The annual Cal Poly Rodeo is held during Open House weekend. The rodeo team has faced anti-tobacco campaign since last year. Officials claim the program does not directly receive any money from the tobacco industry.

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Rodeo, tobacco butt heads

Jake Ashley
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Smokeless tobacco has long been associated with rodeo culture, but if a local campaign has its way, Cal Poly students will not be able to receive individual scholarship awards from tobacco companies.

The Cal Poly Rodeo team has faced an anti-tobacco campaign since last year. The San Luis Obispo County Department of Health’s Tobacco Control program looks to eliminate even the most peripheral connection to smokeless tobacco.

While neither Cal Poly nor the rodeo team has any affiliation with tobacco companies, students who compete in intercollegiate rodeo competitions can win scholarships on an individual basis from the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co.

Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture Mark Shelton fears that the Buck Tobacco campaign, which is connected to the department of health, is allowing a misconception about the issue to continue.

"The misunderstanding comes from the statement that Cal Poly Rodeo is sponsored by the U.S. tobacco industry," Shelton said. "Maybe we’re splitting hairs, but I think that it’s an important distinction to say that the rodeo program does not receive any money directly for support from the tobacco industry."

The money that comes in from the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co. goes directly to students if they have competed at a high level of National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association competitions. The NIRA is college rodeo’s equivalent of the NCAA. U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co. is a national sponsor of the NIRA, along with companies such as Wrangler Jeans, Best Western International and Dodge trucks.

Shelton said while some schools can offer full-ride scholarships to students who compete on their teams, Cal Poly does not have that kind of money available; therefore, many students rely on their winnings from rodeo competitions.

Jesse Segura, an agriculture graduate student, said that winning tobacco scholarships was a big part of being able to attend Cal Poly.

Segura was the region’s four-time saddle bronc riding champion and was the all-around winner at the National College Finals.

"I won close to $10,000 bucks in scholarship money from them over four years," Segura said. "That helped me so much for being able to pay for my school, and I don’t even use the tobacco product."

For Segura, the Buck Tobacco campaign is a misplaced effort that will hurt students more than it will help Cal Poly.

“We’re all adults,” Segura, 24, said. "It’s up to us to make our own decisions. They’re not out there pushing it on us."

While US Smokeless Tobacco won’t comment on the negative health aspects of their product — “moist see Tobacco, page 2

INSIDE

Track and field heads to Big West
Competition starts today in Irvine
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Country comes to campus
Blake Shelton performs ‘Dreamer’ album
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WEATHER REPORT

Tides
High 4.3 at 5:18 a.m.
Low -0.3 at 12:20 a.m.

Forecast
SUNRISE: 6:01 A.M.
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The Buck Tobacco campaign has been promoting their cause with advertisements such as the one above.

SACRAMENTO — Two days before he is set to release his revised budget plan, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger Tuesday announced a spending deal with state university officials that trades spending cuts and fee increases now for future financial support.

It’s the third such deal Schwarzenegger has reached with key interest groups before the release of his revised budget plan and is part of what the administration hopes will be a wave of support that will help pass this year’s budget on time.

While the agreement with universities saves the state only about $660 million next year — out of an estimated budget shortfall of $17 billion — it may help Schwarzenegger pass the first budget on time since 2000.

Some Democrats, whose party controls both houses of the Legislature, denounced the deal, saying it limits university enrollment and breaks a 40-year promise to students of a state-supported higher education to qualified students.

They also criticized the governor’s budget agreements with interest groups before delivery of the proposal to the Legislature. Already the governor has agreements with the state’s powerful teacher’s union as well as with trial judges. On Wednesday he is expected to announce an agreement that locks in $2.6 billion in cuts to local government over the next two years.

On another front, Treasurer Phil Angelides — a likely Democratic challenger of Schwarzenegger in 2006 — also warned Tuesday that the administration’s budget plan may do nothing to solve California’s fiscal problems. He said unless the governor proposes tax increases along with deep spending cuts, the state will face a $10 billion deficit in 2006-07.

Despite the criticism, Schwarzenegger said he looked forward to working with legislators after he releases his budget plan Thursday afternoon.

“The legislators are my partners,” Schwarzenegger said. "We have had many discussions. It is hard to do all of this."

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The governor promised to begin restoring university funding beginning with a 3 percent increase in 2005-06. If lawmakers approve the deal as part of the budget, it will mean the lifting of the cap on enrollments in CSU schools next year, said CSU Chancellor Charles Rees.

