Bush pushes plan to overhaul social security

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Deb Rifkind

WASHINGTON — Gearing up for a fight in Congress, President Bush on Tuesday pushed his plan to overhaul Social Security and expressed confidence that he'll be able to convince skeptics that creating private investment accounts is the way to do it.

"Most young people in America don't think they'll see a dime," Bush said at an event, kicking off what will be a series of appearances by his top officials to help convince the public and lawmakers that the retirement system needs fixing.

"My attitude is once we assure the seniors who receive Social Security today that everything is fine I think we've got a shot to get something done," Bush said.

Social Security is projected to start paying out more in benefits than it collects in taxes in 2018, according to Social Security trustees, and can pay full promised benefits only until 2042. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has projected that the program will be solvent until 2023.

The president wants to replace the government retirement program by letting younger workers divert some of their Social Security payroll taxes into personal investment accounts.

"I've heard some say well it's risky to allow people to invest their own money," Bush said. "It would be risky to put retirement money in the lottery."

Bush said, but added, "It makes sense to see Overhaul, page 2

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— MARTIN SHIBATA interim director of career services

and 3,000 to 4,000 students to attend. More than half of the companies have already scheduled interview sessions for the next day.

"That means they are not just here to collect resumes," said Shibata. "If they are willing to stay an extra day it means they have specific positions to fill."

Shibata said most companies at the job fair are looking for students with backgrounds in technology, engineering and business. However, he encourages students of all majors and levels to attend the job fair in order to network and distribute their resumes.

Architecture senior Brian Bosch is relieved the job market is taking a turn for the better. He plans on pursuing a career in either special events or set design. He said he wishes more "creatively-minded companies" would be attracted to Cal Poly.

"Hearing that job prospects are up makes me feel a little more secure, but I’m still cautious," Bosch said. "I’m worried that I won’t be able to find a job that pays well and utilizes both my major and minor."

Career services, which sponsors the quarterly job fair, seeks to link every student with the ideal summer job. The department offers a multitude of services for both current students and alumni to serve this purpose.

“Our purpose is two-fold: We work with students in career planning and see Jobs, page 2

Poly student could receive fine for kayaking joyride

Crystal Phend

Rescuers found a kayaker stuck on a ledge under the Broad Street bridge Sunday. The only way to escape was to jump back into the brown, rushing water below.

However, engineering senior Ethan Donahue could be fined for kayaking joyride.

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Donahue and fellow kayaker Jake Stoss entered a flooded San Luis Obispo Creek at Mission San Luis Obispo. Shortly thereafter, Donahue's kayak got caught in turbulence created by a sharp drop as the strong current passed over rocks.

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to try to get a better rate of return on your money if you expect there to be a Social Security system which is going broke.”

In an interview with The Wall Street Journal for Tuesday’s edition, Bush said he will try to provide political cover for those in Congress who support overhaul and make it politically risky to oppose.

“I think two of the things that are going to be important for the members to understand, once they’ve come to the realization there is a problem, is that no longer can they tighten screws by saying, ‘well, we’ll do this, seniors aren’t going to get their checks,’” he said. “I think it’s become pretty clear in people’s minds that the issue – does not revolve around those who have retired or those who are near retirement.

“The issue, really, is about younger workers and most younger workers believe that they’re not going to see a dime unless something is done. And most younger workers, as far as I can tell, like the idea of being able to take some of their own money and manage interviews, job listings and information sessions.

Company information sessions, held throughout the year, are open to students of all majors and levels interested in a particular employer. Students meet with a company representative to learn about open positions and what companies look for during interviews.

Students can make appointments with career counselors to assist with the development of educational and career goals, preparing for graduate school admissions and finding employment. Resources are posted on the career services Web site addressing such topics as resume creation, interviewing skills, cover letters and thank you letters, researching employers and salaries.

“We work to equip and prepare students for the job market. We’re trying to teach life-long skills they can take from job to job,” said Shibata.

Careers services holds workshops throughout the quarter to assist students with creating resumes and teach them essential interviewing skills. Free workshops will be dedicated to resumes, four to interview skills and one to negotiating job offers.

