Wildflower Triathlon heating up

By Jennifer Thomson
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It is known as the Woodstock of triathlons. It is the second largest in the world and attracts over 5,500 athletes, 900 volunteers and offers a $57,000 purse to the professional athlete who wins the long course event.

The 19th annual Wildflower triathlon, which runs May 4 to 6 at Lake San Antonio, is an event that challenges and tests the abilities of athletes worldwide.

All three triathlon events held during the weekend are known to be strenuous and difficult. The Long Course, Mountain Bike and the Olympic Distance Triathlons each consist of a swim, bike and run. The most difficult, the Long Course event, attracts many top name professionals.

According to a Wildflower press release, this year's event boasts the strongest professional field in the history of the event, including last year's returning winners Chris Legh of Australia and Jeanne Krizman of Canada.

As for the expected number of entrants this year, it is impossible to estimate, but it is expected to exceed last year's 2,700 entries.

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Napster use declined since ruling

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Napster use has plunged 41 percent since the online company added song-screening technology to comply with a federal court order, according to an Internet researcher.

"It is now very difficult to get to material that has been blocked by Napster," Matt Bailey, Webnoize analyst for Metakology, said. "Napster did not immediately remove calls seeking comment.

The Recording Industry Association of America, which sued Redwood City-based Napster for copyright infringement, said the report does not prove the company is fulfilling its part of the judge's order to remove copyrighted works from its site.

Bailey found that users downloaded almost 2.5 billion music files in March, with users sharing 220 files on average. By April, the number of files shared among users dropped more than an 80 percent, to 17.

"I don't like the pink sheets," said Katie Bulley, biology senior. "If someone gets off early there's 15 minutes the machine is just sitting there." Clark said the Rec Center is trying to accommodate as many people as possible. Overflowing has been a problem in the past, but not recently, Clark said. The exercise room capacity is 150 participants, a number set by the fire chief in accordance with the fire code.

"I think it's overcrowded. I think the sheets help a little, but there's just not enough machines."

Jacqueline Boyle, kinesiology freshman, said she thinks "...because students tend to abuse the time limits. They are working on making users conscientious of other wanting to use the machines, but if there is a problem, participants should speak to an exercise room attendant. Clark said, "People that need that reservation, they need to let others know they have that machine."

"Unless it's obvious, you can't have four people working around a full set," Clark said. "But there's a lot of people that do their set and set on that machine. Do your set, get up, let the next person do their set, and switch off. It's a courtesy."
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who is currently homeless. Participants will have the opportunity to meet the shelter staff, Schlaeger said.
"The sleepover offers a different perspective," she said. "People will have the entire night to think about the issue."

The second goal of the sleepover is to raise money for the Economic Opportunity Commission. Schlaeger said the EOC is a government agency that provides assistance to the disadvantaged of the county. The assistance ranges from providing shelter to health centers to thrift stores.

Each sleepover participant is asked to obtain $150 in sponsorship for the EOC. With room for 50 participants, Beyond Shelter hopes to raise $7,500 for the organization.

Although San Luis Obispo is an affluent town and county, Schlaeger said that homelessness is a problem. "Because San Luis Obispo is a tourist town, people don't think there is a problem," she said. "Although they may not be visible, it doesn't mean they don't have any less.

Schlaeger said there are approximately 4,000 homeless people in the county. In addition to homelessness being a problem, is is prevailing in San Luis Obispo County. There is one shelter for women, one for youth and one for all homeless, Schlaeger said. This last shelter has 49 beds and an overflow section with 15 extra beds.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week starts Friday and runs through May 12. The week will feature seven events including a community meeting, a fast, a canned food and clothing drive, a hunger banquet and a benefit concert.

For more information about the events, contact Beyond Shelter at 756-5834 or visit the Web site at www.calpoly.edu/~sees.

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lack of support that he would otherwise receive from a team.
"Triathlon has always been an individual sport," Harper said. "Unless you're in the Olympics, there is no such thing as team competition."

Wildflower is a well-known event nationwide among athletes and spectators. Harper said it is unlike any other event he has ever attended.
"It's a huge event with a party-like mentality to it," he said. "There's never been a place where I've run before where I expect girls to show me their cleavage."

Hundreds of volunteers and guests will attend Wildflower this year, organizers said in a press release. Volunteers will dedicate 12 hours of their time during the weekend to make the event run smoothly. Volunteer work ranges from preparing food for volunteers to checking bikes for the racers to marking the course for each race.

Recreation administration junior Megan Mahar will be volunteering her time as a lifeguard this weekend. Mahar said she is looking forward to the weekend because it is a good time and she likes watching the events, especially from her front row seat on the water.

"Wildflower is fun because it's a big Cal Poly party," Mahar said. "It's a good time."

The collegiate team championship winner is determined by the combined times of the top three men and top three women with the fastest times. University of Colorado at Boulder is the reigning national champion and holds the record for the lowest team score at 5:50:100 percent positive.

Cal Poly senior triathlete Mark Geddes said the team's success this weekend will stem from the transition of the sport from an individual to a team sport. He hopes that team togetherness will propel the team forward to first place at the championships.

The Cal Poly Triathlon team will be one team of over 55 colleges competing at the championships.

