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Multicultural Center celebrates 20 years

By Barbara Bowden
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The Cal Poly Multicultural Center is celebrating a milestone some students haven't even reached yet — its 20th birthday.

The anniversary event will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and will feature several speakers who have been involved with the center. Such speakers include Ken Barclay, director of Student Life and Leadership, Sam Cortez, director of University Bound, and Mark Fabian, director for Multicultural Programs and Services.

The Multicultural Center was founded Jan. 15, 1982, and has been actively involved in student life at Cal Poly spanning its two-decade history. It has sponsored guest speakers and musical and dance performances, while offering students a safe haven in which to learn about different cultures.

Student Assistant Jonathan Bench said that Cal Poly's Multicultural Center is one of the oldest in the CSU system, if not the first.

"I didn't work on this last year, but (we) were able to find a few other CSUs who had started their centers after ours, and so far it looks like ours was the first in the CSU system," Bench said.

The Multicultural Center was founded to be a place for students to learn about other cultures, said Barclay, director of Student Life and Leadership.

One of the purposes of it originally was ... to be a place where underrepresented students could come and gather," Barclay said. It was also meant to be a place that advanced programs could develop and emerge from to get people to appreciate different cultures — a place where everyone would be welcome.

By Cynthia Neff
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Lyle Stone never entertained the idea of joining the Peace Corps after graduation. In fact, the graduating civil engineering student has never traveled overseas. But when his roommate happened upon the Peace Corps Web site last year, Stone realized that he could fulfill his goals of studying engineering while opening up overseas career opportunities.

Stone explained that civil engineering students may now find more lucrative job placement in developing countries.

"The infrastructure in the U.S. is done," he said. "If I want to do something big for a city, the best place to do it is in a developing country." Stone will first spend a year at Michigan Technological University, supervised by Raise the Respect. Stone realied that he could fulfill his goals of studying engineering while opening up overseas career opportunities.

Even though he doesn't know his destination, Stone said he isn't worried about his safety being jeopardized in light of the Sept. 11 tragedy.

"I'm not worried at all," he said, "but that doesn't mean my mom isn't." Stone said that the Peace Corps is extremely cautious in regard to the safety of its volunteers.

Michaela Brehm, public affairs specialist for the Los Angeles branch of the Peace Corps, said that safety comes first.

"Safety is the Peace Corps' number one priority," she said. "We work hand-in-hand with each country's embassy, and never place volunteers in see PEACE, page 2

By Chrystal L. Anderson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Due to new state regulations, a few junior Mustangs were going to lose a valuable part of their day. Instead, the Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center is looking for bids on new playground equipment thanks to funds from the California Department of Education (CDE). The Cal Poly University Foundation and an anonymous donor.

The anonymous donor put up $50,000 for part of the match and Associated Students Inc. asked to put up a sub-match, said Frank Mumford, Cal Poly University Foundation executive director. The Foundation Board of Directors met on Dec. 7 and unanimously approved the sub-match.

The Children's Center received the $30,000 grant in the fall and raised $20,000 in the winter, Iversen said.

"One-third of funding for the Children's Center comes from grants," said Rick Johnson, ASI executive director. "One-third comes from student fees and one-third is user fees." Additional fund-raising will be necessary to continue improvements, Johnson said. The directors are not sure as to where.

"My goal is to use the money for the first phase," Iversen said. "The most pressing issues."
Brown dwarf discovery challenges theories

By Christine Cabalo

LU-WIRE HONOLULU — Astronomers may now have to rethink theories about heavenly formations. A research team headed by University of Hawaii, Manoa, Beatrice Parent fellow Dr. Michael Liu has discovered a brown dwarf next to a star similar to our own sun. Liu's research, presented at a recent observatories Bob Joseph. The leading theory about the formation of our solar system contends that our planets were formed from gas and dust in the area near our sun when it was younger. The gas and dust collected formed terrestrial planets like Earth and Mercury, as well as more gaseous planets like Jupiter and Saturn. Liu's research, presented at a recent press conference in Washington, D.C., contends that the brown dwarf seems to have been created from gas and dust leftover from its parent star.