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STATE NEWS
LA CONCHITA— Rescuers with listening devices sensitive enough to pick up a whisper or a faint tapping searched on Tuesday for victims feared buried in a mudslide that sent a thunderous cascade of trees and dirt onto this scalded hamlet.

At least four people were killed and 14 were injured — most of them pulled from the mud. As many as 20 others were unaccounted for.

CHINO — Prisoners throughout the state were confined to their cells Tuesday as authorities investigated the slaying of a guard by an inmate at the California Institution for Men.

Officials imposed the lock-down at all 32 adult prisons in California as the investigators sought to ensure that the stabbing on Monday was an isolated incident and not part of any wider plot at all 32 adult prisons in California, a spokeswoman for the Department of Corrections said.

SANTA CRUZ — A former San Quentin State Prison warder and a juror who voted for Arnold Schwarzenegger to commute his sentence to life without parole.

The letters to Schwarzenegger, released Tuesday, come as the governor considers his second request for clemency since taking office, and days before the 63-year-old condemned man's Jan. 19 execution at San Quentin.

The juror, Robert Martinez, is seizing on Beardslee's clemency petition in which his attorneys and doctors say Beardslee's right hemisphere of the brain is "virtually nonfunctioning."

The juror also wants Schwarzenegger to commute Beardslee's sentence to life without parole.

Appeals less than two years ago, is expected to easily win Senate approval.

He has won confirmation three times during his career, as U.S. attorney in New Jersey, assistant attorney general and appellate judge.

JACKSON, Tenn. — A man opened fire Tuesday at a state Transportation Department maintenance garage, killing his wife and two others, and wounding two, police said.

Authorities said.

David Jordan, 40, was arrested a short time later, not far from the maintenance garage, police said.

Two officers captured him and found a semiautomatic rifle, a 12-gauge shotgun and two pistols in his truck.

Police gave no motive for the shooting.

WASHINGTON — Claiming a victory against X-rated spam, the Federal Trade Commission said Tuesday it had won an order to shut down illegal Internet advertising for six companies accused of profitting from sexually explicit e-mail.

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A federal judge in Las Vegas granted the commission's request for a temporary restraining order against the companies, their executors and an affiliate for allegedly violating federal laws regulating commercial electronic mail, commonly known as spam.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called on Tuesday for a "permanent restraining order" against the companies, their executors and an affiliate for allegedly violating federal laws regulating commercial electronic mail, commonly known as spam.

Meanwhile, warplanes killed at least 13 Iraqis in separate locations north and south of Baghdad.

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called Mahmoud Abbas on Tuesday to congratulate him for his landslide victory in an election to replace Yasir Arafat, signaling Israel's readiness to work with the new Palestinian team after years of boycott.

Both sides said a meeting will take place, but no date was set.

LONDON — The last four British held at Guantanamo Bay and an Australian who allegedly knew of plans for the Sept. 11 attacks but was never charged will be released within weeks after months of appeals to the United States, the three countries said Tuesday.

The four prisoners will be returned to Britain, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said. They are among 530 prisoners from 42 countries being held at the U.S. naval base in Cuba after being detained during the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan.

Their impending release follows months of sensitive negotiations between Washington and London to address U.S. security concerns and a direct appeal by Prime Minister Tony Blair to President Bush.

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Unprecedented security set for Bush swearing-in

Katherine Vlieger Shriver

WASHINGTON — Security for President Bush's inauguration — the first swearing-in since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks — will be unprecedented with some 6,000 law enforcement personnel, canine bomb teams and close monitoring of transportation.

In describing the plans for the Jan. 20 event, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said that while the decibel level was down on terrorism chatter, the 58th presidential inaugural was such a high-profile event that security would be at its highest level.

"This is the most visible manifestation of our democracy," Ridge said at a news conference near the Capitol, where Bush will take the oath on the West Front.

Ridge detailed some of the security plans, including patrols of harbors, mobile command vehicles, round-the-clock surveillance of the key facilities, a record number of canine bomb teams and thousands of security personnel. He likened the resources to those used during the political conventions last year.

"Security will be at the highest level of any inauguration," Ridge said.

The Federal Aviation Administration has announced that it will expand the no-fly zone, now a 15-3/4-mile radius around the Washington Monument, to a 23-mile radius around Reagan National, Dulles and Baltimore-Washington International airports. The temporary flight restrictions will be in effect from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 20.

