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SAME-SEX HAND HOLDING DAY
A different take on Valentine's

Heterosexual, gay and lesbian students will join hands to raise awareness Thursday.

By Lesley Reo
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is approaching once again, and couples will be walking hand-in-hand around campus while discussing their plans for the holiday.

Given this scenario, most students envision heterosexual couples, but same-sex couples are equally likely to express these same sentiments.

Cal Poly's gay, lesbian, and bisexual United (GLBU), in conjunction with the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), Cal Poly Women's Awareness Club and the Young Democrats, will sponsor the second Same-Sex Hand Holding Day on Thursday in order to raise campus awareness about alternative lifestyles.

GLBU representatives said holding the event close to Valentine's Day will emphasize the privilege that male-female couples enjoy regarding public displays of affection.

"The whole point of this is to bring awareness to the campus community and to break the assumptions that people may carry," GLBU President Mel Gennuso said.

By Mike Marquez
Alumnus donates to student projects

Alumnus Frank E. "Bud" Pilling records donated $150,000 toward a total pledge of $250,000 to help ensure that future engineering students will have the same opportunity he did to undertake "hands-on" learning.

Pilling has established the Bud and Lauren Pilling Endowed Fellowship for engineering senior projects. The endowment will provide $2,000 in 2004, and up to $11,250 per year when fully funded, to support students working on individual or group senior projects.

The gift continues a Pilling tradition of support for the College of Engineering, which includes a $1 million gift in 1993.

In 1994, Cal Poly named its computer science building the Frank E. Pilling Building in recognition of his dedication.

Pilling, a 1940 mechanical engineering graduate, attended Cal Poly on the GI Bill. After graduating, he rose through the corporate ranks, primarily at Dew-Warner, to become president of that company's Automotive Group.

"I have a special place in my heart for Cal Poly," Pilling said. "In my senior year, I was in a manufacturing processes class with about 15 other guys and a great instructor. We were paired up in different projects, and we spent not only classroom time but also nights and Saturdays on these projects."

College of Engineering Dean Peter Lee noted that the Pilling endowment strengthens project-based learning at Cal Poly.

"The College of Engineering is deeply grateful and honored for the active and ongoing relationship that the Pilling family shares with Cal Poly," Lee said. "Its design - and project - based engineering paradigms are the college apart from any other institute in the nation."

The College of Engineering is highly regarded in the industry as one of the best hands-on-learning programs in the nation.

"We are deeply grateful to Bud and Lauren Pilling for their visionary gift," said Amy Hewes, director of publications and communications in the College of Engineering. "The gift is part of his continuing legacy to the College of Engineering and ultimately creates success in education."

The Pilling Senior Project Endowment gives hand-in-hand with the $5 million gift the college received in 2001 from Paul Bonderson (EE '75) to assist with building the Paul and Sandy Bonderson Student Projects Center and the Bonderson Advanced Software Design Studio.

The College of Engineering has set a Centennial Campaign goal of $55 to 60 million, the Pilling donation raises the see PILLING, page 2

Hiring topic of Academic Senate meeting

By Chrissy Roth
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Inadequate funding will more likely be blamed for the possible demise of a proposal to hire more tenure-track faculty. Members of the Academic Senate looked at the proposal for the California legislature at its meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The proposal, titled ACR 73, is an attempt to raise the percentage of tenured or tenure-track faculty to at least 75 percent, as well as to increase the diversity among its faculty over the course of eight years in each of the CSUs.

Ideally, this increase will raise the level of quality education throughout the state university system by decreasing the percentage of lecturers, said Andy Lyons, California Faculty Association representative.

The Assembly Concurrent Resolution 73 was created by representatives of the California Faculty Association (CFA), California State see TENURE, page 2

Student leaders make Wildflower a success

By Mike Marquez
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

While some students participate in the 21st annual Wildflower Triathlon, and others volunteer at an aid station or chill in Beach City, one must realize that without the dedication of two Cal Poly students and their committee, Wildflower would not be such a great success year after year.

Recreation administration senior Tisha Palmer and Chris Hieber have been elected by the Student Race Directors. Tri-California as the 2003 Wildflower Student Race Directors. Tri-California helps promote the event.

These two students organize teams on their committee to take charge of certain duties during the event. Each team leader takes on the role of a specialist in their area.

Some of the various duties include aid stations, festival management, headquarters, camping, communications, parking/traffic, patrol/security, public relations, registration, timing and maintaining supplies.

Palmer and Hieber have been part of Wildflower since 2000, and they are both seasoned Tri-California veterans who bring experience to the prestigious positions.

In addition to Wildflower, both have assisted in Tri-California Escape from Alcatraz, Nautica Triathlon at Pacific Grove, Scott Tinley's Dirty Adventures and Treasure Island Triathlons. These experiences have put both student race directors in the unique position of having worked with every facet of a world-class race production company.

