ime students renovate house

Anastasia Killham

Javadpour chose two individuals, Anastasia Killham and manufacturing engineering senior citizens benefited from the alteration. This quarter two local personal appearances and home installations or renovations skills of a group of Cal Poly students enrolled in Industrial and manufacturing engineering 556, technological project management.

They did not install superf­

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tains or decorative walkways. Instead, their work focused on improving accessibility for the senior citizens who lack the financial and physical resources needed to make the improvements themselves, said course instructor Roya Javadpour.

After a careful selection process, Javadpour chose two individuals who owned their own home and were open to the idea of allowing a group of students to enter and assess their home, all with the knowledge that if donated contributions did not come through, no promises were made, she said.

The 24 students renovated the couples’ home after a quarter of extensive planning. The actual construction phase happened between Friday and Sunday.

The success of the project depended on community donations. Javadpour composed a letter explaining to local businesses the opportunity to make tax-deductible contributions to a project providing good learning experiences and a meaningful cause.

The couple has been dealing with the challenges of disability for many years, according to Javadpour’s written appeal for donations. The man uses a wheelchair as a result of a number of past injuries. Budget restrictions have forced the couple to make do in non-wheelchair accessible surroundings, Javadpour said.

The class completed planning and see renovation, page 2

Students repaint ‘P’ after vandalism

Perpetrators painted white over the symbolic rainbow; UPD is investigating the crime

Brian Koser

Members of Gays, Lesbians, Bisexual United and the Pride Alliance repainted the “P” Friday after the symbol was vandalized earlier in the week.

Co-director of GLBU and city and regional planning junior Dustin Robinson said he was pleased by the turnout of volunteers. About 18 people ventured up the hill, toting eight gallons of paint donated by Pacific Home Do-It Center.

Robinson said the incident is more troubling than the past because the rainbow “P” continues to be a target of vandalism.

“We are going to keep painting that rainbow every year, we’re not going to stop because of it,” he said.

University Police Department Cmdr. Bill Watton said the department received the vandalism report at 10 a.m. Thursday. The crime is believed to have occurred late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning, and currently there are no suspects.

Coordinator for gender and sexuality programs for Student Life and Leadership Mary Andlig filed a complaint about the incident. Andlig said she monitors the “P” on a daily basis “out of habit,” and noticed the change around 8 a.m. Thursday following multiple phone calls to various sources. Andlig learned the “P” was indeed defaced and called UPD.

“It’s very easy for the heterosexual population to say, ‘here we go again,’ when something like this happens,” she said. Andlig said she believes the more instances of hate that occur, the more people are desensitized to it.

Concert to benefit Surfrider Foundation

Liza Sullivan

The Surfrider Foundation is throwing its Benefits of Music Concert tonight. Local bands The Expendables, Resination, Joose and Siko are playing at SLO Brewing Co., 1119 Garden St., to implement Surfrider’s Respect the Beach program.

“We’re pretty stoked about it, all the bands playing are pretty cool and we’re happy to be playing with good bands,” Siko drummer Wyatt Lund said. “SLO Brew is a pretty fun place to play, and it’s for a good cause, so yeah, we’re stoked.”

Journalism seniors Kendra Hodges and Luke Darling planned the event as their senior project with help from journalism junior Tarrah Graves and Devin Kingdon and recreation administration senior Liz Levison. The group is confident that sizable funds will flow in from the ticket sales and raffle that will help bring Respect the Beach to San Luis Obispo schools.

Surfrider’s program is already in coastal community schools, Levison said.

“Our goal is to raise $5,000,” the amount needed to get Respect the Beach in schools.

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The program is designed to edu­
cate students in kindergarten through 12th grades on the im­
portance of environmental protection. Surfrider volunteers go into class­
rooms and provide lectures, hands­
on projects and field trips for the students.

“We all want this project to suc­
cceed,” said Matt Fleming, president of the San Luis Bay Surfrider Foundation. “Our ultimate goal is to have all of the schools in the county using the RTB program and have it implemented as a course section for science classes.”

But the group is not Surfrider is a non­
profit organization, and the cost of getting the Respect the Beach on it’s first six locations relies heavily on volunteer and donation support, which is lacking in the San Luis Obispo chapter. This is the reason Hodges, Darling, Graves, Kingdon and Levinson chose the organization as their focus for support.