Correction:
Due to a technical problem with yesterday's paper, pages 3 and 5 were run without final changes. An editor's note was meant to run with "A guide on how to survive on a student's budget." The note was to say, "This is a feature article about the Cal Poly student experience with strict food budgets and one reporter's attempt to solve them." Also cut from the story was a paragraph explaining the author's wish to not promote theft.

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a site that has potential for disaster." Brehm said that after Sept. 11, the countries close to Afghanistan — Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyz Republic — were evacuated for safety precautions, but not because of any specific incidents. An example of one of the many safety measures used is what Brehm referred to as "site locator forms" — a report filled out by the volunteers detailing exactly how they can be reached in their country in case of an emergency. The forms are completed after the volunteers have settled into their new homes.

Intensive training is also mandatory for the volunteers, so that they can become educated in other safety matters.

Cal Poly's Pacific Programs Coordinator Richard LeRoy, who volunteered in Armenia from 1996 to 1998, explained the training. There is security training, he said, to teach the volunteer what is "safe" behavior. There is also language training, which is further enhanced as the volunteer lives with a host family during the first three months.

"But living conditions vary from county to county," LeRoy said. "In some areas, it might be more safe for the volunteer to live with a host family for the entire two years." LeRoy said, however, that the way the Peace Corps works ensures the volunteers' safety. He explained how, over time, the volunteers become part of the community, thus ensuring their safety and security to always be protected by the locals.

Brehm, who volunteered in Honduras from 1998 to 2000, continued with the idea. "It is necessary to get to know the community — establish yourself," he said. "The Peace Corps will always go the extra length to ensure safety." Regional Recruiter for San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, Alexandra Saperstein said the reality is that a great majority of volunteers return not only safe and healthy, but feeling extraordinarily positive about their time in Peace Corps, so much that many would like to do it again at some point in the future.

"Certainly accidents occur, but not more often than to people in the States," Saperstein said.

At any one time, she said, the Peace Corps has more than 7,000 volunteers working in more than 70 countries, and approximately 1,500 volunteers are sent each year to work for two years in a variety of fields.

"Cal Poly has a long history of success in the Peace Corps," she said, "with at least five Cal Poly staff members who are returned volunteers, and many more volunteers who are alumni of Cal Poly." She said in the past school year alone, the Peace Corps has had at least 10 people apply from Cal Poly. Although many Peace Corps participants are young adults like those from Cal Poly, LeRoy said he would definitely volunteer again.

"There's no age limit in the Peace Corps," he smiled. "I think I might volunteer again after I retire." Saperstein will be in the Career Services Center, room 205, on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to answer additional questions about the Peace Corps. People can also visit the Peace Corps' Web site at www.peacecorps.gov.
Although Bush does not appear to have suffered any long-term consequences, he did receive a scrape on his left cheek and a bruise on his lower lip from falling from the couch onto the floor. He was watching a football game at the time and was alone. "My mother always said, 'When you're eating pretzels, chew before you swallow,'" Bush said. "Always listen to your mother." This type of common fainting can be caused by anything from seeing a lot of blood to blowing on a trumpet too hard.

--- Associated Press

**HIV infected women at higher risk of genital cancer**

**NEW YORK** — A new study suggests that HIV-positive women have an increased risk of developing cancer of the vulva and anus. HIV-positive women are already previously known to be at a higher risk for cervical cancer. The study, done by doctors at Columbia University, examined 481 HIV-infected women and 437 HIV-negative women. Investigations found that the HIV-positive women were 16 times more likely that the HIV-negative women to develop precancerous lesions over three years. Just two women with HIV developed the lesions whereas 33 women with HIV developed the lesions. Nine of the HIV-positive women (2 percent) were later diagnosed with invasive genital cancer. One of the women was also diagnosed with invasive cancer of the colon. In the preliminary examinations, 6 percent of the HIV-positive women had genital warts or precancerous lesions compared with only 1 percent of the women who were not infected with HIV.

