By Mallia Spencer

It's 11:30 on Sunday night and your six-page paper on the East Asian economic crisis is due tomorrow at 8 a.m. To save time and energy, you log onto a Web site your friend told you about and up pops a paper that fits your criteria; and for the price of $49 it can be yours to download and turn in. Or you slave away on a paper for weeks only to be told by your professor that your citation was insufficient and to avoid a plagiarism charge service offered to students and community members who reported less than $50,000 in income for 2001. "WeVITA, Cal Poly accounting seniors are trained and qualified to assist students in preparing tax forms, federal and state income tax forms, federal and state tax booklets, and all forms denoting financial activity: W-2s from employers, bank account interest statements, education credit forms (the 1098T, check out www.1098-t.com for more information), stock information and so on. "Employers must send out W-2s by the Jan. 31 deadline, and if they haven't, they should be contacted," she added. "Finally, before sending everything off, make copies of everything you send to the IRS and the state." VITA takes place Feb. 2 to March 20 on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. The location has not been announced, but keep an eye out for flyers or contact the VITA hotline at 556-2667 for more information. For basic questions, VITA will be in the University Union quad in mid-February.
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created at Cal Poly. The Cal Poly Campus Administration Manual defines plagiarism as "the act of using the ideas or work of another person or persons as if they were one's own without giving proper credit to the source."

This includes failure to cite the original author for ideas, improper use of quotation marks for direct quotes and close paraphrasing without adequate credit.

A student caught plagiarizing is subject to an "F" grade in the course, but further action could be taken.

Any student that is accused of plagiarism can contest the grade he or she received as a result before the Academic Senate Fairness Board. The board is composed of 11 members, with representatives from each college, student affairs and Associated Students Inc., Dingus says.

Each year the English department sees a number of cases of plagiarism, Kann said, and each is handled on a case-by-case basis.

For the most part the cases are misunderstandings, with students improperly citing material, said Kann. The English department encourages professors to explain proper citation and what constitutes plagiarism.

When professors discuss expectations with students, Dingus said, they can avoid problems with citations.

However, sometimes students become desperate. Kann said he recognizes that anxiety causes them to use the ideas or work of another person or persons as if they were their own without giving proper credit to the source.

"In my own classes I talk to the student about why they (plagiarized) and have them do the paper over," Kann said. "Then I average their new grade with the 'F' they were originally given."

If severe plagiarism occurs, professors may refer students to the Judicial Affairs office. Judicial Affairs administers the California State University student disciplinary process that is standard for all schools in the system, said Audath Tregenza, director of Campus Student Relations and Judicial Affairs.

Last year Tregenza received 39 cases of plagiarism and/or cheating. This number is up from the year before, which Tregenza said she believes to be the effect of increased access to more avenues to plagiarize, such as Internet sites.

Upon referral, the professor must supply Tregenza with evidence of the plagiarism. If it is sufficient, the student will receive a summons to an initial informal meeting with a Judicial Affairs disciplinary officer. Judicial Affairs disciplinary action ranges from a warning or censure to expulsion. The most severe action taken is usually suspension, Tregenza said, but expulsion is never ruled out.

Cal Poly is one of many schools that sees plagiarism. On his biannual meetings with other CSU English professors, Kann said plagiarism is an issue they all face.

Despite the sanctions students may receive, plagiarism still occurs.

We believe that the (missile defense system) should not happen," he said. "It's going to destabilize our global security and create a new arms race."

Gagnon will be speaking in the Cal Poly Business Rotunda, room 213, at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Another Create the Peace week event is the Alternatives to Violence Project workshop. The workshop began in the 1970s as a prisoner outreach program. Today it is a multicultural organization of volunteers helping people to lead nonviolent lives through their workshops, according to an application for the workshop. AVP is a large organization and does hundreds of workshops each year in 44 states and 13 countries.

"It's a very broad thing," said Janet Riley, the facilitator and prison coordinator of AVP. "Everyone can benefit from it; it deals with interpersonal relationships."

The workshop will be held in building 35, room 125, and it runs Friday through Sunday.

Progressive Student Alliance is also sponsoring a Candlelight Walk for Peace through Farmers' Market on Thursday night. The candlelight walk is a weekly event for the PSA, started in response to the war in Afghanistan. Members of the PSA will meet at 7 p.m. in the Mission Plaza to start the Candlelight Walk for Peace.

"It's nice to make a public display of your beliefs in a peaceful way," Wirt said.
National & International News

National Briefs

UC Santa Cruz fire not as detrimental as feared
SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — A Friday fire in two biology labs at the University of California, Santa Cruz, did not destroy as much research as originally feared, university officials said. Much of the research data was kept in a separate part of the building.

