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Student celebrate new year of horse
By Cynthia Neff
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Prepare to wish someone "Kung Hay Fat Choi" or "Ong Xi Fa Cal" today. Both phrases mean "Happy New Year," the former in Cantonese and the latter in Mandarin, and both will be said often on the first day of the year of the Horse.

While many Asian people around the world will be celebrating the Chinese New Year with their families, several Cal Poly students will spend the holiday together with banquets and much rejoicing.

Benson Leung, a member of the Chinese Culture Club (CCC), described the new year as a "Chinese Thanksgiving," and fellow member Patrick Tam said it is "a holiday for family to get together." He added that the holiday is not just for people of Chinese descent, as it is inclusive of many Asian cultures.

Tuesday is the first day of the Lunar Year, and this year is year of the Horse, said Juliana Wong, CCC president. The New Year's celebrations traditionally begin three days before the new year, people will come together for dinner, enjoying traditional food like deep-fried cookies and many other sweets, including the Chinese melon, marinated in sugar and dried to eat. A round, red box of candy is also shared. Some of the sweets have different significations, such as long-life, prosperity and happiness. This night is called "Tuan Nien," or "the new year gathering meal."

The CCC already held the Chinese New Year banquet Feb. 2, hosting around 70 people. The banquet was held early so that students would be able to visit their families.

Kenneth Lam, a CCC member, said the banquet was designed to be a fun gathering of club members and friends, but filled up half of The Great Wall Restaurant in San Luis Obispo.

"(We had) authentic Chinese food — different from what you'll find in the restaurants around here," he said.

"Everyone was in a great mood!" Wong said the day of the Chinese see NEW YEAR, page 2

Hangin' in there
Eucalyptus trees across the street from Kennedy Library were being cut down Monday. The trees were found to have a disease and needed to be eradicated. Mark Vaught, of Greenville Tree Co., uses his chainsaw to do the job. Vaught has been cutting down trees for six years.

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By Dawn Rapp
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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Most college students think that it's difficult enough balancing school, friends, work and roommates. But while these daily balancing acts require time and energy, some students have yet another incredibly important responsibility: raising a child.

In fact, this is a way of life for many Cal Poly students, who are also single mothers. But amongst the stresses of so many life factors, the Associated Students Inc. Children's Center is trying to help single moms.

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New Year is spent visiting grandpar-
ters at their house for lunch.

"We like to wear red or similar-colored clothing on this day and say good things to each other," she said. "Words about death and unlucky things are forbidden, especially on this day." Also on this day, married couples give out "red pockets," to single people, especially children. Tam explained that these are red envelopes that contain money from family and makes childcare almost free.

Tanya Iverson, director of the Children's Center, said that most of the student-moms are able to use it because it's subsidized by the state. Student-moms can apply for the aid through subsidy applications, but not through federal financial aid.

Iverson said the benefits of using the ASI Children's Center include its close proximity to classes and the fact that it is one of the two nationally accredited child care programs on the Central Coast. The close proximity allows student-moms to come visit their children between classes.

The ASI Children's Center is only licensed for 132 children, leaving many mothers on a wait list or having to go elsewhere. The ages of the children range from four months to 5-year olds. The center also offers kindergarten, a service most childcare programs don't provide.

Many Cal Poly students are employed by the center. It employs 70 to 100 students per quarter. In order to be able to work with the kids, the students are subject to intensive training. Iverson said the pay isn't good, but it's a great job for students who enjoy working with children.

The Children's Center's objectives are to teach the children to "explore, discover, get messy and have fun." It also teaches students to interact in group settings, emphasizing development in social-emotional, cognitive and physical domains, according to ASI Children's Center brochure.

Because of the Children's Center, many student moms are able to rest easier and focus on their classes because their children are nearby and safe, Iverson said.

For more information on the ASI Children's Center, visit their Web site at www.childctr.calpoly.edu.

