**Bill targets students**

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*Mustang Daily*

State Senator Abel Maldonado proposed a new bill which targets California community college and University of California students.

Senate Bill 337 would expel a student for one year, if convicted of battery of a police officer at a riot or unlawful assembly, incitement to riot, rioting, lynching, assembling for the purpose of disturbing the public peace or remaining present at a riot after a warning to disperse.

After one year, the convicted student would be eligible to reapply for admission into the school. The student must wait two years before applying for a Cal Grant.

Maldonado wrote the bill in response to the San Luis Obispo riots during Mardi Gras. He also cited recent riots in Santa Barbara, Davis and Chico.

The original bill proposed taking away Cal Grant financial aid from students convicted of riot-related crimes.

Maldonado, who has since revised the measure after objections from the CSU, said Cal Poly and Cuesta College students would be affected by the bill. Mardi Gras is the only campus-level celebration in San Luis Obispo. Both Cal Poly and Cuesta College students would be affected by Maldonado’s bill.

This past Mardi Gras, only 15 percent of students arrested were enrolled at Cal Poly. Ogren said the UCPD’s full compliance with Cal Poly’s position will ensure the bill does not unfairly target low income students.

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Architecture seniors Sandra Ogren and Aine explain the design for their solar home on Thursday. The Solar Cal Poly team unveils the design for a 650-square-foot house that will be built at Cal Poly and transported to Washington D.C. In an earlier statement, Maldonado specifically cited the expulsions of 47 students for the Mardi Gras riot in San Luis Obispo.

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tal and elegant,” said Sandy Stannard, architecture professor and faculty adviser to the project. “We wanted to keep it modern, clean and simple. It is small but it’s an idea that we can live more comfortably in a smaller amount of space is one of our main approaches.”

Cal Poly Solar built the house, which must obtain 100 percent of its energy from the sun, as a mobile unit to eliminate all construction except for the assembly of the panels.

“The concept with the materials is that we are trying to use environmentally friendly materials because the whole point of this competition is to increase efficiency,” said Dan Tiraschi, architecture junior and part of the design team for the project. “We were able to find the most efficient products on the market to increase efficiency.”

The project started when Cal Poly was accepted by the Department of Energy to compete two years ago. The roots of the project began in the classroom and once several concepts were designed, internationally known architects were brought in to participate in judging and evaluating the projects and those three that they felt would win the competition.

“The project has been in design development, project manager and architecture senior John Gambill said.

“The faculty set the scene in place through the architecture design studios and then once we had a conceptual design, then the students interested in the concepts and the principles of the home and competition got on board and carried it through,” he said.

Gambill, who is heading the student architecture group and also coordinating the student efforts from the other 10 students, has had experience in the professional field through several internships and said this project really mirrors what he has seen in the field.

“It all goes back to the Cal Poly hands on experience,” Stannard said. “It is a real project, it is a professional competition that takes to build a real building, which is not something that most students get to see and participate in.”

She said it is an excellent project for students because it is interdisciplinary with students coming from different academic backgrounds to contribute to the project.

The Renewable Energy Club, which was founded two years ago for the project and which is entirely devoted to the Solar Decathlon, hosted the kickoff event. Their role in the project is to organize students outside of classes and to promote the Solar Cal Poly team and the project through small fundraising events.

“This is a great way to promote renewable energy and solar power in general,” said Chris Aurienia, mechanical engineering junior and vice president of the Renewable Energy Club.

“The goal of the club is to educate ourselves and everybody else about renewable energy and this is a great professional tool for that and the Department of Energy’s goal in sponsoring the Solar Decathlon that you can live your whole life is you are used to seeing solar power.”

The house is hand in hand with the design of the project: simple, fundamentally and elegant. According to Cal Poly’s solar decathlon Web site, the goal of the project is to “create a beautifully conceived home tuned to the climate, detailed for modern living, proportioned and scaled to travel across the country pulled by a single truck, to reduce our household’s footprint on the land and make the most effective use of space and resources.”