Some Assembly Democrats called the agreement an "outrage." "We reject it," said Assemblyman Marco Firebaugh, D-South Gate, adding that UC and CSU systems need to "think through and analyze the implications of this policy.

In other budget action, a study released Tuesday said cuts during the past three years have eroded health and welfare services for California's needy and more reductions proposed for next year will put the system at risk. The pattern of "squeezing" social service budgets rather than eliminating programs or services has put the entire network at risk, said Jean Ross, executive director of the California Budget Project, a nonprofit group that evaluates the impact of government spending on low- and middle-income families.

Expectations are that the primary budget battle will be fought over health and welfare spending. Schwarzenegger has called for cutting about $900 million from the state's $11 billion share of Medi-Cal, the medical services program for the poor jointly funded with the federal government. The administration has also proposed another $800 million cut to state support of a welfare assistance program, CalWorks.

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State Briefs

SAN FRANCISCO — Security concerns are keeping serial rapist Patrick Ghilotti locked up at a state mental hospital nearly a week after a judge signed his release order.

Ghilotti, 48, would be the third sexually violent predator released from the state's mandatory treatment program at Atascadero State Hospital since the program began in 1997. Ghilotti is supposed to move to Vacaville where his wife, a former Atascadero staffer, lives. Her neighbors have been outspoken in their opposition to his placement and she reported to police Sunday that all four tires on her truck had been slashed during the weekend.

Ghilotti's release was delayed to give state Department of Mental Health officials enough time to meet with Vacaville police and Liberty Healthcare officials, who will be directly responsible for supervising Ghilotti, according to Nora Romo, DMH spokeswoman.

LOS ANGELES — A third former Boeing official was charged Tuesday in connection with the theft of sensitive materials from rival Lockheed Martin Corp. during a competition for a $1.88 billion satellite-launching contract.

In an arrest warrant, Larry Satchell, 65, of Newport Beach was charged with conspiracy to steal trade secrets, conspiracy to violate the Procurement Integrity Act and obstruction of justice, federal prosecutors said.

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — Defense lawyers for an airman accused of spying while working as an Arabic translator at Guantanamo Bay renewed their request Tuesday for better access to evidence against their client.

Senior Airman Ahmad A1 Halabi, 25, faces 17 criminal charges, including espionage, lying and misconduct. His court-martial is taking place at Travis, his home base, and opening statements are tentatively set for May 24. If convicted of spying, the most serious charges, A1 Halabi could be sentenced to life in prison.

In a military proceeding, the prosecutor decides what evidence is relevant to the defense.

National Briefs

WASHINGTON — The Army general who investigated prisoner abuse in Iraq disagreed sharply Tuesday with a top Pentagon civilian about who was in charge of the Abu Ghraib complex where the mistreatment occurred.

In a daylong hearing jolted by news of the beheading of an American in Iraq, the two also differed on the key issue of responsibility by higher-ups.

Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba told the Senate Armed Services Committee that military police who acted improperly did so "of their own volition." Several senators, however, questioned whether those low-ranking soldiers would have created the sexually humiliating scenarios by themselves.

BOSTON — Some gay-rights advocates are worried that flamboyant, over-the-top gay weddings could hurt their cause when the nation's first state- sanctioned same-sex weddings begin taking place in Massachusetts next week.

"Any sort of bizarre or hyper-annual weddings will be used as a weapon against the gay community in the political battles of this upcoming year," said Aline Isaacson, co-leader of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. "We obviously have some concern that some media outlets may focus on the flamboyants.

On Monday, cities and towns across Massachusetts will begin accepting applications for marriage licenses for gay couples.

It will be a milestone in the battle for gay rights, but the victory could be short-lived if voters ultimately approve a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriage. The earliest that such an amendment could go before the voters is November 2006 — 2 1/2 years from now.

WASHINGTON — The number of prisoners serving life sentences has increased 83 percent in the past 10 years as tough-on-crime initiatives have led to harsher penalties, a study said.

Nearly 128,000 people, or one of every 11 offenders in state and federal prisons, are serving life sentences, according to the study released Tuesday by The Sentencing Project, a Washington-based group that promotes alternatives to prison. In 1992, 70,000 people had life sentences.

World Briefs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A video posted Tuesday on an al-Qaeda-linked Web site showed the beheading of an American civilian in Iraq in what was said to be revenge for abuse of Iraqi prisoners.

