Athletics deals with state budget cuts, but hard to relate to, says director Clayton Whitt.

The idea is to peacefully communicate the passion for peace (PFP). While the PSA designed and distributed flyers throughout the dorms to inform those living on campus about the protest. The last protest in San Luis Obispo attracted numbers, said Whitt. "It's about sharing ideas with our community and having them share theirs with us."

Mike Larson, art and design senior, displays photographs of surf and ocean related topics in the University Union art gallery.

No careless clubbing

Two incidents in the past month at nightclubs in the Midwest and on the East Coast that resulted in the combined deaths 119 of people have alerted the collective conscience of bar patrons nationwide. But what is being done locally to prevent stampedes like the one in Chicago and rapidly spreading fires such as the one that occurred in Rhode Island?

"We watched very, very closely the activities that go on here," said Tom Maupin, owner of Tortilla Flats restaurant, which doubles as a nightclub. "What we've done is just started to take a more cautious attitude to the operation."

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In lieu of the past weekend's Mardi Gras festivities, fire inspection teams hit the bars in full force, said John Madden, fire inspector and investigator for the San Luis Obispo City Fire Department.

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PSA organizes downtown protest

Cal Poly students will gather on Sequoia Lawn Saturday, make peace signs, head downtown and join community members in the protest of military action in Iraq. Cal Poly's Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) organized the event with the local group Passion for Peace (PPF). While the PSA has supported activities organized by the FPF in the past, this time the PSA was the principal coordinator.

Bringing students and community members together sets this protest apart from previous ones. The idea is to peacefully communicate perspectives about the consequences of war in Iraq, said social sciences junior and PSA co-director Clayton Whitt. "This protest is designed to be inclusive and non-confrontational."

PSA also organized a "feeder march" that will bring people to the park for speeches and musical acts.

Workshop allows women to share their experiences with menses

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"The workshop will identify and address negative attitudes (toward menses) that don't serve us as women," Clarke said. "That includes discussion, activities and presentations, the girls and women can support and empower each other.

Clarke became inspired to organize a Red Moon workshop in San Luis Obispo for her senior project after losing a loved one. "I wanted to give something back to the community," Clarke said. "(Organizing Red Moon) was part of my grieving process after overcoming personal tragedy. It took the focus off me and put the focus on serving the community and making something out of my grief.

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Founder DeAnna Lam will facilit­ate the Red Moon workshops. Lam has been working national­ly and internationally in the fields of conflict resolution and commu­nity building since 1980. She began Red Moon in 1992 to bridge the splintered generations of women.

"When I began working with women's groups, I found that they didn't talk about their periods," Lam said. "There was a silence about it. I wanted to bridge over the differences of women and girls."

Emphasizing ceremony and ritual, Lam will lead the group in sto­ries and discussions that celebrate the stage at which each woman is in her life. (Women) are not linear, they are cyclical," Lam said. "We want to celebrate ourselves as women in all shapes, sizes and colors that have periods and are cyclical.

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By Laura Newman

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ed 1,800 people, Whitt said. Directing that many people through town in an orderly method presents some challenges. A permit to walk through town was unnecessary because protesters will use only sidewalks. Even so, local authorities have been notified of the protest.

"Legally, we're a large group of pedestrians on the sidewalks holding signs," Whitt said.

When coordinating an event that deals with such a controversial issue, the volunteers directing the marchers need to be prepared to deal with those who express dissenting viewpoints.

"We've always had two or three counter-demonstrators show up to every event," Khosmood said. "But for the most part, they are very peaceful and cordial and we've never had a confrontation with them thus far. They know that we are exercising our First Amendment rights to free speech."

Whitt agreed that there has been little animosity shown toward those protesting the possibility of war in Iraq.

"Locals here are receptive, generally, or they may be indifferent," Whitt said. "But outright hostility is not present."

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"We have in the city a bar check policy," Madden said. "All owners of clubs know what their occupant load is, and they have a doorman at the door on busy nights. When we come by to do bar checks, we ask the doorman what his occupant load is and it should be written or right at his occupant load is posted, or it's not acceptable." Overcrowded clubs will receive a misdemeanor citation, which necessitates an appearance in court, Madden said.

