Group pushes to ban porn on campus

By Laura Newman

SUACC discusses alcohol policies at Poly

Committee members say students repeat alcohol-related images of college in media

Professors analyze politics of virginity

The 'Price is Right' for Cal Poly students

Bridging the gap at Stenner Creek

Nutrition department head Mary Pedersen was shocked to find layers of pornographic ads and Web sites left open on her classroom computer.

"Here I was gearing up for my Power Point lecture and (the pornography) completely threw me off," she said. "It is very upsetting to try and teach a class when there is pornography on the computers.

Under Cal Poly's current Responsible Use Policy, faculty, staff and students can use state computing resources to view any personal Internet site, including pornography, as long as the viewing doesn't interfere with the employee's job.

A group of Cal Poly faculty, staff and students, led by Cal Poly Materials Engineering Department head Linda Vanasupa, say Internet Technology Services' current Responsible Use Policy is a slap in the face to the women who are the subjects of this sexual entertainment.
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"I think (abstinence-based educa­
tion) is dangerous," psychology senior
Tiffany Gray said. "It doesn't teach all of the
options. Children that are igno­
rant about sex will continue to have sex—
they just protect themselves." Beyond the failure of abstinence
education to accurately educate teens,
the talk will examine the curriculum
issues that undermine young
women, causing an inherent gender
bias in the curriculum, Don said.
Whether it existed in talking about
virginity or condoms, "most of the
responsibility for protecting myself was
put on the woman," Gray said. The
focus on female teens also
comes from the conclusion that most
girls experience sexually aggressive rela­
tionships and intense peer pressures.

After interviewing her, it was obvious
that "women really had no tools to
understand their sexuality," Don said.
Despite the denials of abstinence
education that the professors espouse,
President Bush issued an increase in
funding for such education.

It's a case of the minority of the
population — the Christian Coalition or
the radical right — driving a policy that
affects all teens in public schools, Don said.

With all other factors aside, Don
said her and Williams' lecture will look at
the unspoken topic that is so hot in the
community, Don said.

The 5-Day Forecast

**TUESDAY**
High: 67° / Low: 44°

**WEDNESDAY**
High: 62° / Low: 47°

**THURSDAY**
High: 63° / Low: 45°

**FRIDAY**
High: 66° / Low: 44°

**SATURDAY**
High: 65° / Low: 42°

**SUNDAY**
High: 74° / Low: 44°

**MONDAY**
High: 75° / Low: 53°

**TUESDAY**
High: 69° / Low: 51°

**WEDNESDAY**
High: 70° / Low: 57°

**THURSDAY**
High: 67° / Low: 50°

**FRIDAY**
High: 71° / Low: 52°

Today's Sun
Rise: 6:55 a.m. / Sets: 5:40 p.m.

Today's Moon
Rise: 1:59 a.m. / Sets: 11:55 p.m.

Today's Tides
Low: 12:21 a.m. / .8 feet
High: 12:43 a.m. / .7 feet
Low: 10:58 p.m. / .2 feet
High: 7:40 p.m. / .3 feet

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...while intoxicated or under the
influence and 10 times more likely to
attempt suicide compared to those who

... This trend is buttressed by the fact that
it is easy to end an end to all of Cal Poly's drunk

... "Education is not going to immedi­
ately change behavior," she said. "It' s

Did you know that Mary Beatrice Davidson Kenner
invented the sanitary belt on May 15, 1956, and the sani­
tary belt with moisture­proof napkin pocket on April 14, 1959?

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Village I and II.

Holt said the bridge was put in
for three reasons: To increase access
between the properties, to decrease the
students' path to school, and to keep
the creek in better condi­
tion.

First Worthing said the compa­
ny is pleased with the initiative
property owners took to ease stu­
dent's path to school.

"We used to have to walk over
this big hill and when it rained
you would have to jump over
stones and stuff like that," said
Danielle Gibbons, kinesiology
freshman and Steven Glen resi­
dent. "It was really dangerous.
Now we can just cross over this
bridge. It makes things a lot easier
and cuts down on time."

