Student deaths: too many, too young

The victim is always a friend of a friend. Sometimes it’s even an old roommate, classmate or even a familiar face you’ve seen on campus. But in a small town, on a relatively small campus, it’s always a friend of a friend.

This academic year alone, at least three Cal Poly students have died, all under 21. And while it’s hard enough to imagine someone at such a young age dying, it only makes it tougher knowing that they were our peers.

For students of that age, death cannot be attributed to an epidemic, disorder or complication. Architecture junior Emily Allott, graphic communication sophomore Anastasia Quinn and earth science sophomore Evan Goodwin all died in car accidents — a virtually unavoidable activity.

Whether it is driving home for the weekend or going somewhere with friends, members of the current student body cannot help but relate to the situation and frighteningly see themselves in the victim’s shoes.

All too often, over-exerted students rush home for a nephew’s birthday party or speed back to San Luis Obispo and find themselves falling asleep at the wheel or driving in poor conditions. Other times, students take the responsibility of driving in a recreational activity when they are bored and have nothing else to do. This mindset causes not only erratic but also dangerous and illegal driving habits.

But no matter what the cause is, when a friend, friend’s parent or even the police call, the words are hollow but far harder than bricks. And when you open the school paper and see a picture of someone you know, disbelief takes over.

“There are five basic stages to grief and it’s normal to go through all of them at different times,” Counseling Services counselor Leathe Allard said. “The first can be shock and then denial.”

This is the part that tragedy can happen at any time, in any place. We must be young, but recent events prove that we are not invincible.

“People get profound grief reactions if they try to block certain emotions,” Allard said. “Sometimes one death can bring up previous losses and that can be overwhelming. Counseling can really help with this.”

In memory of Emily Allott, Anastasia Quinn and Evan Goodwin, our condolences to each student’s family and friends.

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By Rachel Musquiz

The Chinese Student Association will present the 47th Annual Chinese New Year Banquet on Saturday at Chumash Auditorium in the University Union.

The doors open at 6 p.m. and the show will start at 7. To ring in the Year of the Monkey, there will be a traditional Chinese dinner and show titled “Where History and Happiness Meet.”

The evening will open and close with the traditional lion dance that is believed to bring a year of good luck. Other entertainment includes Yu Laos, a Tai Chi master and a Beijing-trained actress from San Luis Obispo. For dinner there will be a traditional Chinese five-course meal. New to the program this year are student-written and performed vignettes. These monologues will address serious issues that are salient to the Asian-American community. There will also be a short program of the history of Chinese Americans at Cal Poly and in San Luis Obispo County.

“The banquet has a two-fold effect. The first is to promote diversity by having an active cultural organization put on an event of this magnitude. The second is to allow students to celebrate (the Chinese New Year),” said Nga Hayward, president of CSA.

Enough said ... Banquet rings in the Year of the Monkey

By Randy Block

Hoping to continue its winning tradition, the Cal Poly Rose Float program is seeking design ideas for next year’s competition.

The 2005 Rose Parade’s theme is “Celebrate Family,” and the program is holding a contest to gather ideas for the float. Entries can be anything from a sketch to a written idea and are due in the University Union Epicenter by 5 p.m. on Feb. 6.

“We’re open to any different ideas and are seeking any input that people have,” program coordinator

If you go ... What: The Annual Chinese New Year Banquet When: Saturday, 6 p.m. Where: Chumash Auditorium More info: http://asi.calpoly.edu/rose-

This year’s banquet is dedicated to the father of the CSA’s founder, Ah Louis. Among other things, Ah Louis opened the first Chinese store in San Luis Obispo.

As the oldest ethnic organization at Cal Poly, CSA is also politically active. There will be a petition passed around at the banquet to change the name of Biddell Ranch Road to Ah Louis Road. Years ago, the name was changed to Biddell Ranch Road without an explanation to the family.

Along with CSA, other student organizations have been involved in the planning and organizing of the New Year Banquet. These include Lambda Phi Epsilon and Alpha Kappa Delta Phi, both cultural Greek organizations.

Seats are limited, and tickets will be sold at the door for $15. For more information contact Nga Hayward at 787-0561.

Rose Float committee seeks ideas

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Maj. Russell Clark of the military science department observes the bus, while Wheels of Justice tour bus driver Chris Dunn and daughter, Shohban, 2, talk to a passerby at the information stand. The Wheels of Justice tour bus was parked next to Dexter lawn Monday and Tuesday. Several students stopped to converse with representatives from the organization. On Monday, speakers presented information to classes and in an open forum in OU220.

