**Congress pushes financial aid reform**

Stephanie Nehmeris  
**The Daily Nexus**  
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SAN DIEGO — Bad grades and plagiarism may get students kicked out of college, but past drug convictions may not hinder their eligibility for enrollment or financial aid.

As of Wednesday, Congress proposed to revise the Higher Education Act Drug Provision.

The provision stipulates that if a student has a previous or current drug conviction on his or her record, he or she cannot receive financial aid or the aid will be suspended or revoked depending on the situation.

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**Police go door-to-door to promote a safe Mardi Gras**

Nick Coury  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

The San Luis Obispo Police Department (SLOPD) joined forces with the Cal Poly and Ciufias campus police departments on Tuesday, Feb. 7 to promote their "Party is Still Over" campaign for Mardi Gras.

The three police agencies met at the SLOPD office on Walnut Street for a briefing that concerned handing out door-hangers to student neighborhoods near Cal Poly, including Mustang Village and Cedar Creek, two weeks prior to Mardi Gras.

"Our efforts (with the door-hanger campaign) were really effective last year," said San Luis Obispo Police Chief Deborah Linden in a press conference Tuesday. "We don't want anything to be a surprise to students" that weekend concerning police activity.

Linden said that their current efforts have two purposes for Mardi Gras. They want to prevent information to residents in the area near the conference before sending officers to deliver the message.

"That really worked last year. This is an outreach, so going to the people that live in the most affected area where the riot was in 2004 and go to them and simply asking them for their help to prevent any further violence on Mardi Gras weekend," Linden said.

She added that there are still some hard feelings out there, but the police are reaching out to the community. Today, the three police departments will hand out flyers to student residences near Foothill Boulevard and California Avenue.

"We want you (officers) to leave them with information, feeling free to answer any questions and having that conversation with the students and community members that 'The Party is Still Over,'" Tuesday in Mustang Village.

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**Blood Drive**

The Tri County Blood Bank buses pulled into Cal Poly Tuesday in an attempt to draw students to donate blood. Michael Koopmans, a mechanical engineering sophomore, gives blood several times a year and donated this time to show his support for the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC). The council, which works with the health services to ensure that the Cal Poly provides students with the best possible health care, is an ASI organization run entirely by the students of Cal Poly. SHAC meets every Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the health center.

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**South African wins Mavericks surf contest**

Ron Harris  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — A South African who scored perfect 10s navigating near 40-foot waves won the Mavericks surf contest on Tuesday, besting California riders in an event many refer to as "the Super Bowl of surfing."

Grant "Twiggy" Baker, 32, of Durban, South Africa, entered the contest as a special add on. Online voters decided that he deserved a crack at the big waves — and he responded by scoring a perfect 10 on two rides in front of thousands of onlookers.

"I never thought this was possible," Baker said after winning $50,000 and a trophy. "For someone from South Africa, this is an impossible dream."

Baker's first perfect score from the judges and a 9.6 from the online voters put him over the top. The two categories are worth 90 percent of the total score, with the remaining 10 percent based on the judges' score of the heat.

"I'm in awe" Baker said after winning, "I never thought this was possible."

To celebrate his win, Baker will visit South Africa and Australia, where he will surf and give clinics.

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is finally helping some students who have been harmed by the pol­
icy.

Not all students feel the same compassion for colleagues with drug convictions as the SSDP.

"I think if you are willing to act that illegally, you sort of waive the right to any government benefits," political science and linguistics junior Garrett Heckman said. "Including financial aid.

"Any drug you take is killing brain cells; it may not make you

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If a student is convicted of pos-
session of a controlled substance once, his or her aid is suspended for one year; two convictions means a suspension of two years and three results in indefinite suspension. If the student is convicted of selling a controlled substance once, his or her aid is suspended for two years, and on the second offense, the aid is indefinitely suspended.

On Feb. 1, Congress rewrote the provision. If President Bush signs it, it will allow students with previous drug offenses to receive aid. However, those students who are convicted while enrolled in college and are consequently receiving aid will still lose their eligibility.

Chris Collins, associate director of the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships said that it is unclear when the revision would be imple-
mented.

According to the Students for Sensible Drug Policy press release, the HEA Drug Provision has affect­ed about 175,000 students to date. "In the 04-05 academic year, four SDSU aid applicants were determined to be ineligible due to drug convictions," Collins said.

