**Seniors present ICC**

By JoAnn Sanders

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students from the Orfalea College of Business will see their hard work come to an end as they present the ninth Annual International Career Conference on Saturday.

As part of their senior project, 25 students making up a marketing team, a speakers and workshops team, and a corporate recruitment team have worked on the conference since June.

The conference, which will be held at the Embassy Suites on Madonna Road at 8 a.m., will give Cal Poly students, the general public and even students from other states a chance to meet and talk to industry leaders and company recruiters from international and domestic sectors.

The conference, which started nine years ago as a senior project for business seniors, is different from other conferences because it often offers students a chance to meet with company recruiters at an off-campus venue and attend workshops.

"The Effects of Technology," "Media Influences in Business," see ICC, page 2

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**Events Calendar**

List of upcoming activities on campus

**What:** Career Symposium

**Connect with representatives of more than 80 companies and agencies to discuss resumes, find available career options, network, make contacts and learn more about fields of interest.

**Where:** Today, 10 a.m.

**More Info:** Call Shel Burrell at 756-5794

**What:** Beyond Diversity: Challenging Racism in an Age of Backlash

**Tim Wise, one of the most prominent white anti-racist voices in the United States, will speak on racism.

**Where:** Today, 7 p.m.

**Where:** PAC, Philips Hall

**More Info:** Call Joan DeCosta at 756-6770

**What:** Art Department guest speaker

**The Visual Art Guest Lecture Series will host a one-hour slide lecture by artist Linda Besemer, a resident of Los Angeles and painter and professor.

**Where:** Today, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Bldg. 33, Room 286

**More Info:** Call Michael Miller at 756-6069

**What:** The Vagina Monologues

**Cal Poly's Women Empowerment Team is sponsoring benefit performances of the award-winning play.

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**Recruitment Viewbook wins advertising award**

**By Nicole Angeloni**

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's virtual Viewbook, a digital recruitment tool, recently won the Gold Award in the Internet/World Wide Web category in the 10th Annual Admissions Advertising Awards.

The Viewbook, launched in fall of 2003, is the university's first technological endeavor in the area of recruitment.

The virtual adventure contains virtual multimedia, such as Flash animation and 360-degree images and digital video. It also contains interviews, virtual campus tours, video presentations and photo spreads.

"The most difficult part of the project for me was setting the vision," said James Maraviglia, assistant vice president for admissions, recruitment and financial aid. "We designed the entire project around the features eluded me for a long time."

The Viewbook was produced by Cal Poly, students, alumni, faculty and staff. The project was led by Albert Lucero and Christine Wallace.

"The project was a great team effort. A couple of the features eluded me for a minute, but once you get the hang of it, it's really very cool," Lucero said.

The university produced the Viewbook in an effort to cut costs in communication techniques with prospective students, yet still retain an effective method of doing so.

"I think the site will be very beneficial to incoming freshmen," Maraviglia said. "It will provide them with a greater perspective on the campus layout and surrounding areas in San Luis Obispo. If I had seen this when I was an incoming freshman, it would have been easier to navigate around campus."
and newspaper advertisements. The annual awards are given by Admissions Marketing Report, a monthly publication covering the admissions marketing field and published by HRM Publications Group.

"Cal Poly was the first campus to institute electronic applications in 1992," Martin said. "Each year the diversity of applicants increases, and each year we're reminded that it's a privilege to attend school here, not a right. The Viewbook is just the next step in keeping with the times and keeping the student population happy."

To access Cal Poly's virtual Viewbook tour, go to www.css.calpoly.edu/admins/viewbook.

**ICC continued from page 1**

"Women in International Business" and a workshop for entrepreneurs are some of the eight workshops that students can attend while attending the conference.

In addition, the conference will feature two keynote speakers. One of the speakers, vice president and co-founder of Marvell Semiconductor, Welli Dai, was ranked No. 17 in the Fortune 40 under 40 richest people in the United States according to a pamphlet distributed by the ICC team members.

Students who attend the International Career Conference will also enjoy a lunch provided by the conference, the students working on ICC as their senior project encourage other students to attend the conference.

"It's good for students who may not have had the same training as business students to practice professionalism and interviewing," said business senior and member of the marketing team for the ICC Eiji Ramos. "We encourage freshmen to come too."

Vice president of marketing for the ICC and business senior Andy Amundsen said that the conference will also give students a head start to compete with today's economy and job market.

"Today it's all about networking," Amundsen said. "Now is a good time to get out there and get your name out there. This is just another opportunity to do that."

The cost for the conference is $5 for pre-registration by students and $10 for students at the door. For more information visit the ICC Web site at www.icolp.calpoly.edu.
National Roundup

PURLINGTON, Vt. — Faster than you can say dot.com bust, Howard Dean's quest for the presidency ended Wednesday as the Democratic nominee's vote totals in 17 contests, bowed to political reality and abandon­ned his bid.

