Lexmark and the Alumni Association both sponsored the event. The Alumni Association has helped with the Career Services program for two years.

Students are required to dress professionally and wear name tags displaying their names and majors. "The reason why it started was because so often when students go for on site interviews, they have to eat a meal with an employer," said Amy McPherson of Career Services.

"Students practiced the correct way to eat at receptions and buffets, the proper place setting, ordering from the menu, ordering beverages, and the general rules that come with a four-course meal."

"Many interviews that you attend will involve a meal. Table manners are important."

— Amy McPherson
Virginia Tech

McPherson said that it is important to keep your focus on the interview, not the meal. It is important to learn the appropriate actions to take during the meal, such as which fork to use and where to place the napkin when the meal is finished.

"Follow the lead of your host or hostess," McPherson said. She stressed this point to students at the event.

"I think the program is fun for students because you get to have a four-course meal and it's only $10.

Yu said.

Keith Karch, a senior Natural Resource Recreation major, said, "You're paying for a meal and $10 is appropriate. You don't have to tip anybody either, which is nice."

Students seemed to be pleased with the program.

"They talked about in detail what needed to be talked about," Karch said. "(There) Best rule of thumb is to not do it. Use your best judgment."

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stock markets in Europe and Asia ended Monday narrowly mixed as investors adopted a trading pattern recently embraced by their American counterparts.

Investors abandoned sell-off rookie tech issues and sent safer stocks, such as those in the oil and consumer brand sectors, higher. But with Wall Street closed for the President's Day holiday, overseas activity was light.

Tech stocks tumbled when investors pared down their association after New York's tech-laden Nasdaq stock market's 5-percent slip Friday. Old stocks faced better as the British-American bombing of Iraq military targets cranked up tension in the Middle East.

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BRUSSLES, Belgium (AP) — The board of Sabena SA is expected to recommend that shareholders approve a $673 million restructuring deal for the troubled airline after unions made concessions on a labor package. The rescue package would help the Belgian airline stay in business. As part of the package, management would discard unprofitable routes and some 70% of the company’s 12,000 jobs would be cut. Following weekend negotiations, Sabena management and unions representing ground staff, pilots and flight crew wanted to sign a $41 million cost-cutting plan. The unions and management had been wrangling for weeks.

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Three European steelmakers announced plans Monday to merge into the world’s largest producer of 46 million tons per year. France’s Usinor SA, Luxembourg’s Arbed SA and the Spanish Acerdala Corporation Siderurgicas SA said the merger would be completed by fall 2001. The new group is to be set up in Luxembourg, which will make an offer for the shares of each of the three companies.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — When her husband’s construction business collapsed, Laura Savage discovered her home business was key to the family’s survival. She expanded her line of crafts to an array of specialized refrigerator magnets, notepads and stickers she sold at conventions and through home business acquaintances. She served ceviche to kids dressed as doctors, nurses and superheroes. It’s not an uncommon story — Moms’ home-work bolsters the family’s earnings — but in Utah it’s considered a natural outgrowth of Mormon culture. Home businesses are “a perfect match for the lifestyle in Utah,” said Linda Hamilton Ott, a district manager for Avon Products Inc. in Salt Lake City. “A lot of home-based businesses thrive here.”

By Bernice Ng

(LOUIE) BERKELEY, Calif — Forget the building blocks, monster sports cars or colossal bank accounts. In today’s world of advanced technology, a tiny cell phone may be all a man needs to find himself a Valentine date.

Oh, so say researchers.

According to a study by Liverpool psychologists, men in England are more likely than women to use a cell phone, not for its conventional purpose — wireless voice communication – but as a visual tool to show off success and, in the process, hopefully score that special someone.

And whereas the standard phrase “the bigger the better”, often applies to markers of male desirability, in this case, the smaller the sorer, earning more true.