Since 1998, SSDP and the 250 organizations, including schools and addiction recovery centers that sup­port them, have been working hard to convince Congress to revoke the drug provisions all together.

Kris Krame, executive director of SSDP said that, after years, Congress

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one-on-one contact," Linden said.

"Some students were willing to cooperate with the police depart­ments in order to keep Mardi Gras weekend safe for all.

"SLOPD always keeps it in con­trol," said Josh Olson, a Cuesta stu­dent. "Everyone works together then there shouldn't be a problem."

Other students believed that despite authorities' efforts, it may not be enough.

"I think it's cool," said Dana Stringer, a political science freshman and Mustang Village resident. "I'm not sure how well it (police efforts) will work, because people will still party."

Linden said she is happy with the efforts of SLOPD last year and their efforts to work with residents this year.

"It really feels like the community is pulling together very well," Linden said. "We've gotten great cooperation with local businesses and both student and community groups."

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wave after wave. The locals simply couldn't keep up on this day.

"On the final I kind of took off too deep, but I managed to skate along, just kind of turn a bit before I had to hit the bottom," Baker said.

Baker remained impressed at the power of Mavericks on this sunny day with cloudless skies.

"It's a powerful wave. It's a crazy wave," he said.

"Riders at Mavericks must brave a two-story drop onto the face of the world's most feared breaks and ride away unscathed. Mavericks is located a half-mile off the coast of Half Moon Bay, about 20 miles south of San Francisco."

Jeff Clark discovered the quirky and powerful surf break in 1975 and rode it alone for 15 years before convincing others to join him.

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Mavericks became many locals practice surfing the rough and cold waves year-

second place and $10,000, while Brock Little won $5,000 for third place.

Little, a California-born surfer now living in Hawaii, was in serious contention throughout the day. In the first semifinal he carved his way down an extremely steep wave face, and finally shot clear of the powerful wind and whitewater that can come back to bite a surfer who lingers too long near the base of the wave without moving to the side.

Three-time Mavericks winner Davey "Flax" Yostakos and defending champion Anthony Tashnick, both from near Santa Cruz, were eliminated in the first round.

Out-of-town surfers are often viewed as long shots at Mavericks because many locals practice surfing the rough and cold waves year-

round.

Tyler Smith of Santa Cruz won
The Face of Cal Poly

State

FOLSOM (AP) — State prison officials are investigating the possible homicide of a 44-year-old inmate who was serving a life sentence for murder.

The inmate was found early Saturday at California State Prison, Sacramento and was pronounced dead that night at an area hospital. Prison officials said they needed to notify next of kin before releasing his name.

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — A day care operator facing charges of keeping her malnourished children locked up in cage-like conditions was ordered Monday to have no contact with her adopted children — ages 6, 9, 12 and 13 — and not to leave Santa Barbara County.

PALM DESERT (AP) — The executive board of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments approved a $1.1 billion plan to map development while preserving desert wildlife habitat.

The Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, in the works for a decade, appeared to be headed for another delay Monday night when Riverside County supervisors Ray Wilson and Marion Ashley pushed for immediate passage.

Name: Corie Stranzl • Year: sophomore • Hometown: Petaluma • Major: Environmental Horticultural Science

Freshman cartoons:

Breath: That's the stuff.

Wise: I won't be a day without you.

Wordly: The reason there are so few female politicians is that it is too much trouble to put makeup on two faces.

— Maureen Murphy

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Bomb-screening starts at New Jersey train station

Matthew Verrinder
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Commuters heading to work in Manhattan walked through metal detectors Tuesday at a busy train station and fed their bags into X-ray machines at the start of a test of an airport-style security screening program.

The $1 million test program was being run on PATH trains, which take passengers between New Jersey and New York City using tunnels under the Hudson River.

It is a response to the train bombings in Madrid and London.

The test at the Exchange Place station was designed to see how well the technology works for large numbers of daily rail travelers.

The equipment was designed so keys, loose change and cell phones would not set off alarms.

The scanners are intended to detect large quantities of metal, as in the explosives vests used by suicide bombers in the Middle East.

If the test is considered successful, similar equipment could be used on the rest of the Port Authority Trans-Hudson train system and on other mass transit systems around the country, authorities said.

