Princeton to ration ‘A’ grades

Elite university is proposing a cap on high marks to curb grade inflation. Will other schools follow suit?

Justin Pope
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BOSTON — College grades have been creeping steadily upward for 30 years, but Princeton University may try to break the trend by rationing the number of A’s that can be awarded. The proposal has academics wondering already about the possible impact of a similar approach at other schools.

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So far, most schools that have tried to stem grade inflation have little to show for it. Harvard University, criticized several years ago for allowing more than 90 percent of its students to graduate with honors, cut back its honors degrees this year, but has not ordered faculty to lower or limit grades.

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Workshop to focus on hand-held satellites

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Extrae, new editions raise textbook costs, study says

Research reveals that students pay an average of $900 per year on "flashy" course materials

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PORTLAND, Ore. — College freshman Amy Connolly knows not to judge a book by its cover. Instead, she judges the newest Calculus 103 text by what's inside: a CD-ROM, flashy color photographs and a workbook-wrap study manual. All those extras bring the price tag to $126, she says.

"The textbook companies are adding bells and whistles that students don't need — it's making the cost of education unaffordable," said Connolly, a student at Portland State University.

A study spearheaded by students in Oregon and California found that the cost of textbooks has skyrocketed because of the bundling of ancillary products like CD-ROMs. It also shows that publishers roll out new editions year after year, even before the older editions are sold.

The spiraling price of textbooks has led to all sorts of strategies to reduce the financial hit, said Merriah Fanchild of the California Student Public Interest Research Group.

"I know stories of students pooling together to buy a single book — students just can't afford it anymore," Fanchild said.

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SAN DIEGO — More than 3,800 votes cast in San Diego County during the March 2 primary election were miscounted, when electronic scanners used to count absentee ballots overloaded the system, county officials said.

The mistakes did not affect the outcome of the election, they said.

Most of the errors occurred in the Democratic presidential race, where votes cast for John Kerry were credited to Dick Gephardt.

PALM SPRINGS — Workers and activists converged on a casino owned by the wealthy Agua Caliente tribe on Thursday to demand workplace rights and management talks with a union seeking to represent the employees.

More than 100 protesters gathered in a downtown church before marching to the Spa Resort Casino in downtown Palm Springs. Among them was Dolores Huerta, who helped found the United Farm Workers Union.

Union officials trying to organize the casino workers accused management of a range of discrimination, including sexual harassment, age bias and favoritism.

FRESNO — The man accused of shooting nine of his children to death at their home last month pleaded innocent Thursday to 33 additional charges of sexual abuse dating back as far as 1988.

The new accusations against Marcus Wesson include multiple charges of continuous sexual abuse and forcible rape against females who lived with him, but the documents do not specify whether they were family members. Five of the six victims were under 14 when the attacks occurred.

SALTON CITY — A small quake rattled northern Imperial County on Thursday, but there were no immediate reports of damage, officials said.

The magnitude 3.2 temblor struck at 8:46 a.m., about 13 miles southeast of Salton City, according to preliminary data from the U.S. Geological Survey.

WASHINGTON — Under contentious questioning, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice testified Thursday "there was no silver bullet that could have prevented" the deadly terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 and disputed suggestions that President Bush failed to focus on the threat of strikes in advance.

"Bush understood the threat, and he understood in importance," she told a national commission investigating the worst terror attacks in the nation's history.

In nearly three hours in the witness chair, Rice stoutly defended Bush when Democrats on the commission raised questions about the administration's attentiveness to terrorism, often referring to an Aug. 6 classified memo titled "Bin Laden determined to attack inside United States."

Her appearance, televised nationally, also contained a series of implicit and explicit rebuttals to a series of politically damaging charges made two weeks ago by former terrorism aide Richard Clarke.

WASHINGTON — With many companies facing a financial pounding within days, the Senate prepared Thursday to send President Bush a pensions relief bill that will save them billions of dollars in contributions.

The legislation, avidly sought by both companies facing massive payments and by unions concerned about the future of retirement plans, would relieve single-employer pension funds of some $80 billion in payments over the two-year life of the measure.

It would also reduce by some $1.6 billion the amount financially struggling airlines and steel companies, as well as Greyhound, must to replenish and unfunded pension plans.

NEW YORK — A majority of Americans support affirmative action, believe race relations have improved since the civil rights movement and approve of same-sex marriage, according to a new poll.

