Proposal seeks Mardi Gras solutions

The community development idea was drafted as a way to identify problems between students and area residents

Nicole Angeloni MUSTANG DAILY

The beads have fallen and the out-of-towners have gone home, but the City of San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly and other community organizations are attempting to work together to ensure that this year's Mardi Gras problems will not be repeated.

A community development proposal, which stemmed from a student feedback session regarding Mardi Gras, was drafted as a way to identify problems and potential solutions that students and community members have expressed.

"The students and community members all agreed on a lot of the problems that San Luis Obispo is having," Associated Students Inc. President Alison Anderson said. "It was really great to work together to ensure that this year's Mardi Gras will not be repeated.

The proposal outlines different organizations in San Luis Obispo, creating possible goals for each.

One such suggestion is that ASI might facilitate the creation of an ASI Off-Campus Housing Resource Center. The center would be available to students and neighbors in search of information regarding their rights and responsibilities.

"An off-campus resource center like the one proposed is a good idea for many reasons," civil engineering senior Anderson said.

"People need a place to go to address things like tenant-landlord problems, and right now, the few resources that are out there are scattered. This would create a central location for everyone."
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gation and that is not our policy, but we have been trying to break new ground with them and hopefully keep them better informed."

But the Smart family doesn't only want to have access to more information, they want to use it to raise community awareness of Kristin’s disappearance as well as other missing persons. For this reason, Denise Smart appeared on various radio and television news broadcasts last week.

"The greatest gift we can give Kristin is to keep looking and keep her memory alive," Smart said.

"Someone in this area knows something about her disappearance. We still need the community’s help and part of the problem is that people have forgotten and moved on. It gets people feeling ‘Oh, I thought they found her’ and that is simply not the case. The community used their eyes and ears immensely in the Laci Peterson case and we need that too. Police simply can’t do everything."

At www.sonobusan.com, tips about the Kristin case can be left anonymously. The information is then forwarded to law enforcement. However, Bob said, much of the information posted on the Web site is unconfirmed by police and is often made up of rumors and speculation.

"I can’t directly discuss any of the evidence in this case because it is an ongoing investigation, but it is common knowledge that cadaver dogs did lead investigators directly to Paul Flores’ dorm room door," Bob said.

That search, however, did not occur until the end of the school year, when all the students had already moved out of the dorms, including Flores, according to previous news reports.

The search supposedly did not occur earlier because of jurisdictional discrepancies between the sheriff’s department and UPD, according to the Student Press Law Center. This eventually led to the passing of the Kristin Smart Campus Safety Act of 1998, which requires university police, both public and private, and local law enforcement agencies to enter into written agreements delegating who has responsibility for investigating violent crimes occurring on campus.

"That law is about communication between agencies," UPD Chief Tony Aheits said. "If I arrived at Cal Poly three years after the incident but we have continued to partner with the sheriff’s department on this ongoing case. We want the community to know that we’re there and will continue to be there."

In an attempt to avoid similar incidents, UPD sends out an e-mail twice a year, advising students in the residence halls to notify someone if they leave for the weekend.

"We want to create an atmosphere of safety," Aheits said. "We’ve been sending this e-mail for a couple of years now, and we have not seen a large decline in reports of missing persons."

According to UPD statistics reported that cases have declined from 21 in 2000 to seven in 2001.

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Cal Poly proposed to increase programming that addresses student behavior and responsibility.

Also, the university could provide extra staffing to increase community policing with the University Police Department in areas near campus.

"I don’t think that extra policing would make that much of a difference," said architectural engineering junior Tim Lindsey. "Mardi Gras was an isolated situation this year, and the threat from out of town doesn’t seem so far if we have police here or not."

The City of San Luis Obispo might join UPD in increasing police and they could create special events and outreach tasks that people knew that the initial investigation revealed no outward signs of foul play, to allay concerns they might have for their own safety," Hill said.

Wellby, an elite all-women’s school with 2,300 students, is on a 500-acre campus in an affluent suburb west of Boston.

San Jose State appoints new president
SAN JOSE (AP) — Paul Yu, the president of the State University of New York College at Brockport, was appointed as the new president of San Jose State University on Tuesday.