The video showed five men wearing headscarves and black ski masks, standing over a bound man in an orange jumpsuit — similar to a prisoner's uniform. The man identified himself as Nick Berg, a U.S. civilian whose body was found Saturday near a highway overpass in Baghdad.

Havana — Cuba's dollar-only stores displayed "closed for inventory" signs Tuesday after the communist government suddenly shut them down, blaming new U.S. measures aimed at squeezing the island's economy.

Long lines stretched from state stores with food and personal hygiene products — nearly the only items still sold to Cubans in dollars — as people scrambled to buy shampoo and soap from rapidly emptying shelves.

"This is insanity," said 64-year-old Othelo Morales, waiting to buy laundry detergent. "Politics are filthy.

The government did not say whether the stores would reopen. But Julio Perez, the administrator of Harris Brothers department store, said they were merely giving dollar-only stores time to mark up the prices of all their goods.

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Letter to the Editor

Argument is all about the games

I didn't really miss the point of Haynes' column. Quite frankly, it seems to me that Amy Huppatzasin, "Letter writers are missing Haynes' point" May 8 has missed it. The point of Haynes' column was to keep firearms out of the home because: A) Firearms in the home lead to homicide, suicide or unintentional death.

B) Had a more serene. C) He feels it's "ridiculous to keep a deadly weapon with dangerous complications legal purely for entertainment." His analogy is that guns are a bad choice in video games, and that idea transfers to real life through risk of friendly fire damage and the advantage or equivalency of melee weapons over guns.

It is an analogy that has a problem with it. He builds his comparison on the idea that guns are a bad choice in video games, which I completely disagree with. And that is where he crossed the line. I could care less what he thinks about gun control. I have my own opinion. But I am not about to start some kind of debate in the newspaper. However, video games are both ground to me. If you're going to say anything about them, it better be right or you're going to hear it from me and all the other gamers. The point that one can easily miss was their target was just a support point for his video game analogy, not the point of his entire column. The difference is, however, that I was never aiming for it. Anyone who responds to this I hope it's about the metaphor. I'd be happy to talk about gun control any other time, but this argument is all about the games.

Christopher C. Lee is an electrical engineering senior.

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Career Fair Issue
Mustang Jobs – A resource for all students

Sheila Ann Burrell
Interim Director
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The Spring Job Fair in Chumash Auditorium is a means to connect with career, summer, co-op and part-time job employers. This year’s job fair has grown to more than 150 organizations, all seeking Cal Poly applicants for their positions.

The Thursday event is for students of the colleges of Agriculture, Business, Engineering, Liberal Arts, and Science and Mathematics.

Friday’s job fair is targeted toward students in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Some employers are participating in both days, and students are encouraged to attend the day(s) that are hosting organizations that are of interest to them.

The format includes an open forum from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., where students can approach the tables of employers in which they are interested to distribute resumes, collect business cards, express interest in the opportunities that the participating organizations have listed, and ask questions.

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New job seekers face improving employment prospects

Dustin Vissering

The Arizona Daily Star (Tucson, Ariz.)

SAN DIEGO — Good news for soon-to-be college graduates: The job market is starting to show signs of improvement.

According to www.jobweb.com, employers predict they will hire 12.7 percent more new grads from the 2003-04 class than they did from the class of 2002-03.

However, the job market is still very competitive, and simply graduating with a college degree does not guarantee a job will be waiting.

Judith Gumbiner, director of Career Services at San Diego State University, said the current job market is not the easiest for grads, in part because the economy is still sluggish.

"There's been a lot of comment that the economy is improving, but we have not seen an appreciable difference yet this year, but we're hopeful," she said.

However, there are still many opportunities for new grads.

There is a high demand in areas such as education, especially for math and science teachers, as well as a recent resurgence of many federal government agencies looking for both technical and non-technical
U. Oregon career directors offer tips for landing good internships

Steven Neuman
Oregon Daily Emerald (Eugene, Oregon)

EUGENE, Ore. — Summer internships are a lot like marriages. According to University of Oregon Career Center Assistant Director Richard Guerra, they may require making commitments, drawing up preliminary contracts and waiting that the process is a partnership.

"Students forget that it's not just, "What are you going to give me?" or "What can you give to me?" but "This is what I'd like, and this is what I'm offering you, " Guerra said.

Summer internships offer students professional experience in the job market before graduation. Assistant Director of Undergraduate Career Services James Chang said internships are an asset when it comes to getting a job after graduation.