However, the blaze did destroy lab and computer equipment and DNA samples. Below, a Denver-based company, and researchers from UC Santa Cruz’s engineering school are helping rescue data from computer hard drives. The company helped UC Irvine recover data after July’s chemistry lab explosion and fire. Highly sensitive optical and laser equipment may have also been damaged. Fruit flies being used in genetic experiments were saved by some of the 65 firefighters that responded to the fire.

Although other buildings were open for class Monday morning, the building is expected to be closed for several weeks, while the damaged labs are not expected to reopen for several months.

The laboratories belonged to Manuel Ares, chairman of the biology department, who is studying the molecular biology of plant development, but is on academic leave.

The source of the fire is still unknown, but it is not believed to have been set intentionally. — San Jose Mercury News

Reward for anthrax leads may double
WASHINGTON — Government officials are expected to double the $1.2 million reward for information regarding the anthrax investigations in an attempt to rejuvenate public interest, authorities said Monday.

There has been a considerable lack of progress since the first death from anthrax infection in October. Investigators have traveled all over the country and the world, but useful leads have almost been exhausted. No suspect has been named. If there is not a major breakthrough, Justice Department officials believe the investigation could take years to solve the case.

Most investigative activity is taking place around Trenton, N.J., where the anthrax-laced letters originated. Most recently, some of the photocopy machines at the Waksman Institute of Microbiology, an affiliate of Rutgers University, were inspected by two FBI agents. A university spokesperson said that no anthrax research is done at Rutgers.

The strongest theory investigators have offered is that a well-educated, probably American, loner with anti-American leanings is responsible for the attacks. — USA Today and Associated Press

International Briefs

Africa

BIBAPAMA, Democratic Republic of Congo — At least 30 people were killed in a mine collapse following heavy rains in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo. A week after the collapse, three bodies have been recovered and as many as 36 are still buried under debris.

The Bibapama 2 coltan mine is in an area controlled by the Rally for Congolese Democracy rebels. Coltan is used in the manufacture of mobile phones. Coltan is used to make pinhead capacitors, which regulate voltage and store energy in mobile phones. Many Congolese farm workers have switched to mining, which pays better. Mining in two nearby coltan mines is still underway.

Eastern DR Congo contains 80 percent of the world’s coltan reserves. — BBC News

South Pacific

SYDNEY, Australia — A six-hour video showing al-Qaeda militants practicing a mass assassination of world leaders at a golf tournament and plans for an attack on a motorcade in Washington have been obtained by the Australian Broadcasting Corp., the television network said. A spokesperson for the U.S. embassy confirmed that U.S. officials had seen the video. Its authenticity has been verified by Australian authorities.

The video, which was apparently shot at a former school in Kabul, shows what ABC says are Arab, Pakistani and Afghan fighters rehearsing hostage-takings and assassinations. Live ammunition was used in the exercises, which included the exploding of a car.

The Singapore government has obtained a similar tape in which a suspected terrorist cell with al-Qaeda links allegedly outlines a plan to bomb Western embassies in the country.

Different sites in Singapore are shown on the tape while a narrator gives instructions on how to attack them. Singapore authorities arrested 15 members of a secret terrorist group last month who allegedly were planning to bomb embassies of Western nations, U.S. Navy ships and other targets in the country.

— Associated Press

Africa

LUSAKA, Zambia — Twenty members of Zambia’s ruling Movement for Multiparty Democracy (MMD) were arrested Sunday, police said, after hundreds of youth stripped dozens of women who were wearing miniskirts or pants in the capital city Lusaka.

The unruly mobs said that they were acting in the name of the new Zambian president, Levy Mwanawasa, and wanted to enforce "official or smart casual dress" among Zambian women.

Mwanawasa denied that he had put a new dress code into place and said that the actions of the youths were a disgrace and an attempt to deny Zambian women their liberty and freedom over dress.

A presidential spokesperson told reporters that the president has directed law enforcement officers to firmly deal with the involved youths.

The offending youths told reporters that they believed Mwanawasa had directed women to stop dressing provocatively and suggestively.

— Reuters

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.
Stephen Wong, a senior at Cal Poly, displays a dish he prepared called General Tsao’s Chicken. It consists of tender chunks of stir-fried chicken mixed with vegetables and marinated with a special chef’s sauce.

By Barbara Bowden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The restaurants are often peaceful, with slow, soft melodies from a far off land emanating throughout the establishment. If at-home dining is desired, take-out containers usually lay scattered across the counter, dripping of soy and sweet and sour sauce, resembling the aftermath of a hurricane and a much-enjoyed meal.

