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Hunt for missing students comes to happy end

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard

MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

The two-week search for two Cal Poly students who were reported missing came to an end in Washington on Saturday.

Annamarie Travers, a mechanical engineering senior, and Israel Green, an industrial technology senior, were apparently camping somewhere in Skagit County, Wash., said Lt. Gary Orback of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

Skagit County authorities notified the Arroyo Grande Police Department at 2:45 a.m. Sunday after identifying Travers, 21, and Green, 22, Orback said. The agency that recognized Travers and Green called the Arroyo Grande Police Department first because Green is from Arroyo Grande and was listed there as a missing person, Orback said. Both students called their parents on Sunday to tell them they were OK.

"They apparently said they wanted to go camping longer," Orback said. "They were fine, there's no problem."

Travers and Green were reported missing by Travers' roommates on Feb. 12 after the two students didn't return as planned from a weekend camping trip. Belinda Quezada, a business senior and Travers' roommate, said she last saw Travers around 3 p.m. Feb. 10 according to a previous Mustang Daily article. Quezada said the two students had mentioned they would be camping in Big Sur and were planning to return the next day. When Travers and Green did not return on Sunday afternoon, Travers' roommates called the San Luis

Obispo Police Department Monday.

The Police Department notified the California Highway Patrol as well as the U.S. Forest Service, Orback said in an earlier article. For two weeks, the only clues as to the students' whereabouts was when they were reportedly sighted at a campsite near Redding, Calif., Orback said in an earlier article.

Two credit card transactions—one made with Green's gasoline card and the other with Travers' credit card—were traced by police officials as originating from Redding, according to a

previous Mustang Daily article.

Now that the two students have been found in Washington, family and friends are left to speculate about why Travers and Green decided to take an extended trip without telling anyone.

"Everybody that knows her (Travers) was surprised," said Travers' younger brother, a student at Cal Poly who does not wish to give his name for privacy reasons.

He described his sister as someone

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Police urge students to use lockers after another theft

By Adam Jarman

MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

University Police identified another person suspected of stealing from unlocked lockers in the Lighthouse atrium Friday.

Sgt. Steve Schroeder of University Police said the Loss Prevention department at El Corral Bookstore was able to identify the student from video surveillance. This led the police to file two counts of petty theft against the 18-year-old student, whose name will be officially released today when University Police file charges with the District Attorney's office.

"This was a student who admitted to taking two books from two separate lockers," Schroeder said.

He said the crime is being charged as a misdemeanor and could result in a combination of jail time or a fine.

This is different from the arrest of

two non-Cal Poly students on Feb. 14 for stealing backpacks from the same venue. In the prior case, Schroeder explained, the value of the stolen property was over the \$400 mark, classifying it as burglary. The police were able to prove that the two people had intent when entering the campus. Those circumstances classified the incident as felony burglary and conspiracy to commit crime.

"If you go into El Corral Bookstore and you have a plan to steal some books ... and we can prove you had the intention, that is intent to commit a burglary," Schroeder said.

University Police will be charging this most recent student with two counts of petty theft.

Schroeder said the distinction between misdemeanor and felony behavior is important in how the

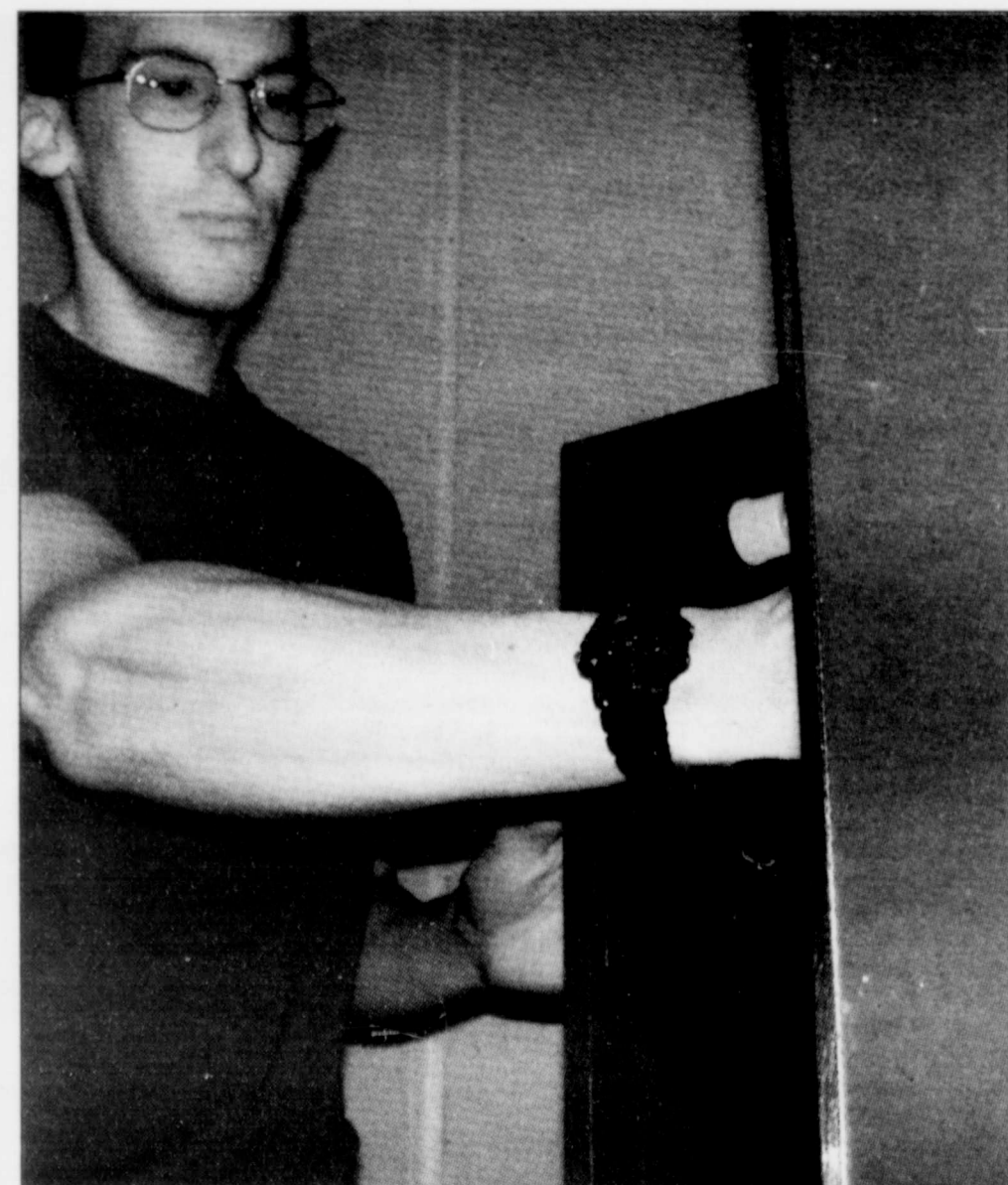
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The many faces of Mardi Gras



