Required texts still in library

By Jordan Schultz

Despite rumors circulating otherwise, the Kennedy Library will be making required and supplemental course materials available for students' use through course reserve, library officials said.

Effective this quarter and still subject to revision, a new course reserve policy is in the process of being implemented, but officials on students and faculty will be fairly minimal, said Navjot Bhat, assistant dean of the Kennedy Library.

While no alterations are being made to the printed reserve, the changes taking place are primarily in regard to the electronic reserves and the library's intention to protect against possible copyright infringement lawsuits currently plaguing other college campuses.

The library course reserve system operates under fair use guidelines for both printed and electronic information, allowing copies of materials to be made available to students without required permission from the copyright owner for a designated period.

The library will continue to provide individual journal articles and book chapters on reserve under the fair use guidelines for the first two quarters of this year, but will seek copyright permission thereafter. Bhat said. This would require professors to give the library their materials earlier and could entail expenses.

"We can put these materials on course reserves under fair use for the first two quarters, but they should not be used in lieu of replacing the original copies," Bhat said. "We need to be more aggressive because of the lawsuits that have come up in the past couple of years. We don't want to get into copyright trouble like some other campuses have.

Currently, textbooks, journal articles and printed course packs are still available to students if provided by the professor, but are recommended to not exceed one copy for every 15 students in the course. These same materials are also provided on electronic reserve, but are limited. Such materials should generally be purchased at the bookstore, Bhat said.

"El Corral seeks permission and pays the royalties for every article that goes into a course pack," the said. "When you are using someone else's material legally, it can be costly. I don't believe the liaisons goes overhead in the prices they charge for putting it together.

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Buddhist scholar discusses war

By Stephen Harvey

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

On Oct. 5, Cal Poly will host Karmapa Thaye Dorje, a Buddhist scholar, for a special talk about war and the conflict in Iraq. The discussion is titled "Does War Solve Anything?"

"I am glad (Rinpoche) is able to come to Cal Poly," said Andrew Schaffner, assistant professor of statistics and a member of a local Buddhist temple. "I don't know him personally, but he is a very interesting person.

Rinpoche is conducting other talks along the Central Coast and was invited by friend Robert Sachs to speak on the subject of war at Cal Poly.

Sachs said he felt the speaker is the most politically astute Tibetan Lama and that the subject of war is a good issue for Rinpoche to talk about. The discussion will cover the war with Iraq as well as the concept of war in general.

"He is totally clairvoyant," Sachs said. "For no particular reason, he traveled to New York on Sep. 11 and was the last person into Manhattan before the attacks. He has told me to go places and do things a certain way and that ends up being the only way it can be done."

According to Rinpoche's Web site, the age of four, he was recognized as the 14th reincarnation of the Shamar lineage. The Karmapa, a spiritual leader of the Karma Kagyu tradition of Tibetan Buddhism, petitioned the Tibetan government to withdraw a 159-year-old ban on Shamaras. Rinpoche is the 17th Karmapa, a type of Buddhist religious leader.

The lineage of the Karmapas started in the 12th century and is believed to be a consecutive line of reincarnation of the original Karmapa.

"The more reincarnations, the most ecclesiastical authority," Sachs said. "(Rinpoche) is on the same level (of spirituality) as the Dalai Lama."

After the Karmapa died, Rinpoche oversaw the reprinting of the Tengyur, a text spanning 214 volumes prominent Indian and Tibetan masters elucidated the teachings given by the Buddha Shakyamuni. Rinpoche has also named the new Karmapa, Thaye Dorje, who is now living in Kalimpong, India.

Rinpoche was eventually forced to flee Tibet after the Chinese occupation and has been traveling the world teaching Buddhist studies for both monastic and lay students.

Web site lets students have their pick of roommates

By Laura Dietz

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Colleges across the country are experiencing dramatic changes in on-campus housing, with a little help from the Internet and new technology.

Students in Georgia and Tennessee can choose their dorm rooms and roommates online thanks to a new software program called WebRoomz.

The program allows students to browse profiles of available roommates and customize the program to fit their needs and requirements, which should mean less manual labor and headaches for the administration and happier students.

WebRoomz was created by Place Properties, its parent company that develops on-campus housing at universities. With WebRoomz, schools can customize the program to fit their needs and requirements, which should mean less manual labor and headaches for the administration and happier students.

"We are looking at expanding it to include more students in the United States in an effort to bring Buddhism to the West. He has been working to shape Buddhism for Western culture instead of trying to bring Western culture to Buddhism," Sachs said.

