Forum discusses social change

By Sierra Zwold Fish
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Various students and staff gathered Monday to discuss diversity and culture on campus.

Associated Students Inc. Student Government held a Multicultural Discussion which focused on increasing diversity and cultural awareness on campus. Also presented was a new proposal for university action by Cal Poly students. The discussion had the largest student attendance ever for a multicultural forum and also present were several faculty and staff, including President Warren Baker.

Angie Hacker, ASI president, welcomed everyone and opened the discussion by encouraging individuals to voice their opinion on the topic of diversity and culture on campus.

"What we are seeing are symptoms of a larger problem," Hacker said. "Culturalism is important for this institution — it is something to embrace. We need to see action, change and a collaborative effort to make some tangible goals."

Mark Fohiout, coordinator of the Multicultural Center, spoke about the need to advocate for social change.

"We need to articulate what kind of campus climate we would like to see in regards to cultural diversity," he said.

Several students attended the discussion representing various clubs and organizations on campus. Mike Sullivan, a computer engineering student, said.

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Group increases CLA awareness

By Christen Wegner
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It may be the third largest college on campus, but the College of Liberal Arts is one of only two colleges that does not have a group of ambassadors to promote their college. However, business senior Nicole Messier’s plans to change that through a senior project that will give the college a greater diplomatic presence on campus.

"Before Nicole’s initiative, we had no leadership or any drive," said Gabe Carbajal, a political science junior and president of the College of Liberal Arts Ambassadors (CLAA).

"The ambassadors’ job is a lot like that of a ride-along with Farm workers," Allen said. "We are there as a presence and a consultant whenever they are in need of someone with the ability to understand, assist, and also be a friend to the workers."

One of the events that Messier is most proud of is the Teaching Appreciation Faculty Luncheon. The ambassadors will recognize any teacher in the College of Liberal Arts whom the students feel is the best representative of Cal Poly and the college.

"I am hoping that (the luncheon) becomes a tradition because it is important to recognize hard working teachers," Messier said.

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Student’s online book exchange competes to save others money

By Collin Hester
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students may think twice about their next set of textbooks since they discover a new Web site for used books.

For his senior project, business senior Peter Keller recently launched universityunion.com, a free online book exchange tailored for Cal Poly and Cuesta students with the aim of giving them the best deals on textbooks.

"To put it distinctly, it saves students money," said Daniel Conde, a business junior. "The CSC 391 book I bought from Peter was $50, and it would have been $55 with tax at Aida’s."

Keller said he created the site because he wanted an alternative to Aida’s University Book Exchange and El Corral Bookstore, for two biggest college textbook stores in San Luis Obispo.

"The idea came to mind, and no one else wanted to put in the legwork, so I created it," Keller said. "It’s ridiculous that there’s a 400 to 500 percent profit being made (on textbooks) in the (El Corral) bookstore. El Corral is Cal Poly’s cash cow."

The site’s primary emphasis is on see BOOKS, page 5

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Greeks finish up week of philanthropy, fun

By Justin Ruttkay
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What do you think about the results of the college-based fee increase voting?

By Christen Wegner

I think it’s OK with it because I’m in the theater department and they’re thinking about getting new equipment and more classes. It’s going to help us out in the long run.

Gina Mirizzi
theater junior

I don’t really like it. It’s still hard to find parking and get classes.

Don Smith
English senior

I thought the money was going directly toward major and support courses, but in Liberal Arts, they’re taking money for more GE speech classes I don’t think that’s right.

Stacy Baptista
social sciences junior

I think it’s ridiculous. Do we really know where our money is going in our department? We don’t and we won’t.

James Sablan
graphic communication senior

I really don’t think it’s going to do much. It seems that a majority is going to professor’s raises, and classes that will only be added at night and early morning.

Laura Meade
animal science freshman

I hardly doubt that I’m going to see any effects of the fee increase. I’m unaware of where the money is going, and I think the students should be more educated.

Collen Trip
English freshman

"I would love to change the atmosphere on campus to make it more intellectual and open like UC Berkeley. I get excited when I see students getting involved with demonstrations or protests regarding various issues."

Angie Hacker
ASI president

Since many students were not aware of the event, more advertising will hopefully be a step in the right direction for a positive change in campus life, Hacker said.

Meital Manzuri, a political science junior and one of the students who spoke at the Free Speech Hour, said this is a good way to see a large crowd gathered to listen and speak about their opinions.

