Industrial technology students designed ‘Lite it Up’ mirrors: sketched designs were most popular.

Talented individuals create something new

BY THE NUMBERS

$3,500
The “Lite it Up” group spent $3,500 of their own money on the project.

$70
The group will sell the mirrors for $70 a piece.

90
It took 90 hours for the group to finish the mirror frames.

Student’s fund own industrial tech. project

Natasha Toto

Industrial technology students designed ‘Lite it Up’ mirrors: sketched designs were most popular.

The group, said he then converted the Auto-CAD program into a milling machine.

“We use the machine to etch each individual design onto the glass,” Langel said.

Langel also said the mill is used to create the frames that border each design.

“It took us 90 hours to complete the frames, which we just recently finished,” Langel said.

Jeff Hahn, IT senior and sales manager, said that his team is unique because they have not had to compromise for their project.

“Everything has been done in the lab,” Hahn said. “But since we have done everything ourselves, it is extremely time consuming.”

In four days, the team spent 50 hours in the lab completing their project.

Dan Buri, IT graduate student and IT 407 lab instructor, said that the “Lite it Up” team is doing an incredible job.

“The class helps students learn the true importance of planning,” Buri said. “Students gain a better understanding of how much work goes into production.”

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Talent show winner recites Shakespeare

Jamie Brady

The Ford Talent Drive College Tour came to Cal Poly on Wednesday, naming theatre senior Penii Tolvar the big winner.

Tolvar was awarded with an A-lau­дрate package, including a round-trip ticket to Los Angeles, hotel accom­modations for two nights, a meeting with a casting agent, a VIP tour of Sony Pictures Studios and red carpet treatment at a Hollywood premiere.

Tolvar will also star in a Ford Focus “Talent Drive” documentary/short film and could possibly win a 2005 Ford Focus priced at $20,375.

Ford Motor Company and Sony Pictures Digital teamed up to visit 16 college campuses nationwide in an attempt to find the ultimate talent.

Students audition by preparing a monologue or singing a song.

Tolvar performed a Shakespearean sonnet.

“She put her own creative twist on it,” said Brian Bosch, ASI Events director for “Lite it Up,” said that the denim for “Tiki Lounge” sign was higher.

“The Tiki Lounge” sign was higher than the rest,” Tolvar said.

“The Tiki Lounge,” Tolvar said, “is exactly what we wanted to do.”

Students will be placed online in the “Talent Showdown” — part of the online Talent Drive Web site.

McCall fights global warming

Scientists say carbon dioxide and methane are two gases raising the earth’s temperature.

John Heilprin

WASHINGTON — Seeking to bolster his credentials on global warming, the United States signed an agreement Nov. 16 with 13 other nations that calls for investing up to $35 million in companies that will profitably control emissions of methane, a greenhouse gas.

Emissions of methane, mainly from landfills, are ranked second behind carbon dioxide emissions among industrial gases scientists blame for warming the earth’s climate.

“Today we’re planting a seed,” Mike Leavitt, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, told representatives of the countries at a ceremony co-sponsored by the American Petroleum Institute and the National Mining Association.

“Together we will reap an environmental and economic harvest.”

Sen. John McCain called on President Bush to do more to fight global warming.

McCain, R-Ariz., pointed to a study on rising Arctic temperatures as further evidence that changes in the earth’s climate aren’t being addressed seriously enough.

“Some of us believe that the accumulation of knowledge argues that we act, rather than continue to accumulate knowledge,” McCain said in criticizing the Bush administration’s climate strategy as research-heavy. “Until then, McCain had been playing down the policy differences with Bush to support the president’s re-election.

McCain said the study "clearly demonstrates that climate change is real and has far-reaching implications for society."
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Baril said that students do not start actual production until the seventh week of the quarter. Baril must approve the groups production report before they can begin. Students must also turn in weekly reports showing their progress. Aside from the time students must put into the class, they are required to personally finance their work. The "Lite it Up" group spent $3500 on their project. With 12 group members, each person has spent around $295 of their own money. With careful planning, Langel said the team hopes to make their money back IT 407 teams are encouraged to market and sell their products. Profits made can be divided up among the team. All teams will be able to display their products at a trade show where they will be judged by IT faculty and professionals in the industry. The trade show will take place Dec. 2 on Dexter Lawn from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. That same evening, the group will be at Farmers Market from 6 p.m. until closing to show their designs to the community. Each "Lite it Up" will run about $70.