The 2004 Rose Float entry won the Founder’s Award in the annual New Year’s day parade in Pasadena. COURTESY PHOTO

The contest is open to anyone in the community. For more information, visit www.asi.calpoly.edu/rose-

Amie Hammond said, “Creativity is encouraged and any sort of submission is great. We want as many ideas as possible.”

Entries must include the name, phone number and e-mail address of the person entering the contest and are limited to 18 by 24 inches.

Once all the entries are submitted, representatives from Cal Poly Pomona and San Luis Obispo will narrow down the ideas to the top five.

The winner of the contest will be acknowledged in publishing material sent out involving the float, invited to Float Appreciation Day when the Queen of Court comes to Cal Poly Pomona and will receive two tickets to the parade.

“There’s definitely a lot of incentive to enter the contest,” Hammond said.
**State Freshman applications down at UC schools**

By Michelle Locke

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**Housing squeeze to continue**

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Commutes are longer, prices are higher or ever more Californians dream of living somewhere other than in-state and international students, becomes at a time when UC is considering raising fees and trying to trim enrollment due to state funding cuts.

"We never welcome a decrease in applications, but because UC is being asked to cut back on its freshman enrollment by 3,222 students, a slight reduction may actually come as pressure on the system," said Lavonne Luquis, UC director of admissions and outreach communications.

According to preliminary data released Tuesday, on-time freshman applications for fall were down by 4 percent, from 76,991 last year to 73,794. Applications from in-state residents were down 3 percent while 18 percent fewer international students and 9 percent fewer out-of-state students applied.

Transfer applications from in-state residents were up, which brought the overall total to 1 percent less than last year — from 99,991 students last year to 98,658. Out-of-state and international students again showed decreases, with drops of 14 percent and 56 percent respectively.

The decline is believed to be due to several factors, including a modest growth in the number of California high school graduates — just under 1 percent — and tightened visa procedures enacted after the 2001 terrorist attacks that have delayed the entry of many foreign students into the United States. It's also likely that a 40 percent fee hike over the last 14 months played a role.

"I think people are worried that the university is in jeopardy, both the affordability of the university — whether or not they'll be able to pay for it — but also the quality of the university and whether the state is going to maintain the support that it really should," said Matt Murray, UC student regent.

Regents of the nine-campus UC system are not expected to pass a budget until later this spring, but Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is proposing raising undergraduate and graduate student fees an average to about $6,000. He also is proposing a 40 percent increase in fees for professional schools and out-of-state students.

Out-of-state and international students now pay about $20,000. The governor is proposing that UC cut enrollment by 3,200, with those students to be invited to attend community college for free for two years with a guarantee of transferring to UC.

Looking at demographics, fewer students of all races except Asians, Hispanics and American Indians applied. The biggest decrease was a 7 percent decline in the number of black applicants, from 2,984 to 2,776.

Luquis said officials don't know what's behind that, but it may be due to cuts in outreach programs aimed at recruiting and preparing disadvantaged students, many of whom are black, for college. Money for those programs has been declining in recent years and was eliminated entirely in the governor's proposed budget, a cut of $33 million.

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Auditors find workers' comp savings

By Steve Lawrence

SACRAMENTO — State auditors said Tuesday that new evidence that workers' compensation legislation approved last year can generate "substantial savings," although their analysis was limited by incomplete data.

The auditors attempted to measure the impact of two key provisions in last year's bill — price controls on outpatient surgery centers and pharmacies — on California's largest workers' comp insurer, the State Compensation Insurance Fund.

State Fund, as the nonprofit insurer is commonly called, would have saved anywhere from 54 percent to 65 percent on payments to outpatient surgery centers and about 24 percent on prescription drugs in 2002 if the controls had been in effect then, the auditors said.

"The report concludes that reforms to the workers' compensation medical payment system mandated by last year's legislation will produce substantial savings in the form of lower payments for nonhos- pital outpatient surgery centers and pharmacies if those reforms are carefully implemented," the chief auditor, Elaine Howle, said in a letter to legislative leaders and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

But Howle said the study was limited to what auditors had adequate information to analyze the impact on only $14.5 million of the $760 million in state Fund payments to the surgery centers.

"Data entered into State Fund's medical bill review file were often incomplete or summarized without retaining unique identifiers, and the database design prevented detailed analysis," Howle added.

She said the lack of adequate databases maintained by State Fund and other insurers would make it difficult for the state to measure the effect of future attempts to reduce workers' comp costs.

**Student Government • Wish You Were Here**

*Student government is hosting its second State of the Student Forum on Feb. 5 on Dexter Lawn from 11 a.m. to noon. The forum is open for all students to voice their opinions and enjoy a free barbecue.