“The event could be a great opportunity to get controversial issues mentioned,” Manzuri said.

The event appears to be a success since most of the students who spoke at the First Free Speech Hour plan on speaking again.

“I would definitely do it again because it was fun to speak, watch, and yell,” Carbajal said.

ASl hour urges students to speak mind

By Christen Wegner

Following the events of Sept. 11 ASI President Angie Hacker realized that there was no outlet on campus that allowed students to voice opinions or concerns about issues facing the world.

After six months of work, Hacker’s vision came to life as the first ASI Free Speech Hour debuted April 9.

“I think the Free Speech Hour went really well because it allowed anyone to get up and speak about whatever they wanted — it was really cool,” said Gabe Carbajal, one of the students who spoke at the first Associated Students Inc. Free Speech Hour and political science junior.

Every Tuesday during the Free Speech Hour, students, as well as anyone else, have the opportunity to express their thoughts on anything from world politics to poetry.

“I would love to change the atmosphere on campus to make it more intellectual and open like UC Berkeley,” Hacker said. “I get excited when I see students getting involved with demonstrations or protests regarding various issues.”

In the beginning, the first Free Speech Hour had only three students signed up to speak. However, by the end of the event, more than 15 students had taken the stage to talk about everything from voting to their hatred of colds.

“It is really easy for something like this to flop the first time out, but I was really happy with the response it got,” Hacker said.

Hacker is hoping that faculty and community members will also take the stage to voice their opinions on life.

“Since this was mainly started for educational purposes, I am not excluding anyone from attending or speaking at the hour,” Hacker said.
Inmates refusing to give DNA samples

WASHINGTON — Inmates as in many as a dozen states have refused to give blood or saliva samples containing DNA.

A large portion of the inmates refusing to give samples is in California. Since last summer, more than 900 inmates in about five prisons have rejected giving samples, prison officials said. Many of the inmates cited privacy concerns and an unwillingness to accommodate the requests of authorities.

The samples could link the inmates to other crimes. The refusals are threatening to build a nationwide database of convicts' genetic profiles that officials have said could help clear thousands of unsolved cases.

In the last decade and a half, all 50 states and the District of Columbia have passed laws to establish DNA databases to aid crime fighting. Since 1990, the state DNA databases have been linked by a national computer system maintained by the FBI. Since the mid-1990s, 11 states have passed laws that allow authorities to take DNA samples using "reasonable force" if necessary, of course, from non-university inmates. In California, authorities are only authorized to use administrative sanctions.

As of February, the nationwide database contained 600,000 convict profiles, said the FBI. The profiles have been used to identify suspects or develop evidence in 3,911 investigations.

— USA Today

8-year-old misses bus, drives to school

TEMPLE TERRACE, Fla. — After missing the school bus, an 8-year-old Florida boy drove himself to school in a stolen car, police said.

The boy made it to the school and parked it in the faculty parking lot without any problems just in time for class. He was caught when students told a teacher they had seen him pull in to the Riverbile Elementary School in Temple Terrace.

Even though the boy was too tall to see over the dashboard, he was able to maneuver the vehicle along the 1.5-mile route from his house and across at least one busy four-lane intersection.

Police said that neither the boy nor his mother were aware that the 2002 Ford Focus was a stolen vehicle, and that the car is under investigation.

The mother was not arrested because there were no signs of neglect.

The boy said that his uncle had been giving him driving lessons since last week in the Focus. The boy had been arrested on an unrelated vehicle theft charge.

— Reuters

Special cocktail hoped to help curb nuclear waste

LAS VEGAS — Jerry's Nugget Casino in North Las Vegas has started a campaign to keep nuclear waste out of Nevada.

The casino has added to its selection a special drink called "The Yucca Mountain Meltdown." The drink, a concoction of cactus, rum and pineapple, comes in a souvenir glass, and costs customers $2.50.

Since the sale of each drink, the casino will donate $1 to the Nevada Anti-Nuclear Waste Task Force, which is a non-profit public advocacy organization.

Gov. Kenny Guinn of Nevada has signed President Bush's approval of the Yucca Mountain project. The site is 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas and is slated to hold 77,000 tons of the nation's high-level nuclear waste.

— Los Angeles Times

International Briefs

Middle East

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — At least four U.S. soldiers were killed while blowing up unexploded rockets near the Afghan city of Kandahar Monday, U.S. Defense Department said that several other soldiers were injured or missing.