The excess risk is believed to be caused by a combination of a weakened immune system due to HIV and infection with the sexually transmitted human papillomavirus. The study was published in the Jan. 12 issue of "The Lancet."

--- Reuters

**Alcohol restrictions lower fatal car crashes**

**NEW YORK** — Stricter laws on the accessibility of alcohol — such as banning drinking in cars and public places — could cut up to 400 deaths annually in the United States research shows. The study was based on data provided by the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration.

Researchers found that more than 44 percent of all urban car crashes between 1995 and 1997 involved alcohol and that cities that had stricter regulations on alcohol and stiffer penalties for violations had less alcohol-related deaths than cities with less restrictive laws. Of 20 possible regulations, the cities that had fewer than nine of the 20 regulations affecting alcohol and that cities that had stricter regulations on alcohol and stiffer penalties for violations had less alcohol-related deaths than cities with less restrictive laws.

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**Europe**

**LONDON** — Prince Harry, 17, second son of Prince Charles, was reported to have confessed to his father that he smoked marijuana several times and got drunk at parties he had held at Charles' Highgrove estate in British newspapers Sunday.

On Monday, British police said that even though Prince Charles has punished Harry himself, he could face police action. A police statement said that they are not in possession of enough evidence against him to justify a police interview, but they will act on any information provided. The statement also said that they are waiting to assess information which newspapers reporting the story have promised to provide.

Prince Harry has already been sent to visit a drug rehabilitation clinic in London to see for himself how drugs can ruin young people's lives. Queen Elizabeth has issued a statement saying that she supported Charles' approach to the situation and that she hoped the matter was finished.

Eton College, the school Harry attends, said that Harry may face expulsion, just as any other student, should he fail future random drug testing.

--- Reuters

**Asia-Pacific**

**TOKYO** — Fifty-two whales were sold by Japanese fishermen who were taking advantage of a new law which allows them to harvest whales trapped in their nets. Kyodo News reported Monday. The new law is part of Japan's controversial scientific whaling program.

The law was changed in July so that fishermen are no longer required to free whales that become trapped. Before the new law was put in place, about 20 to 30 whales were trapped annually in fixed fishing nets.

Officials say that the number of whales trapped in nets last year shows that that whales are abundant, and that there is a plentiful stock on Minke whales and that Japan should be allowed to catch them. Japan will host the annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission in May. The country outwashed commercial whaling in accordance with an international moratorium in 1986. It has been carrying out what it refers to as scientific research whaling since 1987.

--- Reuters

**Middle East**

**RIYADH, Saudi Arabia** — All foreign fighters arrested while fleeing to Pakistan from Afghanistan have been handed over to U.S. authorities, the Pakistani transportation minister was reported to have said by the official Saudi Press Agency. The minister also said that U.S. troops stationed along the Afghan-Pakistan border were arresting anyone who tries to cross the border illegally.

Last week Pakistan Interior Ministry officials said authorities have arrested 23 foreign fighters while they were attempting to cross the border. At least 352 al-Qaeda members were arrested in Pakistan after crossing the border, most of whom were being interrogated in the Pakistani city of Kohat. Those arrested include fugitives from Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Kuwait, Morocco, Iraq, France and Bangladesh.

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Parents and refs hope to check rowdy behavior at youth games

By Jennifer Frey

The ubiquitous Little League conversation at ARC, where there have been incidents, you hear it all the time," ARC night manager Tom Smyth says, "but that's because it's true. Parents are trying to live their dreams through their kids.

The trial was a frequent topic at ARC, where there have been incidents, too yelling, cursing, abusive language. But Smyth says he recalls no physical altercations. Parents of players in the Montgomery Youth Hockey Association must sign a "code of conduct" promising good behavior before their children can play. The "zero toll-see HOCKEY, page 7

Everyone joining or adding value to their Campus Express Club during January, whether via the web or in print, at an Express Station, is automatically entered in the drawing.