*Do you want to lobby for Cal Poly students on a local and state level? Come to the Lobby Corps meeting on Jan. 28 at 8 p.m. in UU 218.

*ASI is looking for a student from the College of Engineering to join the Board of Directors. Do you have ideas you wish to implement? Contact Chris Donati at 756-1293.

*ASI Student Government meetings are open to the public. Please come and give us your input.

ASI Board of Directors meets Jan. 28 at 5 p.m. in UU 220

Executive Staff meets Feb. 4 at 7 a.m. in UU 219

University Union Advisory Board meets Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. in UU 216

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National/International News

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart sold stock based on "a secret tip" that no one else had, then told an avalanche of lies to save her reputation and enormous fortune, prosecutors said Tuesday as they laid out their case against the homemaking queen.

Stewart's attorney insisted the case was based on "speculation, surmise and guesswork" and suggested the government's pursuit of the domestic style-setter was reminiscent of George Orwell's Big Brother novel "1984."

The jury of eight women and four men listened to three hours of opening statements that outlined starkly different portraits of Stewart's side of nearly 4,000 shares of biotechnology company InstClone Systems on Dec. 17, 2001.

WASHINGTON — Officials admit they pretty much ignore an Endangered Species Act requirement that they consult with one another before licensing new pesticides.

By not requiring so many consultations, the government says it becomes more likely that the important ones will occur.

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — The president's budget for 2005 includes $105 million for balancing fish against farms in the Klamath Basin, an increase of 21 percent, the Bush administration announced Tuesday.

The bodies were discovered between Friday and Monday by federal agents searching a house in Cuidad Juarez, the federal attorney general's office said late Monday. Seven of those bodies were found Monday under the house's patio.

Agents also discovered three bags of clothing, some of which was identified by relatives of two people who disappeared Jan. 14.

B O U R B O N — Montana prosecutors said Tuesday as they sought to unseal a search warrant, the amazing $1.5 million fortune in cash that investigating agents found when they searched the home of Martha Stewart has likely been stolen.

The search warrant was being sought to unseal bank records that could help prove how the money was obtained.

CITRUS HEIGHTS, Calif. — There could be an increase in the number of bird flu cases in Asia and the United States, American doctors warned Tuesday.

In Atlanta, the head of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged American doctors to test patients with flu-like symptoms if they had recently been to areas with bird flu outbreaks.

China's announcement also created unease about the food supply for Chinese still shaken by last year's SARS outbreak. Chicken is No. 2 only to pork as a staple meat for China's 1.1 billion people. Japan immediately suspended chicken imports from China, its third-largest supplier of chicken meat and products.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Mexican authorities have unearthed 11 bodies buried behind what appeared to be a drug trafficker's safe house near the U.S. border and were continuing the search Tuesday.

BEIJING — Bird flu reached China, the world's most populous nation, as officials acknowledged Tuesday that at least one duck was infected with the disease and opened an investigation into suspect cases of other dead poultry.

The announcement opened a potentially frenzied new front in the fight against the virus that now has appeared in 13 Asian nations.

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KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber killed a Canadian soldier and an Afghan civilian Tuesday in an attack on a convoy of the NATO-led force pursuing Taliban. The Taliban claimed responsibility.

The soldier was the first foreign victim of a fresh wave of violence that has claimed more than 60 lives this month. The attack came a day after Afghanistan's president signed the country's first post-Taliban constitution into law.

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Scientists also fear losing valuable equipment and samples in the Kalmah Basin, to increase water storage and restore wetlands on Upper Klamath Lake, which doubles as an irrigation reservoir and habitat for endangered suckers.

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New projects include $4.6 million toward buying the Barnes Ranch to increase water storage and restore wetlands on Upper Klamath Lake, which doubles as an irrigation reservoir and habitat for endangered suckers.

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Five groups sued the agency in U.S. District Court in Portland, Ore., on Friday, taking the Forest Service to task for approving special-use permits in 1989, 1990 and 1991 that expanded areas where heli-skiing and snowmobiling are allowed in the Oregon-Wenatchee National Forests.

— Associated Press

University Wire

Women are underrepresented in the faculty science departments of the nation's top 50 research universities, including the University of Minnesota, according to a study of 34 institutions by the National Science Foundation.

The study, which examined 14 science fields as diverse as sociology and mechanical engineering, found male faculty members outnumber female science faculty members by an average ratio of 85 to 15. Similar statistics can be found in the university science departments the study examined.

The study also found that while female undergraduates in scientific fields often outnumber male counterparts, male faculty members outnumber the female professors in those same fields.