The team of five to 10 members had been destroying the old 107 mm missiles when the blast occurred. The missiles were to be left over from Afghanistan's civil war and the war against the USSR.

Troops have been finding and blowing up weapons caches left in caves. There are also a large number of landmines in the area.

In March, five peacekeepers were killed during similar operations.

— Associated Press

Caribbean

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Jamaican hospitals are being overwhelmed by "drug mules," which are people who swallow cocaine-filled condoms before boarding international flights in order to smuggle the drug.

Police said that neither the suspect nor any of the suspects were arrested.

— Associated Press

Time on students' side, poll says

By Maureen Hartshorn

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A survey released April 2 by polling firms Harris Interactive and 360 Youth Inc. found the average college student has about 11 hours of free time per day.

The survey conducted in October 2001 randomly sampled 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students, ages 18 to 34, from two- and four-year institutions.

Free time, the study found, is time not spent studying, sleeping or working.

The survey found that students occupy themselves during these leisure hours in a variety of ways. Top activities included using the Internet, listening to music, talking on the phone and watching TV, but students also noted some of their free time was used for commuting.

Derek White, general manager at 360 Youth Inc., said these findings were not surprising and not too different from the findings of other studies. Methods for gathering the data, he said, were tested to be reliable.

"It the survey) was designed very carefully to be as accurate as possible," White said.

Even so, the survey's findings seemed fairly surprising to many people, even White, who professed to be "a bit surprised."

The study surprised Sean McDowell, Ph.D., a professor of philosophy at Liberty University.

"I am very confident that I am working harder now, as a college student, than I will need to once I get a job. And I resent the idea that the world sees my age group as wasting nearly half of every day on video games and idle 'Web-surfing,'" McDowell said.

But, as a student who, like McDonell, finds themselves lacking in free time, the university offers several things that other students don't cope with coping with stress and budgeting time effectively.

David Hyde is an instructor in the university's department of public and community health. Hyde teaches "Understanding and Coping with Stress," and said many students take the class because much of their stress is school-related.

"Compared to college students 15 or 20 years ago, I think college students of today have many more expectations and demands, which translates into more stress," Hyde said.

Eliorah Eison, a senior computer science major, spends plenty of time studying, not saying, but she doesn't have 11 hours a day for such activities.

"I do all those things," Eison said. "But I also go to class daily. I study daily — maybe for 15 minutes, maybe two or three hours."

Gleni Schardl, another instructor in the public and community health department, teaches a class on computer science.

His students were also skeptical about having 11 free hours a day. The students in my class really raised their eyebrows at that statistic," he said. "Typically, about 70 to 80 percent of my students are working, compared to only about 40 percent in the 1970s. It's a stretch to think that our students have that much free time."

— Associated Press

Brief compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Gullford.
Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgender, Senior, said that he would like to see changes in reaction to the Cal Poly campus climate and recent events. One of the proposed changes is a strategic solution from the President’s Office on how to combat racism and discrimination on campus. This plan should be presented publicly by June 3, 2002.

In addition to the proposed solution, student acknowledged each other for coming together to discuss such an important topic on campus.

“We have never had a meeting like this where so many students have expressed their concerns,” said Elbert Hiredman, a business senior. “We are all working together in implementing our ideas into action. It is not just a fight for you and me, it is a fight for your 6-year-old cousin who wants to go tight for you and me, it is a fight for your 6-year-old cousin who wants to go to Cal Poly. The best ideals of experience come from people who experience it day to day.”

Students also spoke about their thoughts on the lack of diversity on campus.

“There is racism on campus, but it comes from a lack of knowledge,” said Ethel Hiredman, a mechanical engineering freshman. “What is not in sight is out of mind. It is hard to find classes where I can find enlightenment. I have found that though in my Diversity, Leadership and Social Change class, I like to see a problem, face it and solve it.”

Also discussed was Cal Poly’s jurisdiction to regulate campus activity. “We cannot allow inferior attitudes to intimidate others on campus,” said Sigert Agbo, a political science junior. “It is hard to change attitudes, but we can change people’s behavior. I would strongly like to see Cal Poly enforce the student disciplinary code. There are clubs whose actions go against the Cal Poly Mission Statement.”

