Students design garden in tribute to local firefighter

Liz Soteros-McNamara

Landscape architecture students presented designs for a healing garden at French Hospital Wednesday.

THE LA 252, fundamentals of site planning and design, class worked on the project individually, with each student providing their own perspective on the design. The healing garden will be constructed in honor of local firefighter Greg Otto, who served San Luis Obispo for 20 years. Otto lost his battle with pancreatic cancer in March 2005. “It’s a great honor to get to do this for someone who touched so many people,” said Ryan Crockett, a landscape architecture sophomore.

Each student was encouraged to be creative and incorporate elements of traditional healing gardens as a memorial to Otto. “It’s interesting as a class to see how much creativity came from the group,” said Jennifer Webster, a landscape architecture sophomore. “You almost have everyone’s brains on the (display) board.”

The project began last October when the hospital began a fundraising campaign for the garden. Christy O’Hara, a Cal Poly landscape architecture professor, learned of the project from the CEO of French Hospital. O’Hara and fellow professor Aurdie Reeves were able to incorporate the project into their sophomores-level class.

“The project is really amazing to get to do as a second-year student,” said Jon Fruscheti, a landscape architecture sophomore. “The skills that we will use will get to use for the rest of our lives.”

Students presented the design in front of French Hospital officials and the family of Otto. His widow, Katharine Otto, offered her thanks to the group of students.

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CSU chancellor optimistic on future budget, diversity plans

Justin Fivella

CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed was positive about the current state of the CSU system in a teleconference Wednesday. Reed discussed the current system-wide ban on alcohol, the CSU’s future plans to promote diversity and said he anticipated that the governor’s proposed buy-out of the fee increase would be supported by the assembly.

Reed started by commending the governor’s decision to re-compensate the 8 percent fee increase proposed next year, calling the buy-out a “Christmas present to all students.” He said if passed, the $54 million allocated in the budget would save each CSU student $204 next year.

“All in all I am very optimistic about the budget. I anticipate both the assembly and the Senate budget will be very similar to the governor’s recommendations,” Reed said.

CSU chancellor

I feel really good about the direction the CSU system is going, the momentum we have and the support we have from the legislature, the governor and the national support in Washington.

—Charles B. Reed

enrollment and hopes the absence of a fee increase will further promote their plans.

I feel the influence of the budget on the CSU students will be reflected in our guarantee to admit another 10,000 students, both freshmen and transfers next year,” Reed said.

“The budget provides economic relief for struggling students and the $204 saved next year will not only attract more students, but keep more as well too.”

Expanding on the budget allotment, Reed said that more money would be put toward math and science education and that come March, further funding will be allocated for nursing programs and CSU master’s programs.

In search of a more diversified CSU system, Reed pledged his effort to help underserved students by signing a contract by signing a contract and creating a partnership with PQA, a parenting institute for quality education.

Though focusing on the Latino community, the program isn’t exclusive, Reed said.

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American countries, a lecture series and student-studies clubs.

“We really need to learn about this place, not just because it’s interesting but also because it’s important,” Keese said.

Keese and Arcuenea said they feel that a knowledge of the Latin American region is growing in importance for careers in education, healthcare, social services, agriculture, law enforcement, business and tourism.

“The program will give students experience as well as curricular recognition,”

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American studies

launches spring quarter

Jennifer Hall

Two Cal Poly professors have created a new interdisciplinary Latin American studies program to support educational activities related to Latin America that is set to begin sponsoring events next quarter.

The program, developed by James Keese, a geography professor, and Craig Arcuenea, a political science professor, will include a new Latin American studies minor, a proposed study abroad opportunity in South America, internships in Latin American studies program, with plans for new study abroad opportunities.

Jennifer Hall

—Charles B. Reed

Cal Poly professors James Keese and Craig Arcuenea are developing a new Latin American studies program, with plans for new study abroad opportunities.
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"There are a few times in your life
when your breath is taken away," Otto said. "The first time for me was
when I met Greg. The second time
was when we were told the cancer
was terminal. You students are provid­
ing a place for me to learn to breathe
again."
French Hospital expects the com­
pleted construction to cost approxi­
ately $50,(K M ). Fund-raising events
will continue until hinds are met.
Ground breaking on the garden
could begin in March 2006, near the
one-year anniversary of Otto's death.

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"By working with the institu­
tion and adopting 125 to 130 ele­
mentary schools in California, we
want to identify with parents that
will participate in a nine-week educa­
tion training program that will focus on how parents can
manage their children to be suc­
cessful and how to go to college," Reed
said.

