Parents of deceased Brian Gillis sue nine Sigma Chi members, international organization

By Abbey Kingdon

Members of Sigma Chi fraternity are being sued by attorneys and complain about allegations held by nine members responsible for the death of Brian Gillis, a Sigma Chi member, died last April from a Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate (GHB) overdose. Parents Patricia and Leo Gillis have filed the lawsuit and are suing the members for violation of the education center, the Lutheran Campus Ministry, Students for "Waging Peace: The Challenge of Active Nonviolence" will be presented at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. The discussion is sponsored by Newman Catholic Center, the Lutheran Campus Ministry, Students for Social Change, Progressive Student Alliance, Associated Students Inc. and the Lutheran Student Movement.

The event is part of a social justice speaker series put on by Newman Catholic Center, said Sister Mary Pat White, associate director.

"One of our goals is to reach out beyond the center and raise consciousness about peace, justice and world issues for the campus and community at large," she said.

Dear has written numerous books and articles on peace and justice and most recently served as a chaplain for police officers, firefighters and families affected by the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

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By Jordan Schultz

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and has opened in open defiance of war and nuclear weapons. His nonviolent protests have led to multiple arrests and time in prison.
White said since the country is on the cusp of war, Dear's message is important in helping to broaden a vision against vengeance and retaliation.
"I think Dear can bring consciousness to campus and help students to be aware of their world," she said. "We have to bring the message of peace as close to home as we can."

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series of special meetings during the next several months to consult with various constituency groups about the budget crisis, Potes-Fellow said.
The System Budget Advisory Committee, made up of presidents, provosts and student, faculty, staff and alumni leaders, will begin meeting monthly rather than their usual four times a year. The CSU Board of Trustees' Committee on Finance will also meet more frequently.
A budget summit attended by campus presidents, associated student presidents, chair of academic senates and leaders from the Statewide Academic Senate and the California State Student Association will be held in mid-March in Long Beach, Potes-Fellow said.
In May, the governor will present a revised version of his budget, and more questions will be answered regarding the fate of the CSU system during this crisis.
"It all depends on the state's economy," Potes-Fellow said. "If the governor's budget does not fund enrollment growth and enact a fee increase, the situation will get worse for the CSU system."
Business senior Nicholas Jerkovich said he would support a fee increase due to the current and future economic problems the state is facing.
"This fee increase will provide the funds necessary to allow our future students the quality of education needed to succeed," he said.
The final budget is scheduled to be approved by the governor on July 1, but the deadline may be missed as a result of the budget problems.
Kelley said every attempt will be made to maintain the quality of education at Cal Poly during these difficult times.
"Cal Poly will continue to make all efforts to direct all available resources in support of the academic programs and mission of the institution," he said.
National Briefs

Bush's budget proposes tax cuts and record deficits

WASHINGTON — President Bush will send Congress a $2.23 trillion spending plan Monday featuring new tax cuts to boost the economy, a conservative timetable for major social programs and record deficits for the next two years — shortfalls that Democrats blame on Bush's tax cuts.

White House budget officials said Sunday the president's tax and spending blueprint, complete with details of agency briefings, will roll out as scheduled despite Saturday's space shuttle disaster.

Bush's budget outline for the 2004 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, is required by law to be sent to Congress the first Monday in February. The numbers and spending priorities undoubtedly will change somewhat over the next several months as Congress acts on his request.

The Columbia tragedy certainly will prompt added scrutiny to the president's spending proposal for NASA, which has come under heavy criticism from Congress in recent years because of cost overruns for the orbiting space station and other programs.

Total government spending first topped $2 trillion in President Bush's budget in 2002, 15 years after Ronald Reagan gave the country in first its million-dollar budget.

Bush's new spending plan, which will set off months of congressional debates, projects that deficits will hit an all-time high in dollar terms — $357 billion for the current fiscal year and $254 billion for 2004, with both years surpassing the previous record of $290 billion set by Bush's father in 1992.

The administration says, however, that this year's deficit will be just 2.8 percent of the overall $10.5 trillion U.S. economy — far below the 4.7 percent level hit in 1992 and an amount acceptable for an economy struggling to emerge from recession.

Recovery teams hunt for shuttle debris

DOUGLASS, Texas — On homeward and in four-wheel-drives, hundreds of law officers and volunteers tramped through piney woods, over pastures and through swamps Sunday, looking for pieces of Columbia that could explain what brought the shuttle down.