Baker spoke about the diversity issue on campus and responded to the panel discussion. “I want to thank everyone who organized this,” he said. “It is extremely important. There are no easy solutions. This takes persistence. We need to look at the programs that are successful to remain consistent and more than that we need to foster communication. This is the largest group I have had the chance to talk to and that in itself is a sign of progress.”

Ken Barker, director of Student Life and Leadership, spoke about goals that Cal Poly has in terms of cultural awareness. “It’s we want to make sure this campus is comfortable and inviting to everyone,” he said.

Several announcements were made about opportunities for individuals to give their input about the diversity issue on campus. Hacker spoke about Free Speech Hour, which takes place every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon in the University Union Plaza. Faaberg closed the discussion with a few comments about being the director of the Multicultural Center.

“We need to make sure that diversity and clubs are visible not just on campus, but in the community,” he said.

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people don’t know about this kind of stuff, only the bad stuff that is associated with the Greek system.”

Every range from normal sports such as soccer and baseball to abnormal sports such as sand castle building and arm-wrestling competitions. The week is formulated around six teams, each of which has been designated a specific color and competes for individual team points. Whichever team has the most points by the end of the week is the winner.

“This year, the competition has been fierce — people surprisingly real­ly care about who wins or loses,” Allen said.

Teams compete for individual points and additional house points as well. Allen said. The team that sells the most T-shirts is awarded a certain number of points. At the finish of the week on Thursday, the winners walk away with a trophy that claims them as the victors of Greek Week.

“The real prize, besides the trophy, is the bragging rights that a team gets for beating the other teams,” Allen said.

Individuals involved in Greek Week point out other benefits of the week.

“It’s a good opportunity to meet people in the Greek system that you might not have known before,” said Katie Hare, a Gamma Phi Beta and speech communications senior. “It’s also cool to have your own house come together and cheer each other on.”

The week started last Wednesday and will continue until Thursday. For more information on Greek Week, check out www.cpgreeks.com.

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Another event the ambassadors will take on for next year will be the College of Liberal Arts Career Day. “When other cancer dies come to Cal Poly they do nothing special for the College of Liberal Arts or its students,” Messier said.

The goal of the coordinators — Lisa Olmo, Amber Hodge, Kathleen Ohl, Nguyen Agbo, and Carbalaj — is to target approximately 30 students to be the new ambassadors.

“I think this club will bring the college up to what it should be — huge,” Carbalaj said.

The CLAA project will be funded by student council donations from the College of Liberal Arts and Associated Students Inc.

“Now that the program has been formed I hope that the college utilizes (the ambassadors),” Messier said. “My biggest fear is that we lose this this week and the college won’t take advantage of our skills.”

Students interested in being one of the first ambassadors to represent the College of Liberal Arts can pick up an application in building 47, room 31, or contact Messier at messier@calpoly.edu.

Rumsfeld skeptical over U.N. arms inspection of Iraq

By Walter Pincus

(WIRE) WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Monday he was skeptical that a new United Nations arms inspection regime would build confidence that Iraq President Saddam Hussein is not developing nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

Rumsfeld told reporters that even when U.N. inspectors were in Iraq during the 1990s, "for the most part anything they found was a result of being caused to something as a result of a detector giving them a heads up.

Rumsfeld's remarks reflected the sharp differences within the Bush administration over the prospect of resuming the U.N. inspections. Senior Pentagons officials fear the inspections could complicate their goal ofousting Saddam by force, while the State Department has been pressing for Iraq to accept the new U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission and renew the inspections program abandoned in 1998.

State Department spokesman Philip Reeker told reporters Monday that U.S. policy is to support the commission and U.N. resolutions that require Iraq to accept "silk, unobstructed, unconditional access" to suspected weapons sites. "The weapons inspectors," Reeker said, "must be able to operate on an anytime, anywhere basis for inspections to meet the standard set by the Security Council."

Han Rhee, the U.N. panel's executive chairman, told Washington Post editors and reporters Monday that his approach will be to place the "burden of proof" on Iraq to demonstrate it is not developing weapons of mass destruction.

He noted several changes from previous U.N. efforts that include funding of the commission by a surcharge on Iraq oil sales, making it independent from pressure from individual nations that previously paid for the inspectors.

Another change, Rhee said, was in addition to inspecting and monitoring potential weapons production plants, the new commission would have the right to visit Iraqi military bases and facilities.