The program was developed to
close gaps in education parents on proper study­
ning habits at home and to inform
them about the correct courses
students should take in prepara­
tion for college, such as algebra, science and foreign languages.

"I'm excited about that (the
PQ program). I think it's some­
thing that we need to do to help
students from underserved com­
unities and we're going to do it
as a pilot, and if it's successful I am
sure we can expand the efforts," Reed said.

The recent campus-wide alco­
hol ban was briefly brought to
force behind the ban of alcohol at
all CSU sporting events.

In addition to the alcohol ban
at sporting events Reed explained
that as the contracts for alcohol­
related advertisements lapse, they
will be replaced with other un­
alcoholic beverages types such as
water, Pepsi or Coke.

When asked if the ban on alco­
hol would have adverse effects on
 commuter campuses by promot­
ing drinking and driving because
of the lack of alcohol on campus,
the chancellor reiterated his con­
cern for student safety and said he
felt there were other viable options available to students who
need a ride.

After fielding questions from
CSU reporters from many cam­
puses, Reed once again empha­
sized his concern with the
current state and future plans of
the CSU system.

"I feel really good about the
direction the CSU system is
going, the momentum we have
and the support we have from the
legislation, the governor and the
academic institutions," Keese said.

The money will be used for
opportunities, travel, speakers and
other programs.

Teresa Tovarones, an electoral
observer for the European Union
from the University of San Carlos
in Peru, will be the sponsored
speaker during the first week of
spring quarter. Keese and Arceneaux said they are hoping the
event will create more support and
involvement in the program.

"We want to build bridges
throughout the university and out­
reach to the community," Arceneaux said.

Both professors are well
acquainted with the Latin
American region. Keese spent
three years in 13 different Latin
American countries and has con­
ducted research in Ecuador and the
Andes, while Arceneaux has writ­
ten two books about the area
focusing on the Southern Cone and
Brazil.

Both have taken students to
Mexico and taught there with the
Mexico study abroad program
offered through Cal Poly.

"We are both really passionate
about it," Keese said. "We think it's
a great laboratory for learning about
different cultures."

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**WHO SAID THAT?**

We can be sure that the greatest hope for maintaining equilibrium in the face of any situation rests within ourselves.
— Francis J. Braceland

I used to believe that marriage would diminish me, reduce my options. That you had to be someone less to live with someone else when, of course, you have to be someone more.
— Candice Bergen (1946 - )

**Wordly Wise**

**Milieu:** Environment; setting.

**Convivial:** Relating to feasting, drinking, and good company; festive.

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There were less than a quarter encircled.
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and no injuries were reported.

Infuriating to see something different," said Daught, 29. "No one's coming to me now
farmers trying to stay afloat, just as
farmers trying to stay afloat, just as
many in the industry hope the
effect on organic will eventual­
barsen six-acre plot will soon hold

"People come to us looking for
farmers trying to stay afloat, just as
farmers trying to stay afloat, just as
Many in the industry hope the
"There's going to be a learning
the whole Malibu area has had
a spokesman for the Orange County

Firefighter race clock and weather to control two SoCal fires

JACOB ADELHAMANN

SANTA ANA firefighter Ron Lara shoots water on a fire burning in the
median of a toll road as a brushfire near Anaheim on Monday.

A few hours later, Firefighter had
doused the main flames and were
concentrating on smaller hot spots.

"With these types of winds, there's always a possibility of embers being
picked up and dropped somewhere," fire inspector Sam Padilla said.
Nearly 200 Firefighter were bat­
ting the blaze, aided by six water­
dropping county and Los Angeles city
helicopters. Bulldozers and hand
crews were carving firebreaks but
having trouble because of the steep
and rocky terrain, Padilla said.
Firefighter were stationed in front
of some houses a mile or two from the firefront.

Flower growers bet on organic alternatives for business benefits

Juliana Barbara
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATSONVILLE — Along a fog­
blanketed swath of coastline waiting
To burst forth with vivid colors, there
are signs of the yesterday, today
and tomorrows of the flower industry.