Winners will be contacted by telephone or email.
For some students, eighth-grade science reports were a dreaded task. But for Richard Frankel, professor of physics, it was the start of his love for science. Frankel, who recently co-authored an article in "The Proceedings" in the National Academy of Sciences challenging NASA research, wrote his eighth-grade report on atomic energy.

"It was the atom bomb era," Frankel said. "I had to do a report on atomic energy, and I didn't know what it was."

After reading some books and articles, he said he became very excited about the topic.

In high school, Frankel's love for physics "went underground" and he forgot about it. But once he went to the University of Missouri, Columbia, a chemistry professor sparked his interest in science again.

"He was talking about wonderful things — electrons, photons, energy and molecules," he said. Frankel soon changed his major from engineering to science.

Born in Chicago, which he describes as a "very dynamic city," Frankel decided to go to University of California, Berkeley, where he received his doctorate in 1965.

Frankel's career in physics took off from there. He moved to Boston for his first job at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was there for 25 years, but during that time, Frankel took a year-long excursion in 1968 to work in a physics lab in Munich, Germany.

"I was working with a guy who was a Nobel Prize winner," he said.

Frankel said this was the atom bomb era.

"What Richard brings to the physics department is Richard himself — someone who lives, breathes and communicates his love of his science," said Kenneth A. Hoffman, a professor of geophysics.

Hoffman has known Frankel since he began considering a career at Cal Poly. Hoffman said that Frankel gave some dynamic talks during the department colloquia.

"The interdisciplinary aspect to his research, coupled with his contagious excitement, means that his work reaches a broad audience," Hoffman said.

Recently, Frankel and a team of scientists co-authored an article entitled "Magnetite Morphology and Life on Mars," which was published on Nov. 20, 2001 in "The Proceedings."

"One of the big questions for science in these last years has been the question of life beyond the earth," Frankel said. "There have been meteorites from Mars that have been recovered in different places, including Antarctica."

In the article, Frankel and his team challenge NASA's 1996 announcement that a martian meteorite found in Antarctica contains evidence of ancient life on Mars.

"The article focused on a specific meteorite that was recovered in 1984. Frankel said the origin of the meteorite was not the controversy, but rather its age that created a problem."

"In 1996, there was a paper published in Science Magazine in which (NASA) claimed that they found evidence in this meteorite for life on Mars," said Frankel. "They mean evidence for life on Mars in the past because the meteorite came from the part of Mars where the surface is very old, going back to 4 billion years old. It's amazing what you can see if you can learn from a hunk of rock."

In his article, Frankel said that he and his team are not trying to dispute NASA's claim, but rather argue that NASA just doesn't have the right evidence. NASA cited four pieces of evidence to support their claim.

"Three of them have come under considerable scrutiny," Frankel said. "(If) you want to come with a big claim, you have to come with big evidence. Individuals do science but there is a collective process that goes on where people first converse with other scientists of their being correct."

Frankel said this process is important because it prevents people from making wild claims.

"Science is conservative in the sense that if you make claims, people are going to scrutinize you," Frankel said. "It turns out that there are bacteria on earth that make minerals that resemble those found in the meteorite," Frankel said. However, NASA said this was evidence for life. Frankel contends that NASA does not have the evidence it presented to support the claim of this exact correspondence between these magnetite crystals.

"We are not saying that what they found in the meteorite cannot be a product of life," Frankel said. "It's still open."

Hoffman said he thinks this recent debate about life on Mars is a "good position for Frankel."

"Right now, because of research on bacteria that happens to be magnetic, Frankel is immersed in a big controversy about whether life existed on Mars, and I know he loves being there," Hoffman said. "He's a world-class thinker who does world-class work. We're lucky he's here."