From chicken chow mein to cashew shrimp, chances are we've all had at least a few Chinese dishes in our diet. But for landscape architecture senior Angela Wong, Chinese meals are part of her weekly routine.

"I cook an average of three to four Chinese meals a week," Wong said.

Most ethnic cuisine is made up of an exclusive set of flavors and spices that set it apart from other types of cooking, and Chinese food is no different.

"We use a lot of ginger, five spice, oyster sauce and soy sauce," Wong said. "That's pretty much the base of the cooking. You'd use oyster sauce to make the sauce for broccoli beef. It's like soy sauce in that it's salty, but it's a lot thicker and has a very slight oyster flavor to it."

Chinese cooking is "completely different" from Japanese cooking, according to Stephen Yung, owner and head chef of Imperial China Restaurant on Marsh Street in San Luis Obispo.

"We have a different kind of culture," Yung said. "They eat a lot of seafood and use seaweed in their cooking because their country is surrounded by the sea. We have a lot of inland (area) where we grow vegetables, and we cook them as vegetables. We don't necessarily use them as a base for other ingredients.

"Wong was born in San Francisco, but her parents were born in China and immigrated to the United States when they were teenagers.

"Wong's mother brought Chinese customs and her knowledge of cooking with her, which she then passed onto her daughter.

"What you eat at home isn't necessarily what you will be able to order at a regular Chinese restaurant," Wong said. "I like to eat tofu. I chop up shrimp and make a paste, put it on top of a square of tofu and steam it. Then I add oyster sauce and serve it over rice. But you normally wouldn't find that on a menu in a Chinese restaurant."

In addition to its food content, there are Chinese dining traditions that date back thousands of years that have remained relatively constant, even with the arrival of the millennium.

"Chinese food is always served family-style,” Wong said. "People who know this don't go to a Chinese restaurant and just order a dish for themselves when they're with four other people. Each person can order a dish, but they should share. I would say that's a big Chinese thing.”

The different regions of China divide not only land, but also culinary characteristics, Yung said.

"We separate Chinese cooking by region, like, Szechuan cooking, Mandarin cooking and Hong Kong cooking," he said. "Each city or town has a different type of food. We use really fresh ingredients, and it makes a difference. If you go to a Szechuan restaurant, the food is very spicy. If you go to a Hong Kong restaurant, they serve a lot of fresh seafood."

Wong not only mentioned the differences in types of Chinese cooking, but also in flavor.

"We use so many different spices, just like Szechuan cooking," he said. "In Beijing cooking, we use a lot of garlic, ginger, leeks and cinnamon. We have a lot of different spices, like fresh orange juice that we add onto the food to make orange chicken."

These spices and unique seasonings are exactly what Wong loves best about the cuisine from her native land.

"I think American cooking is kind of boring compared to Chinese cooking,” she said. "The taste is just too bland for me. I feel weird having a hot dog for dinner. It's just too plain; there's not enough 'oomph!'

Whether it's the "oomph" you crave or just plain, white, sticky rice, Chinese cuisine seems to have something to offer everyone through its special blend of flavors and spices.
Recipe of the Week

Dough:
3 1/2 cups unbleached, all purpose flour
2 packages dry active yeast
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1 1/2 cups lukewarm tap water
1/2 teaspoon olive oil
Flour for the work surface

A sprinkling of cornmeal

*Store-bought pizza dough may be substituted

Toppings: (1/2 cup of each vegetable)
Red and yellow peppers
Zucchini
Eggplant
Tomatoes
Black olives
Fortellia mushrooms
Red onion
Scallions
1 1/2 cups mozzarella cheese, 1 cup cheddar cheese

Dough: Place flour, yeast, salt and sugar in a mixer fitted with a dough hook. While mixer is running, gradually add water, knead on low speed until dough is firm and smooth, about 10 minutes. Turn machine off. Pour olive oil down inside of bowl. Turn on low once more for 15 seconds to coat inside of bowl and all surfaces of dough with oil. Cover bowl with plastic wrap. Let rise in warm spot until doubled in bulk, about 2 hours.

Sauce: Any store-bought marinara or pizza sauce will do.

Assembly: Preheat your oven to highest setting, 500 or 550 degrees. If using a pizza stone, place stone in oven on lower rack. When oven is preheated, remove stone. Turn down oven to 450 degrees. Place pizza stone on rack in oven. Place dough on pizza stone. Add toppings of choice. Place a sprinkling of cornmeal on top and lift pizza onto stone. Bake 10 to 12 minutes.

