A preview of the month's events:
The Multicultural Center makes attempts to draw non-minority students in on the celebration.

Reflecting on the 1968 Olympics:
HBO film 'Fists of Freedom' documents protests of black athletes.
The event will feature an open mic and scheduled poetry readings as well as song and dance performances. In an effort to move beyond highlighting only well-known black leaders, the MCC will also feature "BlackAmerica," a Spike Lee film best known for the fact that it features actors in blackface. It is a film that highlights the struggles of black performers throughout the years, Hamilton said. The presentation will be on Monday at the MCC lounge at 7 p.m.

"(Bumbooled) talks about how black performers are exploited," Hamilton said. "They're often put out simply for comedic purposes. It really talks about how it feels to be marginalized like that."

However, this month's events are not simply limited to speeches and performances. On Feb. 21, students will also have the opportunity to sample foods not often part of the American palate at "A Taste of Africa," held at The Newman Auditorium. Smith is the keynote speaker for Cal Poly's celebration of Black History Month.

"Everybody can benefit from this... I think he has a lot to share," Hamilton said. Smith will discuss the black community's fight for equal rights, and his experience as a black athlete at the 1968 Olympics. Smith won the gold medal. Carlos won the bronze medal and both won for the 100 meter dash. Smith and Carlos were both stripped of their medals after raising their fists at the Olympic Games, however, called their display "anti-American," and the Olympic Committee called them "disreputable." The criticism forced the two athletes the center of controversy in 1968. Smith and Carlos' actions for black equality at the Olympics in a different light. Since the media had been very critical of these athletes during that period, many students had thought their actions were negative or racist until seeing the film. "Black, white, athlete or plain student, I think we all have a lot to learn from Smith," Hamilton said during the discussion. Hamilton explained that the Multicultural Center's role is to "put on events to evoke emotion and thought."

The Multicultural Center is sponsoring a University Union "Groove Hour" this Thursday at 11 a.m. There will be scheduled performances of song, dance and poetry reading.
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National & International News

Wednesday, February 6, 2002

National Briefs

John Walker Lindh requests release

WASHINGTON — John Walker Lindh should be released from jail while awaiting trial charges of conspiring to kill U.S. nationals, lawyers said Tuesday. The 20-year-old Marin County native is accused of helping the al-Qaeda network and fighting with Taliban forces in Afghanistan. His lawyers say he is not a flight risk or a danger to the community or other persons. Federal prosecutors maintain that Lindh should be kept in jail until the trial.

In a criminal complaint filed in January, Lindh was charged with conspiring to kill U.S. nationals, say he is not a flight risk or a danger to the community or other persons. His lawyers said Tuesday. The 20-

New explosive silicon discovered by researchers

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Scientists at University of California, San Diego, have accidentally discovered an explosive type of silicon. The scientists were attempting to develop highly sensitive magnetic sensors by coating silicon wafers with gadolinium nitrate. When one scientist tried to cut the chip with a diamond-tipped cutter, the chip blew up in his face with a violent reaction equal to that of the bang from a toy cap pistol.

Chemists have known for a while that an explosive reaction could be caused with potassium nitrate and silicon, but this was the first time another salt compound produced the same results. In hindsight, the scientists said they should have known the results, since gadolinium nitrate is relatively close to potassium nitrate — the saltper that used to make gunpowder.

The scientists said that the process of adding gadolinium nitrate to silicon isn’t hard to do, and it could easily be incorporated into current computer chip fabrication techniques. And it could lead to a bunch of new possibilities and applications — including the self-destructive chip.

If the force of the explosion could be contained, the compound could be used to make tiny rockets to power microscopic machines that would, among other tasks, detect chemical warfare agents or be used to create small portable spectrometers.

— ABC News

International Briefs

Middle East

ANSA — Hamas has released two captured U.S. reporters to the community as a goodwill gesture. The two reporters had been held for nearly four months.

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Erhart Agriculture Bldg. (10), Room 227
Thurs., Feb. 7, 11:00 a.m.
Erhart Agriculture Bldg. (10), Room 115

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Read-in commemorates black literature, culture

By Sarah Rothman

DAILY COLLEGIAN

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Members of the Pennsylvania State University and State College, Pa., communities came together last night to recognize African-American literature during Black History Month. Poetry readings, dance performances and an awards presentation were part of the African-American Read-In Celebration in Heritage Hall at the HUB-Robeson Center.

