ASI president chosen as a finalist for CSU student trustee

Christopher Gunn

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The life of any architectural engineering senior is busy. The responsibilities of the Associated Students Inc. president is immense.

"Tylor Middlestadt does both, and now he's ready to take on yet another task."

On Nov. 11, the California State Student Association (CSSA) submitted its second list of candidates for the position of CSSA student trustee to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Middlestadt was on it, representing one of three students within the CSU system to be chosen as a CSU student trustee finalist.

"I am just proud to be considered for the position," Middlestadt said. "It really is the primary student advocate in the CSU system."

As to why he thinks he was chosen, Middlestadt replied, "I have been consistently involved at a statewide level over the past two years and have demonstrated that I'm committed to serving the students and whatever it takes to get things done."

The trustee will be appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger, after the candidates are examined, for the 2005-07 term.

Despite the fact that Middlestadt is busy, he said that he will have enough time to dedicate to the position.

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Alumni brothers stitch together shirt company

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Most people opening a business expect the financial burdens and hard work involved, but undermine responsibilities such as gathering equipment, collecting materials or hiring quality employees.

Co-founder of the Left Coast T-shirt Company James Whitaker said quality employees were one of the hardest assets to find.

"Most people who are talented and smart generally leave the area and work somewhere else," Whitaker said.

Whitaker, a Cal Poly business graduate, co-founded The Left Coast T-shirt Company in 1999 with his brother David Whitaker.

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Joaquin Ortega of San Diego State University was chosen in addition to Andrew Middlestadt for the position from which Middlestadt is moving on to become a voting trustee, according to a CSSA press release.

The position would normally be a two-year commitment, with one year of non-voting status and one year of voting status, Middlestadt said, adding that it is a special circumstance.

The student trustee according to Middlestadt, offers ideas and a student perspective to problems within the CSU system, while at the same time acting as a liaison between the CSU Board of Directors and the Student Board.

When asked what he would work towards in the position, Middlestadt said work on the CSU sustainability policy with which he is already involved as well as improving the quality of the CSU education and not cutting programs.

"It would allow me to get deeper into the system to help manage the largest university system in the United States if not the world," Middlestadt said.

Business

The company makes T-shirts for other businesses in the area such as Backstreet Bar and Grill, Mother's Tavern and Meathead Movers.

"In the next six months, we will be launching our T-shirt company online," James Whitaker said.

Bill

A budget outline passed by the House Appropriations Committee in June would have increased the Pell Grant maximum to $4,100, but the final spending bill, drafted by a conference committee between the House and Senate, opted for keeping the maximum at the same level as before.

The decision to not increase grant funding makes access to higher education increasingly difficult for some students, according to De Anda.

"In my opinion, there appears to be a constant, measured withdrawal at the federal level in funding student financial aid," De Anda said. "If the feds did their part in increasing Pell Grants, students would not have to borrow and work as much."

Chloe Gotus

Boston — College students graduating next spring will enter an improving job market, according to the findings of a study conducted by researchers at Middlesex State University, released earlier this month. According to the survey results, job opportunities for new college graduates are expected to increase 6 to 14 percent.

Phil Gardner, director of the Collegiate Employment Research Institute at MSU and author of the study, told The Daily Free Press he was encouraged by the results of the study. As long as the economy holds together, he will probably see these numbers this spring, he said.

"Beginning January 2001, the college-level market plummeted," he said. "There was a 20 percent increase in job opportunities last year. The increase this spring is building on a really good year last year. We are pretty confident that we are going to see a pretty good market."

Of the 878 companies nationwide that responded to the survey, 41 percent of companies said they will hire aggressively, while 31 percent of companies said they are uncertain about whom they plan to hire.

Many companies, especially in the Southeast, cited uncertainty about the long-term economic effect of this year's active hurricane season as the reason why they cannot make firm projections about future hiring.

Gardner said that this is the 35th year that MSU has conducted this study on improvements in the job market, and it is his eighth year heading the survey.

"It has been a long-term project that we do every year," he said.

Gardner said MSU is seeing a lot of sales-related positions coming in for graduating seniors.

The study also found that nearly 50 percent of employers are looking to recruit graduates to fill positions in sales and marketing, mainly for engineering, education and retail.

Boston is one of the cites recovering from several years of a sluggish economy that is expected to enjoy a strong labor market next year, Gardner said in an MSU press release.

"While employers still want business and engineering graduates, employers who are seeking to fill consulting, research information, management and e-commerce positions want to talk to all majors, particularly liberal arts graduates who know how to do research," Gardner said in the release.

Because fields, including manufacturing, information services, education, health services and nonprofit organizations, are planning to lower their recruitment, according to the survey results.

Job market expected to increase this year
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Favorites
Song: "Just to See You Smile" by Tim McGraw
Ice cream flavor: Mint chip
Day of the week: Friday
Musical: "Phantom of the Opera"
Reality show: "Making of the Band"
Holiday food: My mom's stuffing. I am very picky about stuffing.

If You Could ... be any board game which one would you be?
Mad Gab because sometimes I say things wrong and people have to figure out what I really mean.

Other
- What is your biggest pet peeve?
When people put the toilet paper roll on backwards.
- What do you want for Christmas?
A snowboard.

Name: Liz Wright
Year: senior
Hometown: Clayton
Major: recreation administration

THE AVERAGE CAL POLY STUDENT DRINKS UNDER FOUR DRINKS IN ONE SITTING

49% of Cal Poly students go to parties and bars less than once a week

Under Four ... or over budget?