Instructor Dan Baril said that the Trade Show is one way that the class is designed to simulate a real-world environment. "Unlike a lot of classes that just acquire data, students are asked to explain everything they do," Baril said. "There are deeper thought processes behind everything." Operations Manager Jim Erickson agreed. "The environment is pretty similar to the real world," said Erickson. "The only difference is we do not have to take into account the costs of labor and machine use." Aude from that, Erickson said the class is very similar to the real world because it requires students to market, sell and get approval for their product by a board of directors. Baril said the students’ lab grade is based on various criteria ranging from their finishing place at the trade show, to their weekly reports. "Almost 40 percent of their grade is based on accountability," Baril said. "The score is mostly compiled from how they have evaluated each other’s performance." At the end of the quarter, Baril meets with the operations manager from each group to discuss individual evaluations. Dr. Clifford S. Barber, professor for the lecture component of IT 407, said he focuses on teaching students how to manage the process and eliminate constraints. Barber also said he is always impressed by how well his students handle the high-demands class. "No matter what I pile on, they do a better job than what I expect," Barber said. The "Lite it Up" group has spent day and night working on their project, and foresee that everything will be completed on time. The team is proud of their design and all their hard work.

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chairman of the environment committee, who has described global warming as a hoax. In a statement, Inhofe called the study yet another scare tactic. "Alarmists continue to pursue doomsday scenarios about global warming, but without releasing the bush for their claim," said Inhofe, R-Okl.
The study released last week by the Arctic Council and the International Arctic Science Committee says the Arctic is particularly vulnerable to warming from industrial greenhouse gases. It projects that polar bears could become extinct, and that seals, caribou, reindeer herds and the people who depend on those animals for food also could be threatened by the thinning sea ice, melting glaciers and thawing permafrost.

James Connaughton, chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, said Tuesday that the administration’s climate strategy is far broader than generally perceived. "We’re carrying forward an aggressive program of technology partnerships and international partnerships that will reduce the greenhouse gas intensity of the American economy by 18 percent," Connaughton said. "Our programs go far beyond our many billions of dollars in science," he said, referring to research and technology programs that he said exceed $5 billion yearly.

The administration has acknowledged that Bush’s climate plan, unveiled in 2002, will not reduce the amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases going into the atmosphere. Instead, it calls on industry to voluntarily reduce the amount of greenhouse gases released as a percentage of economic growth , 18 percent by 2012, or about 1.5 percent a year. That is about the same rate of reduction that has occurred over the past 12 years.

Bush in 2001 abandoned a campaign pledge to restrict carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels, then rejected an international climate treaty for mandatory controls on carbon dioxide and other gases that many scientists blame for warming the atmosphere.

McCain has held more than a dozen hearings to build support for a bill he sponsored with Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., to impose modest mandatory controls on U.S. greenhouse gases.

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SAN JOSE — Responding to complaints, city announced a new policy Wednesday to reduce the use of racially offensive terms in its Internet auction listings.

WASHINGTON — A man accused of robbing more than two dozen banks around greater Los Angeles pleaded Wednesday to 17

The giant online marketplace said Thursday it has stepped up interest rates for a fifth

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Homemade bombs exploded in two New York banks Wednesday, killing a security guard and shattering windows, police said. The explosions occurred near ATM machines in branches belonging to Citibank and Banco Galicia, damaging the buildings' facades, officials said.

The bombs opened to the public.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported that from now on, such words may be used only if they are part of a product title.

Otherwise, the words may not be used in describing other kinds of collectibles such as old advertisements and ceramics, as some sellers have apparently done in the Web site Black Americana categories.

WASHINGTON — A man accused of robbing more than two dozen banks around greater Los Angeles pleaded Wednesday to 17

The giant online marketplace said Thursday it has stepped up interest rates for a fifth

**IN OTHER NEWS**

FREEHOLD, N.J. — Nita Nevins said only one of her many personalities robbed a bank, but they're all going to jail. Nevins, 55, maintains that an alternate, childlike personality come over her when she robbed the bank.

"I am so ashamed of our actions," she told Superior Court Judge Edward M. Neafsey on Tuesday.

The judge ordered Nevins to serve 18 years in prison for kidnapping the bank's head teller and forcing her to drive from the scene. He also imposed a concurrent 13-year prison term for the armed robbery of the bank in 2002. Nevins must serve 15 years and three months before becoming eligible for parole.

A jury convicted her in August, following a trial that included the appearance of "Jimmi," the child personality Nevins said robbed the bank of more than $3,000.

Nevins' attorney, Paul Edinger, argued she suffered from dissociative identity disorder, formerly called multiple personality disorder, and should be acquitted by reason of insanity.

She testified that she had considered suicide the morning of March 20, 2002. The next thing she recalled was being in a police car after the robbery.

But Assistant Monmouth County Prosecutor Jacquelyn Seely portrayed Nevins as a manipulative, intelligent woman who planned the robbery to pay off $124,000 in debts.

— Associated Press

**UNDER FOUR? OR JUST NOT ALL THERE?**

64% of students never miss class due to drinking. The average CP student drinks less than 4 in a sitting.
Want to lose weight: Sleep more and get a pooch, experts say

Marilyn Marchione
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Experts have this unconventional advice for dieters: Don’t scrimp on sleep and think about getting a dog.