The moose, elk, and other large animals that are grazing the public's land are destroying the plant and animal diversity. Cattle are not selective eaters and strip the land of almost every kind of plant. Their massive weight compact the soil, making it harder for plants to grow. The compacted soil does not absorb water, thus heavy rains carry away the topsoil. The nutrients the cattle consume are compacted deep in the soil and never returned to the soil. The vegetables that are grazing the public's land are destroying the plant and animal diversity.

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As a result of cattle grazing, our beautiful western rangelands, once thriving with life, are now becoming barren and dead.
Mass produced rejection letters are obvious

(U-WIRE) ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The year 2001 seemed to be the beginning of something new and exciting, as the millennium had gone into full swing (or just begun for the impatient) and it seemed more important to everyone to worry more about small scraps of paper than from a distance.

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Groups allege inhumane conditions for prisoners

By John Mintz (WIRE) GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba — As Red Cross officials prepare to inspect the U.S. Navy base in Cuba where 52 Afghans and Taliban prisoners are being held, human rights organizations are escalating allegations that the detainees are being housed under inhumane conditions and should be declared prisoners of war in order to guarantee them certain rights.

The detainees from the Afghan conflict, who have been transported to the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay over the past week, are being housed in temporary 6-by-8-foot pens exposed to the elements, with metal roofs and chain-link fencing as walls. The floors are concrete, but the prisoners are given mats and blankets on which to sleep and pray.

"We're concerned about the conditions, the open cages, the chain-link fence enclosures," said Jamie Fellner, director of U.N. programs for the non-profit Human Rights Watch. "We believe this doesn't meet international norms."

U.S. military officials deny their treatment of the detainees is inhumane.

The prisoners are being held at the isolated "Camp X-Ray" until permanent facilities can be constructed.

"Each day, the detainees are given three culturally appropriate meals," Pentagon spokesman Victorica Clarke said at a briefing Monday. "They have daily opportunities to shower, exercise and receive medical attention. So in accordance with the Geneva Convention, they are receiving very humane treatment."

Weather along Cuba's southeastern coast where the base is located has been balmy, with daily low temperatures in the mid-60s and highs in the 80s, according to the National Weather Service.

"I can assure you," Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said in an interview with radio reporters Tuesday, "that these folks are in an environment that is a lot more hospitable than the environments we found them in."

Human rights groups have criticized the fact that at least some of the prisoners were housed during the flight from Afghanistan, saying it violates United Nations rules against sensory deprivation.

U.S. military officials say that was a necessary security measure for religious extremists eager to commit murder or mayhem.

"You're talking about people who are incredibly dangerous -- who are willing to behead or otherwise kill people, to kill others," Clarke said. "So all the precautions are being taken."

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Donald Rumsfeld secretary of defense

Other activists have questioned showing many of the detainees' beards, saying it was an attempt to humiliate men whose facial hair may hold special religious significance. But U.S. military officials have said it was merely an effort to dehumiliate them.

One of the 50 detainees was sedated during the trip to Guantanamo, but they're building a facility capable of holding 2,000 people.

Some European governments and human rights groups have pressed the government to clarify the prisoners' muddled legal status in order to safeguard their rights. The Bush administration refuses to call the detainees either criminal suspects or prisoners of war, instead referring to them as "unlawful combatants."
Sports

Sac State game buzzed from schedule

NCAA and Big West rules force Hornets to scratch game with Cal Poly

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly may not be playing the Sacramento State Hornets on Wednesday, but the Mustangs still got sting.

Because of a Sac State scheduling conflict, the Hornets have canceled their game with Cal Poly, scheduled for tonight at Matt Gym.

The game could have helped the Mustangs as a tuneup for Saturday’s game against Nevada and a conference opponent UC Santa Barbara. Instead, Cal Poly will head into the game in the midst of a two-game losing streak.

The Hornets have 29 games scheduled this season, one more than the 28 regular-season limits allowed by the NCAA. Because the NCAA Review Committee did not act on Sacramento State’s appeal for a waiver to allow for travel and game preparations, the university was forced to cancel its game with Cal Poly. A waiver would’ve allowed the Hornets to play the Mustangs without consequences of postseason sanctions.

The game will be ruled a “no contest” per NCAA rules and regulations, and not as a forfeit.

Sacramento State officials originally informed Cal Poly on Jan. 14 of the scheduling conflict and the possibility of a cancellation. The Hornets were forced to make the decision following a Monday ruling by the Big Sky conference that their schedule exceeded the maximum games allowed under NCAA rules.

The problem arose from Sac State’s participation in the Guardian Classic, which took place Nov. 13-14, in Memphis, TN. The Hornets faced Ole Miss and Memphis/Wofford.

College at the tournament.