"It helps the club owners, too, that we're there making sure people aren't just pushing through the door to try and get in," Madden said.

On Saturday night of Mardi Gras weekend, four clubs were given warning signs about their occupant levels. Madden said. After revisiting these four clubs Sunday, only one, McCarthy's Irish Pub, was issued a citation.

"We don't get out and do bar checks as often as we should," Madden said. "Obviously, with what happened in Chicago and Rhode Island, it has brought everyone's awareness level up."

Mike Gallivan, the night manager at Club SLO Brew, said people should look at the differences between clubs in San Luis Obispo and those that were involved in the recent incidents.

He noted, for example, that the fire exits in the Chicago club had been chained shut and that pepper spray was used to dispense a fight.

"None of that applies to SLO Brew," Gallivan said. "Obviously, with what happened about 425 people was involved several times by Maden over the weekend, with no reported problems.

"Two clubs out of tens of thousands of bars in the country," Gallivan said. "Two clubs suddenly (take) all club owners and put them under the magnifying glass. We're probably one of the most vigilant cities that you could go to that a club could be in."

Madden said he expects more clubs to be aware of their occupancy levels, especially after the Mardi Gras celebration.

"I think after this weekend they will remember," Madden said, "because a couple clubs have had to shut down their music while the announcement was made to reduce their load."

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Earth Based Spirituality that L'am was facilitating.

Earth Based Spirituality is based on a Celtic tradition that celebrates growth, life and the seasons, L'am said.

"In Red Moon,' we celebrate the seasons of our bodies," L'am said.

Clarke said although "Red Moon" addresses spirituality, it isn't proposing a specific faith.

Cal Poly's Women's Community Center and Women's Programs are aiding Clarke with promotion.

"The issue of young girls becoming women is something that resonates with the Women's Center," Assistant Director of Student Life and Leadership Pat Harris said.

The "Red Moon" workshops will occur April 5 and 6 at the Veranda Cafe. For information and registration, call Clarke at 927-1917.

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*Polka Party - The Central Coast Polka Society will host this event at the Veterans Hall on Grand Avenue Saturday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for singles, couples, and beginners of all ages. Instruction will be provided.

**Dissent in the New Age of U.S. Empire: The Constitution Under Attack - James Lafferty, the executive director of the National Lawyers Guild of Los Angeles and the host of the "The Lawyers Guild Show" radio program, will speak Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

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National Briefs

Dad, upset over son being bullied, fatally shoots teen
TAMPA, Fla. — A man upset that his son was being bullied and had been shot by a crowd of teenagers, killed a 14-year-old bystander who had hoped to play with the other boys, police said.

Jabbar Anthony died Wednesday night after being shot in the chest. Witnesses said he collapsed across the street from his home and was held by his grieving mother as she gasped for air.

Jabbar, 11, was shot on Wednesday at a hospital with grazed-muscle wounds to his head and was being held without bail.

"It had to be an accident," said his uncle, Excell Williams.

Jabbar and his younger brother, 11-year-old Shabaz, had played with Williams' son, Tyrone, earlier Wednesday. They walked the few blocks to their friend's house to play some more, but some other boys had gathered outside.

The senior Williams told everyone to leave, but some of the other boys stood at his house, witnesses said. When they walked off, Williams jumped in his car and sped after them, Shabaz and Jabbar started walking home, only to be come upon the group in the middle and Jabbar started walking home, only to leave, but some of the other boys

Federal judges attack core of case in porn crackdown
NEW YORK — Two federal judges have dealt a potentially crippling blow to a nationwide Internet child pornography crackdown, saying the FBI illegally raided judges to get search warrants that were used in making more than 100 arrests.

Constitutional safeguards cannot be so easily disregarded, "the crimes are repeated," said a senior U.S. District Judge Dennis Chin in New York as he dismissed evidence obtained against one defendant, Chin's ruling, dated Wednesday, was publically released Thursday.

U.S. District Judge Catherine Perry in St. Louis, throwing out evidence against another defendant Thursday, said "false information was recklessly included in the search warrant application."

