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- Howard Leach, a California agribusiness investor and former banker, was offered a project to create a new diplomatic opening in Europe.

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- Spain — George Argyros
- Greece — John Palmer
- Luxembourg — Brian Peters
- Bahrain — Peter Terpek
- Dominican Republic — Hana Hertel
- Haiti — Rads Freeman
- Uruguay — Martin Silverstein
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By the end of Mardi Gras last year, 190 arrests were made. This year's Mardi Gras will have more than 300 police officers involved, according to SLOPD.

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ASI administered a student survey in October, in which 4,400 students participated. ASI student government wanted feedback to determine student level of interest in contributing to the improvements and expansion of student-governed facilities on campus, according to the survey Web site.

"Of the students who participated, 65 percent said that they would pay the increased fees to get the facilities improved," Binson said.

Speech communications junior Jade Catalano said she would vote to improve these facilities.

"The gym is always so full that it makes a lot of people not want to go there. No one likes standing in lines," Catalano said. "If there was another fitness area by Campus Market, that would definitely help with overcrowding in the gym."

Catalano also said that there is no place to sit near Campus Market and that a lounge area would be nice for students.

ASI student government is still collecting data. They will decide in the coming weeks.

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chairman of the Republican National Committee, went to Paris. Lobbyist Peter Terpeluk went to Luxembourg.

At least 57 contributors or their spouses were named to agency positions, advisory or decision-making committees and boards or to U.S. delegations.

James Langdon, a Washington lawyer, was named to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, which advises Bush on intelligence-gathering and counterintelligence. Langdon also was among guests at a state dinner honoring the president of Poland, has stayed overnight at Camp David and served on Bush's energy transition team.

Hersch Kozlowsky, a New Jersey lawyer, was appointed to the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiation, which advises Bush on trade agreements. Texas lobbyist Roger Wallace joined the Inter-American Foundation board, which provides development grants to Central America and the Caribbean.

Three top Bush fund-raisers became Cabinet secretaries: Bush 2000 finance chairman Don Evans at Commerce, Elaine Chao at Labor and Tom Ridge at Homeland Security. At least eight took other high-profile administration jobs, such as State Department chief financial officer Christopher Burnham and Jose Fonseca, U.S. executive director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

White House spokesman Eric Healy said Bush appointed the contributors because he believed they were well qualified. "His main objective in appointing someone is finding the person who will get the job done and someone who has the best qualifications," Healy said.

The practice of rewarding big donors and fund-raisers with ambassadorship and government appointments is ingrained in Washington. Former President Clinton, in his first year in office, picked five $100,000-plus Democratic donors to be ambassadors.

"Just because it is done often does not make it right," said Larry Noble, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan campaign finance watchdog group.

While the appointed pioneers may be qualified for the jobs, Noble said, "Certainly the White House was not looking at a total pool of talent available out there."

Noble predicts competition among Bush's top 2004 fund-raisers for plum administration jobs will be tougher than in 2000, both because there are fewer positions open and because Bush now has twice as many $100,000-and-up fund-raisers as he did in his first campaign.

In the first Bush administration, pioneer fund-raisers also got into the action. About a half-dozen spouses were given spots on panels such as the board of advisors at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the National Museum Services Board.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. soldiers searching through Fajiah’s house on Thursday said they have found the main headquarters of the insurgent group headed by Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

In video shot by an embedded CNN cameraman, soldiers walked through an imposing building with concrete columns and with a large sign in Arabic on the wall reading “Al Qaeda Organization” and

and refused to say where the possibly diseased animal was found. They said it would be four to seven days before more could be confirmed, a delay that livestock industry rep­resentatives said would cause turmoil in the beef market.

Mad cow disease attacks an ani­mal’s nervous system. People who eat food contaminated with mad cow disease can contract a rare dis­ease that is nearly always fatal.

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Powell partially confirmed claims by an Italian opposition group that Tehran is deceiving the congressional committee Thursday. Secretary of State Colin Powell said.