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Student helicopter takes off

Matt McCue works with an unmanned helicopter that was created for the challenge.

By Stephen Harvey

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A fisherman watches as a helicopter passes over his boat and then heads inside to get the day's tuna fishing before.

The fisherman calls the pilot and tells him to bring the helicopter back, but the pilot is not about to abandon the craft. Instead, the helicopter is controlled by a man typing phrases into a computer.

The helicopter has been unmanned since its launch. "The fishermen approached with our idea were very interested," Brett Heliker, aerospace engineering student, said.

Heliker is one of five people who have been working for more than an year to make this helicopter a reality. The project was originally conceived by Donald Stewart, an alumnus of Cal Poly's aeronautical engineering masters program. The idea is modeled after an annual contest put on by the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International.

The contest is broken up in land, air and water vehicles, with each following a prescribed course. The challenge is to have the helicopter fly to a certain building and take pictures of a specific room in that building.

Cal Poly has entered the unmanned water vehicle event in the past but has never tried the air competition. It was Stewart's idea to try and build a helicopter to enter the air event, but the challenge has gone two years under.

Cal Poly students Heliker, Joon Kim, Matt McCue, Chihyeong Yang and Greg Barber are also working on the project. Heliker is working with Stewart to create the helicopter's brain. Kim is an electrical engineering student and is in charge of the test stand for the helicopter, which will be used to work out bugs for the helicopter without risk of destroying it. Yang is an aerospace engineering student and has been specializing in building the circuitry for the sensors. Barber is also an aerospace engineering student and he has been building a new helicopter and establishing the stability analysis for the helicopter. Finally, McCue, an aerospace engineering student, is new to the group this year and will be taking over when Stewart leaves in about a year.

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CHESDAY'S WEATHER

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have the option to select a roommate from a pool of students, which WebRoomz would allow. Business junior Andy Amandaen had a good experience when he lived in the dorms his freshman year and thinks matching students by major is a good technique.

"I am biased though, because it turned out well," he said. "But I think it is good to be paired with someone from the same major."

The Residential Management System is also beneficial from the housing administration's point of view. It drastically cut down the time it took staff to match roommates. Instead of taking much of the summer to match students, it only takes four to eight hours after a staff member has entered the specifications for each hall into the system, Serjeant said.

"There are not a whole lot of room or roommate changes," she said. "Students come expecting to share, and resident advisors and hall coordinators work to have mediations."

The current housing system at Cal Poly notifies students of their roommate assignment a few weeks before school begins to allow them to contact each other. It is not as rapid as WebRoomz, which gives students instant confirmation of their room and roommate choices, but it does not restrict students from changing rooms, roommates or buildings.

"It was pretty easy," Mari Arata, soil science freshman, said. "It was good because I could change where I was living."

Arata was originally assigned to one of the apartment-style dorms on campus, but requested to live in Muir because students live in a hall together. The only constraint the school places on room changes is space, Serjeant said.

"The first two weeks are frozen to make sure everyone checks in, but there are no restrictions, just availability," she said.

"Everyone knows a little of each other's work," Stewart said. "They have just specialized in each other's work."
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Anti-Globalization Protests End With March Against War
WASHINGTON — A series of anti-globalization protests ended Sunday with a loud but peaceful street demonstration focused on this weekend's meetings of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

After three days of actions that failed to produce the numbers and disruptions protesters had predicted, many in the anti-globalization movement were examining how to do things bigger, better and bolder. Activists offered a host of explanations for the size of the crowds and all the predictions that were not realized, including a shutdown of the city, a blockade to prevent delegates from leaving Saturday and the biggest anti-globalization crowds in Washington since April 2000.

Some organizers said police critically misjudged the crowd in a Saturday march from the Washington Monument grounds to Farragut Square. —The Washington Post

More Americans Are Without Health Insurance, Report Shows
WASHINGTON — Driven by a large drop in job-based coverage, the number of Americans without health insurance jumped significantly last year after declining for the previous two years, the Census Bureau will report Monday.

The report shows workers being pinched by a combination of rapidly rising health care costs and a weak economy. Analysts said Many employers who just a year or two ago needed to offer good health benefits to attract workers now are passing on higher insurance costs to their employees— or dropping coverage altogether.

"We're getting to the point where universal insurance is not just a poor people's problem, not just a problem of the down-and-out, but a middle-class problem," said Dan Rowland, executive director of the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured.

—Los Angeles Times

CIA Employees Offer Differing Views on CIA Pay Reform
WASHINGTON — It's football season and the Monday morning quarterbacks think the wrong play were called in last week's column on pay reform at the CIA.