The Benefits of Music idea came to life last year during a group pro­
ject for journalism professor Mark

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obtained all the necessary supplies
before the end-of-May deadline. They performed a feasibility assess­
ment to judge what renovations could realistically be completed. They said.

“They said: ‘It’s not just project manage­
ment skills that the students learn. They also give back to the com­
111munity,’ Jawadpour said.

It allows for an opportunity to learn and apply critical thinking, leadership and communication skills she said.

“I have all the faith in the stu­
dents and I am hoping that the community will respond,” she said.

Kyle Barrackman is one of two undergraduate students enrolled in the course. He said he is especially excited to participate in the project because it is going to have a very useful and tangible outcome.

“We are starting with as large a goal as we possibly can,” he said.

The class meets two times a week for two hours each time and devotes about 45 minutes each session for project planning. They divided up the tasks accord­
ing to each student’s specialties.

The students had a positive response to their requests from local businesses for donations, he said.

He and Jawadpour said they hope the project is successful so that it can be repeated in future years.

“This experience is among the most realistic (the students) are going to have at Cal Poly,” Jawadpour said.

This project is especially benefi­
cial because “You get a personal satisfaction from helping somebody else,” she said.

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State Briefs

LOS ANGELES — The former head of the agency that promotes film production in Los Angeles County pleaded no contest to embezzling public funds Monday, the district attorney's office said.

Cody Cliff, 45, of Covina was indicted in August for allegedly embezzling more than $150,000 between Jan. 1, 1996, and Dec. 31, 2002, while he headed the Entertainment Industry Development Corp., which was founded to stem the growth of so-called runaway production.

Prosecutors alleged that Cliff spent money on strip clubs, vacations and personal club memberships. The indictment also alleged that he donated money to Covina High School, which his children attend, and also sent money to help establish the Pittsburgh Film Office.

During his plea before Superior Court Judge Larry P. Fidler, Cliff admitted a special allegation that the stolen funds were public money, the district attorney's office said.

LOS ANGELES — About 30 protesters demonstrated outside a Unocal Corp. shareholder meeting Monday, hoping to persuade the company to leave Myanmar, where Unocal is accused in a lawsuit of profiting from human rights abuses during a pipeline project.

Effigies of Unocal CEO Chuck Williamson, a generic Myanmar military official and slave laborers were chained together and carried by the demonstrators. They rallied outside the hotel where the meeting was held to bring attention to the alleged abuses in the country also known as Burma.Unocal spokesman Barry Lane said the demonstrators were unfairly blaming the company for abuses.

OAKLAND — The Bay Area Rapid Transit system hopes cell phone customers will be able to enjoy uninterrupted conversation through various stations by August.

Two years ago, AT&T wired various BART stations. Recently Nextell and Cingular finished connecting several of the stations from San Francisco to Oakland.

BART spokesman Linton Johnson explained that previously, AT&T cell phone users could make and receive calls in various stations but could not continue the conversations once they were inside a train.

National Briefs

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled for the first time Monday that a death row inmate can pursue a last-ditch claim that lethal injection is unconstitutionally cruel.

In a rare unanimous decision on a capital punishment case, justices sided with a convicted Alabama killer who claims his veins are so damaged from drug abuse that executioners might have to cut deeply into his flesh to administer the deadly drugs.

MCALESTER, Okla. — Prosecutors will be able to seek the death penalty against Terry Nichols if he is convicted of state murder charges for the Oklahoma City bombing, a judge ruled Monday.

Jury instructions and closing arguments were scheduled for later in the day and the case was expected to go to the jury Tuesday.

PORTLAND, Ore. — A federal court threw out the case Monday against an American lawyer arrested in connection with the Madrid train bombings, lifting another cloud of suspicion that has surrounded the attorney since his arrest earlier this month.

Brandon Mayfield, a 37-year-old convert to Islam, called his time behind bars "humiliating" and "embarrassing" and said he was targeted because of his faith.

The court cited a fingerprint-identification error by the FBI in dismissing the case.

WASHINGTON — The price of oil reached a new high Monday, settling at $41.72 per barrel as traders shrugged off Saudi Arabia's pledge to immediately pump more crude because other OPEC members refuse to formally increase the cartel's daily production quota.

Meanwhile, the average retail price of gasoline nationwide soared 4.7 cents last week to $2.064 per gallon — also a record — one week ahead of the start of the busy summer driving season, according to Energy Department statistics released Monday.