Juanita Chau, left, an environmental horticultural science senior, and Carolyn Candido, an electrical engineering sophomore, prepare for Mardi Gras by making masks at the Craft Center on Monday. The Mardi Gras parade starts downtown at 6:33 p.m. today.

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David Pinck, a physics senior, secures his backpack in a locker at the Lighthouse. Police advise students to use lockers to protect belongings.

Poly helps others with technology

By Karin Driesen

MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

A recent donation of Global Positioning System (GPS) field monitors, along with a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will help Cal Poly share new technology with students, community college teachers and members of the agriculture industry.

Magellan Corp. donated 18 AgNavigators, valued at \$135,000 to the Precision Agriculture program, a partnership between Cal Poly, University of California, Davis and Fresno State University. One of the monitors may stay at

Cal Poly, but most will be donated to Precision Agriculture program. Some of the monitors are going toward a kit that will be sent to colleges. They will include videos on how to use them.

Precision Agriculture is a Web-based educational program that teaches instructors and people in the industry about new technologies that focus on three areas: GPS, geographic information systems and remote sensing.

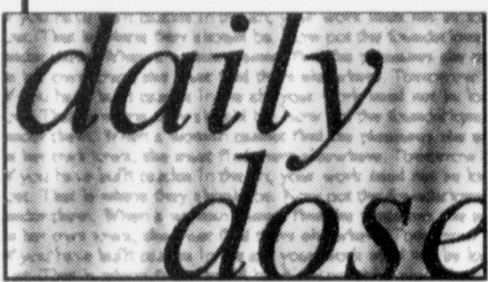
John Phillips, a crop science professor, said the biggest use of these technologies is gathering data that is very location specific, usually within about a meter. The data would show soil moisture, soil fer-

tility and other conditions in a precise area of land.

"These systems allow you to record where in the field exactly a specific piece of information was collected," Phillips said. "You can take all this information and create maps that show soil fertility, moisture, diseases and other things."

In the past, he said, farmers assumed that all the land in their fields was the same, so they treated and fertilized it all the same. The land is not always uniform, though, and today these technologies allow farmers to see which parcel of land needs more of certain fertilizers or

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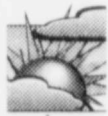
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Is it just us, or are criminals getting more brazen?

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police handle a suspect.

"In the case of felony, we would book the individual (at county jail)," Schroeder said. Misdemeanors, he added, offer three possibilities: police can release the suspect on site and have the person sign an issued notice to appear (like a traffic violation); book the suspect in county jail as in the felony situation; or submit a report for criminal filing from the District Attorney's office.

Schroeder said that Friday's suspect was cooperative in an interview, released and told charges would be filed.

The student will appear in San Luis Obispo Superior Court.

Schroeder said that this type of petty thievery is common at this point in the quarter because textbooks often make for easy cash. Another increase in petty thefts is just before summer because the campus population is reduced to one-third. The opportunity for petty theft decreases.

"We have people coming onto campus just looking for extra money," he said, adding that it is not always students stealing the textbooks and backpacks.

Last week, for example, Schroeder said that a "non-student who frequents campus" took money from the bowling alley in the University Union and later bought merchandise at El Corral using false credit card information. The suspect was arrested and booked by the San Luis

Obispo Police Department for similar crimes. University Police later re-arrested the suspect for the crimes he committed on campus.

Schroeder said that property is usually stolen with the intent of getting money for it.

"The books are easily sold off campus," he said.

On campus, however, selling them is more difficult.

"El Corral has been pretty good at identifying returned stolen books," he said.

Cynthia Giambalvo, courseware manager for El Corral Bookstore, said the store has a process for recovering stolen textbooks.

"Ideally, when a book is stolen, the student will notify us," Giambalvo said. They then take a detailed description of the book and its identifying marks, such as highlights, damage or writing, she said.

That information is entered into the computer system, so whenever anyone tries to sell back a book by the same title and author the description is accessed and the clerk is able to help determine if it is stolen.

She said that all cases of stolen textbooks are turned over to the police.

El Corral also keeps track of the books each student sells back.

"When students sell their books back, we require a picture ID," Giambalvo said. She said that they don't actively monitor what students are selling back, but will use it to help the police.

"We know that all students don't steal books, but you never know," she said.

Giambalvo said she thinks these measures have helped reduce crime.

"We have noticed a decrease in theft since we have been requiring (an ID)."

The Loss Prevention department monitors El Corral Bookstore as well as Campus Dining facilities, said department coordinator Steve, who wishes not to be further identified for security and privacy reasons.

He said he doesn't believe these recent incidents indicate an increase in crime.

"As the employees who are in charge of watching the various areas gain more experience, they are more able to catch crime," he said. "The more experience you get, the better you are at seeing things."

Schroeder said that students can prevent their belongings from being stolen by using lockers to secure backpacks and books.

"If it's unattended and it's not secure, it's an open invitation for someone to take it," he said. He added that the Rec Center and VG Café have also been hot spots for petty theft.