Hieber has also gained experience working on the Wildflower aid stations, mountain bike, volunteer entertainment and volunteer security committees.

"I've been with Wildflower in different levels of activity for many years now," Hieber said. "I've seen what it's like to be a volunteer, sub-committee member and a team leader. As a race director I will be able to understand what each of these groups is going through and assist them in any way I can."

Palmer is ready to take on the new position with open arms and the challenges that come with the position.

"Through my time with Wildflower I have experienced joyous moments and hectic moments," Palmer said. "I believe the hectic moments taught me the most about myself in stressful situations, and that things have a way of working out." The Wildflower Triathlon started see WILDFLOWER, page 2


**Weather Watch**

**5-Day Forecast**

**THURSDAY**
High: 63°F / Low: 46°F

**FRIDAY**
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**SATURDAY**
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**MONDAY**
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Today's Moon
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Today's Tides
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High: 6:03 a.m. / 5:22 feet
Low: 1:50 p.m. / -2 feet
High: 8:51 p.m. / 3.5 feet

**Correction:** In Tuesday's article "Senior project gets messy" fruit science senior Zureal Bernier was misquoted as saying the purpose of his project was to avoid paying landfill tipping fees. He was also misquoted as saying that bacteria can ruin the pile with yeast cells, and salmonella that are intolerable.

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University system and the statewide CSU Academic Senate.

"I heard from faculty around the state that the sense of tenure was being eroded," Lyons said. "I think the concern is to recruit quality, tenure-track faculty that have the ability and expertise to provide quality instruction."

While the proposal does not aim to rid the system of its lecturers, its purpose is toafari already qualified lecturers into tenure-track positions.

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college campus total to more than $45 million. The goal of the total funds are to create an unparalleled environment of enhanced facilities, technology, students, faculty and learning.

Typical senior projects encompass multidisciplinary and team-based projects that require large sums of money.

The gift adds on to a program that is already recognized as one of the best engineering colleges in the nation. All engineering students can apply for a portion of the endowment, but must be approved through a qualification process.

"By increasing the level of endowed support for student projects and by creating an unparalleled environment of laboratories and learning facilities, the level of success is unlimited," Hewes said.

"He (Pilling) made it clear in the beginning that he was considering another substantial gift, the university explored various options for that gift and Bill really responded enthusiastically to the idea of an endowment for senior projects."

Pilling has maintained a close connection with Cal Poly for many years and has continued to come back for reunions and other visits for the past half-century.

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Same-Sex Hand Holding Day, inspired by an article detailing the efforts of 32 students at the University of Florida at Gainesville who organized a similar event two years ago, will be an all-day event. GBLU will host a booth on Dexter Lawn from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. that will provide information on gay rights.

At 11:30 a.m., a procession beginning at Dexter Lawn with members of participating clubs holding hands with people of the same sex will loop to the University Union and back to Dexter.

"It's a weird how on things like movie covers you see girls holding hands and stuff like that, but you never see it in real life," GBLU member Jenn Chambless said.

This will be the first year that the Women's Awareness Club will participate in the event. Club president Haley Myers said she hopes to involve what she describes as an unfounded fear of gay and lesbian displays of affection.

"People associate homosexuality with deviance and aberrant behavior," Myers said. "If a student sees someone they know on Thursday, they will either accept by regarding that person or by raising their respect for them.

Last year, Same-Sex Hand Holding Day did not generate a negative response from those on campus, especially in comparison to the re-painting of the P during National Coming Out Week last May.

"Painting rainbow colors on the P is a lot less over the homosexual than people holding hands through campus," Commesso said.

Although not all participants in Same-Sex Hand Holding Day are gay, all the participants are seeking a way to express their support for gay rights and remove negativity toward homosexuality.

**WILDFLOWER continued from page 1**

In 1983 as a blugear festival with music, arts, crafts, exhibits, a 10K run and 10K triathlons. The first triathlon attracted only 86 competitors with no help from Cal Poly volunteers.

The 1985 Wildflower was a critical year for the event. It was the second year that students from Cal Poly were involved as volunteers. When Cal Poly first started volunteering, there was only one student race director and fewer than 10 team leaders. The students from recreation administration and physical education departments came out with about 100 volunteers.

The event has been a success ever since, and this year is anticipating over 6,500 athletes and 26,000 spectators. Today, there are two race directors, more than 85 team leaders on the student committee and another 50 various adult volunteers.

"Over the years, Cal Poly has been an integral part of Wildflower," said Colleen Bouman, assistant race director and head of the Cal Poly volunteer committee. "When volunteers are constantly praised by the athletes for the work that they've put into the event, all the time spent preparing for the event is a satisfying feeling."

"In a day and age when people are glued to their televisions and cell phones, this is an alternative way to promote a healthy lifestyle."

"Our main goal is to change any sort of lifestyle from families and make it a great weekend for everyone involved in the event," Hieber said.

"The committee serves as a big family working together to make Wildflower come alive."

