Wind orchestra plays finale

The Cal Poly wind orchestra will perform its final concert of the season Saturday in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

"You can open your eyes to a different type of music and support your fellow students," she said. "We have worked hard and this is a nice end product."

Most of the music will be performed by wind orchestra members, said music junior and wind orchestra member Kelli Johannesen.

Poly engineer the top researcher in CSU

By Andy Fahay

The myth that engineers can't write can be thrown out the window — at least one Cal Poly student anyway.

Electrical engineering senior Jake Schaffner won the engineering and computer science undergraduate division of the California State University 2003 Student Research Competition last month. He won it for his research and involvement with Cal Poly's first-ever satellite, the CPI CubeSat.

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Guest soloist Brian Bowman will play the euphonium, a tenor tuba, to accompany the Cal Poly musicians. Bowman plays the euphonium at events around the world and is a music professor at the University of North Texas, one of the top music schools in the country.

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Mosque vandalism possible hate crime

By Devin Kingdon

San Luis Obispo may be the latest in a national trend of increased post-Sept. 11 hate crimes after vandal smashed the stained glass door of the Islamic Center of the Central Coast May 9.

The incident occurred sometime between the 5 a.m. prayer at the mosque and the 10 p.m. prayer.

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Usman Amin, former Muslim Student Association president and a Jewish peace activist, who spoke about his recent visit to Palestinian territory.

Students flinging food furiously

(Front) Architectural engineering senior Nick Murphy watches architectural engineering senior Peter Swanson waiting to release the trebuchet, a catapult-like device powered by a 300-pound concrete weight. Murphy, Swanson and architectural engineering senior Andrew Hogue launched $30 of fruit, including cantaloupes, watermelons and apples. The trebuchet was the three students' quarter-long senior project.
Housing plan topic of today's student meeting

By Jenni Mintz

Future Cal Poly students may face less stress when searching for housing because of a plan to construct a village on campus.

Students can spread their vision for the Student Housing North project from 2 to 4 p.m. June 4 in UU room 106.

This is the last meeting students can attend to influence the administration before quarter's end, said Teresa Hendrix, media relations in the public affairs office.

"Getting more housing for Cal Poly students is part of Cal Poly's Master Plan because the housing market is so difficult for students," Hendrix said. "The workshop is looking at traffic circulation, services needed there and landscaping. I know the administration really wants to hear from students."

The new housing is expected to be completed by fall 2006, house 2,700 students and be built north of Brizzolara Creek, according to the Cal Poly Outlook Web site.

The housing complex will have one, two and four-bedroom apartments with a full kitchen, fitness facilities, swimming pool and retail food. Construction of the apartments will begin in late 2003, according to the Student Housing North Web site.

Like Cerro Vista Apartments, which students are to occupy this fall, Housing North will be in an apartment style, allowing students to have more privacy.

"The physical design provides a setting for the residential learning program to flourish, and capitalizes on the environmental assets of the site, embodying the following ideas," said executive vice-president Linda Dalton on the Web site.

Overall, students don't seem very interested in attending the meeting but see its benefits.

"I can see how it would be beneficial to the community to alleviate the problems of all the renters," computer engineering freshman Richard Pastrick said.

Some students, don't think their opinion will make a difference in the decision making process.

"I think they'll do a good job," computer science freshman Jeffrey Wong said. "They've done a good job with Cermo Vista. It is not like we would want to live there as upperclassmen. This will make our town a lot happier."

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Teresa Hendrix

Cal Poly spokesperson

Correction: In Monday's article "Bently the namesake of new ME building," Bently founded the Donald E. Bently Center for Engineering Innovation. There is no new building for mechanical engineering department. Jim Meagher is the director for the center.

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What's Going On

Coming up this week

* Disney's Frequency - Three architecture students and a graphic communications student will do a mock presentation of their project for Disney tonight at 7 in building 5, room 106.

* Julian's Extended Hours - Julian's will be open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. today through Thursday.

* Central Coast Book and Author Festival - Author Earlene Fowler will speak at the festival, which goes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Fowler will speak at 11:15 a.m. at the Historical Museum. Visit www.ccbookfest.org for more information.

* Rally For Hunger - The rally, which will take place Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mitchell Park, is sponsored by the SLO County Food Bank.

We Rock Your World
Woman killed after falling from roller coaster at Holiday World amusement park in Indiana

SANTA CLAUS, Ind. — State inspectors found nothing wrong with a roller coaster where a passenger fell and died over the weekend, authorities said.

