By Emily Wong

President Warren Baker announced Cal Poly’s support for Proposition 55 in a press conference Thursday. Baker also revealed plans to build a new architecture and construction management building, purchase equipment for the Engineering IV structure, and begin designs for a new science and math complex with the proposed bond money.

“I recognize that the state is in difficult times but it is also time to think about the future and the investments we make for the young people who are coming to our doorways,” Baker said. Proposition 55 will be put before voters on the March 2 ballot. If passed, it will be the second phase of the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act. The first bond, Proposition 47, was passed, with 59 percent of the vote, in November 2002.

Proposition 47 provided $13.05 billion to K-12 and higher education facilities for the construction and renovation of campuses statewide. Proposition 55 is seeking an additional $12.13 billion to continue similar developments.

“The funding included in Proposition 55 for Cal Poly is essential to our ability to maintain and enhance our quality of education, and continue to provide the margin of excellence leaders of industry and communities expect of us,” Baker said.

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Baker, Poly support Prop. 55

By Ashley Wolf

Black, red and white posters peacefully fluttered in the wind on Dexter Lawn Thursday, and their message was clear: Some people will not go back to the days when abortion was illegal.

Students for Choice, a new club on campus, set up a “banner commemorating” in honor of the 31-year anniversary of the Roe v. Wade case that legalized abortion.

Chalk reminders were spread through campus stating “Keep Roe v. Wade alive” and “Roe v. Wade, 31 years.”

Since President Bush has been in office, many say has been a decrease in women’s abortion rights. Bush declared Jan. 22 “National Sanctity of Human Life Day” in 2002, and in 2003 he signed the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act, which bans abortion procedures as early as the beginning of the second trimester.

“Since President Bush has been in office numerous things have been done to decrease women’s rights when it comes to abortion,” said Tara Thompson, coordinator of Students for Choice and political science sophomore. “But none of it has really been maintained.”

From 1982 to 2000, the number of hospitals providing abortion has decreased 57 percent, while one in three women will have an abortion by the time they are 45 years old.

The Roe v. Wade decision was based on a 5-4 vote by the U.S. Supreme Court, which causes some concern to those who favor abortion rights.

“Some judges are close to retiring, which makes this a possibly bigger issue. If someone were to come in who was anti-abortion they could potentially change the decision,” Thompson said. “For our generation we have never known life without legalized abortion, and we wanted to get out the message that our rights are being threatened, and we are not going to go back to the ways things were.”

An argument of anti-abortion advocates is

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that women who have abortions become pregnant because they don’t use protection. One of the flyers on campus at the “hunger commemorative” stated that “54 percent of women seeking abortions experienced contraceptive failure.”

"My daughter is 19, and I know that she is safe about contraceptives," Raker said in a press release. "It is a personal choice, it’s a gift of life and dignity when life begins. For the most part I’m pro-life because life is the greatest gift you can give."

Personal experiences also determine where people stand on the issue of abortion.

"To be honest, I used to be inherently pro-life," animal science junior Harmony Quimundo-Newman said. "But, after hearing about personal cases of friends and thinking about how much having a child can affect lives, careers and people, I have become more open to it."

Thompson said people’s opinions on abortion aren’t necessarily based on their religious and political beliefs.

"This commemorative is not about anti-abortion or anti-religion," Thompson said. "It is about awareness and tolerance of people’s beliefs. We welcome all people and opinions to join our club."

Students for Choice meet every other Monday starting Jan. 26 in the Recreation administration senior. "Then I went to the library, to the Campus Express Club and staying for about half an hour. No injuries were reported.

Jan. 17

At 12:37 a.m., a UPD officer was adjacent to the Health Center as two male students passed by. While in view, one of the students exposed himself to the officer and ran away. UPD was not able to locate the students.

A 14-year-old girl was reported missing by her father. The girl was dropped off at Kennedy Library to do some research. When her father could not find her around 3 p.m., UPD was called to aid in the search. The missing female was found on the second-floor about 30 minutes after the call.