When inflation is taken into account, however, neither oil nor gasoline is nearly as expensive today as it was during the energy crisis more than 20 years ago.

World Briefs

UNITED NATIONS — The United States on Monday unveiled its long-awaited post-occupation plans for a sovereign interim government in Iraq and got a generally positive response. But it faced questions about how much say Iraqis will have over U.S.-led forces that will keep the peace.

The U.S. presentation of a draft resolution on Iraq set the stage for intense negotiations with longtime critics of the Iraqi war, such as France and Germany, who are demanding a greater role for Iraq's interim government in security issues.

France said Monday it wants a timetable for the Iraqi government to take control over Iraqi police and security forces, which under the draft would remain under American control.

Under the resolution, the mandate for U.S.-led forces in Iraq would be reviewed after a year — or even earlier if a transitional government due to take power after January elections requests it.

U.S. and British officials said details of the relationship between the interim government due to take power on June 30 and the multinational force will be spelled out in an exchange of letters with the new government, once it is formed.

FLORENCE, Italy — Michelangelo's "David" is brighter but hardly spotless after the completion Monday of a controversial cleaning timed for the 500th birthday of one of the marvels of world art.

Some pale yellow streaks on the left shin and violet-tinted mold stains on the lower back resisted a "minimalist" restoration of the Renaissance genius' depiction in marble of naked male beauty.

The cleaning of the towering masterpiece stripped away the grimy, gray patina of decades of dirt and soaked up damaging deposits of chalk in the marble's pores.

Work resumed in September after an aborted start when the original restorer quit in a dispute over how the statue should be cleaned, sparking alarms from restoration watchdogs abroad, led by Columbia University professor James Beck.

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With a wonderfully animated cast of characters, "Shrek 2" comes through with humor, personality and, once again, that moral tale of inner beauty versus outer beauty. Picking up where we left off from the first "Shrek" film, Prince Charming travels through desolate deserts and freezing snow-covered plains, only to find Fiona's tower now inhabited by the "gender challenged" Big Bad Wolf. When Charming finds out Fiona is married, the movie finds newlywed ogres Shrek (Mike Myers) and Princess Fiona (Cameron Diaz) honeymooning at a gingerbread house and throwing a mermaid off a beach.

The honeymoon sequence, rife with parodies and fairytale guest-stars, imitates "Spiderman's" infamous kiss scene and "The Little Mermaid" without pulling its punches thanks in part to its producer's influence. Producer Jeffrey Katzenberg, who puts the "K" in DreamWorks SKG and worked for Disney until he resigned in a bitter dispute, has found the perfect outlet for pop culture witticisms.

When Shrek and Fiona return to the swamp to find Donkey, they are invited to the land of Far Far Away where Fiona's mother, Queen (Julie Andrews), and father, King (John Cleese), rule. The story takes off with a full supporting cast of characters, all with distinct and funny personalities. Jennifer Saunders perfectly voices the Fairy Godmother, who's only a "teardrop away" and can cure any sadness with materialism.

Rupert Everett's arrogant Prince Charming and Antonio Banderas' Puss In Boots have some of the funniest scenes in the film, including a drug bust that would make a "Cops" producer proud. After a body search of Puss In Boots, the feline looks innocently at the camera and says, "It no mine."

Not to be outdone are the Three Little Pigs, the Muffin Man and Pinocchio who all make cameos in a "Mission Impossible" scene that has to be one of the funniest scenes in any movie this year. And that's where "Shrek 2," beauty lies in its comedy. Apart from the gorgeously rendered backgrounds and the lighting effects, the film is funnier than the first. The writers have boldly taken the fairytale storyline and moved it into very familiar territory with hilarious outcomes.

The kingdom of Far Far Away looks like Hollywood, complete with signs and stores. Versace is replaced with Versarchery and a pair of Starbucks face each other from across the street. Godzilla, Street Fighter 2 and Frankenstein are a few of the film's pop-culture references, and instant recognition of each make "Shrek 2" that much more enjoyable.

Though some would say the fairytale mystique of the first was its strength, and ultimately, the second film's weakness, the main point of the sequel is actually made stronger against a backdrop of commercial excess and overwhelming media access. Joan Rivers' appearance as host for "Medieval Entertainment," covering the royal ball held in honor of Fiona and Shrek's marriage, mirrors the Hollywood image of today's reality shows and glamour lost. As famous fairytale characters walk down the red carpet like the pre-show of an awards ceremony, it stands out among the film's social critiques of superficial celebrities.

