CFA urges suspension of CSU computer system

State Auditor gives negative report to CSU’s $662 million Common Management System

By Laura Newman

With massive budget cuts looming for the CSU system, the California Faculty Association has called for a one-year suspension of spending on an expensive computer management system that was recently subject to a very negative report by the California State Auditor.

By Michael Marquez

The first weekend back to Cal Poly usually consists of different forms of debauchery, be it partying, arrests, nudity or chaos. This past weekend was no different, but the debauchery was an attempt to change an ongoing trend.

By Ryan McAdams

Poly to become stage for Hollywood stars

friends and Network of Supporters of the Cal Poly Theatre Program and D a r i s D e p a r t m e n t (FANS), is sponsoring the event.

Entrepreneur to show how to turn ideas into money

By Jenell Mintz

Money is like warm apple pie. Everyone wants a piece. David Cremin, managing partner of the DFJ Frontier Fund, will visit Cal Poly to show students how to taste a piece of the pie.

Cremin is experienced in entrepreneurship and venture capital. He will share his knowledge Thursday at 11 a.m. during his presentation "Venture Capital for Your Idea" in Chumash Auditorium.

“Tired of being an entrepreneur at heart, so I want to work with other entrep-

U.S. forces seize control of Baghdad

By Chris Tomlinson and David Esp Associated Press Writers

Iraqi forces set a Republican Guard barracks ablaze. Warplanes flew their bombing runs unchallenged, and smoke poured out of the Ministry of Planning building in the city’s center.

"We are continuing to maintain our ability to conduct operations around and in Baghdad, and remove them from regime control," said Capt. Frank Thorp, a spokesman at U.S. Central Command.

State-run Iraqi television was knocked off the air, depriving the regime of a key source of influence over a population thought increasing-

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The presentation is part of a series of public discussions sponsored by California Central Coast Research Partnership (C2RP) to bring industry leaders to campus for talks about technology and business. The speaker series was popularized and seems to work very well, C2RP program manager Mike Manchak said.

Manchak organized the speaker series to link the community to the college and said the talks work well in small, remote communities.

"David Cremin is genuinely interested in talking to students and faculty and the public about new ideas in technologies that can be funded through his venture capital company," Manchak said.

"He isn't just going to talk about what venture capital is all about, but to mostly hear new ideas and to offer investments in their ideas or technology. He is looking for early-stage ideas there are no stages too early."

Cremin works in Santa Barbara and visits technical schools on the Central Coast, tapping resources and energy to help start-up companies.

"I think that the students at any technical college or university should have the knowledge of how to bring a company or product to life," Cremin said. "I'm going to Cal Poly, I hope I'm adding to the education. Any entrepreneur has to have access to capital to get their idea, technology and product off the ground."

Cremin has had extensive personal experience in this process. He started his own start-up company with the assistance of another venture capitalist while a student at Stanford University.

"I learned how to build a profitable company quickly," Cremin said. "Some of the best companies in America have been started with very small amounts of venture capital, and have been at first boot-strapped and have grown very quickly into the giants that we know them to be today, like Bill Gates and Microsoft or Apple Computer." Student with ideas or technological experience are urged to attend.

"I think a lot of people now have good ideas, but students either think they are too young to make anything happen, or they think it is out of reach."

Paul Hanges
business sophomore

The average course taught by a lecturer costs $10,000," Meisenhelder said. "So suspending CMS could open up the equivalent of 14,000 classes next year."

Hill had her own ideas. "This is a mess and we shouldn't spend any more money before the Legislature can investigate," Hill said.

Those performing from Cal Poly are also members of Smile and Nod, the theatre program's improv company.

"I'm really excited to perform with (the film actors)," said Sarah Claspell, a theatre and business junior and the president of Smile and Nod. "I hope to learn the rules that help me be more comfortable on stage."

Tickets are $10 for students and $25 for non-students. They can be purchased at the door or in advance by calling Malkin at 756-6071. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. A brief introduction and announcement about FANS and the presentation of the FANS scholarship will start the night at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds will go toward scholarships and additional workshops in the theatre department.

"I think what we are going to be hearing in the next few weeks is the administration saying that they have read the audit and will comply," Hill said. "I think it is incumbent on us to keep our eyes open and make sure that they don't get off the hook. Students and faculty should be aware."

"In the meantime, the money should be re-directed to the instructional budget."

