Rebuilding a landmark

By Andrea Svoboda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With a hammer and nails, a lot can be accomplished. One can build a birdhouse in about a day, repair a roof in a month and if the builder is really good, he or she can restore the hope of millions in a year.

Construction engineer Allyn Kisheimer is president and founder of ECE Inc., a structural engineering firm in Washington, D.C. He has been in the business for 43 years and has done $22 billion of work all over the world, but his most well-known project was rebuilding the Pentagon after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Despite much skepticism, it was a project that he was able to complete in only a year.

Kisheimer will be coming to Cal Poly today to talk about his experiences in his presentation "The Phoenix Project: Rebuilding the Pentagon."

Admission is free and the talk will be held at 11 a.m. in Chumash Auditorium in the University Union.

Construction management department head Al Hauck, C.T.C., said having Kisheimer speak not only shows the department’s involvement in the construction industry but how Cal Poly goes beyond academic learning.

In a field of work that is usually associated with men in hardhats and physical labor, Hauck said he hopes the talk will bring new light to old ways of thinking.

"This is a neat opportunity to put a positive image on our industry," Hauck said.

On the morning of Sept. 11, when many Americans were trying to comprehend what had happened, Kisheimer was driving to see first-hand what many could only imagine. He was responding to the phone call of a good friend that had done the previous remodeling on the Pentagon. His friend said a plane had hit the Pentagon and Kisheimer's expertise was needed.

Yet driving to the Pentagon was easier said than done. It took him an hour and a half to get someplace.

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Student encourages debate, discussion on Web site

By Jenni Mintz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In Steve Johnson’s political arena, www.polytics.org, there are no winners or losers — but that doesn’t mean there is a shortage of political creativity.

The Web site is the brainchild of Johnson, a political science senior who provides students with the opportunity to voice their opinions in an open forum. The issues introduced range from campus discussions to international affairs.

Johnson created the site as his senior project.

"I wanted to do something different than a research paper in order to get more students involved in politics," Johnson said.

Student participation in public debates was something Johnson wanted the Web site to foster.

"I hope that the students use the Web site to participate in different discussions, especially what happens on campus," Johnson said.

"Since students aren’t debating or participating in student government ... and they aren’t having face-to-face interactions, maybe something like the computer could be used to further debate participation."

Steve Johnson
Political science senior

"The main thrust of the Web site is the 'Talk Back' section."

The Talk Back page covers many topics. The person reading it can see what everyone has said, and can post a response, Johnson said.

Political science professor Jean Williams said the Web site is beneficial to students.

"Steve’s Web site is unique because it provides a public forum within the Cal Poly campus," Williams said. "It provides an opportunity to extend debate and learning outside the classroom in a context where students themselves get to set the parameters of the debate."

Williams said the Web site offers is links to articles containing information relative to discussion topics. Those links are updated daily, so students have quick access to current news.


In order to complete his senior project, Johnson needs more responses to the Web site.

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Poly one of top colleges, universities for Hispanics

By Alexa Ratcliffe
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Nearly one in three California residents is Hispanic, according to the Demographic Research Unit of California. Since Hispanics are California’s fastest growing ethnic group, the state’s public schools are now offering more programs and organizations to help them succeed.

And Cal Poly is among those doing the best job, being recently named among the top national colleges and universities to offer strong educational opportunities for Hispanic students.

The university was also named as one of the top 100 institutions for graduating Hispanic students.

Cal Poly received these honors in the Publisher’s Picks in the December 2002 issue of Hispanic Outlook Magazine. The magazine gathered the data from formal and informal inquiries as well as from the National Center for Education Statistics.

"I'm really proud of our chapter," said environmental engineering major Davina Gonzales, Outreach coordinator for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

SHPE, which has about 90 members, is just one club at Cal Poly geared toward Hispanic students.

"Our club is basically designed to reach Hispanic students and encourage them into the engineering field," Gonzales said. "We really work at getting students to come here and then keeping them here."