Still, 49 percent of blacks said they had experienced some form of discrimination in the month preceding the poll and 62 percent believe they are treated somewhat or very unfairly.

The Gallup Organization poll, commissioned by the AARP and the LCCR, was released to coincide with next month's 50th anniversary of the Brown vs. Board of Education ruling that declared school segregation unconstitutional.

TOkyo — The kidnapping of three Japanese civilians in Iraq posed the greatest challenge yet to Japan's first foray to a combat zone since World War II.

Television footage released Thursday of three terrified and blindfolded captives being held at knifepoint by screaming militants triggered a national vigil and threatened to sap the already weak support for the mission.

The captors threatened to burn the two Japanese men and one woman to death in three days unless Tokyo pulled out troops sent to southern Iraq on a humanitarian mission.

PARIS — Several Paris train stations were evacuated and traffic stopped Thursday evening because of a bomb alert, police said.

Traffic on the RER-A line that crosses the French capital and links it to the suburbs was interrupted at 6:15 p.m., police said. Main stations and interconnections were evacuated to allow officers to search, police said.

Officials gave no details on how many stations were affected. French authorities have been on high alert since the deadly March 11 train bombings in Madrid, Spain.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani forces have drawn a bead on a cluster of remote hideouts along the Afghan border and promised Thursday to send thousands of soldiers in a fierce crackdown if terrorists there do not hand over al Qaeda terrorists by April 20.

Critics, however, said announcing the deadline makes it easy for terrorists to flee ahead of the operation, as they did when Pakistani forces last month allowed a top al Qaeda terrorist to get away in South Waziristan.

SEOUL, South Korea — Seven South Korean Christian missionaries detained in Iraq by armed men were released and in good condition, South Korea's SBS news network reported.

The group had been stopped at a checkpoint on a road from the town of Jordan, to Baghdad, and were held for about nine hours, South Korea's SBS news network reported.

Eight missionaries had been traveling in two cars, but one managed to escape in one of the vehicles before gunmen took the others away.

— Associated Press

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— Associated Press
Osama bin Laden lives on campus in a residence hall. If you believe this theory is plausible, then you might also believe that Muslim lives in the White House where he shoots hoops with the president and shares cooking tips with the first lady. Improbable? Yes. Maybe bin Laden is the one who shoots hoops with the president and shares cooking tips with him. It may be discovered.

Regardless of bin Laden's whereabouts, the Bush administration will likely produce the bearded one just in time for a grateful American public to re-elect George W. for a second term.

This act will epitomize President Bush and the Bush family's American racism. Racism is a learned behavior, and the Bush family has practiced it in a way that is prevalent throughout all of George W. 's policies. It is Miguelito, majoring in pre-engineering, who has distributed these thoughts, and I encourage others to engage in this discussion.

Justin Werns is a mechanical engineering sophomore.

University Police work hard to give tickets

Something is wrong with parking enforcement on our campus. A habitual "spat check" occurs approximately 9:30 p.m. at the meters and 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. at staff spots. The police ticket anyone who parked a few minutes too early or didn't have another dime to pull them through until 10 p.m. I'm not sure that I have a line that has to be drawn somewhere in the proverbial sand. Sure, the police are acting within their right, and the students are technically at fault. But that's not the point. The point is the police concentrate on parking enforcement when it is unnecessary, but only when their chances of handing out tickets are the highest. Attempts are no longer made to hide the fact that parking enforcement is a revenue-generating scheme.

It is sad that no authority seems to want or be able to curb the enthusiasm of the police force to hand out these flagrant tickets.

Oh, and another thing: How many teachers are on campus at 10 p.m., anyway? Maybe 5 percent of teachers have classes after 8 p.m. I say students need those two hours more than the teachers do.

Y准入 (Gene) Gain is an aeronautical engineering senior.

Burning flag is not an appropriate protest

As I was flipping through Mustang Daily on Thursday, the Arts & Culture section pumped me up. I couldn't believe what I saw: a burned American flag.

I was floored, offended and angered by this. I am an American citizen doing my part by burning my flag. I read the article, and I understand Sabihah Basrai's reason for doing it. I just don't feel like she needed to burn my symbol of patriotism. I understand she is trying to make a statement through her art (which, by the way, is very well done), but does she have to mar and destroy that which millions have died to protect? She seems to say the flag has "ceased to be a symbol of freedom."