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Juliana Wong
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Hong Kong, and Leung spent time with his parents in the Bay Area last weekend. However, back in Hong Kong, Wong said she would be seeing over 50 relatives from both sides of her large family. Leung said he has more fun there.

"There's more things going on," he grinned, "and I get more pocket money.

Lim agreed that celebrating the New Year in San Luis Obispo does have its differences.

"The mood (here) is definitely celebratory — useful amidst all these midterms — although it isn't nearly as festive as if you were in China, Hong Kong, or even cities in the United States with large Chinese populations like San Francisco or New York," he said.

"That's why many Chinese students — especially the third day — are devoted to spending time with family, Wong said, but the third day is "everyone's birthday," or the day single people are supposed to open their red pockets. He said he will probably just eat dinner with some friends on that evening, although he'll miss seeing the 20 relatives that gather in Hong Kong during the holiday. Wong's parents visited her from

Last year's turnout, and the CCC now boasts about 50 members.

"We're trying to promote it more," Tan said. "Our new officers might have something to do with it..."

Several members are also involved in the Chinese Student Association or are part of the lion dance team. Tam said the Lion's Den is a traditional performance. It is based on a legend and usually takes two people to put on — one holding the head of the costume, and the other the tail, as it dances from shop to shop in "mainland China."

Although members of the CCC can't recreate every part of their holiday festivities, they said they would do their best to share traditional Chinese New Year's food and enjoy each other's company.

The CCC holds semimonthly meetings in building 55, room 201, from 6 to 7 p.m. The next meeting will be held Wednesday.
Bush faces delicate Korea trip after 'axis of evil' speech

By Clay Chandler

(WIRE) SEOUL, S. Korea — President Bush's stark portrayal of North Korea as part of an "axis of evil" has cast a shadow over South Korea's official welcome to U.S. President Kim Jong II, described by the Bush administration as a "pro-peace leader." The shadow is due to the main events planned for this week: Kim's visit to South Korea, which begins Thursday, and Bush's trip to South Korea, which begins Monday.

South Korea has been trying to juggle the demands of its neighbors. "The Bush administration has been very tough on North Korea," said Park Sung-hoon, head of the National Institute for International Studies. "But he has also made some concessions to Kim Jong II." The Bush administration has been trying to juggle the demands of its neighbors. "The Bush administration has been very tough on North Korea," said Park Sung-hoon, head of the National Institute for International Studies. "But he has also made some concessions to Kim Jong II." The Bush administration has been trying to juggle the demands of its neighbors. "The Bush administration has been very tough on North Korea," said Park Sung-hoon, head of the National Institute for International Studies. "But he has also made some concessions to Kim Jong II." The Bush administration has been trying to juggle the demands of its neighbors. "The Bush administration has been very tough on North Korea," said Park Sung-hoon, head of the National Institute for International Studies. "But he has also made some concessions to Kim Jong II." The Bush administration has been trying to juggle the demands of its neighbors. "The Bush administration has been very tough on North Korea," said Park Sung-hoon, head of the National Institute for International Studies. "But he has also made some concessions to Kim Jong II." The Bush administration has been trying to juggle the demands of its neighbors. "The Bush administration has been very tough on North Korea," said Park Sung-hoon, head of the National Institute for International Studies. "But he has also made some concessions to Kim Jong II." The Bush administration has been trying to juggle the demands of its neighbors. "The Bush administration has been very tough on North Korea," said Park Sung-hoon, head of the National Institute for International Studies. "But he has also made some concessions to Kim Jong II." The Bush administration has been trying to juggle the demands of its neighbors. "The Bush administration has been very tough on North Korea," said Park Sung-hoon, head of the National Institute for International Studies. "But he has also made some concessions to Kim Jong II."
ASI Executive Staff Achievements