The African-American Read-In is a tradition that takes place each year on the first Sunday and Monday of Black History Month. The program, which began in 1989, is meant to promote the inclusion of African American literature in elementary, secondary and higher education curriculum.

A major component of Sunday night's event was the presentation of African American middle and high schoolers. Students from Park Forest Middle School and State College Area High School submitted essays, poetry and creative writing in response to a black literature reading they had read in class.

Even more so, organizer Elaine Richardson said the contest was one of the most important parts of the read-in because it exposed students in African-American literature from a young age.

"That's really what it's all about — getting people involved. But I want more, more, more. I want more students from the school by the "main" and "minor" in the contest," Richardson said.

Readings from prominent black writers were interspersed throughout the evening. Penn State professors and students, as well as local high school students, read poems by such authors as Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes.

Miss Black Penn State Kaamuhil Gilyard read a poem of her own. Commenting on what she viewed as society's negative reaction to "creatively" and "unconditionally."

Choir and dance performances were included in the event to illustrate various forms of African-American literature takes. Miss Black Penn State Kaamuhil Gilyard read a poem of her own. Commenting on what she viewed as society's negative reaction to "creatively" and "unconditionally."

Guest speaker Signithia Fordham, professor of cultural anthropology at the University of Notre Dame, spoke about the contrasts between what she called the African-American dialect and standard English. She said that black students often feel they are being asked to abandon their black culture when they are taught standard English in school. "We must break the thought that school is over here and being black is over there. We must bring the two together," Fordham said.

Master of ceremonies Howard Rambay gave a special thank you to the audience for attending the event. "African-American literature always has to struggle for an audience," he said.

Black History Month celebrations begin at Colorado State

By Shandra Jordan

ROCKY MOUNTAIN COUGAR

(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — The sound of the Voices of Unity Gospel Choir rang through the Main Level of the Lory Student Center at noon Monday, beginning the month-long celebration of black history.

The ceremony, which officially opened Black History Month, at Colorado State University, opened with the choir, which is directed by the minister of music, James Butler, a junior majoring in management.

Norman Wallace, a graduate student working toward a degree in student affairs in higher education, then gave a brief history of Black History Month.

"I always thought it was a conspiracy that Black History Month is the shortest month of the year," Wallace said. "Fortunately, I was wrong."

February is Black History Month because it marks the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two men who helped build the African American community. Other important dates that also occurred in February include the death of Malcolm X; the passage of the 15th Amendment, which granted African Americans the right to vote; and the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

During the ceremony, Jennifer Williams Molock, director of CSU's Black Student Services, read an African-American sermon by James Weldon Johnson. "Knowledge is power. So many times we have not been able to share knowledge among the people," said Claxbyon, a computer specialist with a health care insurer. As a leader of a singles ministry of 35 to 50 people, Claxbyon said he wants to help the group learn how to better blend technology and communites.

"Crossing the digital divide," meant increasing proficiency to set up online Bible study and prayer groups, and strategy sessions to support or fight new legislation.

Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ will use videos, recordings, photographs and discussion classes to depict the contributions of jazz musician and composer Duke Ellington, novelist Zora Neale Hurston and abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

Barbara Walker, director of religious education for the district church, "Most people know Ellington's composition, but the spirituality of his life and music is often undervalued," Walker said. Participants will hear selections from three "sacred concerts" held in collaboration with Mahalia Jackson and other performers.

Hurston, part of the artistic movement called the Harlem Renaissance, was criticized by Richard Wright and other black authors for her 1937 novel, "Their Eyes Were Watching God." What critics saw as stereotyped characterizations of Southern blacks are being seen in a new way — as Hurston's attempt "to show how African Americans dealt with life and were able to find joy despite the troubles they had," Walker said.

"It's important for any people to rehash their own history, whether you are Jewish, African American or Hispanic," Walker said. "That's what keeps it fresh. We have to go to the archives every day today, not only in the past, and to look forward with a vision."
**Food**

**Ephedrine use continues amid growing health concerns**

By Scott Bair

**Daily Bruin**

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Jon Kim's heart rate was out of control. He felt strange during his workout, like a speed high.

"You can really feel it," said the second-year economics and bio-physics student. "You're on something like a speed high."

And the popular supplement that caused such a reaction in Kim's body can be bought over-the-counter. The speed-like supplement was ephedrine, a popular performance-enhancing supplement often used by workout enthusiasts and others to lose weight quickly.

But not everyone is as enthused about the drug as the weight room crowd.

