**Mustangs: Best in the West...**

By Chrisy Roth

For the 10th straight year, Cal Poly has been chosen as the best large by undergraduate public university in the West by U.S. News and World Report. A decade of such prestigious recognition makes it clear that Cal Poly's standards of education continue to be among the best in the nation, said Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker in a news release.

"Achieving this recognition for 10 consecutive years is further confirmation of the quality of our faculty and the instruction they provide our students, as well as the hard work of our support staff," Baker said.

Success can be attributed to such a high ranking, Paul Zingg, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, stresses the relationship between instructors and students.

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When Cal Poly tied for third in academic reputation among all master's institutions at Western universities. Along with the students and faculty, Zingg credits Cal Poly's alumni, funding committees and academic teams for helping the school maintain such an outstanding reputation.

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He began picking us on what we thought about the state of sports today from teams to players to the sports sections of our favorite newspapers.

Someone brought up The New York Times, and I, in all my 18 years of wisdom, mentioned that I didn't really follow their sports pages, because the West Coast edition is buried inside the Business section of the paper and usually includes game stories from two days before.

Herb was silent for a moment and then replied softly, "And do you know what The New York Times thinks about that?" The room was quiet for a moment and then Herb spoke up.

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He turned to me and said, "People want to be entertained, but they also want to be challenged. That's what makes sports so special."
### NEWS

**Poly-raised herd wins award yet again**

By Lisa Olmo

**Mustang Daily Staff Writer**

Their beauty speaks for itself. With shiny hair and curvy figures, their presence is unforgettable. And like any stunning beauties, they catch the eye of any person that comes in contact with them.

While Cal Poly's student-raised Holstein dairy cows may not be the typical bevy of beauty queens, they do have the awards to prove it.

The herd has won the Progressive Breeders Registry Award for the 50th time in 52 years.

The qualification for this award is dependent upon herds meeting specific standards of production and gene set forth by the Holstein Association, said dairy herd manager Anthony Reis.

It takes a combination of beauty of the animal and attaining the standards set forth by the association to receive the award. Cal Poly has won the award more times than any other private commercial dairy or university in the nation, Reis said.

This award is important to the Holstein industry because it allows the association to work hand-in-hand with organizations, said dairy science senior Natalie Borha.

Holstein dairy cows are the most popular breed in America, said Reis, making up 93 to 94 percent of the total milking cow population.

They are the highest volume-producing cows, with a national average of 48,113 pounds of milk produced by a herd each year. Reis said Cal Poly's herd produces 26,317 pounds in one year, more than 8,000 pounds more than the national average. There are about 100 cows in Cal Poly's herd.

Students are responsible for raising, milking, feeding and ensuring the health of the Holstein dairy herd. There are currently 16 students who manage the cows on a daily basis, Reis said.

Senior Natalie Borha has been with the herd for four years. Working with the herd "is one of the greatest experiences to truly learn," she said.

Working with the cows is not an easy feat. Students must prepare the cows for multiple professional and national competitions throughout the year. The Holstein cows also travel to numerous fairs throughout the year, said Gina Slenders, an agribusiness sophomore.

Slenders has worked with the Holstein herd and prepared them for different events, like the first-and-show competition that happens once a year. The students must wash, clip and prepare the cows. They also spend time getting the herd ready for classifying, an event where the cows are classified and ranked.

"We are really proud of the herd," Slenders said.

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### HOUSING

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house one-third of all students on campus. Cal Poly's housing Web page, housing.calpoly.edu, reported that the new apartments being built are the first in over 25 years. Neel said the last time any big complexes for students were built was 20 to 25 years ago.

"We both (the city and Cal Poly) know that we need to build," Neel said.

Mike Draze, deputy director of Community Development, said that while the new apartments being built at Cal Poly will help, there needs to be more dorms built.