Pieces as small as a quarter and as big as a pickup were being secured and will eventually be analyzed at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Experts will try to reassemble sections of the shuttle to figure out how it broke apart and why. Before the shuttle went up, every piece was numbered and carefully cataloged.

Through thick woods that are home to wild hogs and bobcats, 75 volunteers and law officers carried out their hunt near Hemphill on the Louisiana line.

International Briefs

In Saddam's Iraq, brutality and family ties keep military command­ers in line

CAIRO, Egypt — Saddam Hussein's generals who might be able to respond to calls from U.S. and Arab officials to mount a coup against their president could be dis­abled by recalling one fellow gener­al's name — Kamel Sachet.

In 1998, Saddam ordered Sachet's execution, reportedly merely because Sachet had been unlucky enough to receive a letter from a former Iraqi chief of staff who had become an out­spoken critic of his old boss after finding refuge in Denmark.

With such tactics — in addition to ensuring his top men are implicated in his worst crimes and by stacking his government with close relatives and members of his clan — Saddam may believe his coup-proof.

Saddam's survival for a quarter of a century has depended on a ruthless response to any hint of dissent. Some were executed for plotting against the leader, and Saddam is believed to have killed scores of army commanders after his spies in their ranks reported signs of disloyalty.

Foreign journalists released after 11 days held captive by rebels

SARAVENA, Colombia — Leftist guerrillas freed an American photographer and a British reporter on Saturday after kidnapping them 11 days earlier in one of the most violent regions of Colombia.

Scott Dalcon, of Centre, Texas, and Ruth Morris, a British citizen raised in Southern California, were the first for­eign journalists to be kidnapped in Colombia's four-decade-long war.

Both lived in Bogota and had been in Atacna on assignment for the Los Angeles Times.

The National Liberation Army, known as the ELN, released the jour­nalists to an International Red Cross deleg­ee in eastern Colombia, not far from where they were abducted, Red Cross spokesman Carlos Ries said.

The pair was driven in a van to a shanty town and had been held on a boat near the Venezuelan border. They were also on board a Red Cross plane to the cap­i­tal, Bogota, where they were taken to the U.S. Embassy.

Their colleagues and friends in the Colombian capital, and those who had traveled to Atacna to cover the kid­napping, were ecstatic after Morris, 35, and Dalcon, 34, were freed.

Opposition riot opens second week of violent protests in troubled Ivory Coast

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Ivory Coast parliamentarian fired guns and tear gas Sunday to disperse rock­throwing mobs angered by the killing of a well-known comedian and politi­cal figure.

The riots were the latest violence in Ivory Coast's commercial hub, Abidjan, where loyalists of President Laurent Gbagbo have been protesting for the past two weeks against a power­sharing peace deal that representatives of Gbagbo's government signal with rebels to end a four-month civil war.

Sunday's rioters, however, were hundreds of supporters of the govern­ment opposition, who suspected Gbagbo's party of being responsible for the shooting death of TV host Ash Kamouko-Kamara.

Kamara's family found his bullet­ridden body Sunday morning on a street in Adjame, one of two working class neighborhoods where riots broke out. Helicopters hovered overhead as officers smacked protesters with clubs, fired guns in the air and loaded rioters into police vans.

Bribe compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily news editor Andrea Cobert.

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Eminent philosophers discuss resurrection of Jesus

By Jenni Mintz

The nature of philosophers is not to win the debate; it is to deliver the truth. For renowned atheist philosopher Antony Flew, the truth lies in the face of many consider sacred.

Flew spoke on two very different subjects for the Veritas Forum Friday, delivering his first speech, "The New Testament and the Koran: A Comparison." Friday afternoon in Chumash Auditorium.

With the Middle East gaining an increasing amount of media attention, Flew said he believes that his message is important to deliver so the youth can have greater understanding of Islam.

"I think it is very important for today's youth to have understanding of the fundamental differences between Islam and America, so that Americans can recognize the reasons why certain Islamic people are a menace, the reasons why we are fighting, and reasons why there is a fundamental hostility on the Islamic side," Flew said.

Some students said they felt the first seminar spurred interest and contemplation in a topic needing more investigation.

"I have a greater understanding of predestination versus free will, and how difficult it can be to really determine the outcome of life," said computer engineering senior Jason Sutor.

"I liked hearing a fresh perspective on how life works," others said they felt that although they didn't learn any new information and weren't swayed by Flew, it was still worthwhile to attend.