Roughly 2,500 military personnel will also be on hand to bolster security, with another 4,700 involved in ceremonial duties, said Maj. Gen. Galen Jackman, who commands the Army's military district of Washington.

Jackman said he did not think all the security would detract from the historicity of the event, but expected to watch the swearing-in and the estimated 500,000 expected to watch the swearing-in.

"I don't think people will notice kind of an encampment mentality here," Jackman said. "I think they'll feel very comfortable with what we've arranged."

Ridge noted that intelligence picked up in March and April suggested terrorists may be interested in attacking during the election year.

He and other counterterrorism officials have said that threat could extend through the inauguration.

On Tuesday, he issued a warning that the warnings issued last year.

"There is no specific threat directed toward the inaugural or inaugural activities," he said.

City officials in Washington are still working with the Homeland Security Department to sort out who will pay some of the bills.

The district's total cost for the event is expected to be $17.3 million, which includes overtime for members of the more than 60 law enforcement agencies that will be brought to help.

Among other charges, almost $3 million to build viewing stands and $43,200 to develop special license tags, according to a letter from Washington Mayor Anthony Williams sent to federal officials last month.

City officials are seeking permission to dip into the district's $240 million allotment from the federal government to pay for other costs it will incur during the inauguration.

When asked if he thought it was appropriate to use city dollars for such expenses, Ridge said he was not aware of city money going toward infrastructure improvements, but said the district is eligible for federal reimbursement for overtime expenses.

"We believe there are significant resources available to help the district with costs associated with increased security," Homeland Security spokesman Brian Roehrke said.

Government asks to dismiss lawsuit to bar prayer at inauguration

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is asking a federal court to dismiss a lawsuit by an atheist who wants to bar the saying of a prayer at presidential inaugurations, contending the practice is a governmental endorsement of religion.

The Bush administration has until Jan. 24 to file a motion dismissing the lawsuit filed last month by Michael Newdow, best known for the case he won in 2004 that struck down the Pledge of Allegiance, filed suit last month by Michael Newdow, best known for the case he won in 2004 that struck down the Pledge of Allegiance.

Newdow said that two ministers who are custodial parents or the guardians of elementary school-aged children, on whose behalf he sued, and because the girl's mother opposed to the suit.

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American, Europeans thwarted in tsunami adoption efforts

Several Western European countries are following a similar no-adoptions policy regarding South Asia.
The State Department and international adoption agencies caution that many parentsless children may be claimed by aunts and uncles, grandparents, even distant cousins in cultures built on strong family bonds.
The rest will likely be adopted by families in their native countries or watched over by protective neighbors and friends.

A child whose family has been ripped away by a war, probably the last thing they need to do is be rushed away to some foreign country,” said Cory Barron, spokesman for the St. Louis-based adoption agency Children’s Hope International. “We have to think of the child first.

The countries most devastated by the tsunami — India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand — have strict adoption laws. Some Muslim countries strictly control adoption by non-Muslims, if they allow it at all.

Just four Sri Lankan orphans went to U.S. families in 2003, while 72 Thai children were adopted, according to the State Department.

India, the No. 1 country for U.S. foreign adoptions, now limits adoptions. Malaysia, a predominantly Muslim country, doesn’t authorize foreign adoption by non-Muslims, and rarely allows non-relatives to adopt.

The State Department said this week it won’t allow the adoption of tsunami orphans for many months and will do so only when there is convinced that it will decide to make these orphans available for international adoption.

Following the tsunami, the Indonesian government forbid the removal of children under age 16 from its hardest hit areas following reports of kidnappings for sex trade.

“The rules are very complicated and it takes tremendous effort,” said Brent Yoder, executive director of Adoption Options Inc., in San Diego.

Nonetheless, some international adoption agencies have fielded hundreds of e-mails and phone calls since the tsunami and sent a 59 percent increase in traffic on their Web sites.

Online chat rooms buzzed during this week with inquiries from couples desperate to adopt and anxious for news.

“Anyone know who may be handling (adoptions)?” wrote one woman from Pennsylvania on the Web chat www.adoption.com.