Community:
- 2nd Saferide vehicle funded and running with highest numbers ever, and continuing to seek program expansion
- restructuring SCLC (Student Community Liaison Committee) with committees and refreshed effectiveness to improve infrastructure for positive community relations
- repairing relationship with RQN (successful joint board meeting)
- developed 3 point plan for student action in community: proacthity, promotion, and empowerment
- highly successful Neighborhood Cooperation Week
- Holiday SLO Fundraiser for Afghanistan children
- PolyVoice started by Derek (with plans for voter registration and enhanced student representation in community)
- WOW Community Awareness Presentation and voter registration
- building relationship with Cuesta
- scheduled meeting with Rotary in Winter to discuss student/community
- attended SLO Public Safety banquet
- organized SLO Fundraiser for Children of Afghanistan

Communication with Students/Marketing:
- 1st quarterly State of the Student Forum with 80 student leaders and discussion of student issues
- ASI presentations to clubs and residence halls
- ASI Inversion event
- Ads in Daily
- signage on Student Government office
- Angie Hacker’s Open Door Hour
- Did you Know of the Week info on marquee
- new and improved email Newswire with improved outreach
- Hot Topics on Website
- promotional input chosen for better outreach
- Corporate identity marketing with Referendum (T-shirts, logos, stuff)
- Various open forums on student issues
- ASI Student Gov. Sweatshirts design to personalize student leaders and make them accessible
- Initial discussion meeting with College Council Chairs

Transportation:
- Saferide 2nd vehicle
- discussions with City about bussing and night time service
- discussions with University about expanded escort service

ASI Alumni Association:
- Centennial Reception for past ASI leaders
- developing Alumni Association and brochure newsletter

National Issues:
- ASI Internal Plan for Reaction to Global Issues submitted to UUAB and ASI staff to improve opportunities to learn and share ideas on campus
- Assisted in successful Reflection Event after September 11th
- Resolution on Respect at Cal Poly drafted with plans to seek endorsement by all student clubs

Calendar Conversion Issue (Quarter vs Semester):
- gathered student input for and against a switch by open forum, email, website, Mustang Daily, CPTV, surveys.
- submitted well supported resolution to president in opposition to switch

Referendum:
- executed educational campaign “I Want My ASI”
- students voted yes to improve campus life and activities
- Submitted suggested directive to staff on implementation and inclusion of student input

Budget:
- discussions on campus and statewide
- efforts to ensure student participation on budget cut decisions
- preparation for College-based fees and ensuring students involvement creation of proposals,
- created budget report summary to help educate student leaders
- held meeting with College Councils to discuss preparation for Budget problems and upcoming referendum

Multicultural:
- creation of ASI Events/Multicultural Affairs Committee
- planning for a Winter Quarter Multicultural coalition discussion meeting
- began plans for spring quarter Culture Fest (Servando, Leigh, PET)

Technology:
- SEJ (student computing committee) progress
- Resident Hall Internet advocacy
- Involvement in Cal Poly portal implementation
- began ASI website development

Sustainability:
- creation of Task Force (Cal Poly Sustainability Initiative - CSI)
- 10 active members from cross section of university
- creation of mission statement, objectives, and various environmental awareness plans,
- gaining university support

Statewide:
- Lobby Corps development, goal setting, and timeline for year
- All CSSA (California Statewide Student Association) conferences attended
- Cal Poly’s participation in CSSA initiatives: Veronica Shippy on Master Plan committee and Vice Chair of Legislative Affairs Committee, Angie working on Sustainability and CSI Educational Doctorate, Corey working on Intellectual Property
- Co-wrote CSSA resolution on CSI fee increases

Executive Staff status:
- 47 Executive Staff Members
- new Resident Life and Housing Commissioner
- UWC’s filled
- Fall Quarter Training Retreat
- 3-week meeting rotation structure
- Mission statements for all 6 departments of Exec Staff: Internal Affairs, Statewide, Lobby Corps, Marketing, Technology, Projects and Events
- Job descriptions, folders, boxes, cards completed for all members
- students appointed to ASI corporate initiatives

Miscellaneous Projects:
- Student Directory cover design by Greg
- Club Incentive Program (submitted to staff, and taken over by Ran)
- PACE student run evaluations in development (Andrew)
- Quarterly Breakfast with Baker (15 students attended meal with President Baker and asked questions)
- participated in annual Night Walk to improve safety on campus
- involved in search committees for VP of Administration and Finance and continuing VP of Student Affairs
- began plans to improve effectiveness of college based advocacy through College Councils
No time to horse around when you're a real cowboy

By Malia Spencer  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

While most college athletes dream of someday playing in a professional league, Cal Poly student Justin Arnold has put his professional career on hiatus in order to attend college and be eligible for collegiate competition.