"I thought that the speaker was extrapolating a vague idea beyond the original scope of the idea in order to build an argument that God couldn't be good, in its traditional identity," said mechanical engineering junior Andrew Miller. "He logically disproved something that I didn't really believe anyway. However, his argument made me more aware of the breadth of theological interpretation.

At 8 p.m., Flew and theologian Gary Habermas debated whether Jesus Christ rose from the dead.

Hundreds of students and community members poured into the auditorium to watch the discussion between the two eminent scholars.

"Flew" had a surprisingly weak argument for being one of the leading atheist philosophers in the world," said civil engineering freshman Ethan Duson. "I was very disappointed."

Flew discussed the history of the region, Christ's crucifixion and what many consider evidence Christ rose from the dead.

Cal Poly philosophy professor Joe Lynch was the moderator.

"I think it was a good event," Lynch said. "I think what was interesting, was in the end, there is a lot more agreement than one would have thought. When you get to the end, and Antony Flew says that he can't see the opposing belief is irrational, then the belief of the resurrection is plausible."

Flew, 80, has written more than 20 books, and has published more than 72 articles and pamphlets.

Flew earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Oxford University, and his doctorate from Keele University in England. He is now a professor emeritus in philosophy at the University of Reading, England.

Habermas is the Distinguished Professor Apologetics and Philosophy as well as chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Theology at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. He named a master's degree in philosophical theology from the University of Detroit and a doctorate in history and philosophy from Michigan State University, as well as a doctorate in theology from Oxford.

Many students seemed pleased to have such worldly scholars present at the debate.

"Cal Poly doesn't usually get a lot of listening to speakers, but in this case, they did," Sutor said. "I wish that more forums and opportunities to listen to philosophers or political speakers could be brought to Cal Poly. I think that these forums are a good way to stimulate minds that would usually be focused on partying and drinking, and forgetting that their life had some kind of meaning."

Lynch said he thought the discussion was very profitable if students were able to follow the presenters' logic.

"(Flew) has rubbed shoulders with some of the greatest minds," he said. "If I could last that long, I would be very lucky."

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be impossible to drive home," O'Neill said.

According to the toxicology report, Gillis had a blood GHB level of 915 milligrams per liter. Ingestion of 915 milligrams per liter of GHB would render a person unconscious within 12 to 15 minutes and comatose within 45 minutes, according to court documents.

"There is evidence that GHB was used at the party by others; it is likely that Gillis took it at the party," O'Neill said. "If he took it intentionally, there is no reason he would take that much."

In court documents, Gillis' parents said they believe that unfair and unlawful business practices are ongoing throughout local chapters under the control of Sigma Chi International, and the practices will continue unless restrained. Sigma Chi International is also named in the lawsuit.

"The Cal Poly chapter is no longer recognized as a Sigma Chi chapter," said Ben Fjosne, Sigma Chi International's national director.

Sigma Chi International suspended its Cal Poly chapter in August 2002 because of a variety of incidents, including the events surrounding Gillis' death, Fjosne said.

Sigma Chi International will only take action against the members if they are found guilty.

"Then they will be expelled for conduct unbecoming," Fjosne said.
Stanford weighs in on new birth control

By Camille Ricketts
The Stanford Daily (Stanford U.)

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. — By the end of the year, the Food and Drug Administration may approve a new birth control pill, commonly called Seasonale, which may have a dramatic impact not only on contraceptive schools but also on female health.

When Seasonale was used correctly, it can effectively reduce the number of periods a woman has each year from 13 to 4. While this unique aspect of the pill has some women and medical professionals at Stanford University anxiously awaiting its release, many others remain skeptical.

"Seasonale is composed of estrogen and progesterone, two hormones regularly found in other oral contraceptives," said Dr. Jerry Bridges, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the School of Medicine.

While the cumulative amount of hormones contained in Seasonale is lower than that of other birth control pills, such as Levlen and Ortho Tri-Cyclen, it must be taken 91 days in a row rather than standard 21 days before the customary seven-day break.

Similar to other conventional birth control pills, Seasonale works by suppressing ovulation and preventing the development of an endometrium layer in the uterus.

"Women have informally been achieving the effects of Seasonale for years by simply skipping the week of placebo in their regular birth control pills," said Kat Willoughby, a women's health and History coordinator at the Women's Community Center.