Individual competitors outnumber those participating as a team. Senior Eric Harper will be attending his first Wildflower unattached. A serious competitor and experienced triathlete, Harper said he isn't concerned about
Opinion

Bush takes steps in right direction on gay issues

I never thought I'd say it, but I'm impressed with President Bush. During his campaign, he made it clear that gay and lesbian people would not be welcome in a Bush White House. This certainly appealed to the conservative extremists who were at the heart of his run for office.

However, this month George W. Bush appointed a gay man as the director of the Office of National AIDS Policy. This appointment marks the first time that any Republican in the White House has named an openly gay or lesbian person to an Executive Branch position.

Some religious fundamentalist groups were outraged, looking to mobilize their forces in order to "stop Bush from promoting the homosexual agenda." The President's spokesperson simply said, "President Bush views all individuals as having the right to seek acceptance and opportunity." Lynne Cheney, the vice president's wife, defended President Bush by saying "a person who is gay should have every opportunity."

Even today, the Bush administration retained an executive order from the Clinton administration banning the use of sexual orientation as a disqualification factor in obtaining a security clearance. Someone in the Bush staff was quoted as saying, "Why should sexual orientation matter?"

Did someone finally count all of the votes and put Al Gore in office? The idea that gay and lesbian people should have every opportunity is taking a long time to sink in until the election last November. All of a sudden we have a conservative president who is taking steps to embrace gay and lesbian equality?

Honestly, I don't understand why it hasn't happened sooner. The most appealing part of conservative ideology is the notion that government should be limited and non-intrusive into our lives. Republicans apparently agree that they want a smaller government, but it often seems as if they want it just small enough to fit into our bedrooms - by supporting laws that define what consenting adults are allowed to do, and which genders are permitted to marry each other.

This only indicates that despite Bush's "progress," there is still much more to do. Let's not forget that the Clinton administration approved more than 150 gay and lesbian people to executive positions. And Bush co-authored the 2000 Republican Party Platform, which states "homosexuality is incompatible with military service." (Does anybody think there aren't already gay people in the military?)

It is time to let people decide for themselves what they do in private. We should convince conservatives to repeal anti-gay legislation that undermines the fundamental principle of limited government.

We should make it clear that the president must govern with "compassion" as he has pledged earlier. And we must also support Bush as he explores his progressive stance on the issue of gay and lesbian equality.

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Skateboarders damage campus, bodies

We've all seen people cruising around campus on them. We all know they are banned by the school's code. There are signs around campus with little pictures of them in crossed-out circles. But students like Brandon Byrne continue to use them.

Byrne carries his skateboard around campus, most of the time now because he has received three citations for riding on campus. But since his bike broke, his skateboard is the only way he travels from his off-campus home to school every day.

"It's how I get around," he said. "I sympathize with skaters, everyone needs a way to get around. My transportation method of choice happens to be driving. In fact, I love driving, but when I get to school, I know I have to leave my car in the parking lot. It's just the easiest and safest thing to do.

During the day, the campus is filled with pedestrians. Polyview Drive and Via Carta are especially crowded with students and staff walking to and from classes. Adding other elements to the mix is just dangerous, especially since many people are too busy talking or doing some last-minute review for tests to put attention to what is going on around them.

Tony Aedts said that when he became Cal Poly police chief in December 1999, he received a large series of complaints from people who had negative encounters with skateboarders on campus. Many students said that skateboarders had come too close to them while they were walking.

Aedts followed up the complaints by consulting the university's maintenance staff, which estimated that skateboarders caused about $20,000 worth of damage to the campus every year. Benches, railings and the like had to be repaired and re-painted because of damage caused by skateboards doing tricks.

I don't know about you, but I pay more than $2,000 in tuition every year. That means that it would take a year's worth of tuition from about 10 full-time students to pay for the repairs caused by skateboarders on campus. I would much rather have my money go toward education then maintenance.

But the main reason for the skateboard ban is safety. Aedts said that his officers responded to a number of minor accidents that involved skateboarders. One skater tried to use the school over the injuries he received when he fell while skateboarding, even though he knew skateboarders were banned.

Many universities do not have skateboard bans, but they may pay a price. Last month at Sonoma State, a campus that allows skateboarders, a student was killed while riding a skateboard, Aedts said. I like to avoid tragedies like this.

Students are allowed to ride bicycles on many parts of the campus. I have had some interesting encounters with bicyclists myself, usually because they rarely stop at stop signs or signal their turns. The rules seem to have a double standard.

“People ride around on bikes faster than on skateboards,” Byrne said.

Aedts said the main reason that skateboards were banned and bicycles were not was because bicycles have brakes. I have a number of friends who ride skateboards or roller blades. I know that they just want to have fun or get where they are going, but campus just isn’t a safe place to ride. I’d rather not have to take them, or anyone else, to the emergency room.

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The words "traditional" and "typical" definitely do not characterize the artistic production "Ex Anima."

The event combines several different media to convey the creative spirit. "Ex Anima" features acting, modern dance, mime, a chorus of singers, a soloist, live and recorded sound, dramatic theatrical lighting, throat singing and a didjeridoo player, said the concert's executive producer and Cal Poly professor Antonio Barata.

"This performance bridges a lot of different media," Barata said. "Anything you can imagine will be on stage. It's kind of a media event."

