Tak e a look around. Notice your classmates, co-workers, fraternity brothers and just about anyone walking around campus. It’s not uncommon to see a lack of diversity at Cal Poly. A mere 26 percent of students enrolled in the 2003-04 class are classified as ethnic minorities, according to statistics released to prospective students by the public affairs office.

These numbers put up a red flag not only for recruiters but also for the student body and campus officials.

In an effort to address this issue, Student Community Services is sponsoring the annual “Week In This Together” Week.

“Our main goal is to raise awareness about issues that really aren’t brought to the forefront on a daily basis,” director of Raise the Respect and social science senior Chanthy An said in a previous interview with Mustang Daily.

But overall, this week doesn’t feel like anything different than last week. The numbers are still the same, the University Union is still split up into ethnic groups and Monday’s holiday was filled with workshop that was put off for one more day.

Tonight, a Word Workshop will be held in Fisher Science to make students more aware of the language they use on a regular basis.

While this will serve as a good lesson, it will likely only attract those who care enough to watch their tongues, not the people who spit off racial slurs in jest.

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Emily Wong
Commentary

WITT week will not change the real issue

Budget hurts housing project

Campus apartments pushed back until 2007-08, at the earliest

By JoAnn Sanders and Kendra Hodges

Cal Poly’s plan for adding 2,700 beds to its on-campus housing via student apartments will no longer come to fruition by 2006.

The first phase of Student Housing North, the newest phrase of off-campus apartment complexes, is estimated to open in the 2007-08 school year at the earliest. The development was slated to open by 2006.

Cal Poly plans on delaying delivery and “phasing it in over a longer period of time to reduce the financial risk to the university’s image by including students, faculty and staff in the decision process,” director of student housing and living learning Ray Ladd said.

According to reports, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s proposed budget cuts will leave CSU campuses with $240 million in decreased funding for the 2004-05 fiscal year and an expected decrease in student enrollment at CSU campuses of 20,000 students.

Already, Cal Poly enrollment is down more than 700 students from Fall Quarter, and 400 more students are estimated to be cut by fall of next year.

“This continues a declining trend in enrollment that will be reversed only when additional funding becomes available,” Kelley said in the press release. "Any planned enrollment growth would be deferred to the future.”

Originally, Cal Poly hired student housing developer Capstone Development Corporation to build the apartments. Because of the hold on the development, Cal Poly dropped Capstone and will fund the project with state bond money, which means the process will take longer.

The delay is good news for environmentalists, who were not happy with the rushed plans.

“The basic problem with the project is they want to ram the development plans through before a lot of important issues have been properly dealt with.”

English professor Steven Marx in a previous interview with Mustang Daily.

Art show to benefit memorial fund

By Meghan Reerslev

A celebration of artistic creativity and the life of the late Architecture student Emily Alstot will debut today with the opening of the architecture student art show. The artwork will be on display from today through May 5.

A week dedicated to the cause of or in the memory of the late Architecture student Emily Alstot will debut today with the opening of the art show featuring Alstot’s family in the process of creating the memorial fund.

The use of n e m o r a l a l funds has yet to be determined. Zhao said dedicating the show to the memorial fund made sense because Alstot was popular within the architecture department, and it is an activity Alstot would have participated in.

Bake-sale organizer and architecture student Jennifer Knack agreed Alstot would have participated because she liked to get involved with social functions.

Emily Alstot

You’ve Got Mail:

Messaging, calendars offered in new system

By Nicole Angeloni

A new e-mail system designed to better serve Cal Poly students, faculty and staff will be rolling out early in Summer Quarter.

Cal Poly will be transitioning to Oracle Collaboration Suite because Hewlett Packard has dropped support for the current OpenMail system, PolyComm, the group working on the project, is comprised of students, faculty and ITS employees.

“Since the university has purchased the next generation, project management lead Chris Broome said, “There will be minimal interruptions to the way users currently do things.”

Students, faculty and staff will continue using the same e-mail address they currently have and data in accounts will be saved and transitioned over to the new system.

Users will not be required to save specific addresses in their address book or e-mails that they want to keep.

OCS not only offers e-mail messaging, but a calendar feature will be incorporated during the summer rollout.

“This new system offers many potential features that will be more closely evaluated after the initial transition is completed,” Robert Bujovetski said, PolyComm project leader.