"Providing a pill specifically intended for this will hopefully lead to greater communication about the issue between patients and health-care providers."
Draft inefficient, Pentagon leaders say

By David Crary
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — During the Vietnam War, presidents and the Pentagon defended the draft, while the peace movement assailed it. As America edges toward a possible new war, roles have reversed.

Backed by other opponents of a war with Iraq, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., has proposed that Congress and veterans groups effective and draftees added gone further, "shared sacrifice."

"The problem with the all-volunteer force is that the children of America's elite are not serving," said Charles Moskos, a Northwestern University sociologist who studies military issues. "It's not good for the military, and it's not good for the nation."

Moskos has proposed a tiered draft — specifically designed to include college graduates — with the choice to serve with the armed forces, a homeland security agency such as the Border Patrol, or a public service organization such as the Peace Corps.

On college campuses, opinions about the draft are deeply divided.

"I don't object to the argument that there's a socio-economic bias in the military, but remedying that with a draft is ridiculous," said University of Virginia sophomores Chris Wilt, who said he would protest every step of the way.

At the University of Oregon, law student Philip Huang suggested... See DRAFT, page 10

News

Engineers start piecing together evidence from space shuttle accident

By Paul Recer
AP Science Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA engineers on Sunday began assembling a grim jigsaw puzzle, taking precise satellite measurements of where Columbia debris landed to help them locate the nation's oldest space shuttle disintegrated just minutes from home.

NASA chief Sean O'Keefe announced a former Navy admiral to oversee an independent review of the accident, and said investigators initially would focus on whether insulation from a phased-out fuel tank caused damage that ultimately doomed the shuttle.

"That's one of the earliest indications. It's one of the areas we're looking at first, early, to make sure that the investigative team is concentrating on that theory," O'Keefe said as he vowed a thorough investigation during a round of appearances on Sunday talk shows.

The focus for now is whether insulation that broke loose from a fuel tank during the shuttle Columbia's ascent on Jan. 16 damaged heat-protection tiles, ultimately dooming the shuttle's return to Earth 61 days later.

The manufacturer of the fuel tank disclosed Sunday that NASA used an older version of the tank, which the space agency began phasing out in 2000. NASA's pre-flight press information stated the shuttle was using the newer super-lightweight fuel tanks.

Harry Wadsworth, a spokesman for Lockheed, the tank maker, said as he vowed a thorough investigation that there was a difference in how insulation such as "super-lightweight" tank and the older version is no longer made. Wadsworth said he did not know if there was a difference in how insulation was installed on the two types of tanks.

O'Keefe emphasized that the space agency was being careful not to lock onto any one theory too soon. He vowed to "leave absolute... no stone unturned."

For a second, searchers scour forests and rural areas over 400 square miles of East Texas and western Louisiana for bits of metal, ceramic tiles, computer chips and insulation from the shattered spacecraft. State and federal officials, treating the investigation like a multi-county crime scene, were protecting the debris until it can be catalogued, collected carefully and then tracked to Bastrop's Air Force Base in Louisiana.

The effort to reconstruct what's left of Columbia into a rough outline of the shuttle will be tedious and painstaking.

When a shuttle piece was located this weekend, searchers left it in place until a precise global-positioning satellite reading could be taken.

Each shuttle part is numbered; NASA officials say experts hope to trace the falling path of each recovered piece and learn when and where it fell as they try to come off of the spacecraft.

Summer in Spain

Spanish Language Immersion Program

General Information Meetings

Wednesday, February 5, 6pm

Clyde P. Fischer Science Bldg. (33), Rm. 226

Thursday, February 6, 4pm

Ebert Agriculture Bldg. (10), Rm. 221

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Bus Users, Bike Riders and Pedestrians... Are your Public Transit Needs Being Met?

ATTEND -- Voice your concerns Wednesday, February 5 at 8:30 a.m. at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers located in the County Government Center in downtown SLO

IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND -- E-mail your transit concerns by Tuesday, February 4 at 5:00 p.m. to Associated Students, Inc. President Jake Parnell at jmpall@calpoly.edu

Summer 2003 - Valladolid
Sinners at the hand of an advertising God

The sun was shining, the birds were chirping, people were wearing less clothing. It was 80 degrees outside, and it was January. We were driving back from the beach, cruising at a respectable clip of about 85 mph as a flurry of advertisements beckoned our car from the side of the freeway. Interspersed between billboards for Denny's and the Paso Robles Inn, a boring, black and white sign managed to stick out like a sore thumb. It read: "Need a marriage counselor? I'm available. - God"

"Just because he didn't like the billboard," said one of our former peers, newly unharnessed partners-in-crime, in a deserted look on his face. "It was because his red hair was sticking to the hot leather seat, but we thought it was because he didn't like the billboard."