"The emphasis for all students is experience," said Chang, who runs the Lundquist College of Business Career Center. "Half the things that happen in an office only happen in an office. You won't get that experience in school.

Career Center Students Information Specialist Tina Haynes said departments are a prime resource for students looking for internships.

"The first place I would suggest students go within their own professional schools or departments," she said. "Both the business and journalism and communication schools have their own internship coordinators, but if you can't get to an internship coordinator then I suggest you find a academic advisor or even a peer coordinator."

Guerra also recommends that students talk with their professors.

"They'll have professional contacts and networks that students can use," Guerra said. "The other thing is for students to go to on-campus interviews with companies, businesses and organizations that they are interested in working for to find out if there are any opportunities to help them get into the door."

Guerra said students need to keep in mind that internships are not only about what companies can do for students, but about what students can contribute to the businesses as well.

"A student needs to be clear about what they want to do and have a good way to articulate that to someone," Guerra said. "It's not enough to go in and say I'm a journalism major, and I want to be a reporter. We always encourage students to get more specific, be able to talk about what kind of learning experience that they want to gain from it, but also talk about the skills they possess already."

Individual department Web sites often have excellent resources for finding summer internships, Haynes said.

Chang said registering on the Career Center's Web-site has some of the best opportunities, but acknowledged that one of most important factors is a student's initiative.

"For summer internships there are a lot of people looking to get into a few positions," he said. "Take the initiative to see someone in the company, to stand out, and don't be too wishy-washy about what you want."

He also recommended the Campus Interview Program because the employers who participate haven't just expressed interest, they're committed to hiring.

"I've seen my number change," Chang said. "I've heard that a student recommended them when it comes to this interview process."

However, Chang said he draws a line between using actual business Web sites to find company contacts and using online job search Web sites like Monster.com.

"Sites like that don't really work for internships," he said. "Especially for summer internships they're not going to be very good because even for real jobs companies that post there are looking for specific skills."

Internships are generally divided into two categories, paid and unpaid, each with their own benefits and drawbacks.

"If it's going to be a paid experience, it's almost going to be like a real job," Guerra said. "They're going to be expecting very high quality work from you, typically it's going to be some sort of competitive process where they select from a pool of talent."

He added quality work is expected in unpaid positions as well. He said students in unpaid internships may be able to personalize their experience by working with an on-site supervisor who will help them focus on what they want to do or learn.

Although whether an internship is paid tends to be the defining factor for most students, Chang said in the end it should be about the learning process.

"The name internship means nothing," he said. "We've heard the horror stories about people who get an internship and they spend the whole time making copies and answering the phone. There are also those people who do a volunteer position and take away these amazing skills and get the most experience. The value of experience is multi-fold."

In some cases the best defense to bad job experiences is a strong attempt to communicate.

"The best way to combat bad internships is to make your priorities clear," said Guerra. "The number one thing that goes wrong is students not doing their research on the organization and the internship itself and relying on somebody's word for what they're going to be doing."

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Sarah Danik  
Washington Square News (NYU)

NEW YORK — The trees are in full bloom, Washington Square Park is coming alive and the semester is almost done.

It's springtime in New York City, so if you have to move out of the city, you might start to become a little nostalgic about leaving. You have to go, but you can't see through the stress of finding a job or a million other things on your mind.

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**LIVABILITY**

One of the most important factors to consider when you are making a decision about where to move after graduation is the overall quality of life. Some of these factors include the culture in the area, the weather and the living costs of the city.

The class' top picks for these three categories were:

| Tampa, Fla. | Those looking for great weather all year round can't beat Tampa. This city has access to great beaches, as well as many cultural venues, including more than 20 museums and seven performance halls. You will also find interesting festivals in downtown Tampa, such as the annual Gasparilla Pirate Fest, which draws almost 400,000 people to the Mardi Gras-like event each February. Another draw is Tampa's living costs, which are below the national average. Tampa was also ranked sixth on Forbes' "Best Places for Singles 2003" list for "Cost of Living Alone.

| Boulder, Colo. | Averaging more than 300 days of sun, Boulder is the place to go to put you in a good mood. Recently voted "The No. 1. Sports Town In America" by Outdoor Magazine, the city offers lots to do for adventure-seekers, like rock climbing, kayaking, hiking, downhill skiing and snowboarding. For those who may miss their big city roots, Denver is less than 30 miles away, where trendy neighborhoods and great nightlife await.

| Raleigh, N.C. | If you are looking for a career in the medical field, Raleigh may be a top choice. Featuring two top teaching and research hospitals, Raleigh offers many opportunities in the field, as well as in pharmaceuticals, computer software, telecommunications and biotechnology. The city's job base is also projected to increase by 37.5 percent over the next 10 years, which is well above the national average of 10.8 percent. A low unemployment rate of 1.7 percent is also good news for college graduates.