Wildflower has maintained an excellent reputation for 20 years, due to volunteers paying close attention to details, enthusiasm and accommodating to the athletes' needs.

"I love seeing the athletes having fun and I also want everyone else to have fun with us," Palmer said.

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Agreement averts potential hip-hop boycott of Pepsi

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The agreement was reached Monday night, and the amount of the donation and the length of time were still being worked out, spokeswoman Jody Miller said. She said the boycott had been called off.

“We’ve come to an agreement where the common ground is young people,” Pepsi spokeswoman Larry Jabbonsky said in a statement. “We’re working together on a multicity, multi-city effort that will encourage kids to express their creativity in the visual and performing arts.”

He would not comment on specifics of the agreement.

Pepsi pulled the ad featuring the rapper Ludacris in August, a day after Fox News Channel’s Bill O’Reilly ran a segment criticizing the company for a .segment criticizing the company for

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Federal student aid programs in jeopardy

By Mike Memoli
The Greyhound (Loyola College - Maryland)

(U-WIRE) BALTIMORE — Federal funding to some student financial aid programs would be cut this year under proposals currently being debated by Congress and the Bush administration.

Conferees from the House of Representatives and Senate were scheduled to meet last night to begin negotiating a final appropriations bill that includes federal student aid programs. Much of the debate currently centers on the Pell Grant program, which helps low-income families pay college tuition.

The Bush administration announced last week it opposes a Senate bill to increase the maximum Pell Grant from $100 to $4,100. The White House has proposed maintaining the $4,000 limit, while increasing total funding to the program by $1.9 billion to cover its current deficit. Many university lobbyists are working to maintain increases called for in the Senate's bill, citing increased need brought about by increasing enrollment, tuition costs and the weak economy.

An estimated 4.4 million students received Pell Grants in 2002. "Particularly in a time when state budgets are cutting aid programs, particularly for private institutions, the colleges and universities look to the federal government to assist students with paying for college," said Cindy Littlefield, director of federal relations for the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. "Higher education is usually the first education sector to be cut in tough times. Out of necessity, it's even more important that we keep the pressure on Congress and the administration to keep funding the federal student aid programs."

Littlefield added that the administration's insistence that the Pell Grant program be funded only to cover deficits is misguided since Congress has been able to finance the shortfall separately after the initial appropriation negotiations have finished.

"The Pell Grant usually takes care of itself," Littlefield said. "We are working one to get the maximum grant increased during appropriations, and two trying to take care of the shortfall as best we can."

Despite raising the maximum Pell Grant, the Omnibus Bill passed by the Senate on Jan. 23 would cut or freeze funding to other federal student aid programs across the board. Funding for the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant program, which augments Pell Grants for needy students, would drop $21 million to $704 million.

The Perkins Loan program, which provides low-interest loans to students from low-income families, would be cut by $5 million to $163 million. These cuts were necessary in order to fund the increase to the Pell program.

"Most people in the higher-education community are concerned because the Bush administration's emphasis has been on K-12 with the No Child Left Behind legislation," said Mark Lindenmeyer, Loyola's director of financial aid and a member of the College Scholarship Service Assembly Council, which advises the College Board on financial aid issues.

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By Chrissy Roth

With his neck stretched back and eyes wide open, the man takes one final glance at the neon-red sign overhead. He inhales one last time before he embarks upon his mission, one that will test his pride, honor and most of all, his love for his girlfriend.

As he walks into Fanny Wrappers, a lingerie boutique at Chorro and Higuera streets, he sighs.

“I’ve never actually seen vibrators being sold before.”

Jennifer Dickson customer

Chorro and Higuera streets, he sighs in an attempt to hold onto any bit of masculine dignity he may still possess.

That's right - it's near Valentine's Day and the store is ready and willing to display all that is designed to be cute, kinky and create cleavage for this romantic holiday.

Among the many vibrators offered at the store are the Krystal Dolphin and the Ultra Beaver, with the animals actually resting on the vibrators.

“Instead of going for the typical silk pajamas like I normally do, this year I want to actually buy and buy that no-piece outfit that will eventually and hopefully end up on the floor,” McCloskey said.

The lingerie section is inundated with red, white and pink outfits. Some would cover a respectable amount of skin, while others leave little to the imagination.

In the back of the store, environmental horticulture freshman Jennifer Dickson giggles as she surveys the shelves of “toys” with her friend. Although the store sells mostly lingerie, the novelty items crammed on the back shelves are always a hot topic of conversation for customers.

“The novelty section is just a sidebar,” store manager Rianne Lakin said. “It's part of the store, but it's not our main focus.”

“As soon as I enter through the door, I feel like they look at me and think either ‘pervert’ or ‘non-pervert.”

Mike McCloskey customer

While it may just be a sidebar, Dickson has now become exposed to the racer corner of the boutique. From chocolate body frosting to dirty dice to pecker pasta, it is often difficult to take in all the items at once.