"Paul Yu will be a remarkable president," said Bill Haas, a member of the California State University Board of Trustees. "He will provide the leadership to chart the future course of the campus and the vision to expand its academic standards."

Yu, a professor of philosophy, has been president of SUNY-Brockport since 1997. Prior to that, he was provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Butler University.

He also served as associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and chair of the philosophy department at Central Michigan University. He was a Fulbright Lecturer in Philosophy at National Taiwan University.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to become a member of San Jose State University, an institution with a great past and, in view of its enormous potential, an even greater future," Yu said.

Pay hike OK’d for teachers in schools for the deaf
Jennifer Coleman

SACRAMENTO — Teachers at two state-run schools for the deaf and the blind could get a pay raise under a bill that passed Wednesday by an Assembly committee.

Assemblyman John Dutra said the salaries for teachers in the three state-run special schools are as much as 40 percent less than those of teachers in nearby local public schools, leading to high turnover among staff and frequent vacancies.

About 1,000 students attend the two state-run California Schools for the Deaf, one in Riverside and the other in Fremont. Another 110 students are enrolled at the state School for the Blind in Fremont.

Dutra, D-Fremont, wants the state schools to base teacher and administration salaries on what comparable jobs pay in local school districts.

"The amount of money necessary to take care of the problem isn’t huge. It’s probably around $10 million," he said. "What’s more significant is that the students and the teachers deserve better treatment and equal treatment."

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State Briefs

LOS ANGELES — The U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear a case Monday involving a former police officer convicted of murder who claims his rights were violated when he wasn't advised of a deadline for filing a federal appeal.

The time limit was established in 1996 by the federal Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, which attorneys say has kept many prisoners from challenging their convictions.

It gives defendants one year to file a federal appeal after they have exhausted all state legal challenges.

SANTA BARBARA — Teresa Heinz Kerry won't model herself on either Hillary Clinton or Nancy Reagan if her husband, presumptive Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, reaches the White House.

Speaking at a Montecito fundraiser Saturday, Heinz Kerry, 65, said she would "continue to be me." That "me" is a wealthy philanthropist, a former Republican who only recently switched party affiliations; and a champion of women's issues, the environment, the arts and education.

Heinz Kerry promised that if she makes the White House, she would "work hard. I could enable people, have some fun doing it, learn a lot and help my husband that way and our kids."

LOS ANGELES — U.S. gasoline prices climbed 3 more cents per gallon in the past two weeks because of high crude oil prices, tight capacity and rising demand, an analysis of gasoline station prices shows.

The nationwide average for all gasoline grades, including taxes, was nearly 1.86 per gallon on Friday, up 3.07 cents from April 8, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations nationwide.

Associated Press

National Briefs

EUGENE, Ore. — Oregon State Police issued an Amber Alert Saturday for a 16-year-old girl believed to be kidnapped from a Eugene apartment.

Police said Martin Moreno apparently was taken at about 11:30 p.m. Friday and is believed to be in danger.

She is described as 5-foot-7, 170 pounds, with long curly brown hair. She was last seen wearing a black shirt and a grey skirt with pink diagonal stripes.

Anyone with information should call 1-866-5Amber5 (1-866-526-2375).

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans this week will launch a series of hearings to promote the value of traditional marriage, a move some Democrats are calling an election year ploy that is none of Congress' business.

According to a GOP memo obtained by The Associated Press, the hearings will represent a "full-court push to educate the public on the importance of marriage."

Four committees are expected to hold hearings over the next two weeks, beginning Wednesday with a Health subcommittee's discussion on "Healthy Marriage: Why it is and why should we promote it?"

Democrats say the publicity blitz smacks of politics and dismiss it as an effort to garner votes among the nation's largest constituency — heterosexual married couples.

WASHINGTON — A soybean shortage could push prices a bit higher this summer for consumer items ranging from baby food to frozen desserts.

Poor rainfall and attacks by sap-sucking aphids last year have driven inventories down to their lowest level in more than three decades.

Associated Press

World Briefs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Suicide attackers detonated explosive-laden boats near oil facilities in the Persian Gulf on Saturday, killing a U.S. Navy sailor in a new tactic against Iraq's vital oil industry. Elsewhere, violence across Iraq killed at least 33 Iraqis and four American soldiers.