**SINGLES SCENE**

And now, possibly the most important factor to consider before you move anywhere: Will I be the lone single in town? The singles scene, including great nightlife, restaurants and bars, is at the top of many students' lists when considering a move. Here are two great cities for singles:

| Austin, Texas | Known as the "Live Music Capital of the World," this city is a hot spot for music, cheap beer — and other singles. Austin offers a great opportunity to meet new people, find a job and live a little in your single years.

If you're looking for a fun night out, Sixth Street in downtown Austin features music, bars and nightlife every night of the week, and the laid-back lifestyle will keep your stress level low. Cost of living is low, and the community feel, combined with big-city benefits, makes Austin a top choice for singles.

San Francisco offers a little bit of everything, from great, year-round temperatures to a wide array of restaurants and nightlife.

There is plenty to do in the area, from grabbing an espresso in the Italian North Beach area to strolling around Fisherman's Wharf.

San Francisco is also known to be a friendly place open to different lifestyles, cultures and occupations, so finding a scene to fit you won't be tough. Just hit the streets, take a stroll and smile. Someone just may smile back.

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**Top six cities for 20-somethings**

| Washington, D.C. | As one of the leaders in country music, this city offers plenty of opportunities in the entertainment industry, including jobs at a record label industry, in photography or public relations. The area is also big in printing, publishing and hospitalit.

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| Nashville, Tenn. | As one of the leaders in country music, this city offers plenty of opportunities in the entertainment industry, including jobs at a record label industry, in photography or public relations. The area is also big in printing, publishing and hospitalit.

| Los Angeles | Los Angeles is known as the "City of Angels," and with a recent job growth of 4.3 percent, this city is ready for some fresh faces and eager college graduates.

| New York, N.Y. | New York City is always a good choice when it comes to nightlife, museums and restaurants.

| Denver, Colo. | Denver is the place to go to put you in a good mood. Recently voted "The No. 1. Sports Town In America" by Outdoor Magazine, the city offers lots to do for adventure-seekers, like rock climbing, kayaking, hiking, downhill skiing and snowboarding. For those who may miss their big city roots, Denver is less than 30 miles away, where trendy neighborhoods and great nightlife await.

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Food industry pushes personal responsibility, opposes legislation

Alicia Leupp
THE CALIFORNIA AGGIE (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-DAVIS)

DMV's — Imagine a society in which hamburgers, French fries and ice cream are taxed more than they are under Tobacco and alcohol, and graphic advertising is banned from television. You've heard of smoke-free beaches? Imagine them food-free.

This is the future foreseen by the Center for Consumer Freedom if lawmakers continue to push against what the CCF calls "one of the most fundamental freedoms you can think of." The CCF is a nonprofit coalition supported by restaurants, food companies and consumers. As health officials are turning to legislation to fight the nation's ever-expanding waistlines, the CCF is promoting individual responsibility for obesity.

"A line has been drawn in the public mind that lawyers and the people regulating are going way too far," said CCF spokesperson Mike Burts.

The CCF's website and print ads include a campaign slogan as "Butties used to steal your lunch money. Now they scare you out of eating," and operates off of four "Big fat lies." The site rebuffs claims that "Children are too fat because of cheap fast food and aggressive food marketing," and "61 percent of Americans are overweight and obese."

"Our point is obesity is a genuine problem, but there are a lot of activist groups that are trying to promote a lot of fear and hysteria," Burts.

The food-industry-backed CCF has lobbied to fight legislation aimed to curb the nation's obesity epidemic through regulations.

The consumer group helped to defeat Senate Bill 679, which would have required chain restaurants to provide nutrition information on menus to customers. The bill failed in the Assembly Health Committee in July 2003.

The CCF points to Americans' sedentary lifestyle — and not food — at the root of the nation's obesity problem.

The American Academy of Pediatrics found that in 1999, only 20 percent of children were involved in daily physical education, a rate that has dropped 60 percent in the last 30 years.

"I don't think it's the food, I think it's the exercise," said Emily Sharp, a UC Davis junior eating at Taco Bell on Sunday. "Sure, we eat a lot of crappy food, but most people don't work out on a regular basis.