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Students still study abroad

By Ashley Wolf

For students that are interested in studying abroad Spring Quarter, that ship has almost sailed.

Application deadlines for the Thailand study ended last week. Cal Poly Quarter at Sea deadline is today, and the London study program deadline is Jan. 30.

Yet, there is still plenty of time for students to consider studying abroad this summer and in the fall. Cal Poly offers quarter and year-long programs internationally and nationally.

In Fall Quarter of 2003, 81 Cal Poly students studied in 14 different countries as part of the California State University system's International Programs.

The lecture series is called "Phenomenal" as a nod to this phenomenal group of speakers and a reference to the experiential aspect of architecture, said Laura Joines-Novotny, architecture professor and coordinator of the series.

Speakers include San Diego award-winning architect Teddi Cruz, who spoke today, authors Allison Arieff and Bryan Burkhart, Feb. 6, and New York architect Brian Messana, on Feb. 27. A final speaker scheduled for April 2 is yet to be announced.

All lectures will be held at 4 p.m. Fridays in the rotunda (Room 213) of Cal Poly's business building.

Lead-off lecturer, Cruz, is described as a passionate, artistic architect who will speak on "Breaking Architectural Barriers." The Guatemalan native is an assistant professor of architecture at Woodbury University's San Diego campus and is known for his knowledge of biocultural issues.

Cruz's architecture firm, Estudio Airstream, has won numerous awards from the American Institute of Architects, including Best Overall Design for the Housing Corridors on Imperial Avenue in San Diego. He earned a bachelor's degree in architecture at Cal Poly and a master's from Harvard.

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Letters to the editor

Relax and laugh at 'Polly'

Editor,

Ironically, the night I was going to see "Along Came Polly" John Pierson's negative half-page review came out ("Stiller, 'Polly' rebash 'Something About Mary' Jan. 21). I was really dis-appointed until I began to ask around and most people seemed to think it was exactly the opposite of what Pierson thought.

I re-read the article after I came home from the movie, which I loved and laughed hysterically through. I realize that the movie brings old school comedians and new school comedians together for a laugh.

I don't exactly know if Pierson even watched the whole movie because in the article it says Latino men "are portrayed as steaks, salsa-dancing, friend- girl stealing," but in fact the Latino man was gay in the movie. Did he miss that part? I am a Chicano American and I saw no stereotypes. And Jennifer Aniston was nothing like she is on Friends (an airhead, class dress, with lots of friends).

I think our world needs more movies that make us laugh because obviously some people are far too uptight and serious — like most of our world. Relax and laugh, it is good for the brain. All people who like to laugh and like Ben Stiller's raw humor should see it. Don't listen to one guy who doesn't like to laugh.

Some of the greatest artists, writers and movie producers today strive for the same thing and inspire to recreate something great. It isn't even like "There's Something About Mary" except for the fact Ben Stiller has a different bathroom problem.

Melissa Molina is an English senior.

Cal Poly is quite diverse

Editor,

I'm writing in response to Emily Woig's article "CWTT week will not change the real need to be diverse" Jan. 21) regarding a lack of diversity here at Cal Poly. I want to break the news not only to her but to many others regarding diversification on campus.

There is a breadth of diversity here. There are farm kids from Brawley, cowhands and ranchers from up and down this state, city dwellers from Sacramento to Los Angeles to San Diego. We have Greeks, Jews, musicians, intellectuals, grunge rockers, punkers, skaters, surfers, hip-hoppers, dancers, actors and poets.

The problem I have with what Ms. Wong is saying, with what mainstream society is saying, is that the definition of diversity is based on skin color. Otherwise she would have dug deeper and discovered our vast differences.

Josh Arbens is a second year masters business administration student.