Other Hispanic organizations at Cal Poly include the Hispanic Student Business Association see OUTLOOK, page 2
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(HBSA), M.E.C.H.A. Imagen y Espíritu Ballet Folklórico, La Comisión Estudiantil and four Latino-based fraternities and sororities.

"There are a lot of clubs that Cal Poly offers to serve Hispanic and Latino students," said computer engineering major Thomas Razo, president of La Comisión Estudiantil. "Almost every college on campus has a club designed for Hispanic students."

Although Cal Poly does a good job accommodating Hispanic students, there is always room for improvement, Razo said.

Hispanic Outlook Magazine is the sole Hispanic journal on college campuses and is published 26 times a year. The magazine aims to reach a broad cultural audience of educators, administrators, students and student/community-based organizations and corporations.

In addition to Cal Poly, the magazine named 19 other California State Universities to their Publisher's Pick list. Other universities included are Bakersfield, Chico, Dominguez Hills, Fresno, Fullerton, Hayward, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose and Stanislaus.

In past years, Cal Poly has been ranked second for the number of degrees awarded in agriculture and architecture by the magazine. The only school to beat them last year was Texas A&M University, which has a student body more than double the size of Cal Poly.

For more information about the college rankings, visit the Hispanic Outlook Magazine home page at www.hispanicoutlook.com.

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to analyze. "Although the counter says that about 240 people have looked at the site, only a few people have actually posted anything. My senior project is based on people's opinions," Johnson said.

Not everyone shares Johnson's enthusiasm for politics. Business sophomore Chris Michelmore said, "I just don't care that much about politics," he said. "People can debate for hours and hours and it is not going to change anything. I'm not informed enough to take a stand."

Other students care about politics and would like to have the chance to look at the Web site and post their ideas, but limited time prevents them.

Mechanical engineering senior Spiro Atri said his demanding schedule doesn't usually allow him time to browse the Internet or read the newspaper.

"I don't think Cal Poly students are apathetic. It seems like people care," Atri said. "But people just don't have the time for politics."

Atri found the content in Politics relevant to Cal Poly students and the Web site easy to use. "If enough traffic flowed through the Web site, it could be a successful open forum," Atri said. "I like the set up. It's also neat that it offers Poly news to discuss, which you would not find on other forums."

The site is ideal for students who don't have time to watch the news or pick up a newspaper. Johnson said.

Students may avoid open political forums because they feel their opinions won't make a difference, but Atri said every opinion has the power to make a difference in politics. The Web site gives students who have something to say but want to remain anonymous a chance to get involved.

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What's Going On

Coming up this week

*NightWriters- The SLO NightWriters will meet today at 7 p.m. in the Fireplace Room in the San Luis Obispo Veteran's Hall.

*Student Community Services - SCS will host an Open House with free snacks for students who are looking to be a volunteer Jan. 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in UU220.

*ASI Office Hours - ASI President Jake Parnell's office hours are Mondays from 12 to 1 p.m. ASI Vice President Kaitlin Ayers' office hours are Thursdays from 12 to 1 p.m.
Espionage case headed for rare public trial

By Ted Bridis
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — It's the first U.S. espionage trial in nearly 50 years that could end in a death sentence. A retired Air Force master sergeant, deeply in debt, is accused of offering satellite secrets to Saddam Hussein and others for more than $13 million in clandestine cash.

Barring a last-minute plea agreement, even in cases where anyone died as a result of any alleged disclosures.

Legal experts said a plea avoiding that trial was unlikely. "I think you can assume any offers that were put on the table have been long-since rejected," said Lawrence S. Robbins. He was the losing defense lawyer in the last espionage trial, in 1997, when a federal jury convicted a married couple of spying for East Germany.

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New governor's mansion worth the price

P or quit - multiple choice.
Because he wants to boost the morale of West Sacramento and, subsequently, California, Governor Gray Davis plans to:
A. Resolve the state's $34 billion budget woes.
B. Officially declare that Northern California is far superior to Southern California.
C. Construct a new governor's mansion on the West Sacramento waterfront.
D. Lay off Southern California watermelon growers.
If you answered C, you answered correctly. (Points were also awarded if you chose B.)