Nicholas Chronis, VG Café supervisor, said, "Last year during finals, there were a couple of reports of missing backpacks. ... Usually what happens is the person brings the backpack back, having picked it up by mistake."

He said there are lockers available for use, but they are often unused.

"Very few people use the lockers - they just put the backpacks on the floor," he said.

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moisture.

Rollin Strohman, a bioresource and agricultural engineering professor, said such data would also allow farmers to determine where weeds were located the previous year and spray that area before they become a problem again.

Giving people more information about these technologies is the purpose of Precision Agriculture, Phillips said. Anyone can get information from the Web site, www.precisionag.org.

"Our hope is if we can help the community college teachers educate their students on it, they can take it to the industry with them," he said.

The Precision Agriculture program was made possible with money from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and an Agricultural Research Initiative from the state. Phillips said Strohman was the principal author of the proposals for funding.

The money from these grants, which was the basis for the educational program, and the donated monitors, which will allow for hands-on learning in the field, will allow educators to make better use of resources, Phillips said.

"It promises to allow us to make more efficient use of our resources," he said. "There's no end in sight to the application of this technology."

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Club scene comes home

By Adrenna Benjamin
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It's a huge disappointment for a fan to miss a long-awaited concert. Whether for illness or crisis or midterm, there are just some times that one can't get out of the house. To this scenario comes DCN.com to save the day.

Luckily, with all the uproar about MP3 downloads, one significant slice of online music has gotten its way: live performance. Now, when anything prevents a seat at a favorite concert, it's possible to watch the band from home.

Enter the new Digital Club Network (DCN.com), which streams live shows every night out of music venues around the country. Artists performing in DCN-affiliate venues gain the opportunity to have their show put on the Web and archived by DCN for future use.

The strategy of the founders of DCN is simple: sign up the best cutting-edge clubs in the country where major record labels hunt for new talent, and make the clubs accessible to anyone with a good Internet connection, the company said in a press release.

Some San Luis Obispo club owners don't think DCN will come to town.

"We're more of a small town, so I don't think they'd ever have DCN come here," said Matt Gabriel, manager of San Luis Obispo Brewing Co. "If our bands agree to do it, then maybe we'd be a good venue for it."

Gabriel said the small bands that



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Dee Dee Ramone performed at SLO Brew last Thursday with his band, the Dee Dee Ramones. Many people believe live bands will continue to be in demand, as the atmosphere adds much to a performance.

DCN promotes need a live audience, not people watching at home. This is a reason why SLO Brew would choose not to have DCN right now.

DCN started six years ago as an outgrowth of the Digital Club Festival, the Internet's largest annual music event, according to a media information sheet about DCN.

On their Web site, DCN states that each venue is responsible for providing electrical power and minimal equipment space to enable DCN to produce the live Internet shows. With this technology, fans have an opportunity to follow their favorite artists on a virtual tour, and get to experience unique performances from many different places.

"I would rather go and see the bands play," said Rogelio Avalos, an electrical engineer junior. "Going to a live concert has an atmosphere that you can't reproduce at home."

Avalos said that with DCN, fans wouldn't be able to see the live performance in person and maybe get

the chance to meet band members.

"Going to the venue, you get to support the artist and promote them," Avalos said. "The atmosphere at a concert is a better listening experience, where at home would be boring."

With DCN developing its way through the Internet, new acts are opening themselves up to an international audience during the live Webcast. The acts have an opportunity to continuously promote their archived shows on the Web.

Matt Thompson, a biochemistry sophomore, still believes that seeing something live is a better experience than sitting at home and watching the show.

"I'd rather be part of the madness that goes on in the crowd," Thompson said. "Seeing something live is more energetic and is different."

While the idea may be foreign to some now, the DCN Web site claims that, 20 years from now, cultural analysts will be looking back on the impact of "The DCN Generation."

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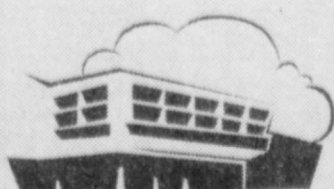
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The down side to hooking up: a male version

A few weeks ago, I had a romantic encounter with a lovely boy at UCLA that we'll call "Bennett" (names have been changed to protect the satisfied). He and I shared a fabulous evening of drinking, dancing and kissing and it saddened me to bid him farewell.

I suspected, as most women do, that despite the fun he and I had, I would most likely not hear from him again.

"You've already hooked up, so why should he call you?" my friend Zack told me. Super. Women are always getting caught between "playing hard to get" (a game I suck at) and giving in to hedonistic impulses. As I mentioned in my last column, women like and need sex just as much as men do.

So this little charade of being coy that men are so fond of forces women to run the risk of appearing uninterested. Then the man moves on and we've screwed ourselves (so to speak ...). And if there's one thing I hate, it's missed opportunities.

Carpe diem, my friends! While I didn't regret my evening with Bennett, I did seek to gain more insight on the male perspective of hooking up. I turned to my friend Grant, a bona-fide male whore, for advice. As he sat me down sternly in my kitchen, I could tell bad news lay ahead.

Shallon Lester

"The whole thing is a game," he mused. "You want to tame the beast. Getting a girl should be a challenge, and it's fun to see if you can win. And this Bennett guy already had you so why should he keep playing?"

I suddenly felt like a washing machine from "The Price is Right": shiny and attractive at first, but then you realize that you just don't have room for it. But personal rejections aside, I did understand where he was coming from. Men conquer women through sex, women conquer men through relationships.

He also said that guys have to be aware of the aftermath of hooking up. Is there going to be drama the next morning? Is she going to wake up obsessed with me? Why can't I remember her name? Hooking up should be entered into with caution. But I think that women have been so routinely disappointed by hook ups that we know better than to assume that one night equals lasting interest.

Grant concluded his oration by leaning back in his chair and comparing hooking up to foosball when you're drunk: "It's the perfect end to a fun night. If it happens, great. If not, there's always another party, a different girl and a new chance to impress. But don't worry," he patted my hand reassuringly, "Bennett will call."