Some of the other prospective additions include a files feature, allowing users to keep files in a repository with security access capabilities, web conferencing, wireless and voice access to e-mail, a search feature and voicemail. Features won’t all necessarily be incorporated because of supplementary hardware and software needs, but OCS has the capability for these if Cal Poly decides to invest in the additional equipment.

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An example was the finals week movie nights she would organize when the living groups "Altor displayed minis marquees of the movie she'd play that night. People could come down from the dorms to the day to watch the movies and would have snacks for purchase," said Knack.

"It was a no-trainer when she asked me to organize the sale," Knack said. "I am honored to be a part of this; a celebration of her life and the things she did during a part of the year I had been getting to know her. She was the type of person that if you attend the show to learn more about this expressive side of Cal Poly architecture students."

The art show will be open to the public from 3 to 5 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 22 and 21. Bake sale donations can be made by contacting Knack at (859) 955-1417.

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CASPERS, Wyso. — The government is trying to hide something at its Teapot Dome oil field again. Not secret oil leases, as it did during the era of U.S. Secretary of the Interior Albert Fall during the 1920s, but carbon dioxide sequestration.

The Energy Department wants to inject the greenhouse gas into underground oil reservoirs in what could be one of the world’s largest test sites for burying CO2 in hopes of slowing global warming.

The Teapot Dome project, now in the planning stages, will store carbon dioxide and water from a natural gas processing plant more than 300 miles away beneath the 10,000-acre oil field in central Wyoming.

The process, known as carbon dioxide sequestration, has been tested at smaller sites nationwide but never on such a large scale, said Vicki Stemp, a project manager for the Rocky Mountain Oilfield Testing Center, which manages Teapot Dome.

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — Inmates held two correctional officers hostage in a weapons-stocked prison guard tower for a third day Tuesday, but authorities urged caution that talks were continuing.

Negotiators, who last spoke to the officers early Sunday morning, still believed the hostages were all right, said Cam Utter, a spokeswoman for the Department of Corrections. But “we feel that time is of the essence,” Utter said.

The standoff began Tuesday morning after an inmate attacked a guard in the prison kitchen. The prisoner and another inmate then got into the observation tower where the two guards were stationed.

SALT LAKE CITY — Gay and lesbian groups are upset that a movie theater has dropped plans to screen a new romantic comedy involving a gay man and a closeted Mormon missionary.

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LONDON — Some of Britain’s leading scientists have appealed to the news media to curtail coverage of maverick scientists who claim to have cloned the first human being.

Prompted by huge media attention given to last week’s announcement in London by U.S. fertility specialist Pans Zavos that he has implanted a cloned embryo in a 35-year-old woman, prominent reproductive biology experts said they were dismayed at repeatedly having to respond to such claims.

“Over the past two years such announcements have grabbed headlines, despite the fact that none of those involved have produced a shred of evidence to substantiate their assertions,” the scientists wrote in an open letter to media editors sent out Wednesday.

OTTAWA — Lawyers for agricultural titan Monsanto Co. drew pointed questions from the Canada Supreme Court on Tuesday in a dispute with a Saskatchewan canola grower that has become a cause for biotechnology opponents and proponents around the globe.

The court could take months to rule on the dispute, which began in 1997 when Monsanto discovered its canola plant, genetically engineered to withstand the company’s popular weed killer, growing on Percy Schmeiser’s farm.

The suit alleges Schmeiser obtained Monsanto seeds without paying for them. Schmeiser contends the company’s canola accidentally took root on his farm, possibly falling from a passing truck or arriving with a guest from a neighboring farm.

SAN VALENTIN, Mexico — Laws barring the killing of protected sea turtles and the sale of their eggs have been as effective as anti-drug trafficking programs: driving the practice under ground but failing to stop it.

The latest threat is a horseback-riding gang whose members wield Kalashnikov rifles to drive away police and unarmed environmental activists.

Centuries-old traditions make the turtles, and especially their eggs, highly prized in Mexico, where officials have spent decades trying to protect the sea creatures.