Boxer calls for investigation into California gas price spike
LOS ANGELES — Sen. Barbara Boxer called Thursday for a federal investigation into California's soaring gasoline prices amid concerns the market is being manipulated in ways reminiscent of the price collapse that convulsed the state two years ago.

In a letter to U.S. Comptroller General David M. Walker, the California Democrat asked the General Accounting Office to look at news reports that oil companies are taking more refineries than normal off line for maintenance. Such a move presumably would curtail the state's gasoline supply and send prices spiraling upward.

"I am extremely concerned about the rising gasoline prices in the state of California and I call on you to investigate this situation, particularly with regard to the possible manipulation of supply due to idle refineries," Boxer wrote.

Boxer also sent letters to the state's seven largest oil companies, asking for records how many hours their refineries were off-line over the past four months and during the same time period a year ago.

Senators Boxer, director of the University of California Energy Institute, called Boxer's move "prudent."

International Briefs

11 Palestinians killed in Israeli raid of Gaza camp
JABALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip — In the most intense battle in Gaza in months, an Israeli army raid left 11 Palestinians dead Thursday,including eight who witnessed said were hit by an Israeli tank shell fired at a crowd. Israel insisted it targeted only armed men.

More than 140 Palestinians were hurt, 35 of them seriously, doctors said.

The crackdown at the Jabaliya refugee camp — the largest and most heavily armed Palestinian stronghold — came a day after a Palestinian suicide bomber killed 14 Israelis and an American teenager on a bus in the Israeli port city of Haifa.

Also Thursday, Israeli troops in the West Bank killed three Palestinians: a gunman, a 16-year-old boy and another child and was being held without bail.

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**American' captivates but is hard to relate to**

By Stacey Dorming

_Mustang Daily Staff Writer_

I've heard the expression "generation gap" before, but just brushed it off as a way to describe why my grandma doesn't like rap music. The amazing thing going through is heightened by the ongoing war. The backdrop of war plays a crucial role in the film, creating a serious tone and adding stunning visuals of the cruelty that exists in wartime.

The film was entertaining, though it didn't leave me with the urge to tell my friends to go and see it. My lack of amazement was due to the fact that I had no direct life experience to relate to the film.  

As I looked around the theater, I couldn't help but notice that I was the youngest moviegoer by at least 15 years. I didn't dislike the film, but I know it would have had larger impact on me if I had a personal experience with war to draw parallels to. I was shocked by the tremendous anti-American sentiment displayed in the film. Fraser, the film's main American character, turns out to be deceitful and callous by the film's end. Because of the wartime setting of this film, it was hard not to find striking similarities to our nation's current situation with Iraq.

Brendan Fraser plays an American doctor who goes to Vietnam to aid its people during the war.

Director Phillip Noyce brings to life a Graham Greene novel about a love triangle in wartime Vietnam during the 1950s. The film is set in Saigon amidst the Vietnam War while he lives in Saigon with his Vietnamese lover, Phoung. Colorado American medical doctor Alden Pyle, played by Brendan Fraser, who says he has come to aid the Vietnamese people. Pyle falls in love with Phoung, and a love triangle of deception and betrayal follows.

The Fowler character's relationship serves as the center of the film. The romantic anguish the characters left me easily predicting the rest of the story.

The film's historical significance is undeniable. It gives a haunting look at why America entered the Vietnam War. Being too young to truly understand what the Vietnam War was, the film did give me a starting glimpse of the terror the war brought to the Vietnamese people. The acting was top notch, but the film probably leaves a better impression on people of older generations.

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1 1/2 cups rice, long grain  
1 Tbsp chicken bouillon cube  
2 bay leaves  
1 tsp black pepper  
1 chicken bouillon cube  
1/4 tsp vanilla  
1/4 cup each of sugar (brown and white)  
1 stick of soy butter  
1/4 c each of sugar (brown and white)  
Peel and cut yams into large cubes. Place in large saucepan. Add enough water to cover tops of yams. Add cream of coconut, sugars, vanilla, 1 tsp cinnamon, 1 tsp nutmeg to pan. Mix. Simmer until yams tender. In oblong Pyrex, spoon in yam mixture, add juice left over halfway to top layer of yams. Sprinkle remaining dry ingredients and place under broiler for 10 to 15 minutes or until top layer darkens in color. Serve hot.