Archaeologist thinks Bosnian hill may contain a first for Europe: a pyramid

Aida Cerkez-Robinson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VISOKO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - With eyes trained to recognize pyramids hidden in the hills of El Salvador, Mexico and Peru, senior archaeologist Semir Osmanagic has been drawn to a mound overlooking this central Bosnian town.

"It has all the elements four perfectly shaped slopes pointing toward the cardinal points, a flat top and an entrance complex," he said, gazing at the hill and wondering what lies beneath.

No pyramids are known in Europe, and there is no evidence any ancient civilization there ever attempted to build one.

But Osmanagic, a Bosnian archaeologist who has spent the last 15 years studying the pyramids of Latin America, suspects there is one here in his Balkan homeland.

"We have already dug out stone blocks which I believe are covering the pyramid," he said. "We found a paved entrance plateau and discovered underground tunnels. You don't have to be an expert to realize what this is." Osmanagic, 45, who now lives in Houston, is personally financing the project, the first probes of the main hill were carried out this summer at six points.

"No one immediately claimed responsibility, but police investigators suspected the outlawed Islamic militant group Jumatul Mujahideen Bangladesh" blamed for similar attacks this year.

"We have already dug out stone blocks which I believe are covering the pyramid," he said. "We found a paved entrance plateau and discovered underground tunnels. You don't have to be an expert to realize what this is." Osmanagic, 45, who now lives in Houston, is personally financing the excavations at the Visokica hill, a 2,120-foot hump outside Visoko, a town about 20 miles northwest of the capital, Sarajevo.

He learned about the hill in April from Senad Hodovic, director of a museum devoted to the history of Visoko, which is rich in Bronze Age and medieval artifacts. Hodovic had attended a promotion of an Osmanagic book about ancient civilizations and thought he would like to see Visoko's pyramid-shaped hill.

When the pair climbed the hill, the sweeping view revealed a second, smaller pyramid-shaped hill. It reminded Osmanagic of pairs of pyramids he has seen in Latin America that together create a gateway into a valley.

After obtaining a permit to research the site, which is protected by the state as a national monument, the first probes of the main hill were carried out this summer at six points. Nadja Nukic, a geologist involved in the research, said she found 15 anomalies suggesting that some layers of the hill were manmade.

"We found layers of what we call 'bad concrete', a definitely unnatural mixture of gravel once used to form blocks with which this hill was covered," Osmanagic said.

"The hill was already there," he added. "Some ancient civilization just shaped it and then coated it with this primitive concrete — and there you have a pyramid."
Stan Berenstain, who teamed with wife to create Berenstain Bears, dies at 82

Patrick Walters

PHILADELPHIA — Stan Berenstain, who with his wife created the popular children's books about a loving furry family called the Berenstain Bears, has died.

He was 82 and lived in Bucks County in suburban Philadelphia.

He died in Pennsylvania on Saturday, said Audra Bohnen, a spokeswoman for HarperCollins Children's Books in New York.

In more than 200 books, the Berenstain Bears, written and illustrated by Stan and Jan Berenstain, helped children for 40 years cope with trips to the dentist, new babies in the family, eating junk food and cleaning their messy rooms.

The first Berenstain Bears book, "The Big Honey Hunt," was published in 1962. The couple developed the series with children's author Theodor Geisel — better known as Dr. Seuss, then head of children's publishing at Random House — with the goal of teaching children to read while entertaining them.

The books aimed to show children — and their parents — how to deal with a long list of childhood challenges, from finding ways to share and watch less TV, to overcoming the "gimmies" and not succumbing to the "in-crowd."

Despite changes in society in the last four decades, little has changed in "Bear Country."

"Kids still tell fibs and they mess up their rooms and they still throw tantrums in the supermarket," Stan Berenstain told The Associated Press in 2002. "Nobody gets shot. No violence. There are problems, but they're the kind of typical family problems everyone goes through."

Stan and Jan Berenstain began drawing together when they met at Philadelphia Museum School of Industrial Art in 1941.

The two married soon after he got out of World War II-era Army service and began submitting cartoons to magazines. They became contributors to The Saturday Evening Post, McCall's and Collier's.

In their early years of collaboration, the couple wrote the "All in the Family" cartoon series for McCall's and Good Housekeeping. In 1962, they began an association with Geisel, who suggested that they write for children.

In later years, their sons Leo and Michael joined them at writing and illustrating, and many of the recent books are credited collectively to "The Berenstains."

The characters are the subject of their own public television program, DVBs and a Christmas musical.

Reporters from around the world get first peek at panda cub

Jacob Adelman

WASHINGTON — Tai Shan, the giant panda cub, showed Tuesday that he is a quick study, prancing about in his den and otherwise mugging for hordes of camera crews in this city's that's a veritable fishbowl for celebrities.

More than 100 reporters and camera crews from around the world got their first look at the fuzzy creature as they filed past his indoor enclosure in five different shifts. And the 4 1/2-month-old cub did not disappoint.

He chased his zoo keeper around, trying to nibble at the hems of her jeans. He pulled himself over the ledge of the habitat's rocky cornerstone. He tumbled onto his back, and he gawmed at the handmade stalls that will someday form his diet.

Cameras snapped wildly every time he did something especially cute.