Men in England, researchers found, tend to more frequently display their high-tech talking devices in public in order to boost their attractiveness and show that they are socially connected. Analysts suggested that these men be a psychological component in men that drives them to talk and fit in with their mobile phones.

Scientists likened the phone-flashing male impulse to the way a male peacock will fan its colorful feathers when surrounded by a crowd of potential mates. The goal: to entice and captivate. The tiny hand-held phones, they hope, will serve to impress.

The theory of how men and women communicate and interact with each other comprises a very broad field. As a result, such a finding could be extrapolated to apply to all relationships, say UC Berkeley psychologists.

“One men different from women?”

On the average, sure, though there’s much overlap,” says UC Berkeley psychology professor Phil Corwin, who makes couples relationships.

At UC Berkeley, located on an entirely different continent, and submerged in an entirely different culture, the English findings may not hold the same value.

Unlike England, where men seem to own more phones than females, the situation on campus seems to be flipped, students say. Here, the common consensus is that females are more likely to be found chatting on their calls.

“I see more guys on cell phones than girls,” says UC Berkeley junior Michael Jarvis, as he points to females holding cell phones on Spauld Plaza, “Like right there. Case in point.”

They talk on them much more.

Students were willing to offer their explanations of the phenomenon cell phones phenomenon. Girls on campus may appear to have more electronic devices because they are generally more chatty, says junior Lenn Gross, a third-year psychology major.

“I don’t think it’s a status symbol at all,” Guest says. “Girls have more a tendency to talk.”

Northwestern’s Carrie Atkins, however, proposes a different explanation for why he has noticed more females walking to class with cell phones raised to their ears.

“That’s annoying,” Atkins says.

“It’s frustrating, it’s like they can’t adapt to their circumstances and they have to be attached to someone else.”

Most students say they find it difficult, and even then troublesome, to make the connection between a fancy cell phone and desirability.

“I don’t think it’s the case,” says sophomore James Yu, who owns a small silver cell phone manufactured by Sharp. “I don’t think that’s true. I just have my cell phone because it’s convenient.”

Despite their skepticism, many do agree with some aspects of the four-month study in which researchers monitored the relationship men had with their cell phones as an English pal.

Men do seem to exhibit a natural tendency to show off and mobile phones are one of the most impressive items they have, according to the research. A study on how men and women differ in their cell phone habits, unpublished, found that men were more likely to show off their phones, while women were more likely to use them for practical purposes.

“For whatever reason, men show off their phones more,” says Corwin. “Women don’t think it’s a status symbol. Men do.”

This could be because, say sophomore Stanley Lee, who promotes that he does not own a cell himself.

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Cal State Chico students are now indebted to convenience with school-affiliated credit card

By Nick Allen
The Onion

CAL STATE Chico students are now indebted to convenience with school-affiliated credit card.

Cal State Chico students are now indebted to convenience with school-affiliated credit card. Chico State University is under contract with First USA, a credit card company that paid the university for the right to market their card to students.

In addition, the university is paid a small percentage of every dollar students charge on their Chico State First USA card, said Ed Masterson, the associate vice president of university advancement.

For a large portion of these students, signing up for a credit card such as this will be the first step toward entering into the world of credit debt.

Luke McKinnon was a freshman at Butte College when he got his first credit card in the mail. At first he used the card to pay for books and tuition. Later he received a second card on which he charged some concert tickets. A third card came, which he used to pay for work he needed done on his car. Occasionally, if he was short of cash he would take out a cash advance. Pretty soon he had accumulated a debt of $12,000 spread over four or five cards.

"It really adds up fast," McKinnon said.

McKinnon is not the only student in Chico to have gotten into debt because of credit cards. The Financial Aid office saw enough students in crin as with credit cards that they began to send out informational pamphlets on how to deal with credit cards.

Student Activities received financial aid and loan.

"I would much prefer to see student organizations getting students involved, than credit card companies getting students into debt."

