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"I want to put to rest the idea that I'm just a student candidate since the media seems to perpetuate that idea." Mackey said. "I am in favor of keeping Mardi Gras, but that's not the only thing I want to do. The biggest thing this city needs is to improve commu­nity relations since half of the San Luis Obispo community is students. There is a disconnect between what the city council and the majority of San Luis Obispo want. Community relations have gotten worse in the last five years, so it's time for younger people to step up and solve some problems in this city. Getting more people involved and getting new faces in office is a good thing."

Mackey also described the current "political stagnancy" as a problem since people tend to rely on choos­ing a candidate with experience rather than a candidate with fresh ideas.

Mackey was criticized by other candidates who have seemed not to regard him as a mayoral contender. Mulholland agreed that while commu­nity relations between students and permanent residents of the community are important, she does not feel they're welcome to get involved, but it takes an effort," she said.

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**SANTA ANA** — A state appeals court failed three judges in Orange County for their roles in a case in which a woman with AIDS who did not show up to testify against her boyfriend was jailed for more than a month and denied a court-appointed attorney.

The 4th Appellate District said the woman may have been unfamiliar with the judicial system and should have been provided an attorney to challenge the decision to jail her on a bench warrant issued in December 2002 for failing to appear as a witness in a three-strike case.

**SACRAMENTO** — After years of waging its political war, almost exclusively on the local level, Wal-Mart is spending aggressively this election in support of favored statewide candidates and ballot measures — including donations to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the state Republican Party.

The world's largest corporation, which once had a tradition of trying to stay out of politics, has given more than $2.4 million to California races so far this year — well beyond any previous sum the company has spent here in one year.

Wal-Mart announced Tuesday it will donate $500,000 to the opponents of Proposition 72, a measure that will require employers to provide basic health insurance to workers.

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Facing a deadline and an aluminum from San Francisco's mayor, the operators of 14 hotels at the center of a protracted labor dispute refused Tuesday to end their four-week lockout of unionized employees while contract negotiations proceed.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**CAIRO, Egypt** — A militant Islamic Web site claiming to be a Japanese captive kidnapped by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group and who threatened to behead him within five days was identified only as some troops from Iraq.

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**ORLANDO, Fla.** — Walt Disney World's largest union, upset by stalled contract negotiations, took its arguments directly to tourists Tuesday, handing out leaflets at Orlando International Airport.

The Service Trades Council Union, representing 22,000 of the theme park's 53,000 employees, has given their employer a deadline and an ultimatum from San Francisco's mayor, the operators of 14 hotels at the center of a protracted labor dispute refused Tuesday to end their four-week lockout of unionized employees while contract negotiations proceed.

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**WASHINGTON** — President Bush signed a landmark California water bill, committing $395 million toward restoring the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that feeds the nation's most productive farm land and provides drinking water to 22 million Californians.

The bill reauthorizes the California Federal Bay-Delta Program, earmarking funding for California Federal Bay-Delta Program, earmarking funding for California Federal Bay-Delta Program, earmarking funding for ecosystems and other needs.

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**IN OTHER NEWS**

**TAIPEI, Taiwan** — They've fought with fists. They've thrown paper at each other. And on Tuesday, Taiwan's rowdy lawmakers had an old-fashioned food fight.

Legislators began chucking white cardboard takeout lunch boxes full of rice, meat, hard-boiled eggs and vegetables at each other during a heated debate over whether Taiwan should spend billions on weapons sold by the United States.

It was difficult to figure out who started the battle.

Local TV showed the legislators yelling at each other as they sat at long tables in a committee room during a lunch meeting.

Opposition lawmakers Chu Fong-chi stood up and began shouting at ruling party lawmakers when she appeared to duck to avoid being hit by an object.

She picked up a lunch box and flung it across the room at legislators when she appeared to duck to avoid being hit by an object.

**UNDER FOUR? OR CAUSING A SCENE?**

70% of students never get in an argument or fight due to drinking. The average CP student drinks less than 4 in a sitting.
Study says wealth gap widened for blacks, Hispanics

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WASHINGTON — The wealth gap between white families and blacks and Hispanics grew larger after the most recent recession, a private analysis of government data finds.

White households had a median net worth of greater than $88,000 in 2002, 11 times more than Hispanics and more than 14 times that of blacks, the Pew Hispanic Center said recently.