Every greenhouses flanks Josh
daught's farm, relics of the bust that
came when cheap imports drove his
neighbors out of business. Tiny yellow
butterballas, tropical red-and­
white amaryllis and more than 150
other varieties replace the daisies his
parents grew in the simpler days of
floral farming, when a family could
make a living with one flower A

Many in the industry hope the
development on organic will eventual­
ly be an environmentally friendly but
also a financially sound alternative for
farmers trying to stay afloat, just as
farmers trying to stay afloat, just as
"There's going to be a learning
curve, because farmers have to look how
to avoid many of the pests, " said Peggy Dillion, a
spokesman with the California
Flower Industry Commission. "That
organic foods movement took a
While the market for organic
flowers is still small — sales totaled
$8 million in 2003, a fraction of the
$19.4 billion consumers spent on all
flowers nationally — it's growing fast
as consumers worry of chemicals start
looking for the same standard in
other products such as soaps, cloth­ing,
cosmetics — and Valentine's Day
bouquets.

There's no evidence that organic
flowers are healthier, but consumers
are increasingly willing to pay more for
products made without chemi­
cals harmful to workers or the envi­
enment.

Organic flower sales are expected to
grow 13 percent annually through
2008, according to the Organic
Trade Association.

The canyons are historic fire
corridors. Determined wind-­
pushed wildfires swept from the Calabasas
area to Malibu in 1993 and 1994,
destroying hundreds of homes.
"The whole Malibu area has had
a history of fire," Padilla said.
In Orange County, a wildfire that
authorities believe was sparked by
remnants of a controlled burn grew
to 1,900 acres but never made
major progress in containing it.
The blaze just east of the cities of
Orange and Anaheim had burned
7,179 acres and was 18 percent
contained.

More than 1,000 Firefighter were
on scene, Shell said. Ten
water-dropping helicopters and five
planes were fighting the blaze, Shell
said.

He estimated firefighting costs at
$1.5 million.

Remnants of a controlled burn
fatal to life by Santa Ana winds are
believed to have caused the blaze, which triggered the evacua­
tion of more than 2,000 homes, a U.S. Forest Service official said.
All evacuation orders have been lifted.

I'm very regretful of the situa­
tion I find myself in," said Rich
Hawkins of the Cleveland
National Forest told reporters
Thursday evening at the fire com­
mand post."The fact that nobody's
home has burned down and no­
one's been killed, that's a godsend."
Bush condemns Muslim violence; Rice sees Iran, Syria effort to inflame

Terence Hunt
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WASHINGTON President Bush condemned the deadly rioting sparked by cartoons of the prophet Muhammad on Wednesday, and his secretary of state, accused Iran and Syria of trying to "inflame sentiments" across the Muslim world. Bush urged foreign leaders to halt the spreading violence and to protect diplomats in besieged embassies.

The president spoke out about the controversy for the first time, signaling deepening White House concern about violent protests stemming from the publication of caricatures in Denmark’s Jyllands-Posten and reprinted in European media and elsewhere in the past week.

"We reject violence as a way to express discontent with what may be printed in a free press," the president said.

At the same time, Bush admonished the press that its freedom comes with "the responsibility to be thoughtful about others." Bush commented alongside King Abdullah II of Jordan at the White House. Abdullah, too, called for protests to be peaceful, but he also spoke against ridicule of Islam's holy book.

"With all respect to press freedom, obviously anything that vilifies the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, or attacks Muslim sensibilities, I believe, needs to be condemned," the king said.

In Afghanistan, meanwhile, police killed four protesters as they marched on a U.S. military base. There was increasing talk, both in the U.S. and abroad, that some foreign governments as well as extremist groups were fanning the violent protests.

At the State Department, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said, "Iran and Syria have gone out of their way to inflate sentiments and to use this to their own purposes. And the world ought to call on them to go." There is little doubt that there is genuine anger throughout the Muslim world, where images of the revered Prophet Muhammad with a bomb strapped to his head are circulating across the Internet and deeply insulting.

In the post-Sept. 11 world, Muslims already feel the brunt of the war on terror and the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan, said Duaa Al-Ahram, with the Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies in Cairo, Egypt.

"People cannot possibly do this," she said, "Iran and Syria have gone out of their way to inflame sentiments and to use this to their own purposes. And the world ought to call on them to go."

"I first want to make it very clear to people around the world that ours is a campaign to support freedom and to defend free speech and free expression," he said, the president said. "We also recognize that with freedom comes responsibilities. With freedom comes the responsibility to be thoughtful about others."

"One of the great attributes of our country is that you're free to worship however you choose in the United States of America," the president said.

Bush condemned Muslim violence; Rice sees Iran, Syria effort to inflame

MIKE SCHNEIDER
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Adventurer Steve Fossett shot down a three-mile runway in an experimental aircraft Wednesday and took off on an attempt to break a 20-year-old flight distance record.