James Ridley, a Davis resident and local Taco Bell patron, said he felt that weight is a matter of personal responsibility and not government regulation.

Health officials say weight management relies on personal choices, but advertising makes it difficult for individuals to make healthy decisions.

"People would like to believe that they're better immune to advertising, but why would [advertisers] spend all that money if it didn't affect people?" said Andrea Magolo, consultant to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

"I wouldn't be surprised if they're going to start marketing more and more to college students and university.

But health experts worry about even younger audiences.

"Pointing to the large number of breakfast cereal, candy and soda advertisements, health agencies say that a great deal of advertising is unfairly directed toward children."

According to the American Psychology Association, children 5 and under are psychologically incapable of differentiating between television advertising and programming content.

"You often hear that it's the parents' responsibility, but it's unfair to force parents to compete with sophisticated strategies of marketing," said Daniel Hackman, policy analyst for the Davis-based California Center for Public Health Advocacy.

State legislators are currently considering a resolution that would encourage the federal government to implement nutrition standards for all foods and beverages advertised to young children.

"Obesity is a big enough problem that there's not one simple solution, but there are simple solutions that we can take that will make a huge difference," Hackman said.

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Students can improve their chance of success in the job market by utilizing campus resources such as Career Services, registering with Atec Career Connections to gain access to job listings and going to the career fairs on campus, she said.

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Prospects

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Psychology senior Brad Baker said many college students wait until it's too late to start thinking about finding a job.

"I think a lot of people just coast success in the job market by utilizing the resources they're available to them. Here, it's really important to start early, and just start networking. It's never too early to start networking.

Gumbiner said students should go through a self-assessment process to help understand what their skills, interests and values are and what kinds of jobs would be most satisfying to them.

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Country comes to Cal Poly

The first country concert to take place at Cal Poly will be held at the Rec Center tonight. Blake Shelton, an award-winning country artist, will perform songs from his self-titled debut album and his latest album entitled "The Dreamer.

Shelton, an Oklahoma native, moved to Nashville at the age of 17 to pursue his singing and songwriting career. After three years with no success, Shelton was just about to give up on Nashville when he met songwriting great Bobby Braddock. Braddock has written such songs as "Time Marches On," which was sung by Tracy Lawrence, and "He Stopped Loving Her Today," sung by George Jones. After meeting this country legend, Shelton was able to start his debut album.

His first record produced a No. 1 single, a chart-topping video and became a gold record. His hit single "Austin" spent a record-breaking five weeks at No. 1.

"It's not about being a celebrity," Shelton told CountryMusic.com. "All I'm about is good songs. All I want to be known as is a guy who sings for the people. I want to be remembered for singing songs that you couldn't forget."

His latest album was a great follow-up to his first. The touching song "The Baby," has already become a top 10 hit.

As Shelton told CountryMusic.com, "When people buy my album or buy a concert ticket, I want them to think that they got their money's worth."

— Jamie Brady
Indie punk drummer a master of balancing personalities

Barry Schwartz

THE SHADER (UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND)

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — By day, John Davis is a mild-mannered, soft-spoken 27-year-old fan of the University of Maryland.

By night, he is the drummer in The Diamondback, a punk rock band that has been drawing serious attention since its intense commitment to touring, having nearly sold out the Coachella Music Festival in Indio, Calif., this past weekend.

Davis returns to his old stomping grounds in Maryland, one of the world's most prestigious music conservatories, this weekend to perform with his band. The crowd — dehydrated and sunburned — is mostly local, but there is a good mix of tourists as well.

Davis said the band has been working on its third album, which will be released in the fall. The album is already anticipated by the band's critical buzz stemming from its tour of Europe and Japan.

Much of the band's success, however, is due in part to its sophisticated, almost dissonant sound. The band's music is characterized by a mix of punk rock and indie music, with intricate arrangements and a focus on the listener's experience.

Davis said the band's success is due in part to its unique sound and high energy. "We've never played anything like this before," he said. "It's been a lot of fun and a lot of work, but it's been worth it."

Davis said the band's music is influenced by a wide range of sources, including punk rock, indie rock, and classical music. "We've been influenced by a lot of different things, from Hendrix to the Flaming Lips," he said.

Davis said the band's music is also influenced by its live performances. "We try to make our shows as energetic and engaging as possible," he said. "We want to give our fans a good time."
**Workers earn pensions with safety-worker label**

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A measure originally intended to ensure that public safety workers were young and fit has expanded to include about 30 percent of state workers, a newspaper reported.

