CSU, CFA agree to extend three-year contract

By Lacie Grimshaw • Mustang Daily staff writer

A tentative agreement was made between California State University and the California Faculty Association to extend their three-year contract until June 30, 2005. According to a CSU press release, the contract addresses benefits for existing faculty and changes for new faculty recruitment.

Issues addressed in the tentative agreement, according to the CSU press release include: the Golden Handshake, which provides additional years of service to retired faculty; allocation of staff among any faculty, rural health care stipend, 12-month department chair stipend and AB 2549, involving lecturers' retirement changes in layoff procedures and changes regarding the faculty early retirement program.

CSU and CFA made the deal while working around the states continuing fiscal crisis. "This is a very difficult time to bargain," said John Travis, CFA president and political science professor at Humboldt State Universities. Members of the CFA were happy that the agreement didn't take away gains from previous discussions. "All and all, we received a good contract considering the tough times," Travis said. "We were happy to settle without having to return to the table."

Charles B. Reed, CSU Chancellor said the agreement gives both parties the opportunity to work in Sacramento according to the CSU press release. "This year the negotiations went really well, making for an easy process," CSU media relations manager Dave Potter said.

Both CSU and CFA have been bargaining since March 2003. The agreement means ratification for both the CFA executive committee and the CSU Board of Trustees. The trustees will make their final decision on a campus-wide contract at the January 27-28 meeting.

Call for creative writing

• English department is sponsoring a campus-wide contest

By Lacie Grimshaw

The Cal Poly English department is sponsoring its 58th annual creative writing contest. The winners of the contest will be published in BYZANTINE, the English department's award-winning literary magazine. "It's a great chance to get your work out there," English professor Susan Golak said. In the past, as many as 100 contestants entered the campus-wide contest. The majority of previous entries have come from English majors, but Golak said there are still plenty of other majors who enter.

"Everyone is given the chance to be a star," Golak said. The contest was started in 1971 by English professor Alford Landwehr. The contest features both a short story division and a poetry division. First-place winners will receive $200, second place winners $175 and third place winners $50. Judges will critique contest entries anonymously. None of the judges are creative writing professors, Golak said.

The literary magazine, BYZANTINE, was started in 1992 as a collaboration between English and art students. They produce a variety of art and fiction in each issue.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION NO. 1: get in shape and have fun

By Anastasia Kilham

Only dedicated fitness fans will be able to participate in one of the new courses offered at the Rec Center. The BOSU ball class is limited to 22 participants and has garnered notable interest in the first couple of weeks that it has been offered.

"There was almost a fight in front this afternoon just to get a pass to go in," BOSU ball instructor Nicole Haemda said. So far, each session has been filled with a group of mostly women who arrive early on Tuesdays and Thursdays to obtain a pass, which ensures a spot in the 45-minute class. BOSU ball classes are taught by personal trainers and consist of a variety of balance enhancing exercises with the aid of an inflatable, vinyl object that looks like a large ball that has been cut in half.

The equipment is designed and manipulated to improve overall fitness and can be used to perform numerous core strengthening exercises. The term "BOSU" is an acronym for both sides up, reflective of the ball's versatile functionality. BOSU ball users can train on either side of the instrument in order to produce a total body workout. Released in 1999, it is becoming increasingly popular among exercise fans as a method of achieving unique conditioning.

"I like this better than any other class I have taken through the Cal Poly Rec Center," recreation administration junior Amy Hetherington said. Hetherington and her friend, agricultural business student Alexis Garrett, committed to exercising together on campus three times a week as part of a joint New Year's resolution. "Using the BOSU ball is more than just a typical workout and requires concentration and focus on balance," Garrett said.

Each ball cost the Rec Center about $830. It will see EVENTS, page 2

Events Calendar

List of upcoming activities on campus

Cal Poly University Jazz Band No. 1 will perform. Free lessons will be given before the concert.