A wide study has found a surprisingly strong link between the amount of shut-eye people get and their risk of becoming obese. Researchers also found that dog owners who dieted alongside their pets got and their risk of becoming obese. Researchers also found that dog owners who dieted alongside their pets did slightly better than their dog-less counterparts.

Both studies were reported this week at a meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity.

The sleep study found that people who got less than four hours of sleep a night were 75 percent more likely to be obese than those who got the recommended seven to nine hours of rest.

Those who averaged five hours of sleep had 50 percent greater risk, and those who got six hours had 25 percent more.

“Maybe there’s a window of opportunity for helping people sleep more, and maybe that would help their weight,” said Dr. Steven Heymsfield of Columbia University and St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital in New York, who did the study with Columbia epidemiologist James Gangwisch.

They used information on about 18,000 adults participating in the federal government’s National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey throughout the 1980s.

It may seem odd that sleeping more could prevent obesity because people burn fewer calories when they’re resting, but they also cut when they’re awake. The effect of chronic sleep deprivation on the body’s food-seeking circuitry is what specialists think may be making the difference in obesity risks.

“There’s growing scientific evidence that there’s a link between sleep and the various neural pathways that regulate food intake,” Heymsfield said.

Sleep deprivation lowers leptin, a blood protein that suppresses appetite, and raises ghrelin, which does the opposite.

It also hurs “executive function” — the ability to make clear decisions, said Dr. Philip Eichholtz, a sleep and weight-loss specialist at the University of Arizona who also is medical director of the Canyon Ranch, a spa in Tucson that caters to business executives.

“One of my treatments is to tell them they should move from six hours to seven hours of sleep. When they’re less sleep, they’re less hungry,” he said.

Meanwhile, Chicago doctors are hoping people consider a “buddy system” for losing weight that includes man’s best friend. Two-thirds of Americans and one-fourth of pets are overweight or obese, so there’s huge potential.

According to the first study to put people and their pets on a simultaneous diet and exercise program, experts found both lost weight and kept it off.

Dogs did better than owners, but owners said they had fun, something people rarely say about their diets.

“If you’re looking for motivation and social support to lose weight, you probably don’t have to look any further than the pet in your own home,” said Dr. Robert Kushner of Northwestern Medical School, who did the study with Chicago veterinary nutritionist Kimberly Rudloff and Dennis Jewell, a nutrition expert for Hills Pet Nutrition, which makes Science Diet and a prescription diet dog food used in the study.

They tested three groups: five pet-owners, five owner-only, and four at a time whereas before he used to just crawl up,” she said. She lost 13 pounds, and it encouraged her so much that she joined a fitness class and now does more strenuous exercise than she ever done before.

“I had never been on a diet,” she said. “I dropped two pant sizes.”

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Low-fat beats low-carb for keeping pounds off; study suggests

Marilyn Marchione
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LAS VEGAS — Regardless of how they shed pounds in the first place, big losers stayed that way by limiting fat rather than carbohydrates, according to new research that could add fuel to the backlash against low-carb diets.

Doctors already have been turning away from Atkins-style plans as a solution for obesity. According to new research presented at the American Heart Association meeting Monday in Las Vegas, fat rather than carbohydrates is the key to losing weight and keeping it off.

"People who started eating more fat... regained the most weight over time," said Suzanne Phelan, a Brown Medical School psychologist who presented results of the study Monday at a meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Obesity.

The study used the National Weight Control Registry, a decade-old effort to learn the secrets of success from people who had lost at least 30 pounds and kept them off for at least a year. The registry run by doctors from the University of Colorado in Denver, the University of Pittsburgh and Brown University in Providence, R.I.

They studied 3,000 people who entered the registry from 1995 through 2003. Their average age was 47, most were women, and they had lost an average of 72 pounds initial-

by. Doctors compared their diets to see whether one type or another made a difference in how much weight they had lost and how much they had regained a year later.

All reported eating only about 1,490 calories a day, but the portion that came from fat rose from 24 percent in 1995 to more than 29 percent in 2003 while the part from carbohydrates fell, from 56 percent to 49 percent.

The number who were on low-carb diets (less than 90 grams a day) rose from 6 percent to 17 percent during the same period.

"Only a minority of successful weight losers consume low-carbohydrate diets." Suzanne Phelan, Brown Medical School psychologist

The type of diet — low-fat, low-carb or in between — made no difference in how people lost weight initially. But those who increased their fat intake over a year regained the most weight. That meant they ate less carbohydrates, because the amount of proteins in their diets stayed the same, Phelan said.

"Only a minority of successful weight losers consume low-carbohydrate diets," she and the other researchers concluded.

Colette Heimowitz, a nutrition expert and spokeswoman for the Atkins diet organization, noted that the study considered 98 grams to be low-carb, while Atkins recommends 60 grams for weight loss and 60 to 120 for weight maintenance.

She said that for many of the dieters studied, "the carbs aren't low enough for them to be successful." They also should have replaced carbs with more protein rather than fat, she said.