The Canadian government issued a voluntary recall of total products containing ephedra or ephedrine on Jan. 9. Evidence shows that products that contain ephedrine combined with other stimulants pose a risk to those who use them, said Ryan Baker, a spokesman for Health Canada.

"They can put those people's lives in danger, and the purpose of this recall is to protect people from these products," he said.

While ephedrine products are being taken off shelves in Canada, they are flying off the shelves in the United States.

Qoo Ngo, a third-year psychology student, said ephedrine is one of the top-selling products at the Westwood GNC, where he works estimating that they sell 30 ephedrine-based products per day.

Ngo, 20, said he works to sell the products, he uses them in his own workouts.

"The No. 1 selling product at the store is Ephedrine. When I do use ephedrine, I use that because it has

**What foods increase the serotonin levels in a person's body?**

The Go Ask Alice Web site, which is actually a team of Columbia University health educators and health care providers, cautions that attempting to raise serotonin levels through eating alone is tricky, because people often react differently to similar foods. However, the site states:

Carbohydrate-rich meals often increase serotonin levels. Believe it or not, candy and sweets, which are simple carbohydrates, have the greatest impact, but the effect will only last one to two hours. Complex carbohydrates (rice, potato, pasta) may increase serotonin levels, but not to the same extent. The protein content of these foods may actually inhibit serotonin production.

Additionally, an article on how food alters your mood, from ParentsPlace.com, suggests that carbohydrates trigger the release of insulin into the bloodstream, which clears all the amino acids from the blood, except tryptophan. When competitors are out of the way, the tryptophan floods the brain, where it's converted to serotonin. Whole-grain breads, crackers, pasta, rice, cereal, and fruit all have the potential to increase your serotonin level.
**Recipe of the Week**

**Savory three-cheese quiche**

1 (9-inch) prepared pie shell (unbaked)
1 cup grated Swiss cheese
1/2 cup grated cheddar jack
3 tablespoons grated Romano, plus 1 tablespoon
1/2 cup chopped medium onion
1 cup fresh broccoli florets
1 1/2 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
1/4 teaspoons dried marjoram
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
3 eggs
1/2 cup half-and-half
1 cup grated Swiss
1/2 cup freshly grated Grana Padano
1/4 teaspoons dried marjoram
1/2 cup melted butter
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
3 eggs
1 cup milk
1 1/2 cup half-and-half
7 or 8 cherry tomatoes

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.

Sprinkle the cheese over the bottom of the pie shell, then evenly distribute the onion, broccoli, and mushroom over the cheese layer. Mix the eggs and the spices together in a bowl. Add the milk and half-and-half and mix well. Pour over contents in the pie shell.

Cut the cherry tomatoes in halves and place, cut side up, in a ring on top of the mixture. Sprinkle the 1 tablespoon of Romano over top. Bake for 15 minutes. Turn oven down to 300 degrees F and bake an additional 45 to 55 minutes or until cake tester inserted in middle comes out clean.

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Food

**Proud product development team ‘pops’ our healthier chocolate alternative**

By Amber Hodge

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Fresh chocolate on a stick, a sound just like any other PopSick treat that can be found in the freeter and at a local grocery store. But for people who are looking for a healthier, yet chocolatey snack, BerBites might be an alternative.

The Cal Poly Product Development Team (PDT) has created this freeter treat to be entered in this year’s Institute of Food Technologists Product Development Contest.

Made out of tofu, melted cocoa powder, chocolate extract, sugar and rice starch, the product is made with more than 95 percent organic ingredients.

“It is an important product because good food is one of the hottest trends,” said Jennifer Vierra, PDT co-captain and food science senior. “People are moving away from dairy products and going toward a healthier approach.”

In the past, no one has entered an organic product. Vierra said that if no other school enters an organic product this year, Cal Poly would be the first to do so.

“We’re on the cutting edge,” Vierra said. “We do have high hopes because it’s not just another hot pocket.”

Last year, the Cal Poly team made it to finals in New Orleans with their product, Tornado Twirl. With a swirl of chocolate custard and cheesecake yogurt, the delicious treat placed fourth. The top three winning products were easy-to-make food for the microwave.

For this year, the team went through several days of brainstorming, said Brian Hampson, food science professor and team adviser.

To enter the contest, the product must be student’s work, an original idea and marketable.

The idea was spun off a recipe that Hampson’s wife had on chocolate mouse, Vierra said.