“The fact that black and Hispanic wealth is a fraction of white wealth also reflects a history of discrimination,” said Roderick Harrison, a researcher at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a Washington think tank that focuses on black issues.

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Harrison says Hispanics were more insulated from the downturn than blacks, so they took less of a hit. For example, Hispanics made employment gains in lower-paid, lower-skilled areas. Blacks were hit hard by job losses in the manufacturing industry and in professional fields, where they were victims of “last hired, first fired” policies, he said.

Another factor affecting disparities is that whites are far more likely to own their homes; homeownership is among the most common ways to build wealth. Census figures released in August showed the national median household income remained basically flat between 2002 and 2003 at $43,318. Median incomes for whites ($47,804) and blacks ($29,600) also were stagnant, while the median income for Hispanics fell about 2 percent to $33,000.

Wide gap in net worth among races

Since 1996, the net worth of white households has increased while that of black households has decreased, according to a study by the Pew Hispanic Center. White households still have 14 times greater net worth than blacks and Hispanics.

Median net worth of households by race and ethnicity (in 2003 dollars)

- Black
- Hispanic
- White
- All households

$80,000
$75,482
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$88,661
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Tiger Army, led by singer/songwriter Nick 13, is arguably the most prominent name in the psychobilly stable. The trio, on Hellcat Records, is now spreading their emotional, tattooed gospel with a major U.S. tour to support their latest album, Tiger Army III: Ghost Tigers Rise. One morning, after the band's Pittsburgh show, Nick 13 had to say:

Mustang Daily: How has Tiger Army changed since the first, self-titled album?

Nick 13: I think we've definitely stayed true to the roots of the style we started out playing. We've played psychobilly music since we started in 1996, but at the same time, there's been a natural evolution and growth in songwriting and things like that.

MD: So what happened to your drummer? I heard a rumor that he got shot. Is he ok?

Nick 13: Yeah, our old drummer, Fred Hell, was shot in the spring of 2003 and he recovered really well, considering the severity of the shooting. Even though we were able to do a couple of tours with him after the shooting, ultimately we had to face the fact that he wasn't physically up to touring or playing with the band.

MD: That must have been hard on you guys.

Nick 13: Well, it was definitely the most difficult experience that I've had to deal with playing music. I think it was made a bit worse because the initial part of his recovery seemed to go incredibly quickly, which made us think we'd somehow be able to return to things exactly like they were before. But that wasn't the case.

MD: Yeah, and you guys have had a couple of line-up changes over the years. Has that taken a toll on the band or has that made it stronger?

Nick 13: I think it's made it stronger. Tiger Army has always been, as far as the musical and artistic side, my vision. I've always written everything, which I think has given the band consistency. Different players bring different aspects to the band but as far as the recordings go, all the music and the arrangements are basically created by me. I think it's been difficult in a lot of ways, but in other ways, I'm kind of used to being on my own at this point.

MD: Do you have any advice for young bands who are trying to start out and do what Tiger Army's doing?

Nick 13: Well, definitely the main thing is perseverance. Playing music is not always an easy thing, but I think you really have to follow your own muse, so to speak. There are so many bands doing things that aren't really original, and they're doing it with their eye on some kind of success. I think you're just closing your eyes and jumping if you close your eyes. Playing music is a way of life.

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MD: So was it a difficult decision to pursue music full-time?

Nick 13: It was and it wasn't. For me, it was made a little bit easier by the fact that there's really nothing else that comes close in terms of the things I love and the things that are important to me. I think there are people who have musical talent who will never achieve anything because they're too concerned with their own security and having certain standards. Really, you're just closing your eyes and jumping if you choose music as a way of life.

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MD: Well, it's gonna sound like a geek, but I have to gush into you that in my high school garage band, we covered "Lower of Molinet" (from Tiger's release of same name). I've heard of a few people doing Tiger Army covers, but I've never actually heard one live or recorded, ever. I'd be interesting to hear.

MD: Ok, very last question: what are you going to be for Halloween?

Nick 13: Oh, wow, I don't know. I'm into Halloween but not the modern party aspect, more the pagan aspects and kid parts of it. I might just be at home watching a movie.

MD: Would you ever consider dressing up like a tiger?

Nick 13: (laughs) Uh ... no.

