In Tuesday morning's Homecoming activity, Laugh Olympics, students battled against each other in various challenges on Mott Lawn. (Large photo). Computer engineering junior Steve Shields and business sophomore Kristin Edwall participate in an activity where one student had to make an ice cream sundae in the partner's mouth and then eat it. (Top right). Journalism senior Dena Horton passes a soaking wet sponge over her head to her teammate. (Bottom right). Recreation administration senior Corey Lakin slides down a tarp covered in various liquids including ketchup, mustard, nuts, whipped cream, beans and ice cream.

**Propositions fill ballot with student issues**

By Meredith Corbin

*Mustang Daily Staff Writer*

Voting for state legislative candidates is usually a hot topic in Election Day approaches, and this year there are several propositions on the ballot that students might miss.

On Nov. 5, students will have the opportunity to help decide which propositions will prevail in California. The controversy between Propositions 47 through 51 has kept some people questioning whether to vote yes or no.

Before students make any decisions, it is beneficial for them to know what each one is all about.

**Proposition 47**

Proposition 47, called the Kindergartens-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002, supports the need for higher education in schools and is supported by many in the Democratic Party.

Proposition 47 provides for a bond of $13.5 billion that goes toward overcrowded classrooms.

The growing enrollment at Cal Poly has kept students asking themselves if they are getting an adequate college education.

This proposition benefits those students in question, because the money collected also goes to upgrading existing classrooms and building new ones in the California community colleges, as well as the California State University and University of California systems.

In an online Voters' Guide, people argued that California public schools used to be among the best in the nation and that years of inadequate funding have taken their toll.

At Lunden, deputy director for Campaign Yes on Proposition 47, said that there is a tremendous need to rebuild education at all grade levels and to repair old buildings in schools.

"This proposal helps move us in the right direction toward providing a good education for kids," he said.

Opponents of Proposition 47 argue that California currently has billions of dollars in bonds that taxpayers are already paying interest on.

State Sen. Pete Knight (R- Palmdale) debated against the proposition by saying it favors the Los Angeles school districts, even though the L.A.U.S.D. accounts for only 12 percent of the state's population.

Detractors also say that the overtures to the public to research projects that will have a strong impact in the field of veterinary medicine, Dinucci said. Contrary to popular belief, the deadly virus isn't new.

The West Nile virus, one of the current leading causes of death among horses, was first discovered in 1951 in Israel. Since then, more and more cases have been found throughout the world in such countries as South Africa, Italy, Russia and now the United States.

It has been infecting its hosts for more than 50 years and is now headed toward California.

Brian O'Brien, equine specialist from the Fort Dodge Animal Health Company, said the West Nile virus is one of the fastest, deadliest viruses spreading in the world today.

"A lot of people thought the disease wouldn't spread past the Rockies this year, and it did," O'Brien said in a lecture last week on campus entitled "Making a Difference in the Life of Your Horse."

Scientists believe that the West Nile virus spreads when mosquitoes bite infected birds and spread it to people and horses. As a result, the answer would be yes.
The risk is quite miniscule right now because of the cold weather and the fact that the virus hasn't been found in any population in California," Noland said. "But next year, there is a good likelihood the virus will be a threat."

Although the vaccine is a good start in controlling the spread of West Nile, Noland agrees with O'Brian that the best way to prevent the virus from spreading is to control the mosquito population.

"Since vaccines are not full proof, I think the government will try and control the mosquito population rather than develop a vaccine for humans," she said.

Currently, the West Nile vaccine for horses is not available on the open market, so the vet clinic is not selling any of the doses it has for the horses on campus.

"Due to the current concern of the West Nile virus and all the publicity surrounding the spread of the disease, many people are concerned about their own horses," said Dan Barbour, dairy science senior and resident manager for the vet clinic. "However, we want people to know that the vaccine is not currently being sold at the clinic, but may be in the near future."

is for the good of all legislative party affiliates.

"The purpose is to clean up constitutional laws that are complex without absolute material cluttering them up," he said.

Others argue against the propositions, saying that some of the counties in California may want to bring back municipal courts in the future.

Gary B. Wesley of Information Alliance said in the same Online Voters' Guide that the drawback to Proposition 45 is that it would preclude the ability of municipal courts to hear all cases of California's 58 counties.