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Letter to the editor

Religion is already included in intellectual discussion

Editor,

In response to Nick Sonnek’s “It’s time to include religion in intellectual talk,” Jan. 14, first I would like to ask Nick, since when has religion not been included in intellectual talk at large? As far as this country is concerned, it has been a fact of life, since the Constitution.

Next, I would like to define the word dogma so that people may not be deceived by Nick’s red herring tactic. From the Webster’s Third New International Dictionary, dogma “is, ‘something held as an established opinion.’ There is this wonderful Spanish proverb, “Los opimas se van volando con el viento, pero las heces se quedan.” It means, “Opinions go flying away with the breeze, but facts remain intact.”

Science is based on facts, not opinions anymore, and it is open for change, i.e. adaptable—something to which the Christian Coalition is being adamantly opposed. Opinions, such as those of Nick, can provide interesting questions, such as “the famous three” (to which I say, “Why ask why?”), but your claim that this school is dogmatic is laughable, tyrannical and amusing. All of my classes have involved textbooks with facts that document back to the empirical sources. This school system I have found to be remarkably democratic as I have pursued knowledge throughout the route of appeals and won in my department and lost in matters of ASI—nothing tyrannical about it.

But I should remind you that the first prizewinners in the River Empires (thanks Prof. Hiltpold) were scientists. They predicted the storms that would provide the proper rain for the crops. So what you are saying is historically one and the same. But further analysis shows that Nick’s facts lead to the incorrect fields of epistemology, that of logos, and that of myths. We pay to come to school for logos, which is why I support the claims in Malza Spencer’s “Prayer should stay out of schools,” Jan. 14, because as she too mentioned from the First Amendment it says, “no law shall respect the establishment of religion.” Those who wish to discuss the claims of myths can go to church, even the Church of Science, but Cal Poly is no church, although at times it does appear to be a bit of a Christian club.

But, Nick, since you mentioned Gerd Ludemann’s name, I would hope that you knew about the debate between him and William Lane Craig at the Church of the Nazarene on the 25th of this month. I should hope to meet you there so we can further discuss your pious statements of “Poly-theog­nism.”

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Charities reap millions from Sept. 11 marketing tie-ins 

By Jacqueline L. Salmon and Lena H. Sun 

WASHINGTON (WIRE) — For hundreds of U.S. companies ship­ping products including jewelry, credit cards and bank­er, the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have provided an extraordinarily successful marketing tool.

And the sales, which a guarantee a portion of the proceeds will go to Sept. 11 charity funds, have created an unprecedented boost in dona­tions, with millions of dollars still pouring in from Christmas-related sales of heart-shaped pins, coffee mugs and "courage candles," among others.

The influx, from what is known as "cause-related marketing," helped bump Red Cross collections since the attacks from $543 million in November, when it annou­nced it would stop soliciting for its Liberty fund, to $732 million as of Friday, according to charity officials said.

The additional millions astonished even Red Cross managers.

"We were honest-to-God so sur­prised at all of this," said Devorah Mustang Daily.

Along with product tie-ins, cor­psychations sponsor fund-raising events — the Avon Breast Cancer Three-Day Walk — and pledge to give some of the proceeds to help a charity select for Sept. 11 causes. The marketing campaigns have not ended, and some have been two or three months in the making, but overall, the future looks encoura­ging.

Compliment to charities are det­ecting that in most cases, the public wants to do more than give money: They want to do something — help firefighters' families, spokesman George Barke said.

"I don't think it was appropri­ate to make money on the backs of our fallen firefighters," he said.

Nevertheless, companies are in the hottest trend in fund-raising for the permanently cash-short nonprofit world. Companies will do anything to raise money for charity, even among competitors to cash in on a tragedy through commercial tie-ins.

 readable: "We are trying to keep Reston at bay. The puck goes up, high in the left-hand corner of the net. "Hey," he says, a few minutes later. "Those are the games you want to get scored on. Things are going to happen." 

"Workman has heard parents yell terrible things at hockey games. He has helped to restrain a parent who went after another child. He took abuse himself when the anger erupted in the Little League.