The death Saturday night of Tamar Fellner, 32, of New York was classified as an accident, according to a statement issued late Sunday by the Spencer County Sheriff's Department.

Inspectors who went to the Holiday World amusement park found no mechanical problems on the ride, called the Raven, said Alden Taylor, a spokesman for the Indiana Department of Fire and Building Services. The investigation continued Monday.

"The park has an excellent safety record," Taylor said. "They are very concerned about their patrons."

William Koch, Holiday World president, said that the six-car train had 20 people aboard when it left the station and all were strapped in with a seat belt and bar restraint.

Details of the death remained unresolved. Investigators said only that the woman fell from the ride.

"As soon as they came in, (Fellner) fainted and yelled that something very wrong had happened," Koch said.

Military prepares to screen soldiers for war illnesses

FORT STEWART, Ga. — Col. Paula K. Underwood, an Army doctor, had just returned to her post in Germany from the 1991 Gulf War when she saw a patient whose condition baffled other doctors.

The patient was a soldier, also just back from the war, who complained of memory loss. He could no longer find his way from home to work. He had trouble remembering how to make his morning coffee.

He was the first of 72 patients with unexplained illnesses Underwood would see before leaving Germany in 1993. Some complained of aches and pains. Others said they felt sick more often than normal.

"There were a variety of concerns they had, none of which fit into a neat category," said Underwood, now chief of the medical staff at Fort Stewart's Winn Army Community Hospital. "These were the days before anybody talked about the so-called Gulf War Syndrome."

After years in mountains, Olympic bomb suspect Rudolph appears in court

BERMINGHAM, Ala. — Captured after five years on the run, Olympic bombing suspect Eric Rudolph appeared in a North Carolina courtroom Monday and was promptly flown to Alabama to be tried first in a deadly 1998 abortion clinic bombing.

Rudolph, wearing shackles and a blue ballpark-style vest, spoke only briefly as the judge set an Oct. 31 hearing before U.S. District Judge Lucy Thompson in Asheville, N.C., where he acknowledged his identity and accepted a transfer to Alabama. He did not enter a plea.

Rudolph sat straight-backed next to attorney Sean Deveney, appointed because Rudolph says he does not have the money to pay a lawyer, as Assistant U.S. Attorney Jill Wooten-related Rose read the charges against him.

"When Thompson asked if he was Eric Robert Rudolph, he responded "Yes, your honor."

Attorney General John Ashcroft said Rudolph will face trial first in Birmingham, where an abortion clinic was bombed in 1998, and then in Atlanta, site of the 1996 Olympic bombing and other blasts linked to Rudolph.

Search for life on Mars is part of European Space Agency's mission

MOSCOW — An unmanned spacecraft built by the European Space Agency blasted off early Monday morning from a Russian cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, the European Space Agency said in a Web site.

The vehicle, which cost $350 million, will initially be put into an elliptical orbit near the equator where traces of life could have been preserved.

Two Iraqis killed, U.S. soldiers injured in mosque attack

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A man on a motorcycle tossed a grenade at a U.S. armored vehicle outside a Baghdad mosque, injuring two U.S. soldiers and sparking a firefight that killed two Iraqi bystanders, witnesses said Monday.

The ambush took place Sunday in the city's Amasyah neighborhood, where support for Saddam Hussein remains high and many bristle at the American presence.

According was one of the last sections of Baghdad to fall during the American invasion and the last place Saddam was seen alive. He made a brief appearance there that was captured on a videotape that surfaced more than a week later. A pair of Iraqi witnesses said Monday that a motorcycle passenger tossed a grenade that exploded on the armored vehicle, injuring a pair of soldiers guarding the Abu Hanifa mosque and the busy intersection outside its walls.

As the man and the motorcycle drifted through crowded market stalls and a narrow alley, snipers in surrounding buildings opened fire on the Americans.

Pope and Powell meet, discuss reconstruction of Iraq

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II and Secretary of State Colin Powell discussed the reconstruction of Iraq on Monday during the first high-level U.S.-Vatican talks since the penis seized opposition to the war.

The two men met alone in the pope's study for 30 minutes, twice as long as scheduled. A statement issued by the Vatican did not mention that the pope condemned the Iraq war as lacking legal or moral justification.