“Our agency? Several different agencies!”

A woman from Florida wanted to take a side trip to pick up a tsunami orphan on her way to Cambodia to adopt her own daughter.

Even before the tsunamis, couples had to wade through a complex, bureaucratic process designed to limit the number of adoptions.

Jamie and Stephanie Stormer of Chico, Calif., applied to adopt from Thailand two years ago but have yet to pick up the 1-year-old baby girl waiting in a Bangkok orphanage.

They will likely get their baby, renamed Ainsley, next month.

“It’s demanding, it’s a ton of paperwork and the timeline is long. You have to be very patient,” said Jamie Stormer, 48.

For the Harts, the difficulty of adopting is hard to accept.

“I just don’t understand why it has to take so long when they know that there’s a child who is orphaned,” said Katherine Hart. “I know these kids are going to have some trauma to go through, but these kids need to be loved on now.”

Heavy snow is icing on the cake for western ski resorts

DERENY — American ski resorts are primed for their best sea- son in years, helped by a bonanza of snow in the West, a weak U.S. dollar and a warm winter in Europe.

“All the elements have come together, we couldn’t have seen a record year,” said Michael Berry, president of the National Ski Areas Association in suburban Lakewood.

The Sierra Nevada mountains on the California-Nevada line have seemingly been buried for the past two weeks and resort managers say they don’t mind.

The snow guarantees a strong base for the rest of the year, said Kip Dahl of Squaw Valley near Lake Tahoe. The area had a 185-inch base this week — three times what most resorts would be happy with — while Mammoth Mountain has recorded 80 inches in the past two weeks.

The U.S. ski industry is coming off a year in which it reported 68.6 million skier-days, a dip from a record 76.7 million the year before. A skier-day is one person buying and using a lift ticket for any half a day.

“We had our best December ever at Jackson Hole. People in the major markets in the East or Texas or Florida see all this snow and say if I am going to go, this may be the year,” said Chi Olson, a spokeswoman for the Wyoming resort.

Colorado and Utah resorts have seen five feet of snow recently and the timing was perfect, said Kip Pittou of Ski Utah. The heaviest snowfall after the Christmas holiday skiers were gone, drawing locals to the mountains in what can tradi- tionally be a slower time.

“It is unbelievable to get all this snow after the tourists are gone. They probably wouldn’t enjoy it anyway,” said Pat Wink, a snowboard- er in Crested Butte. “I took a couple of runs this morning. It was like water skiing on a glass lake.”

Added telemarketer Chris Moon: “It is absolutely the best thing ever. It is why I work and live in this town.”

The industry has also benefited from European visitors.

“This year everyone is coming to America because the dollar is weak,” said Cameron Wegemund, a Qantas Airline pilot from Byron Bay, Australia, who is spending five weeks at Crested Butte. “In addition, a large swath of Europe is snowless.

Not all the news is good. Resorts in the Northern Rockies aren’t far- ing as well and the season has been mixed so far in New England. At Red Lodge, Mont., the resort is still making snow after getting less than a foot over the past week.

General manager Rob Ringer said smaller amounts are easier to handle but he wouldn’t mind a good dump: “We’d be set for the season,” he said.
Music is sending all of us to hell

Sorority to break it to you, but it’s true: The scalding flames and odious firebreath are waiting for each and every one of us, and we will all burn forever like lemmings into the gory void. After all, we listen to rock music. Prepare to be cooked medium-well.

At least, that’s the message of “They Sold Their Souls for Rock and Roll,” a 240-minute video odyssey through the sin and mental control of popular music. Distributed throughout churches and religious pockets, it accuses almost every relevant recording artist of the past four decades for being in evil cahoots with the man downstairs. The colorful box the video comes in asks, “Is it true that Satan is the master musician working behind the popular music scene and influencing our youth?” This “expose” answer is a resounding, frantic YES.

Whatever I expected, it wasn’t this. The most affecting part of the video, aside from its questionable production values, was its oversimplified theories. And once my sarcasm quota was filled, I was just angry. My own religious beliefs aside (this isn’t the Dogma Heat), this video had issues.