Once the little-known former governor of Vermont, Dean took a summer break to presidential campaign heights, attracting scores of followers and a Democratic record $41 million in campaign dollars largely through the Internet.

Exactly one month ago, Dean was the candidate to beat — front-runner in national polls and poised to begin his primary romp with a win in the Iowa caucuses. It all crashed when the real votes were counted.

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — A National Guardsman accused of attempt­ing to share military intelligence with al Qaeda has been formally charged, an Army spokesman said Wednesday.

Spc. Richeal Anderson offered to provide information about U.S. troop strengths and locations in an attempt to make himself valuable to the terror­ists, but the Army did not immediately release that information, Lt. Col. Stephen Bargp said Wednesday.

LÁS VEGAS — Sen. Harry Reid called for a federal investigation into safety practices at Yucca Mountain Wednesday after the Energy Department acknowledged it had been aware of the potential for silic­a-laden dust to become airborne during drilling operations at the planned nuclear waste site.

The Yucca Mountain workers contracted a fatal illness because DOE wasn't concerned with safety precautions," said Reid, D-Nev. "Silicosis is a terrible, deadly disease. It is also 100 percent preventable."

In a letter sent Wednesday, Reid urged Labor Secretary Elaine Chao to investigate the possibility of silica exposure at the Yucca Mountain site, about 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

WASHINGTON — President Bush distanced himself Wednesday from White House predictions that the economy will add 2.4 million jobs this year, the second embarrassing economic retreat in a week and new fuel for Democratic criticism.

"Now they're already backing off on their own predictions," Democratic presidential front runner John Kerry said in Ohio, where unem­ployment has risen from 3.9 percent to 6 percent since Bush took office.

Associated Press

To All Cal Poly Students

California voters are going to the polls again on March 2 to vote on a number of important issues. One of the March 2 ballot initiatives is especially significant for Cal Poly: Proposition 55. We urge you to become informed about the importance of Proposition 55 and participate in the March election. Your right to vote is a precious thing — use it!

Proposition 55, the statewide school bond on the March 2 ballot, would bring more than $35 million to Cal Poly to replace aging buildings, classrooms and equipment — projects which would otherwise be delayed significantly.

Funding included in Proposition 55 for Cal Poly includes:

- $28.5 million in construction money for a new building to house the university's architecture and construction management programs, part of Cal Poly's nationally-recognized College of Architecture and Environmental Design. (Some of this funding is earmarked to remodel architecture and industrial technology classrooms in the 30-year-old Engineering West building.)

- $5.3 million to pay for new high-tech equipment for the Engineering IV building now under construction.

- $1.2 million for initial design and drawings for a new Center for Science and Mathematics to replace the 50-year-old science building.

All Cal Poly students will benefit from one or more of these key projects. 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, employers, students, alumni and supporters expect from this university. It also gives us some of the resources necessary to increase the number of graduates in fields critical to the California economy.

If California voters do not approve Proposition 55, the university will have to delay these much-needed projects. We urge you to find out more about Proposition 55. And don't forget to vote on March 2!

Warren Baker
President, Cal Poly

Alison Anderson
President, ASI

World Roundup

ILLAH, Iran — Suicide bombers detonated explosives outside a Polish-run base Wednesday, killing 10 Iraqis and wounding more than half of them, coalition forces said. The United States arrested seven guerrillas believed linked to Qaeda in an early-morning raid to the north.

In the attack in Hillah, the third suicide bombing of security targets in two weeks, was part of a wider effort "to isolate us from the Iraqi people," coalition military commander Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez told reporters in Teller.

Coalition and military officials said at least 106 people were hurt in the blasts, which happened in the Hasy Babil neighborhood near Camp Charlie. The wounded included 32 Iraqis and 26 Poles, as well as Hungarians, Bulgarians, Filipinos and an American.

The casualty toll could have been much higher had guards not opened fire and prevented the attackers from entering the camp. One truck exploded under the gate and another blew up after hitting a concrete barrier.

NEYSHABUR, Iran — Runaway trucks carrying a lethal mix of fuel and chemicals derailed, caught fire and then exploded hours later Wednesday in northeast Iran, killing more than 200 people, injuring at least 400 and leaving dozens trapped beneath crumpled mud homes.

These three reported dead were firefighters and rescue workers who had extinguished most of the blaze outside Neyshabur, an ancient city of 170,000 people in a farming region 400 miles east of the capital, Tehran.

The dead also included top city officials — including Neyshabur's gov­ernor, mayor and fire chief as well as the head of the energy department and the director-general of the provincial railways — who had all gone to the site of the derailment, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The explosion devastated five villages, where authorities hunted in blood­supplies and appealed through loudspeakers for donors.

TEHRAN, Iran — The leader of Iran's ruling clerics must be more accountable to reform demands and should shun some powers to break a "vicious circle" of control, the most prominent dissident lawmaker and brother of the country's president said Wednesday.