Barata said the concert follows the history of music and ends with a message about the creative spirit. He said that element is an important metaphor, but that the concert is not specific about what the metaphor actually is.

"We wanted to keep the end very open-ended so that people can see themselves in it," he said.

Barata said "ex anima" is Latin for "out of or from the soul." He said the name has meaning because the "story" of the concert is from the soul.

Among the different forms of media, Barata will perform Tuvan throat singing. He said the method comes from the Tuvan plateau, north of Tibet.

"The singing brings out the harmonics of the voice," Barata said. "It's a strange-sounding thing. Some people will not be able to believe that that sound comes from a human being."

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Rather than black tie, this event is ‘no tie’

By Jennifer Thomson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Hamlin Yoo, 13, won’t be the only kid at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday.

A “No Ties Allowed” free dress rehearsal is being offered to the public at 1 p.m. of the day of the San Luis Obispo Symphony’s final event in the group’s Saturday Series. Hamlin is heading toward the younger crowd of music aficionados.

“We’ve got kids that come in, they’re scary from the soccer fields, but they also take sides, and they come in and watch the dress rehearsal,” said Sandy Sigurdson, San Luis Obispo Symphony’s executive director.

“We know that we get students required to see amount of live performances. Some are seeking conducting techniques, sometimes they are studying under one of our musicians.”

The Symphony is offering the dress rehearsal to the public as a service to the community. Sigurdson said it is a wonderful opportunity to introduce young children to classical music, in a relaxed setting.

“We’re proud of the orchestra for opening up the rehearsal,” Sigurdson said.

She said that people may come and go and stay for as long as they like.

The dress rehearsal isn’t just for children, though. Older people who don’t like to drive at night attend the rehearsals, and regular audience members who come at night also come during the day because Maestro Mike Novak describes the pieces to the audience, Sigurdson said.

“Breaktaking Brahms,” the last of the Saturday series, will be performed Saturday evening at 8 p.m. The program’s centerpiece will be Johannes Brahms’ “Concerto for Piano and Orchestra, No. 2 in B-Flat Major.”

Brahms playfully understated the piece as a “tiny little piano concert with a tiny little wig of a scherzo,” according to a press release issued by the symphony. Brahms’ piece is considered one of his most difficult and beautiful.

“The Brahms piece is a very exciting work to perform," said violinist Julie Montgomery.

Montgomery said that while she enjoyed performing professor Craig Rosell’s pieces on the symphony’s recent tour of the East Coast, she is looking forward to ending the season with some equally great works.

Cellist Dee Van Duren, in his seventh season with the symphony, said that the symphony was initially very nervous to perform in front of a New York audience while on their tour to Carnegie Hall. But after they received applause and standing ovations throughout the performance, they were at ease with the setting.

“We are on a super high after Carnegie Hall, and we’re proud to bring it home to the community,” Van Duren said.

The tour was a wonderful experience and dream of all musicians, Van Duren said. He added that not many small towns can accommodate something like sending a symphony from a small community on a tour of the East Coast. It is a reminder of what the symphony was and what it became.

“It’s nice to come home and give the last concert as a big thank you to everyone who got us where we are and supported us," Van Duren said.

This Saturday’s concert is sold out. A waiting list is kept at the PAC box office, and seats often become available at the last minute. A small number of student tickets will be released Friday for $8. The rehearsal is still open for attendance. For more ticket information, call 756-2787.

“Ex Anima” is the sixth concert in the series. Barata said that the concert has a deeper meaning, people can dig into.”

The series is named “RSPV” because the phrase means “giving a response.”

“After the performance, we don’t want them to just go home," Barata said. “We want to hear what their response is.”

To facilitate this feedback, a reception will be held after the concert in room 218 of the Davidson Music Building.

Chi said it’s important for people to see the concert to get them out of boring routines.

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It’s hard to describe. You just have to see it," Barata said. Anyone who has watched the "Crocodile Dundee" movies has heard a didgeridoo. The didgeridoo is a traditional Australian aboriginal instrument. The instrument is shaped like a tube and is 4 feet long, Barata said. A guest artist will play the didgeridoo at the concert.

Although Barata is producing the concert, "Ex Anima" is entirely run by students.

Music senior Wendy Chu is helping produce the concert as her senior project. She said the students working to put together "Ex Anima" are students in MU 411, sound design synthesis. Some students not in the class are also helping out with the show, she said. Barata said that the concert has come from conception to production in six weeks.

"Ex Anima" is not a normal or traditional concert, Chu said. "It's not your typical concert where people play and bow," she said.

"Ex Anima" is the sixth concert in the symphony’s series. Past "RSPV" concerts have been so adventurous, some that performers have used power tools and exotic birds, Barata said.

"I wanted to create a place to do challenging things and where the audience could get involved," she said. "The concert has a deeper meaning. It's a way people can dig into it."
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**STEP 1:** Understand the differences between being a college student and a new professional.

What most students don't know is that the first year in any job is different; it's a separate and distinct career stage. You're no longer in college, but you're not really a complete professional yet. You have to give up your student attitudes and behaviors; leave your college days behind. Begin by being prepared for workdays that start before 8:00 am, and often don't end at 5:00 or 6:00 pm. Compared to college, work requires a lot more time, and your day won't have the flexibility that college life allows. You can't just take off when you feel like it; you can't go hiking or take a road trip. And, you certainly can't walk out just because it's the end of the class period. By the same token, always arrive early and staying late may get you noticed, but may also make you a burned out employee.

