Awards luncheon honors women, celebrates history

By Sarah E. Thien
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Outstanding women at Cal Poly were honored Wednesday at the Women's History Luncheon.

The event was sponsored by the Cal Poly Women's Center and held in Chumash Auditorium. The highlight of the program was the presentation of the Women's History Year awards. Two awards were given, one for faculty and another for staff.

Lorraine Donegan, a professor in the graphic communications department, was the recipient of the Woman of the Year award for faculty. Donegan has been teaching at Cal Poly for four years and has been her English major. She has a special affinity for the students who work in the Women's Center.

Andrene Kaiwi-Lenting, assistant director of Student Life and Leadership, was chosen as the Woman of the Year for staff. Kaiwi-Lenting was also nominated last year, but this is the first time she has taken home the prize.

"I was among a lot of amazing women," she said. "It was an honor just to be in the same category as these women."

Kaiwi-Lenting has worked at Cal Poly for eight years and is in charge of Week of Welcome and Open House, and is co-chair of the summer advising program — anything that has to do with new students. She said Kaiwi-Lenting is in a great position to recruit new students because she also graduated from Cal Poly and, like Donegan, said she has a special affinity for the school.

Women of the Year award recipients are chosen by a panel of four students who work in the Women's Center, said Erica Mes, luncheon coordinator. Students submit nominations for the panel to judge based on merit and the effect they have had on that student's life. Haley Myers, Woman of the Year coordinator, said that it doesn't matter how many nominations a person gets, but how sincere the nomination is.

Every nominee was honored at the luncheon with a plaque, and excerpts from their nomination letters were read.

Myers said that the Women's Center often receives repeat nominations. "We can't choose them again to win the next year," she said, "but it's good that we can still honor them because they're making a huge impact in student's lives. They need to know how important they are."

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Local bar association offers nonprofit program available to SLO County residents

By Matt Szabo
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Many people will get into legal trouble at some point in their lives, but with the cost of legal advice, few can afford fair and adequate representation or services. The San Luis Obispo County Bar Association is trying to change that paradox with a new nonprofit program called the Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS).

"There's a community need to find legal assistance and legal help," said Katarauna Hunt, LRIS director. "The bar association and the court are fulfilling a community service to find attorneys."

Although the service is available to anyone who lives in San Luis Obispo County, Don Ernst, attorney and president of the SLO County Bar Association, said it is especially relevant to Cal Poly students.

"Cal Poly students have an immediate need for small-claims and landlord tenant information," he said. "Cal Poly has needed services for a long time. They are part of the community."

When a person calls the LRIS hotline, an LRIS representative will listen and try to answer the person's question. If an attorney referral is requested, one will be set up with an attorney within 10 business days.

The first half-hour of consultation with an attorney costs $30, unless the matter pertains to traditionally free areas like criminal defense and personal injury. Hunt said. In those cases, the consultation is free. In any case, the $30 does not go the lawyer, but instead to the LRIS to help cover its costs.

After the initial half-hour meeting, the patron can become the attorney's client or simply walk away. Another aspect of the LRIS is that when the question doesn't require speaking with an attorney, the LRIS will consult with various community services to try to find an answer to the person's question at no cost.

"The Lawyer Referral and Information Service is designed to furnish the community with information," he said.

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New club addresses women's issues

By Kristy Charles
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"I want women to be informed, to be confident and stop doubting ourselves; to accept and support each other — and I want to stop the detrimental competition among women," said Haley Myers, an English major.

Sometimes, that competition is brought up in class. After asking around and realizing that no such club existed, Myers made the decision to start her own.

"At first I didn't have a lot of support," Myers said. "This was a surprise. Some of my closest relatives and friends told me that nothing like that would catch on at Cal Poly, or basically that it was an empty pursuit and a waste of my time."

Myers continued to pursue the idea despite the lack of support, and she eventually found a place to hold her meetings — at Cal Poly Women's Center. There are now around 15 students who regularly attend meetings, as well as 40 people Myers keeps in touch with via e-mail.