Below, a running log of the video’s journey to enlightenment:

00:30 — Title credits burst from a mushroom-like red flames. I am told to brace myself for the “hardcore truth to come,” but I am distracted because the narrator stands in front of an awesome stained-glass panel of ‘The Doors. If they’re condemning the band, why did they bother to make a window of Jim Morrison?

01:06 — First bible verse is quoted over erratic montage of Insane Clown Posse, soft-core porn and an unidentifiable rapper’s platinum bling. These bits are redundantly denounced as evil. Madonna’s “Like a Prayer” music video flashes briefly, effectively dispelling the notion that producers maintain any sense of irony.

04:07 — A new young narrator takes the reign. He possesses the rare ability to both overemphasize the wrong syllables of words and run out of breath doing so. He reminds me of the Bart Simpson quote, “All the best bands are affiliated with Satan.”

04:51 — First Columbine High School reference — not surprising, as the back of the video box features a garish still of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. The hypothesis is unveiled: The boys were led to violence solely by the music they enjoyed. That’s it. No other cause is even considered. Forget family situations, social anxiety, brain chemistry—they shared hatred. “They Sold Their Souls” blames Satan, KMFDM and Marilyn Manson. The blood on Columbine’s floors was shed, the video states, so the two would make their rock gods proud of them.

9:27 — I note on my legal pad how the narrator consistently mispronounces the German band Rammstein, despite how the group is chant-along famous. The boys were led to violence while listening to the music; they enjoyed that. That’s it. No other cause is even considered. Forget family situations, social anxiety, brain chemistry—they shared hatred. “They Sold Their Souls” blames Satan, KMFDM and Marilyn Manson. The blood on Columbine’s floors was shed, the video states, so the two would make their rock gods proud of them.

16:05 — By the time I calm down and stop snapping pencils in half, the narrator is saying something about Communism and how it relates to George Harrison, whose adoring solo hit, “My Sweet Lord,” hardly seems supporting evidence. But it is. The video accuse Harrison of dipping in the line “Hare Krishna” as devil worship. Actually, it’s just a different belief system than Christianity; one that encourages meditation and vegetarianism. This smacks of some serious intolerance, and the rest of the song practically bleeds with love for God, anyway.

21:43 — David Lee Roth’s solo album, “Yankee Rose,” is revealed to be the band’s song “White Flesh” (“White Flesh”) plays over footage of frightened Columbine students crying and running. This is disgusting. The video’s good intentions aside (because watching the completely humorless video, it’s hard not to believe these people are passionate in their anti-rock beliefs), they are looking for convenient solutions.

34:07 — I am told to “stop exposing (myself) completely” to the music because that’s the way for people to be saved; as the video intones, “If they are not saved by age 13, they probably will never be.” This leads to a pregnant pause, during which music fails in significance and I wonder how anyone could ever possibly arrive at that statistic.

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The raw deal at Shin’s Sushi

Melissa L. Dorcek | Staff Writer

The new Shin’s Japanese Restaurant on Montecito Street enjoys a constant flow of curious sushi lovers, but whether or not they will return will be the true test of success.

The downtown restaurant was crowded, as young people flocked to take advantage of the half-price, grand opening special. Still, when I visited Shin’s, the quality and service certainly didn’t make me want to return. But I had to.

The first time I went to Shin’s, I was scared immediately but wanted 15 minutes for the server to remember to bring menus. I was hopeful after she apologized for the wait and said she’d be right back for our drink order. She never came back. I saw her put on a jacket gather her purse and leave.

Assured by my dinner guest, I waited for a new server to approach the table. And while numerous servers dashed across the dining room, no one seemed to notice our table lacked chopsticks and drinks. Finally, I gave up.

My second attempt was more productive and I was actually able to return. The sushi staples, such as the California Roll and edomae sushi, are quite good. The raw fish was fresh and tender. But their specialty rolls are more flourish than flavor. For instance, the Hot Camel: Beach Night Roll tempts diners with shrimp tempura, crab meat, avocado rolled with rice and seaweed topped with spicy tuna, spicy sauce and eel sauce. It looks as impressive as it sounds. In actuality though, the spicy sauce overpowers any other flavor.