Wildfire burns over 1,200 acres near Southern California suburbs

Gillian Flaccus
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANAHEIM — A wildfire fanned by Santa Ana winds are through at least 1,200 acres of wilderness near the outskirts of suburban Orange County suburbs Monday, triggering evacuations of 1,500 homes through the day.

Fire crews and equipment stood guard in neighborhoods of Anaheim Hills and the city of Orange as other firefighters and aircraft battled the flames burning to the east in the adjacent Cleveland National Forest.

The blaze was estimated at between 1,200 acres and 1,500 acres, with 450 firefighters on the lines, Miller said. He said a problem with mapping equipment prevented establishing a firm size. By nightfall there had been no reports of any homes damaged.

Some residents were urged to voluntarily evacuate; others were told they had to get out immediately.

"The ash was coming down like snow. I had all the windows and door shut because it was just overwhelming," said Katie Scott, who was ordered by a firefighter to evacuate her Mayberry Ranch home about 11 a.m. She got out with two dogs but had to leave behind a cat and two pet guinea pigs.

Extricating residents supposed to remain in place early Tuesday, but in the Serrano Heights area of Orange county residents were allowed to return later. Resident Gary Treguboff said his only concern was the wind.

"The Santa Ana blew right through here and they're supposed to blow for another couple of days. That's the scary part. They can really get going," he said.

The blaze, dubbed the Sierra fire for a local peak, erupted about 4:30 a.m. in the national forest as the gusty Santa Ana brought with it winds up to 60 mph and dry conditions to Southern California. Temperatures hit the 80s in places.

Flames moved southwestward on rugged land east of the suburbs and the State Route 241 tollway, which firefighters hoped would act as a firebreak. Spot fires occurred beyond the tollway, but were kept small.

"We don't want it to get across there. If it does it's within a half a mile of homes," said Miller.

Firefighters at one point took advantage of favorable winds to light a backfire along the east flank of the closed tollway, tossing flares and firing flare guns into the brush. Goats swiped ash and debris through the air. Goats hit up to 60 mph in the day, with sustained winds of about 30 mph, but moderated to about half that speed in the afternoon, Miller said.

"There's areas that are just not safe for firefighters to go in, areas that are dangerous even on a good day," Miller said.

The fire was so active that investigatotrs couldn't enter the area where it began to try to determine the cause, he said.
Make me a Woody

This weekend, immediately after a matinee of "Brokeback Mountain," three friends and I pushed through the crowds at Urban Outfitters and checked out the new merchandize. Well, some of us did: my pal Robb surveyed the men's T-shirts with a pronounced scowl and I swatted listlessly at skirts and tried, ineffectively, to stop weeping. (Darren, Heath Ledger?) Robb and I, we are not the American Dream. So, aside from Karl Marx, I may be the first person to actually sob in a retail store. I blame it on the over-capitalization of the alternative image, which is easier than admitting I'm just a blue-state bleeding heart with overtly tear ducts. "Brokeback" lingers still, and not because of the completely ridiculous/ubiquitous media blitz about the main characters' homosexuality, which actually misses the point of the movie. No, this is an obvious reaction, but I'm caught on just the unfairness of their situation—the stigma against them, their lives forced apart. Christ, it's hard enough to find love, and unwise young people usually feel—do you possibly stand in and demand authority over that? But the one is a pleasure for Jack and Ennis' society so much as their own hesitations, and that's the truly tragic part. Poor gays— and poor everyone who misses out on adventure because of their fear. And if you have endless paths and options, right? We don't all do it and feel fine? Love is frickin' unfair.

This was my attitude on Saturday, which was generally insufferable for all involved. (Try going to the bars with that chip on your shoulder.) By Sunday afternoon, though, my head pulled out from under the sand. I'd replaced my black consciousness with one that said the world was still rocky.

So now, as a special Valentine's Day public service announcement from the Art Beat (unless you want some homemade meat, then we'll talk further), I'll tell you the only Capril you'll need this year: Woody Allen. Forget the Shins— Woody Allen will totally change your life. Or rather, he will explain what's already happening and building in that microcosm. As someone who'd never seen the neurotic, New York City native before, I'd always assumed them to be dry, overly analytical and generally equivalent to all those popular, prickly Allen impressions. And that theory may still stand, but sitting down to watch "Annie Hall" (released 1977)

was a profound experience. It was like hearing Revolver for the first time; something so amazing becomes your own golden secret, to be spread immediately. Do people know about this Woody guy?