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SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
Poly Profiles

By Bryan Dickerson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Kate Jones drives past a billboard
composed of an aerial photograph
describing the blue temperate waters
and trademark rock of Morro Bay. She
pulls off on the left, leaving the main highway
onto a dirt road. The Ford kicks up a
dust plume as it creeps through a
scattered stand of scrub oak, small
camposanto, roaming chickens and
discarded tires.

"It's like something out of a horror story," Jones says, in a faded English
accent, as the car pulls up to one of the
trailers. Two kids knock, and the door
creaks open. A pale, round, young
woman with glasses and a clinging
camisole emerges, along with some of
her other clients.

Jones will spend the morning
helping Lavonda (last name withheld) get to several appointments, perform a
checkup and purchase a prescription for
Douglas, and do what she can to get the family out of the cramped 8-by-15-foot
trailer and into a more secure
environment.

Jones works for the Morro Bay branch of San Luis Obispo County
health services. She helps clients get
the basic necessities to care for themselves and their children. Clients like Lavonda are referred to Jones from area clinics, obstetricians, some private
health practitioners, and public
health services. Her tasks include
arranging medical appointments to
helping them with the daunting paperwork associated with
government assistance. In short, she helps keep the fraying edges of her clients' lives from fraying more.

Jones has the ability to wrap
difficult clinical questions into an easy
tone that suggests afternoons tea rather
than a county-sponsored check-up. Her
voice is unassuming, her words often
covering soft blue eyes and a forehead
prone to creases of concern.

Jones came to the United States
from Leeds, England, in the early 1980s. She was a nurse under the British program of
socialized medicine. "I didn't like the money focus of U.S. medicine," she says. "I never felt comfortable working in a 'for-profit'
environment."

Jones says she feels more at home in the world of county-supported
programs that treat more than just symptom.

"The medical facilities work on physical problems rather than how those problems are related to psychosocial
situations," Jones says. "The police
hereiner just isn't just a medical
focus. If basic needs aren't met, if they can't get food, housing and

Editor's note: Below are quotes in context
from a typical 'Profile' story;
the format
is a bit different. In order to get a sense for
some of the questions Jones asks in the
program featured, a Mustang Daily
reporter put Jones to the test. San Luis Obispo County health services
employee Kate Jones to
witness whether or not Jones is as good as
the reputation she shares
with her colleagues because the reporter shares his experiences as they occur, as
best he can, with an engaging style:
the topic, the story is written in
present tense.

"The trailer home is like
something out of a horror story."

Kate Jones
San Luis Obispo County health services employee

way to get to work, then it's not
helping. The nice thing about this program is that you get to work with clients for
an extended period of time," Jones
says.

On this day Mustang Daily went for
a ride-along with Jones, Lavonda and
Douglas.

Traveling to the Social Security Office

The drive between destinations, in as an office visit when
Jones tirelessly explores the minutiae
of a client's life. This is all part of her early support program. Jones' job is to
make sure her clients get the resources
time to run a series of developmental
tests. She asks Lavonda if she's still
having problems. In a patient warm,
drawn Lavonda explains her symptoms
and tells Jones she's been waking up in
the middle of the night. Jones reminds
her of an appointment with a mental
health professional.

"Do we need to confirm that ride for
your tour?" Jones says.

"Lavonda nods and echoes. "Yes, we
need to confirm that ride."

"I feel like I'm going crazy," Lavonda
says. "I'm very moody and I
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another government building with a
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"I'm not sure what to do with this one. I think I already filled one out like this," Lavonda says, holding up an
official looking piece of paper.

"You probably already filled it out,
but that's alright," Jones says. "You
ever have to do that sometimes."

Lavonda needs to do in the coming
weeks. She calls me to
her, Jones says. "She calls me to
schedule an appointment.

Lavonda's trailer sits. Jones runs
across that area, and
they put him on a flixter and play with him."

Jones was diagnosed as having a developmental
delay. "I'm delayed on stuff," says. "I
get frustrated because I can't find my way around."

Social Security Office, San Luis Obispo

Jones, Jones and Lavonda are excited
as they arrive at a relatively uncrowd-
ated office. Jones reminds Lavonda what
forms to ask for, and within minutes she
is at the window. Jones utilizes the
time to run a battery of developmental
tests with Douglas on the drug carpet
of the waiting area. "She wants to see if
the toddler can stack blocks on top of
each other, but he is intent on throwing
them across the waiting area."