The audit report states the university does not fully agree with all of the findings on the audit, but agrees in nearly 70 percent of the Auditor's recommendations. Hill said students and faculty should be watchful of CMS spending during the next term.
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**National Briefs**

**Two dead in Massachusetts hospital shooting**

**BOSTON** — A man and a woman who worked at Massachusetts General Hospital were shot to death in an office Tuesday, and police said they were alone at the time.

Authorities would not say whether it was a murder-suicide, but police spokeswoman Maretelle Burns said investigators don't believe anyone else was involved and were not seeking suspects. She said several shots were fired from a handgun found in the office. Dr. Brian McGovern, a prominent cardiologist, and a woman who worked at the hospital were pronounced dead when they arrived at the emergency room.

Police said they had not released the woman's name because her family had not been notified. Hospital officials also declined to release details about her or her job.

Neither police nor hospital officials would comment on a possible motive for the shooting. Burns said police were waiting for autopsies results and interviewing people who worked in the office as well as people who knew the two.

The shooting took place at about 10 a.m. in a small office in the hospital's Cardio Arrhythmia Center and Blalock Physiology Lab where McGovern worked, according to Dr. Peter Slavin, president of the hospital.

McGovern, 47, a native of Ireland, was co-director of the hospital's Cardio Arrhythmia Service and specialized in treating patients with disturbances of the heart rhythm. He also was an assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School.

House passes bill to ban trade in conflict diamonds

**WASHINGTON** — Diamonds that finance and fund African civil wars would be banned from U.S. import and export under a bill passed by the House on Tuesday.

"It makes a step in the right direction to wage war on the international trade networks of money, diamonds and weapons, which fuel civil wars in Africa," said Gregory Meeks, D-N.Y.

The bill, passed 419-2 with one member voting present, enters the United States more in an international agreement that bans trade in so-called conflict diamonds.

The Senate Finance Committee approved a similar bill last week.

The international agreement, known as the Kimberley Process, includes representatives of the diamond industry, human rights groups and dozens of other nations. The group requires that traded diamonds come with certification that they were mined from legitimate sources.

Conflict diamonds have been linked to civil wars in Sierra Leone and Angola. The rebels use forced labor to mine diamonds, then sell the proceeds to purchasing armies and military action.

The U.S. Customs Service will monitor the diamond trade and fine anyone who violates the ban, said Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., asking the agency to look into whether several countries participating in the Kimberley Process, including Zimbabwe and the Central African Republic, still trade in conflict diamonds.

It is estimated that trade in conflict or "blood" diamonds makes up less than 4 percent of the annual global diamond trade.

**Calif.** **Vermont may not receive tobacco settlement money**

**OYMPIA, Wash.** — State leaders from Vermont to California, hooked on annual payments from their landmark settlement with the tobacco industry, are worried a multibillion-dollar court order against Philip Morris might keep them from getting their next check.

Some cash-strapped states have already spent their share of the $2.6 billion that Philip Morris is supposed to distribute April 15 as part of the settlement.

But an Illinois judge's demand for a $12 billion appeal bond from Philip Morris may interrupt payments states rely on for everything from children's health to basic government services.

The tobacco maker is appealing, and the same judge said Tuesday that he thinks the plaintiffs and the company come up with a compromise. Judge Nicholas Brcon did not rule on a ruling, but the two sides are scheduled to return to court Thursday, said plaintiffs' lawyer Stephen Tillery.

In 1998, four tobacco companies agreed to settle states' claims for smoking-related health care costs by paying them $20 billion over 25 years. Philip Morris, the largest in the group, pays about half the settlement, which covers 49 states.

Recently, a Madison County, Ill., judge awarded $10.1 billion in a class-action lawsuit alleging that Philip Morris misled smokers into believing "light" cigarettes are less harmful. Philip Morris must post a $12 billion bond before it can appeal the judgment — equal to the amount of the award plus $2 billion in legal fees.

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**International Briefs**

**Criticism pours in as sentences for Cuban dissidents become known**

**HAVANA** — Governments and human rights activists around the world condemned Cuba's crackdown on the opposition, saying Tuesday that the quick trials and long prison sentences flagrantly violated international norms.

The crackdown is "the natural expression of a dictatorship that has been oppressing human rights for years," Norwegian human rights activist Marius Llova, a longtime critic of President Fidel Castro, said during a visit to Madrid.

By Tuesday, local human rights activists confirmed that at least 20 percent of the members of the opposition had been prosecuted on state security charges in summary trials lasting no more than one day each.

The known sentences for about half of them ranged from 15 to 27 years; the remaining sentences were expected by week's end.

Another four of those arrested in the crackdown were prosecuted on lesser crimes and received much shorter sentences, measured in months rather than years, veteran activist Eduardo Sanchez said.