But Mohammad Reza Khatami — who was deputy parliament speaker and among more than 2,400 candidates blackballed from Friday's elections — warned against public demonstrations to demand change, saying Iranis have no appetite for another revolution.

In an interview with The Associated Press, he offered glimpses of a high­stakes gamble: trying to pressure Iran's supreme leader and the Islamic power base that controls everything from foreign policy to the media.

Associated Press

In California, Davis graduate student Dan Meyer broke a world record for the longest paperclip chain made by an individual in 24 hours. Before it was done, his fin­gers were silvery, and "in really bad shape" from chaining more than 40,000 paperclips together.

However, the 21-year-old said he "wasn't really prepared" that his chain, which had broken the previous world record by about 2,500 feet with a chain about 100 feet long, would become so long.

Meyer and his team attempting to break the world record "were like kids," he said Wednesday.

"It was just a matter of keeping going," he said Wednesday.

 Sanctified in 2005, Meyer's second shot at the gold last year, he is hoping his record will break the world record in length. However, unsavory tangles prevented him from reaching the goal.

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CAMPUS PROJECTS

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Campus Sustainability

Cal Poly will host a workshop sponsored by the Concrete Masonry Association of California and Nevada titled: Sustainable Schools and Public Buildings – Concrete Masoners’ Contribution. The workshop will be held on February 20, 2004 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm in the PAC Pavilion. Students are welcome to attend free, by writing “student participant” on the registration form. Student participants will not receive handout materials, and they will need to bring their own lunch.

All others who wish to register may visit the new Sustainability Website at: http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/, click on the Sustainability icon, then the News and Events button on the menu. The purpose of the Sustainability Website is to promote awareness of campus activities, projects, resources and activities that relate to sustainability on campus.

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Engineering IV

Phase II of the new Engineering complex. The building will add 104,000 square feet to Engineering and will stand on the site northwest of Kennedy Library.

California Boulevard Extension

As part of Phase II of the Engineering III project, California Boulevard will be extended through campus to connect with Highland Drive. The project will provide connection to major parking lots and move circulation out of the campus core.

Student Housing North

The project will be completed over a three-year period, with a phased delivery. The EIR and schematic designs have been approved and the first phase should be available for occupancy in 2007, at the earliest, with the subsequent two phases opening in the following two years.

Check the Student Housing North website for information about the project:
http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/ Click on the Student Housing North icon.

Telecomm Infrastructure Project

Project Telecomm is continuing throughout campus. The project is upgrading telecommunications (voice, data and video) systems in all State-owned buildings on campus. Purple and orange signs identify the sites of the current construction activity. For further information, current building schedules, photos and other information, contact the Telecomm website: http://telecomm.calpoly.edu.

Engineering III

Phase I of the 41,000 square foot building at the North West corner of the campus is complete. Phase II is expected to begin construction during summer quarter and will finish the interior work, exterior awnings, screens and landscaping, and add a new jet propulsion lab building.

Building Permits Required for All Campus Projects

Facilities Planning & Capital Projects would like campus departments to be aware that all construction projects — big or small — must go through the campus building permit process. A building permit is required for all departments, offices and student projects whether or not they are using their own resources.

For a building permit application and more detailed information on the process, go to the Facilities Planning Web site from the Cal Poly Home page and click on Building Permits. http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/

To find out more about campus projects, go to the Facilities website at: http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/Facilities_Planning/
Traffic bottlenecks increasing

• U.S. choke points rise 40 percent; group hopes to cure highway congestion

By Leslie Miller
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON — The number of major U.S. traffic choke points — places where highways cannot handle all the cars — rose 40 percent over five years, a study says.

Traffic bottlenecks are places where highways cannot handle all the cars — rise 40 percent over five years, a study says.

There were 213 major bottlenecks in 2002, compared with 167 in 1997, said the study by the American Highway Users Alliance. It also said seven of the 18 previous top choke points had disappeared as a result of construction projects.

The report by Cambridge Systematics Inc. of Cambridge, Mass., was commissioned by the highway group, which is lobbying Congress this year for a higher highway-mass transit bill than President Bush wants. The current six-year highway-mass transit bill expires at the end of this month.

“Traffic bottlenecks are increasing as a place where drivers experience at least 100,000 hours of delay every year. No bridges or toll roads were included, eliminating some sites in the New York area from the list. The study ranked them according to the total time that drivers spent backed up at the point of congestion.”

No longer ranked among the worst traffic hot spots are interchanges in Boston, Albuquerque, N.M., Chicago, Houston, Denver and two around Washington, D.C.

Boston’s $14.6 billion “Big Dig” eased traffic snarls at the northbound intersection of U.S. Highway 1 and Interstate 93. The southbound lanes were completed in December, too late for the report to measure its impact.

The highway group argued that the cost of highway projects is worth the benefits. For example, it said $233 million would be needed to reconstruct the “Big Dig” interchange of Interstates 25 and 40 in Albuquerque, but the total hours of annual delay dropped from 16 million in 1997 to 1.1 million in 2002 as a result.