According to news accounts in the Sacramento Bee, West Sacramento city legislators have officially set aside a 43-acre plot of land that will house the new governor's mansion. The privately funded undertaking, which will consist of a new home, will begin to break ground after a four-month environmental review.

At first glance, this may seem like a farce: Instead of focusing on California's larger problems, it seems that Davis is just trying to build himself a fancy new pad. Or, as someone who is not writing a column might put it, "That guy's building himself a new mansion! What the hell? I can barely afford the rent in my holy of an apartment."

Below the surface, however, lies some interesting information, like the fact that Davis doesn't even live in a governor's mansion. Instead, he lives in a ranch-style home in Sacramento (when he isn't spending time living it up in Los Angeles).

In fact, California hasn't had an official governor's home since former governor Ronald Reagan rented another home in 1967 because Nancy Reagan felt the mansion was a "fire trap." Turns out she was right, so the place was turned into a museum.

Another interesting bit of information is that the new crib won't be finished until 2006, right as Davis is leaving office. So, as selfish as his motives may have seemed, he won't even be living in the place.

So, what is this benevolent agenda that Davis holds? Pride. Yes. It's actually silly - to have pride in these days, huh? - but that is exactly what Davis is doing. By building the new mansion on the West Sacramento waterfront, Davis will be giving this industrial, ugly (my apologies to any West Sacramento residents reading this article) city a new gem.

City officials are hoping that the new residence - coupled with the new bridge and train station - will boost tourism and spark new housing developments in the area. Essentially, this could be the first step toward rebuilding West Sacramento.

While Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo insistson having the new mansion in her city, I have to say that I like what Davis is doing. Sacramento already has the Capitol and the Kings. Let West Sacramento have its fairy tale - a fairy tale that Arianna Huffington, has gone about it is wrong. The ads should be pulled from the airwaves. The ads are based on one fact related to SUVs: They are not fuel-efficient. While this is true, the parallel the group is drawing is that terrorists, who are assumed to be any Middle Easterner, supply the United States with oil. This oil, which is eventually refined into gasoline, costs money. Americans pay the money that gets back to the suppliers, who are presumed to be terrorists.

In an era where Americans are more likely than ever to believe any propaganda related to terrorism, these ads are simply an attempt to pander to the nation's frightened mentality.

Huffington, a syndicated columnist and founder of The Detroit Project, stated Jan. 8 that the idea of the ads isn't to demonize SUV owners. Well, be that as it may, that's what the ads will accomplish.

February 5, 2003

Anti-SUV ads make incorrect assumptions about terrorism

Post-Sept. 11 has become a descriptor to illustrate a lot of things. The suggestions made by the mention of that date in history are varied and many.

The ads are a part of the freedom the War on Terrorism is supposed to be provided for to our country.

One of those connotations were the crimes committed against those Americans who happened to be Arab or Middle Eastern. With the release of these ads, another post-Sept. 11 backlash may be vandalized SUVs and Americans afraid to drive their cars.

This is not part of the freedom the War on Terrorism is supposed to be terrifying. In fact, it has no place in a democracy.

Staff editorial for "The Oracle." (U.S. South Florida.)
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Trading Spaces' addicts need attention too

Hello. My name is Chrissy and I'm an alcoholic.

A long time ago I promised myself that I would never fall victim to any addictions. While I had promised to keep in mind, I have been able to steer clear of becoming dependent on most things, including smoking, drinking and gambling.

And then on a typewriter spring last year at exactly 4 p.m., "Trading Spaces" came into my life, for the very first time. Since then, I have been forever changed.

After just one taste of The Learning Channel's best concoction, I knew I was hooked. "Trading Spaces," the show in which two sets of neighbors redecorate each other's rooms in two days using a strict budget of $1,000, has become the staple of my being.

Like a drug, the addictive aspect of this show never ceases to send a rush of adrenalin throughout my body. The anticipation of the final product, the long-awaited emotional responses of the homeowners and the announcement of the total costs are all factors that add to the overwhelming sense of suspense I feel during the last home stretch, when disgruntled home owners scramble to complete their interior decoration with only minutes to spare.