Lavonda returns with a fistful of
forms and a confused expression.

"You only need one test, but the
green one needs a whole
bunch of some kind of test," Lavonda
says.

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Morro Bay Health Department

What was once the Morro Bay
courthouse's half-century back now serves as
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staff navigates through the clutter of
medication cabinets, boxes and bureaucratic
debate.

Between her desk and a massive file
basket, Jones places a naked Douglas
on a scale to try to distract him long
enough to get an accurate reading. She
weighs, measures and explains to
Lavonda that Douglas is just outside the
low 25th percentile for weight. It takes
some persuasion on Jones' part to assure
Lavonda her child's weight is acceptable.
Jones goes over details about
Lavonda's health and Children's
program that provides milk, cheese and
gest babies.

"Five minutes later Lavonda com-
ments about finding a suitable
place to live, mentioning credit
history and some complications
due to her divorce proceedings.

Jones asks Lavonda if they've had
problems sleeping. Lavonda
explains her symptoms
"Can we lock the doors?" Lavonda
"I get nervous around these guys."

The men that she's concerned
about are former prisoners from the
California Men's Colony. Lavonda
explains that she doesn't much like
prisoners because of her estranged
husband.

"He was abusive, so I'm
incensed about prisoners," she says. "My husband raped my daughter, and now he's in prison. Then he kidnapped me and brought me out here to Morro Bay.

Lavonda had her first child at age
15 and her second at 16. She married
her husband when she was 18 and
sheltered there after he was convicted for
murdering the children. She lost the
children when the state found her unfit as a
mother and took them away.

Jones returns to the car, once again
diving into questions about Douglas'
development.

"Is he saying anything?" Jones asks.
"Does he say, 'no, no' or 'no, no' or
for bottle, ma ma and wu wu?"

Lavonda says, Jones explains the
importance of stimulation in a child's
development and Lavonda nods in agree-
ment, saying she'd be race to be able to
put him on a floor and play with him.

Morro Bay Post Office

Jones waits in the car while
Lavonda goes in, returning from yet
another government building with a
full three.

"I'm not sure what to do with this one. I think I already filled one out like this," Lavonda says, holding up an
official looking piece of paper.

"You probably already filled it out,
but that's alright," Jones says. "You
ever have to do that sometimes."

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Jones says she feels more at home in the world of county-supported
programs that treat more than just symptom.

"Some in my world feel more normalized with her, Jones says. "She calls me to
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Lavonda's trailer

It's in the day and people are
milling about on the property where
Lavonda's trailer sits. Jones runs through a
final list of things that
Lavonda needs to do in the coming
coud and says goodbye to her and
Douglas. Mother and son rise up the
cinder-block steps into the trailer,
stepping around a double door of
tcluster in the doorway, and disappear.

"I'm torn about reporting to envi-
ronmental services, some of the living
conditions I find, (in places like this)
Jones says. "Because if they weren't
around, these people would have no
place to go."
Letters to the editor

Kings will get respect when they’ve earned it

Editor,

Well, well, well. It’s funny how winning really brings the front-runners out of the woodwork. I’ve been going to this school for a few years now, and it bugles my mind the way Kings fans never seem to be quite happy with their situation. Why is this? As a diehard Lakers fan, I’ve had to suffer through many years (the Van Exel days) and see my beloved purple and gold experience the agony of defeat. I had faith, however, that they would always pull through, and I believe they are on a historic journey not to be envied.

I’m sorry, but this is Laker country. You can whine about television coverage or the fact that Shaq can buy and sell all of us, the bottom line is that they are the LAKERS, one of the most successful franchises in sports history. They are the World Champions, for chrissake, why are they acting like Pops, uh... because they are dead! Come on! Yes, the Kings can lose games and no one blinks an eye. Do you know why? All that matters is that they lose. I don’t care what the Kings do in the regular season – it doesn’t matter. Until the Kings can win a title, they don’t get done. "Nothing to see here," has worn thin. The Kings have the best record in the league and still they cry foul. What is the deal?