"He's just a fantastic little bear," said Lisa Stevens, the zoo's assistant curator for pandas. "He's climbing all over his cage."

The news preview followed special viewing sessions for members of the zoo's upper organization, Friends of the National Zoo, and other financial backers.

The cub gets his first visitors when those who nabbed tickets during the zoo's online ticket giveaway are permitted in the panda house. Those 13,000 tickets were exhausted about two hours after they became available last week.

"There were 30,000 people who could people could only use the tickets that they can prove they reserved themselves after the tickets started showing up on eBay for hundreds of dollars apiece."

The visits aren't just planned to satisfy the public's demand to see the panda, officials said. They also give the cub a chance to get used to having people around.

Tai Shan now weighs 25 pounds, two pounds more than he did just one week ago. He won't be weaned off mother Mei Xiang's milk for another year or so.

Virginia governor spares life of man set to become 1,000th person executed since 1976

Kristen Gelineau

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia's governor on Tuesday spared the life of a convicted killer who would have been the 1,000th person executed in the United States since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976.

Robin Lovitt's death sentence was commuted to life in prison without parole a little more than 24 hours before he was to be executed by injection Wednesday night for stabbing a man to death with a pair of scissors during a 1999 pool-hall robbery.

In granting clemency, Gov. Mark R. Warner noted that evidence from the trial had been improperly destroyed, depriving the defense of the opportunity to subject the material to the latest in DNA testing.

"The commonwealth must ensure that every time this ultimate sanction is carried out, it is done fairly," Warner said in a statement. "Lovitt, a Democrat, had never before granted clemency to a death row inmate during his four years in office. During that time, 11 men have been executed. Virginia is one of the most active death-penalty states, having executed 94 people since 1976."

The 1,000th execution is now scheduled for Friday in North Carolina, where Kenneth Lee Boyd is slated to die for killing his estranged wife and her father.

The 999th execution since capital punishment resumed a generation ago took place Tuesday morning, when Ohio put to death John Hicks, who strangled his mother-in-law and suffocated his 5-year-old stepdaughter to cover up the crime.

Lovitt's lawyers, who include former independent counsel Kenneth Starr, and anti-death penalty advocates had argued that his life should be spared because a court clerk illegally destroyed the bloody scissors and other evidence, preventing DNA testing that they said could exonerate him.

Ashley Parrish, another of Lovitt's attorneys, called Warner's decision "entirely proper, given the extraordinary circumstances of Mr. Lovitt's case."

Lovitt was convicted in 1999 of murdering Clayton Dicks at an Arlington pool hall. Prosecutors said Dicks caught Lovitt prying open a cash register with the scissors, which police found in the woods between the pool hall and the home of Lovitt's ex-wife.

Lovitt admitted grabbing the cash box but insisted someone else killed Dicks. DNA tests on the scissors at the time of the trial were inconclusive. But more sophisticated DNA techniques are now available.

The governor, who is considered a possible Democratic presidential contender in 2008, said he was "acutely aware of the tragic loss experienced by the Dicks family."
Despite gas prices, ski industry optimism for good season
Glen Adams
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARRABASSETT VALLEY, Maine — Autumn snowfalls have delighted skiers from coast to coast, allowing resorts to open earlier than usual and fostering optimism in the industry for a busy season.

And so far, there’s no evidence that higher gasoline costs will keep skiers away. Some smaller resorts, typically the good news in bad times, are also enabled Wildcat Mountain to open Nov. 2 — the earliest since 1981.

Across the continent in Washington, Crystal Mountain opened Oct. 14, three days earlier, when snowmelted areas that used to be close to their lift tickets, said Marketing Director Melissa Rock. The program runs, has no place for novices.

And nationally, the trend is positive, with record sets sold by the ski industry in four out of the last five winter seasons in terms of number of tickets sold, says the National Ski Areas Association.

The outlook was similar elsewhere. In New England as well as other regions of the country, Heather Adams, president of the Western Ski Areas Association was reported that based on early bookings, “they’re still fairly certain people are going to come.”

Just a month ago, the average retail price for regular gasoline nationally was $2.60 per gallon, 81 cents per gallon more than it was last year. As the same time, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

Bush says he will crack down on illegal immigrants while expanding work visas
Neda Pickler

TUCSON, Ariz. — President Bush said Monday he wants to crack down on those who enter the country illegally but also give out more visas to foreigners with jobs, a plan he hopes will appease the social conservatives and business leaders who have been his core supporters.

“The American people should not have to choose between a welcoming society and a lawful society,” Bush said from the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base about an hour from the Mexican border. “We can have both at the same time.”

The touchy issue of immigration has divided lawmakers on Capitol Hill. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said he will bring up the issue early next year. The House hopes to tackle some border security measures before adjourning for the year, but little time remains and it has other issues on its plate.

Bush also pushes his plan in El Paso, Texas, on Tuesday, Texas and Arizona are home to GOP senators who are vocal on the need to change immigration laws but who aren’t entirely sold on Bush’s vision.

The idea for temporary worker visas has been especially divisive and is stalled in Congress. Bush said he does not support amnesty for illegal immigrants, but he does want to give workers a way to earn an honest living doing jobs that other Americans are unwilling to do and issue more green cards.

“Listen, there’s a lot of opinion on this proposal,” Bush said. “I understand that, but people in this debate must recognize that we will not be able to effectively enforce our immigration laws until we create a temporary worker program.”