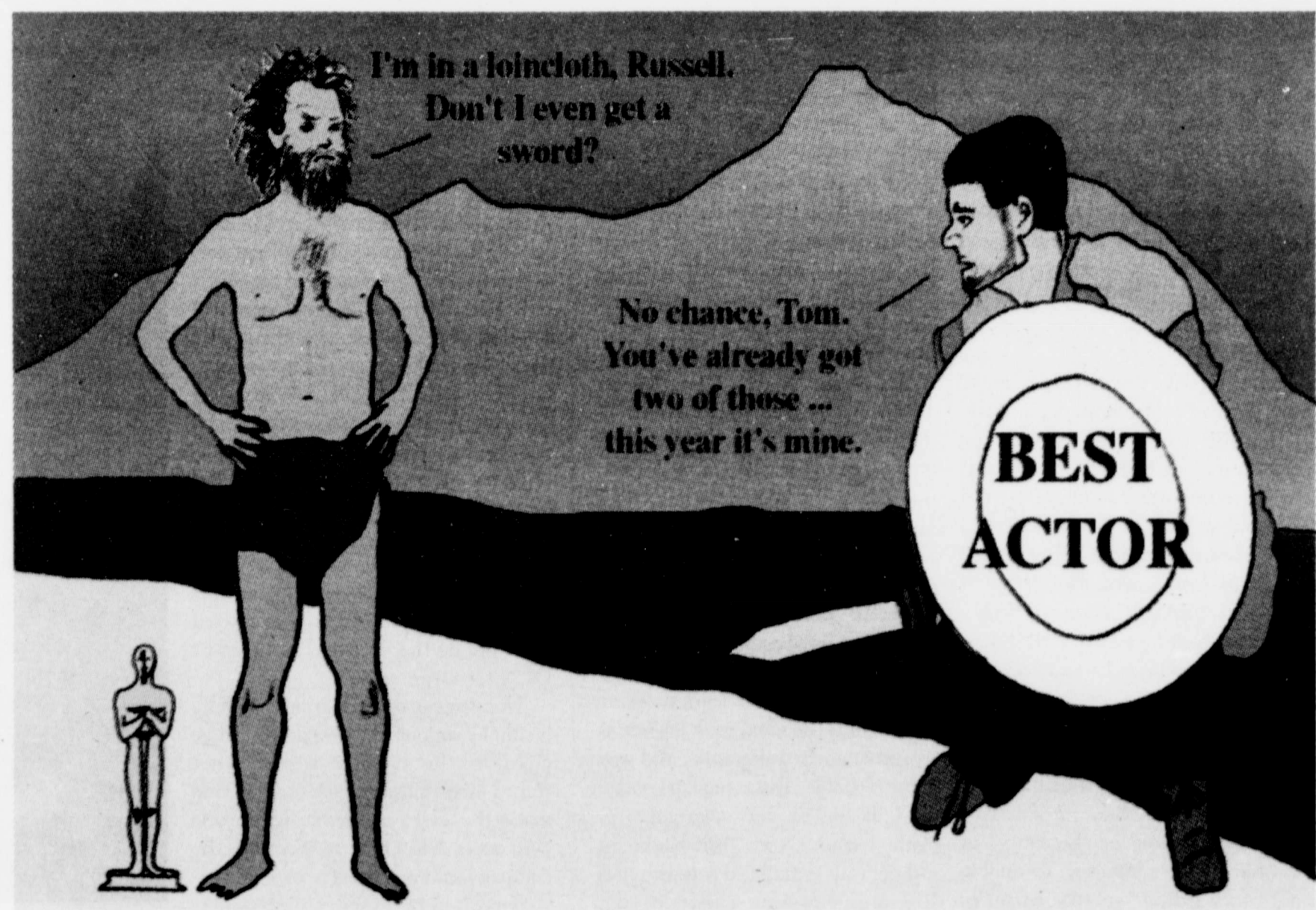
But I wasn't worried, I was curious. I consulted my dear friend Mike, a self-proclaimed "lip slut" on the subject. He confirmed Grant's mellow attitude: "When I hook up, I just look for a cool hot chick that I can hang with." But judging by Mike's history, he tended to immerse himself in as much drama as he could find. What people want and what people pull themselves toward are often two very different things.

Overall, my conversations did shed some light on the male perspective - everyone has motives for getting together, whether they be companionship, conquest or simply a misplaced desire to wear women's panties. So keep your eyes open kids, because hooking up is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get. By the way ... Bennett called.

PS - Want to know the E! True Hollywood Story of Shallon and her painful addiction to gummy worms and pop rocks? Drop me a line at: sexandcalpoly@hotmail.com.

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Oscars are pointless, but who cares?



As the stench of the Grammys slowly fades, the nation turns its head toward Los Angeles' Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in anticipation of the granddaddy of all American award shows - the Oscars, to be held March 25. Tens of millions will turn their dials to ABC's broadcast of the 73rd Academy Awards to check out

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award presentations, and find out who a few thousand people think are the best, or most popular, of the past year in cinema.

That may sound like a pretty cynical take on the ceremony, and it probably is a bit too harsh. When compared to the Grammys, the Oscars come out smelling like roses. The music industry's preeminent awards show reaffirms its absurdity every year with lamely chosen nominees and winners (Steely Dan for Album of the Year?).

The Oscars can usually be counted on to at least recognize a wider variety of artists than the Grammys. The Academy certainly has its favorites (like Tom Hanks, up for Best Actor again this year), but it also does a pretty good job at honoring deserving performers, regardless of their past accomplishments (see "Beverly Hills 90210" alumna Hilary Swank, last year's Best Actress winner for "Boys Don't Cry"). The list of nominees is always stocked with familiar faces, but it also usually accu-

ately reflects the current cinematic climate.

The same cannot be said for the horribly out-of-touch Grammys (Steely Dan for Best Pop Vocal Album?).