Winning this competition is their biggest goal, said the students and faculty involved in the recognition and for the promotion of solar power and renewable energy.

“The national recognition would be awesome and the school would love it,” Tiraschi said. “Being able to say that I worked on a project that won a national competition would be amazing for my resume and just for the overall experience of being part of it all.”

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BRIEFS
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STATE NEWS

SACRAMENTO — Inmates can run, but they can't hide — not so long as a radio-linked wristband remains attached, pinpointing their location within a few feet. Removing or breaking the bracelet sets off a computer alarm, alerting guards to a possible prison escape. It's an emerging technology that could transform the way convicts are managed, contained and monitored.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The bodies of 38 men shot execution-style were dumped at an abandoned chicken farm, a trash-strewn lot and an insurgent stronghold west of the capital, police said Sunday. The grisly finds were the latest in an endless stream of insurgent attacks designed to destabilize Iraq's government and hasten a U.S. retreat. More than 450 people have been killed in just over two weeks since Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari's Cabinet was announced.

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Ethipia voted by the millions Sunday, responding enthusiastically to the selection rate. "There was a great desire for the people to follow the selection rate," said Warren Minosky, who conducted the exit polls along with Joe Lenzi of Edison Media Research.

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YOURanches, officials said.

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Former professor, three others to face jury on terrorism finance charges

Suspended University of South Florida professor Sami Al-Arian smiles as he makes his way through the media with his wife Nahia, left, before entering the United States Courthouse in this Dec. 12, 2002 file photo.

Authorities believe the Palestinian activist set up an Islamic think tank and charity to fund terrorist attacks in Israel

Vickie Chachere

TAMPA, Fla. — Ten years ago, American student Alisa Flatow boarded a bus headed to a Gaza Strip beach resort for a much needed break from her studies.

At the Israeli settlement of Kfar Darom, a young man sat in a van loaded with explosives. As the bus approached, he steered his rolling bomb at it with ferocious speed and slammed into the bus' side.

Eight people — seven Israelis and Flatow — died in the April 9, 1995 terrorist attack.

Now her parents are looking for justice half a world away in Tampa, where a former computer science professor and three others are going on trial on charges they helped fund the terrorist group that carried out the bombing. Jury selection begins Monday.

Sami Al-Arian, a University of South Florida professor and national- ly known Palestinian rights activist, was already secretly under investiga-
tion by FBI foreign intelligence agents at the time of the bombing. Al-Arian had established an Islamic academic think tank, a school, a mosque and a charity for Palestinian children — but authorities were questioning whether the true mission of Al-Arian's work was to finance terrorist attacks in Israel.

In a 33-count indictment, Al-Arian, Samieth Hammoddeh, Hatim Naji Fartiz and Ghasan Zayed Ballut are accused of racketeering, conspira-
cy and providing material support to terrorists. Five other men have been indicted but are still at large.

The men face life in prison if convicted of charges they used Al-Arian's think tank and charity as fundraising fronts for the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

"These people, they have no respect for life," said Alisa Flatow's father, Stephen Flatow of West Orange, N.J. "They will continue to pick on innocent people just to accomplish their means. That's why this trial is so important. You have to send a message."

Al-Arian is alternately viewed as a terrorist who hid behind a veil of legitimacy while secretly financing deadly attacks thousands of miles away. "Much of what people are saying about Sami Al-Arian could have been said likewise about Nelson Mandela," attorney William Moffitt said.

"No less Mandela is a hero for having supported his people. Sami Al-Arian is a villain for being the voice of the Palestinian people. There aren't really a lot of voices in this country who have spoken favorably for the Palestinian people."

Prosecutors contend there is direct evidence of Al-Arian's involvement with actual attacks. The indictment alleges that in 1993, Al-Arian sent four wire transfers of nearly $2,000 each to the relatives of four convicted Islamic Jihad terrorists who had been convicted of the murders of three Israelis.

