Rain storm hits SLO; skies to clear Friday

Students stumble into classrooms to escape the stormy weather outside, providing a new incentive to actually go to class. Heavy rains are expected to continue today and weather reports indicate a 20 percent chance of showers Friday.

The wet conditions caught some students off guard, as they continued to walk back and forth around campus, but for the Central Coast the winter storms are nothing out of the ordinary. "It doesn't appear to be much larger than storms we usually get once or twice a year," San Luis Obispo city engineer Jay Walter said. "We're getting a fair amount of rain fall but it all depends on what the storm brings in the next couple of days."

According to the Weather Channel, heavy rainfall that occurs in a short period of time could result in flooding in poor drainage areas. If case conditions worsen, the American Red Cross is advising locals to be prepared in the event of a flood. Some of the things to include:
- If you are in a vehicle and become surrounded by water, get out safely and quickly and move to higher ground.
- Know how to turn off utilities. Local authorities may advise you to do so to prevent further damage.
- Be prepared to evacuate. Make arrangements for the evacuation of your pets as well.

"Flooding in the past has become regularly active," she said, on the Somerset Medical Center Web site. She has also been a contributing author to the books "Eating Disorder Source Book" and "Your Dying Daughter" by Carolyn Costin and "Moving Away From Days," by Kratina, King and Hayes.

White was invited to come to Cal Poly after Partidge attended one of her workshops. Partidge said she was so inspired by the session that she asked White to be a part of BODY '04.

Both mythology and psychology will be used during the retreat to teach women how to love their bodies and love themselves for who they are. Partidge said.

"Every workshop is different," she said. "But activities usually include things to center your body, workshops are very meditative and introspective."

Normally a session with White costs $30, but the retreat sponsored by the Women's Center, Student Life and Associated Students Inc. is free to attend. Twenty-five people will be able to come to the event and spaces are still available.

The retreat will help women come together and learn how to support each other, said Tyler Aldrich a co-coordinator and agribusiness senior.

"Anything that can empower women is a good thing," Aldrich said. "Women need to come together, understand their differences and use that to empower one another."

Those who attend should wear comfortable clothing for participation in floor exercises. For more information call the Women's Center at 756-6360.

Events Calendar
List of upcoming activities on campus

What: "Spirituality, People of Color and Prescriptions for Treatment." CSU Fullerton psychology professor Joseph M. Cervantes will speak about the intersection of spirituality, ethnicity and healing.
Where: Today, 11 a.m.
Where: UU 220
More Info: Call Teresa Hendrix at 756-7266

What: "The Accidental Death of an Anarchist."
The Cal Poly Theatre and Dance Department presents Dario Fo's comedy.
When: Today to Saturday and March 4 to 6, 6 p.m.
Where: Cal Poly Theatre
More Info: Call Josh Machamer at 756-5560

What: "Rock the Poly Vote."
Members of Omicron Gamma, Cal Poly's chapter of the national political science honor society Pi Sigma Alpha, will hold a public forum to provide community members and students an opportunity to meet candidates running for local office and register to vote.
When: Monday, 5:30 p.m.
Where: Chumash Auditorium
More Info: Call Brianna Swartz at 305-0969

What: "Mathematics Candidate Presentation."
Professor Knopf will introduce the role of singularity formation in the Ricci Flow Program for the Geometrization of 3-manifolds. Knopf is a candidate for a tenure-track position at Cal Poly.
When: Monday, 11 a.m.
Where: Bldg. 14, Room 248
More Info: Call Francesca Fairbrother at 756-6535

What: "Running Out of Gas."
Caltech physicist David Goodstein will talk about what he refers to as an impending global oil crisis as part of the physics department colloquium series.
When: Tuesday, 11 a.m.
Where: PAC, Philips Hall
More Info: Call the physics department at 756-2448