The 22-year old, third-year agribusiness student has been riding in the professional rodeo circuit for four years. He was recruited by Cal Poly's Rodeo Team last fall, so he decided to cut back his professional competition schedule to be part of Cal Poly's team.

Arnold took a year off from school last year to focus on his riding, but he returned to college when he was approached by Cal Poly's new rodeo coach Bret Black, he said. As a result, he has not gone to nearly as many professional rodeos as he did last year.

He placed fourth in saddle bronc riding at the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) National Western Stock Show and Rodeo in Denver, Colo., on Jan. 27. That win placed him eighth overall in PRCA world standings.

That's more than most people make in a month,” Arnold said. 

“Not only is attending rodeos difficult for Arnold, but making it to class is difficult as well. With his travel schedule, he said he misses class quite a bit. To help with his schoolwork, he tries to make friends with classmates so he can get any notes that he misses.

Getting in touch with teachers is another way he tries to keep up with the demands of school, he said. However, he added that many teachers are not very flexible.

“I attended a school in Texas before Cal Poly, and the teachers there were a lot more understanding," he said.

Saddle bronc riding is judged by two officials who each score the rider and the animal. The competition has 100 points total, 50 for the cowboy and 50 for the animal.

“The harder the horse bucks the more points it gets,” Arnold said. “(The cowboy is scored) by how well you ride and the time you are in control.”

Having a rider with Arnold's talent has really helped the Cal Poly Rodeo program, Black said.

“My dad talked to her and they finally let me.”

"Eighty to 90 points is like an 'A' ride, and up to an 80 is like a 'B,'” he said. “Hardly anyone gets a 90.”

During the regional circuit finals, Arnold scored his personal best of an 84. Having a rider with Arnold's talent has really helped the Cal Poly Rodeo program, Black said.

"It would be like getting Michael Jordan on the Cal Poly basketball team," Black added.

The next professional rodeo that Arnold will compete takes place in Houston, Texas. This is one of the largest rodeos in the nation, but he said if he does well it will help him in the standings.

Rodeo riding is a dangerous sport, but Arnold said he has been lucky. So far he has not broken any bones. However, he has suffered concussions and has torn all the ligaments in his ankle.

“My mom didn't want me to ride broncs. In high school I begged and begged my mom to let me,” he said.

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By Aaron Lambert  
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Students are just GAP clones

With more than 17,000 students at this campus, one would think that there is a lot of individuality. Oh, but wait, it's the little sleepy town of San Luis Obispo; conformity is the key word here. Remember being a freshman and moving into the dorms? You had your own specific style, remember? You know, that "cool style" you and your friends made up— purple hair, retro clothes, or skater wear, just to name a few. But then when you noticed that all the upper-classmen looked like each other. Gap, Express and Structure are the only stores to shop at around here. Your once cool individuality has just changed, in three months, to conformity. Why? Probably for two reasons: there isn't a mall, and everyone else is doing it.

Everyone's parents used to say, "If your friends jumped off a bridge would you do it too?" So why is appearance any different? Clothes don't make the person, but they do create our individuality. I am so sick of everyone wearing the same thing. It is disgusting! All I see is baseball caps with "GAP" written all over them, the dress that's in Express' window is in every girl's closet, and those khakis at Structure are worn by every guy I have talked to. I understand following fashion trends, but try to make it a little more your own.