“It was just milk chocolate chips, tofu and her boyfriend’s” Vierra said. “I did a nutrition label and found that their product had way too much fat.”

Vierra said that she used cocoa powder to get rid of some of the fat. She then added chocolate extract to help take away the grainy taste from the powder. BerBites contain four grams of fat per 45-gram serving.

“It’s not very distinguishable between mouse and pudding to the consumer, said Alisa Ikenouye, PDT co-captain. “It’s something rather than the typical fad gelsicence.”

To make their product stand out more than the existing non-choco­late bars, BerBites comes in shapes such as stars, shells and hearts on a lollipop stick.

When creating the product, the team takes into consideration whether someone would buy the product, to whom the product is targeted, and the packaging.

“Is for the mom with the kids who is walking down the grocery aisles and sees that it’s tofu and organic, and in fun shapes for her kids to like,” Vierra said.

PDT works on the product from September until the February preliminaries. If the product makes it to finals, the students continue to work on it throughout the school year. Students dedicate a lot of time to the project, but PDT trains its 22 members for realistic situations.

“It’s fun and educational,” Ikenouye said. She has been on the team for a year and a half.

The team prepares you for any job that you might have in the food industry, said Gergen Olsen, food science senior and PDT processing expert.

The team has existed for three years. Vierra has been on the team for three.

“PDT gives students the chance to work as a team and do something that they will be doing if they were to work in a research and development department for a large corporation for a food company when they graduate,” she said. “We’re practicing.”

One candy store looked into the product from two years ago — Miller Meteorite. It was similar to a pop­corn ball, but it was made out of a different grain, Ikenouye said. They are still going through certain approval processes with the candy store.

The royalties could go to supporting the team, Hampson said.

If BerBites makes it to finals, PDT will have product tasting during Open House. Then, five finalists from other schools and Cal Poly would meet at the IFT Annual Meeting and Food Expo in Anaheim during the summer.

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Lauren Supance, a third-year English student, can only take half a Speed Stack or it will keep her up at night, but her boyfriend can take the recommended dosage without a problem.

The FDA has received more than 95 adverse events” linked to ephedrine over the last three years but has not taken formal action against it.

The FDA recently withdrew its proposed ephedrine restrictions after determining that additional evidence was needed before restrictions could be set. The administration’s recent inaction will keep ephedrine legal in the United States.

Everyone has a different experience with ephedrine-based products, whether they help Kim lose 80 pounds in 10 months, cause Ngo’s roommate to break out or extend the study hours of a UCLA student during finals week.

For all the benefits and performance enhancements ephedrine-based products may provide, a number of adverse side effects are waiting inside every bottle — and FDA officials say it’s not worth the risk.

“It is definitely not a nutritional supplement,” he said. “I am a physician and I cannot see anyone come into my office with an ephedrine deficiency. There is no reason for anybody to be taking this.”
Lessons learned from the darker side

(UWIRE) MISSOULA, Mont. — "Have you heard the one about the blonde and the row boat?"

"What was it?"

"How bout the one with the blonde and the Minotaur?"

"No, I can't say."

How about how just about all my family gatherings have begun for the last 21 years of my life.

But now. it's all changed. I'm no longer holding blonde jokes — not that I've ever held them. I've put my foot down because, well... I'm no longer blond.

I've always been blond. I've been the brunt of most of the jokes and for the most part, being the only blond in the family, my brother had me convinced I was adopted.

But then, in December, I had an accident with a bottle of Feria. It was supposed to be a curling. I found the kit for highlighting. My hair is naturally blond, but in the winter, it gets fairly dark. So, to avoid giving away my eastern Montana roots, both literally and figuratively, I tried to highlight them out to ease my "Hi, I'm trashy" hair lines.

I washed it. I looked in the mirror. I was orange. Not like curc, Anne of Green Gables orange, but orange, like I was a cone in a cone-struction.

I called my best friend Renee and she came over. Much to our dis-" I had $5 to my name. I should've originally had it done profes-

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From The Real Andrew Hogue

Dear Cal Poly Community,

I would like to correct some misinformation that has recently been published in the Mustang Daily. In the past week, multiple letters have been printed supposedly authored by Architectural Engineering students insulting members of other academic departments. These letters were received via Hotmail accounts and published without verifying the identity of the sender(s).