I beg to differ.

Where would the world be if America had not stepped in and bailed out the world in WWI and WWII? Where would Great Britain, France, Poland and all the other occupied countries during the wars be without America? Did my great grandfather die in vain? Have I a message for you Sabihah, and I don't need to burn a flag to do it. America has been there for me and my family, she has protected me and you from evils you have no idea about, she has historically fought to defend democracy and bring evil leaders to justice and her people and I stand united do you can post your art in a gallery at a California State University. Think about how many freedoms you have as an American before you claim that America has "become a symbol of oppression and imperialism."

Matthew Raybuck is a construction management junior.

Cal Poly letters create negative attitudes

This quarter I am enjoying the unique experience of attending Cal Poly, compared to my experiences during the spring semester at Cuesta College. This daily dashing up and down Highway 1 has naturally led me to much thought about the overwhelming shift in sensation I feel as I leave one school for another. The atmosphere at Cuesta is simply more laid back than at Cal Poly. All the students seem at peace with one another.

Everything changes when I make the drive back to Poly. Suddenly I feel as though everyone is consumed with self-importance, afraid of and uptight with their classmates and ultimately waiting for a good excuse to get angry. It's as though there exists a toxic element at Cal Poly. Most alarming is the ease with which students pass to these very judgments. I have just placed on the rest of the student body. I become all of these bad habits. The easiest way I can make the left turn on Highway Drive is that I am a different person at each school.

Now, I'm not saying that every attitude is more apparent than in the opinion pages of Mustang Daily. Each time I pick up a paper another coat is mooded on my frustration with Cal Poly. I think to myself, "Can't we just all shut up and get along for once. Can we not bite our tongue and stop complaining, just for a day?" Admittedly, I sit here doing just that. I complain of the compliments, I express my animosity toward the animosity. I am probably just feeling into the frenzy. I don't think it's bad. Something doesn't feel right, and I wanted to write about it. Those who contribute to the Cuesta College Cuestionary seem primarily concerned with campus issues like fees increase, administrative salary and policy changes. I have yet to see a letter to the editor attacking the stupid people who wear sandals when it rains.

Matthew Holden is a general engineering sophomore.
ponents of the word labeling and declare that condoms are an effective method of birth control. Those who believe that labeling will not affect the use of condoms argue that the labeling is a token measure and will not change people's behavior. Opponents of labeling argue that it is a form of censorship and will lead to a decrease in the use of condoms.

Supporters argue that the American public often point out that labeling is a necessary step in improving public health. They believe that it is important to make people aware of the potential risks associated with sexual activity. They argue that labeling is a simple and effective way to communicate these risks.

The labeling on condoms is an important issue because it is a matter of public health. The labeling will help people understand the potential risks associated with sexual activity and will encourage the use of condoms to prevent sexually transmitted infections.
In a world where the latest trends change faster than Hollywood couples, is the average college student expected to know what’s hot and what’s not? And how is the regular Joe from the aerospace engineering department supposed to know that just because Donald Trump is rich and famous, his hair is not the style to strive for?

Check out this guide to the top five haircut hot spots in San Luis Obispo:

1. Anderson’s Barbershop
2. Fantastic Sam’s
3. District 96 Salon
4. Tom Mel Salon
5. On the Rocks

Offering clients the quaint and charming atmosphere of old-fashioned barbershops, Anderson’s customers aren’t paying for frivolous shop decorations or expensive products. Haircuts cost only $14 and with low prices like that, customers can spend the money they saved on more important things—like food! For slightly more money and an added salon feel, Fantastic Sam’s is a great choice.

Men and women’s haircuts start at $15, and walk-in appointments are welcomed. Fantastic Sam’s is located at 3910 Broad St. in the Marigold Shopping Center.

Some people, on the other hand, wouldn’t want to trust their tresses to anyone but a stylist in a salon. And salons are no longer just for women. Most salons offer men’s magazines in their reception areas and stock lines of male-specific hair care products.

District 96 is an edgy salon that uses the hippest products available, including a line called Alterna, which incorporates hemp seed in their ingredients.

Deanna Mistele, 17, also goes to District 96 salon. Mistele likes District 96 because of the friendly atmosphere and said, “I like how my hair comes out so I just keep going back.”

Like most other salons, haircuts start at about $25 for men and $40 for women, depending on which stylist you see. Despite the higher price tag of District’s cut, Mistele claims that it’s worth it.