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Dunsmore said there have been proposals to build student-housing complexes within the city, but they have to fit with the city's general plan for housing and building. He said one of the major problems is the older neighborhoods that are adjacent to housing student housing on Orcutt Road.

"It was too many students too far from campus," Draze said. "We prefer for them to be closer to campus, and it was a big traffic hazard."

This rejection was not a total loss, however.

Jeff Hook, associate planner for the Community Development department, said that while this area was not appropriate for purely student housing, the city council said it would be an appropriate place to build a variety of types of housing units.

Most of the current building in San Luis Obispo is small projects that consist of adding a single house to a lot or building condominiums.

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Dunsmore said. This is because building is privately driven and people don't want the liability that comes with renting out units. There is also the possibility for a better profit from building individual condominiums, Dunsmore said.

Neel said that Cal Poly is being mandated by the Chancellor's Office to accept more students, at the same time that San Luis Obispo is being asked to increase the number of housing units. Neel, both the university and the city are working to improve the situation.

"The next project is 700 beds, which should be completed by 2006," Neel said. By that time, Neel said the first instructional space will be added and enrollment can increase. For the increased number of students that Cal Poly takes in, it hopes to build an equivalent number on campus, Neel said.

The city is updating the chapter on housing in its general plan, as well as focusing on new strategies to improve the situation. Neel said the city is considering rezoning property and making it an equivalent number on campus, Neel said.

The last update was in 1994, he said, and it did give rise to several programs that brought about change. "I can see progress in the last eight years," Hook said.

Developers are now required to either build a minimum number of affordable homes or pay a fee that is used toward building affordable homes. Hook said the city council is also putting together a housing task force, to help guide efforts to gather input from all of the groups concerned and involved in housing in San Luis Obispo, for the review of the chapter on housing.

However, Dunsmore said the challenge of finding housing would not be over anytime soon.

"The city is racing as fast as it possibly can, but it cannot keep up with the increased number of students that Cal Poly takes in," Dunsmore said.
IMF advances debt crisis concept
By Paul Blustein
WASHINGTON - The International Monetary Fund and World Bank agreed Saturday to work toward a "sovereign bankruptcy" solution for insolvent countries, endorsing the idea in principle for the first time.

The policy committee directed the fund's staff to develop by next April a "concrete proposal" for establishing an internationally recognized legal process for restructuring the debts of governments in default.

Los Angeles Times

International Briefs
European Officials See Growing Gap With U.S.
BRUSSELS — In the capital of the new Europe, officials are expressing growing anxiety about the global economy, and previously "cool" European policymakers are starting to worry about the United States.

Top Europe officials on the continent are urging the U.S. to make more like the European Union's economic stimulus. The European Union's message to Europe was: "You have become irrelevant, and unless you do something dramatic to raise your defense expenditure, this is the end. The phone is not ringing."

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By Karl Vick
WASHINGTON POST

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US legislators aim to help energy problems

By Dan Morgan and Peter Behr

WASHINGTON — Working against the backdrop of a possible war in Iraq, House and Senate negotiators are nearing completion of once-in-a-decade energy legislation that many analysts contend will do little to reduce the nation's reliance on Middle East oil.

New fuel economy requirements for gas-hungry sport-utility vehicles will save the equivalent of about 10 days of oil imports over seven years. Meanwhile, a proposed concession for vehicle manufacturers could mean more than offset that meager gain, government analysts say.

"There's really not much in the likely legislation that will affect supply or demand for oil," said Howard Gruenspecht, resident scholar at Resources for the Future, a Washington research organization.

It's unclear whether the House and Senate will pass the compromise legislation before adjourning in about two weeks. The White House and several key lawmakers support it.

The debate largely centers on whether to place greater emphasis on energy conservation or increased energy production. Last week, congressional Republicans renewed their push to allow drilling for oil in the environmentally pristine Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. ANWR oil, they said, could more than offset that meager gain, government analysts say.