What: "Impasses and Prospects for Peace in Israel and Palestine."
Leila Farsakh, a Palestinian political economist and post-doctoral research fellow at Harvard University, will speak.
When: Tuesday, 6 p.m.
Where: Chumash Auditorium
More Info: Call Manzar Foroohar at 756-2608

What: "Run to Remember."
The Cal Poly Women's Center and SAFER, a program of Cal Poly's Student Life and Leadership Office, will be hosting a nighttime 5k fun run to raise money for sexual assault reduction and response programs.
When: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Where: Health Center
More Info: Call Maya Andigil at 756-5839

What: "Comedian Mitch Fatel."
He will perform in an appearance sponsored by Associated Students Inc. Events. His television appearances include CBS's "Late Show with David Letterman" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien."
When: March 4, 8 p.m.
Where: Chumash Auditorium
More Info: Call Nicole Lockwood at 756-1112
Four teens die in crash traveling home

LOS OLIVOS (AP) — Four teenagers who attended a weekend Mardi Gras celebration in San Luis Obispo were found dead Tuesday morning in a wrecked Mercedes-Benz that crashed into a tree along Highway 101.

The teens, all from Camarillo, may have been dead for several days, authorities said. A passing trucker spotted the upside-down 1976 Mercedes in the brush just north of Highway 154.

Trevor Beasley, 16, was identifyed by the family as one of the victims. The names of the others, a 17-year-old boy, a 16-year-old boy and a 16-year-old girl, weren't disclosed by the Santa Barbara County coroner's office.

Authorities in Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties were at a loss Tuesday as to how four teens could go missing for several days without a larger search effort being mounted.

A Beasley family relative who didn't want to be identified told the Ventura County Star that Trevor's father had filed a missing person's report Monday and he searched the route himself.

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"I feel she has a perspective a lot of college students haven't heard," Whitt said. "She has put her own liberty on the line and paid the consequences for standing up for what she believes in. She brings passion and information to the issue of human rights and justice."

Bauer said the issue is eminent. "I personally think to have her speak is important at this time when people are starting to question the current administration's choice to go into Iraq," Bauer said. "It gets people thinking that maybe the government is not always honest with us. It is time to take responsibility for what our government does."

What has a personal attraction to the issue because he also protested in 2000 and feels this is a message everyone should receive.

"One of our main issues is human rights and promoting peace so the School of America has been in our sites for many years," Whitt said. "It's neat and dear to our hearts."

This will be Montgomery's first speech since she got out of prison.

Montgomery will speak at 7 p.m. in building 52, room C36. It is free and open to the public.
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Kerry campaigned in Ohio after winning delegate elections Tuesday in Utah, Idaho and Hawaii, earning 18 wins in 20 contests and denying Edwards another opportunity to add to his single victory in the race for the nomination. Neither candidate campaigned in those states to focus on the 15-state Super Tuesday elections next week.

In Ohio, one of the Super Tuesday venues he hoped to win to bring an end to the Edwards campaign, Kerry said 270,000 workers have lost their jobs during the Bush years. He was set to launch a new campaign ad in the Buckeye State and in New York describing Bush's economic policy as "an astonishing failure" and promising to protect U.S. jobs. The commercial also is meant to soften criticism of Kerry's vote for a free-trade pact.

Kerry also started running a TV ad in Georgia to court veterans. Former Sen. Max Cleland of Georgia praises his role as veteran in part of the ad. "He's been on the battlefield, he's been tested in the United States Senate, and now he's ready to be president of the United States," Cleland says.

Two weeks after the president's chief economic adviser called the shipping of American jobs abroad "just a new way of doing international trade," Kerry said Bush lavished special favors on corporations while workers lost their jobs, their pensions and their retirement savings.

Kerry said he will require companies that plan to outsource jobs overseas to inform the affected workers, the Labor Department, state agencies responsible for helping layoffs and employee and local government officials. The Labor Department would be required to compile statistics of jobs sent offshore and report them on an annual basis to Congress.