Another difference to plan for is that in college, you can change professors every quarter. If you find a professor dull or boring one quarter or you don't get the grade you wanted, you can get rid of that professor the next quarter. At work, you can't change your supervisor or coworkers like that. You may get stuck with someone you can't seem to please. You might be lucky if you get any feedback at all. You can't change your grade or drop the course if you're unhappy. Look at your relationships with fellow workers and supervisors as long term.

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Although college has taught you how to think and solve problems, you are not yet trained in the basics of this new business and so the company may feel that you have to learn from the ground up. Become a savvy subordinate; know what you don't know, and then learn it. Understand your new role: build a track record by finding opportunities and projects in which you can succeed. AVOID "big splash" strategies for making a good impression. Arrive on time, learn to use your time efficiently, work harder and smarter. Learn to communicate with confidence; to develop your written and oral communication skills and to set realistic goals.

STEP 3: Adopt the Right Attitude

In college, you've been used to getting clear-cut assignments, turning them in by the deadline (usually) and getting them back with a grade attached and moving on to the next assignment. It's not so simple in the corporate world. If you're asked to draft a proposal and your boss doesn't like your approach, it's back to the drawing board. And, when you deliver the revision, your boss may say the style, format or tone is wrong. You'll have to make it right again.

Remember, C- is no longer passing. In fact, now, nothing less than an "A" every time will do. In the business world, sweating the details isn't the opposite of being creative. It's also very helpful to maintain a sense of humor, to learn to handle negative feedback, and, most importantly, to check your ego at the door. Ask questions readily at appropriate times and listen to the responses. Be flexible and willing to take on and complete menial tasks, show that you're willing to go the "extra mile" and do whatever is asked. Make the "right" mistakes; that is, those that come naturally from learning, not those that come from immaturity and impatience.

STEP 4: Learn the Company Culture

You chose to go to work for this company, hopefully because you felt comfortable with their goals and mission and the people you met. Now that you are one of them, embrace the organization to show that you respect who and what it is and that you want to be part of the team. Find ways to fit in. Master the tasks of your job - acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities you need. Take the initiative to establish good working relationships with your peers and learn how to get things done. Be observant of written and unwritten company policy and norms. Listen to the grapevine, but don't be a contributor to office gossip. Pay attention to the political climate. Finally, find a mentor to give you advice and help you to adapt.

STEP 5: Performance Evaluations - A Whole New Experience

This is one of the most effective professional development tools, but one with which you probably have no experience. It provides an opportunity to discuss accomplishments,
Fulfill dreams through small business ownership

By Kelley Marshall

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON, Texas - With graduation around the corner, there are some tough decisions to be made. Those with an entrepreneurial spirit might consider starting a business of their own. Almost everyone has thought about starting a business at some point. The independence it would bring, the thought of being the boss, the opportunity to make money, the idea of being a decision maker, and freeing up some of the driving forces behind the decision.

"I just wanted to make my own decisions, be in charge of my own destiny," said Kathleen T. Lemon, certified public accountant. Lemon graduated from University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1982 with a bachelor of science in accounting. She now owns her own accounting firm.

Starting a small business is like a chess game. Success in business starts with decisive and correct opening moves. Although initial mistakes are not fatal, it takes skill and know-how to gain the advantage.

Small businesses form the backbone of the American economy. There are approximately 25 million small businesses in the United States. In the mid-1960s, small businesses produced annual revenues of approximately $15 trillion, according to the Internal Revenue Service. The Internet is also creating new opportunities for entrepreneurs. There are now 2.8 million small businesses on the Internet in the United States, according to Access Media International. Sales this year will come to $55 billion and are predicted to double by the end of next year.

To be an entrepreneur is to be a risk-taker -- someone not content to leave things as they are, but wanting to strike it out on his or her own. This individual brings two important ingredients to new business: confidence in an idea and willingness to accept the hard work and long hours necessary for success.

"To start your own business you have to have the right personality, be willing to work hard and put forth the hours," Lemon said.

Being in business for yourself brings with it not only rewards, but also inherent risks and pitfalls. During the earliest stages of development, it is particularly important to minimize the risks in order to maximize the rewards.

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Indiana U. Students run financial Web site

By Elizabeth Crosbie
Indiana Daily Student

(U-WIRE)
StreetSideInvestor.com, an Internet company created by Indiana University students, provides online financial information for individual investors. Since its launch in June 2000, StreetSideInvestor.com has been producing financial content.

Hundreds of young entrepreneurs have failed to keep their dot-com businesses alive. The team at StreetSideInvestor.com learned from the mistakes of some of these unsuccessful ventures. Instead of spending their revenue on advertisements, they focused on developing quality information for online investors.

The team at StreetSideInvestor.com includes four students, financial experts and two interns. They have published more than 90 interviews with credible sources, such as chief executive officers and business moguls from leading companies.

The team takes an active role in providing valuable financial information to individual investors. A large disparity exists between the type of information an investor with a high figure account receives and a first-time investor receives, said Danny Chan, chief executive officer and founder of StreetSideInvestor, Inc.

"We're instruments for individual investors," Chan said. "We bring you Wall Street.