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Blackboard system now automated

By Rebecca Howes

Blackboard, the Web-based learning management system, has received an upgrade that will make the system easier for more students and faculty to utilize in July.

Information Technology Services spent $50,000 to upgrade Blackboard to Enterprise-Wide Solutions (Level 3), so that it would integrate with the Cal Poly Portal and Student Information Systems.

These new changes will now allow, among other things, students to attend discussion boards, create group projects, create practice tests and exchange files.

The students are already enrolled.

"The system is now automated," said Tonia Malone, information technology consultant for ITS. "The class is already there. The students are already enrolled. All faculty has to do is turn it on."

Before the upgrade, only 20% of classes were available on Blackboard and every class and student had to be entered manually.

"The amount of hours it took to enter everything before the upgrade was overwhelming," Malone said. "The new system is way more efficient for us."

The system, which is accessed via the Cal Poly Portal, automatically creates a shell for all courses listed in SIS. Students enrolled in a particular course will automatically be enrolled in the corresponding Blackboard course. All 6,000 classes offered for this quarter are available on Blackboard.

Blackboard allows faculty to upload course files in Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint. They can add content, set up discussion boards, create group projects, create practice tests and exchange files.

Faculty can also use a grade book provided on a Blackboard Web site, which Malone said is more secure than a regular Web site.

"A Blackboard Web site is protected," she said. "A regular Web site isn't. Only Cal Poly faculty, staff and students can log into Blackboard. Only students enrolled in that course can access all of the content. Those who log into Blackboard without being enrolled will be limited to the amount of information they will have access to."

In addition to a more secure Web site, Blackboard also offers unlimited space for instructors to add as much content to their site as they want to. Instructors also have the option of choosing which tools they will utilize, based on their individual needs.

"I've used Blackboard in my classes for three years," said anthropology lecturer Irene Choi. "Blackboard adds spice by adding color. Visual aids make learning easier for students."

Students who are having trouble understanding a course can benefit by using Blackboard to get the extra help they need by accessing materials and links that their instructors provide, Malone said. They can meet online for group projects if they are unable to meet in person, or if they have questions regarding assignments.

Students and faculty can access Blackboard from anywhere where there is Internet access. It is supported by both Netscape and Internet Explorer and is Macintosh and PC-friendly.

Instructors are not required to use the Blackboard system in conjunction with their courses, but Malone said she hopes that they will choose to use the learning management system to enhance their teaching and to enhance learning for Cal Poly students.

For more information on how to use Blackboard, call 756-7320 or visit blackboardsupport.calpoly.edu.
Increased fees lead to more student activities

By Bonnie Guevara
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The newly implemented Associated Students Inc. referendum will create entertainment and numerous other student activities this fall.

"The money goes directly back to the students and is only used for student programs and activities," ASI public relations and marketing coordinator Michelle Broom said about the increased ASI fee referendum.

The previous $2.5 million ASI budget has been raised to $5.3 million after the fee referendum passed last year.

Even though the ASI fee referendum was passed last November, Broom said the money would be implemented this fall. Students used to pay about $25 per quarter in fees, totaling about $100 per year. After the significant increase, students will now pay $40 per quarter, totaling $160 a year.

After meeting with student leaders and other interested students and gaining input on where the money should be spent, a large number of Cal Poly students came to the consensus they wanted the money spent specifically on entertainment, club services, Outdoors Adventures (Poly Escapes) and student government.

The money will be used in all four categories. Entertainment will include bigger-name concerts more frequently, said Dona Comi, assistant director of programs for the University Union.

"Possible concerts will include Jimmy Eat World, the String Cheese Incident and Hixcup," she said.

In addition to concerts, club service workshops and training for various campus clubs will also be provided. Poly Escapes will use the money to add surfboards and wet suits to the list of rental items available to students.

Student government leaders will use the money to take trips to Sacramento and lobby for Cal Poly.