Samantha Kelley, coordinator of Women's Programs at Cal Poly, was Myers' first contact at the Women's Center. Kelley said that the purpose of the club fits perfectly with the mission statement of the center, which is to create a healthy and safe environment for women and encourage leadership skills.

"We've always had a variety of clubs at the Women's Center, like Take Back the Night, the Remember club, NOW and VOX," Kelley said. "We need more awareness on women's issues because we're a minority on campus and the university needs to know how important they are."

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Students see light at end of tunnel

By Eric Henderson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Steve Saude, an architecture junior, puts together his ARCH 352 design project Wednesday. He is designing a recycling center. The class focuses on a single project where students design several versions of models that increase in detail and scale throughout the quarter. Toward the end of the quarter, students begin sleeping in their design labs to make sure their projects get finished.
NEWS

It's back to white for symbolic Poly 'P'

By Andrea Coberly
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Two days after the attacks on Sept. 11, members of Running Thunder climbed to the "P", which overlooks campus, and painted it to resemble an American Flag. This Sunday, nearly six months after the national tragedy, Running Thunder will once again climb the hill, but this time to repaint the "P" and light it up. Senator Scott Barton, industrial technology sophomore, is the public face person and "P" keeper for the Running Thunder. Barton said although the tragedy will stay with people for awhile, it is time to move on.

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News

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CPWA is not an established Associated Students Inc. club, which means it receives no support, financial or otherwise, from the association. Registered clubs also prohibit community members from attending. Myers said. She said she hopes that the club will eventually include non-students. At every CPWA meeting a controversial or uncomfortable topic is suggested for the next meeting. Myers said. Then, she researches the topic, posts fliers around campus, and writes a closing remark to tie the topic into each woman's life.

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"They're doing this because they're committed to community service," Hunt said. "They are general panel attorneys that together encompass all areas of the law."

The LRIS can be contacted by calling 788-2999 on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon. After operating hours, leave a message and a representative from the service will return the call the next business day.
Greenspan address optimistic

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy is well on its way to recovery, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told the Senate Finance Committee. But when Greenspan spoke to the House of Representatives just one week ago, he sounded more cautious in his optimism. Normally, his reports to the houses of Congress are the same.

Greenspan changed his tune after receiving new data that indicated that the economy had been growing much faster in the last three months of 2001 than previously believed. But “the dimensions of the pickup remain uncertain,” Greenspan said. He is also encouraged by the level of U.S. consumer spending. In his presentations to both houses, Greenspan indicated that the proposed “economic stimulus package” would probably be unnecessary.

But, there are still some elements that could dampen the recovery, including the burden of debt held by consumers, rising unemployment, and the drop in the value of stock investments. Greenspan said the current recession was caused by “sharp cutsbacks” in capital spending by companies, which “interacted with and were reinforced by falling profits and equity prices.”

— BRC News

NOAA predicts El Niño

NEW ORLEANS — For the first time in history, sister may be serving together in the U.S. Congress. Democrat Linda Sanchez and her sister, Loretta Sanchez both won Tuesday’s primary election. Loretta Sanchez is running for re-election in Orange County and is the front-runner. Linda Sanchez is expected to win a seat in November for southern Los Angeles County.

The two sisters are doing some joint campaigning, but have said that they will be pre-occupied by their own personal issues. Linda Sanchez said that she would be her own person in Congress, and that she and her sister are qualified in very different ways. Loretta Sanchez is running on a high economy platform, whereas Linda Sanchez is a lawyer. They have both said that they will be pursuing different political agendas.

— Associated Press

International Briefs

South Pacific

MANILA, Philippines — New footage of an American missionary couple being held hostage in the Philippines has been released. The couple, who appeared to be happy, was shown reading a statement from their captors.

In the video, the couple, John and Graciela Bambang were surrounded by hooded, heavily armed guards. The statement indicated that the Abu Sayyaf, that invaded the Philippines had prior criminal records for charges including robbery and theft.

About 150 people were arrested by the government when details emerged around the embassy due to a rumor that Mexico was giving visas to any one who showed up.