Testing won't help schools

Editor,

Kendra Hudges' recent article "Can't get challenged or get left behind" Jan. 21) in which she calls George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind education law a "rational initiative," was totally off the mark. NCLB is one of the largest unfunded mandates ever created by the federal government. With this law, Bush was able to get financial leverage and throw America's school districts and enrich his corporate friends at the same time. A central tenet of the Bush administration's NCLB sales pitch was "accountability." Bush was going to hold individual teachers accountable for their students' performances. Apparently, enough isn't it enough that we would be entitled with the various subsidies that thrive at Cal Poly. Instead, many of us can't seem to elude the color issue.

Dictatorship defines diversity as "being different." How shallow are we as a society if we can't get the "race" thing right? It is not only superficial but also deceptive on the part of Cal Poly to misrepresent the demographics of this student body on its home page in order to appease an unfounded inter- pretation of diversity.

How are Caucasians on this campus supposed to respond when Ms. Wong makes statements about the four students... continue to call this a white campus and parents with deep rooted backgrounds will still deter their children from attending. "Talk about racial insensitivity. Is she implying that white students do not have deep rooted backgrounds? Would there be something wrong if this was a white campus?"

The road to progress is beyond the borders of color and race. Ms. Wong, I believe if we could only shift outside the confines of what we see with our eyes and into the colorful world of "content and character," we'd be much better off.

Mustang Daily is looking for a few good cartoonists and columnists.

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And guess what? I'm a liberal.

I love them for being tom between the classic "tree-huggers." You know why? Maybe, just maybe, it's because we don't hate the United States, I am shamed by the Bush administration.

I love driving down empty country roads, the wixided hills Americans who won't just take what they can on a post-caucus speech seemed to solidify the image Dean has cultivated since he began to gain significant national attention last June — an angry politician who wants to improve life for many people at a time through their jobs and services. They emulate the revolutionaries of the 1770s, George Washington's men, who didn't care so much for the country as America so much! We've had to hear that a lot. And strangely enough, we were still living here. Know why? Maybe, just maybe, it's because we don't hate America after all. I'll admit, I'm even proud of my country.

I find that flag waving is the first refuge of a politician unable to justify his behavior. They feel the daily and national stress. Patriotism is also the first refuge of the ideologically insecure, those who want to believe that they can win a race more than they actually want to be president.

Tough love for America

I love America. And I'm not just saying that — I really do. I love the people, the culture, the colors and the climate. I love the great diversity of our people, the mix of languages and ideas. I love the opportunities that American life offers. I love the American dream.

I love the country America is. It is a wonderful country, and I know I have many things to be thankful for. And guess what? I was in love with America.

Are you surprised to hear me say that? If you've been listening to pundits and reading the Daily’s ‘news’ section, you might have gotten it into your head that people like me hate America. We're Rush Limbaugh's "commie-lib," the "blame-America-first crowd."

Samuel Johnson said in 1777 that patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.
By Amy Kocot
Section Editor / Staff Writer