Bush spokesman Scott Sturdevant criticized Kerry, saying "he's plans for higher taxes, more regulation and more litigation would kill jobs in this country. John Kerry would put the brakes on our economic recovery."

While meeting Wednesday morning with about 30 workers at a steel plant in Cleveland, Kerry said he would review all trade agreements in his first four months in office. He said he would not sign the Central American Free Trade Agreement or the Free Trade of the Americas Agreement without protections for labor and environmental standards. "I don't want to be protectionist because I think that's the wrong thing to do for America, but I think what we have to do is be smart," said Kerry.

Kerry maintained his daily criticism of the president, contending in television interviews that Bush's backing of a constitutional amendment forbidding same-sex marriages was a "wedge issue" Bush sought to distract people.

"I think he's a president in trouble and he's just looking for a political change of subject," Kerry told "Good Morning America" on ABC. "He doesn't want to talk about the real issues in front of the nation."

Although Bush directed criticism at Kerry on Monday in a preview of what could be part of the give-and-take of the general election, Edwards reminded the president the race is not over. "Not so fast, George Bush," Edwards said Tuesday. "You don't get to decide what our nominee is." After losing three more elections to Kerry, the Edwards campaign sounded less feisty when it said, "We continue to be surprised that making and keeping Kerry on super Tuesday." On Wednesday, Edwards began a three-day campaign swing in California, a 352-delegate prize.

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Gay Rights

Vegas mayor accused of promoting gay rights

By Ken Ritter

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mayor Oscar Goodman has been accused of promoting a "homosexual agenda" by a Republican activist who has mounted a computerized phone call campaign.

Goodman vowed Wednesday not to be drawn into a national debate about gay marriage after activist Tony Dane criticized Goodman's support for a businesswoman who was refused a lease for a drag-themed club at a struggling downtown entertainment complex.

"There's no room in my town for hate-mongering," Goodman said.

"The American way allows people to say whatever they want to say," Goodman said. "I will not be pulled into the trap he's trying to set.

Dane said his firm, Dane & Associates, made about 30,000 computerized phone calls Tuesday to Las Vegas residents and would make about 70,000 more this week in a city of about 220,000.

"It's my voice, I'm paying for it," Dane said of the campaign he estimated was costing $1,200.

"Tell him to keep his homosexual agenda to himself," Dane's telephone recording says, accusing Goodman of "pushing his own agenda, just like the mayor of San Francisco."

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom has given the go-ahead for his city to issue licenses for same-sex marriages, arguing the California Constitution's equal protection provision trumps state law barring gay marriage. President Bush backed a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage on Tuesday, citing the rush of San Francisco weddings and a recent ruling by Massachusetts' highest court.

"Next thing you can expect is for Goodman to allow same-sex marriage in the city limits," Dane said in his phone message. "Don't let him get away with it.

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"I would suspect that the homosexual community will take advantage of this," he said.

Focus on the Family founder James Dobson also urged listeners of his daily radio broadcast to express their outrage.

"Davis' name, telephone number and e-mail address were included in the broadcast and have been posted on the Colorado-based group's Web site.

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Bar codes to reduce hospital-drug errors

By Lauran Neergaard
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Almost all medicines dispensed by hospital pharmacies soon must bear a supermarket-style bar code that health workers will match to patients to help ensure they get the right dose of the right drug at the right time.

The code, just an eigth of an inch tall on individual pill packs, is a major new requirement for manufacturers. The Food and Drug Administration says the requirement could cut in half the right dose of the right drug at the right time.

"Medication errors are a serious health problem, but they're a preventable cause of death," said Dr. Thomas S. Frieden, assistant secretary for health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson in announcing the regulation Wednesday.

FDA Commissioner Mark McClelland said, "This is a proven approach to reducing errors." He said the change could prevent half a million adverse events — new or worsen -dangerous drug interactions, costs patients received — in the next 20 years and save $5 billion a year.