When you look at some of these projects the costs are colossal, the numbers will scare you, but the benefits are also colossal,” said Alan Pisarski, author of “Traffic: the Facts.”

WASHINGSTON — The government is extending an incentive program for automakers who build vehicles that can run on ethanol blends and other alternative fuels.

The extension was announced Wednesday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, covers vehicles through the 2028 model year. The program, which was approved by Congress in 1999, originally covered vehicles from the 1993 to 2004 model years.

The program provides automakers with credits toward the calculation of their fleet’s average fuel economy. Each automaker must reach an average of 27.5 mpg for its fleet. The extension will allow companies to factor in a credit of 0.9 mpg if they make vehicles that can run on alternative fuels.

“Increasing the fuels we use will help protect the environment while achieving greater energy independence and security for our nation,” Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta said Wednesday.

David Friedman of the Union of Concerned Scientists criticized the program, saying it lets automakers avoid making vehicles that use less fuel.

“This is a free pass to increase our oil dependence,” Friedman said.

Friedman pointed out that alternative fueling stations are scarce, so that most consumers never use them. Only 182 gas stations — mostly in the Midwest — provide E85, a blend of ethanol and gasoline, NHTSA said. Other blends are even rarer, Friedman said.

In its own 2002 report to Congress, NHTSA said the incentive program wouldn’t lead to a decrease in fuel consumption or greenhouse gas emissions unless alternative fuels were more widely available.

But the agency said Wednesday that the incentive, combined with a public awareness campaign about alternative fuels, should increase demand. It also credited the program with bringing 3.4 million alternative-fuel vehicles to the nation’s roads.
Animals

Seabird granted protection in California

By Terence Chea
San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — State regulators announced a decision Wednesday to grant protected status to a threatened species that nests on islands off the California Coast, but fishermen warned that protecting the Xantus' murrelet will lead to more fishing restrictions.

The Fish and Game Commission voted earlier this month to list the murrelet as a threatened species after state biologists recommended the action. Under the California Endangered Species Act, the state must take steps to protect a threatened species until its population rebounds.

"It recognizes the status of the species — that it's declining and in need of special attention," said Esther Burdsall, a DFG wildlife biologist. "The Xantus' murrelet is a small bird that spends most of its time at sea, but comes ashore to nest on California's Channel Islands and islands along Mexico's Baja coast during its breeding season, which runs from February to July. Scientists estimate that there are 1,720 pairs in California and 2,435 pairs in Mexico."

In April 2002, a bird conservation group petitioned to list the murrelet as a threatened species, citing a population decline caused by predators, oil pollution, loss of habitat and artificial light, which can disorient the nocturnal birds.

At the time, commercial and recreational fishermen expressed concern that listing the murrelet would limit fishing around the Channel Islands — a popular fishing area for squid, sardines, mackerel, tuna and sea bass.

In November 2002, the commission voted to designate the bird as a threatened species candidate, which prompted a scoping status review as well as emergency restrictions on artificial light and noise from fishing vessels within one mile of Santa Barbara and Anacapa islands.

The commission's decision to list the murrelet, which is expected to be ratified in May following a public comment period, means that the DFG will develop a new set of protective measures. Steps could include new light and noise restrictions and efforts to restore habitat on island nesting grounds, the DFG's Burdsall said.

Meanwhile, fishermen hoped the state could adopt measures that protect the murrelet and their fishing rights.

"We're willing to live with reasonable restrictions, but we hope they don't take it to the extreme and exclude the public from these waters," said Tom Rastian, president of the United Anglers of Southern California.

Researchers look for mad cow test that doesn't kill

By Nicholas K. Geranios

SPokane, Wash. — When the nation's first case of mad cow disease was discovered in a Washington farmer, it took the slaughter of more than 700 healthy cattle to prove the disease had not spread.

That's because there's no test for mad cow that can be done on live ani­mals, and there may not be one for some time.

"I don't know how far away we are," said Don Knowles, who runs a U.S. Department of Agriculture laboratory in Pullman that is working jointly with Washington State University scientists to develop such a test.

"Data and announcements are coming out all the time," Knowles said.

Now scientists still haven't done those tests with validated data behind them."

Because it was diagnosed an infection quickly could help keep contaminated beef out of the food chain and also cut the economic loss that comes from slaughtering healthy animals, according to a 2003 report by the National Research Council. The animals killed in Washington state, for example, would have been worth more than half a million dollars at market.

$3.3 M given to whale study

By Jaymes Song

HO NOLULU — Hundreds of researchers from 10 Pacific Rim nations will take part in a $3.3 million project to study the humpback whale population, federal marine officials announced Tuesday.

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration said the three-year project will be the most comprehensive study ever of the endangered mammals.