First, I want it to be clear to every member of the Cal Poly community that I had no involvement whatsoever in the letter published on page 4 of the February 4th edition of the Mustang Daily in the Letters to the Editor section. Whoever wrote the letter used my name without my knowledge or permission. Furthermore, I have the utmost respect for all the departments on the Cal Poly Campus, as does the entire ARCE department.

Second, I do not agree with any of the comments made in this letter or in the letter supposedly written by a Jason Mason.

Third, I would like to inform you, as I informed the editors of the Mustang Daily, that Jason Mason is not an ARCE student; he is, in fact, not a student at Cal Poly at all. When questioned, the editor-in-chief of the Daily said that their policy regarding E-mail submissions is only to verify that the submission is from an enrolled Cal Poly student. Then why was it not discovered that Jason Mason is not a member of our student body?

Fourth, I believe that it behooves the Mustang Daily, its editors, its staff, and its faculty advisors to find out who submitted the letters and to take action to put a stop to this type of negligent and damaging publishing, now and in the future.

Finally, I hope this clears up any belief that I or any other member of the ARCE department had anything to do with the recent articles published by the Mustang Daily, and I would like to thank you for taking the time to read my actual words.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hogue

Editor's note:
Instead of the normal Letters to the Editor today we are only running the above letter. The author requested it be published exactly as is, as due to the unusual circumstances regarding this situation, here it is.

For the readers' information, the "Jason Mason" referred to in the above letter should actually say "Justin Mason," the name of the author of a controversial Jan. 30 letter. Recently we have discovered that there is no Justin Mason, so please disregard anything previously written with that name. Additionally, no more letters on the topic of cattle grazing, agricultural students' intelligence or any related matters that recently have been written about will be published.

Gore resurfaces in political circus

(UPI) HOUSTON — On Saturday, Al Gore (the guy who lost the presidential election, then set his political party whining about it for a month) announced he is going to reignite the "national debate" after his long absence.

The man came back to speak, of all places, at a political rally in his "home state" of Tennessee. Days earlier, he had established a political action committee (read: slush fund for money from galibile voters) so he can go out, work fund-raisers and send the cash on to campaigning Democrats this semester.

Setting aside the obvious jokes and comments about what the guy did the last time someone set him loose to raise funds (Chinese money, anyone?), the American response to Gore's speech was overwhelming. We grabbed the remote and went right back to the Super Bowl.

Maybe it was the fact that Gore had alienated himself from America. First he whined and complained and did everything he could to throw the election into doubt. Then he just vanished. No word, no comment since.

Now, all of a sudden, he just wants back in.

Maybe it was the Democratic Party's usual broken record of comments, accusing the administration of causing the current economic slowdown.

That particular bit of bad news analysts saw coming during Clinton's last day.

Maybe it was Gore's accusing the president and his administration of being involved in the Enron collapse. Since we've already seen more of the same dirty tricks from the Democrats, when they ran ad attempts to link Senate candidate Elizabeth Dole with Enron merely because she attended a fund-raiser run by Enron's chief executive officer, its apparent such claims are just a lot of the usual hot air.

Maybe it's the fact that we can all anticipate Gore's political points. It's not too hard: Just take whatever the real leaders of his party are saying, wait a week and watch the purist named Gore squawk it back out. Tom Daschle and Dick Gephardt are the speakers for the party now — not Gore.

Or maybe, just maybe, it's that we all had enough of Gore the first time around. With the president's approval ratings higher than any in recent memory, the Democrats have been hard-pressed to find items to attack him on, and to do it in ways that don't cause a political backlash for being unpatriotic.

If Gore thinks he has something to say, he can try saying it. But he'd better make sense, and it'd better be a little more rational than the usual Democratic ramblings. Meaning, of course, that the politics of the 2000 elections won't even work as well as they did in 2000, when Gore lost.

Then again, there's always the remote control.
"The whole thing is about raising awareness," he said. "These issues do occur and we're trying to address that."

The whole idea behind the events is inclusion, Hamilton said, hopefully making even non-minority students sensitive to these issues. While small, she said that Cal Poly has a "tight-knit" black community that has made it relatively easy to spread the word among black students. The challenge, she said, is to make the events relevant to non-minority students.

"None of these programs are about blaming anyone," Hamilton said. "We want (non-minority students) to consider their own ethnicity and heritage."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2/7 UU "GROOVE HOUR" open mic and scheduled performances, UU PLAZA, 7 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

TOMMIE SMITH:
Olympian recounts his experience during the 1968 Olympics and speaks on the influence of athletes and students as activists, CHUMASH AUDITORIUM, 7 p.m.