Hospitals, patients and drug manufacturers eagerly have awaited the rule. In fact, the FDA had planned to speed up enforcement. All new medications will have to bear bar codes within 60 days of FDA approval; medicines already on the market must be bar coded within two years, a year earlier than first planned.

Drug errors can happen when busy health workers misread a patient's chart and administer the wrong drug or wrong dose, given the wrong patient, give a drug too soon.

"When patients are admitted to a hospital that uses a bar code system, they are given a wristband with their own identifying code. After the wrist- band and the intended medicine are scanned, if the drug does not match the patient's medical chart, a computer beeps an alarm.

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By Janet McConnaughey
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Americans still don't seem to get the message. The latest government figures offer more proof that many people are leading unhealthy lifestyles.

The majority of U.S. adults are overweight, nearly one in five are daily smokers and one in five consume at least five alcoholic drinks in a day at least once in a year, according to government's national health survey.

"It's almost as if the elements are conspiring against us to lead unhealthy lifestyles," said Dr. Dan Blumenthal, chairman of community health and preventive medicine at Morehouse School of Medicine.

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State News

Judicial nominee is 'not qualified'

By Erica Werner

WASHINGTON — A federal magistrate nominated to U.S. District Court in San Diego told senators Wednesday he can't explain why the American Bar Association rated him an "ar­rowingly unqualified" for the job.

Reynolds, based in California, described Benitez as "knowledgeable, compassionate, fair and if given the opportunity to serve as a district judge I would cer­tainly try to address the issues that have been raised by the ABA," he said as his family looked on.

Reynolds expressed his "not quali­fied" rating of Federal Magistrate Judge Roger T. Benitez was contrac­ted by praise from colleagues, including members of the San Diego chief judge of the Southern District of California.

"I wish I could definitively find out how we can have the two con­fllicting versions of what I am, but I can't," Benitez told a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on his nomination.

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Arts & Culture
Price to pay for parking goes beyond tickets and permits

By Lacie Grimshaw
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Parking in San Luis Obispo sounds like an oxymoron. Between the meters, tow-away zones, tickets, non-parking signs, permit costs and the overall lack of spaces, most people would rather hitch a ride than drive themselves.

Although there are a number of places people can expect to be towed, have their cars tagged or get a ticket, some places are worse than others.

Ask any student about parking at Cal Poly and they'll give the same answer: There isn't any. But the lack of parking does have one benefit — it makes a great excuse for tardiness.

"I couldn't find a parking space," is the ultimate Cal Poly cop-out, not only because it's used so frequently, but also because it's true.

"I live four minutes from school. With traffic lights against me, and although I leave 20 minutes before class starts, I regularly arrive five minutes late," agribusiness senior Rita Hudson said. "Then I'll get a ticket."

Parking in the rest of San Luis Obispo isn't much better. It's hard enough deciding where to eat downtown, but then try and find a parking spot.

Since the removal of the parking lot across from Woodstock's Pizza and Hudson's Grill, parking downtown has become even more of a problem.

"There's nothing quick about going downtown," nutrition junior Tiffany Erps said.

Finding a parking spot downtown can also depend a lot on the time of day.

"It's especially hard to park at night when everyone's headed downtown," computer engineering senior Amos Cruz said.

And although metered spaces stop charging after 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, they start again at 9 a.m., which makes it difficult to leave a car overnight.

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SPARCUS, N.Y. — Imagine going to class where instead of clocks against the wall, there are slot machines. Instead of desks to hold your books, there are slot machines to stack your chips. Instead of your teachers dressed in suits and ties, there are slot machines dressed as Elizabeth Hurley.

"There are (casino) jobs throughout the world. Casinos have gone from Joe's neighborhood to Atlantic City and the state of Mississippi that is almost in Alabama," said Mark Emery, director of media relations of the American Gaming Association in New York City. Emery, a native of Nevada, which owns Turning Stone, said there were 3,000 workers at the casino, 3,000 of which work at Turning Stone.