As a CIA employee, I will tell you that the issues are far more complicated than you make them out to be. We have a very dedicated work force and this simply is not the case of the time consuming trying to hang onto an unadjusted pay increase regardless of performance.

"Logically, a pay for performance system would presuppose that you have an honest, equitable and unbiased evaluation system... In the agency, no one—at any level—is claiming that we have such a performance evaluation system...for the simple reason that we don't."

This employee contends the CIA will rely on "pay pool managers" to distribute pay raises and bonuses each year and they will use "an automated tool that is not subject to review" to initially determine the amount of raise each employee will receive. "Typically, the outcome is 80% of the raise of the person who has given the highest evaluation," he says.

—Los Angeles Times

Jakarta's New Tack Against Terror
JAKARTA, Indonesia
Indonesia's decision to detain and interrogate Semya Reda, a German citizen suspected of links to al-Qaeda, marks a significant shift for a country where security forces are now beginning to turn their attention to the United States for questioning elsewhere, according to diplomatic and security sources.

Reda was arrested after his name was given to U.S. officials by Omar al-Faruq, a suspected al-Qaeda operative picked up in June in Indonesia. Reda, a burly man who speaks Arabic and German but little Indonesian, was seized in what police and diplomatic sources have described as a $4,000-a-month South Jakarta home, with a swimming pool and an internal camera system. German police arrived in Jakarta last week to aid the probe.

Unlike in the cases of al-Faruq and another al-Qaeda suspect, Muhammad Saad Iqbal Madin, both of whom were quietly handed over to U.S. authorities and whisked out of Indonesia, police here are taking charge of the Reda matter themselves, including the interrogation. Also, in another indication of a different approach, the police have disclosed those steps as they take them.

—The Washington Post

Filing of Charges in 'Dirty War' of POWs
WASHINGTON — Murder charges brought against three high-ranking Mexican army officers for alleged involvement in the nation's "dirty war" against leftists drew praise here over the weekend as an important step in President Vicente Fox's fight against institutionalized corruption and impunity.

The charges are the first lodged against army officers in the disappearance of hundreds of government opponents thought to have died at the hands of the police and military between the late 1960s and early 1980s. They came as Fox, who took office nearly two years ago, is still striving to deliver on a campaign promise to clean up Mexico.

The new charges could lend authority to Fox's most important anti-corruption effort to date—a series of fraud by union leaders at Mexico's state-owned oil company, Petroleos Mexicanos, or PEMEX, in having supposedly diverted $130 million in PEMEX funds to the 2000 presidential campaign of the then-ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

—Los Angeles Times

North Koreans Give South Something to Cheer About at Games
Pusan, South Korea — It was the North Korean cheerleaders who stole the show.

At the opening of the 14th Asian Games on Sunday, there were East Timorese athletes marking their new-born nation's debut in the tournament and a ragged Afghan delegate who had spent five days traveling from their ravaged homeland. There were fireworks, laser, marching bands and special effects.

But nothing attracted as much attention as a cheering squad of 300 North Koreans, most of them attractive women in their 20s who waved tiny flags featuring North Korea's red star.

This is the first time that North Korea has participated in an international sporting event in South Korea. But what is more remarkable than the 194 athletes competing is the presence of the North Korean fans who've come to cheer them on. Although the enthralled Koreans have held dozens of joint events over the last two years—ranging from circuses to family reunions—this delegation of more than 600 (including coaches and officials) is by far the largest from North Korea to come south since the end of the Korean War in 1953.

—Los Angeles Times

Congressional Candidate Beth Rogers

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Poly students receive low loan default rate

By Diana Krutop
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly students financing their education through federal loans have one of the lowest default rates in the nation, according to the United States Department of Education figures for the 2000 fiscal year.

The report takes into account all post-secondary institutions in the country and finds the average default rate as 3.9 percent. Cal Poly's rate of 1.5 percent is the lowest within the CSU system and all of the UC system schools except UC San Francisco, a health science university, said John Anderson, director of the student financial aid office.

"Cal Poly is proud of its low default rate and attributes it, in part, to its efforts to keep its student borrowers informed about their repayment responsibilities, the responsible nature of its alumni and the success its graduates have in securing employment upon graduation so that they might meet their loan obligations," Anderson said.

In the 2000 fiscal year, there were 2,661 former Cal Poly students whose loans went into repayment. Of those students, only 42 went into default, Anderson said.

Financial aid Advisor Katie Schrempp agrees that the low default rate correlates with the high amount of students receiving jobs upon graduation.