They point to video from the early 1990s in which a fiery Al-Arian shouts "Death to Israel!" or when he shared the stage with Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, the blind Egyptian cleric convicted for his role in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

Al-Arian's attorneys question how a supposedly dangerous terrorist financier could have gained access to the White House and met with President Clinton and Bashir.

"Nearly two dozen other prominent political and government leaders from both parties — Sens. Hillary Clinton and Trent Lott, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and House Speaker Dennis Hastert among them — are reported by Al-Arian's attorneys to have had contact with him.

If Al-Arian "is supposedly this awful terrorist, how did he get so close to these people in a really interesting question," Moffitt said. He declined to elaborate on Al-Arian's prominent connections, calling them a key component of the defense.

The prosecution said more important than his well-placed contacts are the shad­ omy figures with whom Al-Arian did business.

"Chief among them is Ramadan Abdullah Shallah, one of the five indicted co-conspirators who has not yet been arrested. Al-Arian brought Shallah to the University of South Florida to run the think tank, the World and Islam Studies Enterprise. Shallah abruptly left Tampa in mid-1995 and resurfaced in Damascus as the Islamic Jihad's new leader.

Stephen Flatos, who has been subpoenaed to testify, said he was not told until 2003 that agents believed there was a connection between Al-Arian and the bombing that killed his daughter.

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— WILLIAM MOFFITT

Al-Arian's attorney
Eight songs to never burn

Tonya Strickland

• "Truly Madly Deeply" — Savage Garden
  This boy should not sing — his attempts are pathetic. Even though big brother Nick Carter opened a small window of opportunity, little bro is far too lame and full of himself to believe he actually sang this rendition of LFO’s song. This boy should not sing — his attempts are pathetic.

• Liquid Dreams — O-Town
  When the boys of O-Town were adolescents they had to have that embarrassing talk with dad about why they woke up with their sheets wet. Now that they’re grown up it really necessary to write a song about it?
  "My mama thinks I’m lazy, my friends all think I’m crazy/But in my mind, I leave the world behind every night I dream/Oh, liquid dreams, my liquid dreams/Waterfall and streams, these liquid dreams." Yeah Ew.

• Invincible — Clay Aiken
  Final theme song for stalkers everywhere. Just picture him quietly whispering, "Whatcha’ doing tonight? I wish I could be a fly on your wall Are you really alone? Who’s sleeping in your dreams? Why can’t I bring you into my life? What would it take to make you see that I’m alive? If I was invisible, I know I could just watch you in your room." As though Aiken’s mere existence wasn’t enough to give people nightmares — girls now have to think about him watching them sleep.

• Steal My Sunshine — Len
  A chorus similar to the sound of Care Bears on crack is no way to attract an audience.

• Summer Girls — LFO
  "The Lyke Funky Ones. The band’s name alone should be a clue.
  But if more is needed, such lyrical marvels as "I like the color purple, macaroni and cheese, ruby red slippers and a bunch of trees," might aid the understanding process.

On the Web site, www.sing365.com, a review of the song began with the mind-boggling opinion, "In today’s world of prefab­ricated, media-driven and often dis­ posable pop culture, it is surprising and reassuring to witness the evolu­tion of LFO and their promising young talent."

Promising! Not sure about that one. Ridiculous beyond all reason? Definitely This song is the epitome of everything wrong with pop cul­ ture. Random plugs of Spic and Span and Kevin Bacon were used for the sake of rhyming. Anyone who listens to this is just making themselves dumber.

C’mon LFO sold four million singles of this song shortly after it was released. That’s four mil­ lion stupid people who like girls that wear Abercrombie and Fitch and...

• American Life — Madonna
  Madonna pulled off a serious role in Evita, looking good in a pointy cone bra and you know I’m satisfied." Definitely Madonna pulled off a serious role in Evita, looking good in a pointy cone bra and you know I’m satisfied.
  For a complete list of Allan Hancock College courses available this summer go to www.hancockcollege.edu and click on "University Programs."

