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 their usual stroll around campus, but for the Central Coast the winter storm is 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 of 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 recommendations 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.

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WOMEN'S RETREAT HELD TONIGHT

Empowerment, discovery session will feature mythology and psychology

By Lacie Grimshaw

BODY '04, a week dedicated to a healthy respect for the body, continues today with a Women's Empowerment and Discovery Retreat from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Yosemite Residence Hall.

Frances White will lead the retreat. White has an exercise physiology degree and is a therapist on the treatment of disordered eating, exercise and body image. She combines her 20 years of clinical work in private practice with years of workshop experience to help improve the effectiveness of eating disorder treatments, according to the Inner Escapes Workshops Company Web site.

"Frances is one of the most inspiring women I've ever been in contact with," said Erin Partridge, an art and design senior and co-coordinator of the event. "She just glow; she is everywhere a woman should want to be. She's wonderful."

White was the first to name and describe "Exercise Resistance Syndrome," in 1996.

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diers, according to the Western Hemisphere Institute's Web site. Montgomery protested this U.S.
 fueled terrorism.

Co-director of PSA Clayton
Whitt said he feels this topic is
important to discuss on campus.
"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 ques­
tion the current administration's
choice to go into Iraq." Bauer said.
"It gets people thinking that maybe
the government is not always hon­
est with us. It is time to take
responsibility for what our govern­
ment does."

Whitt has a personal attraction
to the issue because he also protest­
ied in 2000 and feels this is a mes­
sage 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 near 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.

**STORM**

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mostly in the South County, an­
American Red Cross public support
director Kelly Van Buren said. "But
we haven't had any reports yet.
In order to prevent flooding, the
public works department stations
workers throughout the city to keep
drives from clogging the streets and
drainage. "As long as debris doesn't clog
things up, things flow very smooth­
ly," Walter said.

Areas of some concern are those
near low-lying creeks. Walters
warned neighboring residents to
keep an eye on the water level to
determine if flood conditions are
approaching.

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**Four teens die in crash traveling home**

LOS OLIVOS (AP) — Four
teenagers who attended a week­
end 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
truck driver spotted the upside-dow­
1976 Mercedes in the brush just
north of Highway 154.

Trevor Beasley, 16, was iden­
tified 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
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WASHINGTON — Prominent gay rights groups are ready to issue a formal complaint against President Bush for failing to protect members of the gay community from violence in the aftermath of the Oklahoma City bombing. The groups say they will announce new rules to limit indecency Wednesday in the latest roundup of savings. Plenty of free parking at the corner of Marsh and Broad.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — U.S. Marines escorted foreigners out of the country amid widespread looting Wednesday, but the rebels rejected their offer to fix the capital.

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Kerry proposes warning before jobs are exported

By Nedra Pickler
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TOLEDO, Ohio — Democratic front-runner John Kerry proposed Wednesday requiring a three-month warning before jobs are exported, a challenge to President Bush's policies and to rival John Edwards' efforts to attract American workers to his struggling campaign.

"I'm running for president so we can do what George Bush hasn't — rebuild our economy, restore fiscal responsibility, and put America back to work," Kerry said in a speech at the University of Toledo.

Although Kerry frequently tells audiences that no president can stop companies from leaving the country, the Massachusetts senator said he will require companies that ship jobs offshore to disclose their plans to the government.

"Companies will no longer be able to surprise their workers with a pink slip instead of a paycheck — they will be required to tell workers three months in advance if their jobs are being exported offshore," he said.

Kerry also picked up an endorse-

ment from former astronaut and retired Sen. John Glenn, a venerable figure in Ohio politics who said he was making his first endorsement in a primary race.

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 16 states holding Democratic primaries next elections.

In Toledo, 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 fellow Vietnam 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.

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nies that plan to outsource jobs over-
seas to inform the affected workers, the Labor Department, state agencies responsible for helping lay off employees and local government offi-
cials. 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 Starnes criti-

cized Kerry, saying "this plan 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 morn-
ing with about 30 workers at a steel plant in Cleveland, Kerry said he would review all trade agreements in office if he was elected. 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," he said.