Also Monday in Phoenix, Bush sought to counter calls by some in Congress for a timetable for withdrawing U.S. forces. “We will stay until the job is done, not a day longer,” he said. “We will get the job done for Iraq.” Bush told 1,300 people at a fund-raiser that was expected to bring in $14.1 million for Republican Sen. Jon Kyl’s re-election campaign.

The president also promoted his plan to make tax cuts permanent, praised his Supreme Court picks — new Chief Justice John Roberts and associate justice nominee Samuel Alito — and pitched his immigration and border security proposals.

Earlier in Tucson, Bush spoke to supportive audience that included border patrol agents and military troops. He was flanked by two black Customs and Border Protection helicopters and giant green and yellow signs that said “Protecting America’s Borders.”

He said he is providing border agents with cutting-edge technology — like overhead surveillance drones and infrared cameras; while at the same time constructing simple physical barriers to entry.

The president’s push on border security and immigration comes a month after Bush signed a $32 billion homeland security bill for 2006 that contains large increases for border protection, including 1,900 additional Border Patrol agents.

Bush has been urging Congress to act on a guest worker program for more than a year. Under his plan, undocumented immigrants would be allowed to get three-year work visas. They could extend that for an additional three years, but would then have to return to their home countries for a year to apply for a new work permit.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., along with Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., has proposed providing legal immigrants in the United States visas for up to six years. After that, they must either leave the United States or be in the pipeline for a green card, which indicates lawful permanent residency.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Kyl support an alternative proposal that would require illegal immigrants to return to their home country to apply for a temporary worker program.

Protesters hold a banner on the Mexican side of the U.S. border which reads “Our struggle is a war against imperialism,” as a President Bush’s motorcade passed by across the Rio Grande River on Tuesday.

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Jennifer C. Kerr

WASHINGTON — Set-up, profanity-laced shows on cable and satellite TV should be for adults only, and providers must do more to shield children or could find themselves facing indecency fines, the nation's top communications regulator says.

"Parents need better and more tools to help them navigate the entertainment waters, particularly on cable and satellite TV," Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin Martin told Congress on Tuesday.

Martin suggested several options, including a "family-friendly" tier of channels that would offer shows suitable for kids, such as the programs shown on the Nickleodeon channel. He also said cable and satellite providers could consider letting consumers pay for a bundle of channels that they could choose themselves — an "a la carte" pricing system.

If providers don’t find a way to police unrated shows on television, Martin said, federal decency standards should be considered.

"You can always turn the television off and of course block the channels you don't want," he said, "but why should you have to?"

Martin spoke at an all-day forum on indecency before the Senate Commerce Committee. It included more than 20 entertainment industry, government and public interest leaders with differing views on whether broadcast networks, cable and satellite companies need more regulation.

Cable and satellite representatives defended their operations, and said they’ve been working to help educate parents on the tools the companies offer to block unwanted programming. They also said "a la carte" pricing would drive up costs for equipment, customer service and marketing — charges that would likely be passed to subscribers.

Others at the forum, such as the Christian Coalition, urged Congress to increase the fines against indecency on the airwaves from the current $32,500 maximum penalty per violation to $500,000.

Since the Janet Jackson "breast-exposure" at the Super Bowl nearly two years ago, indecency fines have turned up the pressure on Congress to do more to cleanse the airwaves. But efforts to hike fines have so far failed.

Even so, Committee Co-Chair Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, told the forum that lawmakers want to see the industry help protect children from indecent and violent programming.

"If you don't come up with an answer, we will," he said.

Congress is considering several bills that would boost fines.

Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said some critics have complained the bills don’t go far enough and that decency standards should be expanded to cover cable and satellite.

Currently, obscenity and indecency standards apply only to over-the-air broadcasters. Congress would need to give the FCC the authority to police cable and satellite programming.

Kyle McSlarrow, head of the National Cable & Telecommunications Association said the government doesn’t need to intervene, and that there’s more than enough self-regulation.

Some lawmakers also complained about the TV ratings system and said it was too confusing for parents. But broadcasters said they weren’t ready to give up on the V-chip and the ratings system it uses to help identify programs with sex, violence or crude language.

Jack Valenti, the former president of the Motion Picture Association of America, cautioned lawmakers not to let the industry come up with a solution. Otherwise, he said, "you begin to torment and torture the First Amendment."

Michelle Locke

YOUNTVILLE, Calif. — The next big thing for the wine industry could be small, screw-capped and shatterproof.

Single-serve plastic bottles are starting to show up on supermarket shelves in a bid to win over new customers by moving wine beyond posh white-tablecloth dinners to the informal ease of a picnic.

"If one of these green bottles should accidentally fall, no problem. "There's a more active lifestyle people are living, they'd like wine to be a part of it and it just was not convenient in the 750 milliliter typical wine glass bottle where you have to bring corkscrews, glasses, etc.," says Tom Slone, brand manager for Stone Cellars by Beringer, which has been selling four-packs of unbreakable, single-serve bottles since this summer.

The new, 187 milliliter (about six fluid ounces) bottles are part of a larger trend in the industry that includes boxed wine, cans and carbon-type packages.

"People, I think, are now into casual enjoyment of fine products," says Wilfred Wong, cellar master for Beverages & More, who sees the move toward unconventional containers starting with the success of premium boxed products such as Black Box Wines.

There isn’t much sales data available yet on the plastic bottles, but the category in general, which includes glass bottles already being offered on planes and in delis and supermarkets, has been doing well.