"It's his typical sport pattern. Basketball games with his daughter, hockey games with his two sons, always somewhere, to be always some­one to worry about. So when the opposing team takes the puck at mid-ice and starts heading toward Cory in a two-on-one rush, Workman sucks in his breath in an audible whoosh, enfolding, bracing for the onslaught as if he were in the net of a hockey goal. Which, of course, he is in his heart.

It is what parents do, every day, in every community, on every field and in the stands at Friday night foot­ball games. They play the games with their kids, wait for their kids to cheer for them, they ache for them.

Sometimes, only sometimes, like Junta, they lose all perspectives.

"I think," Workman says of the trial, "that it's a good thing this hap­pened. Because we need to keep this in mind and remember that these are not just kids playing games."
By Sarah E. Thien

Odessa Jenkins and Selena Ho might have obtained the victory, but Cal Poly couldn't match the Tigers' depth, losing to Pacific 66-53 Sunday afternoon in Mott Gym.

Cal Poly was 2-1 in conference play, going into the game after a disappointing 70-50 loss to UC Riverside Friday night. Pacific, third in the Big West conference standings, was 1-0.

The score was extremely close throughout the first half, with the teams swapping the lead eight times. Katie Paterson was partly responsible for keeping the score tight. Paterson led the Mustangs in scoring with 10 points in the first half and 14 points overall. She also had seven rebounds and Lucy Tanenberg each scored eight points for the Mustangs. Cal Poly shot poorly overall, shooting only 33 percent from the field, while Pacific shot a season-high 52 percent.

The game was highlighted by a matchup between the teams' premier guards, Cal Poly's Jenkins and the Tigers' Ho. Jenkins has gone head to head with Ho throughout the season, with Ho several times in the past, a1 a.

"The Jenkins and Ho battle is one of the premier battles in the Big West," she said. "They go at it every time they match up.""The contest between the two on Sunday was a defensive one, as Jenkins successfully shut down Ho in the first half, limiting her to only four points.

"We've played each other a lot," Jenkins said. "I respect her and she respects me, but it's not nice when the Mustangs' smothering defense. I noticed Jenkins' play, but commented on the team's ability to overcome the Mustangs' smothering defense.

"Odessa is just a great player," Murrell said. "But shooting 50 percent and having Selena Ho and Nancy Dinges not shoot very well, that just tells you how much depth we have.

During the second half Pacific took off, taking a four-point half-time lead and turning it into a 13-4 run in the second half. Pacific's Andee Nederostek was the main factor in the team's run, scoring a career-high 17 points, all in the second half.

"I realized I needed to step up," Nederostek said. "I had nothing in the first half. I got pulled off and wanted to go out there and show everybody what I could really do." Mimmagh wished she could have scored those points for the Mustangs that would have been nice.

Other contributors for Pacific included Dolinda Meeker, who poured in 16 points, and Nancy Dinges, with 10.

Sunday's game was a continuation of a storied rivalry between these two teams. Last season Pacific trounced Cal Poly at home in one of the last games of the season. Cal Poly then beat Pacific in the first game of the Big West tournament, knocking the Tigers out of the tournament.

While Sunday's game wasn't dirty, the rivalry between the two teams was evident. At times, players were on the floor fighting for loose balls, and Ho made one pass from her knees. Mimmagh thought the Mustangs played well overall.

"The final score, I think, was not indicative of how close that battle was," she said. Cal Poly plays again against Cal State Northridge on Thursday at 7 p.m. at Mott Gym. The Mustangs will play two games on the road next week, traveling Sunday to play UC Santa Barbara at 2 p.m., and Thursday to face Long Beach State at 7:30 p.m.

For sports — athletes should have sex appeal

By Chris Arns

In a recent blitz of marketing irreverence, ESPN has advertised a new sports award that will honor the sexiest athletes in the world in a broad

Commentary cast on Jan. 27.