University Wire

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National Roundup

World Roundup

College Roundup

ORVALLIS, Ore. — The president's signature is all that stands in the way of agricultural funding for the state of Oregon, including more than $1.5 million set aside for ongoing Oregon State University research projects.

The 2004 farm bill has passed through both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and President Bush is expected to sign the bill before the end of this month.

The bill will extend ongoing USDA Agricultural Experiment Station research efforts, as well as authorize a new technology center, the U.S. Regional Research and Education Institute for the Oregon Agricultural Region.
SCOTT PETTSON

Judge chosen for murder trial

SAND FRANCISCO (AP) — Retired Alameda County Judge Alfred A. Delucchi was selected Tuesday to preside over Scott Peterson's murder trial, a week after another judge was challenged by prosecutors.

A trial judge for more than three decades, Delucchi, 72, retired in 1998 after serving in Alameda County for 15 years. He has been an active judge since then and is expected to preside over trials.

Delucchi, praised by one defense attorney as "outstanding" and "an excellent judge," has presided over 22 death penalty trials, including the case involving the murder of former Black Panther Huey Newton.

The selection was made by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronald George, who initially picked retired Contra Costa County Judge Richard Amsron for the role. Amsron's selection was challenged by prosecutors.

Delucchi will preside over next Monday's hearing in Redwood City in a bid by Peterson's attorneys to block the disqualification of Amsron. Peterson's attorneys allege prosecutors did not properly file their demands to remove Amsron. The challenge is not expected to delay the case, which is set to begin next month.

Peterson attorney Mark Geragos did not immediately return telephone calls. Delucchi's clerk said the judge was unavailable for comment. The clerk said Delucchi's Tuesday afternoon sessions were rescheduled after the judge learned of his appointment to the Peterson case.

Peterson, 38, faces the death penalty if convicted of two counts of murder for allegedly killing his pregnant wife, Laci, and their unborn son, Conner, in their home and dumping her body in San Francisco Bay. In April, a jury found that the fetuses washed ashore two miles from where her husband said he was fishing on Christmas Eve 2002 when she vanished.

The former fertilizer salesman was moved Friday from the Stanislaus County Jail to a cell in the lockup adjacent to the San Mateo courthouse in Redwood City. A Stanislaus County judge, before removing himself from the case, ordered the trial moved to San Mateo County because of too much prior publicity.

Laguna Beach, Calif. (AP) — The chief judge of federal courts in the West objected Tuesday to a new law limiting their discretion in sentencing people convicted of crimes, saying Congress should have consulted them before acting.

The opposition was voiced during a two-day meeting of the 15 chief district judges of the U.S. 9th Circuit that concluded Tuesday.

Judge John Coughenour of Seattle said the group had "virtual unanimity" in its disdain for the law, which compels judges to strictly follow sentencing guidelines and orders that reports be sent to Congress on anyone who deviates from them.

The change, which was supported by Attorney General John Ashcroft, was part of an anti-crime bill signed by President Bush last year. The Justice Department made no attempt to consult with judges, Coughenour said, and ignored a commission created by Congress to make sentencing recommendations.

Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist has also criticized the law.

Supporters say it was needed to ensure fair and equal sentencing throughout the federal court system. But Judge Alfred A. Haggerty of Portland, Ore., said Congress enacted the measure, in part, using misleading statistics about how often federal judges departed from sentencing guidelines.

"If you look at the overall number of times a judge supposedly departs, it was done at the request of the government in most cases," Haggerty said.

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New Convenience Store Opens on Campus

By Tonya Strickland
CAMPUS DINING STAFF WRITER

Heard rumors that a brand new convenience store has opened on campus and students had the opportunity to win prizes at the grand opening? The rumors are true, but you may want to go take a look for yourself.

Cerritos, located in the Cerritos Vista community center, opened last month and held a grand opening celebration in October.

Cerritos Vista students had the chance to enter a drawing where the winner received a catered meal at their apartment. In addition to the drawing, students enjoyed live mariachi music provided by Joel Nino de Rivera, a colorful display of various entrees and desserts, food demonstrations and a ribbon cutting ceremony that welcomed new customers into the store.

As the newest convenience store on campus, Cerritos stocks items ranging from Chex Mix to Spray 'n Wash and has changed its hours for Winter Quarter to better accommodate student schedules.

New hours are as follows: Sunday through Thursday 4pm to 10pm, Friday 3pm to 7pm and Saturday 12pm to 5pm.

With all restaurants on campus, Pizz Dollars and Campus Express Club are always welcome.

They're baked all day long.

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Welcome to the campus dining center.