Several other incidents were related to the embassy, including a group of armed men who broke into the embassy and carried and cached it into the embassy gates before rushing inside. Others entered the grounds of the scaling fences, Mexico said that none of the 21 men who actually entered the embassy had requested political asylum.

The rumors were based on a speech given by Mexican Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda in Florida last week, in which he allegedly said that the doors of the embassy were open, to Mexican citizens.

Castro said that this incident has not harmed the Mexican-Cuban relationship.

— Associated Press

Africa

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — The last imprisoned journalist in Ethiopia has been released. Reporters Without Borders, which has campaigned for the release of the Bambangs and another hostage, a Filipino nurse named the Bambangs were kidnapped in May 2001 with another American and 17 Filipinos. The other American was beheaded. Sixthteen Filipinos were released after their families paid large ransoms.

— CNN News

Central America

HAVANA — President Fidel Castro pledged that any Cuban who invades a diplomatic mission will never be allowed to leave the island of Cuba. The 130 people arrested in last week’s occupation of Mexico’s Embassy. They will be tried as criminals.

“Will guarantee the security of the embassy,” Castro said during a three-hour speech.

The government has said that 13 of the men who invaded the embassy had previous crimes record for charges including robbery and theft.

ETHIOPIA's current prime minister, Meles Zenawi, acknowledged the importance of an independent press in a democratic society, and that private sector media that operate in a responsible and constructive manner would receive all official information that is made available to the state-run media.

— Associated Press

Europe

DUBLIN, Ireland — A proposed amendment to Irish anti-abortion laws was narrowly rejected by voters, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said Thursday.

The Protection of Human Life in Pregnancy bill would have allowed a woman to get an abortion if her life was at risk, but the use of threats of suicide by the woman as for grounds for an abortion would have been banned. The bill was defeated by 50.42 percent.

The measure also would have imposed criminal penalties of up to 12 years in prison for those seeking abortions when there was no danger to the woman’s life.

In Ireland, the people have voted twice before on abortion issues, including in 1983 when 66 percent were barred from ever broadly legalizing abortion. They also voted in 1983 to legalize the right of Irish women to receive information on foreign abortion services and to travel abroad.

About 7,000 Irish women had their pregnancies terminated in England last year. Recent studies say that almost 10 percent of Irish pregnant women had their pregnancies terminated in an English abortion clinic.

— Associated Press

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

Student loan breaks pushed to encourage federal careers

By Stephen Barr

WASHINGTON (WIRE) — A bipartisan group of House members introduced legislation Thursday that would permit the government to offer tax-free loan forgiveness as a way of encouraging college graduates to pursue federal careers.

The bill would essentially put the government on the same footing as educational institutions and other nonprofits that link repayment of student loans to public service.

Recently federal agencies repay part of an employee’s student loan, the amount forgiven is considered taxable income to the worker. In contrast, loan repayments provided by nonprofits to encourage students to work in government are not taxed as income.

The House members nicknamed their proposal GOPEFDS — Generating Opportunities for Forgiving Educational Debt for Service Act.

Supporters said they hoped the bill would help make federal agencies more competitive in hiring. By most accounts, college graduates — especially students saddled with big student loans — are increasingly looking to the public sector for employment.

— Associated Press

Sports card and collectible show

Sunday March 10, 2002
10 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.
Embassy Suites Hotel
333 Madonna Road, SLO.
Admission is free.

There will be football, basketball and baseball cards, memorabilia, and supplies. For information call Central Coast Sports Card 541-1250.
Although I appreciated watching the vivid battle scenes, after an hour of watching tragic deaths, it was time for the show to end.

Mel Gibson stars as Lt. Gen. Harold G. Moore in the film 'We Were Soldiers.'
**Cinema**

**The Benjamins:** all about the formula

By Kevin B. O'Reilly
THE COLUMBIA CHRONICLE

(U-WIRE) CHICAGO — Who would have thought that the man who wrote "F— the Police" would star in a film where he's in charge ot a computer? But the movie is a hit, and it's a Miami hip-hop star in the lead. Cast as the character, Bucum, has a pen-and-paper gun. His next walk-through of the outlandish Reed is promising. In this case, the main character is a man who tells Fpps to jump 10 feet to the ground and assures his captive that he'll catch him. Fpps jumps and the ground is covered with Bucum's stunt gun. Must he payback for the executed character? Bucum is not a likable character, but he's tunny as a straight man. There's a scene where he tells Fpps to jump into a character, but it's full of inventive, original ideas. That's not what this movie is all about.