Dr. Thomas Wadden, a University of Pennsylvania weight loss expert who had no role in the study, said it is too soon to say which approach is better. Several longer-term studies of low-carb and low-fat dieters are in the works, he said.

But he said, "I do think that people who are keeping the weight off are eating a low-fat, high-carb diet." The dietary establishment has long been skeptical of the long-term safety and effectiveness of low-carb diets, and consumers increasingly are losing their enthusiasm for the glut of low-carb products that overcrowded grocery store shelves as the diet became a fad in the past few years.

More than half of Americans who have tried a low-carb diet have given up, according to a recent survey by the market research firm InsightExpress. Other published survey information suggests that the number of Americans following such a diet peaked at 9 percent last February and fell to 6 percent by June.

The American Institute for Cancer Research used those trends to issue a statement in September urging dieters to "come back to common sense."

"Eat a balanced diet weighted toward vegetables and fruit, reduce portion sizes and increase physical activity," the institute said.

Dr. William Dietz, director of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Prevention, said it is difficult to tell whether these low-carb diets really work because people find it hard to stick to a strict regimen for long periods.

"My anecdotal experience is that people go on and off these diets," he said. "When their weight goes up, they go back on the diet to lose weight."

Other research at the conference underscored the many health and behavioral problems obese people face.

Duke University doctors said two-thirds of obese people seeking treatment at the Duke Diet & Fitness Center reported not exercising or wanting to have sex, and having problems with sexual performance. Only 5 percent of normal-weight people from the surrounding community who completed the same quality-of-life survey reported such problems.

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WASHINGTON — Medical officials are urging families to talk not only turkey this Thanksgiving but also medical history to help identify breast, heart and other problems early enough to prevent them.

"Knowing your family's history, can save your life," Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona said Monday. "Thanksgiving is a perfect day for talking about family history ... You'll be amazed at what you learn."

That knowledge, recent genetic studies show, often means power to predict and perhaps head off diseases prevalent in families even before they appear. To help catalog the information in a form that will save doctors valuable time, health and genetic experts announced a free, Internet-based computer program that compiles information about six common diseases that often pass through generations including heart disease, cancer and diabetes.

The software of "My Family Health Portrait" then prints out a graphic that can help a doctor assess record three generations of medical history, assess disease risks and chart courses of action. The average doctor's visit is 20 minutes, which is too short to interview a patient, record three generations of medical history, assess disease risks and chart courses of action, said geneticist Francis S. Collins.

"Family history is central to taking advantage of the new genomic medicine, which is bubbling up all around us," said Collins, director of the National Human Genome Research Institute who was a leader in the Human Genome Project.

Carmona acknowledged that filling family histories carries privacy concerns, such as the possibility an insurance company might see the records and raise a patient's premium or deny coverage. Family medical histories already sit in many patients' files, he pointed out.

"A bill passed by the Senate and working its way through the House would provide more protection by barring employers from using people's family histories in hiring or firing," Carmona said.

The Family history initiative cost the government about $300,000, mostly for printing and software, said Larry Thompson, spokesman for the National Human Genome Research Institute.

The software can be downloaded at www.hhs.gov/familyhistory. A print version of "My Family Health Portrait" will be available in English and Spanish at more than 3,600 medical offices nationwide. Print versions also can be obtained from the Federal Citizen Information Center at (888) 878-3256.
Global health network goes multilingual

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — A global system designed to spot bioterrorist attacks or new disease outbreaks became even more global Wednesday.

The Global Health Intelligence Network, created in 1999, previously scanned only English language news reports for signs of infectious disease crises. Beginning Wednesday, it scours reports in Arabic, French, Russian, Spanish, and both simplified and traditional Chinese.

The $1.3 million upgrade was funded in part by the Nuclear Threat Initiative, a U.S.-based nonprofit dedicated to reducing the threat of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

"I believe the world is in a race between cooperation and catastrophe," said former U.S. Senator and NTI co-founder Sam Nunn, who started the organization in 2001 with media executive Ted Turner.

In addition to concerns about bioterrorism, infectious disease experts are increasingly worried that a novel illness like SARS or bird flu spread among humans could quickly overwhelm public health efforts if not addressed in its earliest stages.

"We've found that newswire sources are remarkably accurate," said Dr. Ron St. John, director of the Canadian Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response, which operates the global health intelligence system.

Analysts at the network's Ottawa headquarters handle about 10,000 news reports a month that are selected by computer from public databases. The incoming information is compiled, edited and supplemented with public health information, then shipped in daily reports to the World Health Organization.

Kaiser extends coverage to locked-out hotel workers

Lisa Leff
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Health care provider Kaiser Permanente stepped into San Francisco's bitter hotel labor dispute by agreeing to provide two months of medical coverage to 3,500 locked-out workers who were at risk of losing their benefits.