Proposition 49 see PROPS 2, page 7

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National Briefs

Police say they received warning:"Your children are not safe" ROCKVILLE, Md. — Hours after a bus driver was killed in a shooting that appeared to be the work of the Washington-area sniper, police revealed Tuesday they had received a message over the weekend warning: "Your children are not safe anywhere at any time."

The chilling message apparently was discovered by police outside a Virginia steakhouse where the sniper critically wounded a man Saturday night.

Montgomery County Police Chief Charles Moose said the warning came from the media.

'Rumsfeld has prepared for his morning bus route.' He did not take any questions from the media.

On Monday, police asked the shooter to call them, saying investigators had received a message too muddled to be understood.

Early Tuesday, bus driver Conrad Johnson, 35, was fatally wounded as he prepared for his morning bus route near Aspen Hill, the suburban Washington community where the shootings began Oct. 2.

Pentagon preparing to release prisoners from Guantanamo, Rumsfeld says

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is preparing to free a small number of prisoners from its high-security jail in Cuba, in what would be the first release of combatants who are no longer considered a terrorist threat, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

Other officials said on condition of anonymity that it could be within days.

Rumsfeld said officials were vetting the prisoners to make sure they were not candidates for prosecution, no longer of any intelligence value and not a threat to the United States and its allies.

The first bunch to be let go includes "a relatively small number" of men, he said, adding that he didn't know their nationalities.

Pakistani officials have said a visit to the prison turned up a number of Pakistanis who do not represent a threat to the United States.

AOL launches safety campaign with automated messaging buddy

NEW YORK — America Online is launching a new Internet-safety campaign for kids built around an automated "buddy" that dispenses advice on the spot.

Kids can add "AOLSafetyBot" to their buddy lists of friends on AOL Instant Messenger. It is programmed to answer, within seconds, such questions as whether kids should agree to meetings with online acquaintances or reveal such personal information at their address and age.

Some experts wonder, however, whether a scripted program can work adequately in the online world, given the wide age range of computer users and their parents' different preferences.

The SafetyBot campaign is being launched Wednesday. People who do not see AOL's instant messaging software can also find the SafetyBot buddy on AOL's SafetyClicks site.

Automated instant-messaging buddies, or bots, are not new, but past ones have been mostly devoted to marketing and promotions.

AOL's instant-messaging software is the most popular on the Internet, with more than 150 million registered users.

Sept. 11 suspect traveled to Afghanistan, trained in camp, lawyer says

HAMBURG, Germany — A Moroccan student accused of aiding the Hamburg terrorist cell involved in the terror attacks on the United States went to Afghanistan in 2000 and attended a training camp there, his lawyer said Tuesday at the opening of the first trial of a Sept. 11 suspect.

The revelation came in a Hamburg state court where Mourni el Motassadeq, 28, faces charges of belonging to a terrorist organization and more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder. He could be sentenced to life in prison.

El Motassadeq denied traveling to Afghanistan when police questioned him after his arrest last year. But his defense revised that account after he testified Tuesday that he last saw Sept. 11 lead suicide hijacker Mohamed Atta in May 2000 "when I planned to go to Pakistan, Afghanistan."

Defense attorney Hartmut Jacobs told reporters that el Motassadeq went to Afghanistan, where "he was in a training camp." Jacobs refused to give other details.

Ferry with 51 people aboard sinks in Caspian Sea

BAKU, Azerbaijan — A ferry carrying 51 people and a shipment of oil sank in rough weather in the Caspian Sea Tuesday, officials said.

The Mercury II freight and passenger ferry was making its way from the port of Aktau, Kazakhstan, heading southwest to the Azerbaijan capital Baku when it sank, said a spokesman for CASPAF, the shipping company that owns the ferry.

The ferry sank at 10:43 a.m. in stormy weather about 80 miles from Baku. There were eight passengers aboard, along with 41 crew, and 16 tanks of oil in the cargo hold.

An initial report that all aboard the ferry were dead could not be confirmed. The Interfax news agency reported that at least five people had been rescued. The Interfax news agency said heavy rain and high winds at the rescue site complicated searchers' efforts.

The office of Azerbaijani President Geydar Aliyev said that five ships and five helicopters were dispatched for a search-and-rescue mission. He held an emergency meeting with top officials to hear reports of the disaster and set up a special commission to find out why the boat sank.