— Associated Press
Mars rover lands in toy stores

By Andrew Bridges
PASADENA — The California Institute of Technology is making a little green off the red planet.
Caltech, which runs the Jet Propulsion Laboratory for NASA, patented the twin rovers it sent to Mars and the rest for Caltech to hope to make hut pledged to donate commercial use. By Andrew Bridges

One of the first companies it signed an agreement and is already selling a build-it-yourself toy version of Spirit, the rover that arrived on Mars on Jan. 3 and has wheeled away from its lander to explore the landscape. Two opportunities, is scheduled to touch down Jan. 24.

The toy is based on drawings supplied by Caltech, said Jeff James of Lego’s community development office in Enfield, Conn. The set retails for $84.99 and contains 858 plastic pieces. It’s designed for children ages 10 and up.

A 27-year-old Pacoima man on Sunday was found later in life, police said. During the melee, an undisclosed amount of cash and alcohol also was taken from the bar.

Rival gang members from the Pacoima area in Los Angeles were blamed for the mayhem. Police said the promotion was unusual for that particular bar, with promoters widely distributing fliers to draw attendees to the show.

A 27-year-old Pacoima woman who fled from police in a silver 2002 Dodge Stratus with California license plate #HEV102 on Sunday was wanted by police. The man is considered armed and dangerous.

Lost dog found two days too late

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A San Jose woman was reunited with her lost dog six days after the golden retriever escaped from her backyard, only to find out she wasn’t able to keep her beloved pet.

Karanastasis, who runs the American Humane Society, said she was devastated to learn that her 2-year-old dog had been adopted by a new owner just hours earlier.

Humane Society officials said their hands are tied because they’re required to put stray dogs up for adoption five days after they’re picked up or they don’t have ID tags. Tagged animals are held for 10 days, but Bella didn’t have one.

Bella was picked up and taken to the Santa Clara shelter on Jan. 2 after the golden retriever and a companion dog, a black Labrador named Zina, escaped from Karanastasis’ yard. Zina still hasn’t been found.

Karanastasis, her husband and a friend visited the shelter three times before she spotted the dog on Jan. 8. She said Bella jumped up and down and responded to commands in Greek, saying that’s proof it’s her dog.

"I couldn’t believe it. How could this happen?" Karanastasis asked. "I was looking at her, playing with her, but I couldn’t have her. How could they tell me, ‘You don’t own this dog?’ "

Karanastasis and her friend begged the new owner to return the dog, but the woman said the dog was a present for her daughter’s birthday and declined their offer to buy her another golden retriever.

Karanastasis said she regrets not placing a tag on the dog and has picked up if they don’t have ID tags. Tagged animals are held for 10 days, but Bella didn’t have one.

Schwarzenegger speaks at judges’ conference

"People born in America take important things like freedom for granted.

"People dream about it ... all over the world."

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

Schwarzenegger told the judges. "This is really wild," Schwarzenegger said, looking back on his life, adding that he hopes he doesn’t "wake up from this dream."

Again the courts stepped in to help him out later in life, Schwarzenegger said. A federal appeals court reinstated the Oct. 7 California gubernatorial recall election date after the American Civil Liberties Union sued to postpone the event. The civil rights group claimed that as many as 40,000 votes could be uncounted because of the use of punch-card ballots, the kind that prompted the "hanging chads" litigation in Florida’s 2000 presidential election.
WATCH DAWG:

- Person who claims they were among the first to start downloading movies.
ANN ARBOR, Mich. — In seeing any film made by the brilliant minds behind "The Fast and the Furious" and "S.W.A.T.," one must be willing to forget certain levels of artistic quality in pursuit of mindless entertainment.

"Torque" manages, more than any of its predecessors, to test the artistic quality in pursuit of mindlessness on screen. Sure, characters in action films are supposed to happen in the real world. But laugh at the ridiculous spectacle on screen. Sure, characters in action films are supposed to be allowed to go slightly past what is feasible. The performances in "Torque" are downright shameful. It seems the priority was to create as attractive a cast as possible. To be fair to the leading actors, however, the script affords them little opportunity to shine. The dialogue is more appropriate for a high school film project than a big-budget Hollywood release. "Torque" is not even able to find salvation in its overdone special effects. The final action sequence is so poorly done that it looks more like a video game than a film. The sound mixing is also indicative of how little care was put into the making of this film. There is a scene where the characters' lips move and yet there is no corresponding dialogue — only silence.