Tristan Frolich, Mustang Village resident and architecture
sophomore, said she is also happy
about the new bridge.

"It is definitely better than the path we had to take before," Frolich said. "A lot of girls wouldn't
take the path at night because it wasn't safe, now they can."

Jonathan Savage, Mustang Village resident and general engi­
neering senior, said he has walked
through the creek since his fresh­
man year.

"It is pretty amazing how fast
this bridge popped up," he said. "I went away for Christmas break
and when I came back it was
almost done."

Now that students have a safer
passage, the property owners are
focusing their efforts around get­
ing the creek back in healthy
condition.

"In April, we are going to revi­
tion sections of the creek and get
the foliage that matures in this
particular eco system back to its
natural state," Holt said. "We are
doing a lot of vegetation work
and would like to get the trout
and steelhead back in these creeks."

**Bridge**
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**What's On**

**Coming up this week**

**Intramural Tournament Sign Up** - Students can sign up now at the Rec
Center front desk for a table tennis tourna­
ment Feb. 18, a bowling tournament Feb.
20 and a whiffle ball tournament March 8.
There is also an on-going raquetball tourna­
ment taking place in the Rec Center

**Middle East Forum** - "Iraq and U.S. Policy
in the Middle East: The Human Rights
Dimension" will be presented today in
Chumash Auditorium at 6 p.m.

**David Lynch Performs** - Alternative-folk
singer and songwriter David Lynch will
perform at Backstage Pizza tonight from
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Meet One of the Journalism Chair
Candidates - John Weispfenning will
visit building 26, room 227 for an open forum
today from 10:30 to 11 a.m.**
**National Briefs**

Polls show administration strengthening stand with public on Iraq  
**LOS ANGELES** — Most Americans found Secretary of State Colin Powell persuasive when he outlined the case against Iraq last week, but they remain wary of a war without U.N. backing, according to a Los Angeles Times poll released Sunday.

The survey was conducted among people interviewed before and after Powell's speech Wednesday to the United Nations Security Council. It found a small increase for unilateral military action and a slight rise in President Bush's approval rating.

Sixty-two percent of those surveyed said they would support a war effort endorsed by the U.N. Security Council, but support dropped to 55 percent when those polled were asked if they would support military action with some allied backing, but no U.N. support.

More than 70 percent of those surveyed agreed that Powell had proved that Iraq was working to deceive U.N. weapons inspectors.

Tuesday, February 11

- **HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS**
  - **OCEAN’S 11**
  - **HIGHER GROUNDS ENTERTAINMENT SERIES**
  - **UU HOUR**

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**National/International News**

Monday, February 10, 2003

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**THIS WEEK IN ASI EVENTS**

**HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS**

- **Reclaiming the Game**
  
  **Los Angeles Times**

- **ST. LOUIS** — The mother of twins who were twice adopted over the weekend said she never received any money for giving up her girls and is a victim of negative media coverage.

- **Trenda Wecker,** 30, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in a story published Saturday that she never sold her babies over the Internet. A broker who arranged the adoption got the money, she said.

- She turned to the Internet adoption broker shortly after Kiara and Keara were born in 2000, when a Highland, Calif., couple paid the Internet broker $6,000 to adopt the twin girls. But Wecker said after visiting with the couple, she realized they were growing opposed to allowing their future visits with her children.

- So Wecker left the home with the twins, but had no intention of returning them, she acknowledged Friday. "I had to make it seem like I was going to return them," Wecker said.

- Then, a Welsh couple said they paid the broker $12,000 — twice what the first couple had paid — to adopt the same children in Arkansas and brought them to England.

- A custody battle ensued, and Wecker became a tabloid sensation, becoming widely perceived as the mother of the "Internet twins.

- She said she is still under a cloud over the mom who sold her kids on the Web, but is getting on with life. "I'm coping," she said.

- In December, St. Louis Circuit Judge Steven Ghiben terminated the Weckers' parental rights over the twins and said he is working to find the girls a permanent home.

