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Poly one of top colleges, universities for Hispanics

By Alexa Ratcliffe
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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.

“In really proud of our chapter,” said environmental engineering major Davina Gonzalez, 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,” Gonzalez 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...

Student encourages debate, discussion on Web site

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

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,” Johnson said.

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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 students a chance to answer Johnson’s specific questions as well as create their own.

“He also wants to conduct debate in an atmosphere of civility and respect for diverse opinions, which in these times seems to me to be particularly important,” she said.

Another feature the site offers is links to articles containing information relative to discussion topics. These 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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Political science senior Steve Johnson is the creator of the www.polytics.com.
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(HBSA), M.E.C.H.A, Imagen y Esperanza Ballet Folklorico, La Comision 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 Comision Estudiantil. "Almost every college on campus has a club designed for Hispanic students." Although Cal Poly does a good job of accommodating Hispanic on campus has a club designed for Latino-based fraternities and sororities.

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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 ideas, but limited time prevents them. Mechanical engineering senior Spiro Ach 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," Ach said. "But people just don't have the time for politics."

Ach said the content in Politi cs 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," Ach 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."

Steve Johnson, a political science senior, a difference, but Johnson 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. "Since students aren't debating or participating in student government (compared to campuses like Berkeley) and they aren't having face-to-face interactions, maybe something like the computer could be used to further debate participation," Johnson said.

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 $15 million in cash.

Barring a last-minute plea agreement, jury selection was to begin Monday in the case against Brian Patrick Ryan in District Court.

Ryan's lawyers waged a late, unsuccessful fight to delay the trial because of a possible U.S. invasion of Iraq, one of the countries to which Ryan was alleged to have offered up secret satellite data.

Legal experts said a plea avoiding trial that late 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.

Fall-blown spy trials in civilian courtrooms are rare. The Justice Department has only rarely used espionage, plus even, in cases where espionage has resulted in the deaths of American spies.

That is because the government could suffer embarrassing disclosures of sensitive information in a public court- room, including hints that could help other spies learn to detect detection.

But the government also needs the defendant's help to describe which secrets were revealed and to where foreign governments.

Leverage to negotiate a plea is so powerful that prosecutors complain about threats from defense lawyers that a public trial could expose their secrets.

"The government has to choose between dropping the charge or revealing the information," said Michael Woods, a former chief in the FBI spying unit that investigated Ryan.

Citing national security, U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee barred the public and reporters from attending some earlier hearings in Regan's case.

Defense lawyers have Proposed classified documents for weeks at the federal courthouse inside a secure room where clerks and deputies and papers are not allowed.

Two other lawyers in the 1997 espionage case were unseated from all cities by retired U.S. military leaders who have opposed to a war.

The warning came in a commentary from North Korea's state-run rod, which was reported by South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

"The claim that were admitting developed nuclear weapons is an invention fabricated by the U.S. with master intentions," the paper said.

The issue is a crisis of the current global standoff surrounding North Korea's nuclear ambitions. The United States claimed that the North admitted to having a atomic weapons program in October while U.S. nuclear experts have accused of a nuclear weapons program that is less advanced.

The case has been pushed to a war.

Regan has pleaded innocent to three counts of attempted espionage and one count of making false statements. He is gathering national security information.

The Bush administration has taken an unusually aggressive posture against Regan, seeking to get the death penalty if he is convicted. That is despite government indications it has little evidence Regan actually turned over any information and no evidence anyone died as a result of any alleged disclosures.

In espionage cases against the CIA's Aldrich Ames or the FBI's Robert Hanssen, former spies have not been convicted of espionage.

"It does seem rather a perverse reali- zation for some members of Congress to be advising to the White House National Security Council in 1987, "Yes, the president is making the right decision by preserving and protecting national security,"

No U.S. citizen has been executed for espionage since Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in June 1953, for revealing nuclear bomb secrets to the Soviets, and the last federal death penalty was re-enacted in 1994 for a punishment by lethal injection, although none of 11 people indicted for espionage since then has faced it.
New governor's mansion worth the price

A quick multiple choice. Because he wants to boost the morale of West Sacramento and, subsequently, California, Governor 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. Confess that the new mansion on the West Sacramento waterfront will be finished so soon that no one would be around to see it.