When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Chumash Auditorium
More Info: Call Paul Rinzier at 756-5792

Bill Maher: The Emmy-nominated comedian takes time between taping his new show.

"Real Time with Bill Maher" to perform his one-man show on politics and more.

When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Performing Arts Center
More Info: Call the ticket office at 756-2787

WriterSpeak. Talk presents acclaimed novelist David Foster Wallace, who will read from his work, book signing to follow talk.

When: Feb. 10, 7 p.m.
Where: PAC — Philips Hall
More Info: Call Adam Hill at 756-1622

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Speaker addresses MLK Day

By Brian Koser

With the observance of a civil rights leader approaching Monday, students and faculty are invited to listen to a presentation by Roger Wilkins, an author and activist. An informal talk with students will take place in the Sun Lounge of the University Union at 10 a.m. today. Wilkins appears on PBS' News Hour as a commentator on social and racial issues, and also has columns and articles published in multiple magazines.

He is employed by George Mason University as Clarence J. Robinson Professor of History and American Culture. Wilkins earned a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1956 and won an award in 2002 for his book "Jefferson's Pillow: The Founding Family and the Dilemmas of Black patriotism."

The Pulitzer Prize winner remained an expert for his editorial work on the Washington Post during the Watergate scandal in 1972. Along with Woodward, Bernstein see MLK, page 2
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and design minor. Each year, two English majors are chosen as condi­
tors and work with an art and design teach­er throughout the year to create the magazine.

"One of this year’s editors is English, senior Katie Isaacs. Isaacs became involved with the project after attending last year’s reading. "I was totally blown away," Isaacs said. "I was impressed with the profes­sionalism of it all and I was inter­ested in doing more for my senior project than just writing a paper." Other students working on the project include co-editor English senior Lindsey Menasco and student art director and art and design senor Rob Villanueva.

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What: The Cool Art Show. Artwork by architecture students will be on display, celebrating student cre­ativity outside of the expected realm of architectural design.
When: Jan. 21, 3 p.m. and Jan. 22 and 23, 10 a.m.
Where: CED Art Gallery
More Info: Call Ray Ladd at 756-7432

What: "Brother Outsider." A film about the visionary, yet largely unknown organizer and activist, Bayard Rustin, who served as a mentor to Martin Luther King Jr.
When: Tuesday, 7:35 p.m.
Where: Bldg. 3 Room 213
More Info: Call 756-5839

What: "Reflections." The Cal Poly English Club will promote conversations on the effects of journalism on American politics.
When: Jan. 30 to 31 and Feb. 5 to 7, 8 p.m.
Where: Cal Poly Theatre
More Info: Call Maria Junco at 756-7248

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is likely that more classes will be offered during next quarter, espe­cially if the same enthusiasm is shown throughout the quarter that has been exhibited in the first two, Hannula said.
"This seemed like a good class for students because it is a newer area of fitness, you use your abs and lower back to maintain balance," she said.

Other new classes offered this quarter include: Hilo aerobics, Kick fit, Spin Fit and Yoga. Cal Poly students can join the classes throughout the quarter. A one-time pass costs $4 while the sampler pass, which entitles the user to six visits, costs $20. For those interested in maximizing their body's physical potential, the Rec Center offers an exercise pass, which can be used up to 32 times per week and costs $45 a quarter.

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and Herblock. Wilkins helped the Post break the story on the biggest political debacle in American his­
tory.
According to George Mason University's Web site, Wilkins teaches two upper-division level interdisciplinary courses on the effects of journalism on American politics.
He is a current member of the Board of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and is publisher of the civil rights group, Crisis.
During the Johnson administra­
tion, Wilkins served as assistant attorney general and has written for the Washington Post, Washington Star and New York Times.
Wilkins' other writings include 1982's "A Man's Life," and he is editor with former senator Fred R. Harris of "Quiet Riots: Race and Poverty in the United States.