— Jeff Iverson
Chico State A.S. president

Annette Edwards, the director of the Financial Aid office, said that a large portion of the students who get into debt are first-year students or students who are living on their own for the first time.

"These are young people, experiencing their first real-life scenarios," Edwards said.

According to a 1999 congressional survey, about 25 percent of college students have credit card debts of more than $10,000.

One of the most common ways for students new to college to receive their first credit card is computer solicitor credit card application to students. They offer T-shirts, key chains and other trinkets to entice students into signing the application. For a lot of students, this is the first step toward amassing credit card debt.

The credit card solicitors have become such a problem on campus that in the fall of 1999, the Associated Students government passed legislation banning credit card marketers from acquiring existing space within the Bell Memorial Union.

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Ragland is living the student musician’s dream

By April Pack

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

She was a student musician singing in front of a crowd of 50 at Backstage Pizza during the lunch hour. That number soon rose to 50,000 and she owned the rights to the No. 1 album in the state of Missouri. It is rarely thought that a University Union performer could actually rise to stardom, but it actually happened for Robyn Ragland, a former Cal Poly student.

Ragland is coming back to San Luis Obispo to do a solo-acoustic show at Linnaea’s Cafe on Monday.

Ragland attended Cal Poly for five years—stretching through the early 1990s—and graduated with a bachelor’s degree in political science and minors in music and philosophy. For most of her time at Cal Poly, she was in an eight-piece band called Rhythm Akimbo, in which she sang, wrote songs and played tambourine.

“We signed supreme in SLO for a while,” Ragland said. “When we played at SLO Brew, which we did regularly, the line would wrap around the building, and we would absolutely pack the place.”

She described the band’s sound as “quirky pop” with flavors ranging from dave to jazz to pure pop.

“The shows were totally high energy; mainly the song writing was just completely original, and the band was a very real band,” Ragland said.

Rhythm Akimbo made three records. Ragland said the band never traveled because it hadn’t really thought about getting into the industry and trying to get signed.

After graduating from Cal Poly in 1992, members of Rhythm Akimbo were contemplating moving to Los Angeles and pursuing music careers. Ragland said she really liked the idea except for herself, and this eventually resulted in the breakup of the band.

Ragland then decided to go to graduate school and get a degree in law after she was accepted to Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. She said within six months, she was on another band. When finished at Washington University, Ragland knew being a lawyer was not for her, so she decided to pursue a career in music, which proved to be a success.

Ragland’s first album, “Modern American Female Gear” was released in 2000. It was voted and still remains the No. 1 best seller in St. Louis, Mo., as well as St. Charles and Belleville, Ill. She produced this album herself, and it was self-released. From that album, the song “People You Know” became a hit. Another single, “Peace in the Water,” was featured on the TV show “Dawson’s Creek.”

Ragland’s album is also on the Amazon.com Best Sellers List. It also reached No. 3 on www.singavivinyl.com for the top sellers for 2000, right behind Eminem. Her album’s success has enabled her to open for bands such as Benighted Ladies, Paula Cole, Lisa Lebb and Sarah McLachlan. Ragland’s most recent album is titled “Paragraph 15,” and is a collection of songs that didn’t make it on her other album, “Modern American Female Gear.”

Joel L. Jackowski

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like event includes a children’s costume contest and mask-making contest, and a colorful Children’s Parade.

Big Sky Cafe will host an all-day silent auction of framed Mardi Gras posters. The auction will conclude at the Le Grande Masque Ball and Banquet at 8:01 p.m. The ball, hosted by the Mystic Krewe of Karnival, will be held at the San Luis Obispo Vet’s Hall. Tickets cost $52 for the costumed event and are available at Costume Capers, Fast Frame, Boo Boo Records and at the door.

McGees fourth annual Crawfish Ball opens Sunday’s activities. The New Orleans-style contest starts at the Frog and Peach Pub at 11:30 am. A “Costumes of Mardi Gras” art exhibition will be held until March 11 at the Art Lives Here guild and galleries.