Dentists, plumbers, groundskeepers and business managers are among the 70,000 state workers considered to be police or firefighters and therefore eligible to retire with better benefits than other state workers, The Sacramento Bee reported.

Almost one in three state workers now receive enhanced retirement benefits, compared to only about one in 20 in the 1960s. Any California prison worker or state mental hospital worker is considered a public officer if he or she regularly comes in contact with inmates and is regarded with a better public pension.

The addition of different classes of state workers to the public safety category has been a decades-long trend, the Bee found. It examined retirement benefits to encourage them to take early retirement because their jobs required them to be young and fit to keep the public safe. A series of studies in the 1960s and 1970s had said that should be the sole criterion for the pensions.

Over the years, the Legislature has added classifications to the special pension category because a job was risky or stressful, because the state needed better pensions to recruit and keep qualified employees, or it was argued, to achieve fairness among co-workers, according to The Bee.

"Many people have gotten in on the gravy train," said Stevens Frates, senior fellow at the Rose Institute of State and Local Government at Claremont McKenna College. The current list, he said, includes "anybody remotely associated with public safety, if they're not actually a cop."

"But workers eligible for the better benefits have argued they deserve them because they risk their lives in potentially dangerous situations."

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-BRIAN COUGHRAN
California State Prison plumber

**Senate rejects extended unemployment benefits**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate, by a single vote, rejected an election-year effort Tuesday to extend federal unemployment benefits.

Democrats tried to attach the benefit to a corporate tax bill. On a 59-40 vote in the GOP-controlled Senate, they fell just shy of the 60 votes needed to overcome objections that extending the benefit violated last year's budget agreement.

Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, was the only senator who missed the vote. Kerry was campaigning Tuesday in Montana, both of which he lost in 2004.

"The amendment would have offered emergency unemployment benefits for six months, temporarily giving 13 weeks of extra assistance to people who exhaust their state benefits — typically 26 weeks."

The unemployment rate dropped to 5.6 percent last month as employers added nearly 300,000 new jobs. The Labor Department has reported that payrolls have risen for eight months in a row, with almost 900,000 new jobs created so far this year, most within the last two months.

"Republican seized on April's employment report as evidence that more federal unemployment benefits are not needed."

"The employment picture in this country is looking up, by any measure," said Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev. "I believe it's time to end the program."

Democrats said the extended benefits are needed because the economic recovery still hasn't replaced 1.5 million jobs lost since President Bush took office.

"Keep our social compact and extend these needed unemployment benefits," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.

The amendment's sponsor, Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., said it would have cost $5.5 billion to offer the temporary benefits, which would have been drawn from $13.3 billion in the unemployment insurance trust fund. Republicans said it would cost $9 billion.

Kerry spokesman David Wade said, "John Kerry has fought again and again to extend unemployment benefits for workers left behind in the Bush economy."

The reason we haven't succeeded is because George Bush opposes extending unemployment insurance and so does his allies in the Republican House of Representatives and 39 Republican senators."

Even so, the shortfall already is at $284 billion for the first seven months of the fiscal year. That means the final 2004 deficit is likely to surpass at least $1.1 trillion for the last year's $374 billion, a record in dollar terms.

Bush is on track to be the first president since the Great Depression to have lost jobs during his watch. Hiring gains in recent months have helped shrink those losses, however, to about 1.5 million. His administration has been criticized for its slow pace in helping international fall-out from the war in Iraq, where Bush has been dealing with international fallout from the war in Iraq, which had been assumed would be a major drag on Bush's re-election bid, but may prove otherwise.

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"I'm officially declaring the job-loss recovery dead," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont. "The economy is now on a path of what will be substantial job gains.

On Wall Street, the report sent stocks tumbling, with investors worried about the speed of any economic rebound. The Dow Jones industrial average fell almost 24 points to close at 9,734.74. The Nasdaq lost almost 20 points to close at 1,917.96. Analysts expect the economy to start raising rates this summer.

Bush, promoting his economic policies on a Friday tour of Iowa and Wisconsin, both of which he lost in 2004, said, "Our economy is strong, and it is getting stronger." That's because "we have left more money in the hands that earned it," he said, again crediting the tax cut he has championed for good economic news. They also have contributed to record deficits.

This year's federal deficit could be less than the $477 billion predicted by the Congressional Budget Office. It was the latest indication of possible improvement in the government's short-term fiscal picture.