Registration online
May 2-June 11, 2005
www.hancockcollege.edu
The AHC summer session runs June 20-August 11, 2005.
Headlines from Iraq that really matter

We live in a world where pessimists are taken way too seriously. It used to be that the media told both sides of a story, but now we’re just told the bad side. Stories of incredible victories apparently don’t sell as many papers as do the gruesome reports of insurgent roadside bombs.

Americans are barricaded with every minor setback in Iraq, but we have to consider the information about the things that have gone right. Luckily, I have done the necessary digging to tell you the other half of the story.

Prior to 2001, we could have never imagined the way our world was about to change. There had been few terrorist acts scattered throughout the world, and it took Sept. 11 to show everyone that these terrorists meant business.

The United States responded to this threat with the necessary course of action. Thanks to President Bush, America confronted the terrorists and the countries that supported them. Since that time, some amazing things have happened.

Both Afghanistan and Iraq were transformed from tyrannical dictatorships to emerging democracies. The terrorist networks in each of these countries are also quickly fading.

Al-Qaeda has been silent for three years now, having hundreds of its members captured by U.S. and Pakistani forces. Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 attack, was caught in 2003, and we just caught Abu Fahd al-Libi, the third-highest member of al-Qaeda, earlier this month.

In Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi’s insurgency is seen by its seventh top aide captured May 7, and we are closing in on Zarqawi himself. Further, the New York Times reported that “some Sunni leaders said that they would abandon fighting if the new Shiite government gave Sunnis more political power.” They recognize that they are losing and are now begging for a peaceful solution.

The path he has taken in life has literally embodied my current state of mind, my version of terrorism and formed me into this question: “What if we lose what we believe in? What if we leave college with elaborate change-the-world intentions and flat out forget about them once we are faced with an everyday New York City, suburban lifestyle?”

The marriage, the track home, the fancy corporate job with the great dental coverage; they are all things suburbia tells us to want, but what if we forget to reach beyond the white picket fence?

College is an atmosphere unlike any other. It’s full of challenging new ideas and a diversity of people (at least it’s supposed to be; cough, cough; Cal Poly). It’s a time where young people learn about the meaning of life and ways to make it through social change.

The plan was once there, well thought-out and evaluated in thought-provoking class discussion, why is the transition into the real world played out so differently? Is the diploma-hand-off the actual point in time where our passion for change becomes irrelevant? I want to believe it’s not true, but I can’t stop thinking.

Weeks ago I went to Cal Poly’s idealist.org workshop and learned that educated people can work toward change and make a living in the process. I was given hope.

Tanya Stockland is a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the Editor

10,000-Year Survey seeks perspective on afterlife

The College of Arts and Science at Cal Poly and Cuesta College, would like to take a moment to investigate some possible misconceptions, as well as express our desire to hear the thoughts of the wonderful feedback we have had so far. Thank you so much for your participation.

James Pappas

Joe and Allison Priola

Coordinator of Campus Crusade for Christ

LETTER POLICY

Send us your love, hate and more

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Baseball

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Cal Poly jumped to a 3-0 lead in the first two innings and later added an insurance run. Kyle Blumenhal's sacrifice fly to left scored Brandon Roberts in the first inning. Brent Walker had a single that scored two in the second and Mustang third baseman Josh Lansford had a sacrifice fly in the eighth. Long Beach State trimmed the deficit in the ninth as Evan Longoria and Cole Jacobson both singled and Troy Tulowski fielder's choice to third scored Longoria. On that play, Lansford dove to his left to get the grounder and threw to second baseman Walker for the force play, quashing the 4th rally. Long Beach State was held to four singles. Sean Borweg's 27-game hitting streak, a school record, was ended as he popped up to second base and grounded out three times to third base. The win came after the Mustangs lost 4-1 on Friday.

Corner

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to see the girl play and they are hav­
ing a great time.

Q. — Are there any superstitions

Q. — Do you have any yourself?

A. — You had worn three of four

pairs of athletic socks and if you were

playing good you washed them, but you wore the same ones.

You washed them then there the next day.