But it is hard to be disappointed when most of the rolls are half-price. Right now, the six-piece California Roll is $2.99; that’s cheaper than the sushi at Campus Market. Dinner items, such as chicken teriyaki served with miso soup, unmomo (a salad with vinegar dressing) and rice, range from $9 to $18. The same people that own Yamato in Goleta Beach own Shin’s. There is a sushi bar — but don’t order from the sushi chef, only the servers will take your order. The dining room is small, comparable to most sushi restaurants. But it is more affordable than other sushi restaurants, except for the beer and cooked items.

I recommend taking your shyest friend to Shin’s and saying it is his or her birthday. The lights will dim, a smoke light will blink, and the techno-Japanese version of the happy birthday song will blast out of the speakers. It is guaranteed to turn your friend’s face red.

The cheap prices make this a desirable dining spot for college students. But sushi is about the quality and experience rather than a cheap bite to eat.

Shin’s Sushi Bar features great prices and delicious sushi classics, but some of their specialty rolls leave much for the patron to desire.

Nick Hoover | Managing Editor

With its own black-tie events and colorful decorations, the Beach House Inn in Pismo Beach stands out from other establishments. The inn, which has been a mainstay in the area for decades, is a luxurious retreat for guests who want to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

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Psimo’s Beach House Inn is a stark contrast to the Shin’s Sushi Bar. The hotel offers a range of amenities, including a spa, pool, and fitness center. It also features a restaurant with romantic dining options.

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DEMOCRATS MUST LEARN 2004 LESSONS

W hile less than two weeks until Bush's inauguration, liberals are fighting against one another over the direction of the Democratic Party. In the wake of the 2004 losses, there are plenty of lessons liberals should learn, which, if taken seriously, could propel us back to power.

Looking back on Bush's victory, most pundits praise the "genius" of Bush's main political adviser, Karl Rove. But basically, Rove did nothing out of the ordinary to win the last election. The plan to target base voters, attack the opponents record and appeal to people's fears, was just a recycled version of the 1980 presidential campaign against Michael Dukakis where the label of "Massachusetts Liberal" made its enduring mark.

Republican success of making the word "liberal" synonymous with "evil" has been an effective tool in winning elections. It also makes it more effective when Democrats try to veer away from the label. The Democratic Party should never abandon the word "liberal." We have liberals to thank for some of America's biggest accomplishments: winning two World Wars and promoting the civil rights movement.

One thing that happened through Democrats lost a big portion of votes due to civil rights, most rational people agree that Democrats were on the right side of history. Promoting civil rights meant the loss of many southern states, so be it. Believing in inherent equality is something that Democrats should never compromise.

Democrats must learn 2004 lessons.

Lor me, I find ourselves torn apart by the marriage issue. Democrats need to remember the battles of the civil rights movement. There are some political issues Democrats may have to compromise, but gay marriage should not be one of them. I believe if Democrats do not abandon the gay marriage issue, history will once again be on our side. We may lose many more votes, but gay marriage, like civil rights, is worth fighting for.

In two recent articles by Peter Beinart, editor of The New Republic, he discusses the latest lesson Democrats need to learn from the 2004 election. He addresses the base voters of the Democratic Party and how they must recognize the threat of Islamic totalitarianism.

"The fight for national security is the fight for liberal values, not merely in the Muslim world, where fanaticism has already blighted countless lives, but also at home, where threats to America's safety almost inevitably spawn threats to America's freedom. Totalitarian Islam has already damaged the American fabric. It has been very obvious for some time now that America's biggest accomplishments, winning two World Wars and promoting the civil rights movement, have liberals to thank for some of America's biggest accomplishments: winning two World Wars and promoting the civil rights movement."

"Democrats must learn 2004 lessons."

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COMMING TOMORROW

CampusTroubleshooter by Mustang Daily columnist Carrie McGowry

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"He need more sugar in his tea."
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Coming Friday, January 14th
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either of these occasions, though, he will return to Cal Poly to work out with Mustang linebacker Jordan Beck, receiver Darrell Jones, offensive tackle Ben Calibuso and running back Geno Randle.
He says he'd love to be in California where his friends and family are. Still, there's no question that he has for other Mustangs who could play in the NFL. "It's going to take a lot of commitment," Richardson. "You're going to have to sacrifice a lot of things."