Neither Chan nor his co-founders, some of whom are his roommates, buy or sell individual stocks so they can supply their readers with unbiased and objective financial information, he said.

Chan said his writing team plans to translate its CEO interviews into Chinese, an action he described as a milestone for his company. The StreetSideInvestor team recently partnered with a global marketing company, e21corp.com, based in Silicon Valley. The e21corp will translate StreetSideInvestor's interviews. The Chinese version of the interviews will be published through Internet portals serving the Asia-Pacific region, such as Yahoo China and Sina.cn.

"Together with StreetSideInvestor, e21 will facilitate communication between the East and the West and promote globalization of business," said Joseph Sun, CEO of e21corp.

The companies united to distribute information to investors in the Asia-Pacific region, which is expected to house one-third of all Internet consumers by 2005, according to Jupiter Research.

Chan said this partnership is a major step for StreetSideInvestor. StreetSideInvestor has six employees and is based in Bloomington, while e21 has more than 100 employees with offices in Los Angeles, Mexico City, Beijing and Tokyo.

StreetSideInvestor also plans to start using message boards to interact with individual investors and provide up-to-date analysis of the markets.

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a service for them. Investors can ask questions about investing and managing their finances. They can also offer input by recommending questions for Chan and the team to ask CIGX.

Working out of an apartment, StreetEdgeInvestor makes its dedication to the Web site a way of life instead of a part-time job. The entrepreneurs constantly look for breaking financial news and throw around ideas about who to interview. Chan said: "This is a lifestyle." Chan said. "It's an excitement at all times."

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to zero in on areas needing improvement, to identify strengths and to communicate career aspirations to and with your supervisor. It is your "report card" in the work world. Try to communicate with your supervisor frequently throughout the year to make the evaluation process less daunting, and don't wait until the day of your evaluation to prepare. From your first day, begin to build an accomplishment file. It may contain information on specific projects on which you've worked, memorandums of commendation; documentation of work performed outside the organization that spotlight professional abilities. It's not a bad idea to keep a work journal or diary to serve as a reminder of what you have done. As part of your preparation, make a career plan in which you list and prioritize your goals.

STEP 6: Managing Your New Found Wealth

You've been subsisting on student loans, your part-time job and the few dollars a month your parents can spare. Now the salary and benefits you were able to negotiate may make you feel like a millionaire, but if you don't manage them well, they won't stretch nearly as far as you had hoped. A few simple tips may save you not only money but lots of aggravation. If you know how much comes in, how much goes out, then you'll know how much is left over to spend or save. Sounds simple enough, but in reality, quite hard! Here are a few tips to help:

Think long term. Enjoy your new found financial independence. Allow some of your urges to be satisfied, but don't go overboard. Set a budget. Your first paycheck may look huge, but your expenses will be too. Establish credit. Open savings and checking accounts, but beware of plastic. Throw all but one of those "pre-approved" credit cards away. Save. Financial planners recommend that you put 5 to 20% of every paycheck away before you do anything else. Invest for the future. This includes clothing for a professional wardrobe, transportation (a good car), stocks, mutual funds, bonds. Plan a tax strategy. Know what's deductible and save your receipts. It's very unusual for someone to come out of college knowing exactly what to do and how to do it. Give yourself the time to learn what you need, and realize that it's your responsibility to manage your transition into this new world. Remember—You've made it this far! You have your first real job! Make it fun, exciting and a terrific start to a successful career.

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Drew vs. Drew

Robotic French DJs from outer space

Drew P.: Daft Punk. You may not know the name, but chances are you've heard the music. Drew S.: Yeah, definitely. The dance hit "Around the World"?

Drew P.: And don't even get me started on "Short Circuit," which is probably the craziest song you've never heard.

Drew S.: They've got some other songs on the album I really like, such as "Creedence Clearwater Revival." The fuzzy keyboard lines in their sound really add a lot to the beat.

Drew P.: Yeah. Some of this gets a little repetitive after awhile. Like the 50th time the little guy says, "one more time." That was repetitive, you know.

Drew S.: I can see where you would think that. House music is a genre that can only be tolerated for so long. I appreciate Daft Punk's artistic talent, but in my opinion, it's only music to dance to.

Drew P.: And to "cabbage-patch" too.

Drew S.: Leave the dance moves at home, and save it for the mirror.

Drew P.: Oh, Their music is a bit of a guilty pleasure, but nothing to be ashamed of. If you like disco-house music, this is your thing.

Drew S.: "Creedence Clearwater Revival" is a great band, but a lot of repetitive music.

Drew P.: Yeah. The vocal effects are pretty weak on this album. These guys are in love with vocoders, devices used to give the impression of a band of singing robots.

Drew S.: Speaking of which, the two members of Daft Punk dress like fantastic androids to hide their identities. And songs like "Digital Love" and "Aero France" prove their affinity for mechanical reverberations.

Drew P.: But when you think about it, Daft Punk is pretty much a tribute to the '80s. These songs could have more or less been written 20 years ago.

Drew S.: I agree. The album is a mix of different music from that era. Daft Punk utilizes many synths and samples and digitally alters them to give a unique sound that's not too far from the past.

Drew P.: Yeah, the vocal effects are pretty weak on this album. These not add up to much more than a few TV show appearances. And even that is a step too far (and then some) in "THAT'S MY BUSH!"