From 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day, my eyes methodically become glued to the screen as Vern Yip, my favorite designer, turns a drab bedroom into a little boy's fantasyland, complete with "planes, trains and automobiles" theme.

Perhaps my favorite makeover was when Ria Steave-Dickerson designed an Indian-style master bedroom with a bed suspended from the ceiling by chains.

Like a long-time friend, I have discovered that I can never overdose from watching the show excessively. While some so-called fans just tune in for the last 15 minutes to view the room's makeover, I am loyal to my drug of choice. I watch the show beginning to end.

I also take mental notes on decorating tips for when I have the money to makeover my home.

My obsession with the show has definitely taken a toll on my personal life. Because my roommates don't quite understand my addiction, I often feel isolated in my own apartment.

To get a room fresh, I don't even need to call a guy friend every time I run out of windshield washer fluid.

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I hate to disappoint you guys, but most of us women aspire to do a little more than rear children and clean up after you.

Not that our being stereotyped isn't to the ignorance of some women. I had a girlfriend call me not long ago wanting to borrow my curling iron because her's was broken. I later discovered she had broken it and she tried to operate her hair dryer, curling iron and radio at the same time. (She had no idea what a hair dryer was.) I was just worried about her hair being fry her hair down.

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where that was normally 10 minutes away, Kilsheimer said. For the first three days and three nights he helped tell people where they could go safely while they were sifting through the rubble.

It was a chaotic time at the Pentagon, he said. For two days there were 3,000 to 4,000 Army soldiers, secret service agents, Navy seals, Marines and "God knows who else" walking around the Pentagon, Kilsheimer said.

During the first five days, search and rescue teams were looking for bodies. It was his job to support them. He would go with them to try and find survivors, Kilsheimer said. They didn't find anybody.

Kilsheimer was then hired by PenRen to head the job of reconstruction. He was in charge of hiring and supervising his staff, he said.

"That is very rare," he said. "I don't think it has ever happened before, because usually you have an architect that is in charge of design­ing something and you have a con­tractor in charge of building some­thing. We did this slightly different­ly."

The project required Kilsheimer to see a more personal aspect of the damage. It became more than knocked down walls and shattered glass.

"(I) walked in one particular spot where there were three burned skeletons to my right and to my left were these two guys looking up at me that weren't burnt, but they were dead," Kilsheimer said. "The general said something like they were his people and he wished there was something we could do for them. And you say things and you don't know why you say them so 1 said, 'I don't know what you can do, but we are going to build this place back in a year.'"

With a $780 million budget and a year's deadline, the pressure was on. Kilsheimer and his crew conquered challenges in record speed. There was an estimated six months to a year of demolition work that was completed in four weeks. They essentially worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with the average worker working 18 hours a day, seven days a week, Kilsheimer said.

With three million man-hours of work, they had only five single day accidents.

As the project continued, the workers' attitude changed. By Thanksgiving the workers started to believe the deadline could be met, Kilsheimer said.

In order to keep his own momen­tum up, Kilsheimer got creative. "I don't like long hair," he said. "I decided what hair I do have I was going to let grow long until I fin­ished. That would remind me of what I promised I was going to do." Through hard work, long hours and determ ination, the deadline was met.

Kilsheimer said he never thought twice about taking the project.

"I said to my wife sometime last year I never understood why I was able to do all of the things I was able to do, and it was like I was in training to do this my whole life," he said. "There is no question that somebody had me set up to be able to do that."

"It was clear to me in July that if I had dropped dead, they would have finished anyhow, and if the government would have said we aren't going to pay you anymore, they would have finished it anyhow, there is no question about it," Kilsheimer said.

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Ailyn Kilsheimer
Construction engineer
Townshend: Child porn used as research for autobiography

LONDON (AP) — Guitarist Pete Townshend of The Who said Saturday he downloaded child pornography from the Internet while researching an autobiography discussing his suspected childhood sexual abuse.

Townshend, 57, denied being a pedophile after the Daily Mail newspaper reported detectives were investigating an unidentified British rock star for downloading child pornography.