Producers Neil H. Morris and Brad Luff have managed to successfully continue their downward slide. This return to their original formulas of fast engines and attractive women demonstrates that perhaps there is a limit to such an appealing combo — even with ever-expanding budgets.

From the shameless advertising of Pepsi products to the characters' injury-free survival of outrageously dangerous stunts, "Torque" does not hesitate to insult the intelligence of its audience. Wasn't the storyline thinner of the 2003 summer film season that the audience was not as stupid as studio executives thought?

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"Along Came Polly" is touted as a movie about a man who fears danger, but ends up taking the ultimate risk. Universal Studios would also have audiences believing that "Polly" is a romantic comedy.

Unfortunately, neither statement is quite true.

In reality, main character Reuben Feffer (Ben Stiller) is a man who is afraid of everything, and "Along Came Polly" is a comedy that relies on sight gags and gross-out humor to get laughs.

From the opening scene where Reuben's best friend Sandy Lyle (Phillip Seymour Hall) falls on a dance floor to Reuben later needing to use the bathroom in Polly's (Jennifer Aniston) apartment after eating spicy food, intelligent humor and witty jokes are passed over for poop and sweat jokes, complete with squelching sounds to add to the laughs and groans of disgust.

Perhaps the biggest problem with "Along Came Polly" is that it's a film everybody's seen before—it's called "There's Something About Mary." Man reunites with woman he knew way back when, falls for her and goes through many unbelievable and progressively worse situations to win her heart by the end of the reel. Change a few elements—like using Jennifer Aniston instead of Cameron Diaz and New York as the setting instead of Florida—and you're all set.

Further hampering the film are exceptions of "Zixilander." At least one thing he does best is play himself in every movie he's in, with the exception of "Zoolander." At least in that film, he stretched his acting muscles, reached out and grabbed a character in terms of completely changing his voice and speech patterns for the role.

Baldwin has also done an excellent job of stepping out of his normal acting roles (Adam Maitland, "Beetlejuice"); Robert Green, "The Edge"); Assistant D.A. Bobby DeLaughter, "Ghosts of Loftarios"; Stan Indursky, Reuben's boss. Baldwin steal stealing Lotharios who can't speak English properly, and gay men are stereotyped on the audience as if they weren't smart enough to see outside the established paradigms.

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Stiller's and Aniston's flat performances. Stiller has proven that the one thing he does best is play himself in every movie he's in, with the exception of "Zoolander." At least in that film, he stretched his acting muscles, reached out and grabbed a role that was truly different from his past roles and deftly making fun of the stereotypes and treats American audiences as if they weren't smart enough to see outside the established paradigms.

Besides nothing new from the lead actors in the movie, the script forces tired ethnic and minority group stereotypes on the audience as well. Latino men are portrayed as Doc Toros and women are portrayed as steamy, salsa-dancing, girlfriend types. There are deftly making fun of the stereotypes and encouraging new attitudes toward minorities, it might be funny. Instead, it embraces such old and racist humor.

There's Something About Mary, it's a film that executes such offensive humor is insulting to the public, and then watch an episode of "Friends" right after. Imagine the two whirled up in a blender and served in a glass and you'll get a good idea of what "Along Came Polly" is like without having to waste an hour's pay at the movie theater.
Bush's plan benefits himself, not immigrants

A much as President George W. Bush wants to appear to be coming with compassion and the spirit of humanity, his new proposal to allow illegal immigrants to obtain temporary legal status as "guest workers" is nothing more than an effort to better his own re-election chances. President Bush plans to allow illegal immigrants to work jobs that "Americans are not filling." The immigrants would need to work in jobs that allow them to legally stay in the country as long as they are employed. These visas will not grant amnesty, rather they will purportedly ensure fair wages and protections. That means that if workers lose their job, they also lose their legal status and thus get the "compassionate boot back to their native country."

With this proposal, Bush is likely trying to charm away 5 percent of the Latino vote from the Democrats, a number that could almost guarantee to keep his desk in the Oval Office in November. Bush championed 35 percent of the Latino vote in 2000, according to The Christian Science Monitor, but conservative estimates speculate he could need 40 percent to win in the 2004 election. Bush's plan too ensures imigrants for illegal workers to acquire the proposed "guest worker" visas guarantee them fair wages and improved working conditions. Instead of raising wages for illegal workers, Bush's plan could make jobs that illegal immigrants are currently doing disappear altogether. There is a reason that these employers aren't paying fair wages to start with. Forcing them to pay more may cause them to eliminate jobs, leaving employers with no workers and workers with no jobs.