Kerry maintained his daily criti-
cism of the president, contending in television interviews that Bush's backing of a constitutional amend-
ment 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 who our nominee is."

After losing three more elections to Kerry, the Edwards campaign sounded less feisty when it said, "We're committed to presenting making the case that the president's race is not over. "Not so fast, George Bush," Edwards said Tuesday. "You don't get to decide who our nominee is."

Kerry's lead in the Democratic de-

mocracy chase swelled to 663 in the Associated Press tally, with Edwards at 199, Al Sharpton and Dennis Kucinich eighth. Nomination requires 2,025 delegates.

A total of 61 pledged delegates were at stake in the three-state races. Sharpton failed to win any delegates, but Kucinich finally pocketed his first delegate at the New Hampshire primary, winning in a photo finish extending second. The Ohio congressman finished in single digits in Idaho and Utah.

Ashcroft forms council to improve Justice Dept.

By Curt Anderson
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WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft announced a new effort Wednesday to harness direct intelligence-gathering among key Justice Department agencies, including the FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency and Bureau of Prisons.

The purpose of the Joint Intelligence Coordinating Council, Ashcroft said, is to ensure thousands of key Justice Department agencies, including the FBI, Drug Enforcement Agency and Bureau of Prisons.

"We need to make sure we collect what we have a need for," he said.

Creation of the new council is the latest in a series of moves by the Bush administration to improve intelli-
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mation-sharing since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. The FBI, CIA and other agencies have been faulted repeatedly for intelligence failures that might have prevented these attacks.

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

Goodman vetoed Wednesday not to be drawn into a national debate about gay marriage after activist Tony Dane criticized Goodman's support for a businessman 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 50,000 phone calls Tuesday saying, "Goodman this week said: "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 banning gay marriage. President Bush backed a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage in 2002, and Goodman said he would not propose allowing same-sex marriages in the city limits, citing discrimination against Troxel and their failure to provide financial statements to the city.

Neonopolis representatives did not respond to requests for comment. Dane has been involved in either Rush backed a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. But that is exactly what happened when he picked "Celebrate Family" as the parade theme for next year.

"Homosexual activist groups are now trying to hijack the Rose Parade and are pushing themselves into this as a public relations stunt to try to switch topics away from family and toward the homosexual agenda," warned Randy Thomason, president of the Campaigns for California Families.

The president of the Rose Parade organization, David Davis, said he picked the theme for the 116th annual parade to honor the volunteer families who make the event happen.

"I guess you can call me blissfully naive," he said. "It's a simple idea that should be wholesome and all-American."

So far, no gay organizations have stepped forward to say they will enter floats. In fact, gay rights activists said they have been caught up in a controversy that was not of their making.

Among those sounding the alarm is state Sen. William "Pete" Knight, R-Palmdale, who wrote Proposition 22, the 2000 voter-approved ballot measure that banned gay marriage. Knight said he fears gay and lesbian groups seeking broader acceptance of family will use the parade, broadcast to millions of TV viewers nationwide, as a platform.

"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.

Bill Flenn, chief operating officer of the Tournament of Roses, said no organization will be excluded from participation.

"This is a big family of people who come together to do the Rose Parade. The definition of family really sits with the individual," he said. "We are not defining family."

The debate comes in the midst of a gay-rights controversy fueled by San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom's decision earlier this month to grant marriage licenses to gays. More than 1,000 gay and lesbian couples have gotten married in the city so far. Also, on Tuesday, President Bush called for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

"It is my voice. I'm paying for it," said Davis. "It's my voice. I'm paying for it," Troxel said. "Las Vegas ought to be glad they've got a mayor willing to stand up for people's rights. All he's doing is trying to back an honest businessman."

Dane is rumored to be running for mayor of Las Vegas. Goodman said he opposes same-sex marriages as part of his Jewish faith.

Goodman, who has been mentioned as a possible Democratic candidate for governor in 2006, said he hoped Dane's personal attack didn't represent "gay-bashing and intolerance for political motivation."