“I’m afraid to go somewhere where I don’t know how my hair will turn out,” Mistele said.

Another San Luis Obispo salon offering quality cuts is the Tom Mel Salon, located at 720 Marsh St.

Danielle Beerson, 21, said she prefers Tom Mel because “they have good music playing in the shop, and the (woman who) does my hair is really nice and chats my ear off.”

Many guys can’t understand paying high prices for a hair cut, but it seems that many women believe differently. At Tom Mel, hair cuts start at $20 for men and $35 for women.

“If you’re going to spend money either way, i’d rather spend more money on my haircut and be happy with it, than save money and get a scary haircut. Below, just a little off the top. A friendly barber from Anderson’s Barbershop waits for his next customer.

Friday
Creekside Lanes - Atascadero
Band: Green Machine & Chris Murray - $5 cover
Frog & Peach
Band: Connected - 21+
Linnaea’s Café
Tom Brosseau - Singer/songwriter - Starts at 8:30 p.m.
Mother’s Tavern
Band: Kyster Soize - Cover $3 to $5
SLO Brew
Dancing with DJ Mel - 21+
The Grad
Hot Latin Night - 18+
Tortilla Flats
DJ Brian Weiss - Hip hop and R&B

Places in SLO to get a haircut

Above, choose your barber wisely or else you can end up with a scary haircut. Below, just a little off the top. A friendly barber from Anderson’s Barbershop waits for his next customer.

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-Danielle Beerson
Tom Mel client
The evolution of the little black book

Brian Koser
MUSTANG DAILY

Disclaimer: Names have been changed to maintain privacy and to avoid salt in their games.

The little black book remains a part of the lives of many who are affluent in the social scene. Whether the names found in the address book are written in code or have a certain number of stars rating performance (see Sam Malone from Cheers), the vital information is almost always decipherable: the digits. Like many aspects of daily life that have been affected by technology, the Bayeux Tapestry of who’s calling me,” said Cuesta College student Ginger. “I f it’s a guy who should have taken the hint a long time ago, (the call) goes straight to voicemail.”

“I want to make sure I know who’s calling me,” said Cuesta College student Ginger. “If it’s a guy who should have taken the hint a long time ago, (the call) goes straight to voicemail.”

Ginger also said she liked having numbers handy when she wanted them, and the address book in her phone holds all the information she needs. “If I feel like some company, I don’t have to rip my room apart looking for the piece of paper,” she said. “All I have to do is look (the name and number) up in my phone.”

On the flip-side, there are people like my friend whom I shall only refer to as Brolley. “There’s no freakin’ way I’d ever put past chicks’ numbers in my phone,” he said. “(Women) look through everything — bathroom cabinets, drawers, under the bed ... you don’t think they’ll take 30 seconds to snoop through your cell phone while you’re taking a leak? Please!”

Aside from privacy issues, cell phones present a few dangers, too. The dreaded drop into water or the “I can’t believe the (insert favorite sports team) lost!” toss. In both of these cases, any information could potentially be lost for good.

Bob, a Cal Poly English senior, suffered through the latter scenario. “When the Raiders lost to the Chargers, I couldn’t take it. I had to break something,” he said. “I ended up getting more mad after I heaved my phone at the wall ... not only did my team lose, but I had no other way of getting in touch with this hottie I had met the night before.”

Cell phones can also have the effect of calling a person who was not the intended target, sometimes.

“I was sitting in my chair (a woman whom I hadn’t spoken with in almost two years),” Brolley said his former fling was intoxicating, and actually meant to call someone named Brad. “I called “drunk-dialing.” Brolley recalls a night when he decided to spend the evening at home instead of going out. “I was sitting in my chair (a woman whom I hadn’t spoken with in almost two years),” Brolley said his former fling was intoxicating, and actually meant to call someone named Brad. “I called “drunk-dialing.” Brolley recalls a night when he decided to spend the evening at home instead of going out. “I was sitting in my chair (a woman whom I hadn’t spoken with in almost two years).”

“Once she knew it was me, she said that she had scrolled too far down in her address book. We ended up talking for 20 minutes, even though I didn’t really want to, then she asked what I was up to. I told her I was busy, because there was a reason why she hadn’t talked in so long,” he said.