Townshend said in a statement that he informed police of his activities.

"I have been writing my childhood autobiography for the past seven years," Townshend said. "I believe I was sexually abused by my uncle.

Pete Townshend The Who

He said he used a credit card on one occasion to download pornographic images as part of his research and then reported what he used to police.

"I am not a pedophile. I have never entered chat rooms on the Internet to converse with children," he said. Police in London said they could not comment on individual cases.

British police have arrested 1,300 suspects as part of Operation Ore, a crackdown on people who view child pornography on the Internet.

Operation Ore is the British arm of an FBI-led operation that traced 250,000 suspected pedophiles around the world through credit cards used to pay for downloading child pornography. The names of British suspects were given to police here by U.S. investigators.

Fury to fizzle: Student protests expose depths of anger and apathy in Iran

By Brian Murphy

TEHRAN, Iran — Bonfires rose wild and menacing during the height of campus rage against Iran's Islamic establishment. Then, last month, the flames sputtered out. Riot police withdrew. Student protests went back to class.

All that's left from four weeks of anger are patches of charred pavement and a puzzle: How could such fury end with such a whimper?

The protests, ignited by a death sentence for a liberal professor, help explain. Each stage of the unrest offers lessons about Iran's shaky foundations and why — for the time being — predictions of a violent collapse have turned out wrong.

"The giant has yet to really stir," said Saeed Laylaz, a political analyst in Tehran.

The biggest threat to the 24-year-oldocracy rests not with student rebels, experts say. It's with the quiet power of mainstream Iranians and their worries: scarce jobs, a stumbling economy and a growing sense that the country needs to open to the world or be left behind.

A possible U.S.-led war to topple Iran's old for Saddam Hussein could elevate these concerns if Iraq return to the international fold while Iranian leaders keep a cautious distance, analysts say.

"The big question remains whether this general feeling of dis-


The drawing, published last week in the now-closed Hayat-e-Nou newspaper, relates to FDR's power struggle with the Supreme Court, Roosevelt.

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late Ayatollah Rahibollah Khomeini, the leader of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution. The decision to publish it was considered a stinging insult to his memory. "This is just an excuse to make a show of force ... and create tension," said Mohammad Naimipour, a pro-reform lawmaker. "This is not natural."

It's not clear why the paper chose the cartoon, though it was published at a time when reformers are pressing new measures that would, among other things, reduce hard-liners' control over the judiciary.

The newspaper was ordered closed indefinitely Saturday. Intelligence Minister Ali Yunesi said three employees involved in publishing the cartoon have been arrested.

"We announce our disgust and hatred toward this abominable move — our nation is united to expel all infiltrators and stooges," said a statement issued following a protest march Sunday in Qom, about 80 miles south of Tehran and the center for Islamic study in Iran.

Some of the nearly 5,000 marchers wore shrouds soaked in animal blood and carried black flags, traditional signs of mourning among Shiite Muslims. They also denounced political reformers as traitors.

In Tehran, the newspaper's chief editor — and brother of Khomeini's successor, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — struggled to hold back tears as he addressed fellow parliamentarians in a session broadcast live on Tehran Radio.

"No one loves Imam Khomeini more than me," Hadi Khamenei said. But he and his older brother are on opposite sides in the battles over Iran's future.

Hadi Khamenei is a top pro-reform lawmaker seeking to dilute the broad powers of the ruling clerics, led by his brother. The cartoon, plucked from the U.S. Social Security Administration Web site, accompanied an interview with a member of the outlawed Freedom Movement of Iran.

Editors haven't said what they saw in the cartoon. It was a commentary on a failed attempt by Roosevelt in 1937 to allow the White House to add more judges to federal courts if sitting judges were older than 70, a move seen as a bid to give Roosevelt more sway over the Supreme Court.

Iran's Parliament could soon be the forum for the most bold attempt to reshape the way Iran is ruled.

President Mohammad Khatami has promised to press ahead with two bills that would remove the ruling clerics' ability to ban political candidates and weaken their control over the judiciary and security forces. No date for a vote is scheduled.