How many of you have seen the girl with the pink hair? Oh, that's half of Cal Poly. Blind streaks and copper highlights—men are just so cute, but not on everyone. There's a reason some of us run away to Europe, it matches our skin tone! Oh, and do I have to mention the bleached tips on the brown roots. It's bleached so badly that it blinds me, so well that it blends in with the sun.

'See' is all about what you want to do, not what others are doing. If students want to wear striped pants and a floral top, and they feel comfortable doing it, go right ahead. I mean, personally, I wouldn't do it, but hey, if that says who you are, so be it. Name brands are fun to wear, but does all of Cal Poly have to wear the same ones? There are so many so-called name brands, so why stick to Gap and Express? There's XOXO, Phat Farm, American Eagle, J. Crew, Vifor, and plenty of other ones out there.

The next excuse that most Poly students use for their lack of fashion is, "There isn't a mall in San Luis Obispo." But, there is such a thing as Internet shopping, and just about every store is wired nowadays. Sure, you can't try it on, but most stores do take things back without a hassle. Another incentive for on-line shopping is the lovely feeling one gets when receiving mail.

Next time your pants get too small in the waist or your mom's cooking is too good to stop eating, try on-line shopping to get that new pair of jeans. You won't look like everyone else and you don't have to lose the true meaning of independence and individuality.

Nadea Mina is a journalism sophomore and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Reform necessary to prevent more Enrons

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — Just like Enron's so-called offshore perché inflated hitters' numbers, the stadium's namesake seemed to be exaggerating figures of its own.

With each work of congressional inquiry and federal investigations, the portrait of an out-of-control company becomes more troubling. Thousands of Enron employees have lost their jobs, and even more saw $1.2 billion of their retirement funds evaporate before their eyes. The Enron disaster demonstrates a complete meltdown of the oversight mechanisms that monitor firms and financial markets, and Congress must act to prevent future collapses.

From erroneously reporting roughly $600 million of non-existent profit over five years to establishing questionable deals with companies linked to chief Enron executives, the company and its dual accounting and consulting firm Arthur Andersen did anything but create the transparency necessary in a market system. Instead, the numbers that officials released portrayed a company with annually increasing profits that was breaking into a new frontier — perfect fodder for Wall Street analysts. In the aftermath, the public has learned of document shredding, yet another sign of disregard for the truth.

Even with the incorrect numbers, financial institutions bear a responsibility to investigate the high-profile companies where their investments are going. No one raised the red flag about Enron's dealings to spread its debt over special side companies until Enron's demise was a foregone conclusion. In some cases, these financial companies have yet to respond adequately to the problem: As of Friday, one analyst for Lehman Brothers still rated the stock as "strong buy" even though the company's future looks murky at best. Even where private industry's mechanisms failed, the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as financial journalists, were unable to catch the dealings of Enron.

The system failed and countless investors have lost billions because of Enron's questionable actions, and such failings cannot continue. First, retirement plans must allow greater flexibility in letting employees sell stock, including that obtained from company options. Second, new rules must clearly delineate the roles of accounting and consulting; Arthur Andersen's conflict of interest to see Enron's value increase may have impaired proper oversight of the company's accounting practices. Third, the SEC must do a better job of catching such egregious misleading steps, at the same time, a company's political influence should not deter such necessary oversight, as this case has clearly demonstrated.

Fortunately, even as officials hide behind their Fifth Amendment protections, investigations are moving forward to reveal the safeguards that failed so the system becomes more transparent in the future. Still, these officials need access to information and not stonewalling efforts from various entities, including White House officials. Vice President Dick Cheney's energy policy committee included meetings with officials from Enron, but his office refuses to release the notes from these meetings. At best, the stalling creates a scandal where none exists; at worst, officials are obstructing justice. The public needs to know how this scandal unfolded and who knew what and when. Therefore, full disclosure is necessary.