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Affairs Council Morton says that the Provocative Perspectives program is focused on providing the campus and community with speakers who will promote conversations about diversity, civility and intel­lectual freedom.
Student Life and Leadership's Pat Harris said she hopes students will attend the event and march. "It is a chance for students to hear from someone who was there. He was an important part of the civil rights movement," Harris said.
At press time, there were a few remaining spaces available for fac­
ulty and staff. To make reservations for the event, staff are advised to call 736-7206.
Guest speakers later appearing in the speaker series include Robert O'Neil, a low professor and director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression and authority on the First Amendment, who will speak March 4.
On April 8, internationally known poet, activist, writer, commen­
tator and educator Nikki Giovanni Jr will be on campus.

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MISSING PERSON

Vern Erno

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Recalling the Curse of Roommate Sex

It may be a surprise to some of my readers that this humble winter was not always a swashbuckling sex columnist. Indeed, many years ago I too was the most deprived form of life on campus, the lowly freshman male, struggling to find my place in the sexual world of the Cal Poly dating scene. Perhaps my tale of desperation and defeat will spark a glimmer of hope in the life on campus, the lowly freshman male, strutting to find his woman, but somehow he always does.

As I approach our door, I can hear my roommate's devilish laugh, his head thrown back in mocking, deep, resonant and evil, until I succumb to the agony of my tortured existence.

I head to my room in the morning and find my roommate and his girlfriend wearing terry cloth robes, sipping Colombian coffee and nipping on crapets. They are freshly showered and perky, as one would expect after a night of vigorous exercise. A 12-pack of Magnums is half-empty on the nightstand.

When I enter the room, their conversation steps. I feel their laughing eyes pierce my soul as if I have committed the most heinous crime of all. I actually feel bad for coming into my own room, as if I should ask permission. What kind of world is this if a guy can't even come into his own room without feeling like a prying sex invader?

I grab my staff and head for the shower. My head is still throbbing, and I actually take a moment to ask myself if I'm still drunk from the night before. No. Not drunk, just driving on three cylinders, shooting 80 percent. This is going to be a long day.

As I close the door behind me I hear my roommate ask his lady friend if she's down for another go around, and the routine quickly gets ugly yes. The women meet are hardly ready for second base, but my roommate, the prince of mediocrity, gets the kind of woman who sees home plate more times in one night than Mark McGwire — and three more in the morning.

For what crimes am I being punished? What sins merit this type of unbridled torment? My mind draws a blank, however, and I realize that there is no crime, no suffering I've caused that would equal this. Surely karma, just a crazy world where justice is a myth and fairness is nothing more than an urban legend.

At the end of my shower, I turn the water off, the final stage of my psychological cycle hits me and I begin to accept my situation. I am the victim of the Curse of Roommate Sex.

Colleges across the country are full of victims just like me; full of game-less amateurs destined to suffer at the hands of our roommates. I'm an optimist, however, and I believe in the potential of a man, and thus in my own potential.

Someday, I too may snag some sex. Friday nights are plentiful in college and each one brings a plethora of opportunities for hook-up splendor. With time and persistence, I shall overcome the voodoo magic of this evil curse.

Letters to the editor

There is a reason for out-of-state tuition

Editor,

In "Out of state, out of luck" (Jan. 11), Leah Mori shows exactly what is wrong with journalists today. They don't think before they put something in print. State schools get significant endorsement from state taxes. When you come from a different state, you are not paying the same taxes. If you come from Nevada, you aren't paying any taxes (they fund their programs with gambling revenue). For this reason, it makes perfect sense not to let out-of-state students pay the same amount of tuition. If the taxes were from a national source it would be possible, but that is not how the system currently works.

In the future, Leah, you may want to do at least five minutes of research before writing such a misinformed commentary.

Brandon McHargue is a computer science senior.

Accomplishments have been made in Iraq

Editor,

The following accomplishments have been achieved in Iraq as well as the dozen or so others that supported bringing democracy to Iraq.