Before too much praise is heaped on the Academy, though, the entire spectacle must be observed realistically for what it is - a cheesy, drawn-out, self-important, yet pretty damn entertaining, event that ranks above its award show contemporaries but represents very little in the grand scheme of things.

The silly interviews on the red carpet, the outlandish gowns, the tearful acceptance speeches and the grand musical performances - it all adds up to a supreme melodrama that should carry little significance to anyone except those who are vying for the awards. It's all fun as trashy entertainment, but anyone harboring illusions that there is any real significance to the Oscars should know better.

The awards themselves are, of course, given subjectively. A bunch of critics, actors and industry people get together and put their 2 cents in on which films or performances are the most deserving of awards. There are many factors that ultimately come into play when they make their decisions, and not all of these factors are directly related to the performances or films in question. There are sentimental votes, there are votes

affected by advertising blitzes, and there are votes for friends in competition. None of these should add up to the final word on the best of the year in film.

There is no scientific formula for determining the merit of a performance or the quality of a film - it mostly depends on personal taste, and there is no rule that says the opinions of Academy members are more accurate than anyone else's. Sure, it is exciting to watch the best picture presenter dramatically fiddle with the envelope, the films' producers frozen in their seats. But it is also important to realize that the

outcome far less represents a victory over others than a lucky convergence of opinions and other factors.

That being said, I have no doubt that on March 25 I will

plop myself down on the couch and spend a couple (or four or five) hours watching the ceremony. I will sit in nervous anticipation as the drum roll begins and the envelopes are torn open. I will be shocked by a few awards, frustrated by others, and moved by some of those tearful acceptance speeches. I will be conscious of the fact that it is ridiculous to care who wins what, but I'll watch anyway and love it.

It ain't important, but it sure is fun.

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SATs don't delve deep

College and university presidents throughout the United States recently admitted that the Standardized Aptitude Test (SAT) was flawed, but said it was still necessary. Many of these presidents also

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they were hesitant to go along with the announcement, made by University of California President Richard C. Atkinson, which said he wanted to eliminate the SAT as an admissions requirement.

In an article in The Tribune, Freeman A. Hrabowski III, the president of the University of Maryland, said the SAT is still the best measure to determine the preparedness of students and their potential for success. He also said it provides an efficient way to make a rough cut of who will do well at the school.

It is interesting he said this, considering this does not seem accurate in many cases. D. Leonard and Jiang did a study in 1999 testing the validity of the SAT. This means a test with high validity measures what it is supposed to measure. They found that in general, the SAT is valid because it does predict college grades. However, the math SAT has a specific validity problem, because it under-predicts the grades women will receive in college math courses.

In the study, Leonard and Jiang also found SAT scores under-predicted women's undergraduate grade point averages by 0.1. If this is true, the SAT is not the best measure for a student's potential success, as the university presidents say it is.

William C. Crain wrote an article in The New York Times in 1987, discussing the problems associated with standardized tests. He said they assess only limited kinds of thinking

because they are timed and follow a multiple-choice format, rewarding the quick detection for right answers, and therefore discouraging deep thought.

What kind of message is this giving to students? It seems that only those students who have mastered the art of taking these standardized tests are the ones who get rewarded and are accepted to the accredited schools. Why should someone's entire future be gauged on a single test that asks questions on material that they have never seen before? How can this truly reflect what a person knows?

In an article for the Los Angeles Times in December 2000, Howard Gardner, a professor of cognition and education at Harvard, wrote an opinion piece on standardized tests. He claimed that the educated person is one who can think well in terms of the major disciplines and who has an understanding of them. He explained that understanding is not the same as knowing a lot of facts and figures.

Standardized tests encourage memorization of a lot of facts and figures. It is questionable if some students have a real understanding of the information, or if they have just spent a lot of time memorizing for that one test.

More research definitely needs to be done in the area of how successful standardized tests are. If they are just being used as a deciding factor between two recipients and don't actually reflect how well that person will do at the universities, then maybe these tests do need to be done away with. If this does not happen, then the SAT should not be so heavily weighed in the acceptance process. It is just simply not fair to assume a person's knowledge and future success based on a single test.

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Guys aren't all freaky jerks

There aren't many things in life that make me nervous. Having to speak in front of large groups of people will do it, and being tailed by a cop on the freeway for more than a couple minutes shakes me up a little.

Spiders definitely freak me out

(actually, any insect

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with hair gives me the willies), but aside from all of these minor annoyances, I pretty much just glide through life, skipping and whistling show tunes, without a care in the world.

Well, not exactly. There is this one other thing that really gets under my skin.

I'm terrified of little girls.

Let me give you a scenario. Imagine that I'm cruising the local mall when I spot a sweet little 10-year-old girl perched on a bench next to one of those hideous cement fountains shaped like a spitting seal. Let's pretend that she's crying, and that there isn't a parent in sight. Do I offer to help this little angel? Do I rush over and ask if she's lost?

Nope. I keep right on walking and hope that I run into a chubby, geriatric mall cop, because the truth is that the only man in the world who is allowed to approach a little girl when she's scared and alone is a guy in uniform.

No matter how innocent my intentions may be, the second I kneel down next to some prepubescent girl I feel like the slimy Molester Guy from one of those after-school specials. The guy in the leather jacket with the husky voice who tries to recruit little

kids to sell crack. I might as well offer this poor little kid some candy and expose myself, because if her mother wanders by while I'm trying to be a Boy Scout, I'm likely to get a rock-hard purse to the solar plexus and a spiked heel upside the head.

None of you females understand what I'm talking about. You women will never have to worry about this kind of misplaced parental hostility, because what I'm describing is a stigma attached specifically to men. Let me clue you in on a little fact of life that applies to the 49 percent of the population with testicles: when you're a guy, parents automatically assume that you're a

sexual predator capable of despicable acts of perversion. (Well, many of us are capable of despicably

perverse acts, but usually only with our girlfriends, and only when they ask us nicely.)