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But what can you earn in one of the most profitable businesses in America? Here's some advice in order to avoid the parking chaos of San Luis Obispo. Next time you're headed out, don't volunteer to help you out of trouble. A friend can't even park here, 'political does. Whether visiting or a permanent resident, finding parking is difficult at best."

"On Friday and Saturday nights, don't even try parking here," political science senior Dan Schrupp said. "We have to park at least three blocks from my house. It's especially bad because we don't have a driveway."

A lack of parking isn't the biggest hassle on Murray Street, vandalism is also a problem.

"The worst was when my car was egged, and it ate the paint off my door," Schrupp said. "Plus, I know I've been hit because I have a few mystery scratches and dents."

Dan Schrupp, political science senior, said: "If they can squeeze their car into a spot they'll park there whether it leaves room for the other person to get out or not."

Finally, the superstar strikes have prompted many people to find alternative places to shop, which can cause large crowds at small stores; Schrupp's on Johnson Avenue is one of these.

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Mechanical engineering sophomore Ryan Johnson agreed that the parking at Schrupp's is more than a nuisance.

"A special place in hell has been reserved for the Scolari's parking lot," he said. "It's crowded, littered with shopping carts and the spaces reserved for the Scolari's parking lot is one of the least likely places to find a parking spot. Also, the fact that my car was keyed doesn't help."

Another dreaded residential street is Peach Street.

"Everyone is sentenced into the parking spaces at the apartments around them, so most people have to park on the street," mechanical engineering sophomore Matt Sorgenfrei said. "Whenever I find a great parking space, I won't want to leave because I know I'll never get it back."

But what may have been a perfect spot an hour ago might be a nightmarish situation later.

"People park really close together," business sophomore Laura Duede said. "They can squeeze their car into a spot they'll park there whether it leaves room for the other person to get out or not."

By Stephen Clark
(DAY ORANGE/STANFORD UNIVERSITY)

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Imagine going to class where instead of clocks against the wall, there are slot machines. Instead of desks to hold your books, there are slot machines to stack your chips. Instead of your teachers dressed in suits and ties, they are dressed in a bikini and a silk vest. And the best part is, you earn an academic degree in one of the most profitable businesses in America.

Welcome to Casino Gambling 101. Some colleges across the country have already started rolling the dice. Michigan State University, Tulane University and the University of Massachusetts are just a few colleges that offer classes in casino studies. The University of Nevada actually offers a degree program in gaming and casino management which is extremely popular with students, said Peter LaMachia, the program's chair.

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The real shock and awe

Once every 1,000 years or so, there is a sexual event so cultural that it changes the face of society as it is known. A little more than 2,000 years ago, a horny little Indian guy named Vastavana and the world at large with him produced fertility by authoring books and drawings called the "Kama Sutra." A short 1,600 years later the Earl of Everdon invented the first Jeremy hat out of sheepskin so King Charles could draw pictures called the "Kama Sutra." A short 1,600 years later the Earl of Everdon invented the first Jeremy hat out of sheepskin so King Charles could draw pictures called the "Kama Sutra." Ever since.

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From the time we are old enough to understand what is happening on the television, constant images of violence are burned into our brains. Car crashes, gunshots, beatings and many other forms of brutality are the norm for a culture that thrives on watching the pain of others.

It's funny how the majority of parents see this sadly true view of the world being given to their children as acceptable, but the second something comes on the TV that has to do with nudity, a basic part of the human body, people drop out of the ground and out of sight.

The sad part that let their young, impressionable kids watch "cops and robbers" shoot "up close and personal" while making love to each other in the middle of a crowd, is that we are shown: All the violence, all the nakedness, a basic part of human life, and a n s w e r i n g , a hostile country.