The Oakland-based health plan's decision Tuesday allows the hotel workers, whose employer-sponsored health insurance with Kaiser is due to expire on Dec. 1, to stay out on picket lines while their union holds out for its contract demands, said Mike Casey, president of Unite Here Local 2.

Kaiser's move followed a tie vote last week by the board that oversees the hotel workers' health care fund on whether to extend the workers' insurance coverage while contract talks continue. The four trustees who represent the 14 hotels at the center of the dispute voted against the extension, according to Casey.

"By withholding health care, they thought people would cave in," Casey said. "I think this weakens the weapon of the lockout, which was designed to starve us out."

Rick Malaspina, a spokesman for Kaiser Permanente's Northern California region, said the nonprofit company to continue insuring the workers and their families, a group that totals about 8,000 people.

Last week, the union held a news conference to highlight the hardship that losing their health insurance would pose to hotel workers with pre-existing medical conditions such as cancer, diabetes and AIDS, especially during the height of the flu season.

Another 500 Local 2 members who get health care through PacificCare and San Francisco's Chinese Hospital are still at risk of losing their insurance on Dec. 1, but the union is hoping to work out similar deals with them, said spokeswoman Valerie Lapin.

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I'm going to be honest with you. I've never had any dreams of becoming a farmer. Granted, I like wide open spaces, horses and overalls as much as the next person, but the occupation has never called out to me. That's why it was so surprising that an afternoon in Avila picking apples could be as enjoyable as it was.

The place: a "U-Pick" farm near Avila Beach, called Avila Valley Barn. Though it is a scant minute or so from the freeway, it's a shame to deprive yourself of the scenery of the rolling hills behind the back roads. Ocean views, rolling hillsides, all of that "purple mountain majesty" could move to love this area. Except the mountains aren't pur­ple.

I've had limited experience with farms like this. When I was a young' un, my dad drove me out to a farm like the Avila Valley Barn to buy a pumpkin for Halloween. We'd buy bags of weird candies, like cinnamon gummy bears and saltwater taffy, and pick out the perfect pumpkin.

Each time Halloween had passed, the farm was still full of pumpkins. I, however, do not have room for a large apartment-sized sto­n ing, and was thus passed on from this part of the farm. I was given to learn that the apples were still ripe and ready to be picked, so after a brief stop to buy some roasted corn and a short tractor ride out to the field, I had my bag in hand and was ready to go.

No, I'm not one for similes, but picking apples is a lot like the college admissions process — you need to figure out what you have to offer that is unique and sets you apart from the crowd. Many people have already walked the un­dappled rows of trees to find the apples that caught their eye, and so all of the really good ones aren't at basic eye level. Fortunately, I'm pretty tall and was able to pick some near the ground by stretching a bit.

Because there were three vari­eties of apples (a botany major might be able to tell the specific varieties — all I know is that they were apples); two were ripe for picking when I made my visit. This meant variety for later when I would be consuming my apple prize.

I spent almost two hours simply walking among rows of trees look­ing for prime fruit. Now, this may sound boring to some of you, but it was a welcomed break from the stresses of my week. Between midterms, projects and friends, a little time spent with my favorite hobby, talking to myself, appreci­ated.

But, before you rush out and start picking, you should know a few things to be prepared. Most importantly, there are bee allergies should be cau­}

**Download of the day**

David Hassellhof 
"Du"

The Knight Rider star and Baywatch's "Mitch" slows it down with this Deutsch bal­lad. Hassellhof, who is currently on a tour of albums in Europe, was even the headliner at a concert following the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

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Local band Sherwood returns home

Hailing from Cal Poly, emo power-pop band Sherwood is making it’s return to the Central Coast this weekend with a show at SLO Nazarene Church Friday. The band recently signed with Sidecho Records and has been touring the country the last five months.

Tickets are $6 and doors open at 6:30 p.m. There are four opening bands as well. Check out Sherwood’s website at www.sherwoodmusic.net. The site offers free mp3’s off their self-titled debut EP.

Eminem returns for his ‘Encore’

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Worry not; Eminem grows in “Encore.”
He goes more mentally, more political, more creative and more confusing. So don’t be surprised if your first response is, “I waited two years for this?”

At best, “Encore” is Eminem’s most ambitious effort, an album on which he lets his artistry fly at the expense of maturity. But it should leave hip-hop purists and the people past puberty aching for the introspective, serious artist we have come to know.

For now, you can kiss those days goodbye. You won’t find underrated gems like “Square Dance” or “Who Knew” on this album. In fact, the insightful, introspective artist we heard on the last album barely makes an appearance this time around.

If you were turned off by his first single, “Just Lose It,” you probably won’t dig several songs on “Encore.” The genre of potty humor may lead to a resurgence of doubt about Eminem’s street cred, maturity and legitimacy — all of which he dispelled with “The Eminem Show.” Yet, as if we needed reinforcement, Eminem clearly indicates (see the album jacket) he doesn’t care what we think.