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just get back in shape because of my foot. Over the summer I worked really hard and got back to where I was my sophomore year before I injured myself.
Q. — How important is conditioning, especially at the end of games?
A. — It's a big factor. Especially for our team since we have so many people playing. We bring more people in and have fresh legs. Everyone's in the 20s (in minutes) and has fresh legs.
Q. — Do you like spreading out the minutes?
A. — To maintain a level of defense you have to have three-four minute shifts.
Q. — How do you force so many turnovers?
A. — We're up in our people's face. If you get beat, you know you have help coming. That's our philosophy.
Q. — How are you so successful without conference leaders in statistics?
A. — I think we always win when we have three players in double digits. Everyone else gets it done on steals and scoring about five points.
Q. — You've won 17 of your last 21 games. How important has home court advantage been?
A. — This year, we really wanted to focus on being successful on the road. You have to admit you have confidence at home that you don't have away.
Q. — How do you go about beating USC?
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The ‘Doc’ gets his play call

Richardson will return to Cal Poly to work out with former teammates Darrell Jones, Ben Cobian, Jordan Beck and Geno Randle.

FORMER Mustang defensive back David ‘Doc’ Richardson sees his first action in a Jacksonville Jaguars uniform at the season’s end

Graham Womack
MUSTANG DAILY

Life’s been good for David Richardson recently.

For the first time since July, the former Cal Poly football corner back is home in Los Angeles, shuttling between the homes of old friends. In the next week, he will travel to San Luis Obispo, perhaps in the new silver Escalade that he ordered a couple weeks ago and is receiving today or tomorrow.

As he reconnects with friends, perhaps the 23-year-old will tell stories of how he earned a two-year contract last spring with the Jacksonville Jaguars in the National Football League, then saw special teams action in the final two games this season as the Jaguars fought for a playoff berth.

Much as his stories are a rare commodity for Cal Poly football — just 60 other former Mustangs have been drafted or received free agent NFL contracts since 1954 — Richardson’s tale could also be of particular educational value to current Mustangs with professional prospects.

Yet, another reminder that players need not forego high-profile collegiate careers at Division I-A programs to reach the NFL, Richardson is also an example of someone who continues to benefit from confidence and optimism — character traits that have been evident since his days as a Mustang and before.

How it began

Mustang strength and conditioning coach Chris Holder recalls, “like it was yesterday,” how Richardson introduced himself nearly five years ago. As a medical redshirt in his second year, Richardson walked up and said in an almost matter of fact tone that he would play in the NFL. It’s a common pronouncement among college football players.

“The difference was he was sure of it,” Holder said.

Later, over his first three seasons, Richardson had 153 tackles and 10 interceptions, including five picks in his senior year. Then, as his agent, Bryan Cox, told the Mustang Daily last winter, Richardson sent scouts scrambling to find film of him with his four-tackles performance in the Las Vegas All-American Classic, a post-season All-Star game.

Prior to the NFL Draft in April, Jones sent a scout from Cal Poly to work Richardson out.

“How the we liked most about David, of course, is his size, he has good size, and his physical ability,” Jaguars defensive assistant Alvin Reynolds said. “He’s also a very tough kid.”

Despite the possibility he’d go between the fourth and seventh round of the draft, Richardson went undrafted. Still, his subsequent status as a free agent was preferable. Holder noted, because teams often draft the best available late-round prospects, even if their positions are filled.

Instead, Richardson was able to pick a team with a limited secondary.

In making the transition from college to the NFL, Richardson left behind a Cal Poly program and coaches that had served him well.

“It’s definitely prepared him well,” Cal Poly defensive coordinator David Brown said. “He wouldn’t be there if it didn’t.”

Becoming a Jaguar

Richardson arrived in a highly competitive place and was never assured to make the final cut. Still, he survived, going into the season with a spot on the 53-man roster, a two-year $460,000 deal and an opportunity similar to a redshirt, he told the Daily in September. He would sit on the sideline and learn the game.

While Rashean Mathis and Dewayne Washington handled starting duties for the Jaguars this season, Richardson said he learned “a great deal” about how to prepare for games each week. He’s learned some lessons off the field too.