**International Briefs**

**Report: Iraqi scientist says 1990s germ programs were justified**

- **LONDON** — A scientist who helped invent a leading role in Iraq's biological weapons program said in an interview published Sunday that her country was justified in producing germ weapons to defend itself.

- **Habib Tahs** also said she helped compile the biological section of Iraq's recent weapons declaration and describes it as honest and transparent.

- **Taha was interviewed in Baghdad on Jan. 21 by British journalist Jane Corbin.**

- The inspectors are believed to be eager to speak to Taha, but she said she would not meet with them alone.

- "I do not trust them from the last inspection," she is quoted as saying. "I think it is better for me and for them and for everybody to have witnesses because I think it is our right." Tahs is believed to have been a driving force behind Iraq's production of germ weapons in the 1980s and 1990s.

**Colombian rebels blamed for worst terrorist attack in Bogota in more than 10 years**

- **BOGOTA, Colombia** — Colombia's government blamed leftist rebels Saturday for a car bomb that ripped through an exclusive social club, killing 31 people — including six children — and injuring 157 in the worst terrorist attack in Bogota in more than a decade.

- The bomb, which gutted the 11-story club Friday evening, was planted on the third floor inside a parking garage and was packed with 330 pounds of explosives, officials said.

- The attack was a shock to capital residents accustomed to a war, now in its fourth decade, fought mostly in the countryside. Vice President Francisco Santos said he "had no doubt" the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, was responsible.

- He blamed the rebel organization for adopting the tactics of the drug lords who plague the country as well.

- "Before, what the narco-terrorists used, now (the rebels) use without any concern of conscience," Santos said.

- Not since drug lord Pablo Escobar unleashed a bloody campaign to avoid extradition to the United States had Bogota seen an attack of Friday's magnitude. With Escobar's death in 1993 and the subsequent breakup of Colombia's large drug cartels, the rebels inherited control of the country's cocaine trade.

- The FARC recently vowed to take its drug-financed war against the state to the cities and to attack the country's elite — people like the businesspeople and politicians who frequent El Salitre.

- The rebel group did not claim responsibility for the attack.

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Briebs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily managing editor Malia Spencer.
University of California campuses in Los Angeles and San Diego, as well as from Cal Poly Pomona.

Eventually, when they made it to the front of the line, they were let in by groups of 10 to be interviewed.

Alderman said they asked each possible contestant basic factual questions, including their school, major and hometown.

Walden started to interview Alderman and his friends were finally led into the studio after a morning of what seemed like endless waiting. He and his friends didn't even realize that the show had started until they heard the audience cheering.

"I was the first person called on stage, but didn't even realize that incredible opportunity," said Alderman. "I didn't hear them.

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Vanassupa is crusading to amend the current policy that allows access to pornography on campus computers. Interim Provost, Undergraduate George Westlund said that blocking any personal Internet access is a direct violation of First Amendment rights.

"Censoring is against federal law, we cannot do that," said Westlund.

The current Responsible Use Policy states: "The University protects expression by members of its community. However, in exceptional cases, such materials may present danger to personal or community safety or offend the moral or religious convictions of community members."

The most current version of the Responsible Use Policy allows staff and students from pornography being accessed in their plain view.**

"The First Amendment doesn't protect staff and students from pornography being accessed in their plain view.**

"I kept looking out at my friends for help and they were all yelling different prices." Tom Alderman business senior

Walden said.

Vanassupa said prohibiting private access to pornography on staff-owned equipment does not violate one's civil rights.

"The issue is that the computers on campus are state owned," she said. "The First Amendment refers to one's property. The people being impeding Cal Poly from revising its policy are proposing has not been approved in federal courts."

Daniels said the policy change is not the university, but the approval body to the policy change. "The current Responsible Use Policy be amended to assert that policies that the university claims to apply."