But if you want to hear Eminem’s numerous personalities run wild, “Encore” is a must-listen. Eminem amps up his psycho-jester persona, gives rare insight into his life and takes us along for some outre-goously mind-boggling artistry on tracks like “Big Weeny” and “Ass Like That.”

While we’re at it, fans of the late Christopher Reeve should steer clear of “My 1st Single.” But Eminem remains sage just long enough to address other serious topics and give us a couple of memorable tracks. “Evil Deeds,” a tale of coping with a father, may be the album’s peak in energy.

The flip over his use of the N-word in a long-lost tape! He corrects himself with a six-minute jewel on “Yellow Brick Road,” the album’s best song and one that fits in with great “Cleaning out My Closet” and “Stan.”

In “Like Toy Soldiers,” Eminem takes the high road to share his side of the feud with The Source, Benzino and Murder, Inc. He even shows a tender side in “Mockingbird,” as he remembers his daughter.

Regardless of your political leaning, “Mockin’” is an adaptable but ultimately ineffective piece of appropriation that was dated by the time the album came out.

Ultimately, in a noticeable departure from the pattern of his first three albums, on which the last few tracks were like a dessert to the masterpiece you had just consumed, “Encore’s” last tracks will determine whether most people like or hate the album.

The Dr. Dre-produced title track is the only certifiable banger on “Encore.”

“Crazy In Love” and “One Shot 2 Sho’” are both sing-songy tracks, the latter featuring D12 and a ridiculous catchy beat and hook you’ll hum as you hop in the street at 3 a.m.

Truth be told, your opinion of Encore will vary with your mood. It is equal parts brilliance, irreverence, immaturity and misfiring artistry. It sounds hastily assembled in some stretches and it is not Eminem’s finest effort, but it shows growth in every direction imaginable. If you’re disappointed, you won’t be the only one — not that he cares what anyone thinks.

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Arab-Israeli future lies in new leader

With the death of embattled Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, the future of the Arab-Israeli conflict looms deep in the world. As Israeli debate pulling out from settlements in Gaza, Palestinians will choose a new leader, and hopefully a new direction. Arafat's passing did nothing for his people, only inhibiting prospects for a Palestinian State. He refused to make viable comprom­ises with Israelis. He refused to crack down on terrorism and schools teaching hatred to Palestinian children. With a leader like this, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon had good rea­son to cut Arafat off from the negoti­ating table.

It's likely the new leader of the Palestinians will be former Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, who now leads the Palestinian Liberation Organization. Abbas has condemned the intifada, which is a good starting point for negotiations with Israel. Unfortunately it's unlikely Palestinians will unanimously rally behind Abbas. The battle for Palestinian leadership will be fought between the moderates who want peace, and the extremists who will not rest until they see the complete destruction of Israel.

If Palestinians do emerge with an effective leader, President Bush and other world leaders must engage in the peace process. The previous makers must use reason and not succumb to blind far-left thinking or Islamic terrorists, but rather moderate Jews who have threat­ened to kill innocent Israelis. The far-left refuses to recognize Israel as a legitimate state, even though it's the only democracy in the Middle East. Israel is the only state in the region where gay pride parades are held and women are treated with complete equality. One can criticize a legitimate state, even though it's the only democracy in the Middle East. Israel is the only state in the region where gay pride parades are held and women are treated with complete equality. One can criticize

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On the other side of the spectrum, the Christian Right blindly sup­ports anything Israel does. Like the Orthodox Jews living in the settle­ments who believe "God gave them the land," the Christian Right believes in the Second Coming of Christ. Once Jesus returns, they will inherit Israel, and all non-believers will be cast into the abyss of hell. If President Bush believes this, we are in serious trouble.

As we await new leadership for Palestine, we must change the way we think. When a Palestinian shows himself up in order to kill innocent Israelis, the far-left must recognize the role that religion played. The work of the intifada, which is a good starting point for negotiations with Israel. Unfortunately it's unlikely Palestinians will unanimously rally behind Abbas. The battle for Palestinian leadership will be fought between the moderates who want peace, and the extremists who will not rest until they see the complete destruction of Israel.

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We cannot ignore the goal of an Islamic terrorist, which is to maxi­mize damage to innocents and go to heaven a martyr. When Israel con­ducts military actions, the goal is never to maximize the deaths of innocents or bystanders. This in no way exonerates Israel from killing innocent civilians, but everyone should recognize the different intentions of each group.

Ironically, the biggest threat to Israel today could actually come from within. At Sharon's plan for disengagement continues, thousands of Israelis have taken to the streets condemning the plan. Sharon now walks around with more security, not necessarily to protect him from Islamic terrorists, but from extreme Orthodox Jews who have threat­ened his life.

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As we await new Palestinian leadership, let's hope the idea of reason and peace triumph in the end.