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American psychobilly? No, that's not a horror movie — it's a hard-kicking, guitar-slamming musical subculture that's cropping up to the forefront. The burgeoning movement fuses elements of punk, rockabilly and even country music for a sound that's dark and melodic, upbeat and pulsing and so longer assigned to the underground crypts of the popular music scene. It's an uprising all right — and luckily, it's led by an Army.

Tiger Army, led by singer/songwriter Nick 13, is arguably the most prominent name in the psychobilly stable. The trio, on Hellcat Records, is now spreading their emotional, tattooed gospel with a major U.S. tour to support their latest album, Tiger Army III: Ghost Tigers Rise. One morning, after the band's Pittsburgh show, Nick 13 had to say:

Mustang Daily: How has Tiger Army changed since the first, self-titled album?

Nick 13: I think we've definitely stayed true to the roots of the style we started out playing. We've played psychobilly music since we started in 1996, but at the same time, there's been a natural evolution and growth in songwriting and things like that.

MD: So what happened to your drummer? I heard a rumor that he got shot. Is he ok?

Nick 13: Yeah, our old drummer, Fred Hell, was shot in the spring of 2003 and he recovered really well, considering the severity of the shooting. Even though we were able to do a couple of tours with him after the shooting, ultimately we had to face the fact that he wasn't physically up to touring or playing with the band.

MD: That must have been hard on you guys.

Nick 13: Well, it was definitely the most difficult experience that I've had to deal with playing music. I think it was made a bit worse because the initial part of his recovery seemed to go incredibly quickly, which made us think we'd somehow be able to return to things exactly like they were before. But that wasn't the case.

MD: Yeah, and you guys have had a couple of line-up changes over the years. Has that taken a toll on the band or has that made it stronger?

Nick 13: I think it's made it stronger. Tiger Army has always been, as far as the musical and artistic side, my vision. I've always written everything, which I think has given the band consistency. Different players bring different aspects to the band but as far as the recordings go, all the music and the arrangements are basically created by me. I think it's been difficult in a lot of ways, but in other ways, I'm kind of used to being on my own at this point.

MD: Do you have any advice for young bands who are trying to start out and do what Tiger Army's doing?

Nick 13: Well, definitely the main thing is perseverance. Playing music is not always an easy thing, but I think you really have to follow your own muse, so to speak. There are so many bands doing things that aren't really original, and they're doing it with their eye on some kind of success. I think you're just closing your eyes and jumping if you close your eyes. Playing music is a way of life.

MD: Do you wish you were that kind of band?

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Nick 13: Not really. I was a kid in the Eighties, and that whole "rock 'n' roll" thing struck me as tired. It definitely doesn't seem any less tired now.

MD: So was it a difficult decision to pursue music full-time?

Nick 13: It was and it wasn't. For me, it was made a little bit easier by the fact that there's really nothing else that comes close in terms of the things I love and the things that are important to me. I think there are people who have musical talent who will never achieve anything because they're too concerned with their own security and having certain standards. Really, you're just closing your eyes and jumping if you choose music as a way of life.

MD: What's been your most rock-star moment ever?

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MD: Well, it's gonna sound like a geek, but I have to gush into you that in my high school garage band, we covered "Lower of Molinet" (from 2003's release of same name). I've heard of a few people doing Tiger Army covers, but I've never actually heard one live or recorded, ever. I'd be interesting to hear.

MD: Ok, very last question: what are you going to be for Halloween?

Nick 13: Oh, wow, I don't know. I'm into Halloween but not the modern party aspect, more the pagan aspects and kid parts of it. I might just be at home watching a movie.

MD: Would you ever consider dressing up like a tiger?

Nick 13: (laughs) Uh ... no.

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We can't learn if we can't do

Journalism has been called the fourth estate, an extension of the three branches of government. This gives industry professionals the responsibility of reporting the facts to a public in need of education and knowledge. In the past, journalists have uncovered stories that have added to the public's understanding of the world and the workings of the three branches of government. This gives industry professionals the responsibility of reporting the facts to a public in need of education and knowledge. In the past, journalists have uncovered stories that have added to the public's understanding of the world and the workings of the three branches of government.

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But still as I watch I often ponder, if we must run with our training wheels and anchor much longer. Get involved and have some fun while doing service in the community. All items collected will be donated to the Food Coalition of San Luis Obispo and other local programs. The coalition provides food to more than 24,000 needy people in San Luis Obispo County.