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ACROSS

36 Before-test work, informally
37 Simple song
39 Super-duper
40 Brit word
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42 Join
43 Firm off
46 Illinois city
47 Woody of "Manhattan"
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49 Norway's capital
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55 Opposite of golf
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57 Whom the cheerleaders chase
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Baseball holds its own against 49ers

The Mustangs didn’t expect their season to end after sweeping Santa Barbara, but they were not selected to the NCAA Division I tournament.

NICK HOOVER

Committee ignores Mustangs

The Mustangs defeated the Titans two out of three times this season, but Fullerton made the tournament.

NICK HOOVER

Assistant baseball coach Jesse Zepeida watched his team climb to No. 19 in the nation this past week and then give national powerhouse Long Beach State trouble in all three games of the road series. Zepeida stepped aside for a moment to speak with the Mustang Daily.

Q. — What’s your best baseball memory?
A. — Probably one of my best was in 1998. I got called up to play in the Hall of Fame game with the Toronto Blue Jays, which played against the Baltimore Orioles.

Q. — You’re in your second year of coaching for the baseball team, have there been changes you have noticed?
A. — We’re a little more talented this year and it is showing by the way that we are playing right now.

Q. — At the end of the year, will you be losing some of your players?
A. — We’re gonna take a look at the big hitting that our pitcher, Garrett Olson is going to get drafted as a junior but will enter the draft this year and if he goes we’ll lose him obviously. We will be losing two experienced pitchers, but we have a good couple of freshmen and sophomore arms coming up as well.

Q. — Is there a specific MLB team that you follow?
A. — If I followed a team, it would be the Giants because my dad was a Giants fan and I grew up watching the Giants. I also followed Robin Ventura’s career being from Santa Maria and going to the same high school he went to.

Q. — Why does college use metal bats, while the MLB uses wood?
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Most doctors offer Ortho Evra and the NuvaRing as options. "We handle a number of birth control methods on campus, including the patch and the ring," said Dr. Butt Cockan, the head of medical services for Health and Counseling Services. "The NuvaRing is still considered a medication like the other." The future of birth control also holds many possibilities. Researchers at the ANZAC Research Institute in Australia and Edinburgh University have conducted separate, similar studies on oral contraceptives for men. In addition, many pharmaceutical companies are working to develop a similar product.

Homones in these pills would suppress sperms production, theoretically making the pill 100 percent effective.

As of now the results show effects to be completely reversible. "A male birth control pill is like the holy grail. It would completely change the way we view birth control. There have been all sorts of attempts and studies, but I have not heard of anything that has yet to move beyond the preliminary stages," Cockan said.

In addition, a male oral contraceptive would give men more control, however the idea is somewhat controversial. "I wouldn't be opposed to taking a birth control pill, but I'd wait for a couple years," said Civil Engineering junior Daniel Kangas. "Knowing the long term effects is important."
STATE NEWS

RANCHO CUCAMONGA — Two men trying to stop opossums from harassing a cat have been charged with animal cruelty for allegedly setting their fire and killing them with a pitchfork.

Nick Barragan and William Wallace allegedly killed the mother and three young opossums March 26 outside Wallace's home.

They were scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday in San Bernardino County Superior Court on a felony animal cruelty count each. If convicted, they face 16 months to 3 years in prison and a fine of up to $20,000, the district attorney's office said Monday.

LOS ANGELES — Two men disrupted an anti-development protest Monday by pulling a banner down from a tree and shredding it with razor blades, activists said.

Residents were protesting the Playa Vista development near Los Angeles International Airport when the men ran from a van to tear up the banner, which said "Stop Playa Vista Expansion" and supported a city council candidate, activist Paul Herzog said.

The incident was videotaped and police detained the two men, Herzog said. Neither a Playa Vista spokesman nor the police detective assigned to the case immediately returned calls seeking comment.

SANTA MARIA — A security guard at Michael Jackson's Neverland ranch testified Monday that he caught Jackson's accuser and his brother with a bottle of wine, and a maid told the jury that she saw adult magazines in the brother's backpack.