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Have you noticed a customer service rep calling you late at night to see if you’d like to drive to Las Vegas? Or a less aggressive caller asking how you’d like to use your credit card to buy a spray of perfume or a musical instrument? Are you a resident of California but still paying “out-of-state” tuition? If so, contact our offices to find out how to protect yourself under the law, and stop paying unfair and unconstitutional fees to attend school. Visit our web site to find out more. www.eppstein.com/hastings/hastings.html. Contact the Mustang Daily at 756-1796 or e-mail arts@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu
Not your ‘Everyday’ Dave Matthews album

By Nathaniel Fredman
NORTHEASTERN NEWS

(UWIRE) BOSTON — With their fifth studio album, “Everyday,” the Dave Matthews Band tries to take its music down a new path, but seems to get lost along the way.

The new tunes that Dave Matthews and his band — Carter Beauford (drums), LeRoi Moore (tenor saxophone, flute), Boyd Tinsley (violin) and Stefan Lessard (bass) — recorded back the energy, passion and most importantly, quality of their previous works.

One aspect that made the band’s previous music so engaging and entertaining was that it was hard to categorize. It wasn’t pop, rock or folk music. It wasn’t blues, funk or disco. It was unique and organic and listeners appreciated it.

That’s not the case with “Everyday,” available in stores next Tuesday.

This is a pop album. There isn’t a single track that runs more than five minutes and the lyrics are simple. Matthews’ primary instrument is an electric guitar and Tinsley’s violin is all-including, adding to three-second solos here and there.

“I Did It,” the first single, is not only one of the worst songs on the disc, but it also reeks of the standard pop formula. Even though the song is uptempo, the music is dull, flat and

marginally repetitive. The more you listen to it, the more it “grows” on you. Much like the latest Britney Spears ditty.

The band treated the powerful look in the road this past summer when they ditched producer Steve Lillywhite, who was responsible for the band’s last three albums, and signed on Glen Ballard, famed producer of Aerosmith and Alanis Morissette.

Gone are musical goodies such as “Grace is Gone,” “Grey Street” and “One,” which were performed live during the band’s last tour. Instead, Matthews scrapped the crowd-tested tunes and retreated to Los Angeles where, in just nine days, he and Ballard wrote the entire record.

The quick-witted verses ring hollow and add little to the music. The lyrics for “So Right,” the first track, are oddly reminiscent of “Trapping Billies,” which was recorded in 1996. “Then roll on downtown till it’s light/Because tomorrow we may die,” sings Matthews in “So Right.” As opposed to “Eat drink and be merry/For tomorrow we die,” from “Trapping Billies.”

Despite some serious flaws, a couple strong points do shine through.

Matthews’ voice is at its prime here. His vocals are bold and booming, despite the hollow lyrics. For someone who belts out tunes night after night while on tour, his voice is in incredible shape.

“The Space Between,” the second single, and “Everyday,” the title track, are the two strongest songs. “Everyday,” which sounds like a gospel hymn infused with funky rock, features Matthews playing his acoustic guitar. The words are simple, understated and work well. Those who saw Matthews at the FleetCenter in December got a little taste of this song at the end of “No. 47.”

It’s important to note that the band’s greatest talent does not lie in its ability to step into a studio and lay down tracks, but rather the ability to perform so well live.

Last year the band grossed $58.6 million from concerts, $44 million in 1999 and $29 million in 1998, according to Amusement Business, a music industry trade magazine.

The upward trend is likely to continue. Is this the best album the band could have produced? Probably not. But that doesn’t matter, and that’s a shame.

A review of Dave Matthews Band’s CD “Everyday” will appear in next week’s Arts and Entertainment section. It will be critiqued by weekly columnists Drew and Drew.

Dave Matthews Band will release its newest album, ‘Everyday,’ next Tuesday.