The press has suffered many casualties in the political crossfire. Conservatives have closed more than 80 publications in recent years as they try to muzzle reformers.

"We have decided not to remain silent," said a statement from clerics in Qom. "Our objective is not merely seeking closure of a newspaper or imprisonment of a person, but eliminating bases of the enemy at the country's press."
News

Allies press Washington to give inspectors time to finish work

By Robert H. Reid
Associated Press Writer

Doha, Qatar — With U.N. inspectors having found no evidence of banned weapons, U.S. allies are urging Washington to give the experts the time to finish finding what they say could be a noble goal. A television news station in Charlotte, N.C., was dumbfounded in the No. 3 sports spot for the market. Higher-ups decided the way to improve its standing was to hire fresh-faced reporters to go after stories that are important to the community.

But, some time later, the station is still languishing in last place. Trying to solve the problem, a consultant was hired. And what was the consultant's answer? "He (came) to the conclusion that they don't cover enough crime," said Diane Smith, chairman for the department of criminology at the University of South Florida. "He said they need to boost up their crime coverage, and he stresses especially violent crime, because that's what catches people's attention." Smith, who spoke Thursday before a group of senior citizens involved in the Learning in Retirement program at the College of Public Health, said for news media to compete in today's market, editors and managers still have to follow the old adage: "If it bleeds, it leads."

"I don't know if it's a conscious editorial policy. But I know that increases in crime are deemed more newsworthy than decreases," Smith said. "It's easy to point your fingers at the news media and say, 'Guys, they're just asking for this type of thing.' They're awash in it for that one basic reason. People want to know how to stay safe."

Smith said the past decade has been telling. Crime across the United States has dropped significantly. Yet, during the same decade, media coverage of crime has risen. Smith called that an "incredible cultural equivalent of the perfect storm."

"In the perfect storm you had three meteorological events that all converged at one time," Smith said. "So what effect does this increase in crime culture have on Americans? It influences public policies. It makes us more aware of our reaction to crime."

Political climate slows job search for int'l students

By Lydia K. Leung

Newsday (U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The most fundamental qualities needed to secure a job include a solid resume, interview savvy and ample persistence, he finally received an offer for a full-time position from Dell Inc. in Texas. "I am one of the lucky ones to have gotten a job, so I am not complaining at all," Agarwal said. "Most of my friends from India are not able to find a job even though they are pretty actively searching — just because of the fact that they are international students."

U.S. companies are not xenophobes, but they are unwilling to hire international students because of the hurdles involved in obtaining approval from the U.S. government. "I am no longer interested in working with them, they can interview in my home country, but they cannot offer me a job here (in the United States)," he said. Agarwal, who is from India, said he was extremely disappointed by the experience but with perseverance and persistence, he finally received an offer for a full-time position from Dell Inc. in Texas. "It influences public policy... It is an incredibly powerful tool... It draws attention to important policy issues," said Diane Smith, chairman for the department of criminology at the University of South Florida. "It influences the right to act unilaterally to disarm Iraq, because that's what catches people's attention... It influences the right to act unilaterally to disarm Iraq, because that's what catches people's attention..."

Media alters ways people view crime

Former Außenminister Tony Blair faces growing opposition within his own Labor Party to making armed conflict without hard evidence against the Iraqis. Blair told his Cabinet on Thursday that the Jan. 27 report that U.N. inspectors will not submit to the U.N. Security Council a not a deadline and that they had found "no smoking gun," in nearly two weeks of inspections.

But El Baradei said his team needs more time and more intelligence from U.N. members to help in a search that already has taken inspectors to more than 300 sites.

"We remain determined to be opposed to the war," French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin told reporters Friday. "In a crazy world, we need a France that is wise."

The United States has reserved the right to act unilaterally to disarm Iraq, which denies it holds proscribed weapons. However, the decision by Bush last year to take America's allies in Iraq to the country of armed weapons of mass destruction, which the United States urges Saddam in hiding in defiance of U.N. resolutions.