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New year, new conductor

The Cal Poly Orchestra features a new conductor this year, David Arrivée. The orchestra has its quarterly concert Saturday at the PAC at 8 p.m.

Daniel Ely
San Luis Obispo

The music may have been written in the 19th century, but one thing at the Cal Poly Orchestra’s fall concert will be brand new: the conductor.

Saturday’s concert will be David Arrivée’s debut with the Cal Poly Orchestra. Although he has not been here for long, he said he has already been enjoying his new position.

“It’s been good for me,” Arrivée said. “One always hopes it’s been good for the students too.”

Arrivée says the musicians in the orchestra have been a nice change of pace for him.

At Cal Poly, the orchestra isn’t made up of entirely music majors, which makes a large difference in their dedication. Students choose to be there instead of being forced. Instead of the competitive atmosphere a primarily music school would produce, there is a broader range of interests among the players.

“The person playing next to you is a physics major,” Arrivée said. “In a way, it’s good to get back to that instead of having everyone think they’re the next Paganini.”

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'Living Stones' is the brainchild of theatre arts professor Al Schnupp, who wrote and directed this adaptation of six classic Greek myths.

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All 50 paintings used in the production were created by local artists. "Living Stones" will run tonight and tomorrow night until 11 pm. The play 'Living Stones,' which premiered Nov. 12 at Cal Poly, presents a remake of six classic Greek myths. The play weaves together the story of creation and its remnants. Overall, the play is genuinely creative, modern and well performed.

The play opens with a flash of light and the distant echo of a husky voice saying, "in the beginning." Figures dressed in black appear through flash after flash of light as the chaos of the beginning is described. Initially the scene gives the impression of a modern poetry reading, but with the emergence of Mother Earth and constant light, the play moves into a more traditional realm.

Each myth is told with its own originality. Hercules is not the ideal hero of old, and Zeus and Hera are not so noble. The play also offers a few tongue in cheek interpretations. At one point, Prometheus offers to distract Zeus by pretending to be a maid. He returns to the stage straining to walk with an obvious discomfort when trying to sit down.

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Letter to the Editor

The magic in children's laughter created the universe

So I've been seeing the letters in the paper lately about God, the universe, thermodynamics and its role in the creation of the universe. I've come to the conclusion that should have been reached by now: We're running in circles.

Since we cannot undoubtedly physically prove that God exists, and since we cannot undoubtedly prove how the universe was created, there is only one simple answer... magic.

The same magic found in the laughter of children is what created the universe. Contrary to Brian Crawford's belief, magic did cause myself and is the source of inspiration and effect upon myself. If you have any questions about this, please raise your hand and put it over your mouth.

Derek Kurni
God engineering major

Let's talk about issues other than gay marriage and God

In response to the ongoing controversies that seem to be consuming the letters, the editor, I have two comments.

First in regards to the Dexter Laws incident, I believe our community would be so tolerant to the "art" if it were to depict intercultural marriage instead of homosexual marriage as a social degradation? Would we be as willing to tolerate a swastika because it represents someone's view point that they are entitled too? The same ideals were held by the majority about interracial marriages just a few decades ago (and are held by some people today).

The second point deals with the silly debate. I found it amusing at first, and I always like to hear both sides; however, can we please let it be? Philosophers, theologians, and scientists have debated this throughout the centuries. If you think you have a compelling argument that will solve the debate once and for all, I'll doubt it will fit in a 250 word letter. It should be published as a book and shared throughout the world. I am not saying that any one believer either side is "stupid" or "belligerent" because name calling will get me nowhere. This debate has gone on long enough in our paper.

So please, let's grasp about something else. The more I see fellow classmates engaged in this dichotomy, the more it makes me shudder in awe. We are all humans first.