What he was saying in the '70s still rings today, probably because his influence can be seen in much of our resulting entertainment. The "Sex and the City" heroines seem now to be just Woody Allen with menstrual cycles; his funny and bitter sweet glances into metropolitan lives go beyond the glamour and expose the insanity of trying to find romance when you're slightly scared of yourself. And like lovers, the perspective changes, "Manhattan" (1979) which admits to loving a city "I romanticized all out of proportion," has a dryly offbeat look at that dilemma, plus a supporting cast of freakish high-society conversations (sample line: "I finally had an orgasm, and my doctor told me it was the wrong kind."). Conversely, "Annie Hall" spills over with rapid, witty one-liners and double entendres—plus cartoonish subtitles and a schizo Charles Walkers to boot.

Allen has faced his career in many directions since those flicks— he's done mockumentaries ("Take the Money and Run"), the surreal fantasy ("The Purple Rose of Cairo," 1985). But from my limited viewing experience of his most popular films, the best thing about his career is not so much its honesty as his creative voice is the hope it shares and, not just to rebuff unattractive personality, though he's strong proof for the overwhelming aphrodisiac of personality. The man doesn't have all the answers, or apparently many of them, but his enduring analysis gives promise to the idea that we'll solve our own equations someday. To our generation, Woody has become akin to Michael Jackson, a man now outside his heyday, more famous for fabulous schlock than artistic offerings. (Though Allen's Asian girls in their 20's, maybe should jump on that.) Those nitty gritty stories always prevented me from watching his movies, but that, too, misses the point: his sincerity is rare, unswerving, wonderful.

This Hallmark Holiday, I'm finally finding lasting love. I hope you will, too— pick up a Woody Allen movie and enjoy the bright lights, big heart of a not-so-hidden meaning. Because, lover, we'll always have Manhattan.

Stacy Anderson

Sherwood sings and 'keep going'

Sherwood will be headlining a show at Downtown Brew today at 8 p.m. with bands Waking Ashland, Quietdrive and Discover America.

Nick Coury

Marston Daily

"A lot of people don't even know we are from San Luis Obispo (SLO), and I think that people in SLO don't even know we exist," said Nate Henry, singer and bassist of the indie-pop rock band Sherwood.

Downtown Brew will be hosting the first stop of Sherwood's national co-headlining tour with friends Waking Ashland today.

In May 2005, Sherwood released a 12-song LP entitled "Sing, but Keep Going," on SideCho Records. Recently, the Mustang Daily sat down with Henry and talked about Sherwood's music, the current tour and playing in SLO.

Mustang Daily (MD): What is the band looking forward to on the upcoming tour?

Nate Henry (NH): We can't wait to play in SLO; we want people to give us an honest listen," said Matt Kerby, rhythm guitar and backing vocals of Quietdrive. "College crowds are always cool and open to new music."

Sherwood and Waking Ashland will be playing with Quietdrive and Discover America today at 8 p.m. at Downtown Brew. Tickets are available through Boo Boo Records or www.ticketsweb.com.

Sherwood sings and 'keep going'
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Murderers are not the only ones who get the death penalty
Mr. Cambridge.

In your letter that took to task Mr. Ingram for "a lack of depth of scholarly inquiry," I don't think you're looking at all the good that Mr. Ingram does. He's a good writer, he's a good teacher, and he's a good person. He's not the only one who gets the death penalty.

Save us all!

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"I don't really like cash."

OPINION/EDITORIAL

Let's all work for change

Everything in life involves political, not in the normal sense of the word, but in a common and largely understood politics. Most people see politics as "business as usual" where money holds more weight than votes and campaign season just means fake promises, smear tactics and character assassinations. I'm not claiming these things don't occur, clearly they do, but there is a larger and more important role for politics in our daily lives.

Politics are just people, priorities and decisions. It's as just as political for your parents to say no, because they said so, as it is for the president to make decisions, because he can. And just as strange to assert power and influence over people to change to or maintain the status quo. Half the battle is realizing this, the other half is putting it into action.