“I’ve never actually seen vibrators being sold before,” she said. “Some of the stuff is funny, and the penis candies would be really fun to get your friends as a joke.”

Among the many vibrators offered at the store are the Krystal Dolphin and the Ultra Beaver, with the animals actually resting on the vibrators. This suddenly gives new meaning to the term “loving your animal.”

Erica Saya straightens puffy shoes in preparation for the Valentine’s Day rush.

Top 50 romance films

This list was compiled by The American Film Institute. Check out tomorrow’s Mustang Daily for the full story on what makes a romance film.

1. “Casablanca,” 1942
2. “Gone With the Wind,” 1939
4. “Roman Holiday,” 1953
5. “An Affair to Remember,” 1957
8. “It’s a Wonderful Life,” 1946
10. “City Lights,” 1931
11. “Annie Hall,” 1977
15. “Wuthering Heights,” 1939
16. “Singin’ in the Rain,” 1952
17. “Moonstruck,” 1987
19. “Ghost,” 1990
20. “From Here to Eternity,” 1953
23. “Now, Voyager,” 1942
24. “King Kong,” 1933
25. “When Harry Met Sally...,” 1989
30. “Swing Time,” 1936
32. “Dark Victory,” 1939
33. “Camille,” 1937
34. “Beauty and the Beast,” 1991
35. “Gigi,” 1958
36. “Random Harvest,” 1942
38. “It Happened One Night,” 1934
40. “Ninotchka,” 1939
41. “Funny Girl,” 1968
42. “Anna Karenina,” 1935
43. “A Star Is Born,” 1954
44. “The Philadelphia Story,” 1940
45. “Sleepless in Seattle,” 1993
46. “To Catch a Thief,” 1955
47. “Splendor in the Grass,” 1961
Music

New CD takes few of its ‘roots’ from hip-hop

By Andy Fahey

It’s never a good sign when the best part of an album is when it’s over. Sadly, that is the case with The Roots’ latest CD, “Phrenology.”

The Roots do something in “Phrenology” that they haven’t done since their debut underground album “Organix” in 1993. They failed to successfully extend outside the ordinary boundaries of hip-hop.

Throughout thier career, the Philadelphia-based group has been a unique specimen in rap. No other rap group can call itself a legitimate band. Complete with Black Thought on vocals, jugs/strum on drums, guitarist Ben Kenney, bassist Hub Kamal on the keyboard and Scratch, the human turntable, The Roots have never adhered to the status quo of hip-hop.

“Phrenology” was released last November from MCA Records and is The Roots’ 4th album since the wildly successful “Things Fall Apart,” which featured the Grammy-winning single for hip-hop performance by a rap duo or group with “You Got Me.”

Perhaps, the main reason for “Phrenology’s” failure was because The Roots attempted to do something they had never done before. The band has always been regarded as pioneers of hip-hop, but this album seemed to be a step beyond what even they were capable of doing.

The album kicks off with an 18-second introduction that leads into the first track “Black You,” which coincidentally has a similar rhythm, but slightly modified, to the one in which we stomp our feet twice and clap our hands. This song features a steady, thick drum loop and sets the tone for the entire album. It tells the listener that “Phrenology” will be unlike anything normally associated with The Roots.

“Phrenology” continues its one-of-a-kindness with the song “!!!!!!!,” a 24-second punk ensemble that awkwardly mimes to Green Day. There are some vocals on this track, but except for the term “hypocrite” and a few swear words, it’s nearly impossible to make out what the vocalist says. Thankfully this song — if it can even be called a song — does not last longer than it does.

Surprisingly, the punk sound flows nicely into the next song “Sacrifice,” featuring Nelly Furtado singing background in the chorus. This song has a smooth, funky 1970s beat and is one of the better songs on “Phrenology.”

Music is featured on the first single, “Break You Off.” This is another A- Grade A song but it simply lasts too long. The first four and a half minutes are fine, but then the next three minutes are boring and repetitive. The last two minutes-plus do not even contain any vocals.

The same problem persists with the next track, “Water.” It starts off as a potential hit, but then all hell breaks loose at about the four-minute mark when the song suddenly shifts to “Jaws-like” music. Just when you think it’s about to end, it gets stranger and becomes the soundtrack of what happens when a circus goes bad. Although The Roots attempt to be innovative throughout the album, they maintain an old-school sound in “Thought @ Work.” This track demonstrates Black Thought’s lyrical mastery more than any other song on “Phrenology” and makes even the rhythm-less want to nod their heads.

“Quills” is another track with hard-hitting beats and a raw sound. At the other end of the spectrum is “Complexity,” a mellow, smooth-flaking piece featuring Jill Scott. The CD has a hidden track that follows the common “When I say ... you say ...” pattern, but it still flows pretty good. But again, a good song goes haywire when it makes a transition into techno music, which would be fine if it were a rave. The last time I checked, however, The Roots did not dance around with glow sticks in their performances.