The reconstruction of Iraq "must be able to count on the cooperation of the international communities, and give particular attention to fundamental rights, such as the right to religious freedom," the Vatican said in the statement that followed the meeting.

The two did not discuss their past differences over the war, said James Nicholson, the U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. The talk was "upbeat, forward-looking, positive meeting," he said.

Powell and John Paul appeared relaxed in a brief session with photographers after they met.

"How is the president?" the pope asked Powell during the session. "Give me your best regards."

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily news editor Andrea Coberry.

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I think there are two possibilities as to what happened: a crime. I think that someone came to the Center and vandalized it with violence. I'm almost 100 percent sure that is what occurred."

Kolkailah echoed this sentiment. "It's disturbing," he said. "It doesn't make sense. If we're going to commit these kinds of acts here in America, we cannot continue blaming people overseas for everything."

Anti-Islamic incidents surged dramatically after Sept. 11. Crimes against Arabs had previously been the second most-reported, but because the second most-reported, among religious bias, incidents, according to the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program's Hate Crime Statistics. With a total of 481 episodes, attacks against Americans of Arab descent were second only to anti-Jewish incidents, which totaled 1,043.

But despite the broken glass, the incident has not changed the perception that most members of the community have of the San Luis Obispo community. "This one incident won't change how I feel about San Luis Obispo," Khan said. "There are knowledgeable and dumb people in every city in the country. I wouldn't hold this against the community as a whole. We have gotten a lot of positive reaction from the community. We have received death threats, but we get more loving phone calls thanking us for being here."

The Center services about 500 Muslims on the Central Coast and was co-founded by Kolkailah and electrical engineering professor Ali Shabani in 1995. "We founded the center because Muslims on the central coast had nowhere to pray together," Kolkailah said. "We wanted to have a place to worship, but to also build a bridge within the community between people of all religions. Our goal has not changed, but it didn't take long to figure out that there was a lot of ignorance in both the community and students."

The center has taken steps to combat these types of occurrences. They reported the incident to the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), which then referred these cases to congress. CAIR is the largest Islamic civil liberties group in America.

The center also has a booth every Thursday at Farmers Market downtown to promote discussion and improve community relations. "We've had people come up to the booth and disagree with us, but they have always been civil," Amin said. "We also get a lot of people telling us that it's great we're out there."

Last year rumors started circulating that the center, located on Santa Rosa Street near the police station, was assembling bombs in the building. Instead of going on the defensive, the center decided to have an open house. "We wanted the community to see for themselves," Kolkailah said. "It was really well received and covered by all the local media; we will probably have another one in the fall once Cal Poly starts up again."

In the meantime, the center has to work front door and will continue as usual. "A lot of the media has fed the news," Kolkailah said. "Now networks like Fox News give a bad representation of Muslims and many people don't understand that. Don't judge the book by the people; judge the people by the book."

"Our musicians enjoy playing for the community but when students are in the audience, they bring an excitement, a certain electricity, to the hall," said William Johnson, music professor. This is what I want to do," she said. In April, the orchestra performed as the "Showcase Ensemble" for the New York Wind Band Festival at Carnegie Hall. Johnson said the group's preparation for Carnegie Hall helped it reach a new level of success this year. "Their big challenge was to perform at the highest level possible there, and they did," he said. "It really motivated everyone."

JOHANNESSEN said her experience performing at Carnegie Hall with the wind orchestra helps her prepare for performances like Saturday's. "As a performer, it is hard to play for other people because you want it to be perfect," she said. "Playing there helps you realize that you need to enjoy every moment and appreciate the time you have to play."

Johnson said while conducting, he can tell whether the audience, mainly consists of community members or students. "Our musicians enjoy playing for the community but when students are in the audience, they bring an excitement, a certain electricity, to the hall," he said. Student tickets to Saturday's performance are $7 to $10.
Art Imitating Life

Student cartoonists use Poly Ink to wet their quills

By Emily Frydendal

The first time I read David Iseri's comic strip "Modicum of Mayhem," I was instantly reminded of actor John Cusack. In his greatest 1980s—"Better Off Dead" and "One Crazy Summer"—Cusack plays an imaginative cartoonist who draws himself into scenes about everyday life and its annoyances, all of which involve not only a sense of humor, but an eerie randomness that makes them most relatable.

The difference between Cusack's character's and those in "Modicum of Mayhem," however, revolves solely around the fact that as a second-year architecture major and art minor, Iseri's impressive characters live out experiences that only Cal Poly is capable of dishing up.