"Forget the marriage counselor," he said. "I need a divorce lawyer."

And with Shane's comment, we had a revelation. We were enlightened. What other types of God billboards have been immaculately conceived? We were now on a crusade to find more of these so-called advertisements. With the help of our good friends at Google, we discovered that these boards originated in Florida as part of a non-profit effort to get more people to go to church, and now they have made their way out West. We found a whole list of these "Signs from God," and we did what naturally so to us - we made fun of them.

There were some other messages from him that can be spotted throughout the nation, with, of course, our responses to them.

"What part of "They Shall Not..." didn't you understand? - God"

"They and 'shule.' Are you sure that's English? Crown over and bring the kid. - God"

"Sure, just as long as you don't turn on those R. Kelly videos with such much about which..."

"We need to talk. - God"

"Please stop - you're beginning to sound like my girlfriend. Loved the wedding, invite me to the marriage. - God"

"Actually, you should check out the honeymoon - it'll make me..."

"T"he Garden of Eden look-Greted..."

"Tell that to our neighbor. Maybe then they'll stop calling the cops every time we throw a party."

"I love you and you and you and... - God"

"Are you aware polygamy is legal in all 50 states, including Utah?"

"Will the red's you're on get you to my place? - God"

"Can my car handle such an incline?"

"Kept using my name in vain, I'll make rush hour longer. - God"

"Will the road you're on get you to my place? - God"

"If my girlfriend keeps using your name in vain, will you make something of mine longer?"

"Follow me. - God"

"- and everything is all right, I'll be the one to track you in at night."

"Big bang theory, you're go to heicked - God"

"Walking on water, you're g0ing to heicked."

"My way is the highway... - God"

"Then why did it take my tax dollars to build it?"

"Next direction... - God"

"Yes - should we stop at the next burning bush?"

"You think it's hot here?"

"We few, we here at home! Should we also take off all our clothes?"

"Have you studied me #1, but dad? There will be a test. - God"

"Kind of - we bought the Cliff's Notes version at Arcata for an unby price."

"Don't make me come down there. - God"

"Isn't that what we've been waiting for?"

"Do you have any idea where you're going? - God"

"Yes, straight to hell after you read this column."

"Congratulations. If you've made it this far in the column, God loves you."

"In all seriousness, though, we're not just baggage on religion for the sake of baggage on religion. In fact, we were both raised with religious backgrounds. But there is a problem when you know that messages from the Holy One are going to start popping up in Super Bowl commercials and personal ads."

"Advertising religion defies the purpose of finding your own spiritual faith; it dilutes the true meaning of going to church or watching those funny evangelists preach on television every Sunday morning, to an audience of people who are too lazy and hang-over to get out of their pajamas. People should seek out religion; religion should not seek out people. Leave the billboards to Pearl S. Buck and any of her otherked text and desperately needs some love."

Steve Hill and Chissy Roth are journalism juniors and Mustang Daily columnists. Suggelns and comments besides letters to the editor may be e-mailed to thecolumnists@QuitWeBitchinChillhotmail.com.
Confederate flags represent racism, not pride

Regardless of what the flag may have originally stood for, many groups have caused it to become a symbol of “white power.” In many ways the Confederate flag has become the 21st-century version of the swastika.

I'm more than a bit confused! How can he say "we" can and should eliminate Saddam and his way of life? When will we kill you if you don't abide by American treaties?

The evil shark needs to be dealt with, Jan. 29. I am not sure which side I am on. I am just the "joes" Charles was watching when he decided sharks are human beings, but he is severely misinformed.

Abortion about choice, not life

Editor

As a firm believer that everyone has the right to their own opinion, I would like to personally thank all the anti-abortion advocates that have taken to the column. It's been a few days for expressing my views.

After the first anti-abortion opinion piece came out last week, I decided to hide my time and see what the pro-choice of Cal Poly had to say. Unfortunately, it's almost a week later and the most I have seen is Justin Fris's tongue-in-cheek commentary blaming the nation's problems on the deaths of millions of pre-people (which was kinda funny, so thanks).