The sandwiches: food or food group?
For many college students, the answer would be the latter. On days when there is only an hour before class or the microwave stopped working, the sandwich not only becomes an easy option but a brown-bagged savior.
A quick stop in to every-corner Togo's or Subway may be a convenience, but San Luis Obispo residents are blessed with quality sandwich shops superior in price, atmosphere and taste.
Gus' s Grocery on Osos Street has a large patio area that is almost always packed with lunchtime munchers. Gus' s not only offers customers friendly and fast service but also a wide variety of fresh meats, cheeses and sides. Be patient, sometimes the line here is out the door and other times there is no line at all — it's inconsistent.
Employee Tony Coscia said they are almost always packed with students throughout the day.
Their sandwiches are hearty portions, but if a whole is too much to handle, a half can be ordered for $4.50. The reasonable prices, outside seating and large beverage selection make Gus' s a favorite for many.
English senior Miguel Diaz said he agrees with Gus' s being a top choice.
"I like Gus' s a lot," he said. "It's not only the sandwiches that are good, but the outdoor patio area. It's a fun place to have a beer with friends on a Saturday afternoon."
On the same side of town just down High Street sits another sandwich haven. High Street Deli offers students and locals extravagant subs in a quaint, laid back environment.
For around the same price range as Gus' s, High Street sandwiches are made with special spices, masterful care and honest skills.
It turkey or salami is not a favorite, garden burgers are a tasty option and come with a variety of fix-ins. Ordering it to go is advised because seating here is limited, but for the few who do find a seat, the tables under the cherry tree make for a picturesque setting.
For those cold January days that make indoor eating a must, Ben Franklin's on Higuera Street is an ideal choice. With over 30 suggested sandwiches in three different sizes (seven inches, 14 inches and 21 inches), coming to a final decision may be the biggest problem. One of their specials is the Turkey Ortega. This $4 sandwich comes with pepper jack cheese, green chili and can be made "extreme" with spicy mayo.
Ben Franklin's is veggie friendly and kid friendly too, but puts a bigger hole in the wallet than Gus' s or High Street, depending on the amount of food. Their most expensive sandwich is the 21-inch BBQ Beef & Jack Cheese — it can be yours for $13.25!
The discreet Lincoln Market and Deli on the corner of Lincoln and Broad streets has inviting, hidden charm. The shop itself has a liquor-store feel, but don't be fooled, the deli does not disappoint.
The sandwiches here have a home-style taste that will take away the guilt of skipping class to grab a bite. Check out the store's special, the Lincoln Ortega. It comes with turkey or beef, avocado, Ortega chili, pepper jack cheese on San Luis sourdough for $6.49. Do not plan on staying in the store long after getting the sandwich, because seats are scarce.
If last weekend's haircut or Friday night's date cost a little more than planned, Kona's Deli, is the answer for a sandwich that won't leave you broke. Inexpensive and fresh sandwiches are not much more expensive than Subway but are easy just the same.
"I thought Kona's was good, but there was nothing that made it any better than other ones," math senior Cherylene Ladd said.
They offer choices of combinations and extras that will satisfy any taste. Its location on Foothill Boulevard near Cal Poly allows student customers a convenient stop for an inexpensive meal.
"I go to Kona's most often because of location and price," business junior Michelle Henke said. "I think they give you quality and quantity at the same time and use pretty fresh ingredients."
Emotions run high when it comes to college students and sandwiches — everyone has their favorite. But if Subway still pleases your palate, then you may not have fully explored the array of Central Coast delis and their bevy of breaded beauties.
By Anastasia Killham
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Overflowing with color and character, Vallarta’s of San Luis Obispo is a pleasant surprise. Vallarta’s is located on Monterey Street in the old location of the quaint and somewhat sleepy Italian restaurant Da Vinci’s.  

Previously dim and nondescript, the building is now as vibrant in color and decoration as a Mexican hacienda. Despite the animated decor, there are no surprises on the menu. All of the typical Mexican food favorites appear. Prices are fair and the salsa, served with fresh tortilla chips, is tasty. Portions are generous and many selections could easily be shared.

Vallarta’s offers one- and two-item lunch specialties for $5.95 and $7.95, respectively. Combination meals cost $9.25 and Los Grandes selections, which are served with a choice of soup or salad, cost $10.35. Fajita platters are considered the house specialty, and a number of selections are available for just one. One beverage costs about $15. Moderate portions are effectively served on the rocks in the form of a frosty margarita.

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Vallarta’s sister restaurant by the same name, located in Pismo Beach, has been in operation since 1975. The owner of both restaurants, Donna Simpson, said she had hoped to open at the new location for a while before making an offer to the owner of Da Vinci’s. Opening in San Luis Obispo was a response to numerous requests from long-standing customers who wanted a Vallarta’s closer to home, Simpson said.

It took a good deal of effort to convert the Italian eatery to a Mexican hacienda. Simpson traveled to Ensenada, Mexico to purchase authentic decor and furnishings.