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It takes a big pair of scissors to reveal the hundreds of items Cerritos has to offer. (From left) Mike Merrell, Daniel Howard-Green, Frank Mumford and Alan Cushman cut the ribbon at the grand opening celebration.


It's all the rage

Story by Nicole Angeloni

"Driving is fun," the happy person behind the wheel said. While some cannot control their road rage, others employ relaxation techniques to keep their cool.

There are other ways to avoid falling victim to road rage as well, like counting to 10 and taking deep breaths. The best way to handle a potentially tense situation is to just blow it off.

"The most important thing to remember is that falling someone because they failed to turn on their blinker isn’t worth risking your life," Axelroth said. "It’s better to just swallow your pride and back down."

If all else fails, feel free to license the soundtrack to "West Side Story." It’s available at local music shops.

"When someone cuts me off or gets angry at something mundane, it really frustrates me," says city and regional planning junior Paul Talmire said. "I say something quickly and to myself if it upsets me enough, and then I move on. You can’t hack on things like that."

There is also a chemical component contributing to the anger of the afflicted, according to Axelroth.

"Testosterone, the primary hormone in males, has been proven to be directly correlated with increased aggression," Axelroth said. "Females do produce a limited amount of testosterone but not as much as their counterparts."

Males are more likely to view situations by means of power, or hierarchy, while females are more focused on relationships. If a male feels he is being disrespected, the tendency will be to "push back," or enter into a power struggle with the other person.

But women are not the only ones who participate in road rage.

"My friend and I accidentally cut someone off, and the girl got really upset," kinesthetics junior Kate Segler said. "We got in front of her while she was slowing down. It made her even angrier and when she sped past us, I stuck my hand out the window and indicated to her that she was No. 1 in my book. Some people just can’t drive. It’s really annoying."

Other students react quite differently.

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Small-time photographer,
BIG NAME ACTS

Art and design junior Mike Dinsmore is making his mark on the main stage with music photography

STORY BY HILLARY SCHULER-JONES
PHOTOS COURTESY OF MIKE DINSMORE

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Aerosmith, Dave Matthews and KISS are coming to Cal Poly this week — at least in theory.

Art and design junior Mike Dinsmore is sharing his collection of candid pictures from the bands in concert at an exhibit in the University Union Gallery from Jan. 26 to Feb. 21. The exhibit will also feature pictures Dinsmore took at ASI Events and Week of Welcome concerts for Sugarplums, Flogging Molly, Goldfinger and Jason Mraz.

Eleven of the pictures went on display Monday. UU Gallery student supervisor Natalie Matthews said she expected at least seven more later this week.

Dinsmore began exploring photography in high school and was eventually hired to do freelance work at professional sporting events for Star News trying to show off what I like to do.”

While he is passionate about photography, he said it isn’t always as glamorous as it seems.

He got knocked over while shooting a Chargers–49ers game, and when he did Warped Tour, he “got hit with shoes and lemons,” he said with a smile on his face.

Sometimes, however, not getting a good shot is worse than the threat of inanimate objects.

“It’s pretty difficult sometimes,” he said. “I’ll shoot a whole concert, fill up 200 pictures and you don’t get as many good ones as you’d expect.”

Even so, one of his favorite pictures on display, a close-up of Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler, represents the satisfaction of the job for Dinsmore.

“When I did the concert I was pretty intimidated,” he recalled. “When I left the show I didn’t think I got very good pictures. Then I got them developed and they turned out really nice. It kind of reassured me, like, ‘Hey, I can do this.’”

Dinsmore said his ultimate goal is to establish a reputation so that prominent bands will ask for him by name.

“A famous band needs pictures done, say Dave Matthews, and they say, ‘Let’s call Mike Dinsmore up,’” he daydreamed. “I think that would be pretty cool.”

ASI Events will host a grand opening for the exhibit on Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the UU Gallery, located on the second floor of the UU in the Epicenter.

The opening will feature live music from folk-rock band Longview and free refreshments.

The pictures will be on display next week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. Admission is free.

in his hometown, San Diego.

He got his first concert assignment in May 2001 to shoot pictures for country music duo Brooks and Dunn. Though he is not a country fan, Dinsmore was hooked after the experience.

“I knew none of their songs, but I had a blast anyway,” he said.

Dinsmore considers himself lucky because a photographer at that show taught him where to stand and how to get the best shot.

He has since taken pictures of Jimmy Buffet, Backstreet Ladies, The Ataris, Jack Johnson, Jeremy Ray and performers at the Van Warped Tour.

Dinsmore said he tries to “get away with the mood of the show” when he is photographing the bands but hopes that most of the pictures will speak for themselves.