We have already had seven open forums and turnout had been low! This issue affects EVERY Cal Poly student! It is vital that you come, get educated, and use your voice. You have THREE more chances to get your voice heard. Questions? Call the ASI Student Gov’t Office at 756-1291 or come by UU 202, M-F, 8am-5pm.

Remember, you must attend one of the sessions for your voice to be heard! This is your opportunity...use it!
Bomiting was right, stop sanctions

At a meeting of the Arab League, Egypt's Foreign Minister Amr Moussa issued a statement saying, "We (Sharon) continue his extension then the situation will be very grave and we will definitely require a reac- tion."

"Fantastic."

Israel claims to have vast stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons and other unconventional weapons. Bush administration officials have already stated that the government is prepared to take military action to stop Saddam Hussein's weapon program.

Granted, there are some major dif- ferences between our Civil War and the current conflict there. We were one people with a common back- ground whose roots only ran back a couple of hundred years. The people that region have been around for mil- lennia, and they have fundamentally different religious and political views. However, fundamentalists are like ducks. You can't deal with them rati- onally, because their own logic is so warped, it makes negotiations impossibil- ity. The only message they understand is power."

So, what should be our conclusion? The United States should not have invaded Iraq. We have already been quite clear about our concerns with Saddam Hussein, and we should continue to con- tinue our efforts. Non-military means to achieve our goals should be the primary goal of our foreign policy.

Student involvement is key in ASI decisions Editor,

Student fees are one of the issues that have the greatest impact on stu- dents at Cal Poly. Students are guaran- teed a say in the way we spend the money. We, as students, must be involved in the decisions of ASI because it is we who come to students.

Student fees are very important to students. Students, however, are not coming in to read numbers. This begs the question, "Should students have this right or should the university just make the decision?"

Any time there is a student fee increase, it is important for the students to take notice and participate. Cal Poly is going through a process of alternative consultation where it attempts to interact with students in forums to ask for their support or non-support of the fee increase. These forums are being advertised in Mustang Daily and via e-mail. This is your opportunity as students to partici- pate in this fee increase.

I encourage you to go to the forums and participate. Support or don't sup- port the increase — that is your choice. However, I do believe that students don't remain active participants in the process, then their student government will be forced to make decisions for them.

At Sacramento State University, the university's Associated Student Body has increased fees to $10. This is an increase for inflation without direct student participation. Your ASI could have chosen to take that same route of decision-making. However, I believe in student participation, and I use this opportunity to encourage students to participate. Please participate.

SAi. Aborne is president of Associated Students Inc.

Stop punishing Iraq, innocent children

Editor,

In the United States considered a birth-place country when we, for the last 10 years, have put sanctions on Iraq. Can we call this an act of broth- erly love? Thousands of innocent people, many of whom are children, suffer endlessly because of these sanctions. These sanctions do not allow necessary resources to enter Iraq. We take for granted such things as soap, toilet paper, baby food and medica- l supplies. Innocent children are slowly dying because of a war over oil.

In a faith-based book called the Bible, turn to Matthew 16. It states, "Whoever shall offend one of these little ones, it is better for him that a millstone should be hung about his neck, and that he be drowned in the deep sea."

If we practice faithful behaviors, then one must be willing to accept the consequences of his own actions. This is the responsibility that the United States has to do to stop the sanctions on Iraq. It is the responsibility of innocent children to stop the sanctions on Iraq. It is the responsibility of innocent children to stop the sanctions on Iraq.

Nancy E. Kapp is a political science professor.

Letters to the editor

Use representatives, Mustang Daily Editor,

I am writing in response to a recent Mustang Daily editorial ("Students want ASI to work, not just talk," Feb. 21). After reading the editorial, I was very disappointed in the journalism taking place in this paper. Accurate reporting is very important to Mustang Daily. Often, after reading stories or editorials, I wonder if I was just reading a comic magazine, such as the Star or Inquirer, might have been a better use of my time.