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily managing editor Malia Spencer.
A white tablecloth restaurant with a twist of lemon, lime or olive

By Diana Krutop

As legend has it, a charming woman named Gigi, "the famed non vivante," created a 19th century cafe on the Mediterranean coast of France. Heralded as a haven for artists, poets and great thinkers, the café left those that frequented it thought-provoked and inspired.

Gigi's Café in downtown San Luis Obispo is modeled after the legendary café and upholds the tradition of quality food alongside an inspirational atmosphere.

Though currently under new ownership, there seems to be a sincere effort to preserve the essence of the original café. Gigi's Mediterranean Café is a delightful treat that offers award-winning martinis, creatively prepared entrees, hors d'oeuvres and incredible desserts.

Upon entering the café, the artsy European decor and live music rose above the usual clanking of silverware and clattering of patrons. I was immediately greeted by the staff and escorted to a table. I guess Gigi's could be classified as a white-tablecloth restaurant with a twist. A sheet of white paper lies on top of the table cloth and a glass full of crayons encourages spurs of creativity.

Sautéed with pecans and bourbon, the recipe seen on the show "Sex and the City," raspberry vodka, pineapple and cranberry juice, a squeeze of lime and champagne floated on top.

If a regular martini doesn't suffice, there is always a dessert martini.

Currently, the Tiramisu martini seems to be on everyone's list of favorites. It consists of fresh espresso, coffee vodka, Baileys, spiced rum and Godiva Chocolate liqueur.

I recommend stopping into Gigi's. If only to sample a martini, it's definitely worth the trip.

As for the hors d'oeuvres (they don't call them appetizers), I was impressed. Known for their colossal oysters, they also offer spicy garlic prawns (very spicy) and a variety of bruschettas. I opted to try the mango tea salmon and mascarpone mouse bruschetta. To say it was delicious would be an understatement.

The mango-infused salmon was enhanced by pungent cheeses, sliced red onions and a sprinkling of capers and served atop a toasted French baguette. It was an absolute palate pleaser.

Entrées range from a classic filet mignon to more creative dinner specials.

I ordered the Bourbon Street chicken off the specials board. Sautéed with pecans and bourbon molasses, it's a sweet dish with a nutty flavor. Served with mashed potatoes and green beans, this dish is a safe bet for everyone.

I also sampled the sesame seed ahi, topped with a blackberry-orange sauce and served on a bed of rice. The dish blended the flavors of tuna and sesame, as well as the tartness of the sauce; no one ingredient overpowered another.

It's hard to say what I enjoyed the most, but due to my incurable sweet tooth it would have to be the molten chocolate souffle. The chocolate truffle baked inside a light, airy cake was unbelievable. Its warmth and richness literally melted in my mouth.

Other desserts include creme brûlée and lemon creme cheesecake.

I didn't get a chance to sample the wide variety of panninis or croissant sandwiches, but one can choose from a simple mozzarella, basil and tomato sandwich to a pastrami, gorgonzola and waldorf sandwich. These can be served on homemade foccacia bread, grilled pannini (thickly sliced foccacia) style or served open faced on flatbread.

I must say that Gigi's is not only a great place to eat, but the vine-covered wall, chandeliers, and wooden furniture give it a charming atmosphere. The café seems to be a sincere palatte pleaser.

I have to admit, this meal would have to be classified as a definite splurge.

Entrée prices range form $14 to $23. Hors d'oeuvres start at $5 for tomato basil bruschetta to $19 for a large platter of oysters. Salads are anywhere from $5 to $10. Desserts and sandwiches are approximately $8.

I had an excellent dining experience, enthusiastic and attentive service, well-prepared food and an inviting atmosphere. The café is an option as an impressive first date or a great place to have a graduation celebration.

\* The Flying Frog Brigade
\* 10.32.02
\* The Attila and Dove Project
\* Thistiny Area based group has developed a west coast following with its acoustic/electric style, said to be a mix of Pink Floyd, led Zeppelin, John Coltrane and Gomez. Call Pola favorite, the Attila & Dove Project returns with a more acoustic, intricate show than their infamous LA tour performances. If you haven't yet experienced their music or if they're on old favorite, come take a listen!
Don't let friendship be ruined by 'it'

S o you have this amazing friend. He (or she) is smart, funny, good-looking – the whole package. You would never dream of being with her / him – you just good friends. Until one night, usually one involving alcohol, something happens.