And the worst part is that it's totally understandable. The reason guys get such a bad rap is because the male gender can claim responsibility for most of the misery in the world. Ignore the PC revisionists trying to convince you that gender has no effect on behavior. You can blame it on G.I. Joe or excess testosterone if you want to, but the fact is that men are the ones running around murdering and pillaging and date-raping. No woman ever tried to slip me a Mickey and rob me of my innocence. I should be so lucky.

But at the risk of stating the obvious, not all guys are twisted

perverts. What we have in this world is a very small number of guys doing some very terrible things and screwing up the reputations of a very large majority of very nice boys.

And I hate that. I hate feeling like Chester the Molester just because a bunch of weaselly, inbred sickos can't keep their greasy paws off little kids.

Don't think that I'm going to offer a solution here. I don't even think there is one. I sure don't blame the parents - if I had a daughter I'd keep her chained to a water-cooler in the basement until her 18th birthday. Maybe once a week I'd let her venture into the backyard for

some fresh air, but she'd have to wear one of those convict-style ankle bracelets and give me

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But I would like to feel comfortable around little kids. And I would definitely appreciate an acknowledgment of the fact that not all guys are freaky molesters hopped up on ecstasy and Internet porn.

So if you're a parent and you happen to notice some young guy acting shifty and uncomfortable around your kid, why not chill for a second before resorting to aggravated assault with handbags and footwear? No one expects you to stop being protective, but we'd appreciate it if you'd at least give us the benefit of the doubt.


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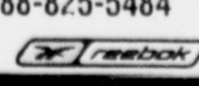


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who likes to go camping occasionally, but said she has never left without notifying someone beforehand.

"We didn't know what to think," he said. "Then we found out she was OK, and we still don't know what to think."

Travers called her parents on Sunday morning, but her brother said she offered no explanation as to why she left. She also did not say when the two students would be returning, he said.

Gale Green, Green's mother, spoke to her son on Sunday and said he left because he needed to get away from his life in San Luis Obispo for a while. He said he didn't expect the local reaction.

"He said he was real shocked about how many people were concerned," she said.

Gale said Green told her the two students want to remain in Washington, and she's not sure how long they're going to stay. She added that she didn't think anything specific made the students leave town and attributed it to normal pressures such as school.

"It's a relief to know that they called and we got to talk to them," she said. Gale will be keeping in contact with her son.

Quezada said in an earlier article that the two students were just friends, and not dating. Both students were described as quiet individuals.

"Maybe she was bored or stressed out or something," said Byron Samayoa, an

ecology and systematic biology senior and Travers' friend.

Samayoa called Travers' sudden disappearance spontaneous, and said it's not like her to just leave the state. Samayoa said Travers didn't reveal her plans to leave with Green to anyone, and he did not know she was planning to go to Washington.

"It's kind of crazy," Samayoa said. "She could have called instead of making the whole school worry."

Gale said as far as she knows, Green is still enrolled for the quarter and hasn't enrolled for next quarter. Travers' brother thinks his parents will withdraw his sister from school for the remainder of the quarter.

"It's just weird," he said. "No one thought she would do this."

Student charged with murder

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — Prosecutors charged a University of California, Santa Barbara freshman with four counts of murder and other crimes Monday for allegedly running down pedestrians with his car in a neighborhood near the school.

David E. Attias, 18, accused of being behind the wheel of a car that killed four people and injured a fifth as it barreled down an Isla Vista street Friday night, was scheduled for arraignment on 13 felony counts today in Santa Barbara County Superior Court.

Attias, of Santa Monica, was charged with four counts of murder, four counts of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, and

five counts of driving while under the influence of drugs and causing great bodily injury.

The scene of victims strewn on the street and Attias fighting with other young men before his arrest was videotaped by a local cameraman.

Attias, who was held without bail, is the son of Daniel Attias, who has directed episodes of "Ally McBeal," "The Practice" and "The Sopranos."

The Attias family could not be reached for comment Monday despite several calls to their Santa Monica home. Officials said that Attias was being represented by a Los Angeles lawyer, but the attorney's identity was not released.

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Lavin put on probation

LOS ANGELES (AP) – UCLA coach Steve Lavin was put on probation for the rest of the season by the Pac-10 on Monday for his comments about referee Craig Grismore.

At least three times during the Bruins' 68-65 overtime victory at Oregon State on Saturday, Lavin made a throat-cutting gesture, looked up at a Pac-10 official in the stands and yelled, "Get him (Grismore) out of here!"

The UCLA coach was angry at second-half calls that went against his team, especially those made by Grismore. Lavin motioned several times to Lou Campanelli, the Pac-10 coordinator of officiating who was seated nine rows behind the scorer's table, and pleaded for Grismore to be thrown out of the league.

"I cannot believe this guy; he's the worst official in the country," Lavin said after UCLA was called for a foul late in the game.

Although Lavin issued an apology Monday, Campanelli and the conference still punished the coach.

"Coach Lavin's conduct, when he gestured and shouted at Mr.

Campanelli during the game was unacceptable, and violative of Pac-10 rules requiring conduct reflecting credit on his institution and the conference," Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen said in a statement.

"Further, his comments about the officials were prohibited by conference rules and inappropriate. The officials worked a fine game."

Lavin said he was sorry.

"I set a poor example for my players and my actions did not reflect well on the Pac-10 conference, the university and our basketball program," he said in a statement. "Right now, every game is an important one for us and in the heat of competition, I let my emotions get the best of me."

"I am sorry the incident happened and I will do my best to learn from this experience."

Hansen said that, since Lavin was placed on probation, any other misconduct by the coach could bring strong sanctions against him.

Stanford back at No. 1 in AP poll

(AP) – Stanford, the only Division I team with fewer than three losses, was a unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press college basketball poll for the second time this season.

The Cardinal (25-1) received all 70 first-place votes and 1,750 points from a national media panel on Monday. This is their second straight week atop the poll and sixth this season. Stanford, which beat Washington and Washington State last week, also was a unanimous No. 1 on Jan. 8, its first week on top of the poll this season.