Richard Spinrad, assistant administrator of NOAA's National Oceanic Service, said the study — called SPLASH, for Structure of Populations, Level of Abundance and Status of Humpbacks — will provide information to better protect the whales in their habitat and rebuild their population.

"SPLASH is a big whale study," he said. "It's a big study of both whales, but it's also the biggest and the most ambitious research study ever taken for the North Pacific population of humpback whales. It is unprecedented in terms of international cooperation and in terms of geographic scope."

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San Francisco — Most Californians have no idea how to obtain the emergency contraceptive dubbed the “morning after pill.”

California is one of only five states that allow pharmacists to dispense the contraceptive pill, called Plan B, without a prescription. But only 9 percent of women ages 15 to 44 know that, according to the study sponsored by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

What’s more, 39 percent of the women surveyed don’t know the pill is available in the United States and 49 percent of the adult women surveyed confused Plan B with RU-486, which induces abortions.

“UR OS a lot of confusion over terminology and what’s surprising is the extent the morning after pill is confused with the abortion pill,” said Alina Salganicoff, lead author of the study. “They are very different.

Plan B is a contraceptive that, if taken within 72 hours of intercourse, cuts the chances of getting pregnant by up to 89 percent. The pills prevent ovulation or fertilization and possibly interfere with implantation of a fertilized egg into the uterus, which is the medical definition of pregnancy.

They have no effect in a woman who already is pregnant. Consequently, emergency contraception hasn’t proved nearly as contentious as the abortion pill.

Still, Plan B has its critics, who claim the drug could lead to more unsafe sex and an increase in sexually transmitted disease, especially in teens.

Most states require a doctor’s prescription to obtain the pill. The Food and Drug Administration earlier this month delayed for 90 days a decision on whether to make Plan B available over the counter. The agency said it needed more detailed information on use of the pills by 16- and 17-year-olds.

A coalition of conservative lawmakers, led by Rep. Dave Weldon, R-Fla., is urging the Bush administration to reject the proposal. They argue it is inconsistent for the administration to advocate sexual abstinence and then approve the morning-after pill.

The Kaiser study also found that 74 percent of its respondents approved the use of Plan B when other birth control methods failed while only 18 percent of the respondents said they had a moral or religious objection to the morning-after pill.

Data for the study were collected from telephone interviews with 1,151 Californians ages 15 to 44. The margin of error for the total sample was plus or minus 3.2 percent and for respondents ages 15 to 17 was 6 percent.

Parental consent was granted for interviews with adolescents.

The nation’s largest prison system is4 reconsidering the future of the California Youth Authority until it is made more accountable to parents and the public.

Thursday afternoon, Schwarzenegger, who already has blown into Schwarzenegger’s new administration rethink the future of the agency.

The parents of two teenage boys who hanged themselves last month at one of the state’s 11 youth facilities to notify a Senate hearing Thursday. There, new authority director Walter Allen III is to make his first legislative appearance to explain how he intends to address sex-scaring state-funded experts’ reports last month.

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As national experts reported that the youth authority oversees Mace, drugs, physical restraints and wire-mesh cages on misbehaving youths while ignoring or delaying mental or physical health treatment.

The youth authority has lost its focus on rehabilitating offenders before it’s too late, said Sen. Jackie Speier, D-Daly City, who has been co-chairing Senate hearings. The system is beyond run-of-the-mill reforms, she said: “I think you have to take it apart and rebuild it.”
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Letters to the editor

Atheist's use moral reasoning

Editor,

I have noticed an inconsistency running through the recent letters and commentaries written by atheists (Morgan Elam's "Faith prevents evolution," Feb. 11 and 12, Mustang Daily). "Believing in God can be a reasonable choice," Feb. 11. Both writers use morality as their foundation in claims against religion. Chatterjee's commentary argued that an omnipotent, omniscient, all-good God couldn't exist because these three characteristics can't coexist. He also pointed out all the atrocities that have been committed in the name of God. Elam's letter asserted that it is a problem to not have responsibility to humanism. Elam also states that religion "creates great schisms in our society." The problem with this common view is that they are atheists, using moral claims as a foundation for their arguments. If onedecides that there is no transcendental law, then it follows that there can be no transcendent law. Another atheist could state that war, schizophrenia, ignorance and human decency are all good desirable things, and be justified in his claims as Elam and Chatterjee, in which case their arguments fall apart.

Furthermore, I assume that Elam gets most of his "sound reasoning" and knowledge from science, which is based mainly on the inductive principle (try and deduce evolution). The inductive principle is assumed without reason in (date). I don't even have time to respond to this, as I can't even check the date, much less take it up with David Hume or Bertrand Russell. Ken Kenous is a mathematics senior.