Lurid tales of groupies are myths, at least with the Jaguars organization as security guards are posted at elevators on the floors of the team’s hotels. Additionally, between cracking his first pay-check to buy a big-screen television and recently purchasing the Escalade, Richardson has received financial advice from former Cal Poly teammate Vaughn Jarrett, now a realtor in Southern California.

“One of the things we liked most about David, of course, is his size, he has good size, and his physical ability,” Jaguars defensive assistant Alvin Reynolds said. “He’s also a very tough kid.”

Richardson intends to be around the league for some time. He’s already started to make his case. After debuting, playing special teams Dec. 26 in a home loss to the Houston Texans, Richardson got to play in the season finale, Jan. 2 in Oakland. Just arriving back in California beforehand excited him.

“He was like ‘I’m back home now,’ Jaguars teammate and fellow rookie Chris Thompson said.

Although his mother, Donna Richardson, was sick and couldn’t come from Los Angeles, along with his father, George Richardson, a group of 10 or so friends traveled to Oakland. The night before the Sunday afternoon game, the group and Richardson went out for dinner at a Bay Area Italian restaurant.

Everybody had their ladies with them so we kind of just had a nice dinner, took some pictures,” Jarrett said.

The game itself wasn’t enjoyable. For one thing, although Jaguars won 13-6, they were eliminated from making the playoffs hours later when Denver upset Indianapolis. Also, in Richardson’s case, although he was on the Oakland field for four kickoffs, three punts and three returns, he didn’t make a big play.

“ I wanted to make a play so bad,” Richardson said. “I was kind of frustrat-ed that I couldn’t make a play get in on the action.”

That will have to wait, though.

What lies ahead

Richardson will go to Jacksonville later this month to attend the Super Bowl there, and has to return in April for a Jaguars mini-camp. Before that, the Jaguars have to decide whether to keep Richardson or not.

“I don’t know if they’re going to keep me, but I’m just going to compete each week,” Richardson said. “I just want to play.”

“People are going to watch,” Jarrett said. “They’re going to watch what we do over the summer. If we don’t perform this spring and summer, they’re going to pick up on it.”

Jarrett will return to Nebraska, then go to the next draft. He, like Richardson, has a $460,000 deal and a two-year contract.

The two former Mustangs have to find out quickly whether this is what they envisioned when they spent countless hours in the Mustang strength and conditioning center.

“We’re not going to be holding drinks there anymore,” Jarrett said.

But for now, the two former Mustangs are much more interested in what’s to come.

“Yeah, this is a great moment in our lives,” Richardson said. “It’s definitely prepared us well.”

The Athlete’s Turn

This week’s spotlight on

Women’s basketball player

Katy Paterson

Dan Watson
MUSTANG DAILY

The women’s basketball team has really been all about spreading the love this season.

Coach Faith Mimnaugh has played her players in three minute stints to bring a consistent intensity on defense.

There has been no stronger a player in the last three than Katy Paterson. Paterson had a chance to explain the team’s philosophy, her role and the upcoming game against Santa Barbara.

Q. — Talk about the weekend and your performances.

A. — I think that it was great to get past Idaho. Last year, they beat us twice in conference and it was encouraging to see we’ve improved past them. Utah State was a bit of a downer. We didn’t take care of rebounding.

Q. — One of the attributes of the team is speed, but you’re a good post player. What do you work on?

A. — There’s two types of post players, one with good footwork and the other super athletic type. Somebody that gets all over the boards. I’m not a super athletic player. So I really work on having good footwork and getting my shots around the taller players.

Q. — What is the makeup of this team?

A. — Overall, it’s just really good. Different people step up every night. Sparkle might struggle scoring but draws attention every night and Courtney Cameron is always really good. Monica Eggleston can be a huge threat, no one can stop her. Defensively, Kyla (Howell) can really get in people’s face.

Q. — What are the areas you’re trying to improve in?

A. — I’m trying to get in better shape this year. I lost 30 pounds, so I can get up and down harder. I work on making quick moves.

Q. — You were a redshirt in 2002-2003. How tough was it coming back from your left foot injury?

A. — I hurt it my sophomore year and took off my junior year. But I think it was something I really needed because it forced me to see I really loved basketball. I was really missing it. I was disappointed because I couldn’t push myself to see Athlete, page 11