**40 days won't even last that long in theaters**

By Cory Dugan
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Being Catholic, I can remember having to give up certain things for Lent to prove my strong relationship with God — like gourmet coffee and television. However, to attempt to give up sex with religious devotion is mind numbing. I made a movie because it is taking things too far. I'll admit that I'm usually a sucker for films of the teen-paperboy genre, but this movie is completely ridiculous. When striving to make a film to which teens will flock, there is certain formula that should be followed in order for the film to be a success. In my opinion, the two best films under the "teen" classification are "American Pie" and "American Pie 2" — I loved them both. But an influx of corny lines, these films worked because of their outrageous humor. "40 Days and 40 Nights" however, did not have enough stoners alluding to Eastern Philosophy. The kind of sacrilege that "40 Days and 40 Nights" practices works best when the main character is a uptight, arrogant, and otherwise irritating character. In this case, the main character, Matt Sullivan (Josh Hartnett), is likable and reasonably normal, and so the belittling and embarrassment directed toward him makes director Michael Lehmann's("The Truth About Cars and Dogs") come across as petty and cruel. This approach is fine if we're not supposed to care about a character, but because the filmmakers intend for us to sympathize with Sullivan, it doesn't work. It's impossible to laugh at someone you're supposed to be forming an emotional bond with. This film might have had a chance of the over-it premise of the movie wasn't so stupid. Giving up sex for Lent is fine but how it was portrayed in the movie was over the top. Near the end of the film, when I thought the movie couldn't get any worse, it again stayed down the wrong path. Over the last day of celibacy, Matt begins to have hallucinations of women walking around naked and riding the bus naked. Could this film dig deeper into the realm of improbability? I doubt it.

I accept that logic and intelligence are not among the primary (or, in some cases, desirable) traits necessary to enjoy a comedy. However, calling "40 Days and 40 Nights" moronic may be a gross overestimation. For audiences to enjoy it, the film needs to be a lot more amusing. If you're rolling in the aisles, convulsing with laughter, it doesn't matter how inane the material is; but when the humor is flat and repetitious, as it is in this film, the absence of a credible story line becomes a major drawback. The level of comedy, which varies from crude to insulting, reminds me of the dirty jokes that fifth graders snicker about in bathrooms, when the mere mention of a sensitive word is a source of great amusement.

So, if you're desperate to give something new a try that Lent, make it movies like this one.

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**VIP Treatment is Cool. MIP Treatment isn't. It stands for Minor In Possession and whether you're the minor holding the beer when the party gets broken up or the older friend who provided the beer, you're busted. Did you know:**

**MINOR PROBLEM**

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- It's against the law to furnish alcoholic beverages to anyone under 21. The mix of alcohol and underage drivers overuse, underdriving increases and death.
- Open legs at college parties or giving alcohol to minors to keep them off "other drugs" doesn't make sense.

Don't be a MIP. Not even a sip.

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**Local Showtimes**

**Fremont**

- **We Wara Soldados**
  - (3-4J5, 6-4J5, 9-4J5
- **Drago-newt**
  - (5-00, 7-4J5, 10-4J5
- **The Tima Machina**
  - (4-30), 7-00, 9-30
- **All About the Benjamins**
  - (5-00), 7-35, 10-00

**Downtown Centre 7 Cinemas**

- **A Beautiful Mind**
  - (3-4J5), 6-30, 9-30
- **40 Days & 40 Nights**
  - (3-4J5), 6-4J5, 8-00, 10-40
- **Black Hawk Down**
  - 6-4J5
- **Crossroads**
  - (5-00), 7-30, 10-00
- **I Am Sam**
  - 6-45
- **Lord of the Rings**
  - (4-30), 8-10
- **Queen of the Damned**
  - 9-30
- **Gosford Park**
  - (3-00), 9-15
- **Return to Flavoland**
  - (4-45), 7-00
- **The Count of Monte Cristo**
  - (3-45), 9-50