“Our food is more authentic than neighboring restaurants, especially our sauces,” she said.

Rohan lives just down the street from Vallarta’s and has become a regular there.

“It’s wonderful, the manager is really nice and they have reasonable prices,” Rohan said. “I walk here all the time.”

The managers said they strive to maintain a friendly family atmosphere. The restaurant offers a banquet room with a 40-person capacity available for full-service or buffet-style events. Overall, Vallarta’s provides a pleasant atmosphere, predictable menu selections and extremely efficient, attentive, though not intrusive, service.

‘21 Grams’ of hard reality

By Katie Schiller
Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Silence cannot drown out the painful cry of a mother, the passionate shouts of a lover or the helpless screams of a killer. In the movie “21 Grams,” contrasting emotions rise to the surface to create an uncomfortable, unnerving and even overwhelming look at tragedy.

Directed by Alejandro González Iñárritu, “21 Grams” follows Paul Rogen (Sean Penn), a drifting pot-smoking ex-converter turned Christian. The three strangers suffer through a random series of events to find their lives have been inexplicably intertwined by a strange connection. “21 Grams” shifts from one scene to the next like a poor editing job, preceding a plethora of horror-romance at a lively party with a horrific car accident. This technique makes the beginning of the movie confusing. It also heightens the intensity of conflicting emotions not usually felt at the same time.

The juxtaposition of strikingly different scenes adds discomfort to the already awkward nature of the content. The audience must accept that sex and murder may seem like opposite but in terms of passion are essentially equal.

Although the story isn’t held in chronological order, the disjointed scenes begin to make more sense toward the middle of the movie. However, it is not sufficient to mold a truly depressing movie just out of word coincidences and disjointed connections. Using exaggerated silence and over dramatized noise, 21 Grams succeeds in making the audience feel overwhelmed.

Like a tragic love poem gone bad, the movie is stuffed with overcooked soul-searching. Symbols of death and murder run rampant and usually are welcomed in a sad film. But when 21 Grams ends, the connections between strangers seem contrived. The symbolism might have been more effective if the audience could actually relate to the characters.

Regardless of the unrealistic plot, the movie does a great job with character development. Benicio del Toro’s role as a repentant Christian makes the Pope look like a sinner. Not only does he drive around in a truck that preacher “Jesus saves!” but he plays his part like Jack Jordan is the only man he’s ever known. Naomi Watts,
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albeit a whiny druggie at the end, realistically portrays the fragile state of her character. Lastly, Sean Penn, who delves deeper into his character than the other two, makes "21 Grams" worthwhile through his of her character. Lastly, Sean Penn, who delves deeper into his character than the other two, makes "21 Grams" worthwhile through his unspoken way of communicating with the audience. The other two, especially Watts, need the script. The role of "21 Grams" speaks to those who feel trapped by something in life, only to escape it in death. The film refers to the "weight" everyone carries, making "21 Grams" a chaotic, depressing plot settles, can the true meaning of the movie be discovered. "21 Grams" hits up thoughts that aren't comfortable, don't feel nice and don't make life any easier. But abandoning your comfort zone for two hours may be the only way to find out how much pain really weighs.

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Band: Alter Ego - 21+
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Mother's Tavern
Mother's linken Wednesdays - Drink specials - 21+

Thursday
Bon Temps
Crawfish and Crab Boil at 4 p.m. - Blues starts at 6:30 p.m.
The Grad
Country Stampede - Starts at 9 p.m. - 18+
Tortilla Flats
Thursday Nite Live w/ DJ Mel

In the midst of the climax, a voice speaks the message that the movie wishes to give. But it may be too late — the audience is now left to ponder the meaning of the second half of the movie and life. Only the next day, once the dust of chaos, depressing plot settles, can the true meaning of the movie be discovered. "21 Grams" stirs up thoughts that aren't comfortable, don't feel nice and don't make life any easier. But abandoning your comfort zone for two hours may be the only way to find out how much pain really weighs.