"We are so well known, and companies want students," Schrempp said. "Those students get jobs and are able to pay back their loans."

The Financial Aid Office places importance in having students informed. Not only do they provide counseling and workshops for students, but the counseling staff also participates in workshops as well, Anderson said.

There are benefits given to universities who have low default rates. For example, in previous years Cal Poly has been exempt from delaying the disbursement of a first-time student's loan.

"If you have a high default rate, your eligibility could be lost," Anderson said. "It impacts the university's ability to provide relief to students."

With a 1.5 percent default rate students are doing well, but Anderson said that they can always do better.

"The single most common reason for defaulting a loan is that students do not complete their academic program," Anderson said. "If you don't contact the student within two weeks of dropping out, the probability of defaulting increases significantly."

The financial aid office receives a list of every student that defaults, and they try to get in contact with that individual. The problem tends to be that the student has not given the lender a current address and they are not able to receive statements, Schrempp said.

**What's Going On**

Coming up on Oct. 1

*Field Day and Tested Bull Sale - Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 Cal Poly will host the two day event at the College of Agriculture Livestock Pavilion.*

*Buddhist Scholar speaks - Kinzig Shamar Rinpoche discusses the purpose of war Oct. 3 in room 207 in the University Union at 11:10 a.m.*

*Volleyball Tournament Sign Up - Sign up for the Mark S. Reuling Memorial Endowment Volleyball Challenge in the Rec Center. The tournament is on Oct. 11.*

*Entrepreneurship Club First Meeting - Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. in building 3, room 209.*

*Salsa Dancing - Night in building 5, room 225 at 7:10 p.m. Visit cpsalsa.com for information.*

*Ski Club First Meeting - Oct. 2 in the Cal Poly Theater at 7:30 p.m.*

*Stop Militarization of Space Walk - Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. at the entrance of Ryon Park in Lompoc. The walk will go for 10 miles, ending at Vandenberg Air Force Base.*

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Local band ‘Two a Day’ releases debut album

By Olga Berdial
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Exactly how many women do you think Will Chamberlain had to sleep with in a day to reach the 20,000 mark that he boasted?

“We figured three a day would be too many, but one a day wouldn’t be enough,” said Nick Cassese, drummer for the local band Two A Day, referring to the conversation that led to the group’s name.

“We all agreed on two a day.”

Two A Day is comprised of lead vocalist Joe Cassese, and backup guitarist, brother Nick on drums, Wesley Buckwalter on lead guitar and John Correa on bass.

This is definitely a band that has been planning for the future, since its inception a little over two years ago, Two A Day has had “rock star” hopes.

It is apparent that Two a Day has been focused on branching out of the local scene, as it released its debut album “Wait for the Sound!” on Sept. 28.

Called “a mature work by a band with something to say and the musical chops to say it,” by entertainment writer Glen Starkey of the New Times, “Wait for the Sound!” is an album of self-described “straight rock” by a band influenced ranging from alternative to heavy metal.

“The band is first,” Nick Cassese said.

“Even if we have to miss work for a show, we just call in. Even if we have to miss a class, it’s just one class.”

Each member also takes part in some sort of publicity for the group. This can range from looking performances to designing the Web site.

Voted “best band” in San Luis Obispo County in the 2002 New Times readers’ poll, Two A Day is one local band that won’t stay local for long.

They are planning a tour, which will end with them relocating to a town where they can receive better exposure and which has more options for growth.

For now, though, it’s nice to claim them as one of San Luis Obispo’s own. Performing for the members was not the only ones who enjoyed the concert. Two A Day might not have Chamberlain’s lucky number, but it is a lucky number for these four guys.

Performers is a euphoric high. When we’re on stage, it affirms to all of us why we love it so much.”

Wesley Buckwalter lead guitar for Two a Day

Around 100 people at Frog & Peach on Saturday night, the band members gave it their all.

“Even if there’s a low turnout at a show, we’ll still play hard for whatever’s listening,” Joe Cassese said.

It has also worked out nicely that they are debuting their album at Frog & Peach Pub, since it was the first bar to give them a break. After witnessing their performance this past Saturday, it is evident that the band members not only take entertaining seriously, but also really enjoy themselves in the process.

“(Performing is a euphoric high,” Buckwalter said.

It is a shared by the band’s drummer.

“When we’re on stage, it affirms to all of us why we love it so much,” Nick Cassese said.

From the looks of the people around the bar at the end of the night, the band members were not the only ones who enjoyed the concert. Two A Day might not have been the only people around the bar.