Drew S.: It's hard to take that idea a step too far (and then some) in "THAT'S MY BUSH!"

"THAT'S MY BUSH!" IS A COMEDY SERIES ABOUT THE PRESIDENT, FIRST LADY AND VARIOUS CONTEMPORARIES. IT AIRS WEDNESDAY AT 10:30 P.M. ON COMEDY CENTRAL.
Bush's first 100 days confirm his inexperience

Thanks to a Republican majority in Congress, and the fact that President Bush has surrounded himself with a cabinet more politically experienced than he is, Bush has created a relaxed honeymoon period and has been allowed to proceed with no serious roadblocks, and he has been given several opportunities to take center stage on foreign policy issues, an area many people doubted he had the experience to handle.

The result, in a country where public perception drives political action, has been a president who has talked the talk but has done little to convince the public he is capable of walking the walk.

Presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin said on MSNBC that she detected a lack of presidential charisma in Bush. "We have a president who people feel have to prove that they're actually in control of their cabinet."

The key word in that statement is the word "yet." President Clinton recovered from a night-marsh first 100 days and Bush has plenty of time left to leave a positive legacy on his administration. In order to do so, however, he needs to remember a theme he consistently reiterated during his campaign. He promised to work closely with both Republicans and Democrats to "end partisan politics in Washington." That translates into a president who is interested in compromising with different viewpoints in order to best represent the people.

This approach was called into question on numerous occasions during his first 100 days in office. One of his first executive orders reversed Clinton administration policy and left the door open for faith-based organizations to receive federal funds in order to deliver social services. This announcement called into question Bush's ability to govern independently of the far-right wing activists who supported him throughout his campaign. It also brought into question how many people were concerned with Bush's election's commitment to separation of church and state.

The cornerstone of the president's campaign was an across-the-board tax cut ranging from $1.2 to $1.6 trillion, which many political observers felt the close results of the election would leave Bush open to compromise on the dollar amount of the tax cut. But in his recent budget proposal to Congress, he proposed the full $1.6 trillion cut. The opposition to Bush's plan peaked to deep cuts in vital social programs like Medicare and Medicaid as reasons for not supporting the president's plan. Not only does the cut fly in the face of bipartisan politics, it also goes against what many perceive as a cornerstone in the economy. And while many people continue to ignore the truth, the fact remains that an across-the-board tax cut, such as Bush is proposing, benefits the wealthy rather than helping the middle and lower class families.

Bush troubles continued. The new Bush administration proposed and backed out of the international Kyoto treaty that would have reduced carbon dioxide emissions worldwide. He failed to follow through with the treaty requirements and angered environmental groups just as he promised to support Environmental Protection Agency administrator Christie Todd Whitman's decision to suspend the Clinton administration regulation significantly lowering emission levels in greenhouse gases.

To his credit, Bush has surrounded himself with people who have political experience. His handling of the China spy plane incident was met with support from even his harshest Democrats. Public opinion polls showed he was handling the situation in the most effective manner and acting presidentially.

His recent statements regarding the need for a "brown bag" have overshadowed the positive public reaction. Saying the United States would use its power to defend Taiwan is overreaching, but he feels he must defend Taiwan against what many people perceived as his biggest weakness: his handling of the China spy plane incident.

Public parking crunch raises safety issues at night Editor,

For the first time in my two years here at Cal Poly, I felt unsafe during my walk home from the R2 parking lot to North Mountain halls.

I made the choice to study off-campus, and when I got back at 12:30 a.m., I found myself nar-rowing down the parking lot up to the R2 parking lot next to Yosemite Hall to the North Mountain halls in the dark and alone. It took me 15 minutes. As you can imagine, after my late-night workout, I was pretty spent and came home quickly.

I felt safe when I accessed the R2 parking lot, but was forced to walk home in the dark from R2 to North Mountain. I explained my options — park in a staff spot and get up before 7 a.m. to drive me to a proper parking place, or become a blue jean ten, stay for police, if they’re available at that time, to escort me home. Neither option solved the problem.

I spend $42 a quarter for a resident parking permit. Does that not entitle me to a parking spot close to home?

Jennifer Bead is a journalism senior.
In light of the Associated Students Inc. elections, Mustang Daily asked three of its regular columnists to write about which candidate they support and why.

Brent Vann for ASI president

Angie Hacker for ASI president

Eddie Drake for ASI president

When I think of college politics, one persistent image comes to mind: Brandon Walsh. Yes, the recent winner of the Associated Students Inc. (ASI) presidency. When Brandon Walsh, who trotted around campus talking with the clientele about some issue that we couldn’t have cared less about, left his friends, the time has now come for us to vote. We’re now too smart for the high school days when we voted for Brandon Walsh because he was cute and sweet—our school now needs a president. The students of Cal Poly make up a large group of people, yet only 10 to 15 percent vote. Consequently, even the most squeamish communication is the key to making Cal Poly a school that works for you, because you pay for that power and because it is your school.

We don’t realize that the person we elect as ASI president decides what the students of this university can do. The primary responsibilities of the Associated Students Inc. president are to serve as the voice of student opinion to the university, to manage the student body’s treasury, to serve on the university’s Board of Trustees, and to serve as the ASI representative on the university’s Board of Regents.