Vanassupa is drafting a resolution to "Enhance Civility and Promote a Diversity Friendly Campus Climate." In the resolution, she asks that the current Responsible Use Policy be amended to assert that state computing resources shall not be used to support pornography. "I've been met with so much resistance to a new policy," Vanassupa said. "But there needs to be a resolution that comes to the floor because the current policy is not consistent with the ethical standards that the university claims to uphold."

Proctor and Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Zingg said Vanassupa's group needs to bring its proposal to the Academic Senate if the members desire a change in the current policy. "The Academic Senate is the approving body to the policy change, not the university," Zingg said.

Zingg said that nationally, arguments similar to Vanassupa's have been rejected in federal courts. "What has been explained to the various individuals who have inquired is that the kind of language they are proposing is not consistent with the ethics of the organization," Zingg said. "No one is telling these individuals that their concerns are misplaced or inappropriate."

In addition to fostering workplace hostilities, Vanassupa and Pedersen are concerned that pornography access is bringing viruses into the university network. Pedersen recently dealt with a student who had received an e-mail with a pornography attachment from a professor. "We traced the e-mail and found that it didn't originate with the professor," Pedersen said. "But it's disturbing when a student thinks that faculty is sending them pornographic messages. I want to know if a policy like the one we are proposing would cut down on pornographic e-mail." Westlund said that these viruses that "spoofer" the e-mail from is do not get in the network from pornographic Web site access. "(Accessing pornography) has no effect on these viruses at all," Westlund said. "In fact, viewing pornographic Web sites has nothing to do with getting pornographic junk mail either."

Daniels said the policy change proposal is a way to protect the Cal Poly community. "With the number of sexual assaults that have occurred in this country, I would think that Cal Poly would take a much firmer stand in protecting their staff and students against inappropriate material," Daniels said.

Kimberly Daniels lawyer

Cal Poly business senior Tom Alderman was a big winner when he and his fraternity brothers visited "The Price Is Right."

"The university Responsible Use Policy does not protect staff and students from pornography being accessed in their plain view."

Kimberly Daniels lawyer
Government scrutinizes research publications
By Philip Lane
Cornell Daily Sun (CORnell U.)

(U-WIRE) ITHACA, N.Y. — Recent increases in government regulation have some Cornell University officials worried that terrorism will soon claim another casualty — academic freedom.

"The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (USA PATRIOT) Act has created, in addition to the already existing categories of classified and unclassified information, a new category of "sensitive" information. This last category could potentially include many aspects of Cornell research and is proving to be ambiguous terrain for an institution that holds a tradition of academic openness as one of its guiding principles.

"Cornell policy has always been that since we do not do classified research at Cornell, no agency that is sponsoring the research should be able to throttle the publication of that research," said Robert Richardson, vice provost for research. However, the DDS request has alarmed those at Cornell, doing unclassified research for the Department of Defense who were asked to submit their work for review prior to publication.

"The decline in companies incentives to hire new workers was illustrated by a report conducted by Conference Board, a research firm that said the number of help-wanted advertisements in newspapers in the United States hit an almost 40-year low in December," said Stephanie Townsend, campus career center director.

"We've seen more seniors are looking for internships because they are going to grad school," Townsend said.

"Because they are going to slash 900, 1,000, 2,000 and 5,000 jobs, respectively. The differences from theatre research show that they are going to grad school," Townsend said. The study showed that 75 percent of all internship opportunities in the United States are "still strong in staff" and actively recruiting new blood.

"The (Columbia) was a tragedy, and we are doing everything we can to support NASA any way that they are asking us to help. But there really is no effect on us," Townsend said. "We are strong and healthy, and have quite a few new contracts."

By Jessica Poe
The Daily Universe (Brigham Young U.)

(U-WIRE) PROVO, Utah — The first original Brigham Young University sitcom will tape in front of a live audience this Saturday.

"The romantic comedy "So Much In Love" involves an apartment of men and an apartment of women attending BYU. The change of time of love is all about," said Tonya Carter, producer and head writer of the sitcom.

"The show will be similar to the NBC television "Friends."