Sales of wine in 187 milliliter containers — mostly glass — totaled nearly $68 million for the 52 weeks ending Oct. 22, up about 22 percent from the year before, according to supermarket, drug and liquor store sales data from ACNielsen.

Overall, domestic wine sales were up about 9 percent to $39.9 billion, good news for the industry which has batted a grape glut in recent years.

The Stone Cellars mini bottles are made of a durable plastic designed to be tasteless and odorless. They look like regular bottles in miniature, right down to the little indentation on the bottom known as a "punt" and are filled with the same fruit-forward, award-winning varietals — chardonnay, pinot gris, merlot and cabernet sauvignon — that Stone Cellars puts in its full-sized glass bottles.

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"We didn't do anything trendy or quirky."

That won over people like David Joachim, grill master for the American Tailgaters Association, who likes not having to worry about broken glass but isn't ready to give up tradition completely.

"The wine bottle itself is so iconic that when you sell wine in some things else it ruins the experience for some reason," he says.

Another entrant in the unbreakable bottles market is Louisville, Kentucky-based Brown-Forman Corp., which is selling Fetzer Vineyards Valley Oaks merlot, chardonnay and white zinfandel in the mini bottles as well as Virgin Vines, a joint venture with British tycoon Richard Branson.

The Virgin Vines singles will also be served on Branson's Virgin Atlantic Airways, where the much-lighter plastic bottles carry a freight bonus.

Robert Smiley, a University of California, Davis, professor, who follows the wine industry says the general lightening up as an interesting direction for the industry that "has a lot to learn from the beer industry in terms of convenience."

But can small plastic bottles that open with a twist coexist with the glass act of $100-plus vintage wines?

No reason why not, says Smiley.

"You've got different people and they've got different preferences," he says.

"Convenience vs. tradition and high expectations vs. opening up a 187 milliliter when you're out on a picnic."

Cal Farm: Vintners say less is more in search for better bottle
THE best thing in the influence is that not love or respect. It doesn't involve making friends, influencing people, or rising above an insurmountable foe. The best thing is simple and easily attainable: a magical entity that will earn you all of the above, and will also trick you into believing you are smart.

This, of course, is sounding knowledgeable about art — and that, of course, is the ability to parrot certain words out of your utterly staring mouth. Nothing will spike your quasi-intellectual quota faster, or match your shoes better. Today, anything can be art, so it's best to be prepared with a crisp knowledge of art — and alizations. It's the next-best thing to influential artistic movements. It's the next-best thing to rearing up for the bright-lights-big- city "real world" nowadays, as a few people fail to realize — so well better get prepared.

For your future reference and mine, I've compiled a list of several influential artists, as well as some horrifying re排序izations. It's the next-best thing to actually knowing what school and "learning something" about art, and it doesn't require prolonged exposure to beets. Mazel tov!

Renaissance: If you want to talk about the naked Jesus, you must be immediately damned for eternity, this your bag. This 13th-century movement emphasized self and individualism. Raphael was in the forefront and painted religious representations in the Vatican. (This was several years before he created the Red Ninja Turtle and got a cool stabby mask.) Artists were all over this movement. Side note: Genuises were Italian, and Italian eat pasta, and pasta makes you fat, so generous ephaps. Suck on that, Artikins.

Illusionism: MTV for the 15th century. Artists tried to trick the viewers into believing fake things were real, incorporating 3D techniques on flat surfaces. Many ceilings were adorned with convincing clouds, roofs and nude cherubs. The artists (especially Andrea Mantegna and Raphael) were really, seriously good at it; they were surrounded with quadratura — fake scenes in which the buildings were they painted on. Illusionism is the movement to blame if you've ever walked through a wall — and like MTV, it never modified to flat chicks.

Modernism: This 19th-century attempt to portray the Middle East is primal and extremely furious, with harem and elegantly spouting blood in all directions. The buyers were all over this movement in France because it promoted imperialism and pushed to conquer these seemingly distant lands. "Our own Green England" was a star in the effort; he painted Blake orgiastic scenes in which the Oriental was managed to look white. (Snooky brute!) This movement went on to directly influence pop art, as well as George W. Bush.

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Five fun flicks for the holidays

Whether they're a part of your movie collection or not, these flicks are holiday staples that'll never get old.

Tonya Strickland

With three weeks off for winter break, students could go crazy with screaming little cousins and homemade sweaters or knitted gifts. Luckily these five holiday films can be found at the corner rental store or quite possibly on local programming during the wee hours of the morning when chocolate fudge sugar-highs are in full force.

**"Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer: Christmas Classics Collection"**

The cute nasally reindeer voice of Rudy, the jolly narrator, and Yukon Cornelius with his catchy melody "Silver and Gold" will keep you whistling until February. Let's not forget dorky little Mervyn and his love for dentistry and the island of misfit toys! 1964 was the best year ever for the sole reason of this movie's creation.

**"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"**

Oh, that Clark Griswold, such the hallmark of Christmas joys. The way he lights up the outside of his house like the sun, how he falls off his ladder again and again as it straight out of an "America's Funniest Home Videos," how he's constantly pestered by his crazy relatives armed with snotty-nosed children and most memorably, how he finds the family fur-ball as a tried shi-sha-cat are all the gift-wrapped bad luck moments that have the power to crack any bah-humbugger. And who doesn't want to elicit their holiday cheer with a good belly-laugh at the sight of a dim-witted suburbanite? Sure, there's "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34th St." but when Clark's goofy neighbor sees him trying to fit a mammoth-sized Christmas tree through his front door and asks, "Hey Griswold Where do you think you're gonna put a tree that big?" and Clark replies with, "Bend over and I'll show you," no amount of single-giving, warm-hearted cinematic competition can outshine this film.