Dean was the best candidate for Editor

Voting for John Kerry! Consider his disabled, lag-
gently response to war on Iraq, raised to promi-
ience as an issue by courageous Howard Dean.
Kerry came into the New Hampshire primary se-
riously profi t ing. "We were all fooled" by Bush, regard-
ing Iraq. Not all were fooled. On Feb. 12, Sen. Robert
Byrd made his much-circulated "This chamber is for
the most part silent — ominously" speech on war's eve.
He tried to raise appropriate questions. The slightest
mention of God, it doesn't mean that God
 APPROVES of it. It means I'm psycho.

Our best candidate was Howard Dean. His five
in the year of God, it doesn't mean that God
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Dear editor,

As a side note, the whole "boobs for beads"
tradition is one of the most one-sided trade
arrangements ever contrived. Usually get-
ing boyfriends. The slightest glimpse of even
full-frontal nudity is as cheap as a string of plas-
tic beads found lying in the gutter. God Bless
those Barbara pirates.

Lynn Rudmin Chong is a Sanbornm, NH resi-
dent.

Truth: Christ died on the cross

As I see it, evolution can be summed up in
"survival of the fittest." My beliefs have out-
lasted 2,000 years of persecution. Morgan Elam's
"Faith prevents evolution." I'm not saying
apparently changes often. I guess that m.ikes
true remain true. Two thousand years ago
Christ died upon the cross to destroy the
devil's hold over mankind.

You can try and hide the fact, you can
try and reason your way around it, but you
will never accomplish it. You can buy into uni-
versalism today, pluralism tomorrow, atheism
the next day, or whatever you want. Nothing
man can say, do or produce will ever
change the fact that Christ died on the cross
and rose again.

A lot of horrible stuff has happened in the
name of love. Why doesn't Elam do away with
that while he's at it? Faith can't justify
everything and it doesn't strip you of responsi-
bility. If I went around killing people in
the name of God, it doesn't mean that God
approves of it. I mean I'm psycho.

So fun have with your truth-less philoso-
phies that keep changing and keep throwing
truthology at the cross. We see what
survives in the end. I'm putting my life on
the cross.

Andrew Hatfield is a mechanical engineer-
ing sophomorpe.

Kent Kiesow is a mathematics senior.
Today's Multicultural Day celebration during UU Hour is an effort to strengthen awareness by helping students realize the number of diverse populations that exist on campus.

STORY BY HILLARY SCHULER-JONES
PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CRYSTAL MYERS
The enticing scent of fried bananas and taco salad, the rhythmic sound of salsa music and the unique moves of an African dance troupe will replace the punk-rock selection usually found during University Union Hour when Cal Poly holds its first Multicultural Day today in the UU Plaza.

The event, a joint effort between the Multicultural Center and Associated Students Inc., will give students the opportunity to see other cultures and engage in important dialogue, said Multicultural Center program coordinator and animal science senior Tiffani Hamilton.

"I'm hoping that it will be one of the many events that will be like a drop in the pond and create ripples," Hamilton said. "It exposes the students to different types of people and different cultures."

Higher Movement, a local African step group, will take the UU Plaza stage to demonstrate traditional African dance steps and music.

"We're trying to appeal to students and make them interested in other cultures," Hamilton said. "It's a chance for them to see a little bit of other cultures, and that's the whole idea of the Multicultural Center." Hamilton also noted that the event would give students a chance to show students what's going on. People can be more respectful of other people's cultures when they can see it and know more about it." 

A variety of other clubs, including the Filipino Cultural Exchange, the Vietnamese Students Association, European American Cultural Exchange club and cultural fraternities and sororities will be on hand to talk about diversity, pass out club and signup information and participate in activities that increase cultural awareness, said Liz Levinson, ASI weekly entertainment supervisor and recreation administration senior.

"The main goal for the event is to promote the cultural diversity we have on campus," Levinson said. "It's really important because on campus it seems like we're all the same, but we're not."

"I'm sponsor piñata smashing," and Chi Delta Theta, an Asian interest sorority, will make origami. Other clubs will try to appeal to student hunger by selling ethnic delicacies — the Chicano Commencement Committee will make tamales and the American Indian Students Association will hold a bake sale.

"Levinson and ASI program coordinator Liz Adams presented the idea for Multicultural Day to the Multicultural Center as part of a series of themed events designed to change the line of bands that frequently play during UU Hour, Levinson said.

Hamilton said the event will create a more open environment for students.

"I think it adds to a state of consciousness on campus," she said. "It will provide an environment of community."

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Multicultural Center program coordinator

Local dance troupe Higher Movement will perform today at UU Hour as part of the Multicultural Day celebration.

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Multiculturally-focused UU Hour: a break from the routine
**Alternative publications promote 'higher education education**

- Decision to sell 'High Times,' other mags on campus based solely on sales figures

By Rachel Musquiz

Lurking down the aisles of El Coral Bookstore, an illicit deal is about to go down. A nameless student purchases suspected contraband and escapes, barely making it through the automatic doors. With the smuggled goods in possession, she rips through the sealed plastic bag in the middle of the University Union and sits down to enjoy her purchase. In plain sight of both God and man, she opens the pages of this month's issue of "High Times" and waits for her next class to start.