It was the first such maritime attack against oil facilities since U.S. troops invaded Iraq more than a year ago. The blasts resembled attacks in 2002 and 2003 — blamed on al Qaeda — against the USS Cole and a French oil tanker off the coast of Yemen that killed 17 American sailors and a tanker crewman.

DANDONG, China — Injured children lay on file cabinets as an overcrowded North Korean hospital struggled to cope without enough beds or medicine for hundreds of victims from last week's train explosion, an aid worker who visited the facility said Sunday.

Sinnou Provincial Hospital, just across the border from China, was treating 360 people injured in the blast, according to Tony Bunbury, Asia regional director for the U.N. World Food Program. More than 60 percent of the victims there were children, he said.

Thursday's huge explosion in the town of Ryongchon, fed by oil and chemicals, killed 161 people and injured at least 1,300, officials said.

PRISTINA, Serbia-Montenegro — Authorities are investigating whether a Jordanian U.N. policeman who killed three American corrections officers in a gun battle at a Kosovo prison had links to the Palestinian militant group Hamas, a senior NATO official said.

As investigators tried to pin down Sgt. Maj. Ahmed Mustafa Ibrahim Ali's motive, a clearer picture of the April 17 attack emerged this week. Witnesses, U.N. officials, medical personnel and NATO officers, in interviews with The Associated Press, described a scene in which the officers were trapped between a locked gate and Ali's assault rifle.

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**Commentary**

If sneezing, sniffling, stuffy head, coughing, and drowsiness are a never-ending dilemma. Do we seek refuge in the fresh, pollinated air of the outdoors or the musty, recycled air of the indoors? Like we said before, there's no escaping the barrage of allergy attacks, inside or outside. And among all of our classmates with our sneeze, which by the way, comes out of like the plague. Is my post-nasal drip contagious? Can I pass the illness like surgical mask for protection from all the irri-

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The Vietnam War took much more to stop than just a few words here and there. Let us now examine casualties. The Vietnam War took more than 58,000 American lives. The present death toll is less than 700, according to USA Today. Remember, though, that Vietnam lasted nearly a decade, while the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq has just reached 13 months. Let it also be said that Vietnam is a country in Southeast Asia while Iraq is smack-dab in the area known as the Middle East. Therefore, unless I really did fail freshman geography, they are not one and the same. Before you accuse me of guilt by association, I want you to look without reason, allow me to explain. Iraq is not the same at Vietnam, and it is unfair and ridiculous to go around comparing the two simply because they are two incidents that upset the public. I'm sure you all made the WSJ look stupid. If you are mad about a military endeavor, it's not logical to call it Vietnam simply because that's the only other military engagement in the U.S. memory bank that angered the masses.

This problem lies in the fact that this present military situation is nowhere near being over. The U.S. is in Iraq — good for us. But we're still there.

We're handling over governmental control to the Iraqis on June 30. Everyone's waiting with bated breath to see whether or not this happens in total. Many are of the opinion that more troops will be more to sustain the government, rather than the United States leaving the country to its own devices.

I see where the comparison comes from. We're getting guerrilla resistance, and we're all skeptical — reminiscent of the Vietnam era. Yet I think it's too early in the game to call it Vietnam — a word that breeds in American memory as a tragedy and a monumental American mistake.

I'm in no way a Bush fan, but I'd like to be optimistic enough to think that the situation in Iraq will not escalate to the climactic clmessorial human drama that emerged from the war in Vietnam. It's a very grey area now. But we have to go on from here. Yes! But I don't believe we have to, but let's love to prove wrong in the coming months.

I really hope that this situation is not the legacy of an overreacient president.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Bush is cutting pay with new overtime laws**

I love my country, but I fear my government. This being said, my opinion of George W. Bush is not a good one. It is my belief that he has made an atrocious debacle of his term in office. Using his power for personal gain while neglecting his duty to protect the ordinary American citizen is not his job but is a clear mean having my phone tugged.

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Garner proves young at heart in new 'chick flick'

Christina Joslin

"13 Going on 30" does n't rehearse "Big," proves star's versatility as an actress

It seems pretty impossible to think that a 13-year-old girl could magically turn into an adult overnight, but the movie "13 Going on 30" appears to pull it off pretty well, according to most respects.