In the end, true love wins again and each character is revealed for who they really are. As attitudes change and characters are accepted for who they are inside, the movie ends with another sing-along celebration — Ricky Martin's "Livin' La Vida Loca" — that provokes an ironic allusion to an "American Idol" reject that's more popular now than any other "American Idol" success has ever been. That's what the "Shrek" franchise seems to be all about: pop culture satires at their finest.

"Shrek 2" impresses with pop culture witicisms

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He's back! Mike Myers voices Shrek, while Antonio Banderas takes a hilarious turn as Puss In Boots (below) in "Shrek 2."
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In Theaters

‘Shrek 2’ sets animated film box office record

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LOS ANGELES — It’s a enormous “happily ever after” for “Shrek 2”.

The computer-animated fairy tale again collected an estimated $104.3 million at the weekend box office, ranking only behind 2002’s “Spider-Man.” “Spider-Man” is the second-biggest three-day tally in movie history.

Many of “Shrek 2” tickets were discounted for children and matinee audiences, otherwise the cartoon would have made “Spider-Man”’s $114.8 million opening weekend look tiny-bitsy.

Studio do not track total ticket sales, however, only dollars earned.

The first “Shrek,” which came out in 2001, earned $42.3 million in its first weekend — but went on to collect $267.6 million and win the first Oscar for animated feature film.

For the sequel, the grumpy green ogre collected $26.4 million on Friday and then jumped a remarkable 58 percent on Saturday to earn $44.8 million, said Jim Tharp, head of distribution for DreamWorks.

Saturday’s earnings broke Hollywood’s overall record for highest one-day earnings, also held by “Spider-Man” with $43.6 million. DreamWorks estimated the movie would earn an additional $31 million on Sunday — but even real studios suggested the take would be higher than that.

Tharp said his figure was a conservative estimate that could change when final figures are released Monday.

“It certainly has the ability to do more,” he said.

Last week’s No. 1 movie, the Brad Pitt epic “Troy,” fell to second place in its second weekend, earning $23.8 million for a total of $85.8 million. The movie cost a reported $200 million to make.

Meanwhile, third place “Van Helsing” crooned the $100 million mark with weekend earnings of $90.1 million, and “Mean Girls” ranked fourth with $6.9 million.

“Shrek 2” was cutting into everybody else’s audience,” said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations Co.

In the sequel, the title ogre (voiced by Mike Myers), his bride Fiona (Cameron Diaz) and their pal Donkey (Eddie Murphy) go to visit Fiona’s royal parents in the kingdom of Far, Far Away.

Critics loved the movie, which appealed to young kids with colorful characters, teenagers with comedy, couples with romance and older audiences with a subplot about parents accepting the decisions of their grown-up children.

About 60 percent of the audience was comprised of parents and their children, Tharp said. The other 40 percent were teenagers and adults on their own.

Studio exit polling found that 70 percent of respondents wanted to see the movie again, which bodes well for the movie’s future in the competitive summer blockbuster season.

“Shrek 2” also outdid several other records.

It topped “Finding Nemo”’s $70.2 million as the biggest opening weekend for an animated film and along with “Spider-Man” is the second movie in history to cross $100 million in its first weekend.

It screened in the largest number of opening theaters ever — 4,163 locations.

“Shrek 2” opened Wednesday with $11.8 million, strong for midweek.

Counting the weekend, the movie has a cumulative total of $125.3 million.

That’s also the biggest five-day opening for a film, taking “The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King” which grossed $124.1 million.

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Farewell: Polytics reminisces

**Commentary**

So long, farewell, ad Wiedersehens, good night. That's right riders, 24 months, 22 columns, zero dates (why would I make that up?) and about 10,000 words to the editor later, this is the last "Polytics" column I'll ever write. So I figured in this last column I'd put the politics aside and share some of my favorite moments over the past two years.

The No. 1 thing my roommates are asked is: "Is John really that big of a jerk, and does he really believe all those things he writes — or is it just an act for the paper?" Well, I believe I was a victim of a tyrannical dictator, however, when I woke up I realized that I had made fun of disabled children. A one-way trip to hell and a visit to Cal Poly's discipline board were definitely in my future. Fortunately, my editor caught it and wisely removed it from the column. So little is the time to the next person who writes this column: Your editor is your friend.