**Senate rejects extended unemployment benefits**

WASHINGTON — A springtime surge in hiring rumbled into a second month as employers added nearly 300,000 new jobs in April, lowering the unemployment rate to 5.6 percent.

In a second dose of good economic news Friday, congressional budget forecasters predicted this year's federal deficit will be smaller than they had expected.

The timing couldn't have been better for President Bush, who has been dealing with international fallout from the war in Iraq; by U.S. soldiers. The economy, which had been assumed would be a major drag on Bush's re-election bid, may prove otherwise.

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"I don't think these two months of big increases are a flash in the pan," MarketWatch.com.

Public support for Bush's handling of the economy stood at 43 percent early this month, according to an Associated Press poll. That was the lowest approval rating since Ipos-Public Affairs began tracking the question in May 2002.

Democratic challenger John Kerry said Bush shouldn't get a pass for Friday's positive economic news.

"Any step forward in the job market is good news for America's workers, but it's not good enough. We still have a long way to go to get America working again," Kerry said.

Hiring was widespread in April, with the service sector leading the way. The professional and business services firms employment was the strongest, by 123,000. In that category, gains were in employment services, including temporary employment firms, services to buildings and dwellings, management and technical consulting services, and architectural and engineering services.

"The dam has broken," said Joel L. Naroff, president and chief economist at Naroff Economics Advisors Inc. "After refusing to hire people for what seemed like forever, businesses have reversed direction and are now pumping up their payrolls."

Hiring at temporary employment firms has surged by 263,000 in the past year, an indication that companies are growing. Because of intense overseas competition, it is for lower-end workers, have been skittish about taking on the cost of full-time, permanent workers.
Daniel McTavish, who competes in the 400 hurdles, said her biggest accomplishment this season was breaking the 57-second barrier in the event. "My goal was to break 57, and I was able to do that," she said. "That was my personal best and I was really happy with that." McTavish's best time this season came at the Mountain West Conference meet, where she won the 400 hurdles with a time of 57.69.

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run, but Minnesota is halfway to the Western Conference finals in its first season as a unit. Coach Flip Saunders' favorite aspect of Game 3 was the Wolves' ability to execute and win without their best player in the series' first two games. "He's the best player in the series, and we've been able to do well without him," Saunders said. "It shows we have depth and we're deep enough to get the job done."
Bertoni back to regionals

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How many teams has Larry Brown coached in the NBA Playoffs?

**Yesterday's answer:** Joe Johnson lost on the PBA Tour in 1990. Congrats to Joe!**

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**Track & Field**

They can be found at Cal Poly’s basketball games, football games and women’s volleyball games. They travel like other sports teams, have recently started entering national competitions and suffer sprains and breaks just like many other athletes.

This past weekend, Cal Poly’s athletes held tryouts for next year’s squad. Approximately 80 people came out, but only 24 were selected for the stunt team and 12 for the dance team.

But the debatable question remains to be answered. Is cheerleading a sport?

“Consider cheerleading a sport when schools are entering competitions and competing against other schools,” said stunt team captain Lauren Powers. “We experience a lot of the same things that other sports teams do.”

One similarity is that cheerleaders experience injuries like many other athletes.

“We had a girl tear her ACL this past year,” Powers said. “She just recently has been able to start running and training again.”

According to the University of North Carolina’s National Center for Catastrophic Injury Research, each year more females are severely injured in cheerleading than athletes in any other sport.

Dance team captain Kristin Finkel is looking forward to the 2004-05 academic year and the recently selected squad.

“The dance team hasn’t entered any competitions thus far, but we’re going to this upcoming championship. We’re thinking about entering both USA Nationals and UDA [University Dance Association] Nationals. We’re waiting to decide, though, because we’ve never competed before, and I don’t want overdo it.”

Until this year, the cheer squad has pared for everything themselves, but with the recent sports fee referendum that passed, their expenses will now be paid for them.

“We put a lot of time and effort into our practices and games,” Powers said. “Lots of people don’t realize that we haven’t had funding like other sports teams have. We compete just like other athletes.”

Finkel agreed.

“My honest opinion is that a sport is any activity that involves competition, and as of last year, Cal Poly was competing nationally,” she said. “Instead of one season, we work year-round. We’ve got summer cheer camp in the summer and a sport each quarter that we cheer for.”

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**Track & Field**

The men’s and women’s track teams will try to improve on their third-place finishes in 2003.