The fee referendum money will also be used to implement other new programs, such as "80s at eight." For the first time this fall, 1980s movies will be played in Chumash Auditorium, beginning Nov. 4 with "Ferris Bueller’s Day Off." "Top Gun" will be shown Nov. 18, followed by "The Breakfast Club" Nov. 25. Admission is free to all Cal Poly students.

Returning programs include UU hour and the Highet Ground Series, which offers free entertainment Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Backstage Pizza.

"It’s a weekly program to give students a break from their studies," Cozzi said.

As more money is spent on student activities, other programs will continue to receive the same dollar amount they’ve always received. Athletic scholarships receive $223,000, ASI administration gets $469,000, the Children’s Center receives $1,365,000, the Multicultural Center receives $12,000, Open House receives $33,000 and $1,056,000 is spent on ASI programs and services. The excess $6,000 goes to various colleges, where an elected student council from each college chooses how the money will be used.

Creative women raise funds

The San Luis Obispo chapter of the American Association of University Women met Sunday at Shore Cliff Ballroom in Pismo Beach to raise money for the grants and scholarships. Artists such as Fay Rene Parrish and Anne Laddton showed their paintings and sculptures.

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For additional information, call 756-2487 or stop by the WOW office in University Union 217
Hillel gives students taste of Jewish culture

By Meredith Corbin

For 20 years Hillel, a Jewish club on campus, has invited students to attend Shabbat dinners once a month so that they can relax and celebrate the ending of the week.

Shabbat dinners will start up again on October 4 at the University Christian Center, and they are open to all students. Hillel board members encourage people to attend if they want to meet new people and experience a taste of diversity on campus which includes good food.

Todd Kirschen, mechanical engineering junior and president of Hillel at Cal Poly, said that Hillel gives students a chance to find their personal Jewish identities once they leave home.

"In a town like San Luis Obispo where there aren't many Jewish people, it is nice to know Hillel is open to us," Kirschen said.

Shabbat dinners are held on Friday evenings, the most holy time of the week according to Jewish philosophy. They begin the first Friday night of fall quarter at sunset and end on Saturday night at sunset. Kirschen said that the Sabbath commonly ends on Saturday, when three stars appear in the sky.

Different foods are served each month to keep students attending. Members light two Sabbath candles to welcome the Sabbath queen or the start of the weekend, and traditionally everyone says a blessing before and after the meal.

Agricultural science junior Rachel Van-Raalte, secretary of Hillel at Cal Poly, said that Shabbat dinners give friends a chance to share culture together.

"Shabbat dinners are great because they allow Jewish students to let tradition back into their lives, since a lot of that is lost when they leave home," Van-Raalte said.

Every religion does something different on the Sabbath, and Kirschen said that it is interesting for everyone to experience that.

"I think Shabbat is enlightening for all people," he said. "Many Jews like to see what other Jews do for Sabbath, while non-Jews have the opportunity to see how other religions celebrate the ending of the week."

Sean Berger, aerospace engineering senior, said that Shabbat dinners are also another way for students to become interested in Judaism.

"I think that gathering with other Jewish people is a nice thing to do to celebrate the end of the week," Berger said.

Some other students at Cal Poly have attended the dinners and said that they are a good way to meet new people and feel comfortable sharing culture together.

Kelly Goodkin, social science sophomore, has been to a Hillel Shabbat dinner and said that it was a cultural experience.

"It reminded me of my Congregation dinners at home," Goodkin said. "It was nice to see other students sharing the same cultural beliefs as me."

Kirschen said that the Shabbat experience is as good as you make it out to be.

"You get out of it as much as you put into it," he said.

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ed field exercises. Courses range from "The Human Role in Environmental Change" to astrophysics. Included among the extended field exercises of past years are the Sea of Cortez and the Grand Canyon, Brunett said.

Ever since Cal Poly has become a partner in the Biosphere 2 Center in 1998, there have been more than 30 Cal Poly students who have participated in semester and summer programs, said Columbia University's Director of Educational Partnerships David Downie.