Stanford gets a chance to avenge its only loss of the season on Saturday, when it plays at UCLA.

Duke (25-3) had 1,654 points and moved from fourth to second following wins over Georgia Tech and Wake Forest, the latter on a buzzer-beater by freshman Chris Duhon.

Michigan State (22-3) moved up two spots to third after wins over Indiana and Penn State.

Both North Carolina, which lost to Virginia by 20 points Sunday, and Illinois, which lost to Ohio State by two points Thursday, dropped two spots to fourth and fifth, respectively.

April 15.

After the World Cup, Collins will continue playing for Cal Poly, and said he hopes to help make the team nationally recognized.

"We look really good this year," he said. "But we haven't gotten the respect we deserve."

Cal Poly's rugby team is currently undefeated, and on Saturday, the first team beat UCLA 33-10 and the second team won 19-10.

Collins also hopes to make the U.S. national rugby team. He wants to travel after graduation, and he plans to play rugby wherever he goes.

"Once you get good at it, you never want to stop," he said.

tunity to travel.

"Traveling may be the best part about it," he said. "Once you play rugby, you have friends all over the world."

Collins will be traveling even more now, since the upcoming World Cup match will be in Santiago, Chile. He said making the under-19 World Cup team is a great honor, because the United States only enters the tournament once every four years.

"Now there's just more pressure to do well," he said. "I'm going to run more and lift more to get ready."

Collins will go to Chile in March for a weeklong training camp before the two-week tournament begins. The championship game will be on

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Rugby, a local club team.

Collins said shortly after his introduction to the sport, he was set on playing rugby in college.

"I saw it as something you could play your whole life," he said.

Collins then made the under-19 U.S. national team, the Junior Eagles. Collins said the experience he gained from playing on the national team helped him with both the fundamentals and the strategic side of the sport.

Being on the national team gave Collins and his teammates the oppor-

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the baseball players employ, it has precedent.

Zirelli said he knew former Mustang baseball players Jon Macalutas ('93-'96) and Matt Priess ('94-'97) had taken a shortened winter quarter. So he talked to his teachers in the fall quarter and explained his situation.

"I talked to a couple teachers in the Kinesiology department and they wanted me to graduate," said Zirelli who is second in career wins at Cal Poly with 27. "They wanted me to

graduate, and we just got it done."

One of those teachers, kinesiology professor Mike Sutliff, said as long as the athletes have the right focus, he is more than happy to assist them.

"He has to cram 10 weeks in so the situation is not easier than the other students in the class," Sutliff said. "But Mike (Zirelli) is committed to graduating, and I think I have an obligation to be flexible."

While the situation at Cal Poly is highly unknown, it is a nice reminder of what students and faculty are supposed to be working toward.

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deadlocked at 3-3.

Although there are three doubles matches, this year NCAA rules have changed, making all the doubles matches collectively worth one point. Though Westrich and freshman Christie Tjong defeated Holly Freudenberg and partner Julia Hladik 8-4 in the No. 2 position, No. 1 and No. 3 doubles for the Mustangs both lost 8-6, giving the edge to the Lions.

"It was really close, right down to the last point," Nelson said. "LMU is a top team, and we right there with them the entire match."

Bream also said he felt the women competed extremely well.

"It's probably the best we've played this season," he said. "LMU is a team likely to go all the way to the NCAA Championships. It really just came down to the doubles point."

The outstanding play from the

women over the weekend was not only encouraging to Bream, but to the team as well.

"This weekend really showed that we have come a long way since last year," Westrich said. "It was tough to lose to LMU, but everyone gave 100 percent and never quit, even when they were down."

The team was also scheduled to play the University of San Francisco on Saturday, but the match was canceled due to rain. Cal Poly will next take on UC Davis and University of the Pacific on the road March 10 and 11.

In the break before those matches, Bream said he will strive to strengthen the team's weak spots to develop a greater competitive edge.

"We have great depth in singles, but to get to the next level we need to look to improve our doubles play," he said.

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Four wrestlers book trips to NCAA tourney

By Ryan Ballard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly wrestling team had a strong showing at the Pacific 10 Championships Feb. 25 and 26, finishing in fifth place.

The Mustangs had four athletes qualify for the NCAA Championships, which will be held March 15-17 in Iowa City, Iowa. The top four wrestlers at each weight class qualify, along with three wild cards. No. 13 Cedric Haymon (149 pounds) and No. 13 Steve Strange (174 pounds) both made the finals of the Pac-10 tournament. Finals results were not available at press time.

Also qualifying for the NCAA tournament by virtue of fourth place finishes were Andrew Gharst (141 pounds) and David Schenk (197 pounds). Jaime Garza (125 pounds), Nathaniel Ybarra (133 pounds) and Josh Blagg (157 pounds) finished in sixth place, but did not qualify for the NCAAAs.

Haymon ran his string of consecutive victories to 21 with three wins to reach the finals. Haymon won his first two matches by major decision and beat Boise State's Collin Robertson in the semifinals, 5-3.

Strange won his first two matches by a fall and a major decision to set up a finals matchup with Nathan Coy of Oregon State. Gharst went 2-2, losing in the third place match to Boise State's Gabe Vigil, 12-4. Schenk broke the 20-win plateau with his 21st victory, before falling to Cal State Fullerton's Babak Nejadmaghaddam, 11-5, for third place.

Headed for World Cup play

By Janelle Foskett
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

His impersonations of his teammates bring laughter to an exhausting practice, yet it is his focus and intensity that made Mike Collins immediately welcomed by Cal Poly's rugby team.

Collins, a forestry and natural resources freshman, was recently chosen to play for the United States in the under-19 World Cup of Rugby. Collins plays inside center for the rugby team, an Associated Students Inc. club sport.

Collins said he didn't expect to make the World Cup team, yet he believes it was his hustle and tackling abilities in the December try-outs in Trinidad that helped solidify his spot on the team.