Oops! Luckily, the next morning you have the all-important “So now what?” conversation, and you find out that he or she doesn’t want a relationship either. Not that it wasn’t fun and all, but in a matter of minutes you have unwittingly gone from the safe, no-pressure status of good friends into the treacherous and treacherous realm of “friends with benefits.”

“I don’t worry,” you think. “It is totally strings attached. We are just good friends – that’s it.”

Or is it?

More often than not, people delude themselves into thinking that this type of fluffy relationship can work. Well, I am sure now it doesn’t. It is just words.

These feelings may not manifest themselves until, out of the blue, your bed-buddy decides to develop a realistic relationship with someone else. Replacing that “physical” aspect of your friendship presents a much bigger challenge than adding it. Your attachment rehabbed itself in the form of extreme jealousy.

Love has two basic parts: the cognitive and the physical. The two pieces are inherently connected.

Here’s how it works. You bring the “physical” aspect into an otherwise platonic relationship. Your mind then goes through a series of self-justification steps to validate why you just acted the way you did.

This process may take place without you even knowing it. In fact, your consciousness may say the opposite.

For example, suppose you’re thinking, “He’s just a friend. I don’t even like him in that way. This is just for fun and I am totally down with that.” Your subconscious is thinking, “He must be really great if I am willing to sleep with him.”

Guess which part of your brain wins this battle?

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The Downtown issue being worked on by police

T he Mustang Daily issues of Oct. 10 and 11 both covered student relationships with the unable to sustain the benefits of such relationships. The narrative concludes with, “Almost every day when we absolutely love each other, but everyone got together without ever really knowing that they were just friends messing around. Gradually, however, she started saying how

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Letters to the editor

The French have plenty to laugh at

Editor,

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Take rampant obesity. We are a culture obsessed with food and weight. The American average is overweight or obese. To add insult to injury, the U.S. government can order a recall of toy trucks because they are too big to be swallowed. It looks like bulldozers.

Now take gun control. The states have the highest gun death rate per capita in the world, and the story of the non-gun countries makes the French laugh at the country where everyone has the right to bear arms.

These are two examples, and there are many more. The definition of a free country is the worth of its people, the public education and the extreme indolefreedom of households. As tolerant people, we should embrace other cultures, and we should not judge others by our own standards.

Khaled Hal Saad is a computer science junior studying abroad in Paris.

An idealistic world doesn't exist

Editor,

Man, how I wish I lived in a world where everyone, from every nation, wanted to join hands and sing about how much we loved each other. If you have nothing good to say, then do us all a favor and make us laugh, rather than propagate your prejudice.

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Library, Rec Center hours should be same

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Dear Mustang Daily,

I am a senior at Markham College and I would like to comment on the operation hours of the Library and the Rec Center.

The Library is usually open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Rec Center, on the other hand, is open Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

I think that the Rec Center hours are more convenient for students, as they can use the gym before and after their classes. However, the Library hours are more convenient for studying, as they are open until 9 p.m. on weekdays.

I believe that the Library hours should be extended to match the Rec Center hours. This would allow students to have more time to study and have access to the gym after their classes.

I hope that the administrators will consider my suggestion and make the necessary changes to the hours.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Student's Name]
News

People or Cal Poly participate in on-campus activities like club affiliation, sports and theater productions. Many of them have never had to worry about missing out on after-school activities because they were always able to have the option.

Proposition 49, or After School Programs State Grants Initiative Statute, deals with increasing state grant funds available for before and after-school programs like tutoring assistance and educational enrichment.

This would make every public elementary, middle and junior high school eligible for after-school grants, extending from $50,000 to $75,000.

Sheri Annis, press secretary for Yes on Proposition 49, or After School Programs State Grants Initiative Statute, said this is the best way to provide after-school programs for kids in elementary and middle schools.

"Proposition 49 will keep kids safe where they can both learn and have fun," she said.

The proposal also provides priority for low-income students by offering additional funding.

From the Online Voters Guide, Proposition 49 requires that in the year 2004, new funding for before and after-school programs should not be taken from educational funding.

People disputing that this proposition says that it is a bad approach to a good cause.

Barbara Inatsugu, president of The League of Women Voters of California, argued that Proposition 49 disregards principles of good government by reducing their need to respond to changing needs and priorities, and that it has less flexibility to address future educational obligations.

Proposition 50

Many students purchase a water cooler or a Brita filter to be sure they are drinking clean water. What if students could drink tap water without worrying that it is contaminated?