Defense attorneys in Jackson's child molestation trial called the Neverland employees to challenge prosecutors' claims that it was Jackson who exposed the children to alcohol and adult materials.

— Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

NEW YORK — Newsweek magazine, under fire for publishing a story that led to deadly protests in Afghanistan, said Monday it was retracting its report that a military probe found evidence of desecration of the Quran by U.S. interrogators at Guantanamo.

The magazine's handling of the story, which led to deadly protests in Afghanistan, was a "disaster," said a story in Newsweek that was scheduled to run Wednesday.

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Monday defended his recommendation to close 33 major domestic bases and to shut or consolidate hundreds of smaller installations, calling the sweeping realignment essential in a time of war.

"Those changes are more necessary than ever," Rumsfeld said as a nine-member, congressionally-chartered commission opened hearings into the base-closure plan that will go to President Bush this fall and then to Congress.

In its base closure report, the commission recommended a 20 percent reduction in the U.S. military's global force structure.

— Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SHANNON, Ireland — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Monday appealed to Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to pressure Syria's Arab neighbors to press...
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Montyggers rewarded Jane Fonda's return to the big screen by making "Monster-in-Law" the weekend's top movie, though the comedy was short of a monster hit and the total box office slump continued for a 12th straight week.

The force is expected to return to the box office next week when the final chapter in the Star Wars saga, "Star Wars: Episode III, Revenge of the Sith," hits theaters.

"Monster-in-Law," which pits Jennifer Lopez against Fonda as her villainous prospective mother-in-law, took in $24 million, according to studio estimates Sunday. Fonda's first major film role in 15 years was to go beyond the typical sci-fi audience. It's a cultural phenomenon that has a fun, synthesized 1980s sound remarkably similar to something Everclear, pure Weezer.

Studio executives said they were not disturbed by the box office results. They point to next week's expected blockbuster opening of "Star Wars," which will be followed by several big films, including the animated "Madagascar" and the Adam Sandler-Chris Rock remake of "The Longest Yard."

"There's nothing wrong with our business that a good movie won't fix," said David Tuckerman, head of distribution for New Line Cinema, which released "Monster-in-Law." "Star Wars" will jump-start us.

None of the major studios are planning any wide releases next weekend, figuring that any new movie will be buried by the sixth and final episode of George Lucas' influential sci-fi saga.

"Star Wars" is going to turn everything around in a big way, " Unleashed," took in a respectable opener, the Jet Li action flick "Kicking & Screaming," in which Will Ferrell faces off against his father and rival youth soccer coach rival Robert Duvall.

The weekend's other major opener, the Jet Li action flick "Unleashed," took in a respectable $10.6 million. Last week's box office champ, the Orlando Bloom Crusades epic "Kingdom of Heaven," slipped to fourth place with $9.6 million, a 51 percent drop from its opening weekend.

While the total box office take was down 6.7 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Toy" debuted with $46.8 million, it was up 21.7 percent from last weekend.

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Amanda Strachan

It's been three years since Weezer released an album, and now the group has reemerged with "Make Believe."

Rolling Stone calls the album a "breakthrough" for the group, but other critics place the album in the same ranks as Weezer's three previous albums, which each received less than enthusiastic reviews.

It's tough being Weezer because they still live in the shadow of the band's "Blue Album." From it we got hits like "Buddy Holly," the "Undone — The Sweater Song" and "My Name is Jonas." But that was 11 years ago, so of course the band is going to have a different sound. "Make Believe" keeps the band's unique sound and adds some new twists. Lead singer

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ingle and searching? That's not a bad thing. Many people have a good friend, a handsome, respectful and slightly shy buddy who hasn't been lucky in love. He says it's because religious functions, classes, rooms and downtown bar hopping are the few places during one's college experience to find potential dates or even a relationship.