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**Palm Theater**

Sani Lugo Obispo

- **Amalia**
  - 7-00, 9-15
- **Lantana**
  - 6-45
- **In the Bedroom**
  - 4-00
- **Just Like Heaven**
  - 9-15
- **Monster's Ball**
  - 9-15
- **Brotherhood of the Wolf**
  - 6-30, 7-00
Mentally disabled deserve same fate

As courts consider a national ban on sentencing mentally disabled criminals to the death penalty, I can't help but ask why the idea ever even arose.

Is it not discrimination to treat the mentally handicapped any differently than the average person? To make distinctions between the treatment of the average person and a mentally handicapped individual would fall under the term discrimination. Why then is it acceptable to treat members of a portion of society differently when it is in their favor?

Punishment is only likely to be effective when it makes examples of criminals. The rest of society will fear the punishment criminals receive and therefore be discouraged from committing crimes. This goal will be unattainable if we continue to make exceptions to the rules, even if those exceptions are for a small fraction of society.

Most of us are familiar with the phrase, "you do the crime, you do the time." Any crime that is severe enough to qualify as a capital crime should be the issue, rather than the mental state of the crime, you do the time. Any crime that is severe enough to have deserved the death penalty is likely to have mental problems, whether they deal with intellect or with sanity. In any case, the crime and the crime's punishment should be the issue, rather than the mental state of the criminal.

The death penalty is most likely to be used in cases when the criminal is unlikely to be rehabilitated. If we do not think that a person with a normal intellect is capable of being rehabilitated, it is highly unlikely that a mentally handicapped criminal would be able to successfully complete a rehabilitation procedure after committing a crime of the same caliber. Every mentally handicapped individual who was able to be successfully rehabilitated, would the prison setting be a suitable and productive environment for a person with mental handicaps? It is likely that the mentally handicapped criminal would demand special care that prison employees may not be capable of providing. Would this create a need for the funding of special care training and if so, where would the funding for such special training come from?

According to an article by Associated Press writer Robert Tanner, 12 percent of inmates sought to get off death row due to mental handicaps in states where the penalty is on the books. Robert Tanner reported that a support national ban on executions for mentally disabled criminals suggested the number of these disabilities.

"With 2,455 inmates on death row in the 20 states that allow executions of the mentally disabled, that would mean 245 potential challenges of 10 percent sought reprieves, or 490 to 20 percent did," Tanner wrote.

Based on these numbers, would it be worth taxpayers' money to deal with that volume of appeals? We can't put every serious issue out to the populace by keeping the tax dollars artifically high. These errors range from simple mistakes to catastrophic blunders, but in all of these instances the course of the future has been dramatically altered.

The fact is that He loved us so much. He was a person and a mentally handicapped individual would deal with the same fate. It is likely that these disabled individuals are not any different than the average person? To deal with the same fate, it would mean 245 potential challenges if 10 percent did, 490 if 20 percent did," Tanner explained. Based on these numbers, would it be worth taxpaying dollars that landed all of these individuals in prison?

In none of the articles did any writer like that fiery red head, Barbara Fierstein, or Minnie the Moocher come to mind. It would be counterproductive to achieving the greater good. We can't put every serious issue out to the populace by keeping the tax dollars artificially high. Henceforth, I conclude: The truth shall set you free. In regard to Miss Lilian Andrade, I would like to extend my sincere regrets. I know she was present at the Reginald Jones event, because I personally attended him. I am sorry for any harm done to her good character, and I can only hope that she feels the same for what she has done to me. I am only human, and therefore, some pain of mankind is also a part of mine. Daniel J. Gutierrez is a civil engineering junior and secretary of the Cal Poly College Republicans.