**"Jack Frost"**

Oh wait, this film belongs on the "I-can't-believe-someone-actually-came-up-with-a-plot-this-stupid" top five list. Oh well. With a PG rating, one might wonder if this film could be classified under another category... maybe if a parallel to the R rating existed, not restricting some viewers on the ethic of offensive material such as sex and drugs but of offensively-mind-dumb­ing material such as dead fathers who come back to life AS SNOWMAN.

Michael Keaton stars as Jack Frost, a not-so-there father who keeps missing out on his son's life. Unfortunately, the dad dies. What's even more unfortunate is that a magic harmonica is involved. So the kid plays the little instrument and Jack comes back to life as a snowman —

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17. Wayne Brady, Eric Benet and Tiffany Evans host a slate of R&B stars performing holiday hits.

"A Home for the Holidays," 8 p.m. Dec. 21, CBS. George Lopez and Jamie Lee Curtis are among those featured in this annual effort to spotlight the issue of adoption. Performers include Sheryl Crow, Mary J. Blige and the Go-Go Dolls.

"Creature Comforts — Merry Christmas Everybody," 10:30 p.m. Dec. 23, BBC America. In short films from the makers of Wallace & Gromit, answers from Brits to pressing questions (how do hamsters handle indigestion?) come out of the mouths of animal characters.

"Walt Disney World Christmas Day Parade," 10 a.m. Dec. 25, ABC. Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa host the 22nd annual telecast of the resort's parade, with guests including Vanessa Williams, Julie Andrews, Tiger Woods, Fantasia and Hayden Christensen.

"Live from Lincoln Center," 8 p.m. Dec. 31, PBS. The New York Philharmonic presents its annual New Year's Eve gala, featuring a program of Italian opera with soprano Angela Gheorghiu.

"Tournament of Roses Parade." 11 a.m. Jan. 2, NBC. The 117th edition of the Pasadena parade includes performances by LeAnn Rimes, Toni Braxton and magician Lance Burton, along with the flower-bedecked floats, parade royalty and many horses.

"Auld Lang Syne"

"New Year's Eve with Carson Daly," 11:30 p.m. Dec. 31, NBC. Daly rings in 2005 from New York City's Times Square.


"New Year's Eve Live," 11 p.m. Dec. 31, Fox. Regis Philbin is the host for these Times Square festivities, including music, celebrities and a look back at the events of 2005.

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topped off with a hat and scarf. There's laughter, there's tears and then there's the movie's tagline: "Jack Frost is getting a second chance to be the world's coolest dad ... if he doesn't melt first."

"Groundhog Day"

Feb 2, a little out of season but with six more weeks of snow still on the ground, it's a holiday movie kinda. Plus, "I Got You Babe" by Sonny and Cher never sounded so good, even if it is played over and over.

For Phil Connors, however, it's enough to make him get downright loopy and act out funny scenarios.

Phil comedically relives the worst day of his life as watchers get to enjoy the sight of a down-on-his-luck jerk meeting karma smacking him in the face, just over 30 times in 101 minutes. Scenes of him pigishly ordering everything on the dessert menu, to customizing his personality to fit his lady friend's likes and dislikes from dates only he remembers, to becoming the town hero after numerous accounts of miraculously saving people from the small mishaps he fully anticipated occurring like a rehearsed plot: "Da doo da da doo da da doo doo, I got you babe ...."

"Home Alone"

Nothing rings in the Yuletide spirit quite like neglectful parenting. Rope, jumper cables, a paint can and a blow torch (you know, whatever was lying around the house) have never been so funny until they were used to horribly maim and injure two would-be robbers in this family favorite. Ah, the joys of laughing at others' pain.

With the slap of aftershave on his fair cheeks, Kevin McCallister's bash-face will linger in holiday movie memories for years to come.

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Insurgent video shows peace activists taken hostage in Iraq

Robert J. Reid

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Al-Jazeera broadcast an insurgent video Tuesday showing four peace activists taken hostage in Iraq, with a previously unknown group claiming responsibility for the kidnappings.

The Swords of Righteousness Brigade said the four were spies working undercover as Christian peace activists. Al-Jazeera said. The station said it could not verify any of the information on the tape.

The raid group Christian Peacemaker Teams has confirmed that four of its members were taken hostage Wednesday.

German TV broadcast photos Tuesday showing a blindfolded German woman being led away by armed captors in Iraq. Six Iranian pilgrims, meanwhile, were abducted by gunmen north of Baghdad.

The pictures of Susanne Osthoff were taken from a video in which her captors demanded that Germany stop any dealings with Iraq's government, according to Germany's ARD television.

Germany has ruled out sending German troops to Iraq and opposed the U.S.-led war.

Two U.S. soldiers assigned to Task Force Baghdad were killed when their patrol was hit by a roadside bomb in the capital, police Lt. Ali Hussein said. A U.S. Army medical helicopter helped evacuate the wounded, he added.

President Bush told reporters in El Paso, Texas, he would make decisions about U.S. troop levels in Iraq based on the advice of his military commanders.