"Like "Friends," the stories are mostly in the women's apartment with a large ensemble cast. The actors, as the time has progressed, have become a lot more comfortable with each other and trying new things," said Tony Gunn, a senior actor on the show. "They are very, very funny," Gunn said.

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"The concern is that "sensitive" research may have to be reviewed work for review prior to publication. Further regulations may also try to seep into more unexpected areas of study. "An example is materials science, see research, page 6

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Sitcom humor and format is different than other theatre productions. With a sitcom there is a live studio audience, different television techniques are used and multiple cameras are present. "Sitcom is like glorified stand-up," Gunn said.

"The show will air at the BYU film festival final Cut, coming this March. This will be the first year that pieces longer than five or six minutes will be shown during the film festival. The thing that we're really worried about is having your audience come and nobody laugh," Carter said.

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one of our big majors here," Johnson said. "That is now being considered a sensitive area. Now that covers anything from materials in computer chips to the materials in cars."

Cornell plans to turn down a two-year, $400,000 grant to study sexual assault and harassment in Cornell's community of international students. The grant, awarded through the Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Office, required that all findings be submitted to the agency 20 days prior to publication.

"If they don't approve the findings, then we can't publish and we don't accept that," said Patsy Brannon, dean of the College of Human Ecology.

The agency insists that the procedure is standard, but Brannon said she cannot ascertain why the department would want to approve the results.

Many members of the academic community think that self-restraint or other forms of non-government restraint may provide a better solution.

"In the areas of nuclear physics and information technology, particularly in cryptology, the communities have exercised voluntary restraint successfully for decades," Richardson said.

Articles like one that appeared this summer in the journal Science have raised doubts over the effectiveness of self-restraint.

Findings like these have spurred discussions in the academic and government communities regarding the publication of detailed material and how much information is appropriate in the disclosure of such findings.

Richardson suggests that restraint might be exercised within each research community.

The concern over prior restraint goes beyond just the violation of a long-standing university policy. There are additional concerns over misuse.

"The fear is that the cloak of national security could be used inappropriately," Johnson said.
Puff, puff, pass on anti-marijuana ads

The other day, we cruised to our local Taco Bell to catch some grub. Since we were in a hurry, we hit up the drive-thru window. Oh wait, we don’t have drive-thrus in San Luis Obispo, but if we did, our story would have gone a little bit like this.

We roll up to ourorder and, since it is broad daylight, we decide to门口 the car. Sufficiently out of our minds, smoke billowing out of the windows resembling Spicolis's van in "Fast Times At Ridgemont High," we begin to make fun of the girls taking our order. First, we pretend that we don’t have any money and drive off. Second, we hit up the drive-thru and smoke "a nice after-dinner" cigarette. But, since we are going so far, we don’t see a young girl riding her pink Huffy bicycle. And, since we are laughing so hard as a result of our stoned banter, we don’t hear her ring her little bell to warn us of her encroachment. So, we hit her.

All the government’s attempts confuse itself. Can you picture this situation actually happening? OK, can you picture this situation happening with the world spending our drive-thru, glowing over an innocent child? We didn’t think so.

But wait may have seen this situation portrayed in commercials sponsored by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. The two organizations have teamed up to frighten America’s youth from engaging in any type of marijuana use. Unscientific, scarred-straight tactics are coming under fire as of late for their false representations of the effects of marijuana.

And, sally, the government has not corrected the stoners’ fall to the previous scenario.

Cut to the commercial. Another commercial depicts two teenage boys sitting in a home office. One of our stoned soldiers sports a bright pink, at least 3-foot-long bong, or, “water tobacco pipe.” The other lounges in his dad’s big, comfy chair, his blonde spiked hair as high as he is. In one scene, Honda comments about how “hot” the other boy’s sister is. Clearly disturbed, the other boy resorts to marijuana to ease his pain. The final scene of this commercial, though, is the real kicker.

“What’s that?” the other boy says to blonde.

“I don’t know,” blonde says, picking up a nice, chrome-plated pistol.

You knew the ending.