Being pro-choice is not about being pro-abortion, it's about freedom, having the choice to not get pregnant by access to birth control and informed sex education. It's about being able to say, "Yes, my choice is to keep this fetal-child" and not, and to not be dramed or threatened because of my choice.

I do not want my options to be taken away from me by Bush and his Supreme Court justices or anyone. Abortion is already scary enough without the anti-abortion festivals, threats of abortion clinics, waving signs of "Baby Killer" and pictures of dead fetuses, screaming at the top of their self-righteous lungs.

I must say that abortion is the choice that I would make, I do not want to see women forced into retuming to illegal abortions in dangerous and unsanitary conditions, like "coat-hanger abortions" with no regulations on my, or anyone's, safety. I don't want my sisters or my friends to have to suffer like that just to appease some high-minded, "morally superior," anti-abortionists.

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"We" are not fighting the war

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I'm writing in to recognize the selflessness of John Holbus, political-science junior and Mustang Daily columnist (See: Polytics Jan. 28).

What's that, he's not enlisting? He'll never get the first bite. On this planet, there is a law called survival of the fittest, and every animal (including humans) is subject to that law. Humans are not exempt just because we can drive a car or build a skyscraper. When we venture into the ocean, we are in the shark's domain and he has every right to eat a part of us, just as we do of him.

Sharks are also not the blood-thirsty murderers Chris Jenkins was making out to be. Sharks do not kill for fun, they kill to survive. Sharks are just another creature on this planet filled with tigers, black widows, humans and alligators. All of which deserve a five-star dinner every night. Whether that dinner be a小说, fly, hambugger or human, that animal has every right to eat every last bite. On this planet, there is a legal survival of the fittest, and every animal (including humans) is subject to that law.

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Abortion, choice, and the law

Editor

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It's not the first time professors warn and threaten there always is to keep this fetus/child" or not, and to not let that choice be made for them. That is their own choice, and their own body. As a woman I would like to personally thank all the anti-abortion advocates that have taken to the column. It's been a few days for expressing my views.

After the first anti-abortion opinion piece came out last week, I decided to hide my time and see what the pro-choice of Cal Poly had to say. Unfortunately, it's almost a week later and the most I have seen is Justin Fris's tongue-in-cheek commentary blaming the nation's problems on the deaths of millions of pre-people (which was kinda funny, so thanks).

Being pro-choice is not about being pro-abortion, it's about freedom, having the choice to not get pregnant by access to birth control and informed sex education. It's about being able to say, "Yes, my choice is to keep this fetal-child" and not, and to not be dramed or threatened because of my choice.

I do not want my options to be taken away from me by Bush and his Supreme Court justices or anyone. Abortion is already scary enough without the anti-abortion festivals, threats of abortion clinics, waving signs of "Baby Killer" and pictures of dead fetuses, screaming at the top of their self-righteous lungs.

I must say that abortion is the choice that I would make, I do not want to see women forced into retuming to illegal abortions in dangerous and unsanitary conditions, like "coat-hanger abortions" with no regulations on my, or anyone's, safety. I don't want my sisters or my friends to have to suffer like that just to appease some high-minded, "morally superior," anti-abortionists.

Katherine Anderson is a history sophomore.

Males the majority weighing in on abortion

Editor

In response to the three letters printed in the Monday, Jan. 27 edition and the two letters in the Tuesday, Jan. 28 edition: It is notable (though perhaps not surprising) that all dozens with regard to abortion rights printed thus far have been written by males.

Jake Ashley is a journalism junior.

"We" are not fighting the war

Editor

I'm writing in to recognize the selflessness of John Holbus, political-science junior and Mustang Daily columnist (See: Polytics Jan. 28).

What's that, he's not enlisting? He'll never get the first bite. On this planet, there is a law called survival of the fittest, and every animal (including humans) is subject to that law.

Mr. Holbus didn't stop to consider that tens of thousands could die in this war. It's easy to say that "we" are going to go over and pass Saddam and his A-RAB buddies, but before you open your mouth again, take a second to recognize that you're not involved at all.
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Even more letters to the editor