Everything thinks about changing the world, but no one thinks of changing themselves. As Thomas said centuries ago. Everyone has an opinion that they believe is better than the next person's, but very few people are willing to take the time to do anything but complain. Even fewer ever consider their own ability to have an impact on the situation.

Today, I ask you to consider this: The only way to change things is to do it yourself! Endless complaining just creates a passive sense of helplessness. You have two clear options to assert yourself and break the cycle: either you can work to change something around you or you can change internally and adjust to the way things are.

Some people choose to ignore things altogether, claiming that they don't have an impact on their life, but ignorance isn't always as blissful as they say. In reality, we're all affected by everything around us and when we're not standing up for what we believe, someone else is claiming to stand up on our behalf, whether or not we actually support what they're advocating.

Silence is complicity in a representative democracy. The only people who really make a difference are the ones that come up, the ones who vote, the ones who care and let others know that they care.

Here are a few tips for people looking to make a real difference, not just to build a resume:

- Always look for more opportunities to get involved and make a difference.
- Spend your free time working on the things you care about most.
- Search for ways that you can adjust your own strategies to be more effective.
- Create ways to integrate the principles you're advocating into your own life.

- Don't be afraid to choose between issues you're going to focus on and which ones you'll leave to everyone else.

If you need help getting started, or want to meet handhuck of students who are already making it happen, register for the Change the State QnO Conference this weekend. It's only $5 for an incredible educational and training experience.

The bottom line is that we've got to be willing to work for change, in the most literal sense. Armchair activists, intellectual critics and politicians alone will never produce any real change. We need people on the ground, in the trenches, working to improve our world.

These are the individuals that make a difference around the world, every day. Will you for change?

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guest commentaries

The WORD on the SCREEN

an online column exclusive

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between Brandon Lee Hinkle and Jeff Monson, a short yet ripped-out-of-his-mind fighter. This match was mostly boring, but eventually Monson wrapped his massive arms around Hinkle's neck and when Hinkle woke up he was bewildered. The look in his eyes was priceless as he came to with trainers and coaches encircling him; he had no idea what had happened.
But nothing compared to the featured fight, Liddell vs. Couture Round III. It had all the telltale signs of a historical sporting event. For those of you unaware, Couture defeated Liddell on June 6, 2003 only to lose his light heavyweight title to "The Iceman" two years later. That gave Saturday's night precedence and reality, two key elements to a timeless sports classic.
Next comes the old school/new school element. Couture, 42, was one of the greatest fighters in the history of UFC. He is the only fighter to possess both the light heavyweight and the heavyweight titles at the same time.
Liddell, 36, is hardly a new kid on the block. However, Saturday's fight was a career-defining fight of the grand, an official end to the " Couture Era."
Precedence, reality, the old vs. the new, the result of course, was the pinnacle of UFC competition, a fight for the light heavyweight belt.
Although the UFC is not one of the sports we view as a "great sports competition" in that it's not a traditionally American sport, Saturday's fight had all the credentials of a great sporting event.
Savage as the sport may appear, the athletes competing are hardly savages themselves. One of the fighters on Saturday was an NCAA wrestling champion. Many were advanced ju-jitsu martial artists. These guys aren't street-fighters intent on destroying each other. They are methodical and skilled combatants. I'm not about to jump into the ring for a UFC fighter myself, nor would I want any of my relatives or future children to join the UFC ranks. But I do have a newfound respect for UFC fighters.
Liddell won the fight, by the way. He broke Couture's jaw in the first round. In the next round Couture, broken nose and all, slipped and Liddell took advantage, planting a firm right hand to Couture's face. Liddell jumped on top of a fallen Couture and the deed was done. Brutal yet highly entertaining and part of the sport.
**Sprouts**

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**CAL POLY BASEBALL VS. THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, 6 P.M. @ BAGGERT STADIUM**

**Athlete graduation rates above par**

A national study shows that athletes are graduating at a higher rate than that of the general student population.

Jihae Min, \( \text{Senior Associate Athletics Director} \)

AUSTIN, Texas — The national graduation rate of student athletes is 2 percent higher than the 60 percent rate of general students, despite the challenges involved in succeeding both academically and athletically, according to the 2005 annual graduation rate report of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

At the University of Texas, 61 percent of student athletes graduated within six years, while another 87 percent graduated after exhausting their four-to-six years of athletic eligibility, according to the report. Amongst students not involved in varsity athletics, 74 percent graduated within six years.