"If they tell me the Iraqis are ready to take more and more responsibility and that we'll be able to bring some Americans home, I will do that," the president said. "It's their recommendation."

Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey, who manages the training of Iraqi security forces, told National Public Radio on Tuesday that 212,000 people in the police and army are trained and equipped, although he suggested that more needed to be done.

"Now you know they lack some capabilities that we still have to provide them and will continue to have to provide them for a period of time," Dempsey said. "They're short officers because we brought in some senior officers, and we grew some junior leaders but not enough. They require about 8,000 junior leaders and they're hovering just now about 4,500 or so."

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This is an image taken from an Arab Satellite TV channel of two of four peace activists taken hostage in Iraq and broadcast on Tuesday. The four were said to be spies working undercover as Christian peace activists, Al-Jazeera television news reported.

The British government and the Christian Peacemaker Teams have both said Kember, a 74-year-old Briton, was among the four activists taken hostage.

Christian Peacemaker Teams said it would not identify the other three for their protection.

A white-haired man shown in the passport photograph also was seen sitting on the floor next to three other men in the video, which had a date stamp indicating it was recorded Sunday.

The corner of the video showed two crossed black swords and the name of the insurgent group written in red Arabic script.

Christian Peacemaker Teams issued a statement saying the four were working on behalf of Iraqi civilians. The group said it has had a team in Iraq since October 2002, working with U.S. and Iraqi detainees and training others in nonviolent intervention and human rights documentation.

Kember and another person were part of a visiting delegation, while two members of the group's Iraq-based staff also were taken, the statement said.

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Bush says an early withdrawal from Iraq would be a 'terrible mistake' 

Robert Burns ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Tuesday that "it would be a terrible mistake" to pull U.S. forces out of Iraq and that politics should not play any part in a decision about withdrawal.

"We will make decisions about troop levels based upon the capability of the Iraqis to take the fight to the enemy," Bush said in El Paso, Texas. "I will make decisions on the level of troops based upon the recommendations of commanders on the ground."

The argument against withdrawal was echoed in Washington by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who said quitting the war would allow insurgents to prey on a disregard for safety rules or a human error.

Rescuers work to find missing Chinese miners after explosion kills 148

Joe McDonald ASSOCIATED PRESS

QITAIHE, China — Rescuers in northeastern China searched freezing temperatures Tuesday for three coal miners who were trapped after an explosion killed at least 148 others.

The blast in the Dongfeng Coal Mine late Sunday prompted national leaders to demand stricter enforcement of safety rules in China's mines.

On Tuesday, roads leading to the mine were blocked several miles away, with police officers and vehicles guarding.

Search efforts were still going on at random.

The chance of survival was low because of a high concentration of poisonous gas in the tunnel, Song Kaicheng, an engineer with the group that owns the mine, was quoted as saying by the official Xinhua News Agency.

Inside the mine compound, rescue workers wearing orange jump-suits and respirators could be seen making their way through the 10-degree temperatures to the mouth of the coal pit.

Seventy-two workers have been saved, state media said.

Xinhua said 148 were killed including two people who died in an above-ground generator room. The others were all underground.

A man who answered the telephone at the coal mine said that there had been a meeting with relatives Tuesday and that mine officials were arranging for counseling and compensation.

The man, who gave only his family name, Liu, refused to give any more details.

The official China News Service said relatives were to receive up to $25,000 in compensation.

The disaster is a setback for China's coal industry. Most accidents are blamed on a disregard for safety rules or a lack of equipment for ventilation or fire control. Local officials often are accused of helping mine owners or managers flout safety rules.

"This industry is too corrupt. Safety is no good," said Yuan Yongqing, a 57-year-old retired miner, whose younger brother, Yuan Yongcun, was killed in Sunday's explosion.

One man who gave only his family name, Li, said he was hoping for news about his son. Reporters trying to speak with dozens of relatives waiting outside were roughly escorted off the premises.

Beijing has unveiled one safety measure after another in recent years. It has announced the creation of a national network of safety inspectors, stricter fire standards and shorter working hours for miners to prevent fatigue.

Authorities say they have shut down more than 12,000 coal mines this year for safety inspections. Thousands have been ordered to improve their facilities, and many others aren't expected to reopen.

The government said the explosion in Qitaihe was blamed on airborne coal dust that ignited. There was no word on whether it was believed to involve misconduct or human error.
Global warming bringing vast changes, U. Arkansas profs warn

"Should it go above 6 parts per million, it's likely that the temperature will increase somewhere between 2 and 5 degrees Celsius," Stehle said. That is a 3.6 to 9 degree increase in Fahrenheit.

"All the indications say yes, it will continue to get warmer in the coming decades," Bost said. "If you increase the ability of the atmosphere to absorb radiant radiation from the earth, then there is no way around that.

The excess of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere adds to the natural greenhouse effect. Humanity is making this natural occurrence too much of a good thing. Year-to-year variation of seasons is not a good indicator of climate change. Bost said.

Instrast students look at temperature patterns of the past century to determine global temperature increase. Global temperature increase will change the patterns of human productivity. The projected climate change will affect our average temperatures and precipitation, and in turn the nation's agriculture, said Fiona Davidson, associate professor of geosciences and director of European studies.

"We are talking about a large shift in the agriculture," she said. "It may also require more irrigation. There are some places out west that are getting very, very dry.