"We are witnessing the harshest political trials of the past decade," Sanchez, among the few leading government opponents not arrested last month.

**Serbian police: Premiere's killing part of plot for Milosevic allies to take over**

**BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro** — The assassination of Serbia's prime minister was orchestrated by a shadowy group that wanted to replace the pro-Western government with allies of Milosevic, investigators said Tuesday.

The group behind Zoran Djindjic's March 12 killing — called the "Hague Brotherhood" — hoped the assassination would create widespread chaos and planned to follow with a coup against Serbia's government, the officials told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

But Djindjic's Democratic Party quickly named a successor after his death and police cracked down hard, arresting 7,000 people, effectively spelling the plot.

Police believe a feared paramilitary group known as the Unit for Special Operations, formed during Milosevic's rule, played a large role in the Hague Brotherhood. Its deputy commander, Zvezdan Jovanovic, was arrested soon after Djindjic's slaying on suspicion of being the assassin.

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Court reaffirms embryo screening to select donor siblings for sick children

**LONDON** — Couples can screen their own tube embryos to ensure the baby's tissue provides a match to help care a sick sibling, an appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The ruling by the Court of Appeal in London is the latest in a 16-month-long legal battle between Britain's fertility regulator and an anti-abortion group, which claims such screening could lead to the creation of designer babies for spare body parts.

In December 2001, Britain's Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority said couples undergoing in vitro fertilization, who were already having their embryos screened for serious hereditary diseases, could also get a license to have them tested for tissue matching to save the life of a sibling.

The anti-abortion group Comment On Reproductive Ethics went to the High Court to block the licenses, arguing that Parliament alone should decide on such issues.

At the center of the legal wrangling were Shahana and Raj Hashmi, a couple striving to conceive a first child as an uninfected cord blood donor for their seriously ill 4-year-old, Zain. They had been granted the first license under the 2001 ruling.

But the High Court ruled in December 2002 that the embryology authority had no legal power to license embryo selection by "tissue typing" to help sick siblings. That ruling put on hold the Hashmis' license and the embryology regulator appealed.

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** Coyne prince of pimplc comes to SLO**

By Josh Petray

Saturday night

He looks like Ron Jeremy, sings like Marvin Gaye, swings his hips like Prince and isn't afraid to strip in front of an audience.

Pom-star styled musician Har Mar Superstar will perform at Z-Pie Saturday at 7 p.m. Levi Valentines will open the show and all ages are welcome.

"Har Mar's sexual prowess is uncanny," said Eddy Numbskull, production manager and booking shows at Z-Pie and other locals. "His cross-gender animal magnetism will shock and awe this conservative town."

Numbskull said he booked the show to draw a huge crowd.

Har Mar Superstar plays a variety of BC656 sex jams mixed with funk, jazz and disco and has been known to start dance parties at his shows, which may include an occasional striptease.

"The local scene will be inhibition-free come Saturday night," Numbskull said.


On the site, Har Mar said he "has made out with so many models it's ridiculous," and that "I'm the best, buy my f-king record!"

He doesn't stop there.

"I was the best-dressed attendee at the MTV Video Music Awards as Kelly Osborne's date," Har Mar said on the site.

Born Harold Martin Tillman, Har Mar Superstar hails from St. Paul, Minn., and is the brother of indie-rock musician Tim Tillman of Steen Na Na and Calvin Krime.

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Given the fact that Har Mar and I are currently romantically involved ... I would like to think that he would bring his 'A' game to wow the locals," Numbskull said.

KCRW promotion director Patrick Gisbert and his band, Lens, performed along with Levi Valentines at Earthfest. Gisbert's duties include booking shows at Z-Pie and other local venues.

"This is the first time Z-Pie has coordinated a show with Numbskull Productions and it's definitely going to be a sex-charged set," Gisbert said.

"There's no way you can be in the same room with Levi Valentines and not hear their music or see their sexual theatrics."

So what can San Luis Obispo expect from the show? Numbskull summed it up best.

"Look for the crown prince of pimp to deliver," Numbskull said. "Big time.

Tickets are available at Boo Boo Records and online at www.tick-erfly.com.

By Grant Shellen

MTSU DAILY STAFF WRITER

Why is it that some geographic regions seem more musically well endowed than others? Why was Detroit the center of 1960s and '70s soul and R&B rather than, say, Fort Wayne, Ind.? Why has Nashville become the country music Mecca instead of nearby Bowling Green, Ky.?