Since Jerry, George and Elaine ruminated the relative benefits of the "no sex" and a host of "sex" shows, the Shocker here. How could I even start? I can see the letter flying onto my editor's desktop like pitchforks into the heart of the village monster. For the inquisitive Shocker virgins I can only recommend going online or asking a friend. Just don't ask them to demonstrate.

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That said, a talented shock session can bring helpful to the next heights of intimacy, communication and connection. A self-professed shocked couple, who I'll call Brooke and Dave, sum it up by saying, "Once you go Shocker, there's no going back." I'll take their word for it.

I will be the first to say that the Shocker is, in all likelihood, way more effective than we as a society have perhaps been taught it should be, simply by the sheer fact that the predicaments are limited. Plus, most college students don't stay in relationships long enough to develop the type of communicative environment where the Shocker is known to flourish. The Shocker is also likely that the ability of people our parent's age (go ahead and throw up now), where years and years of marriage and monogamy have dwindled their sex drives to non-existence. At that advanced stage of sexual atrophy, the Shocker may be all you have left.

Despite this lack of practical application among the society's youth, in the last five years or so, the Shocker has ridden a meteoric rise to superstardom among the nation's sex symbols. Could something so successfully be this bad? And who am I to comment on what people do in their bedrooms, or any part of their lives.

Do you guys noticing a common trend? Every year the situation seems to get worse, and the return the police crack down harder. No wait, that's not quite how it is. Suddenly, things are OK. Nobody is fucking, nobody is fighting, people are flashing, people are having a blast. Then as you're walking, the mood seems to change. The crowd seems to stir more on edge, and as you walk further you see it, the instigators at the epicenter. The police. Why are the police there? They don't explain it. They just rile the crowd up and get them thinking that they're fighting at us, they won't let us go where we need to go, and they are visibly on edge. As they would tell it, they are there to make sure things don't get out of hand. This, of course, is a noble cause, but the execution seemed so bad that I often wonder if this instigation is part of some greater plan to ban us in the years to come.

The crowd represents an average cross section of youth who want to party. But your average event like this doesn't do in the crowd. Police.

Police don't seem to realize that when you block a drunken crowd, there will be problems. When they saw the police, they came on hard and fast, backed out and shut things down. But your average police.
How to be a real man

Opinion

Show student contribution

Editor,
The streets are lined with weapon-laden officers. Citizens are arbitrarily stopped, searched and humiliated as they make their way home. Windows rattles as helicopters fly just above rooftops with spotlights intruding into the wee hours of the night. Thousands of unarmed civilians are being corralled and tear-gassed in the streets and their homes. The militaristic presence up and down the streets is overwhelming. This is not Baghdad but Little San Luis Obispo.

The San Luis Obispo police force assault­ed masses of students by shooting rubber bul­lets and beating party seekers with batons. The constitutional rights of the citizens to assemble and pursue happiness were breached by the onslaught of the police. The streets were congested with police intimidat­ing law-abiding citizens.

In the week preceding the celebration, lots of money was spent on an advertising smear campaign. During the week against the student population, police forces demanded students "stay at home." Threats of huge monetary fines for those who are caught on television or in the streets are publicized. However, the occupation of San Luis Obispo by this regime requires popular rejection and a fury of mass aggression.

If the police remained honest to their duty to protect and to serve, there would be no need to help the city enjoy themselves rather than harassing young people. Police demanded to students "stay at home with your friends," yet they invited a number of their own rapacious friends. As a student, I feel humiliated by the actions of the police. Students are 65 percent of the San Luis Obispo population and deserve recognition.

Show this city how much our financial contribution is by marking your money with the word "CIP" every time you spend.

Matthew Carney is a mechanical engineer­ing senior.