The United States already has ordered thousands of troops, attack aircraft and ships to the Persian Gulf. On Friday, officials announced that nearly 35,000 American troops, including two large Marine units, are getting orders to ship out for the Gulf in the largest single deployment order in the United States. "We remain determined to be opposed to the war," French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin told reporters Friday. "In a crazy world, we need a France that is wise." Smith said this cultural fascination with crime, particularly violent crime, extends beyond the boundaries of television and print news. He said the most popular television dramas are crime-based.

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"In order for a company to be able to gain sponsorship approval from the (Immigration and Naturalization Service), they have to prove that they cannot fill that position from the American general population," she added. Furthermore, the law prevents full-time work for students with F-1 visas, which only allow them to go to school in the United States unless they can get sponsorship from the company that is hiring them. If they are hired, the company will help them apply for an H-1 B visa, which are required for staying in the country to work. Many international students said it is hard to find companies that are willing to interview international students when companies have restricted their candidate search to U.S. citizens.
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Sports

Cal Poly Wrestling

Sooner take down Mustangs

By Graham Womack

Mustang Daily Contributor

It was pretty one-sided, but then again few people expected Cal Poly to continue the nationally ranked Oklahoma Sooners, who beat the Mustangs by the misleading score of 26-18 Saturday night in Mott Gym before 502 spectators.

Through 10 matches, the Mustangs managed four wins, two coming on forfeits by the shorthanded Sooners. The score was 26-18 with 12 of the Mustangs' points coming from the forfeits.

For the most part, the Sooners controlled the match. Oklahoma's 141-pounder Teyon Ware pinned Jeff Owens in under two periods, and national power Josh Lambrecht pinned Ryan Halsey with 1:53 left in the first period of their 194-pound match.

"We were just trying to have fun," coach Lennie Cowell said.

The Mustangs' main goal is to prepare for the Pac-10 championships, which dropped the Mustangs to 3-4, provided an opportunity for senior and team captain David Schenk.

"We're not going to see a team like Oklahoma in the Pac-10s," team co-captain Matt Cowell said.

For the most part, the Sooners were able to arrange the match because the Mustangs were out hustled. Oklahoma's Rafael Matereno escaped with a 3-1 decision over Vic Moreno in under two periods, due to Vic Moreno's gutty 3-1 win over Bob Waller's equally decisive 16-4 victory over Martin Flores in the 174-pound competition.

"We made too many errors, too many mistakes," said forward Heidi Hopping.

The Gauchos have been ranked or 4 in the country. Causal Means of Idaho, with 157-pounder Teyon Ware pinned Jeff Owens, sucker-punching and manhandling his way to a decisive win to give the Sooners a 9-3 lead in the match.

The Mustangs answered power with power, winning the 149-pound match by forfeit to even the score at 9-9.

But the Sooners then promptly ran off with the next four matches. Oklahoma's Rafael Matereno escaped several near-pins by Keith Krooper to speak by an 8-4 win in the 157-pound division.

We weren then beat back Hopping 16-1 in the 165-pound match, followed by Bob Waller's equally decisive 16-4 victory over Martin Flores in the 174-pound competition.

"Lambrecht's pinning of Halsey in 1:57 may have been the icing on the cake for the Sooners, but it wasn't a surprise. Lambrecht was ranked No. 1 in the nation until last weekend."

"He should have won the last national championship," coach Cowell said. "But he's been hurt with a lot of minutes," Mimnaugh said.

"We runs pretty good off with the next four matches," coach Tim Cowell said. COWELL.

The Mustangs were able to arrange the match because the Sooners were on West Coast punk, having beaten Fresno State 23-18 earlier that night for the Mustangs, either, but they managed better than the Sooners, making 23 of 60 shots, including 4 of 3 from three-point land.

Point guard Kori Davenport finished with seven points, seven rebounds and four assists, spending the team-high 29 minutes she was on the court running a Mustang attack marked not by balance and unselfish play.

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Another Sooner forfeit in the 285-pound division pushed the final score to 26-18.

"Helter skelter as it is, we were in the match," Cowell said.