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Americans’ naïve ideas on the war against terror

Editor,

As the situation in the Middle East becomes more gray and complicated to Americans, the Bush administration is caught between its loyalty to Israel and world pressure to do something immediate and meaningful. Israeli troops from Palestinian towns and cities. Within the last couple weeks the administration stepped back once again in support for Israel due to world outrage over its military sweeps of the West Bank and Gaza. As of late, Israel, a nation that the United States supports with over $3 billion and more than half a billion dollars worth of military aid annually, resembles more of a fascist state than that of a democracy. Sharon, the right-wing prime minister of Israel, is at the forefront of this reactionary movement. Sharon viciously punishes the Palestinians and prevents journalists and international monitors from observing and reporting the Israeli military results. This reflects the growing insanity of the Israeli government.

As the Israeli leader, Sharon provokes and empowers radicals. This empowerment of extremists only contributes to the security problems of Israel. His solution to the war: a dome-tower strategy that destroys homes, kills innocent people and humilates an entire population. This solution will push even more young moderate Palestinians to the extreme state of mind seen in suicide bombers. His actions only bred hatred for Israeli as an increasing amount of immigrants from Palestine die at the hands of Israeli soldiers.

Sharon justifies the military action by comparing Israel’s involvement in the Palestinian refugee camps to the United States’ military action in Afghanistan. This analogy, although effective for public opinion, is false. To compare the relationship of Israelis and Palestinians to the relationship of Americans and Afghans is like comparing apples and oranges.

The history of Palestine and Israel is more extensive and violent than the history that the United States and Afghanistan share. Israel, for example, builds settlements in the city that they invaded and many Israeli citizens condemn. On the other hand, most Americans did not know where Afghanistan was located prior to Sept. 11.

The United States sends humanitarian aid to Afghanistan while Israel provides no such aid to Palestinians. The Israeli army that prevents journalists and international monitors from observing and reporting the Israeli military results.

The Israeli army and Sharon have the luxury of calling a killing of an innocent child an “accident,” but, in a larger picture, it is a means to an end. I would question the details of the civilian deaths. Are civilians being “sacrificed” so that the Israeli army gets its shots at Palestinian militants? How loose are the orders for Israeli soldiers to fire their weapons? What precautions is the Israeli army taking to ensure that civilian deaths remain at a minimum? Why are journalists, international monitors and the international Red Cross prevented from entering areas where the Israeli army conducts its “sweep” of Palestinian towns and cities?

My hunch is that Israel takes very little necessity precautions, as referred to by a petition in which hundreds of persons within the Israeli army refused to continue to serve in the West Bank and Gaza. Moreover, considering the hatred that exists between the two sides, an investigation of possible massacre should be looked into as civilian deaths outnumber viable military targets in a shocking five to one ratio.

By instigating this reactionary movement Sharon undermines the will and distorts the image of moderate Israelis. Moderate Israelis want to live in peace as equals to their Palestinian neighbors. Conversely, it seems that the Israeli extremists, like Sharon, only want peace on the condition that their superiority is flaunted over Palestinians. Sharon and his collective punishment policy work against every principle of democracy. To most Americans, the innocence of this point does not lie with the suffering of innocent Palestinians; rather it lies in our crumbling, naive idea of a struggle with a clear right and wrong in the War on Terror.

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(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — The next evening you'll all show in your dorm room, log on to a Web site with enough T'n'A to rev up your evening. No, it isn't another porn site. It's the site for Masturbakers, a small bakery in Manhattan's East Village, which offers, as its name suggests, a selection of erotic cakes that will titillate more than your taste buds. But these aren't just books — they taste damn good, too.

Having visited their Web site, I expected the bakery to resemble a Greenwich Village sex shop or I-90's Erotic Empire, but this was not the case. Masturbakers shares space with the restaurant Old Devil Moon, which, as the decor — strands of Christmas lights hanging above vintage booths and mismatched chairs — might suggest, draws a bohemian crowd. And Tami Latham, co-owner of both Masturbakers and the restaurant, herself clad in Levi's and cowboy boots, looked more like a displaced hippie than a dominatrix.

Following the lead of a friend who had opened similar bakeries in Philadelphia and San Francisco, Latham placed an ad in the Village Voice to gauge the New York market. And to her pleasure, the phones started ringing — everyone, it seemed, had a desire, even a need, for an erotic cake. Nearly five years later, Latham's team — herself and a couple assistants — is still hard at work, baking between 30 and 60 cakes each week.