If there’s anything to learn from these sources, the decision to keep a hard copy of a phone number is the best method to ensure privacy and avoid digital mishaps. Yet any time someone has a history, and wants to keep a record of it, the situations can become tricky.

“Black books are always a gamble. If numbers are in your phone, they can be easily looked up ... little black books are shady in general, and look like they’re just begging to be read.”

--BROLLEY
Against owning a black book

Mustang Daily's Most Eligible Bachelor

Hey there Cal Poly. You all saw me advertised last week as "Mustang Daily's Most Eligible Bachelor." Now, I know that’s a pretty good description, but I thought you all might like to know a little bit about the qualities that make up such a distinguished gentleman.

I’m a pretty outgoing, laid-back type of guy who is always willing to try something new. I love watching movies, and I go to the theater as often as I can. I also enjoy being active like running, swimming and water polo. Other ways I fill my time are by reading (anything I can get my hands on), listening to music (anything I can find from classic to country and everything in between) and writing. Some musicians I really appreciate are Johnny Cash, George Gershwin and Frank Sinatra. Growing up on country music really made it difficult for me to break the mold and start listening to other forms of music, but once I started I realized I was open to listening to just about anything.

I tend to enjoy books about strong characters who are capable and self-confident but that have all the flaws that everyday people have. Like "Their Eyes Were Watching God," any Harry Potter book or "The Great Gatsby," to name a few.

Some things you really need to know about me, besides things I’m interested in, are that I have a fairly low tolerance for MTV, Abercrombie and Fitch and anything that contributes to the dumbing-down of our society. However, I’ve also been known to indulge in some of these guilty pleasures too, so don’t go down the impression that I think I’m some sort of unfailable "super-genius" out to make America fit my version of what’s "good."

At the end of the day, I think the best thing that two people can do together is sit down and talk about the things they’re interested in, things going on in the world or just to each other and the things they’ve done recently. An ideal date for me would include some kind of activity where we can talk as well as have fun. I wouldn’t rule out movies and dinner, although it’s kind of a cliché first date that should be strictly reserved for couples at least a month’s worth of dating.

Thanks for reading about me, and I look forward to reading about you. Maybe we’ll go out soon.

The Bachelor

Saturday
Creekside Lanes - Atascadero
Cosmic Bowling - Starts at 8 p.m.
Mother's Tavern
Band: My Monkey - Cover $3 to $5
SLO Brew
Dance party with DJ Phase - 21+
The Grad
Wet & Wild with Wild 106 - 18+
Tortilla Flats
DJ Brian Weiss - Hip hop and R&B

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Cosmic Bowling - Starts at 8 p.m.
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Hotest salsa dancing w/ DJ Ike - Dancing 9 p.m. to close

Monday
Frog & Peach
Blondie Carreta Ridge Mountain Boys - 21+
Mother's Tavern
Karaoke - 21+
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Double D Monday Mayhem - Top 40 remix - 18+
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Seafood spectacular at Cayucos festival

Spencer Marley
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For those who enjoy sipping local wines, checking out an endless line of craft booths and cramming as many oysters in their gullets as humanly possible, Saturday is the 10th annual Cayucos Seafood Festival Spectacular.

The festival will feature booths from local restaurants and organizations in addition to the ever-popular San Luis Obispo County wineries. Artists from across the state will line Ocean, Front Street selling their works. “It’s unique because we have a lot of local vendors with different kinds of fresh seafood,” Cayucos Chamber of Commerce Secretary Shirley Poole said. “But the artists and craftspeople are coming from all over the state.”

Poole said proceeds from the booth rentals will be donated to the Cayucos Chamber of Commerce. “It’s a great event, and we will have everything from art to rock climbing for the kids,” Poole said.

The oyster-eating contest will be the highlight of the event. The rules are simple: The contestant who can stomach the most raw oysters wins a trophy. The Cayucos Firefighters Association will donate the oysters and all proceeds will go to the Cayucos Fire Department.

For the last three years, the scheduled contest was never able to take place because the oysters sold out early in the festival. “We ordered (more than) 800 oysters for this year’s festival,” Cayucos Firefighters Association President Mike Cannon said. “We’re making sure that the contest is going to take place this year.”

The Cayucos Seafood Festival Spectacular will commence at 11 a.m. in the Cayucos Veteran’s Hall and will last until 4 p.m. Admission is free.