**Recipe of the Week**

**Candied Yams**

4 red yams  
1 stick of soy butter  
1 tsp creme of coconut  
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1/4 tsp vanilla  
1 1/2 tsp cinnamon  
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**Film**

*Old School* schools others in comedy genre

By Meghan Nowakowski  

"Old School" is a movie that real firms the obvious — most men never want to grow up. It is also the type of movie that you have to go to and expect only one thing, to laugh. From the same crew that brought us "Road Trip," "Old School" highlights three men in their 30s who believe their lives have become too ordinary.

Todd Phillips directs Luke Wilson, Vince Vaughn and Will Ferrell in a film that reminds me a lot of "Animal House" and "Caddyshack.

Mitch (Wilson), Beanie (Vaughn) and Frank (Ferrell) decide to create their own fraternity and allow young and old, educated and uneducated, to participate in the typical functions.

Will Ferrell provides a bucketful of comic relief in 'Old School.'

The comedic highlights were watching the older fraternity members, and wished more time would have been focused on them instead of some of the relationships that were introduced and seemed to serve no purpose at all. I came away wondering why some of the female characters even had a role in this movie.

The good thing about "Old School" is it's a light-hearted laugh. The bad thing is it reminded me of certain male friends of mine.

The film works because of its talented cast, a fresh grouping of both Saturday Night Live talent and drama veterans.

Vaughn does an excellent job playing Beanie, a character struggling with family life and the need to be a playboy. Beanie is a man who has made a fortune with a "Speaker City" empire, but feels trapped by his wife and two children. He's a conflicted and funny character. He's trained his son to cover his ears at the command " earmuffs," before Beanie unleashes a slew of obscenities in front of his 4-year-old son.

Ferrell's transition to major motion pictures is as smooth as his character start's out as a sensitive guy with a party-animal past. Ferrell does such an excellent job, he seems to though this role was actually created for him. I found myself enjoying his scenes the most, including a rather untimely rendition of "Dust in the wind" that left me laughing almost to the point of embarrassment.

Match, a.k.a. "the Godfather," is the character who the movie centers around. It is his house that ultimately becomes the frat house, and though he is not too keen on the fraternity idea at first, it does not take much convincing from the other two to go along. Though Wilson did a great job, his character was not as funny as the other two. Too much time was wasted dealing with his relationships, excluding the opening scene where he catches his girlfriend watching hard-core porn and about to partake in a "gang bang."

Though the plot had an excellent base, the movie did struggle to keep its main focus.

I would have liked to see more scenes regarding the fraternity before their livelihood was put at stake. The comedic highlights were watching the older fraternity members, including 80-something war vet Williams Scott with an incredible mullet are hilarious.

The good thing about "Old School" is it's extremely light-hearted and guaranteed to make you laugh.

The bad thing is that I found myself thinking of specific male friends of mine I could definitely see this happening to, and as funny as that is, eventually it is going to have to happen. Like the characters in the movie, there will be a time when everyone will realize they are going to have to grow up.

Will Ferrell, Luke Wilson and Vince Vaughns play men reluctant to become adults, choosing to embrace their inner adolescence instead.
Opinion

Education should come first at colleges

Blocking students from going to class and/or drowning out the voices of professors is not exercising the sacred right of free speech.

University of California, Berkeley, home of the famous "Free Speech Movement" that involved thousands of students and helped spark a decade of rebellion in the 1960s, is now literally attempting to ban an official student group.

The sanction came after hundreds of the students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) occupied a classroom and demanded student disciplinary actions and then burned SJP literature tables.

The interdiction meant SJP had its privileges as a student group suspended and it cannot have literature tables or hold rallies on campus.

The UC Berkeley administration sent out a letter to justify their actions, claiming because "classes were disrupted... this was no longer a matter of free speech but rather a violation of the mission of the university."

Nora Eckert, a SJP spokesperson, said, "SUSpending SJP is tantamount to a gag order and a suspension of our civil liberties, including the right to speak, to assemble freely and to distribute literature, and that threatening its members with suspension is a veiled threat against all activities on Berkeley's campus."