Unfortunately, this past year Brandon Walsh has not lived up to his responsibilities. I am very disappointed in Mustang Daily when it ran a cover that time last year, which showed Brandon Walsh and the logo of Associated Students Inc. on the cover of Mustang Daily every other Thursday. He never realized that the Mustang Daily is a student newspaper, run by students, for students. He must have them running scared if they don’t want people to read them.

Brandon Walsh has proven himself to be a leader. He will be the best choice for ASI president. I encourage everyone to vote for Brandon Walsh and to make this year a positive experience. Everyone deserves to be heard. It is the duty of the Associated Students Inc. to serve the students of Cal Poly. It’s unfortunate that some people feel the need to destroy Brandon Walsh’s career. He has never done anything to hurt anyone. He is an innocent bystander in this situation.

Shallon Lester

Shallon Lester is an economics freshman and a citizen of the United States of America and a student at Cal Poly, I am worried about something: I always hear people recite a lot of the things that all political leaders speak about, but do they really make a society a better place ... but I see little action being taken. Let us understand that this is OUR school and this is OUR country. The only reason Cal Poly exists is to serve in our education so we may further our society. And the only reason why nations exist is to unite peoples of common language and culture so that our lives may be better and well protected as a whole. But as we are always the ones in charge... these things are alive to serve us. The time has now come to decide that WE are in charge of everything that happens within our society. The harsh truth is, this place is only going to be as good as we make it. That truth is only going to be realized if we understand that everyone is responsible for taking care of the government to take care of things, you'll be on all filters down to our school. We need to take care of everyone... and well protected as a whole. But we are always the ones who need to understand that this is OUR school and this is OUR country.

Dan Davitt is a political science sophomore whose columns appear in Mustang Daily every other Thursday.

Letters to the editor

Criminals can change

Editor

I was very impressed with an essay that appeared in the News-Press on March 23. Mr. Hartfield said, “Robes has not given me anything positive to the community. He never will. He has never done anything positive for the community. He never will.” As evidence, he cites Mr. Hartfield’s statement that he deserves to be punished. I believe Mr. Hartfield knows Mr. Kesler very well. He knows that Kesler has not given anything positive to the community. He knows that Kesler is not a good citizen. He believes that Kesler is a serial killer, a racist, and he knows him to be a liar. Kesler is a serial killer, a racist, and he knows him to be a liar. He also knows that Kesler is a serial killer, a racist, and he knows him to be a liar. He also knows that Kesler is a serial killer, a racist, and he knows him to be a liar. He also knows that Kesler is a serial killer, a racist, and he knows him to be a liar. He also knows that Kesler is a serial killer, a racist, and he knows him to be a liar. 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Hornets change mind on possible relocation

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - The Charlotte Hornets, barred by a three-game conference sweep of Miami and progress in their battle for a new arena, withdrew their application for relocation to Memphis, Tenn., on Wednesday.

Hornets co-owner George Shinn said the team turned in its application for a new arena against the Heat played a part in his decision. A capacity crowd of 22,283 saw the Hornets win 94-79.

Charlotte’s only other two sellouts this season had 4,000 fewer fans because the Hornets had lured away the “least desirable” seats until the playoffs.

“As much as the Hornets are an asset to the community, this community has been an asset to the Hornets, and this team belongs to the fans of Charlotte,” Shinn said in a statement.

The Hornets applied with the NBA in March to move the team to Memphis. The Vancouver Grizzlies also applied to move to Memphis, and the NBA said it would evaluate both applications and decide which team, if either, would move.

Shinn and co-owner Ray Woolfolk cited losses of more than $1 million a month, declining attendance and a need for a new arena with luxury seating as reasons for the move. The application was made even though the team has been in ongoing negotiations with the city of Charlotte for a new arena. Woolfolk said that time of the filing that he did so is the Hornets would have an option if it’s June 1 referendum on the arena fails.

The new arena is part of a proposed $841 million package of seven downtown sports and cultural projects. The Hornets signed a 25-year lease Monday on the new arena, which the city required them to do before they would ask the board of elections to place the referendum on the ballot.

Now Shinn, who founded the franchise that began play in 1988, and he was withdrawing the application in a move of good faith to prove the team wants to remain in Charlotte.

“With the progress and hard work by the city to create a vibrant downtown with many exciting projects, we felt the need to further show a commitment to Charlotte and our fans,” he said.

Donahue promoted to 49ers general manager

SANTA CLARA (AP) - After learning at the side of Hall of Famer Bill Walsh for the last two years, the time has come for Terry Donahue.

The San Francisco 49ers on Wednesday officially promoted Donahue to general manager.

Walsh, who was brought back as Niners general manager in 1999 and provided stability to a franchise which was in chaos due to ownership and management, will continue as a consultant, according to the team.

Donahue served as director of player personnel for the last two seasons and was named Walsh’s successor. He will likely be interested in naming Chicago Bears director of scouting Bill Bees, who excelled as Donahue’s recruiting coordinator at UCLA, as his director of player personnel.

Walsh, 69, recently conducted his final draft with the 49ers and continued to lay a foundation on defense for Donahue to build upon, selecting California defensive end Andre Carter with the seventh overall pick and Vanderbilt linebacker Jamie Winborn in the second round.