My roommate and I would Comment: cheer on our favorite bachelor-winner, hoping like dedicated sports fans root for their teams. Now "The Bachelors" no longer single and "Joe Millionaire" in search of his queen, for me and my roommates, it's the female equivalent of the Fiesta Bowl and the Super Bowl just beginning.

In case you weren't one of the 18.6 million viewers who tuned in to the premier of Fox's newest reality show, "Joe Millionaire" features 20 single women competing for the affection of a man they believe is worth $50 million. However, the counterfeiter-multi-millionaire is really a construction worker and one-time male model whose annual income is $19,000. According to a Los Angeles Times report, "Joe Millionaire" wooed the largest audience in the history of reality television premiers.

Why is it so entertaining to watch strange women clamor and claw at each other to win a man's affection? Maybe we get pleasure out of watching people act in ways we wouldn't be finished until 2006, right as Davis is leaving office. So, selfishly as his motives may have seen, he won't even be living in the place.

So, what is this benevolent agenda that Davis holds? Pride. Yes, it seems 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. Another interesting bit of information is the fact that Davis doesn't even live in a government's mansion.

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 "firetrap." Turns out she was right, so the place was turned into a museum.

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Hello. My name is Chris and I'm an
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rooms don't quite understand my addiction, I often feel isolated in my own apartment while on the "Trading Spaces" high. After a few months of loneliness and despair, I finally fell upon a small but stellar "Trading Spaces" support group. It was with these fellow addicts that for the very first time, I felt completely comfortable with my obsession. I finally knew I was not alone.

Kelly Nichols, a graphic communications

and the anticipation of the final product, the long-awaited emotional responses of the homeowners and the announcement of the total cost are all factors that add to the overwhelming sense of suspense I feel during the last homeowner, when designers and homeowners scramble to complete their interior decorating 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 a "planes, trains and automobiles" theme. Perhaps my favorite makeover was when Kira Stueve-Dickerson designed an industrial-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

Damsels in distress
don't exist anymore

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - It was politics as usual, as usual, for California Gov. Gray Davis on Wednesday.

In his State of the State address, Davis tried to sound strong by using his budget "makes hard decis-

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.

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to do a little more than rear children and clean up after you.

To answer you,

"Well, actually, no sir. I couldn't figure out how to work that little latch on my hood; and what's more, I feared breaking a fingernail, but that's what Daddy said you had to do."

"Are independence and self-reliance not valuable assets? Or maybe it's just that mean I'm not calling a guy friend every time I run out of windshield washer fluid."

August 6, 1995. The guy just looked at me and said, "You're not really that bright, are you?"

As most junkies find a way out only after hitting rock bottom, I do not foresee any escape from my addiction with "Trading Spaces." Maybe when TLC pulls the plug on its home improvement show I will be able to find a 12-step program that will help me maintain the life I once had.

Step One: Admit your addiction.

Chris Roth is a journalism minor and Mustang Daily staff writer.
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where that was normally 10 minutes
away, Kilsheimer said. For the first
two 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 sol­
diers, 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 recon­
struction. He was in charge of hir­
ing 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 design­
ing something and you have a con­
tractor in charge of building some­
thing. We did this slightly different­
ly."

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 I
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.

The crew kept working through
Christmas.

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struction was $780 million.

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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.

In order to keep his own momen­
tum 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 fin­
ished. That would remind me of
what I promised I was going to do."

Through hard work, long hours
and determination, 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."

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Allyn 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 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 a pedophile when I was in the care of my maternal grandmother who was mentally ill at the time. I cannot remember clearly what happened, but my creative work tends to throw up nasty shadows — particularly in Tommy."

Townshend helped form The Who in London in the early 1960s and wrote "the world through credit cards used to buy books, gas, groceries, lattes and more. Simply visit the teller's window at one of participating Union Bank branches and pay it like cash. You can use your card to buy books, gas, groceries, lattes and more. Simply visit the teller's window at a participating Union Bank branch, and pay for the amount you want on your card. You can get your mind off your money and put it to good use.

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late Ayatollah Ruhollah 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.

The cartoon apparently gave hard-liners an excuse to move against the popular Hayat-e-Nou, or “New Life,” which carried additional clout because of the family connection to Iran’s most influential cleric.

“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.”