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Students organize controversial V-Day campaign
By Tracy Wells
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UWIRE GREENVILLE, S.C. — "I bet you're worried." So begins Eve Ensler's Obie-Award-winning play, "The Vagina Monologues." It seems some students at Furman University have been worried, too, about this production. This year marks the first time Furman University will take part in V-Day, a global campaign to stop violence against women and girls. A performance of Ensler's play is the centerpiece of this campaign. The play is derived from a series of interviews about aspects of female sexuality that Ensler conducted with women of various ages, races and nationalities.

Already, this event has been turning heads on this historically conservative campus.

Senior Megan Prewitt is the mastermind behind the monologues at Furman. A theatre enthusiast, Prewitt said she read the play for the first time this summer. "I thought it would he safe if I read the book first. When I first read it this summer, I was really moved, just by the stories themselves and the play as a whole." Prewitt said she became interested in the V-Day movement after reading the play's appendix, which explained the V-Day movement.

"I thought bringing it to this campus, which is known for being such a conservative campus, would be like changing the students here," she said, "We're probably exposing them to things they need to be exposed to but haven't had the experience of yet."

After receiving initial support from the Women's Studies faculty and Students for Women's Awareness, Prewitt joined the V-Day 2002 college campaign, with a small group of students for planning. She now has a team of 29 students involved directly with the production of "The Vagina Monologues."

Academic Dean A.V. Huff, acting president of Furman, this term, said he decided to read the play after he heard it was going to be performed on campus.

"I think the amazing thing about the play is that it's become a kind of "minor classic" in women's awareness in a very short time," Huff said. "The play is hard-hitting, and it presents concerns of women in our own words, head-on. I think everybody (who attends) will leave with a new degree of sensitivity."

Huff also commented on the controversy that has surrounded the play among the Furman community.

"I think it's very unfortunate that it's caused such bad reactions on campus," Huff said. "I hate to say that's inevitable, but we may as well face that and deal with it. It won't be pleasing to everybody, but it's a point of view that needs to be considered."

"A common misconception is that V-Day is only for raving feminists. On the contrary, it is for a truly diverse group of people, male and female, who promote women's awareness." Prewitt added.

"I'm a little hesitant to be in complete support of the production of 'The Vagina Monologues' on campus because I think that the producers have not fully disclosed the explicit nature of some of the monologues," senior Carey Goodman said. "However, I do support whole-heartedly the purpose behind V-Day: stopping violence and abuse against women. I greatly commend the women who are working on this important campaign in women's rights to Furman for their courage to face controversy for a good cause."

The students involved in the play are stressing the importance of giving a voice to women's experiences, even if that means discussing things that have historically been labeled taboo.

"I hope that people will come to the show with an open mind," senior Prewitt said. "I think the amazing thing about the V-Day movement is that it's become a kind of 'minor classic' in women's awareness in a very short time, but it hasn't had the experience of yet."

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Megan Prewitt
Furman University senior
Cal Poly takes on Bulldogs tonight

By Amber Hodge

The Cal Poly baseball team won their series against San Jose this weekend, beating the Spartans twice before losing the third game Sunday. The Mustangs look to carry their recent momentum into tonight's game against Fresno State at Baggett Stadium. While the Mustangs were playing the series from San Jose, the Bulldogs ranked eleventh in the country, won the last game of their three game series against Cal State Fullerton. Fresno's win in the last game of their series came after a four-game losing streak.

The Mustangs will send pitcher Greg Bocchi to the mound tonight. Bocchi has two wins and one loss on the season, with an ERA of 2.73. Last April, in a game against Fresno, Bocchi led the Mustangs to a win, holding Fresno to only six hits.

"For an opportunity to win, Bocchi needs to set the tone for us," head coach Tim Price said. Price added that he thought Bocchi had a great defense, especially in the infield. Price said, "Although Fresno has quality pitching, but since the Mustangs moved to Division I, they have had a great defense, especially in the infield."

The game remained tight until the Mustangs scored five runs in the seventh inning and pulled away for the win. Mustangs' offense was sleepy and made many mistakes against U C S B. "The game was closer than we expected," Price said. "They played four quick but close games, and in the end the Mustangs' consistently strong serving and passing prevailed."