One student wrote a letter complaining about the administration getting to his college daily. "We might have made getting to classes inconvenient," Eckert said. "But at the same time, we improved education on campus because we were pushing forward with information that is being censored in our mainstream media. So no, not exactly, when they say we obstructed access to education, we were promoting it. And where else can you do that except on campus? Isn't that why we're here on campus?"

Another student pointed out that for the university to say it supports free speech but not disruption is hypocritical. "How did they even get the right to free speech? They had to have civil disobedience."

Just what kind of "disruption" went on that day? A Cal student told an interesting story about what happened in one of the disrupted classes.

A person in my house is taking one of the big classes that supposedly got disrupted," the student said. "She told me that the students heard people chanting outside of the classroom, and the professor asked 'Who wants class to continue?' and two people raised their hands out of 500 or so. And he be said 'Well I have a PhD and an ethics class that all taught us about justice and in no way are we going to go back to that class."

"Sounds like a disruption I would have taken advantage of," Del said. "I mention this incident took place last April."

Since, SJP has refused to be silenced. In defiance of the ban, they have continued to set up tables and protests on campus, and they have called on other campus groups to put signs on their literature tables that say, "we are all students for justice in Palestine," as a form of mass resistance and civil disobedience against the ban.

UC Berkeley has its hands full with this one as it tries to continue to shine a protector of free speech. The issue is, exactly where does students' right to protest cross the line with students' right to free speech?

Well, the hearings were held secretly and the Daily Californian, UC Berkeley's newspaper, reported that no president was set. In a staff editorial, they urged the university to modify the Student Code of Conduct to clarify the penalties for disrupting class.

While I am all for freedom of speech, protests must realize that the power of their demonstration lies on whether pressures have a sound in their opposing views. The whole purpose for their demonstration is unproductive when people are flooded into it.

Blocking students from going to class and drowning out the voices of professors is not exercising the sacred right of free speech. In fact, this is what happened, then the participating SJP members were in defiance of students' most fundamental right -- the right to an education and should be punished or banned accordingly.

William Reitz is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

Tile repair not to blame for Columbia tragedy

Editor,

Adach's letter "Nasa officials owe explanation for Columbia tragedy" (Feb. 27) referred to a National Geographic article illustrating the idea of in-orbit space shuttle tile repair. This article is far less revolutionary than we are lead to believe. The article points out that losing certain heat shield tiles could threaten the successful re-entry of the shuttle, but it absolutely won, and though the presentation is just beginning, it may very well have been responsible for Columbia's Feb. 1 breakup.

To blame NASA for not providing this mission with tile repair equipment, as Adach did, is foolish. This was a scientific flight that did not carry with it an airlock, EVA suits or an assembly of equipment required for in-orbit tile repair. Theoretically, missions could be made slightly safer by filling shuttle cargo bays with replacement tiles, airlocks, suits, etc., but what would you have then? No room left to perform any such repair. Such repair also poses serious threats to the space shuttle itself and actually do more harm than good. NASA weighed the risks and concluded that tile repair was not practical.

Adach began his letter by stating his unawareness of any media coverage of in-orbit tile repair. Maybe he should have put down the 22-year-old National Geographic and picked up a work-week newspaper. The Feb. 20 issue of The Tribune ran a great front page story about a Los Osos engineer who developed in-flight tile repair equipment, and evidence exists that such equipment was not adopted by NASA for shuttle flights.

Brian Abert is a biology junior.

Easy solution to religious debate

Editor,

This is in response to Sara Strover's letter "Don't take debate so seriously" and various "Jesus loves you" letters (March 3). Whether it's true or not that Jesus loves me, I think persianation on part of the Christians would be better achieved if they started with the existence of God. Something that I just cannot comprehend is that God is omnimoethitw and yet, for 2005-plus years he has remained a mystery. He loves us (and I'm assuming part of loving is taking time for us, believing in him), then wouldn't the easy thing to be like to incorporate himself into a 100-foot tall man with a giant 30-foot mullet? (If that's not godly, 1 don't know what is).