When The Roots stick to basic hip-hop, they produce quality music. There were a handful of above-average tracks, but what makes “Phrenology” painful to listen to are their quests into uncharted waters. Much of this album is like a science experiment gone bad. Everything goes fine until it blows up in their face and they are left with poor results.

With this album, The Roots did nothing to increase their fan base. The only people to enjoy this CD are the band’s die-hard fans, whose numbers will possibly dwindle after listening to “Phrenology.”

Ex-Pumpkin hits mark with new band

> Chalk one up for sensitive pop guy as Billy Corgan’s new band thrives and shines

By Helen Schumacher

( Orinoid Daily | EMERIL, OREGON )

(U-WIRE) EUGENE, Ore. — During their heyday, the Smashing Pumpkins captured the roller coaster ride of adolescence — with all its beautiful anger and ugliness. They captured the freedom of knowing that your curfew wasn’t for another few hours. To a similar extent, Billy Corgan’s new band, Zwan, carries on this legacy.

Like a phoenix rising from the ashes of low album sales and disappointing reviews, Corgan has returned to the throne as an alt-rock virtuoso. With the release of the group’s first album, “Mary Star of the Sea,” Corgan is reborn as Billy Burke and is joined by past-time Smashing Pumpkins drummer Jimmy Chamberlin, Chaver’s Matt Swanson, Pat Lenchantin of A Perfect Circle and Dave Pajo from the bands Slint and Papa M. Although comparing Zwan to the Pumpkins is inevitable, it’s also futile, and it only prevents the listener from fully enjoying the album.

Turning into the poppy, optimistic single “Honesty” is a stark reminder of Corgan’s trademark alley cat vocals. The chord progressions too are familiar — Corgan receives most of the songwriting credit.

However, Pajo’s incredible talent is a new addition. His touch is at its finest about five and a half minutes into the track “Jesus, I / Mary Star of the Sea.” Each note is heavy like ether, until Chamberlin picks up the beat and Corgan starts singing. “And everything just feels like rain / the road we’re on / the things we crave... if I should sleep / what’s left to dream.”

Other standout tracks include the ballad “Of a Broken Heart” and “Settle Down,” which is filled with classic Pumpkins guitar riffs. The music flows painlessly from the speaker to the ear, but the songs fail to stay with the listener for longer than the duration of the album. “Mary Star of the Sea” is none of the artists’ best work.

Although the release lacks some edge, when compared to what has been poisonining the airwaves the past few years, it is a small beam of hope.

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**Chinese New Year a piece of cake**

**By Deborah Ting**

The Chinese New Year is a celebration of family and food, of life and new beginnings. In a typical Hong Kong household, you would see a spray of plum blossom branches with a red and black lacquered tray of assorted snacks.

NEW YEAR’S CAKE (LIAN GOH)

1 lb. glutinous rice flour 1 teaspoon baking soda 2 cups sugar 3 eggs 1 tablespoon vanilla extract 2.5 cups milk 0.3 cup vegetable oil

**Directions**

1. Beat eggs with sugar and slowly add glutinous rice flour and milk.
2. Stir the mixture until the ingredients are fully blended with each other before adding baking soda.
3. Add oil gradually while stirring continuously.
4. Stop when oil no longer appears as a separate layer from the rest of ingredients.
5. Add vanilla extract last.
6. Stir and mix together until there is no air bubble.
7. Apply some oil at the bottom and sides of the baking pan before pouring the dough into it.
8. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes.
9. When done, cut the cake into 2-inches wide by 1-inch thick slices.
10. Heat a 14-inch flat bottomed wok or skillet over medium heat until hot but not smoking.
11. Add vegetable oil to barely coat the wok, fry until golden brown.
12. Eat!

The Chinese New Year brings special foods that are eaten that symbolize good fortune, and new beginnings, especially good health. The main ingredient, glutinous rice flour, is a symbol of cohesiveness. The pan-fried slices have a mellow sweetness and are slightly chewy from glutinous rice flour.

This rice cake is a rare specialty that is not available in any Chinese restaurant in the area. There are only three possible routes to obtain it:

- Drive three hours to a major city where they have Chinese dim sum restaurants.
- Make friends with many East Asians and find out who knows how to cook it or be adventurous and make it yourself. The last choice would probably be easiest. At bottom is a slightly Westernized recipe for lian goh.

Here’s to New Year’s improvements and happiness! If many of you haven’t succeeded in your New Year’s resolutions, here’s your second chance. Happy Chinese New Year!

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**The Art of Boredom**

A gallery of doodles from campus notebooks. This week we feature noly pie, Professor Mullet and an ambiguous warning about the movie industry.

"It came from the movie industry..." — Brett Wizel

"Nuestra dama de tarta eterna!" — Daniel Elly

Drop your doodles by Mustang Daily office in Building 26, room 226. Include title of the piece and your name.
**Troubleshooter**

Good Valentine's day spots on the Central Coast

Valentine's Day puts a lot of pressure on me every year, and this year I want to make it a little easier on myself. How do I plan the perfect Valentine's Day for my girlfriend and me?