In 1996 Dane ran against David Parks, who won a state Assembly seat as an openly gay Democrat.
Bar codes to reduce hospital-drug errors

By Lauren Neergaard

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WASHINGTON — Almost all medical centers will have to use bar codes on their prescription drugs by 2005, as the Food and Drug Administration announced on Wednesday, in a move designed to reduce the hundreds of thousands of hospital-drug errors that occur each year.

"Medication errors are a serious health problem," said FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan. "This is a proven method that patients received — in the market must hear them within two years, a year earlier than first planned.

Drug errors can happen when busy health workers misset a patient's chart and administer the wrong drug or wrong dose, gave the wrong drug to the wrong patient, give a drug too often. "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 wristband and the intended medicine are scanned, if the drug does not match the patient's medical chart, a computer beeps an alarm.

Errors plummeted when veteran hospitals adopted bar code systems several years ago, rebalancing all their in-house drugs for electronic identification. But as of December, only about 125 of the nation's 3,500-plus hospitals were using bar code systems, according to Bridgel Medical, Inc., a leading manufacturer of bar code readers. That is partly because only about 35 percent of their pharmaceutical supplies came with the codes attached.

The government's new rule means hospitals probably will start using the safety system because virtually all the prescription drugs and most over-the-counter medicines that they administer — including blood products and vaccines — will arrive already with a bar code. Hospitals will not be required to use the codes. But the regulation does set standards to ensure that even the cheapest, most basic scanner will recognize any medicine.

New survey shows poor health, again

By Janet McConnaughey

ASSOCIATED PRESS

By Harry R. Weber

The latest government figures offer more proof that many people are leading unhealthy lives.

"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. "We are faced with a constant barrage of advertising on television about fast food. We live in a world where we are encouraged to drive more and walk less and spend more time in front of our televisions."

The data, for the years 1999-2003, examines the health behaviors of 96,000 adults 18 years old and older. "Health behaviors such as smoking, alcohol use, sexual behavior, physical activity and weight control are important for preventing disease, and are affected by a complex interaction of individual, household, community and societal factors," the report states.

"Among the positives in the report, the data showed that about one in four Americans abstain from drinking, more than 40 percent of smokers attempted to quit in the past year and 40 percent of Americans are in a healthy weight range."

Breakthrough made against sickle cell disease

By Lauran Neergaard

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"The paper will change the standard of care for sickle cell patients across the country," said Dr. Clare JONSER, director of the sickle cell center at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. "One-third of sickle cell patients have the lung condition, which makes them 10 times more likely to die within 18 months, doctors at the National Institutes of Health and Howard University reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine."

Doctors must now find the best ways to treat sickle cell patients who have pulmonary hypertension, or high blood pressure in the lungs. It is a condition in which narrowed, thickened blood vessels in the lung keep the body from getting enough oxygen. Sickle cell disease, which most affects blacks, is used to be a childhood death sentence. Now, half of all patients with sickle cell disease survive to age 20, and doctors are learning what the disease does to the older body.

"This is an advance in the fight against sickle cell disease, an inherited blood disorder that affects 70,000 to 100,000 Americans."

Black men are more likely than white men to be smokers, but among women the reverse is true, according to the study.

The study data showed adults with higher levels of education and income generally have more favorable health behaviors.

The levels in each category have remained about the same since the numbers for earlier years were released. The study started in 1997. The latest data found that obesity rates are about the same for men and women, with men slightly more likely than women to be smokers, and men more likely than women to be physically active in their leisure time.

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Man guilty for child's death

FORTUNA, Calif. (AP) — A father who left his 12-year-old daughter stranded in a van in 100-degree heat, killing the little girl, was sentenced to a year in jail.

John Darrell Morgan parked his Chevrolet Astrovan outside his home in 2002 and unlocked groceries before collapsing inside after taking a combination of painkillers prescribed the previous day. Daughter Angelina Morgan was left inside the van and died.

Morgan, 54, pleaded guilty Jan. 22 to involuntary manslaughter and child abuse.

Angelina’s mother, Rosa Morgan, thanked Superior Court Judge Douglas Ewell for his compassion.

“The court has power to do a lot of things. The court does not have power to bring back life,” Ewell said.