"I've been drawing comics pretty seriously for about four years now," Iseri said, "although my earliest comics can be traced back to like second or third grade. I think I still have some of those laying around at home."

Some of the plot lines that "Modicum" comics possess include frustrations with Poly's notoriously demanding architecture classes; odd, conversation-starting movies like "The Ring;" and the maddening dependency of Poly students on AOL Instant Messenger.

One strip in the series even mocks and celebrates Northern California's use of the word "hella."

"Dude, Dave's comics are hella tight!" said Miriam Gee, an architecture sophomore. "Sometimes I have no idea what they're about, but they're always hella funny."

In addition to being the creator of the comic strip and many other works of comic art, which sufficiently amuse both himself and his friends, Iseri is also the vice president of Cal Poly's comic art club, Poly Ink. The club was created in 1993, Poly Ink President Greg Poloynis said. Free to join, it hosts fundraisers and sells artwork from time to time, but mainly serves as a common ground for people who love to draw.

"There are many styles of art and writing, on basically any subject," Poloynis said. "Poly Ink prides itself on the freedom of expression that comics offer the artist."

Iseri's other comic works involve short stories that vary in length from four to 12 pages. It's in these longer works that he incorporates "psychotic 8 year olds, monsters and missiles."

Iseri self-publishes all of the work that he does, both on the Web and in the form of mini-comics. But ideally, he'd like to be picked up by a publisher.

"I love drawing," he said. "I do have a dream of becoming a professional comic book creator one day."

With a comic strip like "Modicum of Mayhem" and supportive friends, Iseri's comic career looks like it may go further than that of Cusack's characters.

"All Dave's work is killer!" Poloynis said. "The page layouts are dynamic, and the character expressions crack me up. Being an architecture student, I've developed a bad habit of overanalyzing and planning my work. After reading Dave's comics, I can remember and appreciate chaotic randomness."

To view more of Davis Iseri's comics, visit his Web site at www.allstarkrew.net/dave.
As the anticipation of summer builds up and views of the quarter's end become clearer, the long-awaited summer concert tours are almost a reality. The warm weather sets the perfect tone for the ultimate outdoor concert experience.

From metal to pop to rock and all the slamming guitar rifts in between, this summer has a firm foundation for musical magic. Here's a highlight of the biggest tours.

**Van's Warped Tour**

All the young punks are coming out to play this summer. A.F.I., The Ataris, Dropkick Murphys, Less Than Jake, Me First and the Gimme Gimmes, Pennywise, Rancid, Simple Plan, The Used and Yellowcard are among the gathering of more than 50 punk bands set to rock the mosh pit at this year's Warped Tour.

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**Ozzfest**

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"It's Dead Week. You don't want to come to school. We've got you covered."

Concert-goers looking for the more laid-back, acoustic sounds will enjoy the team of Ben Harper and Jack Johnson (above) this summer. Whether you are going to see the show out of this summer for a non-stop pop tour.

**Summer Sanitarium**

With rock mayhem almost equal to Ozzfest, the Summer Sanitarium tour also screams out for the heavy metal fans. The tour includes Metallica, Limp Bizkit, Linkin Park, Deftones and Mudvayne. Only two California stops are scheduled for this tour. Los Angeles on August 9 and San Francisco on August 10. Tickets cost about $55 to $75.

"The music of Jack Johnson and Ben Harper is the kind that makes you want to take a frickin' road trip and sing at the top of your lungs," said social science sophomore Dana Mattson. Both promoting their spring album releases, the down-to-earth musicians will perform eight shows in California. Tickets cost $37 to $40.

According to its Web site, Ozzfest started in 1996 and is currently "the tour that matters." With three California stops, ticket prices range from $50 to more than $100.

"The Justified and Stripped Tour"

In the actualization of every 12-year-old girl's fantasy, Justin Timberlake and Christina Aguilera will hit the major arenas this summer for a non-stop pop tour. Whether you are going to see the show out of sincere respect for the artists or love for your little sister, be prepared for a spectacle of stage pizazz and thousands of sobbing teenagers. The going rate for tickets is $40 to $70 for the five California shows.

**Mid-State Fair**

Paso Robles is the only place to see shows ranging from Bob Dylan to O-Town. Toby Keith, Steely Dan, Peter Frampton and Creedence Clearwater Revisited, Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson, Aaron Carter and Kenny Loggins also add to the unique blend of stage entertainment scheduled for this year's California Mid-State Fair.