Co-sponsored by US magazine, the show will decide "once and for all who's on fire and who causes a slow burn in the sports world," according to ESPN's Web site, "the online source for the sexiest athletes on the planet."

The award will be based on a bracket system similar to the collegiate basketball playoffs, otherwise known as March Madness. Athletes will go head-to-head, as Web surfers vote on who will advance to the next round.

Athletes available for webcasts to vote on include Laila Ali, Jennifer Capriati, Marion Jones, and of course, Anna Kournikova. Lince Armstrong, Allen Iverson, and Pavel Bure are among the male athletes who might be lucky enough to bring home a "Hottie," or whatever ESPN decides to nickname the award.

While initially strange, choosing a winner seems like fun, especially with the diverse group of sports stars on which one can vote. As its Web site says, everyone's definition of sexy is different, depending on swagger, looks or style. That said, I decided to rate certain athletes based on what I find hot.

Pavel Bure seems sexy to me. After his much publicized affair with Anna Kournikova, the hockey player became envied by men around the globe. The fact that he was 27 and Kournikova was barely 17, and Bure becomes a god in my narrowed, sport-driven world. I no longer care whether or not he plays hockey.

Also sexy is Allen Iverson. Watching him pull off that sick crossover is pure beauty, and I dream of adorning myself in jail-house tattoos, so I can look like him when I throw up an air ball behind Mot. Of course, I know I won't really be like him until I start a racially driven run in a bowling alley and get tossed in the pen for a few months, as Iverson did in 1993. That now's sexy.

However, I like Lance Armstrong as a dark horse candidate for the title. Any man who can ride 2,100 miles in 20 days should win a dozen awards, especially after having treated cancer and almost dying. I'm sure Lance would be stoked to bring home a "Hottie" after such accomplishments.

And then there are the ladies of the sporting world. You probably think I'm going to say somebody, especially Anna Kournikova, but despite her now-famous ad in which she states that "only the balls should bounce," I once focused on female athletes and their accomplishments on the field. Tennis stars and their sports bras have no effect on my objective status as a serious sports writer.

However, I think that Laila Ali should be considered for the award. Being a female boxer, she probably has to worry about her makeup getting ruined while sparring in the ring so I bet she'd appreciate being named the World's Sexiest Female Athlete. After all, that's probably why she started boxing in the first place. I'm just glad that there's finally an award and a network that will present sports stars not as hard-working, dedicated athletes, but as the sex symbols they are. Both male and female athletes have struggled for too long to go unnoticed by ESPN's insightful award. Be sure to tune in on Jan. 27 to catch sight of Kournikova—playing tennis, of course.

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WRESTLING loses two to Oklahoma, Oklahoma St.

The Mustangs lost two tough matches on the road this weekend, falling to second-ranked Oklahoma State and third-ranked Oklahoma in the Soonest.

Cal Poly was without starters Cedric Hamon and David Schenk. Hamon, who wrecks in the 141-pound weight division, was sick, while Schenk, a 197-pounder, had a back injury.

Steve Strange was the only Mustang wrestler to take home a victory, beating Michael Barger of Oklahoma, 8-2, in the 174-pound final. The Cal Poly student sealed the victory with a reversal and a near-fall in the last seconds of the match. Strange is ranked 12th in the nation by Internet Wrestling.

Cal Poly had their work cut out for them from the start, as both teams are ranked. Oklahoma State are 11-1 on the season. The Mustangs fell to 5-5 on the season, and come home to face Stanford on Sunday at 3 p.m., and Mens College the same day at 5 p.m.

Sac State may cancel basketball game at Cal Poly

Due to a scheduling conflict, Sacramento State announced today that they have applied to the NCAA to cancel Wednesday's basketball game against the Mustangs.

NCAA regulations say that a team cannot play more than 28 regular-season games throughout the year. The Hornets currently have 29 games scheduled. If Sac State plays 29 games, they will be ineligible for any post-season tournaments. Should the game be canceled, it will not be ruled a forfeit for Cal Poly.