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Committee promotes diversity on campus

A primary role of the University Diversity Enhancement Committee, which I chair, is the promotion of diversity at Cal Poly, where diversity has been defined in a resolution of the Academic Senate as "inclusive of, but not limited to, an individual's race/ethnicity, sex/gender, socioeco­nomic status, cultural heritage, dis­ability and sexual orientation."

Exhibits such as the one addressing gay marriage which appeared on Dexter Lawn in the past few days make UDENC's role more difficult because they create a hostile environment for some of the very people we would like to make welcome on the campus.

The issue for many of us is not one of free speech. There is little doubt that the students had a right to display the exhibit. Rather the issue relates to motivation and judgement. If the purpose of the exhibit was to stimulate reasoned thought and discussion about a controversial matter of public policy, I would question the students' judgement in choosing a means (the particular design of the exhibit) that is so clearly offensive and hurtful to many and that pre­cludes the broad and hate that regretfully link in our society.

In my opinion, the appropriate response to hateful (though protect­ed) speech is speech that takes an opposing view. I commend the stu­dents' instructor for inviting mem­bers of the Gay Pride Alliance to participate in a class discussion, and I am pleased that many others have used this moment to help educate us all about the benefits of fostering tolerance and mutual respect in our community.

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U.N. oil-for-food program investigation halted — for now

Edith M. Lederer

NEW YORK — The independent panel investigating alleged corruption in the multibillion-dollar U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq told the Senate it won’t hand over any documents until an interagency review is complete.

Former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, who heads the inquiry, also said he opposes allowing U.N. staff or contractors to testify before congressional committees, arguing that this could risk their cooperation with his investigation.

In the current highly charged atmosphere, he said, the panel wants to avoid the release of "potentially misleading and incomplete information that could impair the ongoing investigation, distort public perceptions, and violate simple concerns of due process."

Volcker’s comments came ahead of a hearing Wednesday by the House International Relations Committee, which is investigating the corruption in the oil-for-food program.

Committee investigators told them they had uncovered evidence showing that Saddam Hussein diverted money from the oil-for-food program to pay millions of dollars to families of Palestinian suicide bombers who carried out attacks on Israeli citizens.

The former Iraqi president tapped secret bank accounts in Jordan — where he collected bribes from foreign companies and individuals doing illicit business under the humanitarian program — to reward the families up to $25,000 each, investigators told The Associated Press.

The humanitarian program that let Iraq trade oil for goods was set up in 1996 to help Iraqis get food, medicine and other items that had been scarce under strict U.N. sanctions imposed after the Gulf War.

Investigators say Saddam made more than $21.3 billion in illegal revenue under the program as well as evade the sanctions for more than a decade.

Iraq had thousands of secret bank accounts throughout the world, including over 1,500 in Jordan. Money from kickbacks on oil-for-food deals, illegal oil payments from the Jordanian government and other illicit funds were paid into accounts.

Wednesday’s hearing will focus on a French bank that handled most of the oil-for-food money. An audit by a U.S. regulatory agency of a small sample of transactions out of the $60 billion U.N. escrow account managed by BPNP-Paribas has raised serious questions concerning the bank’s compliance with U.S. money laundering laws, investigators said.

"There are indications that the bank may have been noncompliant in administering the oil-for-food program," said Henry Hyde, chairman of the committee. "If true, these possible banking lapses may have facilitated Saddam Hussein’s manipulation and corruption of the program."

While acknowledging that U.S. regulators have raised routine issues with BNP on compliance with banking laws, a lawyer for BNP said Hyde’s statement was unfair.

"No departure from any standard cause or contributed in any way to the abuse at the oil-for-food program," the bank’s lead council Robert S. Bennett said. "There are simply no confessions or attempt for BNP to cooperate with bringing violators to justice."

BNP held the sole escrow account through which all of the $60 billion of Iraqi oil revenues generated through the program flowed while it was in place from 1996 to 2003.

BNP also wrote letters of credit for deals for the import of humanitarian goods which were approved by the United Nations and paid for out of the escrow account.

Five congressional panels, including Hyde’s, have been pressing the U.N.-appointed independent inquiry to hand over internal U.N. documents for their own oil-for-food probes.

On Tuesday, Volcker reiterated his independent inquiry’s refusal to share documents in a letter responding to a request by Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn. and Carl Levin, D-Mich.

Volcker, who was appointed in April by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to chair the Independent Inquiry Committee, said the United Nations generally does not make internal confidential information available to any of its 191 member states or their investigations.

Volcker expressed concern about the congressional panel’s apparent desire to require U.N. personnel and experts it had contracts with to appear before its investigators, "apparently asking them to forego their United Nations immunities."

For a U.N. official to appear before the subcommittee in the current, highly charged environment, would plainly risk ending prospects for their cooperation with our committee and with subsequent potential criminal investigations," he said.

Volcker said his committee aims to complete a "definitive report" on the internal management of the oil-for-food program by the middle of 2005, and is planning one or more interim reports, including one as early as January.