Beginning in 1946, the fair added main stage musical entertainment in 1969 with Buck Owens. Since then, the fair has provided Central Coast residents with a venue for popular entertainers. "Vines, Wines and Western Times" is the theme for this 12-day event which starts July 23 and running until August 3. The main concerts cost between $23 and $45. Don't forget to check out the carnival rides and agricultural contests. www.midstatefair.com

All tour dates and prices were collected from pollstar.com, ticketmaster.com and each tour's Web site.

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In Review

New ‘Weird Al’ opus better suited for true fans

By Michael Marquez
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

“Weird Al” Yankovic’s latest release, “Poodle Hat,” comes after a four-year break from his 1999 release “Running With Scissors.” “Scissors” is hailed as Yankovic’s strongest album with such hits as “Pretty Fly For A Rabbi,” “My Baby’s In Love With Eddie Vedder” and “It’s All About The Pentiums.”

Personally, I thought “Scissors” was the worst album I’d ever listened to way back in those high school days, but after listening to “Poodle Hat,” this album takes the cake as one of the worst albums of all time. I was left disappointed from the initial song to the last song on the album. I kept a straight face through the entire album and there was nothing laugh-out-loud funny.

“Poodle Hat” is the same as every other Yankovic album, with half of the album consisting of parodies of MTV pop hits and half consisting of original songs.

Among the original songs, not one is worth listening to, but the worst of the worst are “Wanna B Ur Lovr” and “Why Does This Always Happen To Me?”

“Wanna B Ur Lovr” is done in a Prince style sexy voice and comes off really cheesy. Basically, it’s just a bunch of really bad pickup lines, as well as some off the wall comments. The song has no substance.

“Why Does This Always Happen To Me?” is Yankovic’s tongue-in-cheek rant about natural disasters and fiery car crashes. He complains about a news bulletin that interrupts “The Simpsons” television show to broadcast a report on an earthquake that killed 30,000 people in Peru and a car crash that killed a friend who still owed him $5. The song is lame and not funny at all.

Yankovic’s strength isn’t coming up with original material, but doing parodies of current pop hits.

The parodies consist of such MTV artists as Eminem, Nelly, Avril Lavigne, Backstreet Boys and Billy Joel, as well as a polka medley that includes songs by Papa Roach, System Of A Down, The Vines, The Hives, The White Stripes, The strokes, Disturbed, Rage Against The Machine, Limp Bizkit, Strang, Kid Rock, P.O.D. and Eminem.

The song “Couch Potato” is based on Eminem’s “Lose Yourself” and was meant to be released as a single. No real laugh out loud moments or anything, but some catchy lines. The song is about a culture obsessed with television and sitting on couch all day watching television. Yankovic has done TV songs much better in the past, and one almost exactly the same in “Can’t Watch This.”

“Trash Day” is a parody of Nelly’s “Hot In Herre” and is probably one of his worst songs ever. I almost couldn’t get through the whole track. All attempts to listen to that song again have failed, as I just can’t get through it without skipping it. Bad joke to begin with and it’s just not pulled off at all.

“A Complicated Song” is a parody of Avril Lavigne’s “Complicated” and is the best parody on the album. I wasn’t expecting much out of this song, but it surprised me. None of the verses really went along with each other, but the melody held up over the entire song. The second verse of this song is the best on the album.

Weird Al’s albums are designed for the middle school scene and possibly all the way down as far away from this album as possible. Hardcore fans of Yankovic will probably enjoy the album anyway, but others will probably hope that it’s another four years until they have to hear from him again.

While assumingly well-intentioned, ‘Weird Al’ Yankovic’s new album ‘Poodle Hat’ falls short of impressing anyone but the faithful fan.
Opinion

A columnist’s farewell: Going out with a bang

Will, summer has arrived. The hills are alive with the sound of women on campus wearing short clothes (by the way, please accept my heart-felt thank you for that) and also, this is my last column for the year. While I am sure this concept has put a smile on a few of your faces, I assure you, it won’t last. Over the course of this year I found that while some of you really like me, a legion of you really hate me, and you’re not shy about that at all.