As for improving working conditions, "guest workers" are only granted visas when they are employed. Loss of a job equals loss of a visa. It is really likely that a "guest worker" will take a temporary 7-11 job going to work on a boss that is mistreating him or her. Clearly, that will put both their job and their visa status on the line. This plan will give even more power to corrupt employers because guest workers do not have the stability of permanent residence. Bush emphasized that under his plan, illegal workers will continue to "work under the table" because "guest worker" visas ultimately don't offer any incentives for them. Any employer who would be compelled to demand that workers obtain guest visas probably follows current law and doesn't have illegal workers in the first place. Employers willing to break the law before Bush's proposal will be just as willing to break the law after the proposal is enacted.

So many factories and corporations have already secured skilled workers and have bailiffed ideas that a limited amount of unskilled labor opportunities exist in the United States. Encouraging foreign citizens to take these remaining jobs only increases unemployment rates. At best, Bush's proposal will do nothing to help immigrants in America. At worst, it could seriously affect unemployment rates. But, boy will it garner some votes.

Get challenged or get left behind

Finally, the federal government is adding fuels to public edu­ cation, and expecting results.

The "No Child Left Behind" federal school reform law may be one of the only rational initiatives made since the Bush admin­ istration took over the Oval Office. The law states all students should be proficient — as defined by each state — by the end of the 2013-14 school year and requires steady overall academic progress.

Debate arises between teachers, politicians, and political leaders on the guidelines of the law. The lack of funding to meet the new demands fills conversations in teacher's rooms and the political arena. Simple talk can turn to piping.

Many are in opposition of continuing the program. Democratic presidential hopeful, Howard Dean, lashed out at the " Draconian" measures that he said set up parents, teachers, and school boards "for failure." While pessimists see the law as a potential failure, optimists believe the law will reform weak teaching systems. The process entails removing ineffective teachers, restructuring poor reading programs and offering additional tutoring.

The law is about raising the bar and believing every child has the capability to learn within the right guidance and support. "No Child Left Behind" makes public academic participants responsible for educational improvement. The law addresses the needs of public schools and each student through standardized testing.

It directs schools not to simply shuffle students through the school system, but to meet their learning needs, so no child is deprived of a meaningful education. We have advanced past a time only when advantaged children of wealthy, well-educated parents have a bright future.

The argument that the program doesn't allocate enough funds is invalid. It's not about money. Many parents shell out thousands of dollars a year to send their children to private schools, because they feel public schools are not serving their students.

Private schools create excellence in their educational programs with the ability that removed the amount public schools receive. Private school teachers frequently receive lower salaries than pub­ lic teachers, yet the educational standards are higher. Teachers think more about the real world expectations from their students. The conventional academic wisdom perceives that the poor, disadvantaged and "culturally diverse" are fragile and unable to meet challenges. These groups are freed from educational standards that pessimists would frustrate them and crush their self-esteem. This notion needs to be thrown out.

"No Child Left Behind" does just that. An example of students beating the odds occurred in the 1980s when exceptional teacher, Jaime Escalante, was handed a school full of "losers" and "unteachable" struggling with arithmetic. Through hard work, encouragement, perseverance, dedication and challenging the system, Escalante brought his stu­ dents at Garfield High School in East Los Angeles to surpass the Calculus AP test scores of most elite high schools. This story was showcased in the 1998 movie "Stand and Deliver." Students need to be challenged. It is better to lose in the Olympics than to win in Little League.

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Apathy is hardly an excuse

O that one time again. It's that pesky and obligatory custom that comes every four years and assures us of the continuation of that perpetually unpopular institution that is called American democracy. Yes, it's yet another presidential election year.

Now I know it seems like we just had the last election. Remember that whole fistful in Florida with all the dimpled chads, the recounts and the images of the elderly residents of Palm Beach County endlessly staring through the lens of a magnifying glass at the countless numbers of butterfly ballots? Of course, there's been plenty to take our minds off politics in recent years. We've had wars, terror attacks, recalls, nation hikes and recession. Isn't that in the top 10 things you did today? Not since one of the most heavily contested presidential elections of all time.