The students included in the NCAA report entered universities during the 1998-1999 academic year and completed their degree within six years. Only athletes on college scholarships were included in the report.

“The regular students and professors may not understand how much student-athletes are doing and how rigid their schedule is,” said Randy Ryan, senior associate athletics director for Intercollegiate Athletics.

Most UT swim team members attend a two-hour swim practice before attending class. They have another two hours of weight lifting and two hours of swimming after school, Ryan said. They then attend two hours of study hall, ending at 9 p.m. In addition, they go to swim competitions on Friday afternoons during swimming season.

“The closest way to look at student-athletes is like having a full-time job and going to school,” said Tyler O’Halloran, a journalism junior and member of UT’s swim team. “It’s pretty challenging.”

He said many professors have been helpful and understanding of his double role as a student and an athlete, but he has never received special treatment, except for taking exams or turning in papers early before he travels to swim competitions.

“We have to study as hard as average students do,” O’Halloran said.

Student-athletes carry a special type of burden, as they have to be alert mentally in the classroom and physically in the field, said associate journalism professor Gene Band.

“I am very proud of our student-athletes,” Ryan said.

As a part of supporting student-athletes’ balanced growth in academics and athletics, various services are available to them through the UT Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, including tutoring programs and financial aid, Ryan said.

Student-athletes are beneficial for fundraising, general support from the public and community pride, said Kent Darrett, associate director of public and media relations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

They have contributed to building a sense of community and a positive school reputation at such a big university like UT, Band said.

Darrett said student-athletes have been on campuses nationwide for longer than a century and are now a component of college life that increases the quality of the college experience for other students.

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**WELCOME TO THE TOP 25**

Cal Poly, which ranked as high as No. 19 in the national polls a year ago, is No. 25 in the Baseball America poll and No. 29 in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll after the first full weekend of regular-season play.

Cal Poly, which received votes in all four preseason polls, swept then-No. 21-ranked Fresno State on Jan. 27-29 in Baggett Stadium and won two of three games against San Jose State last weekend in San Jose for a 5-1 mark.

Texas ranked No. 1 in all four preseason polls, was swept by the University of San Diego last weekend at Cunningham Stadium. Florida moved to the No. 1 spot in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper and National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association polls while Clemson is No. 1 in the Baseball America poll. Neither Florida nor Clemson has yet to play a game this season. Cal State Fullerton dropped out of the Top 10 after being swept by Stanford last weekend.

Oregon State, which Cal Poly will face in late April in Corvallis, is ranked No. 2 in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll this week, No. 3 by the NCPRBA and No. 6 by Baseball America. – Sport Information Report

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**NFL HALL OF FAME INDUCTS CAL POLY ALUMUS**

R onald pro football coach and current “Monday Night Football” and television sports commentator John Madden was named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame Feb. 4. Madden coached the Oakland Raiders for 10 straight seasons beginning in 1969, turning the team into perennial winners and, in 1976, Superbowl Champions. Madden earned both his bachelor’s (PE ’59) and master’s degree (MA. — ED & PE ’61) at Cal Poly, and played for the Mustangs, football and baseball, in 1957 and 1958. Madden was hired as head coach of the Oakland Raiders at age 32. – Mustang Daily Staff Report

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**Frankly Speaking**

F rings of fury rained down on Las Vegas as Randy “The Natural” Couture felt the wrath of Chuck “The Iceman” Liddell. Pure poetry.

Okay, so Saturday night’s Ultimate Fighting Championship bout between Couture and Liddell is hardly symbolic of the intrinsic beauty that is poetry. However, it was a thrilling six-and-one-half minutes of savage brutality.

Saturday night was the first time I had ever seen a UFC fight. I had seen highlights, commercials promoting the events and photos of mangled faces with blood spewing from gaping wounds, but never a full match.

The fight on Saturday fulfilled my expectations of the sport.

The first fight I watched was short and sweet. Justin Eilers got knocked out by a vicious kick by Brandon Vera. Eilers staggered and fell to the mat. On his way down, Vera gave Eilers’ knee to the jaw and, for good measure, gave a quick punch to the side of Eilers’ head.

As my friends and I shouted and cheered, Eilers lay motionless on the mat. Man, did he get rocked.

Then there was the match see Frankly, page 7

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