“I never thought I was going to convey anything,” he said. “I’m just
Air relies on subtlety in dream-like new release

By Simon Davenport
THE DAILY CARDINAL (UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN)

MADISON, Wis. — It has been two years since Air has graced our ears with a new release, and it is obvious they have not lost anything in the interim.

Their previous albums include "Moon Safari" and "The Virgin Suicides," and "Talkie Walkie" is another example of the immense talent possessed by Jean-Benoit Dunckel and Nicolas Godin, who make up this electronic-dreamscape band.

This album, like many others Air has produced, thrives on subtleties, both vocal and symphonic. The songs unfold as in a dream; they fade in and out of consciousness, just grabbing you before you slip in too deep.

The mostly relaxing sound is due to the hand favoring major keys accompanied by repetitive acoustic guitar hacked with piano, flute, xylophone or a dazzling array of synthesizer. And where rhythm is concerned, Air leaves it simple and unobtrusive unlike many of their peers.

This is not to say that the album is devoid of engaging patterns. It rather downplays them by putting emphasis on vocals and accompaniment, suggesting that Air is trying to break away from the rule that says electronic music must have a pulsing, hypnotic beat. It seems as if they are giving more respect to their audience by not beating it over the head with bass.

Sometimes this approach can seem a little forced. As they rely more and more on chord changes alone, they seem to be overindulging. It is the same kind of affectation some actors feel when they enjoy the sound of their own voice too much — you are left bored and unamused.

Much is the same with tracks like "Another Day." Its chord progression provides a very interesting tension, but the seemingly lazy rhythm ruins the mood, and what comes through are hackneyed vocals that don't seem to be moving the song along.

Some of the samples can also be a bit too stretched out and unnecessary, as in the song "Alpha Beta Gaga," which seems to showcase a rather annoying metallic run of notes. On the other hand, tracks like "Run," "Surfing on a Rocket" and "Universal Traveler" are as beautifully crafted as they are engaging, bringing up possibly the best attribute this album has to offer — flawless and brilliant production. It feels as if this release was born mostly in post production, lending to the prowess of Air's Dunckel and Godin, not to mention outside help from Nigel Godrich. Every orchestration is perfectly placed — the fading and panning is immaculate, to say the least.

"Talkie Walkie" may not be for everyone, but for those who can appreciate production, subtlety and relaxing tunes, it delivers a great musical experience.
Chancellor Reed discusses the CSU budget

Welcome to winter term at the California State University. There have been significant developments on the state budget front, and I want to take this opportunity to bring students up to date on what we know about the CSU budget.

AsGovernor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposal makes its way through legislative hearings, we will need students' help communicating with legislators to make sure that adequate funding is available so the CSU can continue to offer high-quality education to all of its 409,000 students.

The governor proposed cutting $340 million or 9 percent of the California State University system’s 2005-06 fiscal year. This will potentially decrease enrollment by approximately 20,000 students if the cuts are implemented as proposed. This new cut, combined with the 2003-04 General Fund budget cut of $311 million, means that our budget has been cut in the past two years by $771 million; or 28.5 percent reduction in state support for students.

The proposed budget also recommends that 10 percent of incoming first-time freshmen attend a community college rather than the CSU campus. We will work very hard to ensure that these students have all their required classes completed. This means that they will be less educated citizens entering the workforce. Over the next several months, we will be stressing to lawmakers and the media the importance of investing in the CSU because of the critical role we play in the state’s economic health.

Students probably have read or heard about the governor’s proposal to increase undergraduate fees by 10 percent, which would raise the State University Fee from $2,246 to $2,250 per year. If the governor has proposed to raise future fee increases to the rise in per-capita personal income, but by no more than 10 percent annually. The governor’s proposal centers on creating a more stable fee policy and fee-funding model for higher education.

We cannot let that happen.

If you would like more information about the CSU's 2004-05 budget, please visit our Website at http://www.cal-state.edu/Budget/Current/index.html.

The state budget crisis has created significant challenges for the CSU. We are focused on ensuring that our enrolled students get the courses they need to graduate. And, the CSU remains committed to its mission of providing a high-quality, accessible higher education for students. To continue to do so, we need all 409,000 students and 44,200 faculty and staff to come to a common sense. The CSU is working for California.

We need everyone to talk about what a CSU education means and what would happen if quality, access and affordability disappear from the CSU.

We cannot let that happen.

Charles B. Reed is the Chancellor of the California State University system.