The movie is witty and sophisticated with a splash of childish innocence.

Jenna Rink, a typical nerdy teenager, is willing to do whatever it takes to be a part of the popular crowd in school. While strolling her bus with friends and reading her favorite magazine, People, Jenna dreams of being 30, flirty and thriving. A mixture of spoiled little girl and a woman has brought out some of the funniest scenes of the movie.

Being compared to Tom Hank's classic "Big," this movie survives being thrown into the same genre and still holds a bouquet of original ideas. Although "13 Going on 30" does leave a lot up to the audience to determine, it is more realistic than "Big." It seems even plausible that a woman would wake up 17 years later in life than a man who wakes only looking 18 years older. Plus, Garner isn't in pursuit of a man, she is just trying to change her body to being a child; she simply learns how to deal with her circumstances and grows to be a person (metaphorically).

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ful vengeance films to score well with moviegoers, following last week's release for "Kill Bill Vol. 2" and the successful run for the "Punisher" and "Walking Tall."

The audience for "Man on Fire" was about 55 percent female, said Bruce Snyder, the head of distribution for Revolution Studios, which produced the movie for distributor Sony. "The camera loves her, you don't have to do anything, it's done in such a cute and good-hearted way that no one seems to notice."

The premise of "13 going on 30" has been used numerous times, but the marketing campaign has been very effective. The title tells you the demographics of this film. They certainly showed up.

Quentin Tarantino's "Kill Bill Vol. 2" ranked third in its second week with $10.4 million, and Rick's album, "I Am Number One," sold 135,000 copies. Jennifer Garner, despite her fanbase from " Alias," "Daredevil," " 13 Going on 30," "Man on Fire," continued to make the audience a lesson. It may seem obvious and corny, but it's done in such a cute and good-hearted way that no one seems to notice.

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Overall, the movie is filled with handfuls of harmless flashbacks, which is one of the aspects that makes it so enjoyable. This can only mean one thing: Leave it to the women to go out and see this movie.

Men, don't get sucked into this one because you'll only leave feeling unsatisfied and overwhelmed with girdles, and your date will be jumping around trying to act like she's 13 again.

Women, the actors are adorable, and take them lightly — and go into the movie with an open mind and a young heart.

Scott Heiser & Meagan Balink

COLORADO SPRINGS (AP) — Denzel Washington, who sets out to rescue a schoolgirl in "Man on Fire," pushed aside another little girl in the comedy "13 Going on 30" released Monday.

"This is a harder-edged Denzel. Likeability," said Dergarabedian. "This is a stepping stone to superstar status."

With typical chick flick silliness ("13 Going on 30," for which it is the best thing since "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days.") The movie is filled with ridiculous little jokes and insinuations that bring you bouncing back to the past.

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Fighting for a woman’s right to choose: Supporters gather in nation’s capital

Huge throngs march in support of abortion rights

Advocates target Bush administration, state governments and religious conservatives in largest gatherings since 1992

WASHINGTON — Abortion-rights supporters marched in huge numbers Sunday, in what they see as an erosion of reproductive freedoms under President Bush and foreign policies they say hurt women worldwide.

Political agitation suffused the gathering, the largest in favor of abortion rights since an estimated 500,000 assembled in 1992. The target: Bush, like-minded officials in federal and state government and religious conservatives.

Speaking beyond the masses to policy-makers, Francis Kindle of Catholics for a Free Choice declared, “You will hear our pro-choice voices ringing in your ears until such a time that you permit all women to make our own reproductive choices.”

Women joined the protest from across the nation and from nearly 60 countries, asserting that damage from Bush’s policies is spreading far beyond U.S. shores through measures such as the ban on federal money for family-planning groups that promote or perform abortions abroad.

Authorities no longer give formal crowd estimates but said the crowd was hundreds of thousands strong. The Washington-area commuter train system alone carried 138,000 passengers Sunday morning, three times as many as the previous Sunday.

Carol Mehlman, 68, came from Tampa, Fla., to support a cause that has motivated her to march for 30 years, as long as abortion has been legal.