Other partners include Notre Dame, Rice, Smith, Barnard and the University of Connecticut.

"Columbia formed the Biosphere 2 Partnership Network to facilitate participation by students from institutions particularly interested in the undergraduate programs at Biosphere 2," Downie said. "It agrees with the idea that students from partner schools on a preferential basis, to offer them substantial tuition discounts and to provide them a challenging and unique educational experience. Faculty from partner schools receive preferential access to research and teaching opportunities at Biosphere 2. Columbia considers Cal Poly to be among the very best Biosphere 2 partners."

Since Columbia took over the Biosphere 2 Center in 1996, more than 1,200 students have graduated from the semester or summer programs. Fall 2002 will be the 13th semester class. Recent changes include refurbishing of the library to provide controls for climate change research, a new student residence and more classrooms and multipurpose rooms, Brunett said.

The Biosphere 2 center is open to the public. There is a hotel that provides overnight accommodations, and visitors can look through the observatory's 4-inch telescope or walk through several exhibits.

For more information on the Biosphere 2 semester program, contact the College of Science and Mathematics.
Opinion

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Possible war with Iraq leaves United States states holding double-edged sword

The United States is at war. Nor the recent war on terrorism involving the bin Ladens and Mohammed Atta of the world, but the war that has been embroiled upon every newspaper and magazine cover around the country. This war is different. It’s between the hawks and the doves, and it is a lot more complicated than these school mascots imply. The hawks are the Donald Rumsfelds and Condoleeza Rices of the group, who command that military action against Iraq is imminent. The doves are the “realists” who think the war should be handled diplomatically, while continuing to restore Afghanistan and give attention to the Palestinian and Israeli conflict. Then there is Secretary of State Colin Powell, who is in favor of war, but only if America can persuade its allies and the United Nations to back it. It is obvious that the Grand Old Party needs to coordinate their strategies on how to deal with Iraq. The conflicting viewpoints from Capitol Hill are causing confusion among Americans. Recent CNN and Newsweek polls have shown that the American public’s support for war with Iraq has dropped significantly from 20 percent, and an even greater percentage opposes the United States acting unilaterally. Yet, in the midst of United States ambivalence, everyone agrees on one thing: something must be done, and what that has yet to be decided. Thursday, according to CNN, President Bush called for a civil debate in Congress over a proposed resolution about possible U.S. military action in Iraq. This issue is complex, and can not be thought of as just black or white. There is an overlapping gray area filled with skeptical Democrats, a near unanimous world-wide opposition to a pre-emptive U.S. attack, and the uninformed American public led by a cowboy wearing daddy’s worn-out boots. Much of the Bush administration is calling for a regime change. In a diplomatic discussion with the United Nations, President Bush stated that Hussein poses a threat to the world, and Iraq has repeatedly ignored U.N. resolutions and that it is attempting to acquire weapons of mass destruction. In an interview with PBS’ “The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer,” Rice said the U.S government clearly knows “there are contacts between Iraq and al Qaeda.” If it is documented, why is the government the only privilege to this information? How are we, as citizens of the United States, supposed to accept a unilateral strike against Iraq without hard facts? According to Time magazine, we may never have all the information. In an article written by Michael Duffy, Time reported that the United States may have to rely only on guesses about enemies and what their plans may entail.

It is obvious that the Grand Old Party needs to coordinate their strategies on how to deal with Iraq and Iraqi leader Hussein.

Bush may be ready to enter the United States into a war, but whether the country is ready to go to war on instinct is another question.” Duffy wrote.

The United States does not have the right to attack Iraq. International law prevents it. Article 51 of the U.N. Charter allows for unilateral force only in self-defense, and Iraq is not attacked. But what if the US does not act? Not taking action against Hussein may have dreadful consequences. Instead of dealing with a death count of over 3,000, which was the result of the terrorist attack on America on Sept. 11, the United States or neighboring countries could face deadlock consequences. A nuclear bomb, for example, would result in a death count that could possibly reach hundreds of thousands or more.