Gene Alercon
Psychology major

A God, or plurality of gods, does not deliver morality

While Hitler was leading Nazis in Europe, the Catholic church stood by and did nothing (and eventually, they too felt the heel of fascism). While Hitler was executing Jews in Europe, there was a group operating in America designed to destroy Catholicism, Judaism and African American sodomy. The people were Protestant Christians, and the group was called the Ku Klux Klan. The KKK believes (and continues to believe) that they do God's work.

My point? These groups derived their morality from a god. But many people who claimed to belong to the same religion believed that what those groups did was wrong. God provides a clear set of moral values. People define their own morality. They always have, and they always will.

We are alone in this world. We know very little is for certain except for our own existence. We all know this — there's no point in lying to yourself. Sartre called it agony. Since each of us is alone, the responsibility falls upon each of us to create our own moral system. We do not have the capability to rely on outside forces, be they God or another person, for our morality. It would be irresponsible to assign this duty to something that we cannot be certain.

Matt Sutter
History major

Don't ignore the empirical evidence of evolution

Please allow me to dispel the misconception Mr. Crawford of the truth behind evolution.

A fish that with a gills might be convincing, take a look at frogs.

Unless you don't believe in fossils, I don't see how you can discount evolution. Fossils have been found of lizards and dinosaurs that had small feathers. Others found in slightly more recent history had larger feathers. Does this not directly relate birds and feathers? Also fish fossils have been discovered that show fish developing fins, traits that make them able to spry or move agile strain.

A modern example of evolution is the evolution of the European seabass, which can catch on land and survive out of water for several days. This enables it to eat small birds, and it is now a top-level predator. That's what is known as natural selection, a species adapting to better serve its environment. It is really that illogical to think that there is a Snakehead stays out of water longer and longer, that it will be adapted to land? And then be able to crawl faster? And then be able to breathe?

I think the problem is that people aren't patient enough. You can't look at the past few thousand years to see a fish evolve into a human. It takes millions and millions of years, of which there is proof of in the fossilized small animals that existed so long ago. Believe in God if you want, but don't ignore the empirical evidence of evolution.

Trevor Martens
Aerospace engineering sophomore

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Body image: Not just a woman's battle

When we look around our campus, it is obvious that eating disorders are a common problem among young females. Whether it's the cover of US Magazine showcasing Mary-Kate and Ashley's latest eating struggle or a Phi Andau episode devoted to the problems with women's body image, women are the constant focus of discussions regarding eating disorders. But the reality is that men can and do have these severe, life-threatening conditions.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association, 10 percent of eating-disordered individuals are male. Like females, males also feel pressure to live up to unrealistic standards set by the media.

In today's society, men are increasingly receiving messages regarding diet, weight and their bodies. Male models are often depicted as thin, chiseled and strong. One common body image disorder among males is muscle dysmorphia. People afflicted with this disorder often eat high-protein diets, take supplements, weight lift for hours at a time and often use steroids to "get ripped."

Additionally, men that suffer from muscle dysmorphia have an unrealistic view of their bodies. A 200-pound body builder will see himself as a scrawny 90-poundweakling, despite the fact that others pay compliments to his lean physique.

Lifting weights and healthy eating are excellent lifestyle choices, but it's the cover of US Magazine showcasing Mary-Kate's latest diet plan that causes complications like irregular bowel movements, tooth decay and dehydration that can result in kidney failure. While not all restrictive diets will result in complications, weight train for hours at a time and often use steroids to "get ripped."

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It has been 50 years since a player from the Cal Poly football team has been invited to the East-West Shrine game, but the wait is over.

Linebacker Jordan Beck has accepted the invitation to play in the annual game on Jan. 15 at SHC Park in San Francisco.

"I'm excited for him and I am excited for Cal Poly that someone like Jordan will represent us," coach Rich Ellerson said.

The game will be broadcast live on ESPN at 11 a.m. The East and West teams are made up of 90 top athletes in college football schools across the United States. Proceeds from the game will benefit all 22 Shrine's hospitals in North America.

All of the players will practice together for one week prior to the game and will also get to visit the Shrine's Hospital in San Francisco to see what the organization does firsthand.