However, the time has come for us to fulfill our responsibility to inform ourselves of our options and to follow through by voting. There is no excuse. Each and every one of us must register to vote, get informed and vote come November. According to the Center for Information and Research on Civics and Engagement the young voters in America (16- to 24-year-olds) were terribly underrepresented in the 2000 election. Only 32.3 percent of this age group voted, as opposed to 54.7 percent of the entire population (which is still much too low). We as citizens, and especially as students, must take much more seriously our responsibility to vote if we want a promising future.

I can already hear many of you trying to come up with an excuse to avoid registering. You may think you don't have time to keep up with all the news and issues, think your vote really doesn't matter at all, or think all the candidates are just a bunch of money-backing like children instead of representing you, but do not cop out with these lame excuses. Do not voluntarily surrender the right that helped found our government — that men for generations have fought and died to create and protect.

I will grant you that a single vote alone rarely is significant. However, a single vote combined with millions of other votes can do amazing things; it can change the world. Do not complain about the state of the nation or the world if you are not willing to try to fix the problems. Your votes can reshape the world. Remember that old saying, "The world is what we make of it"? It's true. We can either strive to fix the wrongs in the world, or we can be back and allow for policies to happen to pursue our own agenda at our expense. Voting is the only way in which we have to fight against tyranny and greed. As Ralph Nader has said, "Turn yourself on to politics, or politics will turn on you."

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Reenacting the draft and a 'free' country

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Do not claim that your ignorance of the political world is rooted in your lack of free time. That's nonsense. There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in different required tasks, such as reading a newspaper or two, or watch a news program that doesn't focus on celebrity trials or asinine stories like the annual lice situation of winter days in Sheboygan, Wis. It doesn't take that long to get informed.

Watch a real news program or listen to NPR (but please avoid taking comments from TV personalities or political experts) to learn the candidates' stances on the issues facing us. Do not succumb to the media's tendency to condense entire debates and speeches into four- second sound bites. Really try to sift through the information to arrive at what you believe is the truth, and then act on that with your ballot. I will grant you that a single vote alone rarely is significant. However, a single vote combined with millions of other votes can do amazing things; it can change the world.

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Letters to the editor

Students deserve seats at basketball games

Editor,

Again it seems Cal Poly will do anything to make a back at the expense of students.

In trying to get tickets for home basketball games this year, many students have found early in the week that tickets are already sold out. Why the sudden problem this year of getting tickets? Yes, the team is fun to watch and college basketball is one of the last bastions of student sports around; but instead of the whole cause and end of the gym being open to students, now only 3 of 5 sections are, with the other two being reserved seats.

I understand that the demand for tickets from the community is there and our athletic department, which is not very well fund ed, sees an opportunity to pull in a little bit more money. But college and the atmosphere about them is created by students who take extreme pride in their sports teams. Despite the bad rap Cal Poly gets, that is why they continue to come out, and Grayson is one of the least places I've ever watched a college basketball game. The fact that hundreds fewer students are able to watch each game is detracting from the atmosphere that our players feed off of. So give the students back their seats or make a real commitment and let our players play in an arena larger than a high school gym so both students and the community can attend in large numbers.

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Prejudice against immigrants is hurtful

Editor,

Contrary to what some people believe, racial prejudice occurs at this higher education institution, better known as Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. The Movimiento Estudiantil Xicano de Aztlán (M.E.X.A.) and the Agarrados are two groups who are being discriminated against.

At this year's Latin Night event, Las Posados, held at Chumash Auditorium on Dec. 5, as many students have found out early in the week that tickets are already sold out. Why the sudden problem this year of getting tickets? Yes, the team is fun to watch and college basketball is one of the last bastions of student sports around; but instead of the whole cause and end of the gym being open to students, now only 3 of 5 sections are, with the other two being reserved seats.

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Kerry shakes up race, staggers Dean

By Calvin Woodward

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Democratic presidential candidates opened their sprint to the New Hampshire primary Tuesday, with each vying for the lead after national favorite Howard Dean dropped out in Iowa. The New Hampshire primary is Jan. 27.

President Bush was preparing for his State of the Union speech Tuesday night, but White House officials said advisers kept him updated on the Democratic race.