Hussein will not be the one who physically would drop the bomb, but you can bet that his fingerprints aren’t too far from it.

Whether going to war or waiting, it is a two-edged sword, and it has been drawn.

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"Let's be serious. I'm a little ghetto..."
I have to be honest. When my brother and I were learning to skateboard back in the day, we didn't think about wearing a helmet. It was the last thing on our minds. We figured it was "un-cool" and just plain dorky. Whatever fear that made our heads look like giant marshmallows.

However, three years ago my brother became a parent. His daughter under the age of 18 was rushed to the hospital after a very bad skateboarding accident. He was skating, did a trick, fell and cracked his skull. The sad thing is, after the accident the doctor told us that the whole thing could have been avoided had he been wearing a helmet. And he was one of the lucky ones.

According to Sen. Jack O'Connell's Web site, there were also 16 deaths related to scooter- or bicycle use in 2001, not to mention the more than 40,000 scooter-related injuries in the U.S. It is incidents like this that prompted Gov. Gray Davis to pass a bill requiring all those 18 or younger to wear a helmet.

Gary Davis has the right idea. If we want to make a difference, we need to change the law. We need to let people know it is the law to wear a helmet and to make this issue a priority.

**The fact remains that no matter how risky a sport or activity is, nobody will wear a helmet if it makes him or her look dorky.**

Anyone who has a younger brother or sister can answer the question: Yes. Just because you're over 18 doesn't mean you're immune to skateboard and scooter injuries. Granted, we are smarter and more experienced decision makers than our younger counterparts (or so we'd like to think), but we too can be tricked by a cut or trying to cross the street. We too can crack our head open trying to perform a Tony Hawk type stunt.

So, despite the fact that this is a long-awaited and much-needed law, I do have to wonder what those incorrigible teens are thinking. I bet they believe it is just another unnecessary and excessive intrusion by their parents. Or that the law just is not something else just some get rich quick scheme.

All I have to say about that is that S.U.C.C. It U.P. stop complaining and wear the damn helmet! However, there is also the issue of the police's enforcement to this law. They can't even do their current job, let alone try to get them to take on more responsibilities. And to be completely honest, a $25 penalty is not high enough. When I was 17 or 18, I would have gladly risked my parents getting fined over putting on a helmet and messing up my hair in the process.

So to risk sounding unpatriotic, I suggest increasing the penalty to force all children to wear helmets, as well as get adults to wear them since they will want to be a good example to their children.

In an ideal world, nobody will have to worry about getting hurt while skateboarding or riding a scooter because the ones that will look dorky won't be the ones wearing helmets.

Christen Wegper is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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**Letters to the editor**

**Victory of the Loud Little Handful**

Editor,

I'd like to submit as a letter to the editor this excerpt from Mark Twain's last book, "The Mysterious Stranger" published in 1902 and printed last Friday in The Philadelphia Inquirer:

"Victory of the Loud Little Handful" by Mark Twain.

"The loud little handful— as usual— will shout for the war. They are, or will be, the bravest and the most aggressive; and their decision making region is not at all accurate. The fact remains that no matter how risky a sport or activity is, nobody will wear a helmet if it makes him or her look dorky."

Steven Marx is an English professor at Cal Poly.

**Herb Kamm from an editor's position**

Editor,

When Herb Kamm told me I would make a good editorial page editor because I was "a mouthy broad," I took it as a compliment. I knew he was at least half right. I still have that page editor because I was "a mouthy broad," I took it as a big compliment. I knew he was at least half right. I still have that chin up and knock 'em dead when I get married ("May you experience the years of happiness Phyllis and I have had.""

It was Herb's way to tell it is, but always with a kind smile and a twinkle in his eye."