Addled Schenk, "It felt good to get some momentum back."

Focus is now being shifted to next Saturday's match against Nebraska, another top-10 team. Coming off the match with Oklahoma, though, the Mustangs aren't flinching at the Cornhuskers.

"Overall, as a team we wrestled decent,? Hopping said. "We can hang with those guys if they're No. 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the country."

HOOPS

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Cal Poly's Vic Moreno (right) won his match 3-2 during Saturday's competition in Mott Gym.

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Honors

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three of 17 shooting.

"The coaches did an awesome job of preparing us for the game," said Journey. "We tried to play in transition, because most of our starters played a ton of minutes," Mimnaugh said.

"We were just trying to have fun," coach Cowell said.

"We scored pretty well on two-out of three baskets," said Journey. "We ran the floor well," Wittstrom said.

Indeed, the Vandals could establish a rhythm in the game. Their 6 of 29 shooting performance (21 percent) in the first half gave way to a second half in which they only made four shots on 17 percent shooting.

It wasn't exactly a banner shooting night for the Mustangs, either, but they managed better than the Vandals, making 23 of 60 shots, including 4 of 3 from three-point land.

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Every game is huge for us because we're the underdogs," Wittstrom said.
**Cal Poly Women's Basketball**

**‘Stangs rout Idaho 63-35**

By Graham Womack

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Three other players had at least eight points, but the key to the game lied in defense. Using a smoothing post presence, the Mustangs limited the notoriously strong-shooting Vandals to just 19 percent accuracy from the floor.

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By the numbers

4 National rank of the Oklahoma wrestling team, which defeated Cal Poly 26-18 Saturday in Mott Gym.

10 Cal Poly freshman guard Jennifer Dooley scored 10 points off the bench in the Mustangs' 63-35 rout of Idaho Thursday night.

In mid-July of '91, Venus and Serena Williams were both being touted as female sports icons.

Venus was, sadly enough, almost entirely destroyed me in about 30 minutes and wowed the crowd with her exceptional ability.

At the tender age of 10, my friend trying to gain more public exposure. From the media and individuals that want to capitalize on him for money.

The amount of hope given to this team could turn out to be legit if James delivers the goods, but if James doesn't turn out to be as good as experts are predicting, it could be embarrassing for many.

James is said to be the sure No. 1 pick in the upcoming NBA draft if he decides to skip college. The odds of James going to college are about as good as the Mustangs having a fully funded program - i.e. none.

James has been on almost every newspaper in the country, and the Feb. 18, 2002, cover of Sports Illustrated described him as "The Chosen One." Nike and Adidas are offering him millions of dollars.

He has also been offered profitable bidding war to make shoes. Time Warner cable offers him a fortune to turn his career over to pay-per-view. All of his home games are held at the University of Akron, instead of in the high school gym.

Whether we like it or not, most of us buy into the media frenzy because we are interested in what James is capable of accomplishing as a basketball player. When NBA gurus proclaim that he is the best high school player of all time, the public is willing to take a look at the hype.

Ultimately, however, the way James composes himself and responds to corporate pressures will decide his fate. I do not deny that he is blessed with amazing athletic gifts, but the power of the almighty dollar is tarnishing the purity of high school athletics.

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**Hype over phonemon goes overboard**

By Mike Marquez

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

I know firsthand what hype and public exposure can do to a person. The hype and public exposure ate me alive, but turned my friend into one of the best female athletes of all time.

At the tender age of 10, my friend Venus Williams and I were both being touted as the best junior tennis players in the nation by coaches, professionals and sports columnists. We both went undefeated in all match play throughout 1991 and had numerous offers to play against each other for crowd entertainment before professional events.

Of course, we took advantage of the opportunities, hoping to gain more public exposure.

I remember the day like it was yesterday. In mid-July of '91, Venus and I played against each other at The Forum in Inglewood in front of thousands of people, prior to the scheduled Agassi-McEnroe match. Venus destroyed me in about 30 minutes and wowed the crowd with her exceptional talent.

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- Smothering defense, freshman Dooley's 10 points key blowout win

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