In 2000, Walsh drafted five cornerbacks - Linden Laurinaitis, Bill Peterson and Jeff Ulbrich, among others - which has been a strength on defense for Donahue to build upon.

Donahue’s promotion to 49ers general manager is natural for any college team.

“You never know your personnel, it takes awhile to know what players need to be on the punt team, kick-off team or the kickoff return team,” Ellerson said.

The first-year head coach said depth will be the team’s major weakness.

“I don’t see who our weapons are on defense,” Ellerson said. “But I know who they are on the offense to make things happen.”

More changes will occur this season, and Ellerson said that having new systems on both sides of the ball will make the players more efficient.

“That system will evolve and mature,” Ellerson said. “And the guys will grow into the system.”

Ellerson said some players stock out to him as having a great camp, but he didn’t want to name specific players in order to keep team unity.

“It’s a group of the players’ recovery on the defense, and I have some guys who I’m encouraged by,” he said. “I’m not ready to say who is a weapon.”

Most players on the team have seen different eras not only in Ellerson’s coaching but also in the practices.

“Coach Ellerson is great,” said senior defensive back Josiah Wilson. “He needs new blood on the field and he brings the intensity that we needed.”

Wilson said that this season’s spring training was different because they worked on more fundamentals.

Other players agreed with Wilson and said Ellerson brings more focus to the team.

“We learned a lot during spring training,” said senior defensive back Kurt Rubin. “One thing I liked was practicing in the morning instead of the evening.”

Ellerson said he cares what his players think because they share that field with him. He also cares about how some people perceive the team.

“I want our opponent to perceive us as a team with great enthusiasm and believe that we will hit everything that moves and stick in a kicking game,” Ellerson said. “We also value what our opponents think of us after they play us.”

His players recognize the experience that Ellerson brings to the Cal Poly football program.

“Two years back and he has the experience so we can learn from him,” Rubin said.

Ellerson said that he knew the players were more focused before he came into the Cal Poly program.

“Students at Cal Poly are more focused and more balanced,” he said. “When you get into the Pac-10 division, you tend to get a little warded and it becomes more of a show.”

Ellerson said the Arizona team dealt a lot with the press and that attention is more pervasive at that level.

“The guys here pay more attention to their education,” he said. “They know that it will influence their life a lot more than football will.”

Coaching a team that is more focused makes Ellerson more enthusiastic about his job.

“You inherit a legacy, but you have to reinvent yourself a little bit of that entity because you’ll have guys who will graduate and there will be new players,” he said. "The team dynamic changes every year, but we can’t assume that because we had an enthusiastic team last year, we will this year.”

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Mavericks try to run and gun to series victory over Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Dallas Mavericks delivered just what coach Don Nelson wanted - a return trip to Utah.

And the Mavs won't be wide-eyed and softly-kissed this time.

"We should've won Game 1, but we weren't experienced enough," said Dirk Nowitzki, who was stopped while driving the lane near the end of the opener.

On the other hand, "It wouldn't be a series without drama. That's the third game."}

Championship. He recently defeated John Ludes in the Valetudo - a fighting league where anything is legal - and is the current IFC champ

for light heavyweight.

Liddell's celebrity status within the sport of ultimate fighting stems from his emergence as a character in the Sega Dreamcast UFC video game.

Randleman would add to his international prestige.

Randleman has allowed 21 home runs this season, 14 in 116 at-bats. For his career, he's allowed 386 home runs in 1,537 at-bats.

The attendance was phenomenal, Nelson said. "Events involve everyone."

Without favorable spring weather, other promotions for baseball games have been slow.

"We haven't done as good as we expected," Price said. "Especially with how well we've done."

Overall, attendance at almost all sporting events has increased this year, Baker said. "What helps are teams taking an active role in marketing their games," Baker said. "Women's basketball has a lot of community involvement including clinics or working at shelters."

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Ellerson pleased with spring progress

By Adrenna Benjamin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

All-American wide receiver Kassim Osgood caught two passes in Saturday’s Green and Gold Game, including a 26-yard pass from quarterback Seth Burford. Osgood averaged 12.7 yards per game last season.

Cal Poly grad heads back to UFC octagon

By Rob Cassel
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The challenges keep getting bigger for Cal Poly graduate Chuck “The Ice Man” Liddell, and Liddell is staying cool as ice.

He will battle Kevin “The Monster” Randleman Friday in a light heavyweight Ultimate Fighting Championship match that will be his biggest to date. The fight will take place in Atlantic City, N.J., at the Trump Taj Mahal. UFC matches are fought in an octagon instead of a conventional ring.

Liddell, who trains at San Luis Obispo Kickboxing, said he fought for the challenge of putting himself up against guys who are very good.

“Aaron’s record will be broken

When Barry Bonds recently smacked the 500th home run of his career at Pacific Bell Park, the debate over whether he could break Hank Aaron’s 755 round-trippers began before the ball had even splashed into McCovey Cove.

When a player reaches an incredible milestone, it’s not unusual for fans and analysts to speculate as to whether he is in reach of the record in that category.

Jacob Jackson, a friend and trainer of Liddell, has chosen his bohr to believe. Jackson, 31, reached 400 home runs faster than anyone in history. He entered the season with 436 dingers, and at his current pace, he would catch Aaron by age 39.

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