White House communications director Dan Bartlett congratulated Kerry and Edwards and said of the Democrats, "They have 17 contests over the next five weeks, so it looks like the rollercoaster is just beginning." Edwards and Dean were back on the ground in New Hampshire by 3:30 a.m., both holding brief airport rallies.

"I used to be the front-runner when I went out to Iowa, but I'm not the front-runner any more," Dean said at Portsmouth. "But New Hampshire has a great tradition of supporting the underdog. So guess what? Let's go get them."

Results from the Iowa caucus

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Gephardt drops bid for presidency

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Democrat Dick Gephardt abandoned his second bid for the presidency Tuesday, delivering a political valedictory after some three decades of public service while putting his home state of Missouri up for grabs in the competitive primary race.

After a poor, fourth-place showing in Iowa Monday, Gephardt exited the race for the nomination, leaving a field of seven candidates. A winner of Iowa in his unsuccessful White House bid in 1988, Gephardt was unable to produce a repeat performance despite a strong ground organization and union support.

"I gave this campaign everything I had in me," Gephardt told a news conference, his voice breaking at times. "Today my pursuit of the presidency has reached its end. I'm withdrawing as a candidate and returning to private life after a long time in the warmth of political service."

Gephardt said he would serve out his final year of his 14th term in Congress and would continue to work on behalf of universal health care coverage, pension reform, energy independence and a trade policy that "doesn't sacrifice American jobs."

In bowing out, the Missouri congressman did not endorse any of his rivals. Several had nothing but praise for their former foe.

Howard Dean, who repeatedly clashed with Gephardt over Medicare, called him a "great American, and his presence in this race and this debate will be missed." John Edwards said Gephardt was a "gift to every Democrat, every American and everyone running to take back the White House in 2004." Joe Lieberman described him as a "valuable leader."

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**Sports**

**An unreviewed defeat**

**By Spencer Marley**

The Mustangs were soundly defeated by UC Santa Barbara, which has won eight consecutive Big West titles, improved to 10-5 for the season and 4-1 in conference games. Cal Poly fell to 6-8 and 2-3.

The Mustangs, 0-8 on the road this season, were a double-digit scorer as junior forward Heidi Wittstrom scored 16 points on 8-for-14 shooting from the floor. She also grabbed 13 rebounds for her first career double-double. Sophomore Courtney Updike was second on the team with two points.

UC Santa Barbara sprinted to a 27-10 lead in the first 12 minutes and held a 16-18 halftime advantage. The Gauchos led by as many as 24 points in the second half and Cal Poly could get no closer than 14 down the stretch.

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UCSB scored the final 10 points of the game. The Gauchos made 47 percent of its floor shots while holding Cal Poly to 28 percent on 17-of-61 shooting. The Mustangs also shot 16.7 percent from beyond the three-point range, including 0-8 in the first half.

The shooting woes also extended to the free throw line, where they shot 50 percent.

The Gauchos enjoyed a 40-37 edge in rebounds, led by Taylor with seven and Fisher with six.

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### Waves sweep Mustangs

**By Dan Watson**

The Cal Poly women's tennis team was shutout on Monday afternoon in a 7-0 loss to Pepperdine.

The Waves won two of three matches in doubles and dropped only two sets in singles en route to the victory.

Mustang Samantha Waller and Kristen Grady scored a win over Natalie Beaverman and Merve Asimoglu.

Carol Erickson and Paige Billinger won at No. 3 doubles position for Cal Poly, lost to Charlotte Vernaz and Lise Stedler, 8-3.

Waller played at the No. 1 spot in the singles lineup and lost a hard-fought match 7-6 (3), 7-5, to Reavermann. Vernaz and senior Charlotte Vernaz, at the No. 2 slot, upset Cal Poly's Ashley Thompson 6-2, 6-0, 1-0 (10-8).

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John Marley was intentionally fouled by UCSB's Branduinn Fullove. The second half was rebounding. Cal Poly was only able to regain control of 29 percent of missed shots, finding them rushing back to prevent UC Santa Barbara fast breaks.

Bromley stated that a strong defensive presence was necessary for the Mustangs.

Top scorers for Santa Barbara included sophomore forward Cameron Goettsche with 15 points and senior guard Nick Jones with 13.

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**Tease me...**

Thursday's Mustang Daily will feature reports on men's and women's tennis, Golden Graham, as well as an analysis of the basketball teams.