The final scores were 25-17, 25-25, 25-15, and 25-20, in Cal Poly's favor.

The Bulldogs' coach, Mark Sanders, said that the Mustangs are the stronger team this season, but his team is working to improve. Sanders also said that the team is focused on winning and that he hopes to place in the top 15.

Most of the goals that were made by Cal Poly were from man-up situations. Of the six goals made by the Mustangs, three were made by freshmen Matt Ryan and Tim Casey. Jim Johnson, in '98 it was the terrific Van Pelt, in '99 it was the horrific crash and great recovery of skier Hermann Maier, and in 2000 it was Marion Jones' track victories and Tommy Lasorda leading the USA baseball team to gold. I can't explain it, but the Olympics are quite cool despite some of the flaws.

I find that event that really captivates me this year, though. I reserve the right to criticize the ceremonies. After all, NBA basketball will always be waiting.

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Winter games are only snooze-worthy

Most college students do not have a lot of time on their hands. Juggling classes, homework, jobs and relationships is very demanding on anyone. Maybe those kinds of time commitments are why I've watched hardly any of the Winter Olympics, including the opening ceremonies. Or perhaps it is because the Winter Olympics is really hard to get into.

I am not discouraging anyone from watching the Olympics. I know everybody the Olympics represent. When a friend of mine didn't want to see the torch come through Cal Poly last month because "it's only a flame," I set him straight.

Many Americans see increased interest in the Olympics after Sept. 11, and that's fine as well. However, I'm sure a veteran Norwegian skier would tell you that this Olympics is no different than any other.

Let's face it though, folks — to a diehard sports fan like myself, the Olympics isn't a number one priority. Part of it is that the Olympics suffer from what I call the "World Cup syndrome": It is an event that relies on its name-value as much as Coke and Pepsi do.

When the World Cup is on, everyone is interested. However, after that last goal, few people care about soccer anymore. Quick, name the last three Major League Soccer champions. That's a little hard to do, and the Olympics is the same way. When was the last time we heard of Kerri Strug? Rooting for people who are household names for a single day and then relegated to the history books is difficult for me to do.

S Bingo. I didn't see the opening ceremonies; but apparently I didn't miss much. The highlights seemed to be singer R. Kelly wearing the American flag as clothing and the 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team lighting the caldron. We know the story about the hockey team, but when the announcer says, "There's Mike Eruzione!" most people don't make that connection. There was also the usage of the word "dream" about 2.5 million times throughout much of the broadcast. Hey, I have dreams just like everyone else, but if we cared so much, why didn't we even know who those athletes were a week ago, and why won't we remember them two weeks from now?

As a diehard sports fan, I understand the honor of competing for one's team and/or country. Still, I can only root for the United States to win the cross-country slalom for so long before getting bored.

Maybe part of it is that I grew up in the Los Angeles area, and I'm not very accustomed to snow. But just the joy of rooting for the Lakers is that I can go out to the local court and just play to dominate like Shaq. What am I supposed to do after an American skiing victory? Trying to emulate it in the apartment living room is almost certain to be disastrous.

The Winter Olympics is also pre-emting Saturday Night Live on NBC until March, which gets the big thumbs down from me. But I can go without Celebrity Jeopardy and the Brian Fellow Show to watch snowboarding. However, I refuse to watch the Dave Matthews Band perform on the Olympics broadcast, which was the case Saturday night around midnight. If I want Dave Matthews Band, I'll watch VH-1. If I want Olympics, I should see that on NBC's Olympic coverage. It's really quite simple.

The Olympics sometimes always end up special, though. There's always something captivating. In 1992 it was the basketball "dream team," in '94 it was the Kerrigan-Harding saga, in '96 it was Michael Johnson, in '98 it was the horrific crash and great recovery of skip Herman Maier, and in 2000 it was Marion Jones' track victories and Tommy Lasorda leading the USA baseball team to gold. I can't explain it, but the Olympics are quite cool despite some of the flaws.

At midnight, the Winter Olympics end.