The cakes — chocolate, vanilla, or marble — come in a variety of shapes and sizes with your choice of pineapple, raspberry, or — the house special — Bavarian cream filling. The breasts, ranging in size from the modest C to an outrageous F and the male torso complete with an optional stand-up candy penis, are among the most popular. But things really heat up in the hands of the decorators, who complete the cakes with bulging nipples, squiggles of hair, or, for an additional $5, a black lace bra. "Witty one-liners — "a hard man is good to find" or "the best is yet to come" — provoke an added giggle or groan.

Latham finds that her customers — mostly cops, postal workers, and young women who want cakes for office or bachelorette parties — have a good sense of humor. And while she says that she hasn't received a single complaint, the site shouldn't be responsible for the damage. "Masturbakers is in or near a hole. They don't. "We told him he could f — his cake, we just wouldn't be responsible for the damage," Latham said.

Though Latham seems happy with her title of Masturbaker, she is protective of her school-age children. She tries to have all the cakes boxed up by the time they arrive home from school and suggests that students, and teachers and others ask what their names are and say simply she creates custom cakes.

Because the cakes actually tanta-lize rather than titillate, Latham hopes that many of her clients return with requests for wedding cakes or other more conventional items. Setting up Latham's site was just the beginning, she hopes to expand her business in this direction, for although she has the market and work, she's still hard at work, baking between 30 and 60 cakes each week.

"I did the whole thing myself," Keller said. "I went back to 10:30 in the morning and go until 2 a.m., then go to class, then have some free time, then start back up at 9 p.m. and work until three or four in the morning."

The site has been operational for three weeks and has already had around 1,300 visitors. A problem getting a better deal on a book and contacting a person, be it whatever method you e-mail or phone number," Keller said. "Then you just contact that person, be it whatever method you set up a time and negotiate a deal."

To ensure that students get good deals, they should first compare the value of the book in stores before they consider any price. "You have to find out how much the book costs at El Corral and Alda's to get a baseline for the price you want to pay," Conde said.

Keller started building the site two months ago, and during one of those months he had to work about 10 hours each day to complete it.
Softball falls in last game of home series

By Sarah E. Thien
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

The crack of a bat answered by a soft皮革 sound. With a single swing, a fastball was sent soaring over the fence. The entire stadium was quiet in awe as the Matadors beat the Mustangs, 8-0.

The 8-0 loss on Sunday was the last game of a series against Northridge. The Mustangs won 1-2 overall against the Matadors over the weekend.

In the first game of the series on Saturday, the Mustangs lost to Northridge, 5-1. The game started well for the Matadors when their lead-off batter, Christie Bedwell, hit a home run in the first inning. It was the only run in the game until Northridge scored again in the top of the sixth. The Mustangs added their only run in the bottom of the sixth, when Poet doubled to left field and then scored when Dandy hit a single up the middle. Northridge went on to score three runs in the seventh, with two on a throwing error and one on a wild pitch.

The Mustangs had five hits in the game, as Poet hit two and Gemma Dalena, Carrie Schubert and Dansby each had one. Senior pitcher Terra Blankenbeker took the loss for Cal Poly, giving up five runs in the game. Jenny Wheeler pitched for the Matadors, earning her 11th win of the season.

In game two of the doubleheader, the Matadors beat the Mustangs, 8-0. The Mustangs had five hits again, but this time they ended up with a win. Wheeler pitched for the Matadors and didn't allow any hits until the sixth inning, when Cal Poly managed to get the bases loaded but couldn't push a run. In the seventh, Spencer got a hit for the Mustangs but got left at third base, sending the game into extra innings.

Dansby hit a single in the eighth and Jackie Wayland followed up with a double, sending Dansby home to score the winning run.

Glover pitched for Cal Poly, her eighth win of the season. She allowed four hits and walked one batters. After the series against Northridge, Cal Poly fell to 20-21 overall and 5-10 in conference games.

Cal Poly junior outfielder Gemma Dalena takes off for first base during the ending of Sunday's game against Cal State Northridge. The Matadors beat the Mustangs, 8-0.

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By Mike DiGiovanna

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The perfection of his swing leaves most Golfers envious, and he has the ability to repeat the same mechanics nearly every time for more perfect long drives than Happy Gilmore, but the difference is Tiger can make every other shot on the course too. That's what amazes me about Tiger. He always shows up for the big matches, to the tune of six of the last 10 majors, and he always leads the money list.

The fact that he has never been beat is something special. He is the best golfer of all time. He has won 14 major titles, and he has never been beaten in a major. He has the perfect swing, but he doesn't have the perfect mechanics.

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