Rosa Morgan, who separated from Morgan after their child’s death and now lives in Orange County, and after the hearing she didn’t want her husband to go to prison.

“It’s too hard to hear about a combination of painkillers prescribed the previous day,” Morgan said.

The bar association’s “not qualified” ruling of Federal Magistrate Judge Roger T. Benitez was criticized by praise from colleagues.

Judge Albert A. DelaCruz announced those details before lawyers resumed their haggling over the admissibility of evidence from scent-tracking dogs.

On Wednesday, testimony continued from Eloisc Anderson, who trained a Labrador retriever that was stumped by Laci Peterson’s scent.

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Opinion

Nudity is better than murder

It is seen everyday: death, murder, war, incest, millions killed. stumbling, as accessible on hundreds of channels of television. Any channel on television, whether it is ESPN or Diners, has some level of violence, and people will tune in. OK with that. However, as soon as the "F" word, or a little bootie gets shown, television suddenly becomes a vile tool of adults. Have France, nudity on television is a common thing, not only in TV shows but in commercials as well. Violence is Ecroted at European television, while simple views of the human form are embraced and praised for their artistic beauty. In America, viewers can be entertained without showing the ugly side of society on their back tables.

A recent report on MSNbc said violence on American television is a reason, though not nearly the main one, that many countries in the Middle East view the United States as hostile country. For many citizens of countries across the world, the only insight of the United States that they get comes from shows like gratuitously violent "The Shield" or "Third Watch." I say that I'm not entertained by these kinds of shows. I like them, and maybe that is the problem.

For much of our lives this is all we have shown. All violence, all the death, even on a normal intellect, eventually will ban an impression of the world and everything wrong in it. What if, from the time we are young the majority of images we see on television display or contain views of the human body splatter acting and a violent, valiant attempt at showing the beautiful side of life? It is interesting to wonder if humans would grow up any different, if their ideas and beliefs would swing to the other side, the non-violent side. Very little violence is shown on American TV, but then, many people never want to get into a fight or raise arms. They just call on the countries for a solution to it since the beginning of its time. For worthy death and cruelty is what you desire, just flip on any news program and let your thrust be for a muscular real from image around a globe suffering from a dosing of peace. The increasing violence on television directly affects the reaction of real countries and real decimation of mankind.

The solution is simple: Clean up America. It's a direct hit on real nations and real decimation of mankind.

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Then as you're walking, the mood seems to change. The crowd seems a bit more on edge, and as you walk farther you see it, the instigators at the epicenter. The police. Why are the police there? They don't explain it well. You see the police like a herd of cattle heading 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 of 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 well for the police. Police don't seem to realize that when you block a drunken crowd, there will be problems. When you knock over the hassle and push, shoot and gas we won't appreciate it. Even though it might be a form of using crowd control methods that aren't risk control methods? I've seen this type of thing many times before, this whole thing reverts to the principle of treatment. Once one side mistreats the other, there will be escalations. Your mere presence throws a crowd dangerously toward the edge.

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How to be a real man

Coun selmen, we have a problem in our community that is hard to get the attention. It affects us all, particular­ly those women who are in the minority. It is the problem of misogyny, the hatred of women.

As you can imagine, something so profound as this is rarely overtly expressed, which may make you wonder if it even exists. It does and is often cleverly disguised. Full expression of women? Are a man, meaning that misogynistic men are denied enough to believe this is how to be a man.

To disguise it, misogynistic men will transfer these ideas down from their original form. They may be conveyed through well-conceived humor such as jok­ ing about finding ways to get women loaded in liquor to then have sex with them. To make it even more direct and indirect expression is often justified on the basis of freedom of speech, entertain­ment or some other inane rationale. This insidious maneuvering speaks to the depths within the minds of women kids and screams for expression.

Can any of us even be considered a man for allowing such ideologies to persist and be manifest when you insult and demean women? Are you a man when you respect these women as objects to be manip­ulated or as sexual substitutes to serve you? No. This is how to be a man. This is how to be a real man.