It reminds us of an old episode of Beverly Hills 90210. The one where David Silver’s cowboy buddy shot himself while twirling his father’s gun around his finger (if you don’t remember, it was back in the day when Donna Martin still had her blonde and Dynan and Brenda were still an item). Genius.

The best part of the commercial, though, is the disclaimer: “Marijuana impairs your judgment.”

While this ad may have been conceived with the best of intentions, the point was lost somewhere between the two stoner and his sister. It seems more plausible as a commercial for gun control. Really, what was that gun doing unlocked, loaded and stored in a place where a young, naive stoner could find it? The parents should be the real audience here.

Next commercial: Another young girl riding her pink Huffy bicycle. And, since we had no trouble making friends by putting on a heavy head of smoke, we probably didn’t have the point.

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Cell phone users should get a clue direction

Opinion

Most people walk in a fairly straight line, but cell phone wanderers do the contrary. They'll walk in circles, some small and some large, while others zigzag their way through Via Carta.

Fashion magazines serve up hypocrisy with beauty tips

The incredible shrinking woman phenomenon is rearing its ugly head in Hollywood with a vengeance. Actresses like Christina Ricci and Alicia Silverstone have whittled down to some translucent skin. They are obviously aware that female celebrities are becoming so thin they look sickly; they know that glamorizing it is damaging to the psyche of young women and thinness before women's curves reappear for an encore performance.

More letters to the editor

Health Center has additional resources

Editor,

I wanted to write in response to the opinion piece on hypocrisies in our hard-earned money on building offensive war machines. See, our government spends billions and billions of dollars to protect and defend our territory. As long as consumers continue to buy Calvin Klein perfume from a 6-foot-tall woman, we will not make any change. Feedback on the movie, but there is no point in getting angry with someone who simply forgot to turn the ringer off. Sure it's annoying, but there is really no need to get bent out of shape about it — that is, unless it happens in public.

The incredible shrinking woman phenomenon is rearing its ugly head in Hollywood with a vengeance. The media motivated larrage of skeletal women has me thumped!

Although tabloids and fashion magazines have never been known for their fact, the media has popularized a whole new breed of hypochondriacs, often disguised within the glossy pages of your favorite publication.

But is American media an extension of our culture, or is our culture mere entertainment? Believe me, I am not some zealot feminist who abhors fashion, makeup and beauty tips. I am glad that your writer liked our "estimated waiting time" signs. This was added at the recommendation of the Student Health Advisory Council. This group advises the Student Health Center staff and meets at 11 a.m. every Tuesday in the Health Center Medical Library. Students are welcome to attend. We even have pizza with a variety of toppings, none of which are deep-fried.

Minorities should seek organizations for comfort

Editor,

Thanks for the front-page article on minority students and the perspective of Cal Poly ("Shouts sought by minority students," Feb. 4). I know many people, including myself, can relate to Dale's story and how difficult it can be to fit in. I would encourage anyone who feels alone there to become active and join organizations that will help foster their identity, create visibility and build a sense of community and belonging. For example, as an active member of an Asian-interest sorority, I found it to be a vehicle to promote cultural diversity, provide community in support services, provide a support network and hone my leadership skills.

In fact, Cal Poly is a unique environment where minorities can find opportunities and make an impact. In meeting girls in my sorority that feel the same way, we are able to showcase a united front of what great cultural diversity Cal Poly has.

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Ridding the people walking behind them. Getting around those people is impossible because every move you make they cut you off. It's as if they have the same kind of telepathy, they read your mind and know which direction you're going to go, purposely blocking your path.

Cell phone wanderers don't only get in the way of students on the move, but they also get in the way of stationary people. Cell phone wanderers don't only get in the way of students on the move, but they also get in the way of stationary people.

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Even more letters to the editor

EDITOR'S NOTE:
Due to the number of letters to the editor I've received in the past few weeks, I will now be strictly enforcing the 250 word count. I want everyone to have an opportunity to be heard, but to do this in a timely manner the word count must be adhered to. After today, letters that exceed the 250 word count will be run incomplete. Letters can still be sent to mustangdaily@hotmail.com.