The news of his death Wednesday made me terrible sad, but also terribly grateful to have known such a giant in journalism who gave so much to his profession and his students and helped us all.

Carolyn Nielsen Thompson is a Cal Poly graduate and was Mustang Daily city editor in 1993.

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**El Corral's religious conversions**

Editor,

I agree with much of the Christian community that El Corral Bookstore should sell the "One Truth" shirts. These shirts will make good profits for the Christian community, and they will not be so encouraging to convert others to the One true religion. In 1996 alone, $150 million was used to successfully convert Jews.

My question is, Why should One Truth clothing only sell shirts? Along with the shirts they could sell Jesus Christ action figures, One Truth lunch boxes, "W.W.J.D. " wristbands, chrome fish bumper stickers, large crucifixes and replicated leather slings like the ones David used to defeat Goliath.

I think El Corral should be renamed El Jesus Christo Book Store to reflect their newly found profit-maker.

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**A case of the check-writing blues**

I will be the first to admit it—I have a problem. Like many age, I suffer from chronic bad check writing.

We also do me I ever intend to overview my account. The problem is, I have never been taught to properly balance a checkbook. Because I am doing the math, I am actually making the checkbook look and act like a standard checkbook. The only way I can balance the books is to make sure all the checks that would be familiar with the procedures of proper checkbook management. However, to my dismay, my technique is not always accurate.

Maybe this explains why my mailbox is plagued with notices of "insufficient funds," and also why I have the eight of my bank teller. Who really wants to hear "You currently have no money in your account and have three returned checks?"

I stand there yet again, cheeks growing redder by the moment and trying desperately to shrink lower into my Steve Maddens. Furthermore, if I'm not careful, I'm going to end up buying those nasty Steve Maddens. Furthermore, if I'm not careful, I'm going to end up buying those nasty Steve Maddens. Furthermore, if I'm not careful, I'm going to end up buying those nasty Steve Maddens. Furthermore, if I'm not careful, I'm going to end up buying those nasty Steve Maddens. Furthermore, if I'm not careful, I'm going to end up buying those nasty Steve Maddens.

Commentary enough, her judging eyes clearly state that I'm a worthless waste to society, void of any ability to budget money. I know I'm not alone in feeling these strong emotions. I know there are many of you out there, who, like myself, can't manage your checkbook and bounce checks regularly.

However, I don't ask to hear: are we to blame? And if we are, should the banks really be charging an arm and a leg for a bounced check? Recently, I did some research to discover how much the banks are really charging for returned checks.

Washington Mutual charges $21.00 for every bounced check. Bank of America charges $16 for the first overdrawn check, plus $32 for every additional one. Wells Fargo offers a real deal by charging $24 for the first four overdrawn checks and $30 thereafter.

These fees continue indefinitely and will accumulate as long as your bad habit continues. One of my friends just got five $30 charges for overdrawn checks, and another built a debt rivaling the price of a new Palm Pilot.

The question is clear. Either the banks haul us to "Bad Check Writer's Anonymous" meetings, or they teach us at young age the basics of how to balance a checkbook. As a society, we need to become more responsible and make sure the next generation is not repeatably making mistakes.

Before long, you will see this curious thing: the speakers stoned from the platform, and free speech changed by bonds of fear.

The statesmen will invent cheap lies, putting the blame upon the nation that is attacked, and every man will be glad of those conscience-scothing falsities, and will diligent-ly study them, and refuse to examine any refutations of them, and thus he will be and by convince himself that the war is just, and will thank God for the better sleep he enjoys after this process of grovesso self-delusion.

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Explosives found in Montana dorm room

By Kellyn Brown

(University of Montana)

A University of Montana student was arrested late Wednesday night after Public Safety officers found explosives inside his Jesse Hall dorm room.

DeVon Stairs, a sophomore in computer technology, has been charged with felony possession of explosives.