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Jenny Springer and Ashley Cox
each has three goals for Idaho
and Melissa Mattiuzzini and
Alyson South each have a pair.
Goalkeeper Lindsay Smith have
a 1.84 goals-against average and
73.5 save percentage with one
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time matches. The Vandals, coached
by Arby Basey, have beaten Air
Force, Idaho State and Long Beach
State this season.

Sharon Day, the Big West
Conference Freshman of the Year
in 2003, lead the Mustangs in
scoring with eight goals and
an assist for 17 points. Heather
Bryan, Becky Clark and Katie
Cullen each have two goals while
seven other Mustangs have one
goal each.

Goalkeeper Liz Hill has a 0.56
goals-against average, No. 1 in
the conference, and an .860 save
percentage with seven shutouts,
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The Big West Championships and beyond

Cross country comes off an impressive showing in Indiana and good performance at home. But the season's far from over.

Kimberly Mascaline
MUSTANG DAILY

They run, they run and then they run some more.
Now, if all goes right, they will run all the way to nationals.
The mission starts this weekend when the sixth-ranked men's cross country team travels to Riverside for the Big West Championships.
The Mustangs have seen more and more success as the year has progressed.
The Cal Poly men's team has run its way up the rankings this year with a second-place finish at the pre-nationals.
The team's season is short, lasting from Sept. 4 to Nov. 22. They ran in four invitational meets and depending on their Big West finish this weekend, will compete in the NCAA West Regional at Fresno and then the NCAA Championships at Indiana State University.

"The team is dedicated to seeing the season through to the end," coach Mark Conover said.
The team's strategy is to race with a strong pack mentality and then allow individuals to come out of the pack as the race develops, according to Conover.
The men's team was ranked 11th coming into the event held at Indiana State. There were 87 men's teams at the invitational. Eight of those teams were ranked above the Mustangs second place and brought the team's ranking to sixth in the nation.

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The men's team finished second at the Pre-Nationals in Indiana. The Mustangs can return to Indiana for the Nationals if they perform at the Big West Championships and NCAA Regional at Fresno.

W. swimming sinks in its season opener

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Swimming kicked off over the weekend as the Cal Poly women's swimming and diving team lost 195-95 to Loyola Marymount University at Mott Pool Saturday.

Megan Sandlin picked up the Mustangs only win in the 100 meter backstroke with a time of 1:03.06 while she also put in a solid performance in her leg of the 200 freestyle.

Stacy Soremen placed second in the 50 freestyle with a time of 25.33 and near personal best of 2:03.64 in the 200 freestyle.

Both the men's and women's teams return to action Friday with the Green and Gold meet set for 1 p.m. at Mott Pool. The meet will be strictly intersquad.

There will also be the Alumni Game played Saturday as well as a rematching of the Mott Pool at 10:30 a.m.

Last season the Mustangs finished fourth in the Big West Championships and Mustang Ben Palmer was named Men's Athlete of the Year.

Two games remain, w. soccer must make up ground

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly women's soccer will decide its own fate this weekend when it faces two road conference teams on the road.

The Mustangs, who had struggled offensively, discovered their offense against Cal State Northridge scoring a flurry of goals in the second half winning 4-0.

Cal Poly is 7-2-6 overall and 3-1-3 in the Big West and has won just one of its last five matches to fall into fifth place in the Big West Conference.

The Mustangs visit Utah State (6-9-1, 3-3-1) Friday at 2 p.m. and Idaho (3-12-0, 1-6-0) Sunday at 11 a.m.

After the win over CSU Northridge, the Mustangs battled Pacific to a double-overtime scoreless draw Sunday. Both matches were played in Mustang Stadium.

Cal Poly has 12 points — three for each win and one for a tie — in the Big West. UC Santa Barbara and Cal State Fullerton both have 16 points while third-place Cal State Northridge has 15 and fourth-place Pacific 13. Only the top four teams will advance to the Big West Conference Tournament, dated for Nov. 5 and 7 at UC Irvine.

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Sharon Day needs to bring the offense back this weekend when the Mustangs face two Big West teams for the right to Big West playoffs.

Look for more coverage on the Big West Championships on Wednesday in Mustang Daily.