My No. 1 favorite target: This shouldn't be a shock to anyone who reads this column fairly late at night, so I included the phrase, "Come on people, letting Kim Jong-II steer this column isn't an issue because I ride a motorcycle to school. She said she didn't expect it to be a problem calling an insignificant little troll who

On campus, I had to spice things up. I'd try to make my views a little more interesting. It's the worthless, socialist, America-sucks-unless-there-are-Germans type of student who needs a little more brainwash. While our dogs were playing. We were talking about how much parking sucked on campus, and I

When I told her I wrote the "Polytics" column, I didn't expect it to be like when Clark Kent told Lois Lane he was Superman. However, I also didn't expect to hear this: "You're John Holbus? That guy is funny and witty." Oh! It took a lot of Crown Royal to repair the old ego.

My No. 1 favorite target: This shouldn't be a shock to anyone who reads this column regularly, but the favorite target of my angst is not liberal. No, it's the worthless, socialist, America-sucks-unless-there-are-Germans around France. This one of my targets is when I am not embellishing to make this humorous; I really do disdain the French. As I before, I have written (including this one) 22 columns in the past two years, but I have proudly ripped on the French. 29 times. For my fellow political sciences majors, that is a 3.18 to 1 French to bush ratio. I am French bashing before French bashing was cool. If there is one thing I am proud of the most about this column, it wouldn't be the fact that I had it published by PBS or by other colleges through the U-Wire. It wouldn't be that probably got me into law school despite my pitiful grades. It would be that my column has let France know just how they have the Jews feel all these years (30 times now).

Well that's for me folks, hope you've enjoyed reading these columns over the past two years. I'd like to give special thanks to Keith Corcoran, Blake Cunningham, Matt Johnson, Kevin Lucas, Scott Nygard and Craig Wallace for all your help. And to my readers — just so you know, I won't go out all emotional on you. I'll go out the way I have written this column all along. To the person who takes over the conservative side of "Polytics" next year — good luck, you've got big shoes and an even bigger ego to fill.

John Holbus is a political science senior and Mustang Daily columnist.

**Bush's stance on women's health is hypocritical**

**Commentary**

Who needs science when the Bush administration is in charge? First, let me dispense with an accurate information about condom effectiveness from government health Web sites and posted on this column: This misinformation linking abortion to breast cancer. Then, the president appointed several anti-abortion zealots to head Drug Administration's Reproductive Health Advisory Committee, including Dr. David Hager, who refuses to prescribe contraceptives to unmarried women and recommends prayer as an antidote to premenstrual syndrome.

The so-called "partial birth abortion" ban used a politically loaded, non-medical term to outlaw an often necessary and life-saving procedure. Abortion education lies to young people under the guise of protecting them and is backed by millions of government dollars.

Now, the FDA is once again choosing conservative ideology over scientific truth.

In December, the FDA's advisory committee overwhelmingly recommended that Plan B be approved as an emergency contraception or "morning after pill" used when other birth control methods fail or are not used — if, for example, a condom breaks or a woman is raped — be sold over the counter more than 70 public-health and medical organizations joined the panel's recommendation. Typically, the FDA follows the opinion of its own panel of experts. But the Bush administration managed to reject a large dose of conservative opinion in the decision-making process, and in early May, the FDA rejected the sale of Plan B without a prescription.

Plan B is not the same as the emergency abortion pill, known as RU-486, which terminates a pregnancy by preventing implantation. But just like birth control pills, stops pregnancies from happening in the first place by preventing fertilization and implantation. Plan B is not remarkably safe and effective, but it could also prevent 800,000 abortions and 1.7 million pregnancies a year. The drug is simply a concentrated dose of the same hormones found in birth control pills. It can be taken up to five days after unprotected sex. The sooner it's taken, the more effective it is, which is why the over-the-counter access is so important. By removing the necessity to get a prescription, it can be obtained and taken as quickly as possible.

So why wasn't it approved for over-the-counter sale? Because, according to the FDA, there was not sufficient evidence that girls younger than 16 would be able to use it correctly, and Plan B's manufacturer didn't provide "adequate" references to medical people: Plan B is not simple for those younger than 16 from accessing it. First, Plan B is not difficult to use: Take one pill, and take the next one 12 hours later. Girls with childbearing age, even those younger than 16, are capable of using Plan B, but not inept. They can read instructions, listen to a pharmacist and take two pills together.