North America is not the only climate changing. Europe is predicting more precipitation in the next 50 years. Scientists project global warming indicates that for every Cehgus degree the world increases, the agriculture in Iowa moves 50 miles north, Davidson said. U.S. wheat and corn belts have the potential to shift higher, into Canada. Sugar and other warm-weather crops are predicted to shift northward as well.

Society does have options, Stehle said. The conservation of fossil fuels is the most promising approach to limiting emissions. In addition, carbon dioxide is an air contaminant, so reducing the emissions will also improve public health and reduce acid rain.

According to the EPA, the United States will discuss global warming during the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, meeting for its 11th session Nov. 26 through Dec. 9 in Montreal, Canada.

The meeting will, among other things, reexamine the provisions of the Kyoto Protocol to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1997, and U.S. participation in reducing global

OPEN FORUMS ON THE IRA Referendum

Cal Poly students will be able to vote in a referendum February 22-23, 2006, on the proposal to increase the non-Athletics portion of the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) fee by $10 per quarter for all students.

The following open forums on this referendum have been scheduled:

Thursday January 26, 2006
University Union (Bldg. 65), Room 220
11:10 A.M.

Thursday, February 9, 2006
Fisher Science (Bldg. 33), Room 457
11:10 A.M.

Monday, February 13, 2006
University Union (Bldg. 65), Room 220
6:10 P.M.

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including that silly notion that you might want to watch the USC-UCLA game, which is conveniently taking place at the same time and in the Mustangs' first nationally-televised game.

That's right, you can watch this weekend's game on ESPN2, Yep, channel 36 for you San Luis Obispo cable user. (Channel 39 back in my hometown of Petaluma.) Cal Poly, on national television, is not that rare. Personally, I'm not going to be watching the game on TV. I have better things to do like traveling with the team to check out the game in person. Boys! So does Cal Poly stand a chance? If they can contain Barkley Neely, the Bobcats' quarterback, and get their offense rolling, the game is theirs. I'm not going to lie. Texas State looked impressive in its comeback win over Georgia Southern, putting up a 50 spot despite trailing by three scores at one point. But, if the Mustangs can keep Neely under control, they stand a chance at advancing to the semifinals.

The football team is a tremendous story even if they lose this weekend. I was one of the many who thought the team's season was doomed when starting quarterback Anthony Ganette suffered a torn meniscus and MCL in the Mustangs' first trip to Missoula. The team overcame adversity just to make the playoffs. Playing at Montana, in weather not even fit for a polar bear, and after a three-hour bus ride from Spokane to Missoula (their plane couldn't land in Missoula because of wind conditions), the Mustangs coming away with a win proves the team's toughness. Two stories, two different reasons to make them newsworthy. One reason to turn on ESPN2 at 1:05 this weekend, and that's the way it is.
FALL SPORTS RECAP

Cross Country

Men: 1st in Big West, Women: 6th in Big West

Even though the team didn’t quite meet expectations on a national level, they managed to again dominate the Big West and took home a conference championship. On the women’s side, sophomore Rachel Vallerie led the way throughout the season. The young team finished 23rd at regionals, despite having no seniors on the roster and with just three juniors, giving the team plenty of hope for the future.

And they’re still going...

Football

Matt Brennan, quarterback, and Fred Hives II, fullback, are helping put Cal Poly on the Div. I-AA football map. Defensively, Chris Gocogn should win the Buck Buchanan Award, given to the top defensive player in the nation, and has a chance to follow former teammate and 2004 Buck Buchanan winner Jordan Beck to the NFL. Gocogn leads the nation in sacks with 22.

Men’s Soccer

Overall: 6-14 Big West: 1-9

The team had its worst showing since joining the Big West and the results were probably what cost 26-year coach Wolfgang Garner his job. Garner finished with a career record of 223-221-55 as the Mustangs’ head coach.

Junior Keycey Carroll also had a big year for the Mustangs, scoring seven goals and recording two assists in 16 games. Senior Sierra Simmons finished her illustrious career at Cal Poly as a First Team All-Big West Conference selection for a third consecutive year. Day also received first-team honors.

SHEILA SOCHRA Top, Chris Gocong; left, James Noble

COACH NO MORE

Women’s Soccer

Overall: 10-5-4 Big West: 2-4-1

Sharon Day is the most talented athlete at Cal Poly, period. Day, a junior, was the NCAA national champion in the women’s high jump as a sophomore last year, and doubles as the leading offensive threat on the women’s soccer team. She finished the season with seven goals and six assists, both team-highs.

SHEILA SOCHRA and KHEL CARBEAU KHEL CARBEAU

Left, Sharon Day; below, Sierra Simmons

Volleyball

Overall: 19-6 Big West: 10-4

There were two stories that dominated the coverage this quarter: football making the playoffs and the volleyball team’s turnaround. First-year coach Jon Stevenson deserves much credit and should be heralded as the savior of the program. Fans should expect much more from the program in years to come, as the program is on the brink of becoming a perennial Big West contender.

While Stevenson took care of business off the court, Vanessa Gilliam did her part on the court. The senior outside hitter was one of the top offensive threats in the conference, finishing third in the Big West in kills. Gilliam received First Team All-Big West for her performance this season.

Freshman outside hitter Kyle Atherton and sophomore setter Chelsea Hayes also received first team honors.

SHEILA SOCHRA Far right, Vanessa Gilliam; right, Chelsea Hayes; left, Kyle Atherton