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First Night - Band: Silent Treatment - 21+
Mother's Tavern
50% Night - Drink specials - 21+
Nautical Bean
Soup/Stew - 7 to 9 p.m.
The Grad
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Tortilla Flats
Happy Hour: 4 to 7 p.m.

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National Roundup

HOUSTON — A former Enron Corp. accountant described as "a principal architect" of a scheme to mislead government regulators and investors turned himself in Thursday and pleaded innocent to federal fraud charges related to the energy giant's 2001 collapse.

Speaking in a soft voice, Richard Causey, 44, entered his plea before U.S. Magistrate Judge Frances Stacy. He was released on $1 million bond, secured by $500,000 in cash provided by a brother-in-law.

Causey, who surrendered to the FBI before daybreak Thursday and was taken to court in handcuffs, was described in a six-count indictment unsealed Thursday as "a principal architect and operator of the scheme to manipulate Enron's reported earnings." He was charged with securities fraud and conspiracy to commit securities fraud.

WASHINGTON — Interior Secretary Gale Norton signed off on a plan Thursday to open 8.8 million acres of Alaska's North Slope to oil and gas development, some in areas important for migratory birds, whales and wild life.

The Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management will use the plan to manage a northwestern portion of the government's 13 million-acre National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, under which state, federal and indigenous landowners have an economic interest.

It is located just west of the 1.5 million acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which President Bush wants to open to drilling as part of massive energy bill stalled in the Senate.

Environnmentalists said the management plan threatens the health of Arctic tundra, ponds and lakes that are home to migratory birds and provide a vital habitat for indigenous Walruses and Beluga whales for native Alaskans.

PASADENA, Calif. — NASA's Spirit rover stopped transmitting data from the surface of Mars for more than 24 hours, mission members said Thursday, calling it an "extremely serious anomaly."

NASA received its last significant data from Spirit early Wednesday, its 99th day on Mars. Since then, it has sent either random, meaningless radio noise or simple beeps acknowledging it has received commands from Earth, said Fred Nadir, manager of the Mars exploration program at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Initially, the scientists and engineers believed the problem was on Earth, caused by glitches. They now believe the rover was experiencing hardware or software problems.

SAN DIEGO — The world's first clone of an endangered species is getting ready for his public debut at the San Diego Zoo.

Jalava, an 8-month-old male banteng, was expected to be moved Thursday from the San Diego Wild Animal Park in north San Diego to the zoo. Jalava was cloned from skin cells collected from a male banteng born at the zoo in 1974 that never reproduced. A banteng is a form of wild cat from Southeast Asia.

— Associated Press

World Roundup

MANILA, Philippines — A Philippine tribunal on Thursday ordered the immediate transfer to the government of $683 million in illegally accumulated funds from Swiss bank accounts of former dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

The Sandiganbayan court ruling enforces last week's Supreme Court decision ordering the transfer of the money from an escrow account to the nation's treasury.

The Philippines National Bank has until early next week to make the transfer, Sheriff Ed Uters told The Associated Press.

The Supreme Court ruled in November that Marcos illegally accumulated the money — originally totaling $316 million when discovered in 1986 — during his 20-year rule. The amount grew with interest.

JERUSALEM — Ariel Sharon said Thursday will not resign as prime minister, despite corruption allegations and the looming possibility he could be indicted in the coming weeks.

A real estate developer was indicted Wednesday on charges of bribing Sharon with $500,000, and Justice Ministry officials said they would decide within weeks or months whether to indict the prime minister for accepting bribes. Such charges would only be filed if prosecutors are convinced Sharon had criminal intent.

"I am not about to resign. I am not about to resign. I am here with work from morning to night, and I do not intend to make time for issues that are under investigation," Sharon told the Yediot Ahronot newspaper.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — A recently discovered letter by Vincent van Gogh on display for the first time speaks of a tiny grave and his father's grief over the loss of his first child — a boy also named Vincent who was stillborn.