Letters to the editor

A listing of party policies

Editor,

The 2004 elections are about legislators, administration and cronies who stop corporation reform, increase college tuition, grow debt, have pre-emptive nation invasions, violate 15-minute voting rules, add doughnut-hole prescription plans and no-bid contracting, privatize Medicare, stop drug negotiations, ban free-trade medicines, imprison without due process, shutdown veterans, misuse church and state, allow attorneys general recusals and allow bin Laden to remain loose.

This administration tours consumer choice to grow monopolies and takeovers, massively stores interest, pig donors and executive bailouts, stonewalls, de-regulate, abandoned treaties, squeezing our shops and farms, kickbacks, greed, half-brained decisions, secrecy, insufficient Internet-pornogra­phy penalties, nuclear bunker-buster bomb development and illegal immigration.

There are arbitrary police-fire cutbacks, extended military tours, corporation directors, diluted stock options, book cooking, faulty facts, unfunded mandates, red tape, distortions, Social Security privatization, war casualties, focus on space, pork and more.

Patrician and visionary voting citizens and volunteers will make America bet­ter, if they can temporarily look beyond political party affiliation during 2004.

John Bauer is a resident of Martinez, Calif.

Veritas is ‘open-minded’

Editor,

I would say the two most popular topics on campus are diversity and open­mindedness. It seems like everyone has something to say about how the campus isn’t diverse enough and then the ensuing debate on what true diversity is.

My personal favorite is the open­minded debate and how people are constantly shut down for not being open­minded enough. The reason I bring this up is because this week is a time of true open-mindedness and debate, to explore science and religion, philosophy and truth. Tuesday marked the beginning of Veritas week where the campus has the opportunity to explore truth, religion, God, morality and love. Veritas comes from the Latin words meaning "a public discussion of truth," where the entire campus community can explore and discuss the hardest questions of the uni­verse, society and the human heart.

I challenge everyone to attend these forums and engage in public discussion on these principles. There is nothing more open-minded than searching for truth, so don’t let this week pass without exploring for yourself.

Blake Bolton is an industrial technology junior.

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Healthy eating gone awry

The Atkins diet craze has bombarded the nation, and fast-food chains are jumping on the bandwagon. Burger King has just now added to its menu a low-carb chicken bacon ranch wrap and Carl's Jr. low-carb burger at Subway. These choices are far from being unique.

The Atkins diet promotes large proportions of protein and small amounts of carbohydrates. Dieters restrict their intake of foods such as bread, fruit and pasta but are allowed to eat large amounts of protein-rich meats, eggs and nuts. Reducing the carbohydrate intake has induced a large mass shedding of pounds around the nation.

Low-carb diets enable quick weight loss because the carbohydrates fuel the body — especially the brain. The body stores a limited amount of carbs in the form of glycogen. After glycogen reserves have been utilized, the body is able to make a small amount from body fat. Fat cannot be turned into glycogen. In other words, these low-carb diets cause the body to lose muscle tissue, and body fat will remain unless dieters start an exercise routine.

The long-term health implications of the Atkins diet are unknown because the longest study conducted thus far lasted only a year. The only lasting study following the Atkins diet was published by the Journal of American Medical Association. The study found that the Atkins diet carries a higher risk of death than a normal meal plan. In other words, the Atkins diet has induced a large mass shedding of pounds, but many are willing to take risks to shed pounds fast.

Diets should be designed for health as well as cosmetics, which is why experts are becoming wary of the low-carb wonders. Before the stampede to fast-food restaurants begins, one should think carefully before choosing the many low-carb options. One should never forget that the Atkins diet is often associated with headaches, and many are willing to take risks to shed pounds fast.

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N A S A has problems to clean up on Earth

PASADENA (AP) — As NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratoryfive high with twin rivers searching for evidence of water on Mars, the space agency is trying to clean up contaminated water in its own backyard.

At issue is a chemical used in rocket fuel called perchlorate, the toxic legacy of six decades of research by the government and defense contractors in California. Perchlorate, which can cause thyroid disorders, pollutes much of the lower Colorado River, the main water source for 20 million people across the Southwest. The contamination has also forced the shutdown of hundreds of California wells that tap polluted groundwater and spurred lawsuits from thousands of people who say years of drinking water faced with the chemical have caused cancer and other illnesses.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, which took over the JPL in 1958, is promising to clean up the chemical in Pasadena, which has shut down nine of its 16 wells and spent $2 million to buy replacement water. The city has reserved the right to sue if NASA doesn’t come through with cleanup plans, but all involved say they doubt that will be necessary.

“I think it’s a problem you see all over the country in terms of unexpected consequences. It’s an unfortunate byproduct of the success that they’ve had,” said Phillie Carre, general manager of Pasadena Water and Power, which has raised rates for 150,000 customers in Pasadena and parts of neighboring Altadena to pay for the replacement water.