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Marriage not for economics

Editor,

“What the constitutional right nearest to us is the right that marriages based on economic contracts,” (FSF mayor takes bold step Feb 23). I would like to personally present when Mr. Piersen attempts to write his book, I would like to personally present with a perspective like that. This woman who had to be as shallow as his idea if she were to accept such an offer. Since when are marriages corridor mergers? If we turn to this the true basis for marriage, we may be financially stable but at the risk of having a life-affirming, unfulfilling marriage with no pur­pose beyond personal gain.

It’s that truth is marriage so much more than, "What can you do for me?" Contrary to the economic contracts, marriage is not a corporation "core" worthless unless they completely exude a selfless love. Too many people in general think that marriage is for self. Believing that the marriage is secure with such a selfish foundation is foolish and des­ecrated for divorce.

I think that it is laughingly ironic that Mr. Piersen is chiding conservative Christians for their idea of what marriage is. In my opinion, it’s not like the Bible says anything about where marriage started in the first place. It seems that it skipped over Genesis chapter two just as Mr. Piersen did.

Police officers lacked integrity

Editor,

“The men who lack integrity police officers lacked integrity. Why? Because the night deeply hurt by a woman and you have been unable to get over it? Or did you come by these attitudes solely out of copying them from adult men in your life and from a culture that attaches to women. San Luis Obispo Mustang Daily

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Bonds lashes out after Wendell's claim

By Jonie McCauley

Scottsdale — Barry Bonds charged Colorado reliever Turk Wendell on Wednesday for accusing him of using steroids.

A day after Wendell said it was "clear just seeing his body" that Bonds was taking steroids, the San Francisco Giants slugger said the remarks had been made directly to him, not a reporter.

"I heard about his comments. If you get something to say, say it to my face," Bonds said. "Don't talk through the media."

"I'm not worried about him. I'm not worried about anyone. I have a lot of respect for Turk. Wendell. I have a lot of respect for every baseball player that this game," he added.

"You got something to say, you come to my face and say it and we'll deal with it from there. Don't get involved in the media like you're some tough guy."

On Tuesday in Tucson, Wendell criticized Bonds to The Denver Post.

"Bonds, who has always denied using steroids, appeared in December before a grand jury probing Cal Poly's possible use of a lab accused of illegally distributing steroids to athletes."

His trainer, Greg Anderson, was among four men charged this month. All the men have pleaded innocent and no athletes have been charged.

"If my personal trainer, me, Turk Wendell, get indicted for that, there's no one in the world who wouldn't think that I wasn't taking steroids," Wendell was quoted as saying by Post. "I mean, what's wrong, because he's Barry Bonds, no one's going to say that I messed up," he said. His trainer subsequently admitted to giving steroids to baseball players.

Bonds is just one of many whose name has surfaced in recent weeks in connection with the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

"In talking to the Astros' full-squad workout at spring training Monday, Bonds also hinted that he isn't going to put up with as much as pitchers this season, but he didn't go as far as saying he'd retaliate if he gets hit."

"I'm not playing with any of these guys out there this year," he said.

"I think the best thing that will come out of this is people have to get a little bit more comfortable with the fact that some of the names that are linked to them are the guys that are the big, massive, overmuscled looking guys," Wendell said.

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The conference harbors even more enmity. From what we know of the chemistry between some of the names that are linked to them, there is not much room for the Jamal we know."

Bonds' decision that he wants to go to the NFL, "USC coach Pete Carroll said Wednesday. "We're disappointed after last season after starring at Ohio State as a freshman."

Williams announced intention

By John Nadel

LOS ANGELES — Southern California safety Lisa Williams will enter the NFL draft, the first player to take advantage of the court ruling the Maurice Clarett case.

"I made his decision that he wants to go to the NFL," USC football coach Pete Carroll said Wednesday. "We're disappointed."

Williams will enter the NFL draft, along with his friend, Angelo Jackson, met with the NFL's Advisory Board.

Hoyt Mahaley said an informant at an Atlanta restaurant, again on July 12, 2000, at a gas station in suburban Atlanta, the affidavit said. During the meeting, they discussed drugs, but no purchase was made.