As she sips through the pages, articles like "Busted for a Roach," and letters to the editor about smoking herbs while breastfeeding mingle among risqué advertisements. Readers can order anything from marijuana seeds and drug paraphernalia to kits that guarantee passing a drug test. The still nameless reader thinks to herself that access to this information is unbelievable to possess that era.

So who is the mysterious averager that brings "High Times" to campus? Does this thrive constantly battle with "The Man" for First Amendment rights and the opportunity to talk about marijuana openly? Will he ever be caught and, if so, what punishment will he face? Time in next week on the same high-channel, at the same high-time...

"OK, so it's not enough to leave it to have this magazine on campus and the THC average is actually the National Association of Colleges and the NACS publishes a monthly list of the top five to 10 magazines in each category of interest. Each time this list comes out, El Coral Bookstore director Frank Cawley chooses the top magazines in each category to sell in the store. "High Times" is in the Top Five in the alternative lifestyle category.

The decision to sell certain magazines is based on numbers and is not related to the content of the publication. If a magazine does not sell in the store, the magazine distributor will pull it from the shelf. So far, there have not been any complaints about campus stores carrying "High Times" on the shelves, Cawley said.

Some students say those buying "High Times" and keeping it on the shelf are most likely not individuals interested in experimenting with drugs.

"People who know about smoking already know about 'High Times,'" mechanical engineering junior Nick Tools said. Business junior Tyler Helling echoed this sentiment.

"There aren't any issue of 'High Times' and decide to take a bong rip," he said.

Drug use or possession is expressly prohibited on campus, according to Cal Poly's Alcohol and Other Drug Policy. This policy also bans students and employees from being under the influence of any legal or illegal drug while on campus. With the exception of prescribed medications that do not interfere with a person's work ability, job performance or safety of that individual or others, standards of conduct are enforced to provide the best academic and most professional experience possible.

The policy is regarding students' possession or use (of drugs) — the administration cannot make the decision on what students can read," head of judicial Affairs Arthritis Tregenza said. "The purpose of the university is to educate students and allow information from all angles.

One concern is that a magazine like "High Times" may not provide accurate information about marijuana use. "Students have the freedom to make choices about substance abuse," said Mary Peracca, an alcohol and drug specialist at the Health Center. "Before making a decision, we would want them to have accurate information."

Cal Poly does not restrict First Amendment rights by banning books or allows magazines. No matter what the alcohol and substance-free policy at Cal Poly is, reading or even talking about marijuana is not in any way related to that policy. "You can set policies and hope that people comply with them, but you can't control their lifestyle," Cawley said. "Campus stores do not promote marijuana usage. If people are interested in 'High Times', they can buy the magazine."

However, the magazines on the shelves are not chosen to ensure that students have access to any and all ideas. It is more a "If you sell it, they will come" type of principle. On the flipside, if they don't come, it will no longer be sold.
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"We got better," Ellerson said. "He (Hill) just won't say that.
"Hill later said, "I don't blame him.
"They would get by the some of the fans but not great coaching so far. If one team faces a top team, it's wins or wins and they play us there's the chance they can be really hurt.
"They're not going to return any favor to us."

A new threat has been the problem. Being good in a lower division makes it nearly impossible to schedule the "big game.
"Cal Poly isn't the only school suffering. In the competitive I-AA Big Sky Conference, Montana finished 9-4 last year and this year will not face a I-A team.
"It's important financially. Those pay days go a long way to help your Fresno State coach Pat Hill and athletic director Scott Johnson had not returned calls when this story went to press.
"There's no way to know what a potential opponent will look like. They may have closed out all favorable odds.

Montana athletic director Wayne Hogan has focused on competing with a competitively diverse I-AA schedule.
"Our goal is to try to get I-AA schools in nonconference that are most like us, potential playoff teams," Hogan said. "I think it's good for a I-AA football team to get an idea of different regions. Fans like to see different regions and it's a good game." Part of Cal Poly's problem has been the lack of a conference to work with. Instead of having a number of conference games set in stone each year, Cal Poly is forced to schedule all its games without too much notice.

A change back to the conventional 11-game format also hurt the Mustangs' bid. Last year, the NCAA allowed for a 12-game season due to a unique calendar year.
"It absolutely is a problem," Hogan said. "With the pool of games out there, an extra game to every school, in a 12-game season, makes it a lot more comfortable to schedule I-AA games. Having only 11 to work with and still having that requirement to qualify for a bowl makes it a little more dicey to schedule. There aren't many flying out there."

Cal Poly's unique option offense may have closed out all favorable odds.
"I would never let a D-I-AA team that runs the option play a D-I-A team," said Portland State athletic director Tom Beanham.