NASA says chemical waste from JPL, which is coordinating the missions of the Spirit and Opportunity rovers, is now shipped to treatment and disposal sites. But in the 1940s and 1950s, waste from laboratory sinks and drains was dumped in ground seepage pits, a common practice at the time.

Over the years, perchlorate and other chemicals, called volatile organic compounds or VOCs, have traveled underground to water supplies.

The agency paid for a plant in 1990 to remove the VOCs from the city’s water and is now planning to build two plants to clean up perchlorate. Officials are holding public meetings this week with residents about the plans.

NASA will determine the full extent of the travel of the chemicals from here and take care of the entire extent,” said remedial project manager Steve Slaten.

The tainted water, which is several hundred feet underground, has migrated about 2,000 feet from the JPL site, expanding to an area covering about 100 acres. It lies under dozens of homes, but there’s no pathway between the deep water and the surface, Slaten said.

He said that while cleaning VOCs is a relatively simple process, scientists have only developed the technology to remove perchlorate in the last few years.

Democrats push for animal ID system

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats unhappy with the time it took to trace America’s one known mad cow disease pressed Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman on Tuesday to hurry and produce a plan to individually identify each of America’s 96 million cattle.

“After five weeks of intensive investigation, we have located only 28 of the 81 cows that entered the United States from Canada with the infected cow,” said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. “If we had an animal ID system, USDA could have located those cattle in a matter of hours, or, at the longest, days.”

The discovery of the disease last month in a Holstein cow slaughtered in Washington state created a worldwide food scare that sent cattle prices plummeting and prompted more than 40 nations to ban imports of U.S. beef.

Experts say eating beef containing the misshapen protein that carries the disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, can lead to a similar, rare but fatal condition in humans, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Veneman said the Agriculture Department is trying to develop “a verifiable system of national animal identification.” An international committee of experts reviewing the government’s handling of the case is looking at animal identification among other issues and is to start preparing a report in a couple of weeks, she said.

Critics say mandatory identification would have eased the search for animals that might have eaten the same feed as the infected Holstein. Federal officials say feed containing the misshapen protein is the most likely cause of infection.

The Washington state Holstein and 80 other cows came from a herd in Alberta, Canada, that was shipped to the United States in 2001. The Agriculture Department says it has identified 14 of the 25 cattle most likely to have eaten the same feed.

Sen. Michael Corps, R-Idaho, said the government should approach establishing a nationwide ID system for animals with “a great deal of caution” and should ensure that the eventual program “not be overly cumbersome and intrusive to U.S. cattle operations.”

Current tracing methods based on ear tags are inadequate, said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., because America’s one known mad cow had only an ear tag for identification.

“The BSE discovery has demonstrated the need for a national animal identification system,” he said.
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32. Part of 21-Acrosses
33. Piano tuner
34. Stew veggies
35. Black
36. Cuts down
37. Drive, or move
38. Rocker Nugent
39. Flat hat
40. 1p.m. (8)
41. See 18 Like a saw's
42. Freezes
43. Judges, e.g.
44. "Road' film
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46. Squeeze (out)
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51. Slow veggies
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55. Court site
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COURTESY PHOTO/SPORTS INFORMATION
Kasey Poet was a two-time all-West Region selection in her career for the Mustangs.

When New Zealand's national league extended an offer, Poet was thrilled, and her dreams were realized. "I pursued playing overseas when I checked the Web site and saw that I had been drafted in the top 20," Poet said. "I really never thought I'd be able to play competitively again, let alone play on an overseas team."

Hayley Poet fielded the criticisms from friends and some of the fondest memories will forever have, especially on the road trips."" She said. "I made life-long friends and some of the fondest memories."

Hayley Poet continued to play in the NCAA Division I Top-20 individual Wrestling rankings released by InterMat Wrestling on Monday, the Mustangs have four wrestlers in the top-20. Vic Moreno is ranked No. 9 in the 197-pound division and Darrell Vasquez is ranked No. 7 in the 184-pound division with a overall record of 19-4. Vasquez is ranked No. 15, No. 2 in the Pac-10. Rotelho went 35-10 and had 12 pins. In the 149-pound division, No. 11-8 decision. Franco goes to 9-4 overall, 3-1 in the Pac-10. The Bulldogs are coached by New Zealand's national league extended an offer, Poet was thrilled, and her dreams were realized. "I pursued playing overseas when I checked the Web site and saw that I had been drafted in the top 20," Poet said. "I really never thought I'd be able to play competitively again, let alone play on an overseas team."