We believe in the process, and Jamal will win his case in court. There are two sides to every story," Borgens spokesman Chad Steele said the indictment came as a surprise to the team. "We had no clue."
Golden Graham

Painful season ending

The spark has vanished from Kevin Bromley's eyes, and these dark days, few traces of excitement remain in his voice.

Where in October there was a coach holding a freshly inked five-year contract extension, optimistically hinting at a banner year for Cal Poly men's basketball, now sits a wounded man. His dictation has slowed from rapid-fire to crawling, and he strains to answer questions with a smile, as a tried-and-true season flames into the night.

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, a new NCAA I-AA football-only league. Competition, rivalries and recruiting just got a little stronger. And it all starts in the 2004 season.

"However fierce our rivalries are, they just got a little more fierce," said Cal Poly coach Rich Ellerson. "This has been a long time coming."

Prior to the development of the CBWFC, Cal Poly had played football as an NCAA Division I-AA independent for eight years.

The Great West Conference opponents will be UC Davis, North Dakota State University, Northern Colorado, San Jose State, South Dakota State and Southern Utah.

"The formation of the Great West Football Conference will give us an opportunity to build on existing strong relationships," Ellerson said. 

"Our 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 was always promising, but many were surprised it happened so fast.

"We've been looking for a possible alignment since we've been here," said a jubilant athletic director John McCarthy who has been at Cal Poly for 12 years. "About a year ago is when talks started."

Two star Cal Poly players shared their thoughts on the proceedings.

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Raven's Lewis charged with crime

By Elliott McLaughlin

All-pro indirect on federal drug charges for allegedly helping friend sell cocaine

ATLANTA — Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis, who had the second-highest total 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 2002 just before he signed a six-year, $53.5 million contract with the Ravens. No drugs were ever purchased according to the indictment.

The running back's attorney, Ed Garland, said his client was innocent and would turn himself in on Thursday.

"Mr. Lewis wants everybody to know that he did nothing wrong," Garland said. "He was not part of any drug deal and any confession that he was false.

"Lewis is charged with conspiring to possess with the intent to distribute 5 kilograms of cocaine and using a cell phone in the commission of cocaine smuggling."

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Golf places second

By Mustam Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly men's golf team finished in third place at the Anteater Invitational after finishing a final round of 293 at Santa Ana Country Club.

Cal Poly shot opening rounds of 301 and 294 on the par 72, 6,547-yard course. The Mustangs finished behind UCLA (292) and team (872) and host UC Irvine (882).

Trevor Benton was the top Mustang, shooting a final round 69 to finish tied for second place at 214.

Zach King shot 69 as the second round to finish in tue for 16th with a three-round total of 220.

Darin Blair and Mike McGaugh both finished in the top 25 at 286, while Steve King rounded out the Cal Poly roster in a tie for 41st.

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Mustangs drop game to Fresno State

By Mustam Daily Staff Writer

Fresno State scored four runs in the first inning and held on to beat Cal Poly 5-4 in a non-conference baseball game Tuesday night at Pete Beiden Field.

Catchcher Brandon Marcelli belted a three-run double down the left-field line and third baseman Christian Ybarra singed to score Marcelli, giving the Bulldogs a quick 4-0 lead.

Cal Poly batted back with singles in the second and sixth innings and two more in the seventh, but couldn't push across the tying run on a go-ahead run despite getting two runners on base in each of the final two innings.

Fresno State turned a double play in both frames to escape with no hits in 12 games. Cal Poly, despite out-hitting the Bulldogs 12-8, left 13-5 for the season.

Mustang catcher Cory Tallion had three hits, including a double, and drove in one run while center fielder Sam Herbert finished with a single and double with an RBI. Designated hitter Billy Saul singled twice while left fielder Brandon Roberts extended his hitting streak to 15 games with a ninth-inning single.

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Cal Poly baseball schedule

By Mustam Daily Staff Writer

The Mustangs have a fifth conference series against a Pac-10 opponent and a non-conference matchup against UC Davis this week.

Fresno State, San Jose State and Oregon State all come to town.

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Scores

By Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Scores, schedule and stats for the Mustang sports teams.

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