When his final report is released, Volcker said he expects it will be accompanied "by release of substantially all documents relevant to those findings in the committee possession."

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Trade deficit soars, U.S. dollar weakens

Martin Cruminger (Associated Press)

WASHINGTON — America's trade deficit is soaring and the once high-flying dollar has sunk to record lows against Europe's common currency. But the Bush administration has reacted with remarkable calm to developments that raise worries about a possible dollar crisis.

The Commerce Department reported last week that the trade deficit was running a record $92.2 billion in September, about a possible dollar crisis.

Developments that raise worries will cost more.

For an administration that has endured the loss of 2.7 million manufacturing jobs over the past four years, anything that offers the potential of lifting the fortunes of U.S. manufacturers has definite appeal.

The dollar's slide has been most pronounced against European currencies, but it has fallen only slightly against currencies in Asia. That is where the United States is running its biggest trade deficits.

China has tied its currency, the yuan, at a fixed rate to the U.S. dollar. Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and other nations in the region have lost interest in holding dollar-denominated investments. The outward rush from U.S. stock and bond markets could send stock prices crashing and interest rates soaring.

That is one reason many analysts believe the administration is taking the right approach on the dollar: insist in public statements that it supports a strong dollar but do nothing to stop the slide.

The administration doesn't have any problem with a weaker dollar, but they don't want to say anything publicly for fear of raising the market and creating some sort of crisis, said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Econo.com.

As the dollar falls, analysts expect that the United States will start to see the benefits in its trade balance.

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For an administration that sees the benefits in its trade balance.

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More than 20 Cal Poly baseball players participated in summer leagues, but for four Mustangs, Alaska provided a time for both practice and outdoor adventures.

Baseball players Brandon Roberts, Dennis LeDuc, Garrett Olson and Brett Berglund played for the Anchorage Bucs, one of America’s top summer collegiate baseball teams. The Bucs and four other teams make up the Alaska Baseball League, a semi-professional circuit. Players from the league have moved on to the minor and major leagues.

The coaches recruited players from major universities throughout the United States for the league, which ran June 5 through Aug. 31.

“Everyone goes to summer league somewhere,” senior pitcher Dennis LeDuc said. “Alaska is a little more prestigious.”

Coaches recruit players for five teams in Alaska: Mat-Su Miners, Bucs, Goldpanners of Fairbanks, Kenai Peninsula Oilers and the Anchorage Glacier Pilots. The teams battle one another seven times throughout the summer and play teams visiting from other states.

In addition to the daily games, the team dug out a few adventures. Junior pitcher Olson recalls bonding with a few players over a fishing trip.

“We were all on Dramamine and pretty sick,” Olson said. It took three hours just to get to the fishing spot, but when they got there, they brought up one halibut after another.

“It was just a great group of guys,” Olson said. “We had people from both East and people from California, Texas and Arizona. We got away from everything.”

Olsen won First Team All-American, All-Alaska Baseball League Pitcher and All MVP Tournament Pitcher during his time in Alaska.

“I just had fun,” Olson said. “Everything worked out. I just played and everything just clicked. You can’t really plan that. It just happens.”

Olson also had a chance to go sightseeing in a plane to see Alaska’s wilderness. He remembers seeing bears crossing the rivers down below him along with moose and bald eagles.

He did not have to fly high to see moose though. Olson said he saw one in front of Taco Bell and tried to chase it with his camera.

One part of the Alaskan culture he never got used to was the continuous daylight.

“People would be out partying and it would be daylight,” Olson said. “I had a lack of sleep.”

The team also ate at the northernmost Dennys in the world and took boat trips out to see glaciers.

When they weren’t observing the great outdoors, they were playing baseball.

Assistant coaches joined them after he was invited to be the assistant coach for the Bucs.

The coach invited junior outfielder and knoledge major Roberts to play in the league.

Roberts said the guys who went did not have much time to bond at Cal Poly, but they became close friends.

Due to graduate in August, as a Mustang fourth-year head coach Rich Ellerson welcomes the opportunity as well.

“There’s a revival of an old rivalry and it’s our opportunity for us to play at the Division I-A level and in the Western Athletic Conference,” Ellerson added.

Cal Poly and San Jose State have met seven times since Cal Poly became a four-year school in 1941, but the 2006 contest will be the first game between the two teams since 1958.

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Football faces
San Jose State
in 2006, 2009

Cal Poly and San Jose State signed contracts to play football games in 2006 and 2009, both games in Spartan Stadium at San Jose.

The Mustangs will visit San Jose State on Sept. 23, 2006, and Sept. 5, 2009, for non-conference games against the Spartans.

“These games will give us an excellent opportunity to play a Division I-A program where we have a very large alumni base,” said Cal Poly’s interim athletic director Olson Come in a news story. “I am thrilled to have a chance to revive the natural rivalry we once had with San Jose.”

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“We have a chance to have a real presence at that game, playing another school in our own system that recruits in the same geography as this,” Ellerson said.

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