“The fact that Roe v. Wade is still on the books...is something that is of incredible importance to us.”

Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-NY

“Roe vs. Wade is the worst abomination of constitutional law in our history.”

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Organizers set up voter registration tables; supporters of John Kerry, the Democratic presidential candidate, handed out stickers. The event was not overly partisan but denunciation of Bush set the tone from the stage and the ground.

The throng gathered by the Washington Monument for opening speeches and set off along Pennsylvania Avenue, looping back to the mall near the Capitol. They moved slowly, buttressed by their own numbers.

A much smaller contingent of abortion opponents assembled along a portion of the route to protest what they called a “death march.” Among them were women who had abortions and regretted it; they dressed in black.

Tabitha Warnica, 36, of Phoenix, said she had two abortions when she was young.

“We don’t have a choice. God is the only one who can decide,” she said.

Police used barricades and a heavy presence at that site to keep it from becoming a flashpoint. Both sides yelled at each other as the vanguard of the march reached the counter-demonstration.

“Look at the pictures, look at the pictures,” shouted abortion opponents, holding up big posters showing a fetus at eight weeks.

“Lies, lies,” marchers shouted back.

Police arrested 16 people from the Christian Defense Coalition for demonstrating without a permit and another anti-abortion protester for throwing ink-filled plastic eggs at rally signs.

Celebrity endorsement of the abortion-rights movement led the parade, among them Whoopi Goldberg, Kathleen Turner, Cybill Shepherd and media mogul Ted Turner.

“There is a religious and moral superiority and arrogance that so many, not all, Republicans have,” said actress Linda Carter. “It’s the ultimate intrusion by government to tell a woman when she can have children, if she has them at all.”

As the list of sponsors, which included the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, attests, the right to an abortion in the United States was the rallying point but not the only issue at stake for these protesters.

Organizers were fighting, too, for birth control, sex education and better health care for women worldwide.

“We believe it’s important to be that broad-based and diverse because the threats to reproductive rights are that broad-based and diverse,” said Gloria Feldt, president of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

“In our country it’s so important to feed solidarity with the rest of the world on women’s rights,” said Helena Pinto, president of UNFAR, an abortion rights group in Portugal, where legal abortion is limited.

Although Roe v. Wade still anchors abortion rights, some states have imposed waiting periods before abortions, requirements that girls under 18 notify their parents and other limits that have closed abortion clinics or discouraged doctors from performing abortions.

Bush has signed a ban on what critics call partial-birth abortion, and the first federal law to endow a fetus with legal rights distinct from its mother.

Abortion-rights supporters say a fragile Supreme Court majority in favor of Roe v. Wade could be lost if Bush is president long enough to fill vacancies that come up in the courts.

Kerry supports abortion rights.

“With a president promising ‘no’ to a war that is most critical,” said Vicki Balyon, 65, who came from Chicago to march. “The whole political situation is something that is of incredible importance to us.”

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Sen. Daines Dole, Senate Republicans’ thermostat

No senator sponsored health-care bill

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Sen. Harry Reid and five other senators have proposed legislation to increase federal spending on women’s health, family planning and contraception programs.

The bill, which was introduced last week, would also require health insurance companies to expand coverage for birth control and direct hospitals to provide emergency contraceptives to rape victims who request them.

Reid, D-Nev., said wider availability of sex education, prevention and health care and birth control would reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.

Reid described the bill as an opportunity “to find common ground” among people who are anti-abortion and those who favor abortion rights.

But some conservative organizations were critical of the bill.

For moral reasons, some might prefer a choice of health coverage that doesn’t encourage birth control, said Pia de Solverson, director of life and women’s issues for the Family Research Council.

“Secondly, people treat contraceptives as a cure-all that will fix everything, and it’s not,” she said.

The proposed legislation would also increase funding from $278 to $643 million for public health programs aimed at detecting breast and cervical cancers, the HIV virus and sexually transmitted diseases among women.

Reid said broadening insurance coverage for contraceptives would prove more economical for public health programs that routinely cover abortions, which he said were goods and services provided to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies.

“We are not asking for special health-care coverage for contraceptives.”

Reid said.