In regards to the idea that ASI has not done nothing for the students this year, I would have to ask, "What has your representative been doing before, during and after the meetings all year?"

Both the ASI executive staff and the board have implemented and run many programs this year, such as the ASI news site where students can find out what is going on in ASI and a lobby corps for students to voice their frustrations with state and local government. The students of Cal Poly have representatives on state-wide organizations such as alcohol and technology, due to the efforts of ASI.

The Mustang Daily staff seems to also feel this way. I hope that mention the amount of money clubs have received from ASI co-ops- orship this year, and the benefits they received by these clubs, and the fact that President Baker addressed the ASI board for the first time in years and opened up a discussion on a future Cal Poly Lobby, a program going right now that is also not being mentioned is the alternative consultation process that the ASI president has helped to put forward. Students now have more say in where and to what fees their ASI money goes. This means that more people will be involved in the process and the ASI will work for the students.

I urge a recommendation for Mustang Daily. Just as Christina Timo stated ("Get alcohol facts right," Feb. 21), do your homework. You have a representative who is supposed to attend every meeting on time, every week. Use him or her.

And, in regards to the lengths of time for the decision made by the board, I am in complete support of the board's careful decisions thus far. These are very conscious, passionate group who wants to make the best decision possible for the students of Cal Poly and their colleges. Therefore, they meet and talk with their con- stituents before making any decisions. Sometimes this process can take up a week and can delay things at higher levels.

However, I would rather have my voice be heard and be part of the process, rather than have no voice at all. Please consider the following tips.

1. Put the ASI and a representative on your board. The students now have the opportunity to put their voice into the board and have a voice in the process.

2. Putting the ASI and a representative on your board will make a difference in the way the ASI and a representative work. The students work in a democracy, not a dictatorship.

Are these tips not the best way to have a representative?

Veronica Shippy is an agriculture teacher.
NASCAR wonders who will replace Earnhardt

(AP) — There was a moment of awkward silence and confusion when the NASCAR hierarchy was asked if anyone could possibly fill the void left by the death of Dale Earnhardt.

New president Mike Helton led the table to chairman Bill France Jr., whose father invented big-time stock car racing. Only France could answer so vital a question.

"It's going to take time, if we ever fill it," France replied.

Then he seemed to reverse himself.

"Life has to go on," he said. "I'm sure we will. Somebody's going to come along.

"I'm sure fans think a big part of NASCAR died with Earnhardt. Through hard driving, a record-tying seven championship titles, and sick promotion, he became a racing icon who almost single-handedly lifted NASCAR into the mainstream of American sports.

"Fans, vendors and promoters aren't sure whether they can ever replace him for business. Some expect him to disappear."


But like every fan interviewed outside Dayton, International Airport.

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"He'd be my least favorite guy to have to play against," Bjorklund said. "I think he'd be very annoying, always in your face, always guarding you. You just can't really get rid of him.

"Burns is well aware of the role he plays on the team and says his strengths are in areas that may go unnoticed by casual observers. "He's very patient and can come in and put the ball on the rim," he said. "I'm willing to take charges, and do a lot of little things that other players aren't willing to do."

One of Burns' strengths is his consistent performance. Despite the Mustangs' many struggles this season, he is quick to emphasize the positive.

"We could be 17-6 with a couple of breaks here and there — a couple free throws, not turning the ball over here or doing a few things like that," he said. "It's frustrating to lose, but I feel we've gotten better over the season."  

Burns said that his health and to help him overcome some struggles along the way.

"I think we played him very well. I think he's a very competitive player. He's very difficult to guard. I always guard him, and he's a really good player."

"He's a great basketball player, and he's got a lot of heart."

The third week in August of 1999, just a few weeks before the start of the school year, he was contacted by school officials and informed that his scholarship had been voided and was no longer available.