The band rocked Frog and Peach last Saturday night to support their new CD “Wait for the Sound.”

AN event brings computer gamers together — sort of

By Abbey Kingdon
Mustang daily Staff Writer

Combat boots, army-print pants and black shirts were not exactly the attire I expected at a computer gaming party. I anticipated happy computer sounds, like Super Mario Brothers music and the hum of a running computer. Instead, aggressive techno music played when I walked into the gaming room.

A theatre-sized movie screen displayed a computer game character pursuing, ambushing and killing his enemies.

A theatre-sized movie screen displayed a computer game character pursuing, ambushing and killing his enemies. The screen immediately put me in one area and connected by the same network.

Intel donated the primitives, gaming servers and computer accessories. One item raffled off was a computer by Intel so new that it had to hit store shelves. About 20 people showed up to compete in three separate tournaments: Counter Strike, a war game, Warcraft, an airborne combat game, and Quake 3, termed “single player shooter” game. Toni Romo, a Computer Stuff manager and event coordinator, said these are the three most popular competitions for gamers.

LAN parties are not big yet in San Luis Obispo, but Los Angeles and San Francisco host large and competitive games, said Michael Stephens, a Cuesta College student.

To play in these tournaments, players show up with their own computers and monitors, as the only thing furnished is space and electricity. Networks are set up on site at each mobile event.

Computer Stuff has had difficulty finding hosts for the LAN parties because organizations are leery about renting out space due to liability, Romo said.

The tournament operates like any sport tournament. A roster of teams is compiled and they play each other through a process of elimination until a final winner emerges.

Romo said they prepared the event to hold 150 people, but due to a lack of time for proper advertising the turnout was poor. Those who did make the effort to show up were all male.

I was surprised that no women, that’s right, none, “participated in the tournament.”

“Oh yeah,” Romo said with a chuckle, “we’re lucky if we get a girl at one of these.”

Stephens, a member of the “Mr.” clan, plays tournaments throughout the world, as tournaments are usually played via the Internet.

“A clan is a group that plays the games together. Each clan usually has a Web page with updates and information about competitions and teams, Stephens said.

Paul Newell, a local player on the “No Dice” team, sees benefits to playing on a LAN as opposed to the Internet.

“Yeah we who you are shooting at across the room,” he said. “It’s better than just being on the Internet.”

No Dice is a local Internet café, and their sponsored team meets regularly to practice.

I wondered about Newell’s concept, but the idea of increasing human interaction in a computer-operated combat tournament seemed a little far-fetched.

In the room each player was completely absorbed in his own world, his own computer. Walking down the aisles between stations, the computers and players looked like some new life form.

Backs were hunched toward screens, heads were tilted forward and headphones wires ran like electronic umbilical cords between human and computer.

I couldn’t begin to figure out how to establish contact. I usually reach out and touch someone’s shoulders to greet them, but these players were in a different world, one I didn’t know how to breach without placing a computer between us.
By Alexa Ratcliffe

While most bands sit around trying to think of a catchy name that will hopefully be screamed by thousands of fans one day, the pop-punk band Off By One named themselves after a six-month stint as a trio.

In the beginning, Marc Gould (vocals), Jon Bishop (guitar) and Trevor Easter (drums) kicked out the jams without a bassist. Lead singer Gould joined up with his best friend's little brother, Bishop, who quickly introduced him to Easter. From the beginning, they were destined to be "off by one," since they were missing a bass anchor. It wasn't until six months later that they completed themselves, with the addition of Jordan Brownwood (bass).

The band got right down to business, booking and playing shows mainly in their hometown of San Diego. Now, only a year-and-a-half later, this young band can boast about the release of their self-titled debut album Aug. 6.

Off By One consists of 21-year-old Gould and a music section of 19-year-olds, but their talent and the complexity of their lyrics show progress years beyond their age. They will be performing at Cal Poly on Thursday during University Union hour. They also have two other upcoming shows at Farmers Market, on Oct. 31 and Nov. 14.

The 13-track compact disc begins on song number two, illustrating that they truly are "off by one." The CD has an awesome cover of Natalie Imbruglia's dramatic pop classic "Torn."

The rest of the CD features original songs, which range from the number mелоди "Been Alone" to the upbeat love song "Need."

Off By One carries around a pretty impressive resume for the short time that they have been together. They found this past summer with the well-known Vans Warped Tour. The Warped Tour has been a popular summer event for many years now, and often headlines with such notables as Bad Religion and NOFX.

Off By One also received the opportunity to play a few shows on the Soul City Cafe Tour with Jewel. I was able to catch up with lead singer Marc Gould to ask him a few questions.