According to court documents, Public Safety officers found a large prescription bottle filled with gunpowder, primer blasting caps and matchstick head in the microwave of Stairs' fifth-floor room. The bottle cap had a small hole drilled into it and a three-inch fuse sitting next to it.

Ron Brunell, director of Residence Life, said this is the most disturbing arrest to happen in the dorms this year and one of the worst in the 15 years he has been in his position.

Two Resident Assistants called Public Safety when they saw Stairs, 20, walk into Jesse Hall carrying an electric cord with exposed wires and what appeared to be shotgun shells.

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tive running plays for six yards, bringing Hoombrucker back on the field for a 36-yard field goal. The Mustangs couldn't find the end zone either, settling for a 22-yard field goal by senior placekicker Navid Niakan.

Cal Poly 23, Northern Iowa 24.
In the second overtime, the Mustangs had the ball first and worked it down to the five-yard line. But the offense stalled, and faced a crucial fourth down with a yard to go. Coach Rich Ellerson, sensing that trading field goals with Hoombrucker could go on all night, made the gutsy decision to go for it.

Cooper dove between the tackles and picked up the first down. The Mustangs used just two more plays to score, as Appier, who pitched for the Oakland Athletics in the 2000 postseason, said he has shared his playoff experience with his teammates. What he remembers most, he said, is "how normal it feels." Said Appier: "It's a baseball game. I remember thinking that "I remember, standing in the outfield in the first batting practice of the postseason and, thinking, wow, this seems strangely normal. More is riding on the game, but it's still the same thing we're doing."

That's the mantra, and the Angels will need to repeat it, over and over, while dealing with long-time friends clinging for tickets, television cameras shoved in their faces and hundreds of reporters pestering them. "The first time, it's pretty much a circus," Bordick said.

Cal Poly slotback Jonah Russell sprints toward the end zone for a touchdown during the Mustangs' 29-26 loss to Northern Iowa on Saturday night at Mustang Stadium.

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Cal Poly running back Jeremy Konaris sprints to the outside during the Mustangs’ 29-26 loss to Northern Iowa on Saturday at Mustang Stadium.

**Mustangs lose thriller in OT**

By Nick Hopping

After 172 plays, 748 yards of offense, and 55 first downs, Saturday night’s football game between No. 6 Northern Iowa and Cal Poly was decided by one guy who was barefoot and another with mismatched shoes. One kicker was gcxxl. The other was a little off.

Cal Poly Men’s Soccer

By Abbey Kingdon

The Cal Poly men’s soccer team lost a close game with the San Jose State Spartans last Thursday night at Mustang Stadium, blowing a first half lead to lose 2-1.

Cal Poly midfielder Jonathan Young scored in the first half, but San Jose State midfielder Andres Pacheco scored both goals in the second half.

Despite the loss, Cal Poly dominat-ed the game early in taking a 1-0 lead. Young and Francisco Marmolejo worked hard as a tandem for the Mustangs. Their tight passes and quick footwork thrilled the crowd and scored Cal Poly’s goal. Marmolejo broke away from two Spartan defenders, moving from the corner of the field towards the goal. Marmolejo attempted a shot, but Spartan goalkeeper Eddie Dominguez deflected the shot. Marmolejo regained the ball and passed to Young, who scored with a high kick to the top of the net.

In the last minutes of the first half, the Spartans had a chance to score as the Mustangs faced a corner kick. The ball bounced around from head to head, one team to the other, until Cal Poly sent the ball downfield.

Marmolejo’s slide kick in the first five minutes of the game landed him a yellow card. Officials issued two more yellow cards by the end of the game, to Nick Coromela of the Mustangs and Darrin Domingo of the Spartans.

"Cal Poly is a strong, physical team," San Jose State head coach Gary St. Clair said.

The Spartans dominated the second half of the game. Six minutes into the half Budny scored his first goal, a strong ground kick from the center.

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Cal Poly allowed two second-half goals after taking a 1-0 lead.

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