Fortunately for Burns, a former coach had connections with then Cal Poly head coach Jeff Schneider, who offered him a scholarship to play for the Mustangs.

Current Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bruns says he is happy to have him. "I'm a big believer in Burns, to be honest," he said. "He brings toughness, from fighting through screens to mental toughness, being prepared mentally every game that he can give 100 percent effort."

Bruns says one of the benefits of becoming head coach was the ability to give Burns more of a chance to excel.

"I've always thought Michael deserved more playing time because I think he brings a winning attitude to the floor," he said. "I think you can win with guys who are just extremely tough and mean, and Michael is that type of player, so that's why I play him."

Burns, ever modest, says he is just happy to have the opportunity to play.

"People don't understand how special it is to us," he said. "Not many people get to be in the position we are in. It's great going out there every night in front of a couple thousand fans and competing."  

He says that privilege makes it easy for him to perform his duties as the team's catalyst.

"Every time I come onto the court I'm going to give 110 percent," he said. "That's what my focus is — to give everything I have and try to help the team win."  

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Sheffield wants to remain with Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gary Sheffield's agent says it's all a misunderstanding, that his client still wants a contract extension and to remain with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

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Chris Bjorklund

MUSTANG forward

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"We want to get that No. 6 seed, because then you end up playing other Long Beach State or Santa Barbara, who we know we can beat," Bjorklund said. "We wouldn't mind playing Irvine or Utah State, but we would rather play a team we've beaten..."

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"This request earlier this month was to be a career offer. He asked for a contract extension," Neader said Wednesday by telephone from St. Petersburg, Fla. "The result, indeed, he may be traded, although there's always hope the contract extension will come.

"Right now, the Dodgers are attempting to trade Gary. The Dodgers will make the decision they're going to make, whether it's a trade or extension. He will report on or before Feb. 27 to the Dodgers if there is no deal."
on the track, to win every time. I was marveling at how the drivers could ride side by side at such high speeds without touching one another. Not long after that, Sterling Marlin slowly bumped Earnhardt’s car from behind, and they were careening into the wall. I have to be honest and say that the crash didn’t look nearly as visible as it did. As the racing accidents that I’ve seen, it really looked scary.

Though the final autopsy isn’t complete yet, the doctors who first got to Earnhardt’s car said that he most likely died on impact or seconds after. I don’t want to make anyone squeamish, but think about what happened to him. His car ran into a concrete wall at about 200 mph. While his harness kept his body steady to the side, he could no longer control his internal organs. His heart, brain, liver and spleen violently collided with the cavities they are contained in at an amazing high rate of speed. He could no longer breathe, and they couldn’t even allow him a simple ride to the hospital.

Here is a man who was not only an icon in his specific sport, but who was so famous that his name transcended it. I was thinking about Earnhardt a lot when I watched the Philadelphia Flyers women’s water polo team qualify for the US Olympic Games.

I wish I could have seen him live on the track to win every time. I could run side by side at such high speeds without touching another car. I wish I could have seen him over the years. Mustang Daily Caller after caller recounted fond memories of Earnhardt with his name, transcended the sport of NASCAR and was going into labor. He immediately called for an ambulance and asked why she had risked coming out to the wall. She said that her husband was a huge Earnhardt fan, but he had to work that day so she came out to get an autograph and surprise his husband with it. Earnhardt was so touched that he would go through all that trouble that he gave her the jacket that he received from winning the Daytona 500.

She was ecstatic and crying, and she wanted to thank Earnhardt for his kindness. “Well, if it’s a boy, then Dale is a good name,” he said with a big smile on his face. The whole episode was on the news later for her husband to see.

Earnhardt’s death was one that goes beyond the sport of NASCAR and left a void in auto racing that will not be easily filled. For the woman who has his Daytona jacket, however, the void is much bigger.