Whatever the reason, the early-to-mid-1990s taught us to expect nothing but edgy, angst-ridden rock from Seattle. And edgy, angst-ridden rock is exactly what we got when we decided Eddie Vedder signed by the David Geffen Company instead of nearby Bowling Green, Ky?

One such act out of Ellensburg is the Posies. Built on the songwriting partnership of Jon Auer and Ken Stringfellow, the band was signed by the David Geffen Company in the late 1980s after a promising poppier debut on an indie label.

Following two moderately successful albums for Geffen, the band released "Disgrace on Frosting" in 1996 on his much support from the label. Not surprisingly, the album sold poorly and Geffen dropped the band.

Despite its lack of commercial success, "Amazing Disgrace" is easily The Posies' most interesting record for several reasons.

Though in predecessor, "Frosting on the Beater," rocked harder than the first two Posies albums, "Disgrace" delved even deeper into a heavily distorted, punk-influenced sound. Auer and Stringfellow's power pop sensibilities - their strongest point by far - is not buried in the fuzz, but rather augmented by it. The right, well-executed vocal harmonies that characterized "Frosting" carry over onto this record, only with a little more intensity.

The more aggressive sound (thanks partly to a new rhythm section consisting of Joe Howard on bass and Brian Young on drums), together with some more lush, mellow tones, provides a musical backdrop that's almost as sharp as the duo's offbeat, off-cynical lyrics. On "Thousand," Auer lamants, "Now I don't want to think, and I don't want to feel: I wasn't aware this was part of the deal." Stringfellow sings lines like, "Life, what precious moments/It's only getting worse," with equal despair.

The songwriters' humor cuts through, too. Auer's "Hate Song" could have been written by substituting antonyms for key phrases in early Beatles songs ("I'm writing you a hate letter, my love...")

The Posies released several other albums in various incarnations throughout the last seven years, and the band's members have explored many solo and side projects. Talk of a new Posies album is even in the works. Talk of a new Posies album is even in the works.

The Posies' - Amazing Disgrace Geffen Records, 1996

song I don't want to have to hold your hand" and Stringfellow belts out in the passionate refrain "Everybody is a F---king Liar.

The give-and-take energy between the two partners truly shines on "Amazing Disgrace," and the difference in their lyrical, musical and vocal styles keeps the sound fresh throughout this grotty, yet beautiful record.

The Posies' music is not a 'Disgrace' after all

By Grant Shellen

MTSU DAILY STAFF WRITER

'Kiss Me Deadly' sets the bar for private eye flicks

By Doug Keesey

MTSU DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

A number of hardboiled detective films have experimented with putting viewers in place of the private eye, getting us to share his inquiry and battlefield, his lust and rage. "Lady in the Lake," shot entirely from the perspective of its private investigator so that we receive the kisses and punches along with him, is probably the most extreme (but ultimately failed and tedious) example of this trend.

No 1950s film noir is as successful at evoking shared shock and fear as "Kiss Me Deadly." Mixing in elements of paranoia, sci-fi and horror, this film noir is both brutally real and wildly surreal.

Ralph Meeker plays Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer as a tough, talking, hard-driving private dick who, over the top that viewers today still debate whether his performance was intended as a parody of machismo.

The dialogue is priceless ("I want you to kiss me — the lips, kiss that I say I love you and means something else.")

The direction — moody, fast-moving and visceral in its impact — is superb. And the solution to the mystery — "the great wannabes" — is strange beyond your wildest dreams and has haunted film history, including "Pulp Fiction."

As Tim Lucas of "Video Watchdog" described it, "shot with style to burn, Kiss Me Deadly" cold-cocks the viewer from start to finish.

(1955, 106 mins. b&w, VHS/DVD)

Doug Keesey is a Cal Poly film professor.

"Booty Shakin'"

By Grant Shellen

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Under the Radar

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Pimp or pauper? Har Mar Superstar will bring his seductive stylings and brash attitude to San Luis Obispo this weekend on a one-off performance between dates on his tour with Kelly Osbourne.

With song titles like 'Baby Do You Like My Clothes?" Wet Lovin' and 'One Dirty Superstar,' released in 2000 by record label Kill Rock Stars.

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I want to show my support for American troops in and around Iraq. How do I send them messages of support abroad? If you are involved in an organization that wishes to show your support through weekly letters and messages and those without often receive the letters of support down the line from their company commanders. For those who wish to show more support, organizations can “Adopt-a-Sailor” or “Adopt a Platoon.”