Letters to the editor

Jesus was never insulting

Editor,

In response to Nairou Kalano's letter, "Torn is more offensive" on March 6, I feel very distraught over your choice to call people "politically correct double heads." As a Christian, I feel I must address this. God did, I do not remember ever reading in the Bible that Jesus called anyone an insulting name. As he saw that the pharisees would not turn down each other, God loves everyone. Yes, everyone - the porn star, the murderer, etc. And, yes, one of his sayings is that He loves us. He gave up His only Son to come to earth and be hated, beat up, spat at, and nailed to the cross. He did it in order that you and I may be saved. He did it for you and I, and I am so overwhelmed by His love and forgiveness that I just want you to have a chance to reflect.

Keilah Summers is a mathematics senior.

So many stupid people

Editor,

Everyone has the right to their own opinion. That is the beauty of the nation we live in. However, some people have not expressed themselves as they should. On the Daily, on March 4, a freshman wrote two letters that were printed about different topics. He said he hadn't seen much diversity around campus. Well, he hasn't been around much if he is a freshman. I guess a writer like that fiery red head, Barbara Fierstein, isn't allowed to be a tad light-hearted. Even it a mentally disabled criminal were able to be let off, they would mean 245 potential challenges if 10 percent did, even if 20 percent did, Tanner stated. Based on these numbers, would it be worth taxpaying dollars that landed all of these individuals in prison?

It is quite clear to me that anyone who would commit a capital crime has not deserved the death penalty. Punishment is only likely to be effective when it makes examples of criminals. The rest of society will fear the punishment criminals receive and therefore be discouraged from committing crimes. This goal will be unattainable if we continue to make exceptions to the rules, even if those exceptions are for a small fraction of society.

I think, therefore I am

Editor,

Mr. Taylor, I disagree with what you wrote on March 6. I do not think of you or your ideas as "politically correct double heads." As a student of history, I further appeal to your knowledge of the past. If you think that the past is not something more than a graveyard of errors. These errors range from simple mistakes to catastrophic blunders, but in all of these instances the course of the future has been dramatically altered.

That is not just an opinion, it is a fact. More enlightening futures are possible. It was not anyone's intention to "pull the wool over your eyes" about the Civil War. In all of the articles, including my letter, did anyone bash the Cal Poly College Republicans? In my letter, I presented the story of a person who was a Cal Poly student as a result of the Student Access to Coursework Act. I was present at the Reyinald Jones event, while you offered to raffle off anti-Osama bin Laden posters, so the moment I saw it as the only straw available, I was indeed at the event. I saw how the rest of the people in the standing audience did not support the poster either. Nonetheless, you are still entitled to your opinion. As rational beings, I am sure that you realize that humans are not infallible creatures; thus - and I appeal to your intelligence - it is true that we as individuals and as communities make mistakes.

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Letters to the editor

I would have to wait weeks because the technical support in my department is so overloaded with work. There is also no money specifically allocated for travel. So when my faculty want to attend a professional conference, they too have to have hundreds of dollars out of their own pockets to do so. And then there is the problem of student access to courses. If we are a direct result of lack of financial resources, there are other difficulties as well. I'm currently using everything available qualified person in the county to teach statistics and still can't meet student demand. But my dean told me that if the fee increase passes, it will help us to hire more tenure-track faculty so that we desperately need.

Jaye Devore is chair of the statistics department.

Club's excuses don't apply

Editor,

Throughout your letter, "See event for yourself," March 6, Boren Vann compares apples with oranges when deciding if the Cal Poly Republicans' actions toward Reginald Jones were appropriate.

In none of the articles did any writer like that fiery red head, Barbara Fierstein, or Minnie the Moocher come to mind. It would be counterproductive to achieving the greater good. We can't put every serious issue out to the populace by keeping the tax dollars artificially high. Henceforth, I conclude: The truth shall set you free. In regard to Miss Lilian Andrade, I would like to extend my sincere regrets. I know she was present at the Reginald Jones event, because I personally attended him. I am sorry for any harm done to her good character, and I can only hope that she feels the same for what she has done to me. I am only human, and therefore, some pain of mankind is also a part of mine. Daniel J. Gutierrez is a civil engineering junior and secretary of the Cal Poly College Republicans.