-Ally, Valentine's Day. Is there any other day that can inspire such anxiety, pressure and fear than Valentine's Day? What is it you're afraid of?

-Where do I get her? Where do I take her? How much do I spend? The areas for failure are endless and the repercussions potentially harmful. Everyone knows that dealing with expectations as to the quantity and magnitude of good old V-Day, and the best way to avoid tears or flying objects spewing forth from your Valentine is to talk to him before. By openly discussing spending limits and potential dates for the big day, you can ensure that both of you are on the same page. This way you avoid disappointment when he opens the pot of socks puddle-paint with "the mine" that you so creatively designed to fit into the shoebox. Let's make each other gifts! criterion.

-As far as dates go, different personal preferences and "styles" of relationships require different types of dates. Despite the fact that everyone claims that there is nothing to do in this town, a little research proved fruitful in providing a few options for couples to choose from.

-Wine tasting: We are fortunate enough to be only a short drive from Paso Robles. With more than 60 wineries to choose from, many of which do not have tasting fees, you can make a day of driving around the area and enjoying the beautiful countryside and the great wines. Make sure to pace yourself, or else you may spend your day in a ditch or worse due to a little too much tasting. You can end the day in Paso Robles and choose from a wide selection of excellent restaurants. Buy or it not, Paso is pretty cute, and you will not be disappointed.

-Hike Bishop's Peak: For the more outdoorsy couple, this date could be really fun. Why not pack a picnic and enjoy each other's company as you trek up the mountain? When you reach the top, lay out your blanket and crack a bottle of chilled rose, but once again be careful. You don't want to end up tumbling down the mountain and landing at the bottom in a tangled heap—oh wait, that might actually be fun.

-Kayaking: This option is relatively cheap and is a little unusual. Morro Bay offers a few different places where you can rent a kayak and paddle around the bay for a bit. Morro Bay also claims several good restaurants, so you can end your day in Paso Robles.

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Gary Epstein, Ph.D., is a Cal Poly mathematics professor. Martin Tauss, a Cal Poly computer science professor. Here is an absolute truth.

Editor, letter to the editor ("Christians shouldn't tell what to think," Feb. 6). As stalwart as you were concerning truth and "Christian" truth, you clearly have come to some understanding of truth.

In support of my claim, I used good old Webster's dictionary for some help. "Truth" is "the real state of affairs," or more specifically, "the body of things, events of facts that make up the universe." A "real truth" is NOT relative. You said, "Who are you to tell me what my Ultimate truth should be... I am tired of being told daily, in this paper and on campus, that I am an inferior person because MY truth... differs from the Christian norm."

Well, if everyone on the planet had their own truth, as you claim to have, then everything is relative and there is no normative or relative-based absolutes. There is a truth. There HAS to be, in order to fulfill its definition! I agree with you, however, that in some people with the acquisition of truth comes pride and prejudice. I hope that this was not the case displayed during the Veritas Forum or of this letter. I am simply stating that there is a truth out there, it WILL be manifested before the world is over, and WE, as intelligent and curious human beings who happen to be college students owe it to ourselves, or should impartially seek it.

-Andre Niesing is an architecture senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

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North Korea should be focus, not Iraq

Rushing the Martian Daily lately, I have noticed a large number of letters to the editor about Iraq. Frankly, I think we are dealing with the Martian threat. It's pretty obvious Iraq does not pose much of a threat to us. Even if Saddam Hussein is a fanatical dictator, they have no means to attack us.

Instead, I think we should be dealing with the more urgent threat posed by North Korea. They have one million active troops and another 1.5 million on reserve, they have ICBMs and are actively trying to improve their missile arsenal. For far worse motives, these weapons could be ready in two weeks. This is not even considering any possible developments, military or domestic, in their labor camps. I would much rather have a contained Iran than a nuclear-armed North Korea led by Kim Jong-il. Even if Kim Jong-il doesn't want to attack the United States directly, the results of having missiles in North Korea could cause a new arms race in East Asia. I am amazed at the way the administration is simply overlooking this in order to attack thestag-Iraqi threat. I am not saying we should invade North Korea, but we need to deal with the threat they pose far more urgently than Iraq.

Niki Mulakken is a computer engineering junior.

Weapons inspectors searching for needle in haystack

Editor,

John Holba ("Liberals on war don't make sense," Jan. 26) is a man who supports a war, but is uninterested to run to his recruiter and enlist. This failure to enlist means that John does not have the right to provide any sort of opinion regarding a future war with Iraq. Michael Gambino ("Anchoring arguments point by point," Jan. 31) Michael Sullivan and Chris Russow ("Arguments don't stand up to scrutiny, just aren't fighting us," Jan. 21) are the sort of people John could enlist to support his arguments. So, again, these arguments are very perfunctory — FOR ME TO POOL OPINION! I'm sorry, but I am big fan of Triumph, The Insult Comic Dog.