Prevent future brutality

Editor,
In regard to the events that occurred on Saturday in the area of California and Football boulevards, I would like to encourage students to report police brutality to the San Luis Obispo Police Department and your Associated Students Incorporated student government. Specifically, students are encouraged to take video camera coverage or pictures of the brutality to the police department and your ASI leaders. I am calling upon our ASI student leaders to stand up for our students' safety. They need to take our concerns to the city because no one else will. So students, our cooperation is neces­sary to prevent future brutality and unfair treatment.

Joe Chin is a mechanical engineering senior.

Your friends act foolishly

Editor,
When the San Luis Obispo Police Department started running commercials saying not to invite friends to Mardi Gras, I thought they were trying to tell people that they can't invite their friends?" But now I really understand. Because your tires are not their friends. Your friends are saying "T- this and f- that," but mostly "T- the police." It's that junior college education

Letters more to the editor

Exudes it. He views life as an opportunity for growth: for conscious awakening; for lifting everyone to he an instrument for bettering himself and others. Above all, he is brave enough to aspire to be all that he understands and wants to be. He doesn't understand. He doesn't find it.

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**Bonds lashes out after Wendell's claim**

By Janie McCauley

"I'm painting the picture that, 'You have a lot of respect for Turk,'" he added. "I don't know or remember what Jason Giambi looked like back in his early days, but he knows how to do it as big as he is now. The jury is always going to be out on Barry." 

June 23, 2000, to discuss selling cocaine to Lewis's friend. The conversation was recorded, according to the affidavit. "I'm not going to say the guy's name. I have a lot of respect for Turk Wendell. I just don't think that's the case. That's just what it's going to be. I think sometimes a couple of people get a little too excited to confront me, and those things are going to change. And it's going to change quite quickly."

"I'm not playing with any of these guys out there this year," he said. "I'm going to make this a battle of skill. That's just what it's going to be. I think sometimes a couple of people get a little too excited to confront me, and those things are going to change. And it's going to change quite quickly."

"That's going to be a respect level. I'll respect you if you respect me. But if not, then we're going to deal with that on the field.... I don't ever want to lose him because he's got something to say, to me or my staff and Graham Womack is a journalism junior but... we obviously have some

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**FOOTBALL** continued from page 16

"I was definitely surprised," commented Mustang wide receiver Darrell Jones. "But very happy to be the very first class to be in this conference."

"It was a great honor for us," said Mustang coach Pete Carroll. "We had a terrific two years for us. But we're anxious to watch him run at the NFL."

"Williams, a 6-foot-5, 230-pound wide receiver who recently turned 20, indicated after USC's 45-10 season-clinching win over Arizona State on Saturday that he plans to remain in school. The Trojans were The Associated Press national championship runaway in 1999, and Clurett, who was suspended last season after starting at Ohio State as a freshman, went to court to challenge an NFL rule preventing players from leaving school and entering the NFL draft.

The conference fills a niche out west. It is"
Great (West): Football finds home

By Dan Watson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Mustang fans, your football team officially has a conference. Years of dreams and a lot of common sense came together Wednesday when a talk between seven intercollegiate institutions, including Cal Poly, culminated in the introduction of the Great West Football Conference. The new NCAA I-A football-only conference will give us an opportunity to build on existing strong programs. Out fans are excited, our coaches are pleased by the new opportunities this creates and our student-athletes are energized by the competition in the Great West Football Conference. With the conference, Cal Poly and the charter members have a chance to finally compete for a conference championship.

The outlook for such a collaboration is always promising, but many were surprised it happened so fast.

"We've been looking for a possible alignment since I've been here," said a jubilant athletic director John McCutcheon who has been at Cal Poly for 12 years. "About a year ago is when talks started." Two star Cal Poly players expressed their thoughts on the proceedings.

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Raven's Lewis charged with crime

By Elliott McLaughlin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis, who had the second-highest rushing total in NFL history last season, was indicted Wednesday on federal drug charges.

The Atlanta native is accused of trying to help a childhood friend buy cocaine in the summer of 2000.

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