This year your humble columnist has received countless letters to the editor concerning his columns. While a few were letters of praise, many were letters of contempt. While a few were thought out and well structured, many were blatant personal attacks and comments on topics from food and drink to how others look. My journalistic integrity prevented me from responding and crushing your frail egos like Star Jones having sex with Clay Aiken. Unfortunately for you, I am not a political science major. You responded to me, now’s my chance to respond to you.

Letters to the editor

Time to bring back banana board?

Editor,
Hey Tommys, I’ll make a deal: The next time you get fired for standing on my campus, just give it up instead of paying your fine. Then I’ll give you my old “NASH” bond in exchange for telling me where you live that costs less than $320 a month. The only time I’ve ever paid that little was by waving my lease and sacrificing luxuries such as drinkable tap water and air conditioning. Think about it, I think the Nash banana board is just waiting to make a comeback.

Patrick Hane is a social science senior who cracked his front teeth on a skateboard in fifth grade.

Ideal of marriage is unchanged

Editor,
Since it is obvious that the recent liberals writing in never read Swann’s eloquent argument (“Commentary used a flawed argument,” Mar. 20), let me remind you.

The rightness of marriage is either a social construct, or an absolute. If it is a practice then marriage only exists between consenting adults. If you say that everything is relative and then make an absolute claim that marriage is a social construct. Allow me to apply this. Since people in societies have seen such things as kings having sex with other men’s brides, Hebraic tradition of firing weapons in the air at a celebration. Soldiers were also chased completely out of an Iraqi town called Hit, west of Baghdad. Residents were upset at the house-to-house searches that were going on, and they rioted. Soldiers have not returned to the city.

Philip Comer is an electrical engineering senior.

Government’s Iraqi weapons claim misleading

Editor,
The true face of American occupation in Iraq is starting to show itself. American soldiers murdered three teenagers at a wedding celebration on Mar. 28. Their crime? Being with the Iraqi tradition of firing weapons in the air at a celebration. Soldiers were also chased completely out of an Iraqi town called Hit, west of Baghdad. Residents were upset at the house-to-house searches that were going on, and they rioted. Soldiers have not returned to the city.

In his letter (“Why isn’t marriage just another tradition?” May 29) Frank Rosenthal now admits the possibility that weapons of mass destruction may never be found in Iraq. In England, members of Parliament are raking Tony Blair over the coals, threatening to have him investigated for misleading them. Iraqis are already resisting the occupation. The world is outraged that America’s argument on illegal weapons in Iraq is ringling hollow.

The United States is under more danger from terrorist attack than it ever was before. Is this what you wanted when you supported the war? There are no celebrations in the streets of the U.S. soldiers. Iraqi civilians are cowering in their homes, fearful they will be shot in the street for violating curfew.

The United States has not brought peace to Iraq. I fear that in the days ahead, desperate Iraqis will engage in violent efforts to resist. Let us hope that they do not stoop to the violence that has been visited upon them by the United States. And let us fight for their rights to live as dignified, peaceful human beings.

Clayton Whitt is a social science junior.

Letters to the editor

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give a speech. The keynote speaker was Jim Gray from the University of California, Berkeley and Stuttgart, is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a member of the American Academy of Arts and Science and the National Academy of Engineering. He holds doctorates from UC Berkeley and UC Davis.

Annually, universities provide graduating students with alumni, respected community members or famous political peace activists to show as examples of “this could be you.” California universities, including Cal Poly, attempt to reveal the power of a degree through their speakers.

Editor

I am writing this column from the campus president's office, in consultation with a designated representative of the Academic Senate. Recommending folks like Peter, Pat, and John, the instructors who, forwards us to the Board of Trustees for consideration and final determination.

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**College nationwide debate constitutionality of speech codes**

By Jennifer Bear
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**Study: Drug testing ineffective**

By James Kolvinen
(U-WIRE) — University of Michigan researchers have concluded that drug tests given in secondary schools nationwide do not deter student drug use.

A study done by the Institute for Social Research revealed that recreational drugs such as marijuana are used as often in testing schools as non-testing schools.

"It suggests that really isn't an impact from testing as practiced," said Lloyd Johnston, a researcher from the ISR.

The study, conducted from 1998 to 2001, was combined with a follow-up study in 2002 that produced identical results. Researchers focused on student athletes, the second most commonly tested group of students behind problem students.

Drug use via drug testing is a policy that 19 percent of schools practice. Ann Arbor, Mich.-area high schools, such as Pioneer, are among the 81 percent that do not require their students even their athletes, to submit to testing.