A Santa Cruz area native, Beck is happy that people close to him can watch the game live since it is being held in San Francisco.

"I'm excited for the whole experience," Beck said. "I am most excited about meeting people."

Beck was chosen for his athletic abilities and accomplishments at Cal Poly.

"His size and speed put him up with linebackers of all levels," defensive coordinator David Brown said. "He has a lot of natural abilities and it will be a good situation for him to play against players from bigger schools."

Beck holds Cal Poly's single-game record with 23 tackles in a game against UC-Davis in 2003 and he has the single-season record with 128 in 2003.

Beck is no one to mess with when he's roaming the middle on defense. He set the Mustang career tackles record.

He also set the career tackles record with 400 tackles.

During the Idaho State game at the beginning of this year, he surpassed the career mark of 325, set by Gary Swanson from 1981 to 1984.

"It's nice to know that people recognize your hard work," Beck said.

Beck graduated from San Lorenzo Valley High School near Santa Cruz in 2001. During his freshman year at Cal Poly, Beck led the team with 73 tackles and earned first-team All-NCAA Division I-AA Independent Honors as a linebacker. During his second year he led the team in tackles with 86.

Last fall he was named to The Sports Network's All American second team.

In 2003, he averaged 11.6 tackles per game. He was also named Cal Poly's first Buck Buchanan Award candidate as the best defensive player in Division I-AA. This year he was named to the Sports Network's preseason first team.

"He is an extraordinary player," Ellerson said. "He plays a position that has to be productive; he makes plays and has to finish them."

The last Cal Poly football player that was invited to the game was Stan Sherriff.

He played for Cal Poly from 1950 to 1953 and played in the 1954 East-West Shrine game. He later played professionally for the Rams, Steelers, 49ers and Browns.

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The Cal Poly Department of Intercollegiate Athletics announced the signing of Jaylin Houston and Addi Radke to national letters of intent on Tuesday.

"We are very excited with the signing of Jaylin Houston and Addi Radke," coach Steve Schlick said.

"Both are outstanding athletes who have enhanced their playing skills by competing for top-level club teams. They will add to a very good nucleus of returning players here at Cal Poly.

Houston is a 6-foot-three-inch middle blocker and two-year letter winner at Granite Bay High School.

She was named First-Team All-Sierra Foothill League in 2003 and First-Team All Metro League in 2004.

She also played club for head coach Jeff Dieter and the Gold Cal team.

"Jaylin is a very gifted athlete who has the unique combination of great height with outstanding foot speed," Schlick said. "She has gained great experience throughout her club career and will be playing for one of the top teams in the country this upcoming season."

Radke is a 6-foot outside hitter and four-year letter winner for head coach Kim McLaren at Santans Christian High School.

Radke also helped lead her high school volleyball team to four West Valley League championships.

Ryan Mole rushed for 176 yards and one touchdown, averaging 7.7 yards per carry.

Leadingham has completed 149 of 288 passes for 1,809 yards and 10 touchdowns for Sacramento State. His favorite target is Ameen with 67 catches for 1,043 yards and six touchdowns.

Ameen, who will play in the East-West Shrine Game, is the all-time No. 1 receiver in the Big Sky with total of 239 catches for 3,906 yards and 27 touchdowns.

On the ground, Mole leads the Hornets with 846 yards on 133 carries and five touchdowns. Linebacker Jimmy Ellerson has 120 tackles, including four sacks and four others for lost yardage.

Cal Poly and Sacramento State are meeting for the 28th time. The Hornets own a 15-12 advantage, though the Mustangs posted a 31-17 victory a year ago in Mustang Stadium. Cal Poly is 5-7 at Sacramento and 7-8 at home. The Hornets have won the last three games of the series played in Sacramento.

The Mustangs will be watch ESPNews on Sunday at 10:10 a.m. when the NCAA Division I-AA playoff pairings will be announced.

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The Mustangs won their second straight exhibition game shooting 50 percent as a team from the field.