Children deserve same treatment as adults when punished for crimes
Editor,

I am going to give a politically incorrect response to the article "Trying children as adults" ("Trying children as adults is inhumane, unnecessary," Feb. 3). I don't care if they or not fully understand what they've done; if someone deliberately runs the life of other people for theirs. Besides, do you really want a 16-year-old who planned and acted out the execution of three or five people to have a chance to be out on the streets?

If their regard for human life is so lacking at such an "early" age, how do you think they'll be when they are legally old enough to buy shotguns and ammunition without restriction? We don't live in an age where whole families have to defend their land from hordes of marauders; killing is not a necessary part of a child's life. No child is taught that killing is part of everyday life. They have no justified reason to do it. Why should they be treated any differently when it comes time to give out punishment?

Gina Dolsi is a management information systems senior.

Men should have say in abortion issue
Editor,

I've been following the letters to the editor about abortion. I've read enough. Last week there was one edition where men were writing in saying that they didn't believe abortion was a good thing. Every day since then, the paper has been full of fulling women who say that the men should have say one way or another.

Well, I've got news for you women. It takes a man to make a baby too. You don't just spontaneously get pregnant and need an abortion because you're not ready. If you don't want to have a baby, take responsibility for YOUR baby. Furthermore, men are also part of the society we live in. If the men that live here are concerned that killing babies might be a good thing because it reflects the society that they live in, then you have to allow them to have a say also. A society can be judged by how they treat their weakest members. Throwing babies in the garbage can isn't the best way to live in a society.

By the way, I am a guy. So if you make me angry by saying this just because I am a guy, then you should decide to alter your face, then you wouldn't be here to argue with me today.

Jeff Corner is a biochemistry sophomore.

‘Facts’ about Confederate flag distorted
Editor,

I'm writing this letter in response to the opinion of William Reitz, a Mustang Daily writer who has succumbed to the politically correct horror taught by many of our nation's schools. In the opinion titled "Confederate flags represent racism, not pride," Feb. 3, Mr. Reitz paints a painful canvas telling us that the Confederate flag is the 21st century's version of the swastika. I find this statement nothing but pure propaganda aimed at cultural genocide of American history and Southern heritage. Mr. Reitz has failed his readers by not doing his homework.

After the battle of First Manassas on Apr. 21, 1861, Confederate flags were flown in battle areas. In 1862, Joe Johnston ordered the design of a new flag for his Army of Northern Virginia. This was a result of the conflict on the battlefield, due to the similar designs of the Confederate Flag and Union battle flags. The new flag was designed under the supervision of the Confederate Army, this flag was recognized and adopted by the Confederate States of America, the flag was flown in Patras, Greece in 69 A.D.

The KKK has always pledged to and prayed to the Stars and Stripes. The Confederate Battle Flag was never raised over slave ships, unlike the stars and stripes of old glory. Yes, racist groups defend and misuse the Confederate Battle Flag. Unfortunately, many people do not understand and choose not to see the truth of the Confederacy or ask themselves why so many Americans would want to secede from the Union. If those lost many people do not understand and choose not to seek out the truth of the Confederacy or ask themselves why so many Americans would want to secede from the Union. If those lost many people do not understand and choose not to seek out the truth of the Confederacy or ask themselves why so many Americans would want to secede from the Union.

Greg Hanson is a resident of Apple Valley, Minn.

Sometimes it helps to just laugh
Editor,

I want to personally thank the writers of Cit Yer Bitchin' for making me laugh harder than I have in a long time. I, too, have a strong religious background. But I am not so hung up on my religion that I can't laugh about it or the ridiculous things people do to get you to convert. Sometimes you need to stop, think and laugh. Two enthusiastic thumbs up!

Justin Link is a civil engineering junior.