The three gentlemen seem as if they watched "Back to the Future" too many times. "What's with the matters, John? CHICKENS?" They seem to have never made so much sense in their lives as they could claim that he was only researching.

I would like to continue my argument, but I feel that I must first establish, in order to make my point, what is called "CHICKEN." I am graduating this June. As of now, I am trying to become an officer in the United States Marine Corps. Is this good enough, gentlemen?

Now I can provide an opinion about the future war in Iraq, I feel intelligent about this approaching war. I think my arguments exist on both sides of this issue. However, our faith in the U.N. weapon inspectors is ridiculous. We have a small team of weapon inspectors searching for illegal weapons in a country that is larger than the state of California. Heck, I have trouble finding my TV remote in the couch. I could not imagine the difficulty of finding if Saddam Hussein even has any remote.

We need a better solution, isn't war the answer? I do not know. Not if I feel any informed individual can provide the previous opinions. Do not have to do enlist in the military all the right to express their opinions in this open society. If we follow the logic of Gambino, Sullivan and Russow, only a select few could dis- count the cases facing America. Do we want this form of censorship?

Brian Thompson is a speech communication senior.

The law is there for a reason

Editor,

I am writing in reply to Tommy Zimmerman's letter on Feb. 5: ("Too many cops, too few infractions") I would like to respond to the letter sent in by Tommy Zimmerman entitled 'Too many cops, too few infractions" (Feb. 5) by saying that I think he is completely right on. I would like to discuss this statement, however, and refer more specifically to the police department on the Cal Poly campus.

First and foremost, I would like to be made known to everyone that I care not display contempt or contempt for the officers as human beings and I acknowledge any permits' choice to become a cop as a noble choice of art. But it has been my personal experience, which I am not quite as difficult from other people, over my three years here that I have never - and I mean that word with caution - seen a police officer wrote tickets for anything other than something illegal. To be sure, this is a relief to all that to know that nothing worse than from delinquents with boards on wheels threatens the future of our great school. I know it is a great weight off of my mind to know that when I walk from class to class, I don't have to be worried about the officers whose less I am paying, are out there issuing tickets to bikers and skateboarders to protect me. If there is more that they are doing, I would love to know what exactly is it, so can we not save a few of them?

Andre Niesing is an architecture senior and Mustang Daily photographer.

More letters to the editor

The front-page article about the minority experience in last Tuesday's Mustang Daily ("Solutions sought by minority students," Feb. 8) was very informative, and a great reminder that sometimes I forget about the privileges enjoyed by people of similar background. My life and experiences are of the comfort of races and cultures and that I have a comfortable home due to the fact that I am similar to many people on campus, at least physically and cul- turally. I particularly like to say for Cervando, the student who said people in his own dorm passed by his door when they realized he had a Hispanic last name.

I later discussed this with my roommates, four of whom I lived with on the same floor in the dorms. They then informed me that they say the same when a student lived on their floor. My feeling of sympathy for him quickly turned to anger. He could have easily imply that anyone on our floor passed by our room just because they saw the last name of my door was of Latin origin? I became good friends with several people on our floor and throughout the dorms, of many races. I can guarantee that none of them are even slightly racist.

I recall several times saying "Hi, how are you doing?" and things of that nature to him, and when all you get in returns is a slight head nod in the direction of the door, it is almost as difficult for them to rise up and take control of it. By the way, Mr. Schmidt, the notion that sharks were Libertarians and are full of black and gold and spiders is just plain silly. Anyone who has done their research knows they voted Reform Party and are full of red and sunburned tourists and bay-haul-seals. So there.

Charles Wallace is a computer science senior who advocates making the gay homelessness whales for Jesus.

Enough is enough in abortion debate

Editor,

Surely Mustang Daily can find other things to print aside from more on the increasingly pointless debate about abortion. Why is it pointless? Simple. It is an argument that nobody can win.

People who believe that abortion is wrong on a religious or moral ground will never do so, no matter how many sound arguments a person makes for his choice, just as it is almost as difficult for a person who believes that abortion is a personal choice to suddenly abandon it. So, if we were to try to be fair to everyone, we wouldn't even debate about abortion — it is one of the most personal choices a person can make based on factors of religious, age, maturity, how they get preg­ nant, etc. It is not our business, nor should it be.

Enough is enough. Let the debate die out; find something new to print. With all that is going on in the world, surely there are other things for us to worry and debate about.

Chris Russow is a Cal Poly Wolfe Strategist.