Pioneer's Athletic Director Lorin Cartwright said her department has never considered testing their athletes. "(Recreational drugs) are a concern among the general student population." She added, "What we do find is that kids who participate in athletics are less likely to use those substances because they are not performance-enhancing types of drugs."

Cartwright and the PHS athletic department get help from counselors, as well as the athletes themselves in controlling drug use. "It's respect between the players and yourself and your coach — trust," PHS junior and women's soccer player Matta Porta said.

"There is definitely a lot of drug use in high school. If you do it, then you'll get kicked off the team," she added.

Teammate and PHS freshman Christie Zelnick said, "With the athletes, as far as the soccer players, it's not a problem at all. As far as drugs like marijuana, no one really does that, especially during the season."

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The Food and Drug Administration now requires warning labels in wake of Orioles pitcher's death
By Erin Saylor
Michigan Daily (UM—MI)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Labels indicating risks of heart attacks, seizures or death will now be required for all products containing the herbal supplement ephedra, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has announced.

The decision follows the death of Baltimore Orioles prospective pitcher Steve Bechler on Feb. 17 that was linked to the use of a supplement containing ephedra. Major League Baseball decided this week to ban ephedra use in its minor league divisions in light of his death.

The National Football League, the International Olympic Committee and the National Collegiate Athletics Association already prohibit the use of ephedra. “We want to caution all Americans — particularly athletes and those who engage in strenuous activities — about using dietary supplements that contain ephedra,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson in a written statement. “There continues to be serious questions about the risks surrounding this particular dietary supplement.”

Ephedra as an herbal supplement is often used to boost energy levels, enhance sports performance and increase energy. The FDA said there was an increased risk for users of ephedra who are under the age of 18, exercise frequently or use caffeine or other stimulants. They added that health problems were not only limited to those who had extended use of ephedra — indicating it could cause problems with first-time users.

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The warning label will “lay the legal groundwork needed for further regulatory restrictions,” FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan said in a written statement.

Under the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, the FDA does not review dietary supplements for safety and efficacy before they go on the market. But they reserve the power to take the drug off the market if it presents a significant or unreasonable risk.

The FDA regulates synthetic ephedrine found in some prescription drugs and over-the-counter drugs such as nasal decongestants. It is the same substance as the active ingredient in ephedra, but the FDA said synthetic ephedrine has proven benefits and carries mandatory warning labels and has not been shown to have the same severe side effects as the ephedra herbal supplement.

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water. It is also a good idea to know what poison oak looks like before setting out to help avoid it on the trail.

Reservoir Canyon Natural Reserve
Take Highway 101 North to Reservoir Canyon Road. The trail entrance is at the end of the road on the right-hand side.

This trail is really flat and perfect for the beginning hiker. For the average hiker, the trail takes an hour round trip. While hiking you may come across a reservoir that the city owns. It was abandoned years ago. Bennett said. Another attraction is a 10-foot waterfall at the beginning of the trail. This is Bennett’s favorite trail to hike on.

“IT is more secluded and not as popular as the other trails,” he said. “It is more quiet and you get to enjoy nature with less human disturbances.”

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“The trail is not as steep as Bishop Peak, making it a good choice for beginners,” he said.

The 45-minute loop known as the Lemon Grove Loop takes hikers just below the “M” on the mountainside. If you look for them, hikers may see the remaining trees from an old lemon grove. Bennett said. Out of all three trails mentioned in this article, the Lemon Grove Loop is the only trail that allows bike access.

Since this trail doesn’t take hikers very high up, it provides a unique view. “You are looking across at the city, not down at it,” Bennett said. “It is a pretty cool view.”

Bishop Peak Natural Reserve
Get there by taking Foothill Boulevard to Patricia Drive. The entrance is on the left just past Patricia Court. Another way is to take Santa Rosa Street and make a left on Highland Drive. The entrance will be at the tip of Highland Drive. Many people mistakenly take the trail to the tip of Bishop Peak.

“Can you see most of the city from the top?” Bennett said. “On a really clear day you can see Pismo Beach and Morro Bay.”

Joe Bennett, forestry senior
On Bishop Peak

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Yoga in San Luis Obispo

Centers offer peace of mind

By Lauren Chase
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Walking out of her fourth yoga class of the week and sporting soccer dance and flexibility, which worked toward improving her game on the field."