San Diego's 'Off by One' play three upcoming shows in San Luis Obispo.

Mustang Daily: You guys just got back from touring. Where exactly have you been?

Off By One: We've been all over. We just got back from playing a Radio Show in Florida with Sevendust, Used, Audiovent and Unwritten Law.

Mustang Daily: Why do you have three upcoming shows in San Luis Obispo? Are there any connections you guys have here?

Off By One: I think that our booking agent loves the area and thinks it's a pretty cool place. Our bassist's brother also goes to school here.

Mustang Daily: You guys have been classified as playing several different genres of music. What style do you think you relate with the best?

Marc Gould: I don't really know. Our live performance contradicts our sound on our CD, because when we play live we just plug in and play. Our CD has a bunch of added stuff, to give off the same energy that you'd get at a live show.

Mustang Daily: How did it feel to get to play with the Vans Warped Tour?

Off By One: It was awesome and so much fun. We were kind of just thrown in there, but it was definitely a great thing to get to do. It was really weird getting to play with bands that you used to listen to and suddenly realize that you are friends with them. We all bonded with a bunch of people.

Mustang Daily: So what should Cal Poly expect from your show on Thursday?

Off By One: They can expect a very energetic and fun show. We like to have a lot of fun when we perform live. Be prepared to rock the hell out.
John Mayer rerelease gives fans opportunity to see the beginning

By Scott Estes
The IPUS Salamander (Tempe U. - Purdue U. at Indianapolis)

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John Mayer, the singer-songwriter from Savannah, Georgia, has released his second album, "Room for Squares," on Columbia Records. The album was a huge success, debuting at number one on the Billboard charts and selling over a million copies in its first week of release. Mayer's music is a blend of rock, pop, and R&B, and his lyrics are introspective and relatable, often focusing on themes of love, heartbreak, and personal growth.

At this time last year, John Mayer was promoting his debut album, "Room for Squares," and the success of that album set the stage for his breakthrough with the reissue of his 1999 independent album, "Room for Squares." The reissue included eight bonus tracks that were originally released as singles, two of which were later included on his second album, "Room for Squares." The bonus tracks, "My Stupid Mouth" and "Neon," showcase Mayer's growth as an artist and his ability to experiment with different musical styles.

Mayer has clearly fallen hard for a girl. It's a giddy love song about a guy who has fallen in love too fast. It perfectly captures the rush that a new love can bring. Mayer fans will appreciate the three other "new" tracks as well. "Comfortable" is the most ambitious, finding Mayer adding a string arrangement to a song about a previous love affair. Two more solo acoustic numbers, "Victoria" and "Quiet," round out the collection. They are more gentle numbers that fans should appreciate as they represent a departure from his generally more energetic style.

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**Opinion**

**Does Cal Poly live up to 'Best in the West' ranking?**

B est in the West doesn’t mean much. For the 10th consecutive year, Cal Poly has been named the best public school in the West by U.S. News and World Report. Whoop-de-doo.-doo.

Not to sound bitter or anything, but I’m in my department that lost its accreditation, my classes are so crowded that people steal desks from other classrooms, and I still had filled classes that I needed and our fees keep increasing and I can’t get a parking spot doing theory that prepares students so well.

The best public school in the West? 

But we can’t complain too much because the University of California system is looking at a $1,000 increase.

It is entirely possible that the ranking department at U.S News and World Report is looking at something like the College of Business and their successes. After all, we still get a degree from Cal Poly (the no. 1 school in the West). When it comes down to it, I find myself wondering if Cal Poly is worth it. For me, a journalism major in an unaccredited department, I ask myself this question a lot, especially when I’m circling the parking structure for the seventh lap in the Indy 500 that ensues around 10 ‘til 500.

When all is said and done, I chose Cal Poly four years ago and really never regret that decision. I didn’t choose it for the journalism program, but because I fell in love with the area and location.

No matter what school we attend, there will always be faults that we see, as insiders that spit flame, four or seven years here. When it comes down to it, as Cal Poly students we sometimes only see the bad things and often complain about those aspects. The difference is, we still don’t pay as much as other public schools and we’re still no.1 in the West according to some people. Even I can’t complain about that.

Dena Horton is a journalism and Cal Poly Daily opinion editor.

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**Letters to the editor**

**Muppet misconceptions need to be recognized**

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**Editor**

Information, understanding, awareness, research — these are the elements missing from the ‘opinion’ piece on Sesame Street Muppet motivation.

Ethnocentrism, arrogance, naiveté — that’s mainly what you got.