"If I were a guy buying porn, I wouldn't do it at 'Campus Market.'"
New York band rocks SLO

SI*Se performed at Club SLO Brew Tuesday night. "SI*Se is a bilingual septet from New York specializing in the fusion of chilly electronic beats with a warm, pan-Latino sensibility," according to the Los Angeles Times.

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debt — do not make the government their first choice because industry usually offers a higher starting wage. The chief House sponsors are Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., chairman of the House Government Reform Committee; and Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., the committee’s senior Democrat. Similar legislation has been introduced in the Senate by Sens. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, and John Tierney, D-Mass., members of the Government Reform Committee, which oversees programs for federal employees and retirees.

Congress authorized the government to repay student loans for current and new employees in 1991, but the Office of Personnel Management did not issue regulations until last year. OPM officials said there was no need for the recruitment incentive during the 1990s because most agencies were downsizing. But the times have changed. A number of agencies are staffing up for homeland defense, and virtually all parts of the government face a wave of retirements during the next five years. While the events of Sept. 11 and the

steadily growing economy have made the government a more attractive employer, numerous agencies find it difficult to hire workers with specialized skills.

College students and federal employees, in surveys and interviews, have said loan repayments are an important factor in weighing job offers. The typical college debt burden is estimated at between $14,000 and $16,000 for undergraduates and more than $20,000 for graduate students, supporters of GOPEED said Thursday.

In the last year, a few agencies have started loan repayment programs (the Energy and Defense departments, General Services Administration and NASA) and several are drawing up plans to offer repayment.

Under the government’s student loan repayment program, agencies may put up to $6,000 per year, capped at $40,000 total per employee. Employees who receive student loan repayments must agree to stay in the federal service for no less than three years.

Agencies report the amount of their loan repayments to the Internal Revenue Service, and those amounts are subject to withholding at the time the repayment is made.

The proposed legislation will make the current loan repayment program more forceful.

“Government should not tax its own ability to be a better recruiter,” said Max Stier, president of the nonprofit Partnership for Public Service.

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**Sports**

**Women’s tennis to host three-game series**

By Eric Rich

As students feel the crunch of finals, the women’s tennis team will receive no break this weekend as they prepare for three consecutive days of competition at home.

The Mustangs are currently in fifth place in the Big West Conference, with an even 2-2 conference record and a 4-6 overall standing. Although the team will be without No. 1 player Angie Bagheri due to an ankle sprain, players feel they have a good chance for a weekend sweep.

“The one thing about our team is that we really have a lot of depth,” senior Stephanie Wehrich said. “All the girls can play, and that makes it a strong matchup.”

First up for the team is UC Riverside, carrying a dismal conference record of 0-4. The team is currently in last place in the Big West. The Highlanders’ No. 1 player is Michelle Beyrouni, a 4-6 record in dual matches.

The match takes place Friday at 1:30 p.m.

Conference rival UC Santa Barbara rolls into town this Saturday for a showdown. The Gauchos bring with them a conference record of 0-3, but boast two nationally ranked players. Umita Khan is ranked No. 83 in the nation, and has a 13-4 record in dual matches. She is backed by No. 142-Junior guard Kari Hipperon.

“There will be a fight for a vote at high noon this weekend,” said Hipperon, nearly single-handedly dominating Chico State this Saturday in the “Battle for the Boot.”

The men’s tennis team hopes to dominate UC Santa Barbara this Saturday in the “Battle for the Boot” at 2 p.m. Coming off three huge wins this weekend in Arizona, the men’s team feels confident after its strong performance, stressing the overall teamwork shown in recent games.

Lacrosse looking to give Chico the ‘boot’

By Katrina Telfer

There will be a fight for a boot at high noon this weekend.

The men’s lacrosse team hopes to dominate Chico this Saturday in the “Battle for the Boot” at 2 p.m. Coming off three huge wins this weekend in Arizona, the nation’s. The Mustangs beat Fort Lewis College, Michigan State and University of Arizona, a team that was ranked 11th in the nation.

The team feels confident after its strong performance, stressing the overall teamwork shown in recent games.

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