Chris McGlone is a mechanical engineering senior.

There are more expired elevator permits

Editor,

In addition to the library elevators mentioned in Derek Johnson and Roshon Sudder's letter to the editor "Library elevator permits expired" (Jan. 13), there are more elevators that I have ridden in personally, and therefore many more I can assume that have expired permits. Two more culprits are the elevator in the University Union and one of the elevators in the Grand Avenue, parking structure, the latter of which expired more than a year ago.

So, I guess we can keep rasing tuition, but we can't ensure our students' safety.

Pam Gidwani is a graphic communication senior.

Loud morning noises are not welcome editor

Editor,

Is it really necessary to bombard our ears with sonic booms at 2:30 a.m.? What in the world is going on that requires these loud noises on campus? Are we setting off cannons? Breaking the sound barrier? Testing explosives? Now, I'm already awake at this point because I have classes at 8 a.m. every day. But, for the love of God, lots of people are trying to sleep! Could this racket be postponed until later in the day?

Nathanael Johnson is a computer engineering sophomore.

Letters to the editor

Mustang Daily is looking for a few good cartoonists and columnists

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Opinion

Location won’t create fair trial

Media coverage was the last thing Scott Peterson’s attorneys worried about. While they were worried about the release of the photos of Peterson’s children, they didn’t think they produced any bias. However, they stated that media coverage “most certainly” soared when the populous population ratio was shown. “The local media has already served as a judge, jury and executioner in this case.” A change of venue can greatly delay the start of a trial. One may argue that the jurors will not see the media coverage through the duration of the trial. However, it is reasonable to assume the increased media will pounce the minute the county of choice is announced.

One may argue that the jurors want to be a non-biased juror, it is nearly impossible. The media coverage is overwhelming. But they got it anyway.

Commentary

Keep work opportunities in the US

I don’t believe economists when they say we’re in the middle of a jobs recovery. We’re creating hundreds of new jobs every day, but the signs of recovery are all in the cities. Across vast stretches of the nation we’re sending them off there.

In 2004, people may begin to recognize Fortune 500 companies sending key projects to India and China while firing its U.S. staff. The outlook seems grim because the exportation of jobs uniquely increases the need for work.

Corporations have shifted recently their attention from outsourcing blue-collar jobs to white-collar jobs. And why not? Why pay a Wall Street analyst $92,000 when someone in India can do it for $15,000? Even without being a finance major, it’s easy to see that saving $75,000 per job will result in millions of new jobs if spread over a company’s workforce. This will do wonders to a company’s bottom line, but it really may not make sense in the long run.

The middle class in most societies tends to be the pillar that supports the country with its massive economic clout. America is not exempt to this, but companies seem to have brushed this fact aside.

As a business major, it’s almost impossible for me to disagree with the points of development and outsourcing. This doesn’t mean, however, I lack a soul. I hope companies will become more responsible and will sacrifice some profit in order to keep some of the workers in the United States. It is not unlikely that any company will take the initiative to reduce its outsourcing because of the fierce competition in the marketplace.

We have to try our best to ease the pain by implementing long-term solutions. People have proposed to limit the amount of H-B visas granted every year in order to curb in the inflow of immigrants, or even give companies tax incentives for keeping jobs in America.

Neither of these stances will help the problem. America has been the source of innovation because of our talented workforce. If we try to limit the amount of immigrants that come to the United States, we’re hurting our potential of our workforce, and we may lose talent to other nations.

The tax incentive idea has been thrown around a lot, that’s understandable. Taxpayers will not be able to match the savings that corporations make by outsourcing. Instead of wasting money by trying to bribe companies with tax incentives, we should increase public funding for research and development. This will promote innovation, which will hopefully keep us one step ahead of other nations.

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We should also shift our focus toward graduate school programs and give more scholarships to encourage people to attend. Graduate school’s research programs are the source of great advancements, and by increasing school budgets, we will give ourselves a better chance of creating the next big thing.