CPCR admirable for effort, despite opinion differences
Editor,

For once in my life (and it may be the first and last time), I am going to agree with the Cal Poly College Republicans (CPCR) opposes the opposition," Feb. 3). Freedom is not free. That's right. Freedom is not free. But I really do believe that even the most politically astute student at Cal Poly is intelligent and knowledgeable enough to understand that concept. And I do applaud the CPCR for getting out there and for being active and trying to stand up for what they believe in, even if I disagree with it. That's a step in the right direction to making this student body care a little bit more about the world we live in.

But I don't believe in war. I'm not naive enough to think that it won't happen, or that the possibility doesn't exist, but I don't think it should ever be anything but a last resort - much less a pre-emptive tactic. I guess I don't understand why people don't see that killing other human beings is not the answer. Yes, I know that sounds idealistic. But why shouldn't we think that war? Why shouldn't we think that the leaders of other countries are as intelligent as we are? Why can't we find a way to resolve conflict besides land and arms and grenades?

If President Bush wants to talk about an axis of evil, he should probably look in his own back yard first. If he wants to talk about weapons of mass destruction, he should first clarify with the American people that our country spends billions of dollars each year building bombs that would not only kill the people who supposedly make up that axis of evil, but probably as well. If he wants to talk about countries that sell weapons to other countries, why doesn't he remind us about why there are so many land mines in Afghanistan, or why Iraq has been using American-made tanks for over a decade?

I am not trying to pin one side of beliefs on one political group or another. As someone who isn't a member of either major political party, I know this is not the case. The answer is going to start with citizens of this country realizing we don't understand enough about the rest of the world and understanding that foreign policy is a priority, not something that should be left on the banner until a time that we have no choice. People who don't respect our way of life won't solve any of our problems; it will just breed more problems.

Freedom isn't free - but neither is war.

Pam Gibwani is a graphic communication senior.
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Baseball

Three hits during his six innings on the mound. He had 10 strikeouts and one walk. In total, the San Jose State pitchers combined for a four-hitter.

Cal Poly began to build momentum in the bottom of the fifth inning when catcher Cory Taillon scored the only run of the game of an RBI double by second baseman Adam Lavit. But the inning quickly ended with two strikeouts. "The Mustangs couldn't stop the Spartans' power in the batter's box," said Ca...
**Aggies aggravate Poly**

By Andy Fahey  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER  

One word describes the Cal Poly men's basketball team after Saturday's 64-63 loss to Utah State: heartbroken.

The Mustangs (9-11, 5-6 Big West) had a shot to squeeze out the victory in the game's final possession, but came up empty handed.

Down by one with 12.8 seconds left in the game, Jason Allen had the ball at half court. He penetrated to the middle of the key, saw the defense collapsing on him and dished it out—but came up empty handed.

By the numbers

Points for Cal Poly forward Shane Schilling in the Mustangs' 64-63 loss to Utah State Saturday in Mott Gym. Schilling was 8-of-19 from the field.

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Mustangs rebound after blowout

By Stacey Dornig  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After a fourth inning rally, San Jose State proved to be unassailable as the Mustangs lost 64-1 in Friday's series opener.

The game began with even play, with neither team scoring until the fourth inning. It was a sacrifice bunt by San Jose State catcher Nick Guerra which placed runners in scoring position and started the damaging inning for the Mustangs.

A series of singles by the Spartans led to a Mustang pitching change, but it was too little too late. The Spartans scored seven runs and gained the lead.

San Jose State owed much of their success to their starting pitcher, right-handed sophomore Matt Durkin.

"He was an All-American who simply out-matched us," Cal Poly head coach Larry Lee said. "He really held us down."

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Cal Poly Men's Basketball

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Cal Poly's Jason Allen struggles to get a shot up over Utah State's Spencer Nelson during the Mustangs' 64-63 loss to the Aggies.

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By the numbers

Points for Cal Poly center Vernie Dennis in Saturday's loss. Dennis failed to reach 20 points for the first time in four games.

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**Trivia**

Who holds the record for NBA All-Star game appearances?

Submit answers to: Jackso@calpoly.edu

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Who shot the lowest nine-hole score in PGA Tour history?

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