No. 1: ... Sesame Street is going to make light of the disease with an unrealistic and dangerous face.

No. 2: ... the proliferation of that disease (HIV) in Somalia is going to make light of the disease.

No. 3: “Watching a cheerful Muppet dance around in the correct format of ‘250,000’ out of a CDC brochure, HIV and AIDS have more of a nightmare than anyone else anywhere in this country. And cancer is scary as hell, I KNOW, I almost lost my dad twice to it, but after the reading I’VE DONE, I found that horror you didn’t know was about cancer, I’m terrified of their epidemic. They have strains of HIV not found anywhere else in the world. HIV and AIDS (which are not the same, precious) were at the levels here in America as it is in Africa, we probably have the worst. We're the cause because we’re white and it really wouldn’t affect EVERYONE. Don’t believe the hype that you “probably know someone with HIV or AIDS” — do your research!

No. 4. “Watching a cheerful Muppet dance around singing about her cancer would be offensive to this society.” Hmm, funny, the Muppet isn’t for “this society.”

That Muppet is for a society that is embodied in not just an epidemic with global ramifications, but world strife with injustice, poverty and a dismal view of the future.

We have to try something, anything and everything that will turn the tide and attempt to dispel someone’s fear. That Muppet isn’t really for the children who are born to infected mothers, it is for the fortunate that don’t have that disease. They’re for the people who burn families out of their homes because the children are infected, they’re for the people who can’t recognize that the disease has faces and those faces have dreams and sometimes those faces laugh but sometimes they cry. And when they cry, they can’t imagine stopping.

Do your research and recognize it’s another world and some people are trying to function in that world the best they can.

PS — the counterpoint to the counterpoint has been brought to you by the letter “I” as in “Do your research.”

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**Nevada could lead the way for states rights**

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — When a local group in Santa Cruz, Calif., distributed medical marijuana to sick patients in front of city hall two weeks ago as the mayor looked on, it conjured up images of Woodstock, not Woodrow Wilson.

Cruz, it is stunning that the federal government targeted the collective — whether for profits or enshrinement, under the guise of “250,000” out of a CDC brochure, HIV and AIDS have more of a nightmare than anyone else anywhere in this country. And cancer is scary as hell, I KNOW, I almost lost my dad twice to it, but after the reading I’VE DONE, I found that horror you didn’t know was about cancer, I’m terrified of their epidemic. They have strains of HIV not found anywhere else in the world. HIV and AIDS (which are not the same, precious) were at the levels here in America as it is in Africa, we probably have the worst. We're the cause because we’re white and it really wouldn’t affect EVERYONE. Don’t believe the hype that you “probably know someone with HIV or AIDS” — do your research!

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"Students don't participate on this campus," Bell said. "They come to class and go home." He said the athletic program is building events around the game to bring otherwise uninterested students to the stadium.

With events such as Saturday's "Fueled Americans" festa, the organizers wanted to make football just one part of an all-day event. "There has to be an event that will draw people to the stadium," Bell said. "They want to come to the event, and by the way, there's football." The Mercury News reported that the fans had about 50 people in attendance.

About 2,000 people were expected.

Other methods to draw attendance include giveaways.

At each home game, students can enter a drawing to win a semester's tuition. At the Fresno State game on Nov. 23, attendees can win a motorcycle, Bell said. Bell said that there will be a firework show, concerts and bands at some of the games.

In addition to promotional events on game day, the athletics department is also working to increase on-campus awareness of games in all sports.

Kiosks and lighted marquees are some ideas, Bell said. In part of the attempt to draw more students, students can present their Tower Card with a current Valley Transportation Authority sticker to gain free admittance.

Students also had some ideas on how to let people know about football games.

Ladiesights, hard, serious business, said the school needed to get more on-campus residents involved.

"They should advertise more in the residence halls," Hurd said. "A lot of residents don't come to the games." Not only does the plan call for increased student attendance, it also aims for more involvement from alumni and the community at large.

Lawrence Fan, sports information officer for SJSU, described how the athletic department is attempting to create more of a media presence to let people know about Spartan athletics.

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On game day, the athletics department always had more money, more sports.

According to the plan, the fiscal year 2002-2003 collegiate athletics budget was $11.6 million, in the bottom third of WAC schools. The football budget is approximately $2.5 million per year. Division I-A programs typically spend up to $9 million on football.

Funding will be sought from a variety of sources. The bulk of the money is expected from an $85,200 increase in annual donations. The Spartan Foundation, which raises funds and provides scholarships for athletes, will contribute to the effort, according to the plan.