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Sports

Lindos trade to Leafs likely dead

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TORONTO (AP) - Attempts to bring Eric Lindros to Toronto appear dead, with the Maple Leafs放弃了 of pulling out of a "done deal."

Toronto general manager and coach Pat Quinn said the Maple Leafs were about to set up a news conference Tuesday when the Flyers called off the deal.

"I'm not very happy with how all this transpired," Quinn said at a news conference. "It was constantly a moving target. Every time we moved to their position, it moved again."

Carl Lindros, Eric’s father, has no immediate comment. "I've got to digest what, (Quinn) said," he said.

Lindros lawyer Greg Kirk said before Quinn’s news conference that unidentified executives told Toronto's Lindros family they'd lose two of their best players if they didn't trade Lindros. The Lindros family said that they had no involvement in asking the Leafs to pull out of the deal.

"We set the record straight," Quinn said. "We’ve got a deal done with Bob Clarke."

"When we do have home games, there is a good crowd, and that is nice because it helps us out a lot," O’Donnell said. "Other teams don’t want to play (at the R.C. Centre) because we have such a rowdy crowd."

Kate O'Donnell women's water polo player want to play here because we have such a rowdy crowd."

She said she is sometimes surprised at the turnout because most people attend games after finding out about them in the R.C. Centre.

"We didn’t lose anybody from last year, and we gained a few good transfer students," she said.
Men's basketball hoping for No. 6 seed

By Jon Hughes
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The eternally optimistic Cal Poly men's basketball team enters this weekend's games holding onto the seventh spot in the Big West and hoping for a two-game sweep as the end of conference play nears.

When talking to the team, it is hard to tell that the Mustangs are coming off one of the season's toughest losses, a 93-89 loss at conference leader UC Irvine. In that game, the team blew a 14-point first-half lead and lost its leading rebounder in the Big West, junior forward Brandon Beeson. Beeson's knee injury will cause him to miss the rest of the season.

"A sweep would mean a whole lot because we might move up in the standings, get a better seed," said senior guard Watende Favors of this weekend's games. "I think this team has a great chance of going on to the NCAA tournament."

The team will take on UC Santa Barbara at Mott Gym on Thursday, the second meeting of the season between the two schools. The Gauchos won the first meeting on Feb. 10 by a score of 95-88 in a game that saw the Mustangs overcome a 20-point deficit and pull within two before falling short in the end.

"It's always a plus when you know you can come back on a team when you're down so many points," Favors said. "Hopefully this time we'll have a lead and they'll have to come back to us."

Saturday, Cal Poly plays at Montana State, a team that is currently just one game back of the Mustangs at 2-9 in the Big West. The game also marks Senior Night for the Mustangs, the last home game for players in their fourth year of eligibility.

"It's going to be a lot of motivation," said senior forward Chris Byrdland. "We're all going to have our family and friends here in a must-win game against Idaho."

Favors is careful to point out the significance of the game beyond sentiment.

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Women's water polo has high expectations after last season's third-place national finish

By April Pack
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The women's water polo team has started the season with high hopes, unity and determination to win nationals this year.

"We kind of want revenge this year," said Ashley Widmar, an aerospace engineering sophomore. "Our coach has very high expectations of us this year," said Kate Walker, Michigan State. Head coach John Walker said they have a chance to win this year. Walker explained that in order to do this, the team will have to defeat Chico State and UC Davis.

"Our coach has very high expectations of us this year," said Kate O'Donnell, liberal studies junior.

O'Donnell said that after playing together for 25 games last year, team members know how another player plays. She said they have a lot of team camaraderie and everyone gets along well.

She also explained that Walker told the players that they have to win at least 20 of the 25 games in the season, giving them only a five-handicap.

"I have been coaching water polo for 10 years," Walker said, "and this is potentialy the best team I have ever coached in overall skill, unity and knowing each other is doing." Andrea Lacey, a recreation administration sophomore, said that the team is much more ahead of schedule this year than last.

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