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May 2004 was a fast-paced year that can’t be stopped regardless of how hard people try to fight it. Our capitalistic mind set made us the most advanced country in the world. As other countries have embraced our mentality, however, the margin has slowly eroded, which has allowed them to be competitive with the United States.

There are no solutions that will solve this problem. Innovation is the only thing we have left, and we have to utilize it as much as possible. If things go well, we will create a new field which will add even more industries for the blue-collar workers. These jobs may eventually be victims of outsourcing, but that’s just wishful thinking. Taxpayers will not be able to match the savings that corporations make by outsourcing. Instead of wasting money by trying to bribe companies with tax incentives, we should increase public funding for research and development. This will promote innovation, which will hopefully keep us one step ahead of other nations.

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Vijay Ramaswarupar is a writer for The Lantern at Ohio State University

Thursday, January 15, 2004

Bush ignores vital domestic issues

Last year was action-packed. As we begin 2004, it’s more appropriate to reflect on recent events and learn from them than it is to shout “I told you so” and toss out unfounded, unwarranted jobs scanted with Blitzer’s statements.

What a year. The United States experienced an economic roller coaster and began a controversial, prolonged war.

We saw an Austrian bodybuilder move into the California governor’s mansion and watched heated fights about what constitutes legal marriage.

The federal government ushered in a record-breaking deficit and another round of astonishing tax cuts.

Meanwhile there was plenty of environmentalism. Certainly. But to label the year an historic, astounding victory for the Bush administration is to ignore the fact that the Bush deficit bulged.

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Officials find tuition flaw

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A tip from a student has alerted state officials of a discrepancy between Nevada law and regent policy concerning residency requirements for in-state tuition.

State law says those who have lived in Nevada six months are entitled to in-state tuition, which can mean thousands of dollars in savings each semester. But the regents in 1995 set the residency requirement at 12 months.

The disparity between the law and the regent policy came to light recently when Community College of Southern Nevada student Sara Renteria contacted Regent Steve Sisolak, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported Wednesday.

The 24-year-old Renteria, who has lived in Nevada longer than six months but less than a year, complained school officials violated state law by requiring her to pay out-of-state tuition.

Sisolak, who was first elected in 1998, wrote a memo to a university system lawyer questioning why the system’s schools weren’t following state law.

In her written response, assistant general counsel Brooke Nielsen said the 12-month residency requirement was adopted by the Board of Regents at its March 1995 meeting.

Assembly Speaker Richard Perkins, D-Henderson, who chairs the Legislative Committee on Education, said he expected to raise the issue at an upcoming panel meeting.

“It never ceases to amaze me that many of our educational institutions disregard the laws that we pass,” Perkins said.

Sisolak has demanded answers from the university system and said he wants to know how many students might have been overcharged.

Assemblywoman Chris Giunchigliani, D-Las Vegas, said she thinks thousands of students might have been affected.

“Think of how transient our community is and how many kids come in,” Giunchigliani said.

At the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and the University of Nevada, Reno, nonresidents pay $4,243 and $4,473, respectively, per semester more than their in-state counterparts.

Jethro challenged over casino

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Attorneys for J.C. Penney Co. have challenged plans by Max Baer Jr. to build his proposed $54 million Jethro casino under the City District Court petition that says a legal right to develop the casino belongs to another owner.

In a response to Baer’s Carson City District Court petition that claims a legal right to develop the property, the attorneys said restrictions were imposed on its use when a Wal-Mart store was located there. The restrictions, sought by Wal-Mart and approved in 1993, bar development of a theater, bowling alley, nightclub or other place of recreation or amusement at the mall in Nevada’s capital city.

J.C. Penney, Wal-Mart and the third owner, the Glenbrook Corporation, signed off on the restrictions that limit the mall’s use to commercial purposes normally found in a retail shopping center.