2/11 "BAMBOOZLED"
Movie viewing followed by dialogue, MULTICULTURAL CENTER LOUNGE, 7 p.m.

2/21 A TASTE OF AFRICA: Samplings of various African dishes, THE NEWMAN CENTER, 7 p.m.

2/22 SOULISTIC GROOVE: Open mic and scheduled performances, BACKSTAGE PIZZA, 7 p.m.

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**Sports**

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**BASKETBALL**

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competitive with both teams.

"I thought that we played them pretty even," she said. "We had patches where we didn't shoot well or we didn't rebound the ball well. Being able to sustain a concentrated effort for 40 minutes is going to win some ball games." 

"We have a young team," she said. "The only coach who sees the potential of her team. Riverside head coach Jennifer Young has been with Cal Poly's talent."

"They are very good," she said. "To be honest, they scare us. They are very well rounded and solid. Actually, the way our conference is, you can't expect to go in and beat anyone easily."

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By Andrea Coberly  

Cal Poly's women's basketball team has a lot of things that make it a great program. It has a roster full of contributors, a team that always inspires, and an intense work ethic. There is just one team that the Mustangs don't have - a winning tradition.  

Ending the first half of the season with a 4-5 record and then losing the first game of the second half to Idaho, the women's team has not been able to show the true talent that they believe they possess.  

"I think that there is still more we can accomplish," junior guard Caitlin Taylor said. "Our record is far from representative of the players we are. There is a lot more as a team we can do in the half of the season. There are eight games for us to get better."  

Though the team is currently ranked fifth in the Big West Conference standings, the players will still see the rest of the season as a time to establish themselves, said senior guard Celeste Jenkins.  

"We are still improving," she said. "I think we have a great opportunity to get some more wins. We are right in the midst of things and we are at a point where we can take it or give it. I think our opportunities are still there for us."  

In the first half of the season, Cal Poly took wins from UC Irvine, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Fullerton and Idaho. Through the team did suffer losses from both UC Santa Barbara and UC Riverside, the first and second place teams in the Big West. Head coach Faith Minnich said that Cal Poly was only eight credits away from her degree, one University of Utah student will put off the rest of gradations to put on a UC Poly platform and compete in the Winter Olympic Games.  

Utah senior Kristina Joder took only five credits after fall semester to concentrate on training. She spent Winter break preparing for long-suffering fans  

As I watched the Patriots pull one of the most improbable upset in Super Bowl history, I started to cheer for them simply because I felt bad for the poor fans in Boston. The last time Boston won anything was 1986 when the Celtics had Larry Legend, and since then their sporting franchises have not done a single thing — in fact, they have done less than that. They have epitomized the long-suffering fan, whose team always falls short in championship games, so it should warm the heart of every true sports fan to see them finally get the win. So, in tribute, here's to some of the longest suffering fans in sports history, with a dash of personal suffering from my teams so far.  

The mantra of every long-suffering fan lives on, so wait until next year.  

While L.A. Chicago, Detroit and Houston have dominated the NBA title for as long as I can remember, my team has yet to win. Of course, I'm talking about the Portland Trail Blazers. I lived through Blazer mania in 1989 and 1991 when the Blazers made the finals, only to lose to the Piston (I still hate the Piston) and the Bulls. I was here in San Luis Obispo in 2002 when the Blazers crumbled in the fourth quarter of the Western Conference finals, unfortunately listening to Chick Hearn broadcast the game, and the Blazers still haven't recovered from that loss. I'll admit that they don't have much of a chance this year, but one day the Blazers will pull it together and return the pride that we lost back in 1977.  

Back to football. The first memory I have of a Super Bowl is the Pats getting stomped by the Bears, when I was five years old. This was finally their year, and it makes me wonde when the Seahawks will make the Super Bowl, or even just the playoffs. I was three the last time they made it to the AFC championship game in 1983, thanks to Steve Largent and Jim Zorn. Those are names that few people remember, especially if you don't have a ticket to the Northwest. Yet again, the Seahawks are our team, and maybe next year they will do what the Pats did this year.  

Also, baseball has been around in the professional sports world for longer than any other sport; it is the grandaddy of all major sports leagues. Therefore, it is a passion long-suffering for sports fans. The title of the longest suffering team in baseball history is hotly contested between the Boston Red Sox, cursed after trading Schilling in 1985 for Mad Dog and the Milwaukee Brewers who, since then their sporti...