Christians shouldn’t think of self

Editor,

Your letter, “Marriage is an important institution,” was a splendid piece. But I think you missed the most important point: God made marriage an institution for the purpose of His glory and our own good. When we think of self, we are only thinking of our own needs and desires, but when we think of others, we are thinking of their needs and desires. The Bible says, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Not that you should love yourself, but that you should love others. Don’t be lazy and for those of you who do not practice self-fulfillment, I challenge you to seek out the truth. Read the Bible and ask questions of those who deny it. Sooner or later, you will come to the conclusion that there is a God and that He loves you. And if you continue to deny this, then you will be scrawled on sidewalks, walls and practically any other place on campus. Personally, I don’t see why they feel the need to resort to such tactics. I think it would be more effective if they brought some sort of a tongue in cheek or at times, their rejection of the idea that an operation in Iraq was logical and reasonable; too; too often public sentiment is based on a few words and catch phrases, with little in the way of actual individual thought. When I read your column, I was not surprised to see Mr. Holbus giving this one the pint that it sorely needed. If someone chooses to write a rational, point-by-point case against the war, then I would be the first to applaud the effort. Why do we have to tolerate criticism when it is not at the very least, relevant? Mr. Holbus has written insults Democrats, debunks point-by-point Democratic issues and even an Ass Coaster-like that left, “that,” “they are stupid we are smart” commentary. Perhaps Mr. Holbus should spend far less time talking about Democrats and far more time talking about Republicans. I enjoy reading about conserva-

Editor,

Taline Ayanyan is an economics freshman.

Concerning Bowen Cardoza’s response to Mike Marquez’s question in yesterday’s news section “A Call for Change,” I would like to ask what replacement Mr. Cardoza would propose. Perhaps we could replace Marquez with more Josh Holbus, an anti-left liberal hating Republican. Every single column he writes insults Democrats, debunks point-by-point Democratic issues and even an Ass Coaster-like that left, “that,” “they are stupid we are smart” commentary. Perhaps Mr. Holbus should spend far less time talking about Democrats and far more time talking about Republicans. I enjoy reading about conserva-

Editor,

Lastly, this guy wrote in his piece: “Could you imagine what a brilliant man we call our president. Don’t hurt your brain out of it while we’re at it? We’ll call it: “BU SH , The Great 

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ed in a campus newspaper column in October that a draft would make U.S. leaders more judicious about launching war.

"You would have a different army under a draft, more of a cross-section politically and racially," Huang said.

In a survey of 1,200 undergraduates nationwide, conducted last fall by Harvard University's Institute of Politics, 67 percent opposed a return of the draft. The poll's margin of error was 2.8 percent.

The machinery for reinstating the draft is in place even now, thanks to the Selective Service System, which requires American males to register within 30 days of their 18th birthdays.

A renewed draft would differ from the Vietnam War draft in at least one important respect. Under revised Selective Service procedures, college students receiving a draft notice could defer only until the semester ended; in the Vietnam era, they could avoid service as long as they pursued a degree.

There could be other changes, as well. Some feminists object to the male-only aspect of draft registration; a suit was filed Jan. 9 by five Massachusetts students saying the current law amounts to gender-based discrimination.

"It's so ingrained in our society that this is the way it is," said plaintiff Nicole Foley, 17. "Boys, when there's a war, go off to war, and the girls wait home and get the letters."

Some gay-rights activists and military experts advocate another change — extending the draft to openly gay men. This proposal has been endorsed by Moskos, who helped develop the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that lets gay and lesbian soldiers serve if they keep their sexual orientation private and don't engage in homosexual acts.

"We now have about 1,200 people a year getting out of the military with an honorable discharge by saying they're gay," Moskos said. "If a draft, that would become such a common loophole, it wouldn't work." The best way to block that option is to include gays in the draft, he said.

Rangel, a liberal from Harlem, made it no secret that his restore-the-draft proposal was intended to slow the march toward war with Iraq — though he intends to push his ideas, however that conflict turns out.

"I've been criticized by some of the CEOs of the country for not supporting the president," Rangel said. "When I ask them, 'Would you feel the same if it was your kid being placed in harm's way?' they hem and they haw."

The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans group, welcomed the debate and is urging Congress to hold hearings on how best to meet long-term military personnel needs.

"With the all-volunteer force doing such a fine job, it might be difficult to make the case for reinstating the draft," said Legion spokesman Steve Thomas. "But the Legion is a long-standing supporter of the principal of universal military training."
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with Jeremy Gonzales, who went the starting pitcher Eric Bowden out of the game in the fourth. Saint Mary's replaced him uncorked a wild pitch, allowing Tietje to score the winning run.

A no-decision. On Saturday, he had failed to score. Chavarria doubled to score Berglund. Kougl produced another strong performance on the mound and could be 2-0 this season. Instead, he's 0-1 with a no-decision. On Saturday, he had nothing to show for limiting the Gaels to three runs and seven hits in 7 1/3 innings. Kougl struck out four and walked two.