The offense that Cal Poly runs and some of the defensive formations are rarely seen today and forces many opponents to spend countless hours in preparation.
"The Pioneers' going to play schools that are comfortable with. You want to know each other and what you run on offense and defense. People don't want to play Air Force for that reason," Beanham said. "We live up like a lot of teams. The option is too unique. That's tough for Cal Poly, I feel bad for them. It's scary."

With the Fremont State idea dead, Mustang fans can only think of what could have been.
"It would have added a lot of pizzazz to the schedule," said Cal Poly athletic director John McCutcheon, who has recently accepted a similar position at UMass. "But you don't want to give a guarantee and lose the game."

Ellerson said the prospects for playing Fresno State in the future look grim as well.

On the bright side, steps toward creating a football conference have been made and it seems inevitable within the next few years.
"We're on the track for that to happen," Ellerson said.

The potential conference could fit a number of I-AA universities on the West Coast against each other and would most likely allow for an automatic bid to the I-AA playoffs.

Fresno State coach Pat Hill and athletic director Scott Johnson had not returned calls when this story went to print.
Dressage team undressed

By Dan Watson

At the time, it seemed fitting, an old football coach Pat Hall and three across the valley in a game that surely would draw a grand crowd — Cal Poly at Fresno State. Now Cal Poly football coach Rich Ellerson specifies his head at a double-edged sword that jabs at many Division I-A teams.

How does a successful Division I-A team schedule a Division I-A game in a nonconference, or what is known as a guarantee game?

Towering over last season's — potential schedule for the following year started to float around — it seemed to make sense to both sides for Cal Poly to play to Fresno State.

"We're traditionalists," Ellerson said. "There would be 10,000 more fans at the game." After all, the Mustangs have faced Fresno State more than any other team over the years, going 10-29-2 in 41 meetings before Cal Poly moved to Division I-A in 1994. But Cal Poly's unexpected win over the Miners last year — a Division I-A program — among other factors seems to push Fresno State's coach Pat Hill and those in charge of Bulldog scheduling to shake the idea of a nonconference game.

But Cal Poly's improvement as a team, its uniqueness on offense and the NCAA's return to an 11-game format all seem to contribute to factors.

It's easy when it's the mediocre team in charge for the guaranteee — a one-time event where the better team writes a check to the lower team for a game usually in its stadium.

The schedule tool is usually used by I-A teams in order to gain an easy win and pad its record. That strategy didn't work out for the Miners, who figured they could send a handsome check Cal Poly's way and diminish the Mustangs' season.

As time went on the variables turned negatively against Cal Poly and favorably toward Fresno State — a team that Fresno State played last year and defeated 40-16.

"They were singing things like, 'the (Mustangs) going to do our (UTEP) homework for us in after the game,'" Ellerson said in recollection.

Instead Cal Poly were mercenary on the Miners, all but killing for money, and winning 41-13. A few weeks later, Fresno State squeezed out a 23-20 win over the same Miners.

And Hill had said previously in a quote from the Fresno Bee that his team could not schedule USC the following season, he would have to schedule Cal Poly.

For the sake at UTEP Hill changed his mind playing Cal Poly, Ellerson said.

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Softball team craps out at UNLV Classic

By Kendrick J. Carson

The Cal Poly softball team returns to action Feb. 22 through 26 as they travel to Santa Barbara to compete in the "Softball By The Beach" tournament hosted by UC Santa Barbara. The Mustangs are 5-7 overall.

The Mustangs hit the road for the first time this season as they traveled to the "Sin City" to compete in the 2004 UNLV Classic. Cal Poly went 1-4 in the Classic, going 0-3 versus top-25 teams.

On the final day, the Mustangs fell 4-1 to No. 2 California. Freshman Emily Hively pitched 2.1 innings, surrendering eight hits and four runs, suffering her second loss of the season in these decisions. Remi Spary collected two of the Mustangs hits in the game.

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Chapman beats lacrosse

By Kendrick J. Carson

The Cal Poly men's lacrosse team spent their Valentine's Day heartbroken after losing to the Chapman Panthers 11-9 in their home opener in the Sports Complex. The Mustangs (1-12) looked lethargic in the final period, and could not fight off a fourth-quarter Panther comeback.

"We play in a really good league and we do not show up for the whole game, we get beaten," head coach Ron Herchenrother said. "If we would have played up to our abilities, we could have come out of this with a win." Cal Poly controlled the ball in the opening minutes, which allowed them to set an ideal game tempo and made the Panthers struggle to fight the aggressive Mustang offensive. Though they outplayed Chapman in the first quarter, they were down 3-2 at the first intermission. In the second, the Mustangs settled into the game, and

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Running SCARED?

By Matt Quigley

The Mustangs are 5-7 overall. It is now almost certain that the Bulldogs will face Portland State for a second year in a row and Cal Poly (7-4 last year) will be stuck without a I-A opponent in the 2204 football schedule.

"I don't think so," said Ellerson as he answered the question in his office last Tuesday about facing a I-A team. "We'll play a more competitive I-D AA schedule.

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