Glenbrook Corporation representatives also said Baer doesn’t have the right to develop a casino without the cooperation of his partners.

Plans for the casino include a 200-foot flaming oil Derrick, 30,000-square-foot casino with 850 slot machines and 16 game tables, a 240-room hotel and restaurants — all keying on the “Beverly Hillbillies” TV series in which Baer starred as the doltish Jethro Bodine.

Waste radiation safety could fail

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a last-ditch effort to stop a nuclear dump in Nevada, the state told a federal appeals court Wednesday the government has failed to ensure that thousands of years from now people will be protected from the waste's radiation.

Two of the three judges hearing the case asked government lawyers why the federal standards for radioactive releases for the Yucca Mountain dump were pegged to 10,000 years into the future when scientists say the material will be most dangerous many thousands of years after that.

The 3 1/2 hours of arguments before the appeals court panel marked the first time a federal court has heard the merits of President Bush’s decision in 2002 to select a ridge of volcanic rock 90 miles from Las Vegas as the place to entomb 77,000 tons of used reactor fuel from the nation’s commercial power plants.

Congress affirmed Bush’s decision in July 2002. Nevada officials argued Wednesday for the decision to be overturned, saying Congress violated the state’s constitutional rights when it singled out Nevada.

The three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals won’t decide the case until later this year. Two of the judges made their views on several key issues clear during exchanges with Justice Department and Nevada lawyers.

They threw cold water on Nevada’s hopes of challenging the way the Energy Department and later the White House decided to select Yucca Mountain.

Judge Harry Edwards, the senior jurist on the panel, said that’s no longer an issue because Congress passed a law affirming Bush’s decision.

But the judges accepted more openly some other arguments brought by opponents of the proposed nuclear waste site.

“All of the legal wrangles (in the government’s decision) … stem from the fact that the waste will not be isolated,” Geoffrey Fettus, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, told the court. The NRDC filed one of the 13 lawsuits that have been consolidated by the court.

Opponents contend that the Environmental Protection Agency’s radiation standard for the site was inadequate because it would be applicable to only 10,000 years into the future. Critics cited a National Academy of Sciences finding that said the peak radiation doses from some of the isotopes would be most dangerous up to 300,000 years.
'Free flow expression'

Imported from Brazil, the martial art of Capoeira is springing up on campus.

STORY BY ASHLEY WOLF PHOTO BY SPENCER MARLEY
PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY M.R. BEALS
The Brazilian martial art of Capoeira is the second largest sport activity after soccer and is quickly gaining popularity in the United States and at Cal Poly.

The Brazilian and African-influenced martial art encompasses dance, acrobatics, music and creative expression in a single art form.

The earliest historical record for Capoeira dates back to 1770 but was introduced to Europe and the United States 10 years ago. Capoeira classes at Cal Poly’s Rec Center have been gaining popularity in the United States, it is the key to surviving the Brazilian streets.

"Malicia is about street smarts," said architecture senior Juan Carlos Lopez, the instructor of Capoeira at Cal Poly. "Instead of using power, we use trickiness. Picture some guy chasing after you; if you suddenly stop, move to the side and stick your foot out, he’s going to fall. He lost because he was too greedy, and you won because you used your mind and your body," Lopez said.

Lopez said Capoeira is easier for females to pick up because they naturally "Malicia" is translated into English as "malace." Although this term is associated as a negative emotion in the United States, it is used to describe growing up in the Brazilian streets.

Students partake in the Brazilian martial art of Capoeira three times a week in the Rec Center fitness room. The art combines music and combative movements that create not a fight, but instead a game that relies on positive energy and interactions.

"It helps you learn how to deal with what life throws at you," Orcino said. "It teaches you how to apply something you do for fun into something that may come up in life." Along with personal identity, Capoeira focuses on the idea of community.

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Classes are offered Monday and Wednesday from 8 to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is $50 for the quarter.