Proposition 50, called Water Quality, Supply and Safe Drinking Water Projects, Coastal Wetlands Purchase and Protection, Bonds Initiative Statute, may answer their question.

This proposition authorizes $3.44 billion in bonds to hard water projects throughout California to programs like the CALFED Bay-Delta.

Money collected is also said to go towards purchasing, protecting and restoring coastal wetlands near urban areas and maintaining clean water management.

Since 1990, voters have approved about $1 billion of water-related bonds. In June 2002, the State had $1.1 billion left over for future projects.

The proposal encourages the state to use the extra money to make sure California has safe, clean drinking water to help with population growth.

Proposition 50 will improve the quality of drinking water and give money to local water districts to empty out chemicals, said Teresa Smith, a Porter Novelli for Yes on Proposition 50 employee.

"This proposal is necessary for California," Smith said. "We have got to address the issue one way or another."

Most people desire clean drinking water in any case, but others argue that most of the water bond measures that voters have approved in the past have gone only to studies of the program.

Ted Costa, CEO of People's Advocate in Sacramento, is opposed to the proposition because he said it does nothing to solve the problem.

"We have been collecting money for water projects for many years and nobody does anything about it," Costa said.

Proposition 51

Proposition 51, or Transportation Distribution of Existing Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax Initiative Statute, says that sales tax on motor vehicles can be spent on special projects like improving bus transit systems and street progression.

Some students feel that public transportation does not work well for them, but any relief from the stress of finding a parking spot may be helpful.

The Online Voters' Guide said the money collected from this proposition would measure current sales taxes to fix highway safety programs, reduce traffic congestion and replace thousands of school buses.

People who support Proposition 51 say that the measure would reserve $1 billion in tax money each year for specific purposes, which could not be changed by the Legislature, even in a budget crisis.

Eddy Moore, director of the Planning and Conservation League in Sacramento, said that this proposition is their best chance to improve the quality of road safety, traffic congestion and safe school buses for everybody.

Others argue that the proposition violates principles of sound tax, spending policies and the key principles of good government.

Lenny Goldberg, executive director of the California Tax Reform Association, argues that the proposition ties up the state budget with 17 new categories of required spending and that it locks in spending even on nonessential projects.

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Luke Lancaster, third-year agribusiness major, captured first place in the steer wrestling competition of the Cal Poly All Star Rodeo Saturday.

A family tradition

► All Star Rodeo brings together Mustangs from the past and present

By Laura Dietz

A unique mix of students, parents and grandparents went head-to-head Saturday at the second-annual All Star Rodeo, hosted by the Cal Poly rodeo team.

Cal Poly students and possible recruits from different high schools teamed up against alumni and friends of the Cal Poly rodeo program in all nine of the regular rodeo events and the ribbon-roping event, said Triflyl Barton, the Cal Poly rodeo team president.

"The All Star Rodeo is basically a big family reunion for extended rodeo family and supporters of Cal Poly," Barton said. "It’s also a fund-raising event that is student run, and it’s a way to keep the alumni involved."

Friends, parents and students alike played by the same rules, rode the same bulls and hit the dirt just as hard trying to score points for themselves and their team.

The top five students and top five alumni were selected from the morning trials.

Agribusiness junior Holly Andrus was the Agribusiness junior Holly Andrus was the

"I invite high school rodeo national finalists and offer them a thousand-dollar scholarship if they make the team,"

Brett Black

Cal Poly rodeo coach Brett Black took third in the barrel-racing event, while her dad entered in the team roping event.

Andras is currently serving as Miss California Rodeo Queen and Miss Clovis Rodeo Queen.

“Who is really special about the Cal Poly rodeo program is it’s so rooted in tradition,” she said.

Levi and Linsey Ruwer are third-generation Cal Poly rodeo team members. Their mother Bonnie is an alumni president of the rodeo team booster club. Saturday’s event brought together 60 years of rodeo team history, she said.

Since they can enter multiple events, those who did well in several events had their scores count for team points as well as toward their score for the day.

Six men and four women were selected for the alumni and student All Star team.

"Those on the team are the top of the top," she said.

Even though points earned in All Star Rodeo do not count toward their points for the college rodeos they compete in, Holly said it is just as competitive, with more fun and less pressure.

"It’s more for fun, but the buckles (that go to the winner of each event) are nice," she said. "Any time you are taking your horse out you want to do well."