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Report: Track stars received steroids from BALCO founder

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A nutritionist charged with distributing illegal drugs to pro athletes told federal agents he gave steroids to track stars Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery in exchange for endorsements, a newspaper report said.

But Montgomery received a then-unprecedented five track medals — three of them in the Olympics. Her boyfriend, BALCO last September. Three other anonymous sources confirmed to the Chronicle the indictment of Brian McNamee, with whom testified last fall before a federal grand jury that indicted seven players as having allegedly been given performance-enhancing drugs through BALCO. The Senate Commerce Committee, chaired by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has subpoenaed the Justice Department's BALCO documents.

Two sources told the Chronicle that those documents have been turned over to the committee. The San Jose Mercury News reported early Sunday on its Web site that federal agents claimed Conte told them of 27 athletes — including Jones, Montgomery and the veracity of the IRS agent' s claims.

A lawyer for Conte told the Chronicle that the lab owner denied ever providing information to federal agents about any specific athletes receiving steroids. Conte's attorneys, Robert Holley and Troy Ellerman, did not immediately respond to e-mail messages from The Associated Press.

Conte said he would not answer questions about the AP that he couldn't comment. Martinez publicist, Lewis Kay, could not be reached for comment.

Jones and Montgomery, both of whom testified last fall before a federal grand jury that indicted Conte and three other men, repeatedly have denied steroid use. All four indicted men have pleaded innocent.

Jones won an unprecedented five track medals — three of them gold — at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Her boyfriend, Montgomery, holds the world record of 9.78 seconds in the 100 meters.

A source who requested anonymity told the Chronicle that Conte's statements to federal investigators came after agents raided BALCO last September. Three other anonymous sources confirmed to the Chronicle the information about Jones receiving drugs from Conte.

Sources told the newspaper that federal agents were told that Jones and Montgomery received a then-undetectable steroid known as "the clear" and a testosterone-based steroid known as "the cream" in exchange for endorsing a zinc- and magnesium-based, legal nutritional product called ZMA.

Prosecutors have identified "the clear" as THG, which was unmasked last summer by anti-doping officials. Five track and field athletes and four NFL players have tested positive for THG. Jones and Montgomery were not among that group.

Federal officials have refused to make public the names of athletes who allegedly received performance-enhancing drugs through BALCO. The Senate Commerce Committee, chaired by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has subpoenaed the Justice Department's BALCO documents.

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The Mercury News' story was based on a report the newspaper says was prepared by an Internal Revenue Service agent who interviewed Conte at the time of the raid. The newspaper said the report lists 15 track and field athletes, seven NFL players and five baseball players as having allegedly been supplied with steroids by Conte. Conte's attorneys have questioned the legality of the interview and the accuracy of the IRS agent's claims.

Bonds, Giambi and Sheffield — all of whom testified before the grand jury — have denied using steroids. No athlete has been charged in the case.

Basketball players leap into new sport

For most high school athletes, it's unheard of to be recruited for two sports. But for freshmen Sparkle Anderson and Jessica Eggleston, it is reality.

Anderson is one of the top reboorders in the conference. She is a 5-foot-10-inch guard who has a 39-foot-11-inch triple jump personal record and said she wants to clear 40 feet.

"I want to improve my jumps because the competition level is so much more individual," Eggleston said. "My competitive nature in both sports will ultimately help me.

Women's basketball coach Faith Mussmang said she is glad to have both freshmen on her team.

"We (women's basketball) sacrifice in the spring to allow both athletes to participate in track. Both Anderson and Eggleston are very good at both sports and also very adamant about school. We are very happy to have them on our team and also have helping Cal Poly in two sports."

Eggleston, who hails from Oceanside, said she came for track but admits she likes basketball a little bit more. Since she offered a full scholarship, Anderson, who graduated from high school in San Diego, said she was offered scholarships by many different schools for both track and basketball.

"I hope State, CSUN and other schools wanted me, but I chose Cal Poly because I felt the degree would mean more from this school," Anderson said. "I'm pretty good at both sports, and I love competing."

Both freshmen said they are focused on sports as well as school. But they said they understand that they might become overwhelmed.

"With traveling for two sports and the curriculum that they are taking, I would understand if they took a quarter off," Mussmang said.