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With a wintry, in-your-face, athletic approach, Capoeira presents a different approach to martial arts, said electrical engineering senior Albert Orcino. "Capoeira is about free flow expression and the exchanging of positive energy through dance-like fighting, which is why I think more women are starting to take it up."

In Capoeira, a circle is made, called a roda. Two players in the center dance in a rhythmic pattern around each other and "attack" with a punch or kick the other player needs to block or duck from. Players use moves like cartwheels, handstands and break dancing-like steps to surprise and outwit their opponent.

An important concept to keep in mind is Capoeira is played as a game, not a fight. There is not a winner not a fighter, and success depends on the attitude of the entire group playing.

The reason Capoeira appeals to college students is because it represents a different approach to martial arts, said electrical engineering senior Albert Orcino. "Capoeira is about free flow expression and the exchanging of positive energy through dance-like fighting, which is why I think more women are starting to take it up."
Phantom Planet not afraid to experiment on self-titled album

By Sarah Cutsforth

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CORVALLIS, Ore. — If a person cuts their hair and looks completely different, does this mean they’ve dropped their identity and grown a new one? People may not want to admit they’ve changed, but it certainly does happen.

The unique harmonies of "Knoitall" come from somewhere next to nowhere and present the best showcase for experimentation. The boy band is from California, their first single was "California," and you could almost imagine the five-piece movement of Chuck Taylor-walking hipsters tripping sand over their skinny jeans and coming about as classified morons. Factor in the idea of the hand half being a working model, and you get a bit of an idea of what that could all mean, explore each avenue.

Yet nowadays, everyone has or is a moody garage band, so perhaps if you’re flipping yourselves around to that approach you need the incorporation of some electronic wizardry to stir the mass of stuff it’s already encompassing so much kitchen sink. The point is "The Beat." This song is very loud and knicky and its introduction: Are you a band like a bunch of guys hired to dance on top of ourHING as the quietly evolved "By the Bed" and "After Hours," an ennui-ish take on being a square peg, both of which drop the stationary rock and come across as more genuinely personal.

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While I might openly prefer "The Guest" to the music we have here, I believe Phantom Planet can reasonably feel each set list. Who is to say any differently? Few of us feel one way forever. It’s nice to be temporarily loud and insouciant about optimism, and kinds all around if Phantom Planet is more than willing to carve a looser niche from the one surrounding it.

FROM "THE BEST ASSIGNMENT"

"Knoitall" is a personal favorite, and to me seems the most comfortable song out of all I’ve newly suited tracks. Its unique harmonies come from somewhere next to nowhere and present the best showcase for experimentation. The boys continue to get more points on songs such as the quietly evolved "By the Bed" and "After Hours," an ennui-ish take on being a square peg, both of which drop the stationary rock and come across as more genuinely personal.

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California eligible for security funds

By Daisy Nguyen  

LOS ANGELES — Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge announced Wednesday that California is eligible to receive near­
ly $700 million in federal funding this fiscal year to protect its harbors, airports, borders and other major landmarks.

Ridge met with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for about an hour and spoke at a luncheon at the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce as part of his visit to Southern California.

Local municipalities have criti­
cited the federal government for not releasing funds more quickly to them since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Let's get the paperwork in so we can cut you a check," Ridge said. "In

Ridge also called on private enter­prise to help out with security.

"Investment in security is a good investment," Ridge told dozens of
business leaders and lawmakers dur­ing a luncheon at the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. "The private sector needs to step up and make those investments. If they don't, we may have to tell them to."

Ridge asked companies that use the Port of Los Angeles to chip in and help build a $25 million container center on the Long Beach waterfront where suspicious crates can be taken immediately after arriving.

A suspicious container must now be trucked 15 miles up the Long Beach Freeway to a center in Carson that could put motorsports and residents in danger.

"Any one of you who ship in and out of that port should share responsi­bility and pay for that center. We need the private sector to step for¬ward and help defray some of the costs," Ridge said.