Although he may be excluding social activities like football and baseball games, community service and pretty much any other event where men and women congregate, he has an interesting point. Unfortunately, he is an engineer and rarely converses with the few women in class. He is not religious and definitely not interested in a religious encounter. A safe assumption is that my friend is not alone in his problems; there are probably many men on campus, club members and fraternity brothers aside, who have a hard time meeting women. So what are these single, shy guys to do?

In a search to help a friend, I looked to where most college stu-
dents go to find information; the Internet. One minute's Google search (4,500,000 results) and a mouse click later, I found several directories, companies, and normal guys who thought they might have the solution to this problem.

The result of a book search yielded titles such as "How to Lay Girls Guide," "Love Tactics" and "The Art of Makking." Alas, these were not going to help my friend. A refined search provided some more helpful results. Dr. Tracy, author of Manpower: How to Win the Woman You Want, provided many suggestions for the dating impaired. Her advice for the single man? Go out alone, parties anywhere. What an amazing experience!

Second, don't get hung up on your appearance and realize that taking the first step, introducing yourself or asking a question to break the ice, is the groundwork to meeting a woman. These nuggets of wisdom sounded like common sense, but determination led to the discovery of an article from www.asi.org titled "Coping with Insecurities and Shyness.

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COMING TOMORROW

From Left Field with Mustang Daily, columnist Josh Kob

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Mustang Daily's got all you need for your next trip outdoors. Do you recognize a trend here? Stop studying so much and get outside, no matter what your experience level or trip desire is.

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Baseball
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for UC Riverside.
Despite losing two of the three games to the
Highlanders a year ago at Baggett Stadium, Cal Poly still holds an 89-75 advantage in the series between old OCAA
rivals dating back to 1976. The Mustangs are 16-5 against UC Riverside since moving to Division I in 1995. Cal Poly head
catcher Larry Low is 3-3 against the Highlanders while Smith is 0-4 against Cal Poly.

Nothing new for Shull
For the third time this season, Cal Poly senior right-hander Jimmy Shull has been named Big West Conference Pitcher of the Week.

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Better than expected

Mustang Kelly Dahl lunges over the pole vault bar in the Five-Way Meet hosted by Cal Poly.

Bruce and Day earn honors

Cal Poly's Ben Bruce and Sharon Day earned Big West Conference Track and Field honors after the completion of the Big West Conference Track and Field Championships Sunday in Irvine.

Bruce received Track Athlete of the Year, while Day was honored with Field Athlete of the Year.

Not good enough: Mustangs drop to No. 29 in nation

Jimmy Shull had two strong starts the past two weeks and earned Big West honors for the third time this season.

Steve Ponit, Tony Sajupe and Jimmy Shull will be honored before Sunday's 1 p.m. start.

Cal Poly is 32-18 overall and 10-5 in the Big West.

UC Riverside won the final two games of a three-game Big West series against UC Santa Barbara last weekend to snap a five-game losing streak.

The Highlanders, under first-year head coach Doug Smith (23-24, UC Riverside), are fourth in the Big West with an 8-7 mark and won two of three games at Cal Poly a year ago.

The Highlanders feature four players with batting averages above .300, led by first baseman Nick Saloni with a .365 average, seven home runs and 38 RBIs. Right fielder Aros Grant (.349), designated hitter Andrew Martinez (.342) and center fielder Brett Bigler (.322) also are hitting well.

POLY STAT RACK

more wins that Mustang softball had than Fullerton

190 softball's strength of schedule rating

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

"I wasn't really surprised to see (Fullerton) just because of their strength of schedule. They had big wins over top 10 teams."

— Jenny Gordon, softball coach quoted in Tribune

GAME SCHEDULE

Friday, May 27

11 a.m.: NCAA West Regional, 11 a.m. at Fullerton

June 1

11 a.m.: NCAA West Regional, Fullerton

1 p.m.: NCAA West Regional, Fullerton

May 28

11 a.m.: NCAA West Regional, Fullerton

1 p.m.: NCAA West Regional, Fullerton

WERE YOU AWARE?

The Cal Poly baseball team had eight Big West Conference players of the week this season.

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