Editor,

One response in support of Schmidt's diatribe of shucks ("Evil shucks needs to deal with shucks," Jan. 29) is that I am simply shocked and appalled to hear so much hatred aimed toward the most grace­ ful and perfect of predators the great white shark. This noble killing machine is nature's greatest blend of form and function. Think of how sharks have influenced architectural and automotive designs. Most commercial and military jet aircraft look very much like sharks. Dolphin fins aren't nearly bad enough to have inspired the fins on low-cost model cars, oh no, being something of a dolphin enthusiast myself I was the one to take for granted the fact that I am surrounded by people of similar size, nature, and speed.

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**Dawson's Creek**

Wednesdays, followed by Angel

Cal Poly's home for The WB
Thursday, February 12, 2003

**TENNIS**

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Coburghart at North Monterey County High School, Doozert nased for 976 yards and nine touchdowns last fall. He also caught six passes for 30 yards. On defense, Doozert intercepted two passes, recovered two fumbles and broke up 10 passes while recording 65 tackles, including one sack. He also averaged 9 yards per kickoff return. Doozert was named MVP and Most Outstanding Offensive Player on his team in 2002.

Cody Fannin, C., 6-2, 275 pounds, Fresno, Calif. (Clovis West HS/Fresno State)

Twice an All-Valley Conference honoree at Ventura City College, Fannin also was a first-team all-league performer as a senior at Clovis West High School under Ed Faas. Fannin averaged a four-time high school track and field letterman and finished sixth in the state meet in the shot put, also with a mark of 60 feet, 2 inches.

Teler Marzuki, QB/D, 6-0, 180 pounds, Montecito, Calif. (Valley Christian HS)

A son of new Detroit Lions head coach Steve Mariucci, Teler completed 65 of 105 passes for 1,107 yards and 13 touchdowns with just three interceptions as a senior at Miramar High School in San Diego. He also rushed for 150 yards and seven scores to lead Valley Christian to the CIF-Central Coast Section Division 1 championship. Marzuki twice earned first-team all-league, all-area and all-CCIF honors in addition to landing a spot on Jerry Campbell's All-American Team.

Chad Simonson, FS/S, 6-1, 180 pounds, Arroyo Grande, Calif. (Arroyo Grande HS)

A four-year varsity letterman under Jon Hass at Arroyo Grande High School, Simonson earned All-Pac-5 League most valuable defensive back honors last fall and the same honor as a junior in the Northern League. Simonson was a first-team all-league, All-San Luis Obispo County and All-CIF-Southern Section Division IV defensive back in both 2001 and 2002.

Brian Stumba, DB, 6-4, 235 pounds, San Diego, Calif. (La Jolla High School)

Stumba was named first-team All-Eastern League honoree as a senior at University City High School in San Diego. He also received offers from Cal State and UNLV.

Adam Torosian, DL, 6-1, 240 pounds, Fresno, Calif. (Clovis West HS)

Torosian recorded 65 tackles, including 40 solo stops and eight sacks, and scored one touchdown for coach Ed Lombardi at Clovis West High School. He earned all-league co-ineptman of the year honors last fall and was named second-team All-City and second-all-Valley. Torosian also is a three-time state meet qualifier in wrestling.

Byungwan Yu, P/K, 5-11, 190 pounds, Seoul, Korea (Tobacco Hills HS/Fullerton College)

A kicker and punter under former Cal Poly running back Bill Crow at Tobacco Hills High School, Yu averaged 39.4 yards per punt as a senior. He went on to play two seasons at the University of Colorado (2000-02), where he made 16 of 21 field goals and 46 of 50 PAT kicks. His longest field goal was 48 yards and dropped to 21.1 miscues in completion.

Heather Yun, 3rd Linebacker, Tunnel Magnet Prep School (5-8), followed by Harlow

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The Mustangs are also hoping to break into the ITA/Omni Hotels Open, where Shiela Lewis battled to defeat Bethany Blomberg. The most exciting match comes this weekend when they travel to Cal State Fullerton for their first conference match at 10 a.m.

**FOOTBALL**

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Defensive Back of the Year. He earned All-CIF-Southern Section Division IV all-tourney honors and All-Marmonte League first-team honors, both as a junior and senior. The senior team captain also was named to the all-region team by both the Los Angeles Daily News and Los Angeles Times.

Jason Reyner, RB/LB, 6-1, 210 pounds, Pocatello, Pocatello (Pocatello HS)

Reyner was a workhorse for Ron Murphy at Pocatello High School, rushing for 1,537 yards on 274 carries and scoring 14 touchdowns. He also recorded 39 tackles from his safety position. Reyner earned first-team All-Avocado League and All-County Team last fall as well as second-team All-San Diego. He was named football player of the year by the Pocatello News Chronicle. As a junior, Reyner was a second-team All-Palomar League selection.

Louis Shephard, DL/D, 6-3, 220 pounds, Adelante, Calif. (Silverado HS)

Shephard took his backhand for Paul Golla at Silverado High School. Shephard notched 98 tackles, 61 of them solos, and six sacks as a senior. Twenty of his tackles were for lost yardage. He also was credited with 25 hurries and one interception.

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