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Here fishy, fishy, fishy. This upcoming Cayucos festival should be a seafood lover’s dream. It will take place at the Cayucos Veteran’s Hall at 11 a.m., and admission is free.

Enjoy your weekend!
Feds indict first company in CA energy crisis

Curt Anderson Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A subsidiary of Reliant Resources Inc. and four of its employees were indicted Thursday on charges of criminal activity during the 2000-2001 California energy crisis. It's the first company to face criminal charges in the case.

The six-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in San Francisco and released by the Justice Department in Washington stems from allegations that the unit of Houston-based Reliant, Reliant Energy Services Inc., illegally manipulated prices during June 2000 by shutting down two power plants during a two-day period.

Once those prices were inflated, the indictment says Reliant Energy Services then sold power at the higher prices. "The vast majority of corporate executives are honest, hardworking people," Attorney General John Ashcroft said. "But when a company conducts itself in the manner Reliant Energy Services is alleged to have acted here, it will face severe consequences."

President Jerry Jasinowski.

Bush announced last year he was creating the new position to focus on the struggling industry. Frink will "advocate, coordinate and implement policies" that will help U.S. manufacturers compete globally, according to a list of his duties.

The Bush administration drew heavy fire last month after it was reported that the job would go to Anthony Raimondo, the chief executive of Behlen Manufacturing Co. in Columbus, Neb.

Democrats questioned why the Bush administration chose Raimondo to guide government efforts to halt the hemorrhage of American manufacturing jobs, while he had laid off 75 of his own workers in 2002 after announcing he was constructing a $3 million plant in China.

Raimondo had defended his company's operations in China, saying that the Chinese facility had not meant lost jobs for his U.S. plants but rather was an effort to sell into the Chinese market. Behlen manufactures steel buildings and farm equipment.

Olsho is a touchy issue for the Bush administration in an election year.

Gregory Mankiw, the president's chief economist, had to apologize in February for appearing to be insensitive to the plight of unemployed workers in comments he made about outsourcing service jobs, such as call center workers, to foreign countries.

The administration also backtracked on its own economic forecast, which had predicted that 2.6 million jobs will be created this year. A private economist said was wildly optimistic.

Overall, the economy has lost 1.6 million jobs since Bush took office, a record Democrats want to exploit to help put John Kerry in the White House.

Two separate proposals

I. Increase Health Services Fee

2. Increase ASI Fee supporting student athlete scholarships

have been approved for a student referendum on April 14th and 15th.

The following Open Forums have been scheduled where students can ask questions and learn more about these two important proposals.

Wednesday April 7, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Thursday April 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Monday April 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Location: UU 720
Baseball

The Mariners were in great shape after Julio Mateo pitched a scoreless eighth. Left-hander Mike Myers took over in the ninth, giving up a leadoff single to teammate Ken Griffey Jr., and two runs on four hits, a walk, and a hit by pitch.

"I'm trying not to think that it's going to be another 1988," said Myers, who allowed two runs, one earned, and a walk.

"I'm really not too worried," said Griffey, who had two hits and a walk. "I'm just trying to enjoy the game and have fun."
Angels beat M's with 5-run rally

Tim Korte
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — The Anaheim Angels homered and sprayed singles in their opening series. They can win either way. Adam Kennedy hit a go-ahead, two-run single during a five-run rally in the ninth inning, leading the Angels over the Seattle Mariners 5-1 on Thursday for a three-game sweep.

The burst came after Seattle had everything in hand, leading 4-0 in the seventh, throwing two scoreless innings with three strikeouts.

"Freddy was outstanding," Mariners manager Bob Melvin said. "Coming after two games where our starters got roughed up a little bit, it was a very impressive outing. It was doubly impressive after what happened in the first two."

Scott Shields (1-0) relieved in seventh, throwing two scoreless innings with three strikeouts.

As he walked off the 18th green with another birdie, the perfect finish to an ideal start Thursday in the Masters.

Moments later, a single tear streamed down Tom Watson's face as he mourned the loss of his longtime caddie, Bruce Edwards, who died in Florida of Lou Gehrig's disease on Monday after a long battle.

And Garcia took the ball after Freddy was outstanding. Special in the field, started with Nick Price and Greg Norman. Nothing rocked this place more than when Arnold Palmer rolled in a 5-foot-iron from 198 yards dropped for a hole-in-one at No. 6. He was the only player to avoid bogey and shot 69.

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