A five-minute talk would pretty much resolve all the current and historic problems between Muslims, Christians and Jews. It seems that we would all be happily loved by God and we can all do little humble things all day long to show that we love him and our fellow man. It almost seems too easy of a solution, but when you catch a just a little phrase that bugs the crap out of me: "Separation of church and state." Did you know that this phrase isn't actually referring to is Article I of the amendments, where it says that Congress can't outlaw a religion. I cannot tell you how many times I have heard that phrase misused and thrown out of context. From my research, I found out the phrase came from a Supreme Court judge talking about Article I. I don't know how Americans have taken it so far from what it is in the Constitution. I wonder how many "constitutional" phrases are out there that we Americans take as gospel. Research the facts for yourselves don't just blindly follow.

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Church-state separation not in the Constitution

Editor,

I couldn't help but notice something interesting in what Abbey Kingdom said in her commentary on church and state, "March 3). In fact, the concept of her article was good, I agree with her. But there is just a little phrase that bugs the crap out of me: "Separation of church and state." Did you know that this phrase isn't actually referring to is Article I of the amendments, where it says that Congress can't outlaw a religion. I cannot tell you how many times I have heard that phrase misused and thrown out of context. From my research, I found out the phrase came from a Supreme Court judge talking about Article I. I don't know how Americans have taken it so far from what it is in the Constitution. I wonder how many "constitutional" phrases are out there that we Americans take as gospel. Research the facts for yourselves don't just blindly follow.

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Argument against peace flag has no basis

Editor,

Peter Creek's letter, "Flag mistreated at peace rally" (Feb. 26), contained one glaring contradiction. Creek claimed that participants in the peace rally disrespected the American flag in two ways. The first alleged injustice to the American flag was in fact just the opposite. The second alleged injustice to the American flag in two ways. The first alleged injustice to the American flag was in fact just the opposite. The second alleged injustice to the American flag was in fact just the opposite.

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Sports

Economic Reality for Mustang Athletics

Budget crisis hits home for Poly

 Athletic Dept. expects to lose 10 percent of funding, but A.D. says no sports will be cut

By Sean Martin

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

The athletic department is used to dealing with wins and losses. Now it faces a battle that can’t be won. This season.

State budget cuts will force the department to tighten its belt, but there are no plans to cut any of the school’s current NCAA teams.

No one knows for sure how much of a cut Cal Poly athletics will have to take, but it is estimated the state will reduce their funding by $160,000.

The department has a hierarchy of areas to cut in times like this, McCutcheon said.

First are administrative areas, or office costs. Things such as administrative travel or salaries would be first to be affected. Next are support areas, like interns and temporary workers. McCutcheon called these workers necessary to the department, but they are a sacrifice that could have to be made in tough times.

The final area to be looked at is sport-operating budgets because “they are lean already,” he said.

“We are going to do everything we can to make sure our kids can compete,” McCutcheon said. “That means we are going to find new venues to fund-raise and donations, something we do constantly anyways, McCutcheon said, or delay hiring when there are openings in the department.

He said finding new donors will be hard, however, because people are worried about their own financial security right now and not as willing to give.

The football team also added a game against the University of Texas-Pan Fl to get more money for the athletic department. That game should bring in $100,000.

The cuts also mean the athletic department cannot go forward with several goals. It wanted to start finding money to fund men’s and women’s golf. Both came to fruition in 2000 because they are funded from outside sources, McCutcheon said.

He also said several programs will not be able to increase their amount of scholarships to the maximum amount allowed under NCAA rules, as was hoped. Those programs are track, men’s soccer and swimming.

The department also started to make improvements to sport medicine offerings, but that progress may have to be ceased.

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In the sardine can that is the Big West, the Mustangs could find themselves anywhere between the fifth and eighth seeding heading into the conference tournament. A couple of wins could go in allowing them to bypass the death sentence that is a first-round matchup with the 15-1

Saturday night is Senior Night. Too many games will be played by the time the Mustangs sent the 2004 seniors out to the LBC (emphasis on the L) with their #1 inside Mother’s Tavern than the Mott Maniacs. "We are going to do everything we can to make sure our kids can compete," McCutcheon said. "That means we are going to find new venues to fund-raise and donations, something we do constantly anyways, McCutcheon said, or delay hiring when there are openings in the department."