Corporate sponsorships are also a large component. Given the current economic situation of Silicon Valley, Bell said it is a challenge to seek more money, but said he hopes that corporations are aware of the Spartan football crisis.

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**Getting the Message Out**

"What you need to do is get on campus," Bell said. "It's about students, athletes and coaches." Bell also emphasized the importance of football. Saturday's game was televised, and a Saturn blimp flew over the stadium.

"College football generates more publicity than any of the other sports," Fan said. The department has also hired a professional firm, Hometown Sports, to market the games.

More money, more sports

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"It's important to identify what the good stories are," Fan said. "It's about students, athletes and coaches."
Mustangs outrun Rebels

By Nick Hopping

Last Friday night the Cal Poly women's soccer team defeated the University of Nevada-Las Vegas 2-0, avenging last year's 1-0 overtime loss in Sin City.

Dominating from start to finish, the Mustangs bargained the UNLV goal with shots from all angles, keeping the Runnin' Rebels defense on their heels and off-halace the entire first half, head coach Alex Crozier said.

"Everyone played well, and we're getting better each game," Cal Poly head coach Alex Crozier said.

"With the Runnin' Rebels outscored its nine opponents 23-10, led by sophomore forward Annit Magliulo with six goals."

"But on this night, they had trouble moving the ball past midfield."

"Three saves by goalie Greta Shirdon were enough for the Mustangs to shut out the Rebels."

"Her last save, with ten minutes left in the second half, was particularly impressive."

UNLV forward Annit Magliulo joked a defender just enough to get a point-blank shot from eight yards away toward the upper right-hand corner.

Shirdon, crouched in her position a few feet away, exploded to her left and snared the Rebels' only legitimate scoring chance with her outstretched arms.

"All six of the Mustangs' wins have come by shutout."

"Brooke Flamson and Desiree Shridon have both done really steadily in the backfield," Crozier said.

"What the Rebels lacked for in offensive firepower they made up for in physical play. Despite seeing every opportunity to tug jerseys and hang onto the arms of their opponents, no Rebels were yellow-carded.

"And I think we are progressing very well as a team," Flamson said. "We set our goal of getting better each game, and I think we've done that."

This week, Cal Poly completes its three-game homestand with a match against No. 13 Pepperdine on Friday at 6 p.m. in Mustang Stadium. Then comes the Mustangs' final non-conference test with Mount St. Mary's on Sunday at noon in San Bernardino.

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The struggle to fund Division I football

San Jose State fights to survive at I-A

By Melinda Latham

The fight against triple-.option offense Saturday wasn't the only battle at Spartan Stadium.

The other opponent: low attendance.

With an official turnout of 10,416 at Spartan Stadium on Saturday, the school did slightly better than its 8,506 home game attendance average of last year. But with a new NCAA requirement that demands an average attendance of 15,000 for Division I-A teams by the 2004 season, it's a long way to victory. San Jose State University President Robert Caret outlined the challenge.

"We're facing a unique set of hurdles that someone placed in front of us," Caret said. "We just have to muster the energy to face them."

Last week the JSU administration revealed the 2002-2003 Master Plan, devised by Athletic Director Chuck Bell.

There are two main goals to the plan: to maintain NCAA Division I-A status and to increase athletic funding by $2.2 million by the 2005-2006 school year.

Depends on football

The NCAA will require Division I-A teams to have a minimum of 15,000 attendees at football games by 2004.

If the school does not meet the requirements, the football team will go to Division I-AA, which has no minimum attendance requirement.

This poses bigger problems than ego bruising, Bell said this could affect all sports.

If we are not I-A status in football, then we cannot be in the Western Athletic Conference," Bell said.

"We have to be ready for the fact that if we don't make Division I (I-A) status in 2004, we could be out of athletics completely," he added.

Caret said a school without football is not something he wants to see.

"I don't want to look 20 years down the road and see Fresno (State University) being compared to Stanford and Cal," Caret said.

"They're playing them, and who am I playing? Nobody."

Attendance is the big challenge

The main hurdle to overcome in keeping Division I-A status is attendance.

With last year's average of 8,506 per game, attendance would need to nearly double in two years to meet the requirements. John Raboin, football coach at JSU from 1993-1996 and current assistant to the athletic director, said he was disappointed in the dwindling attendance rate, considering that JSU currently has approximately 28,000 students and 100,000 alumni.

"We just don't feel we're getting the support," Raboin said. "Over the years, you recognize students have outside interests."

Bell said that lack of student interest in campus events can be attributed to the commuter nature of the school.

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