Second, do we really want to bar young women from preventing unwanted teen pregnancies? Third, and perhaps most obviously, the FDA has allowed numerous drugs to be sold without a prescription that are far more harmful if used incorrectly without evaluating their use by young people.

It is clear that this decision was made for another reason other than scientific evidence.

Many conservative lawmakers are against Plan B, saying it will increase abortion rates. But emergency contraception is already available over the counter in a few states, including Washington, and no such issues have been raised. Studies have also shown that Plan B is not used as a primary method of birth control by any group of women, including young women.

Access to emergency contraception is one simple way to greatly reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies. It is also a part of comprehensive women's health care. But the past three and a half years, women's health care has been totally bombed because of anti-abortion policies.

Politicians lament teen pregnancy, and then fund inaccurate education programs that do nothing to prevent it. Millions of women still practice purely for reproductive rights, and one plan that could help out a reservist's family is not, in fact, help out a reservist's family. They can read instructions, listen to a pharmacist and take two pills together.

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Letters to the Editor

Rally wasn't productive

U.S. troops face irreplaceable weather and leadership from a "brilliant" administration. What a good idea to host a rally to sign a banner and let students gorge themselves on free barbeque. Free food will surely help the troops in Iraq instead of using that money to supply troops with care packages, supplies or donations.

Letters to the Editor

The No. 1 thing my roommates are asked: "Is John really that big of a jerk, and does he really believe all those things he writes — or is it just an act for the paper?" Well, I believed I was a victim of a tyrannical dictator, however, when I woke up I realized that I had made fun of disabled children. A one-way trip to hell and a visit to Cal Poly's discipline board were definitely in my future. Fortunately, my editor caught it and wisely removed it from the column. So little is the time to the next person who writes this column: Your editor is your friend.

My No. 1 favorite target: This shouldn't be a shock to anyone who reads this column fairly late at night, so I included the phrase, "Come on people, letting Kim Jong-II steer this column isn't an issue because I ride a motorcycle to school. She said she didn't expect it to be a problem calling an insignificant little troll who

On campus, I had to spice things up. I'd try to make my views a little more interesting. It's the worthless, socialist, America-sucks-unless-there-are-Germans type of student who needs a little more brainwash. While our dogs were playing. We were talking about how much parking sucked on campus, and I

When I told her I wrote the "Polytics" column, I didn't expect it to be like when Clark Kent told Lois Lane he was Superman. However, I also didn't expect to hear this: "You're John Holbus? That guy is funny and witty." Oh! It took a lot of Crown Royal to repair the old ego.

My No. 1 favorite target: This shouldn't be a shock to anyone who reads this column regularly, but the favorite target of my angst is not liberal. No, it's the worthless, socialist, America-sucks-unless-there-are-Germans around France. This one of my targets is when I am not embellishing to make this humorous; I really do disdain the French. As I before, I have written (including this one) 22 columns in the past two years, but I have proudly ripped on the French. 29 times. For my fellow political sciences majors, that is a 3.18 to 1 French to bush ratio. I am French bashing before French bashing was cool. If there is one thing I am proud of the most about this column, it wouldn't be the fact that I had it published by PBS or by other colleges through the U-Wire. It wouldn't be that probably got me into law school despite my pitiful grades. It would be that my column has let France know just how they have the Jews feel all these years (30 times now).

Well that's for me folks, hope you've enjoyed reading these columns over the past two years. I'd like to give special thanks to Keith Corcoran, Blake Cunningham, Matt Johnson, Kevin Lucas, Scott Nygard and Craig Wallace for all your help. And to my readers — just so you know, I won't go out all emotional on you. I'll go out the way I have written this column all along. To the person who takes over the conservative side of "Polytics" next year — good luck, you've got big shoes and an even bigger ego to fill.

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"I do want to get my degree ... I'm just not ready to work a 9-to-5 job at this point in my life."

— JOHN POLAKOWSKI, professional kickboxer

**Kicking school for pro kickboxing**

**NBA PLAYOFFS**

**Intensity high out West**

Greg Beacham  
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LOS ANGELES — Though he's a bit more choosy these days, Karl Malone never backs down from a confrontation. The NBA’s highest-scoring power forward ever is too close to win his first championship to get sidetracked by a little rough stuff.