Last week against the University of San Diego, Kougl gave up just three runs and eight hits in 6 2/3 innings with no walks and four strikeouts. Cal Poly eventually lost the game, 4-1.

Sad is hitting .458 with seven RBIs in five games.

"He swings the bat extremely well," Lee said of his left-handed hitter.

"We had no thought of taking him out of the No. 3 hole in the lineup versus a left-handed pitcher.

He has demonstrated that he can hit both right-handed and left-handers extremely well."

Both teams left 11 runners on the bases.

"We had our opportunities throughout the game," Lee said. Chavarria had two of Cal Poly's nine hits, both doubles.

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Though not an easy fact, the Mustangs embraced the challenge. Tracy defeated Chen at No. 1, 6-3, 6-4. The victory was satisfying because it had the taste of revenge. The last time the two had played, Chen had won.

Because of this triumph, coach Trevor Kronemann called Tracy one of the heroes of the day.

At No. 3, Zeppen defeated Jones 6-3, 6-4.

Cal Poly gained at No. 5, when Van Linde conquered Mattioli 6-2, 1-6, 6-4. Van Linde was not surprised at the outcome, since he had played Mattioli before and had won.

However, he was more concerned this time because it was a dual match, so his plays would affect the entire team instead of just himself, he said.

Bedillon prevailed over Menoff 6-0, 6-4 at No. 4.

Cal Poly's Travis Cowan defeated Ru 6-3, 6-0, 6-3 at No. 5.

At No. 6, Levy captured another win for Cal Poly against Bruggeman.

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Cal Poly Men's Tennis

Mustangs muster comeback victory over rival Broncos

By Jenni Mintz

The men's tennis team tasted sweet victory against longtime rival Santa Clara on Saturday. Although the Mustangs lost the doubles point by losing two of the three matches, they quickly gained momentum and won four out of the six singles matchups.

It was a close call for the Mustangs up until the last match. Pressure was heavy on freshman Brett Van Linge, who would either win or lose the entire match for everyone. Van Linge kept spectators and teammates biting their nails by losing the first two games of his match but clinched success by winning six of the next eight games.

At No.1 doubles, Santa Clara's Michael Bruggeman and Erich Chen defeated Van Linge and Daron Jones 8-6.

It was another close match at No. 2 doubles. The Mustangs' Nick Tracy and Greg Levy defeated Rick Russo and Francisco Zepponi of the Broncos 8-6.

At No.3 doubles, Santa Clara pair Taylor Bedilion and Federico Martioli defeated Garrett Lugh and Stacey Mersonoff 8-3.

Losing the doubles point was a disappointment for the Mustangs, challenging them to win four of its six singles matches.

"They killed us last year, so this is a huge win," Tracy said.

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Cal Poly's Greg Levy, a fifth-year business major, won in doubles and singles play in the Mustangs' convincing win over rival Santa Clara.

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Cal Poly Baseball

Second-largest crowd watches sweep of Gaels

By Andrea Svoboda

Cal Poly pitcher Tyler Fitch answered some questions of an untested pitching staff with a dominating 9-1 victory over Saint Mary's on a surprisingly warm Friday January night at Baggett Stadium.

"Tyler Fitch threw a great game," said head coach Larry Lee, who came up successful in his first home game as Mustang head coach. "Offensively we took some great approaches at the plate and hit a lot of balls hard. Overall it was a really good performance."

Fitch was perfect until a Sam Battle walk in the fifth inning, and held the Gaels hitless until the seventh.

Fitch left the game after tossing seven scoreless innings. He finished with 10 strikeouts before Chris Spencer replaced him in the top of the eighth.

Fitch said it wasn't a huge surprise that he was taken out.

"It's fine," he said. "I had a high pitch count and I knew I was coming out once I gave them a hit."

Saint Mary's first baseman James Gaulke scored in the eighth inning, and Nolan Moser closed out the win for the Mustangs.

Not only was it a good game but a crowded one, too. Friday's crowd was the third-largest since the stadium's re-opening.

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By the numbers

Hits allowed by Cal Poly ace pitcher Tyler Fitch in the Mustangs' 9-1 win over the Saint Mary's Gaels on Friday in Baggett Stadium. Fitch, a senior righthander, allowed only three baserunners and fanned 10 batters in seven innings of work to collect his second win of the season.