According to Sac State, the NCAA Web site named the tournament as a “certified exemplary contest as approved by the NCAA Championship/Competition Cabinet.” As of Jan. 14, the site still stated that “Institutions may exclude these contests from their maximum number of contests allowed under Bylaw 12.”

The NCAA has stated that the Web site should not have listed men’s and women’s basketball tournaments under this section and are planning on correcting the site in the near future. Due to the newness of the Guardian’s Classic, the NCAAs has not updated its status in its new version of the collegiate sports manual.

Cal Poly’s next home game will be against the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos on Saturday at 7 p.m. at Matt Gym. The Mustangs finish their homestand against Long Beach State on Jan. 24.

Announcers who put the air into airwaves

By Ian Lindsey

All right, I’ll admit it; sometimes I yell at the TV. However, it’s not w. a t. Commentay. I think I don’t scream at the athletes who make the mistakes that thrust a knife into my team’s chance of winning, and generally not at the coaches, who aren’t even on the field playing.

No, I usually yell at the ludicrous announcers that make sporting events seem like water torture. I will not hesitate to yell at some fool who decides to let some completely assist comment slip out on national television. Some people just shouldn’t say anything over the airwaves, ever. Unfortunately there are many of these bad announcers. Here is my list of the guilty ones — the infamous sportscasters.

An enthusiastic announcer of basketball announcing, Chick Hearn, has broadcast every Los Angeles Lakers game for longer than most students have been alive. That is, until just this season when illness forced him to miss a few games. However, Hearn long ago lost any ability to do anything besides root for the Lakers, so his play-by-play has become non-existent. He no longer keeps up with the fast-paced actions of the game, and most of the time it’s hard to understand what he is saying. Chick may have been a great announcer 10 years ago, but that was then and this is now. Maybe he should think about taking an indefinite sick leave.

Runner-up to Hearn is Bill Walton, another horrible basketball announcer. Hornetish, playing as a big man at the peak of the big man era doesn’t mean he can speak intelligently. He wasn’t even a very good big man, and gained the reputation of being a crybaby. Anyone who blurs out that Corey Maggette is the greatest NBA player ever should never be allowed on the air again. Walton’s incompetence was once hidden from the public by the ineptitude of the Clippers, whom he broadcasts for, but now the Chips are moving up, and they need to upgrade to a better analyst.

The National Football League didn’t avoid the scourge of bad analysts either. Every Sunday night during the NFL season, Joe Theismann makes me ill as he tries, to explain football to the masses. Seriously, he makes me ill. Joe has managed to master the obvious and ineptitude of the G’Uppers, whom he blurts out that Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, some men should never leave.

“Anyone who blurs out that Corey Maggette is the greatest NBA player ever should never be allowed on the air again.”

Los Angeles Dodger fans can also add to their list of guilty announcers. The Dodgers’ game is broadcasted on the World Series broadcast of Game Six between the Phillies and the Blue Jays in 1993, McCarver actually said that “the team that scores the most runs is going to win this game.” Gee, Tim, doesn’t the team that scores the most runs win every game? This man should never be allowed on the air again.

However, lest you think me cynical, some men should never leave the airwaves. Vin Scully can capture a sports fan’s attention with his easy-going Southern Gentleman broadcast of the Dodgers, just like Keith Jackson does for college football. Maybe all of those other guys should go back to school and learn a thing or two from Scully and Jackson before they open their mouths again.

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BRIEFS

Dodgers trade Sheffield to Braves; Giants re-sign Bonds

The Associated Press

Several baseball teams made significant transactions this week, as the Los Angeles Dodgers traded outfielder Gerv Sheffield to the Braves, and the San Francisco Giants re-signed Barry Bonds to a long-term contract.

The Braves traded outfielder Brian Jordan, pitcher Odalis Perez, and a minor league player to get Sheffield. Atlanta's outfield now has three power hitters, with Chipper Jones set to play left field next year, Andruw Jones in center, and Sheffield playing right field. Los Angeles picks up a proven although oft-injured clubhouse leader in Jordan, with the minor league player to be named at a later date.

The Giants also firm up their roster for next season, re-signing Barry Bonds to a five-year contract worth $90 million. Bonds has 23 home runs last year, breaking the single season record of 20 held by Mark McGwire, and has 567 career home runs. Bonds will also light San Francisco's Olympic flame on Jan. 18, honoring the Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Massachusetts state officials continue to investigate the sale of the Boston Red Sox. The purchase may contain flaws that the Attorney General's office deems illegal. Major League Baseball alleges that the state has used the media to show flaws in the sale of the Red Sox and to create public unrest over the deal. Baseball owners are scheduled to vote on the sale today.