Collins said he feels extremely privileged to have this opportunity.

"This is a big honor for me," he said. "It is just another step to getting that much better."

Industrial technology senior John Kunz is the rugby team captain. Kunz said Collins is an excellent player who deserves to play with the World Cup team in April.

"He takes rugby seriously," Kunz said. "If certain people made a team how he did, they would get a big head, but not him."

Kunz said Collins also has a great personality and does

funny impersonations of his teammates and coach.

"He makes lots of jokes," he said. "He's like the class clown."

All jokes aside, Cal Poly rugby coach Charles Zanolli said Collins' focus and athletic ability helped him clinch his place on the World Cup team, for which only 22 people are chosen.

"He's got great upper body strength, speed and lateral movement," Zanolli said. "His breakaway speed helps him move through heavy traffic on the field."

Although Collins primarily plays on Cal Poly's "second side" – the equivalent of a "B" team – Kunz said Collins would have been on the first side any other year. Kunz said Collins joined the program when it was already very good.

However, Collins did not need "first side" experience, because his experiences with rugby during high school were

enough to help him qualify for the World Cup team.

Collins became involved with rugby in his junior year of high school at Bellarmine in San Jose. He played football for the school, and he said some of the older players on the team encouraged him to play rugby with them. He agreed and began playing for College Park

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Freshman Mike Collins will be playing for the United States at the under-19 World Cup of Rugby.



DANIEL GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

Finals coming a bit early for some baseball players

For a handful of Cal Poly student-athletes, this is finals week.

But instead of Spring Break following winter quarter classes, former Cal Poly pitchers Joe Smith, Mike Zirelli and Jeremy Cunningham will take their exams, pack their bags and report to the San Francisco Giants Spring Training camp in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The popular myth is once an athlete signs a professional contract, school is forgotten. A college education, which is an afterthought, might be finished much later in life or sometimes not at all. That's the story typically told, and for some athletes, it may be true.

But for the former Cal Poly pitchers, finishing their education is the top priority outside of baseball. However, they cannot enroll in spring or summer quarters and have to leave for Spring Training during the ninth week of winter quarter. So the ability to complete winter quarter in eight weeks makes reaching the goal of graduation more likely.

"It would have been four years of every fall if my teachers didn't go out of their way to help me," said Smith, a business major who finished his Mustang career last spring.

The shortened quarter is a terrific system for the players and the university.

It demonstrates that if a student is committed to completing their education, teachers will accommodate them.

After all, it is understandable for athletes who can't make it back to class after years of professional ball. Being away from the classroom can expose players to the reality that life goes on without a degree. This leads many athletes in Smith's shoes to take time off in hope of finishing school later. But often, it's tough to return.

"Once you bang school and make actual cash, you aren't going to want to go back to school," Smith said. "But I'm in that school mode right now, and it's good that I can get more of it done."

Although most are not aware of the shortened winter quarter process

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Women's tennis beats Riverside, falls to LMU

By Erica Tower
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly women's tennis fought back from a tough loss Friday against Loyola Marymount and swept UC Riverside Sunday, improving to 6-3 in the season.

In all singles matches against Riverside, the Mustangs limited their opponents to only one game, showing that the women have improved over the course of the season, said women's tennis head coach Hugh Bream.

"We've beat UC Riverside in the past, but this time we really dominat-

ed," he said. "Our veterans at the top are doing a really consistent job for us, and our freshmen are really coming along."

Among these veterans are junior Angie Bagheri, who crushed Caitlyn Blashaw 6-1, 6-0 in the No. 1 position, and senior Danielle Brandlin, who overpowered Kristen Schuster 6-0, 6-1 in the No. 2 position. Bagheri's win was especially significant considering Blashaw's talent.

"Before going to Riverside, Caitlyn played No. 1 singles for Peninsula High School in Southern California, which was ranked No. 1 in the

nation," said junior Stephanie Westrich, who did not compete Sunday due to an injury. "She's a great player, but Angie destroyed her,

► The tennis team's record is 6-3.

► The team's next match is on March 10 against UC Davis.

Romm, freshman Lindsay Irons-Kilmer, junior Erica Nelson and

junior Cerissa Drum, who each easily defeated their opponents.

"Even though we beat Riverside before, we still had to be on top of it because they probably wanted it (the win) bad," said Nelson, who is undefeated this season. "But we really came through and showed that we wanted it more."

The defeat of Riverside was a sharp contrast to a tough loss to nationally ranked Loyola Marymount just two days earlier. After a hard-fought battle, the women fell 4-3 to the Lions after entering the doubles round

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SPORTSBAR	Sports Trivia	Scores		Schedule
	Yesterday's Answer:	WOMEN'S TENNIS	MEN'S BASKETBALL	THURSDAY
	Fred McGriff was the second player in history to win home run crowns in both the NL and AL.	Loyola Marymount 4	Idaho 82	• Men's basketball vs. Boise State
	No one submitted the correct answer!	Cal Poly 3	Cal Poly 75	• at Boise State • 6:30 p.m.
	Today's Question:	UC Riverside 0	RUGBY	• Women's basketball vs. Long Beach State
	Who caught the longest pass in Super Bowl history?	Cal Poly 7	Cal Poly – A 33	• at Mott Gym • 7 p.m.
		Nevada 1	UCLA – A 10	FRIDAY
		MEN'S TENNIS	Cal Poly – A 19	• Baseball vs. Loyola Marymount
		Cal Poly 5	UCLA – B 10	• at Baggett Stadium • 5 p.m.
		Pacific 2	MEN'S VOLLEYBALL	SATURDAY
		WHEELMEN	Cal Poly 3	• Softball vs. UC Riverside
		Second place at Criterium tournament in Davis	Chico State 2	• at Bob Janssen Field • 12 p.m. / 2 p.m.
				• Women's basketball vs. Pacific
				• at Mott Gym • 7 p.m.
				• Baseball vs. Loyola Marymount
				• at Baggett Stadium • 5 p.m.

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