"If the Minnesota Timberwolves intend to stick with their abrasive style of play in the Western Conference finals, Malone won't hesitate to run another backup point guard. "We can play that kind of game," Malone said Sunday after Minnesota's 89-71 victory that evened the series 1-1. "We have to match their intensity, and that's something I can do better than I did. I'll bring a different (game) to the rest of the series."

The teams combined for seven technical fouls in the final 8 1/2 minutes, and Malone was ejected for a flagrant foul when he ran over Darrick Martin as the guard attempted to set a midcourt pick. Though both teams shrugged off the confrontations, expect more of the same in Game 3 on Tuesday night at Seattle Center. These clubs have shown an increasing aptitude for the attitude necessary to win late in the playoffs.

"I think it's only the beginning," Minnesota coach Flip Saunders said. "When you play a team two times in three days, you start to not like each other. We played hard, not dirty."

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"He's just one of the nicest guys anyone could ever meet," said Alberta Malatamban, chief instructor at SLO Kickboxing in San Luis Obipso. "He works hard at what he does and because of that, he'll be successful."

Hackleman, Bolakowski's trainer, has "Buckets of Blood" because he has a tendency to bleed whenever he gets hit in the nose, but to many people that's only a sign of respect.

"I really feel like I out-boxed them and then your opponent makes excuses for it though." Polakowski has competed in a variety of amateur fights but said he's happier in the professional realm.

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Wagner added a centimeter to the school record with her mark of 6 feet, 3 1/2 inches, while Day matched her personal best with a mark of 6-2 1/4.

Meanwhile, former Cal Poly All-American thrower Stephanie Brown earned $4,000 by winning the women’s discuss with a mark of 204 feet.

**Wrestling coach honored**

Cal Poly wrestling coach John Arvedo was named the 2003 Rookie Coach of the Year by Amateur Wrestling News. Arvedo took over the head coaching duties as interim head coach when 18-year head coach Lenns Cleveland retired last year.

The Cal Poly season was highlighted by a strong post-season run that saw them finish second at the Pac-10 Championships and 16th at the NCAA Championships. The second-place conference finish for the team is the highest in the history of Cal Poly wrestling.

**Notebook: Players named all-BWC**

MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS REPORT

Cal Poly softball players Roni Sparrey, Emily Hively, Kristi Alvers and Christa Green were honored as members of the Big West All-Conference teams.

Sparrey highlighted the list with her selection to the first team. This is her third all-conference selection. She hit .372 with 63 hits while walking 27 times (second in the Big West). She tallied 12 doubles, four triples and three home runs with a team-high 26 RBIs.

Hively earned Big West Freshman Pitcher of the Year honors as well as being named to the second team. The right-hander went 8-4 down the stretch to finish 14-6 on the year with a 1.72 ERA. She ranked fifth in the Big West in ERA and third in innings pitched (179.1).

Green and Alvers earned honorable mention honors. Green, an outfielder hit .288, second on the team. Alvers hit .245 with 15 RBIs and seven doubles.

Bertoni struggles at regional

Cal Poly sophomore golfer Travis Bertoni carded an 80 on Saturday and finished tied for 71st place in the NCAA Division I West Regional men's golf tournament.

Bertoni who had rounds of 70 on Thursday and 78 on Friday, had a quadruple-bogey nine on the 12th hole and also carded three birdies, five bogeys and a double-bogey for his eight-over-par round Saturday. He finished with a 12-over-par 228 total. Bertoni was tied for eighth place after the first round and tied for 51st place after 36 holes of play at the Crosswater Club in Sunriver, near Bend, Ore.

Wagner, Day star at meet

Cal Poly high jumpers Kaylene Wagner and Sharon Day placed second and fourth, respectively, in the Home Depot Center Meet held Saturday afternoon.

**Track & Field @ NCAA West Regionals**

**SCHEDULE**

**Track & Field @ NCAA Championships**

Track & Field @ NCAA West Regionals

San Diego, May 28-29, 7 pm

Track & Field @ NCAA Championships

Wednesday, June 10-12, 7 pm

Baseball (II) vs. UC Santa Barbara (8)
Cal Poly Baseball (6) vs. UC Santa Barbara (17)
Travis Bertoni (71st place) @ West Regional
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Baseball (5) vs. UC Santa Barbara (2)

Jimmy Shull - 12 Ks

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