Councilwoman Janice Hahn said she felt Ridge was being unfair.

"Airport security is sexy and air­ports are getting what they need. The Port of Los Angeles has only gotten $15 million since Sept. 11th. The shipping companies don't like the idea of having to pay so much for security, they don't think it's fair," Hahn said.

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New taxes may be needed

SACRAMENTO (AP) — One­time solutions included in Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's budget plan for 2004-05 would leave California taxpayers facing another $6 billion shortfall the following fis­cal year, double the administration's estimates, an analyst for the Legislature said Tuesday.

The analyst, Elizabeth Hill, called Schwarzenegger's $99.1 billion bud­get plan "a good start," but said his mix of cuts, borrowing and fund shifts would not solve the state's financial problems and that lawmakers should consider raising taxes.

"The negative consequences of tax increases has to be compared against the negative consequences of the alternative — deeper spending cuts and more borrowing," said Hill, whose office is charged with provid­ing independent and nonpartisan budget advice to lawmakers.

Hill's review represents the most significant evaluation of Schwarzenegger's plans to date, although her office will release a more comprehensive assessment next month.

Hill differed with the administra­tion over the size of the leftover deficit that would begin to build in 2005-2006.

Donna Arelm, the governor's direc­tor of finance, has said if lawmakers adopt the entire plan without modifi­cation, and if all income and expense projections are met — the state will be left with a $3 billion shortfall at the end of the 2006 fiscal year.

Hill said her analysis suggests the number will be twice as big.

H.D. Palmer, spokesman for the state Finance Department, said California's problems won't be solved by raising taxes.

"A tax increase doesn't address what is the fundamental problem that the state has been spending at a rate that cannot be sustained over the long haul," Palmer said. He also argued that California's taxes are already high and that any increase will hurt the state's fragile business climate at a critical time.

Assemblywoman Jenny O'Pry, D-Long Beach, who chairs the budget committee, said the agrees with Hill that taxes must be considered. "Let Hill's findings tell me we need more options. We have to do more than cut programs to the poor and make it harder for students to go to college,"

Hill said the moodily agrees with the governor's projections for moder­ate growth in tax income next year. She also said the administration had adopted realistic projections for expected increases in school enroll­ment and public health and welfare caseloads.

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**Broadcasting success**

- Students get to achieve goals while helping women's basketball team

By John M. Pierson  Mustard Daily Staff Writer

Sometimes you just have to ask for what you want. That's what Rob McAllister did.

McAllister, along with fellow journalism senior Ryan McAdams, announces the women's basketball home games each week in Mott Gym.

"I needed resume tapes for broadcast and I realized that would be a great way to get them," McAllister said.

He went to Cal Poly Sports Information director Brian Thurmond for help.

"When the women's and men's teams played on different nights, the sports information department was able to broadcast both teams on gogopy.com," Thurmond said. But when the Big West Conference made the move to both teams playing simultaneously in different locations, they had to drop the women's games.

The sports information department then set up another site to broadcast the women's games.

"When we just needed one to call the games, and (McAllister) and (McAdams) came and asked us last spring," Thurmond noted.

It was hard for the two to get to know soccer as a sport, learning the team roster and away roster beforehand. But all their hard work during Fall Quarter was just practice. For McAdams, who is a student assistant on the men's basketball team, "He gets opportunities to go on the road with the men's team, so he can't always call the women's games. When he can't make it a few others fill in, but the quality has always remained high."

"It was hard. We didn't have the luxury of people filling in," McAdams said.

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"I definitely think it would be a great way to get them," Thurmond said. But when the Big West Conference made the move to both teams playing simultaneously in different locations, they had to drop the women's games.

"Women's teams' are from all over the place, and (they really) can't make it to the games," McAdams said.

Thurmond agreed.

"It was our fault, not the women's or men's teams'," he said.

Bromley put it another way.

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