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DOHA, Qatar — With U.N. inspectors having found no evidence of banned weapons, U.S. allies are urging Washington to give the experts time to find proof that Saddam Hussein is hiding banned weapons before deciding to go to war.

Much of the pressure is coming from Britain, where Prime Minister Tony Blair faces growing opposition within his own Labor Party to rushing into armed conflict without hard evidence against the Iraqis. Blair told his Cabinet on Thursday that the Jan. 27 report that U.N. inspectors will submit to the U.N. Security Council is not a deadline and the teams should be given "space and time" to complete their mission.

"That statement would make it virtually impossible, I believe, for this country to go to war if America decided come hell or high water," British Parliament member Glenda Jackson said.

The Jan. 27 report had been seen as critical in determining whether President Bush will order U.S. troops into Iraq, which the United States insists is hard to find proof that Saddam still holds banned weapons.

Those sentiments were echoed by governments in Germany and France, which oppose military action and are pressing Washington to let the U.N. process to run its course, even if that takes months.

The United States already has ordered thousands of troops, attack aircraft and ships to Persian Gulf. On Friday, U.S. 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 since the Pentagon began building a new, last month.

However, prospects of imminent conflict appeared to recede when chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix and international students because of the hassles involved in obtaining that period was "the criminological norms senior Amit Agarwal said. "When they found out I was an international student, they said if I am interested in working with them, they can interview me at my home country, but they cannot offer me a job here (in the United States)." he said.

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Media alters ways people view crime

By Rob Brannon

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — It seemed like a noble goal. A television news station in Charlotte, N.C., was minted in the No. 3 ratings 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 third. 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 Dome 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 edit- ortrace. But I know that increase in crime are deemed more newsworthy than decreases," Smith said. "It's easy to point our fingers at the news media and say, "God's, they're just awash in this kind of thing." They're awash in it in our basic reason: People watch it."

Smith said the 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.

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 hundreds of percentage points. So what effect does this increase in crime culture have on Americans? "It influences public policy," Smith said. "It influences our reaction to crime."

Political climate slows job search for int'l students

By Lydia K. Leung

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The most fundamental qualities needed to secure a job include a solid resume, interview savvy and ample experience but with perseverance and persistence, he finally received an offer for a full-time position from Dell Inc. in Texas.

"I was interviewing with one of my top choice companies — General Electric — and I did very well in the first-round interview and got into the second round, but I didn't tell them I was an international student," business senior Amit Agarwal said.

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Smith said many people think crime is currently high. In fact, he said, crime rates are actually lower than they stood in the 1960s and decreased throughout the 1990s.

Smith said much of the crime rate is due to social and economic factors. He said 1980 had the highest crime rate in recorded history. According to a chart presented by Smith, the period of the late 1930s 1950s and 1960s was unique in the history of crime. In fact, Smith said, that period was "the criminalological equivalent of the perfect storm."

"(In the perfect storm) you had three meteorological events that all converged at one time," Smith said. "Well, that's essentially what happened during that period."

Smith said he is concerned that, following a decade of decline, the crime rate may be on an upward. He said there are several reasons for this assertion, but a big factor is that a lot of violent crimes incarcerated in the 1980s are about to get out of prison. Also, an economic downturn will affect crime.
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**Commentary**

**Hype over phenom 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 are alive and well, and turning my friend into one of the best female athletes of all time.

By the tender age of 10, my friend Venus Williams and I were both professional tennis players in junior tournaments. Although we took different paths, our exposures were similar. The hype and public exposure can do to a person.

Venus Williams is a female athlete who has been in the public eye since she was very young. She has been on almost every cover of every magazine and has been written about in every newspaper in the country, and the Cal Poly Women's Basketball team is no different.

Venus Williams was the hype and the public exposure. She was the girl who was blessed with natural gifts, but the power of the almighty dollar is tarnishing the purity of high school athletics. The purpose of high school sports is to offer an enriching experience for all students.

Regardless of how much money is involved, the most important things are to have fun and enjoy the game.

Cal Poly guard Megan Turner drives to the hoop during the Mustangs' 63-35 win over Idaho Thursday in Mott Gym. Turner's stingy defense helped limit Idaho to 14 points in the second half.

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**Cal Poly Women's Basketball**

**'Stangs rout Idaho 63-35**

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