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Sometimes intervention is the answer

Editor,

Regarding David Haskell's letter ("Bush's policies should be about peace," April 4), I have absolutely never seen an exposé of evil so totally ignorant of history, and indeed reality. Modifying anything was learned after World War II, it is the war some- times IS the answer. If the allies had not intervened and foolishly opposed Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan, the entire world would have certainly fallen under their hegemony. It is naive to think that through negotiations or diplomacy Hitler or Hirohito would have come to their senses and rectified the error of their ways. These are people who do not respond to these diplomatic pursuits, noble as their goal may be. Lastly, we don't have to look to the II Gulf War to see that we taught us, but apparently did not notice that it is better to oppose evil when it is weak before it becomes too strong. The world's weakness in Baghdad the inertia of an advancing war machine and becomes far harder to stop. We'll libelate Iraq at the cost of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of American soldiers' lives and an unknowable number of Iraqi casualties. However, this problem is one that would need to be dealt with in some part, is should have become clear over the last 12 years. If allowed to continue on the same course of "con- tainment," the cost of this conflict could have grown far beyond what is currently occurring. The magic of reading should be found inside the pages, as opposed to needing magic simply to afford the book.
Health officials on alert after Calif. SARS cases

San Francisco — Public health officials in at least three California counties have reported potential new cases of the mysterious respiratory illness known as SARS — though state officials had not added the cases to the official list of suspected infections on Tuesday, saying they don't meet the "case definition" of the illness.

SARS, or sudden acute respiratory syndrome, has sickened more than 2,600 people worldwide and led to over 100 deaths since it was first identified in November.

On Tuesday, California health officials put the total at 36 suspected cases statewide, down from 38 on Monday — two cases which had been suspected as SARS were determined to be caused by other ailments and removed from the list. Epidemiologists give California more than a "potential" of 18 new cases.

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Bikers

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pants riding bicycles around town dressed up in unique costumes and chanting "Bring our troops home."

The event is designed to bring people together to support for American troops in Iraq, said forestry and natural resources senior and event coordinator Richard Dennis. The event will be held on the first Saturday of each month until all American soldiers return home.

Dennis and industrial technology senior Billy Summers both realize that the trip home soon, so showing support to them while having a good time is one way for students to contribute to the effort.

Dennis and Summers designated three locations before the event gets underway, and they lead the ride. At each location, participants were required to consume a variety of foods and beverages within a six-hour period.

"The key element of the event is to create discussion and consume all foods and beverages before continuing the journey on to the next location," Summers said.

The participants shared different beliefs and political stances about the war in Iraq. Many students voiced their opinions to one another as the day progressed at each location.

"I've been an active American citizen my entire life, and I refuse to let President Bush kill in our name for his personal gain of the second-largest oil supply in the world, which is worth $4 trillion," said Cal Poly graduate Brandon Fallon. "I want all our troops to come back home as soon as possible."

In addition, Dennis said riding a bicycle, walking or roller skating are alternative ways to decrease our dependency on oil.

Other students expressed their views on the trip. "I want to partake in a stop regime and liberate the Iraq people."

Dennis gained the inspiration to put on the event from watching the largest peace demonstration in history on Feb. 15. More than 1 million people participated in the demonstration, which took place in 600 cities around the world.

"The 10 million people (who) came out on that historic day blew me away," Dennis said. "I wanted to create my own peaceful demonstration, which took place in the San Fernando Valley, and I want to have a part in it."

"My favorite part of the event was piecing together the evening that next day with the help of video cameras," Summers said. "As I can remember, it was an epic adventure on my random bike throughout San Luis Obispo."

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Richard Dennis event coordinator

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CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Track and Field

'Stangs notch five first-place finishes in the 400-meter hurdles in 54.95. Richard Nero earned the ninth-up collegiate finisher and earned a personal best of 56.34. Martin also ran a personal best and finished first in the pole vault with a 17'0.25" jump. The Cal Poly men's and women's track and field teams return to action April 17 through 19 when they send team members to the Mt. Sac College Relays and the Long Beach Invitational.

Baseball

Olson named Co-Pitcher of the Week

The Cal Poly baseball team swept a three-game weekend series at UC Riverside on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Each of the games was won by a score of 9-1. For the series, Olson pitched 7.1 innings of no-hit ball, allowing five walks while striking out six. Russell had the season high in batting average with a .369 at the plate. Cal Poly's five runs in the game against UC Riverside was the highest total of the season for the Mustangs. Cal Poly is now 25-15 overall and 4-8 in Big West Conference play.

Cal Poly Badminton

'Underground sport' goes mainstream

By Ryan McAdams
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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