"As an athlete, I feel I have learned a lot about myself through yoga," Meija said. "I know my limits and now know how to push harder on the field."

Although Meija just recently incorporated yoga into her life, it has drastically improved her overall balance and flexibility, which worked toward improving her game on the soccer field.

She joins a impressive list of professional athletes and celebrities such as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Randall Cunningham, Serena Williams, Sting, and Madonna, all of whom include yoga in their fitness routines.

"One of yoga's biggest misconceptions is that it has this kind of new-age hippie persona, but if you can give it a try you will see it's really beneficial," said Jerry James, a San Luis Obispo resident who started doing yoga several months ago. "There is a reason why it's been around for thousands of years."

Yoga is one of six classic systems of Hindu philosophy whose roots date back 5,000 years. The foremost varieties of yoga include Bhakti yoga (Yoga of Devotion), Karma yoga (Yoga of duty or action), Jnana yoga (Yoga of knowledge) and Hatha yoga (Yoga of bodily practices).

But Meija's favorite type of yoga is a part of the newest rage: Bikram's yoga, more commonly known as hot yoga. "It's unlike anything you've ever tried before," Meija said.

What sets Bikram yoga apart from traditional Hatha yoga is that the recommended temperature is 105 degrees with about 60 percent humidity. A combination of sweat flying, bodies dripping, hearts racing and muscles stretching is to be expected when one enters the room, Meija said.

"When you first walk in, the heat definitely hits you and it's something you're not used to," she said. "But after being in there for 90 minutes, you get used to it."

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"It just sort of came together and moved very quickly," King said. Despite the fact that the two devote much of their time to each other, it hasn't hurt their golf game, King said.

"We both understand the commitment it takes to play at the level that we do, so we can really support each other," he said. "Right now I feel more confident in my abilities to help our team succeed than when I was single."

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Mustang golfers found love on the links

By Andrea Svoboda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

On a sunny fall afternoon, sitting in a golf cart and relaxing on the fifth tee of a golf course might feel like a picture-perfect moment. Yet no matter how beautiful a golf course might be, it's probably not where most women dream of being proposed to.

But for Staci Davison, a 21-year-old junior on the women's golf team, an offer of marriage on the green was just par for the course.

Davison and her then-boyfriend Zachary King, a 20-year-old junior on the men's golf team, were taking a few swings before work at the Hunter Ranch Golf Course when he surprised her with a ring.

"We were talking, and I had my head turned," said Davison, a child psychology major. "I turned my head back and Zack was there with the ring and said, 'Staci, will you marry me?' I said, 'Yes, of course.'"

For friends of the couple, which has known each other for more than three years, the locale of the proposal came as no big surprise: They met while practicing their golf swings with former women's team member Ann Marie Costello, and the trio played golf together often, King said.

As Davison and King began to open up about it, they wanted more time for them to each other, it eventually the relationship grew," Costello said. "Right now I feel much more confident in my abilities to help our team succeed than when I was single."

"Brig, who has known King since they were in the sixth grade, believes that the relationship has also sparked King to be more open with his feelings. "He's changed a lot," Brig said.

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TRIVIA

Which Hall of Fame-eligible player has the most career home runs without being selected to Cooperstown?

Submit answers to jackr@calpoly.edu

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Happy trails

By Andrea Svoboda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Take a hike! No really. San Luis Obispo has numerous trails for people of all hiking abilities.

Forestry senior Joe Bennett is a park ranger for the City of San Luis Obispo. He does trail maintenance and also supervises community service and volunteer workdays. Bennett is also familiar with all the city parks and open spaces.

Tell us about the trail that you enjoy the most... and why?

"It's good to go in early spring because it's not too hot and it's really green. I've also heard it's good at sunrise and sunset."

Rachel Osofsky, mechanical engineering senior

On Bishop Peak

For an enjoyable hike it is important to remember to use trail etiquette for safety reasons. Mainly respect other hikers and respect nature, Bennett said.

Trail etiquette, according to Bennett, is as follows:

1. Stay on the designated trail; do not stray off course, particularly for cyclists, horses, and dogs.

2. Keep all dogs on a leash.

3. Please pick up after your dog.

4. Do not trespass on private lands.

5. Do not harass wildlife or livestock.

Although they may not be physically blocked off, remember that all open spaces are open from dawn to dusk. Be sure to plan ahead: Take water, sun screen, wear sturdy shoes, dress appropriately and bring plenty of