The letter, the first authenticated one by Van Gogh to surface since 1990, is the only known reference by the artist to the family tragedy, said Leo Jansen, a researcher at the Van Gogh Museum, which added the letter to its exhibition on Thursday.

He and other experts say its passionless tone contradicts theories by some biographers that Van Gogh may have suffered from alienation as a "replacement child."

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A barrage of mortar fire struck a U.S. military encampment in central Iraq, killing two American soldiers and critically wounding a third, the military said Thursday.

Gunmen ambushed a vehicle carrying Iraqi women who worked in the laundry at a U.S. military base, killing four of them, and the security chief at a U.S. military base, police said.

— Associated Press

College Roundup

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — University of Florida researchers at the McKnight Brain Institute are investigating the use of adult stem cells as regenerative tools to fix brain injuries and diseases.

The National Institutes of Health are promoting this research with a $1.3 million grant.

"We're studying how cells might be called to action," said Dennis Stemwedel, a researcher in the stem of adult stem cells.

The grant will help researchers in the U.S. College of Medicine's stem cell biology and regenerative medicine program further explore using brain stem cells to repair damaged adult nerve cells, which could then find their way to the brain and fix that particular cell type.

— University Wire

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**Baseball**

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By Michelle Locke

The Cal gym was where Alisa Lewis turned to find her comfort zone. And it was where family, friends and teammates gathered Thursday to say goodbye to Lewis, dead at 20 from bacterial meningitis.

"I knew they were young, but they were also very athletic," Miriamm said this is the most athletic team she's coached so far in her 16-year career.

"I am very happy to be here," Guerrero said. "When Vladimir Guerrero began talking about coming to the Angels to be a fun behind-the-scenes guy, I thought it was a good idea, too."

"Obviously, being Mexican-American, I'd like to reach out to the Mexican-American community, but also to everybody," Arte Moreno said.

"It's very important to me that we take care of the fans who have, the customers, we want to come to the Angels to be a fan experience for everybody," he said.

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MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Nine new faces have given the women's basketball team the boost they needed, at least in Mott Gym.
The team is undefeated at home, winning all six of their games. However, the road has been a stark contrast. The Mustangs are 0-8 out of home.

"We've had several close games, and we know we can pull through. We just need to keep our turnovers to a minimum."

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Hard loss, harder foul

By John M. Pierson
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Fans at last Saturday's basketball game against UC Santa Barbara probably still remember the moment: 6-foot, 8-inch, 225-pound freshman forward John Manley went up for a breakaway dunk against the Gauchos while a hand reached from behind, grabbing Manley's shoulder, while another grabbed his jersey. Then he was on the floor.

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John Manley lies on the floor after being fouled against UCSB.

Almost a week later, the Big West Conference still hasn't reacted to the incident.

"We're aware of the play," said vice associate commissioner Bob Halvaks. "We're waiting to receive the tape.

The conference received the tape Wednesday, but no one was available for comment Thursday.

When asked about Fulllove's comments Halvaks said the conference was looking at the situation as a whole, and the tape was key to setting up the picture.

UCSB officials have decided to take no action against Fulllove.

"We feel the actions taken by the officials in the game was enough," assistant athletic director for media relations Bill Mahoney said.

Manley feels differently.

"I think it was a wrong call by the officials," Manley said. "If no action is taken by (Big West), it's not the end of the world."

Manley did point out that conference officials have an opportunity to take a preventative measure.

"There's a difference between a hard foul and having intent to injure," he said. "When there's intent to injure, you've got to do something about it so it doesn't happen in the future."

As far as next month's game against UCSB goes, Manley admitted that there would be some hard feelings going in to the game, but said he hopes no one acts on it.

"Hopefully people will show some class and not lash out," he said. "Hopefully something like that doesn't happen again."

Happy Valley

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Senior Cory Tallion and the Mustangs will play 26 games at home.