Fossett's lightweight, glider-like airplane lifted off from a runway at Kennedy Space Center normally used for shuttle landings. It hit two birds during takeoff but wasn't damaged, said Jim Ball, a NASA manager at the Kennedy Space Center. Once it was airborne, the plane's long, flexible wings lifted slightly upward.

"The roll was longer than we anticipated but that's why he wanted to use a 15,000-foot runway," Ball said.

Fossett's goal is a nearly 27,000-mile trip, once around the world and then across the Atlantic again, with a landing outside London. If successful, the 3-day trip would break the previous airplane record of 24,987 miles set in 1986 by the Voyager aircraft piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, as well as the balloon record of 25,361 miles set by the Breitling Orbiter 3 in 1999.

"Mountain climbing was my original sport ... and I've never tired from the satisfaction of getting to the top of a mountain," Fossett said in a recent interview. A fuel leak Tuesday in Fossett's aircraft delayed his takeoff, but after a quick fix, the plane was ready to go again.

Shortly before 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, it became the first experimental airplane built by the private sector to take off from Cape Canaveral. During his 80 hours in the air, Fossett will take power naps no longer than five minutes each and drink a steady diet of nutritious milkshakes. His plane is equipped with a parachute pack holding a one-man raft and a satellite rescue beacon, just in case.

Fossett already holds the record for flying solo around the globe in a balloon and for being the first person to circle the globe solo in a plane without stopping or refueling.

That flight last year lasted 67 hours and also was hampered by a fuel leak.

He is using the same plane, the Virgin Atlantic Global Flyer, which has a 114-foot wing span, in his latest quest. Both ventures were financed by Virgin Atlantic Airways founder Richard Branson.
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Colleen Murray

LOS ANGELES — Fans of "The Emperor's New Groove," "Bambi" and "Stuart Little" are in luck. All of the movies have been released or set for release in 2006. For, a preponderance of moviegoers who are over the age of 9, films are coming straight to DVD.

Not only can potential movie-watchers avoid a theater full of screaming toddlers, they can order them online and watch the movies while snuggled up in Spider-Man sheets.

But for those with different tastes, children's movies aren't the only genre capitalizing on the direct-to-DVD phenomenon.

"I think it makes sense," said Steven Soderbergh, who released "Bubble" and "Bubble 2" to be released later this year. This influx of films that aren't released in theaters coincides with a decline in theater revenues and an increase in DVD sales, a fact on which major directors have taken note.

On Jan. 27, director Steven Soderbergh released "Bubble," a mystery genre-wise and an experiment in terms of the strategy of its release.

Soderbergh's low-budget film was released in 32 Landmark Theaters around the country on the same day, that night, had its television premiere on the HDNet Movies channel.

On the Tuesday following the theatrical release, the "Bubble" DVD hit stores. Business Wire reported that "Bubble," partially through box-office revenue, but no less with DVD sales, "is, by no means, new."

"It's not like it's new," said Norberto Rojas Heredia, head dancer and choreographer for the Jose Antonio Spanish Ballet. "It's our first tour in the United States, and we thought it would portray our company the best." Rodgriguez believes that American audiences interpret the energy of Spanish dance especially well when compared to the European countries that Nuevo Ballet Espanol has toured. "I'm excited to see the shows," said Horatio Heredia, a civil engineering graduate student and the president and dance coordinator of the A.S.I. club Imagen y Espiritu Folklorico. "I've taken flamenco before and the style is very interesting."

According to Heredia, flamenco classes are not currently being offered in the San Luis Obispo area. The nearest class is at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria.

Nuevo Ballet Espanol will perform today at 8 p.m. at the Christopher Cohan Center. Tickets range from $26 to $38 at www.pacslo.org.

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Clap, stomp, flamenco

Holly Burke

The acclaimed flamenco fusion group Nuevo Ballet Espanol will perform at the Christopher Cohen Center tonight. The group led by choreographers and performers Angel Rojas and Carlos Rodriguez, will perform "Flamenco Directo," which combines traditional flamenco with ballet and jazz dancing.

According to a press release, Nuevo Ballet Espanol was formed in 1995 after Rojas and Rodriguez shared the award for "best dancer" in Spain's 1994 Flamenco Annual Choreography Awards. Though the group toured extensively in Europe, they did not receive notoriety in the United States until 2002, when they were featured in a PBS television show called "Fury," featuring 24 dancers and 13 musicians.

"Flamenco Directo," premieres in the Teatro de Madrid in 1998. This performance was the first in a two-year tour. The group toured extensively in Europe, visiting France, Finland, Spain, Italy, Holland, Germany and Belgium.

"Flamenco Directo" is the group's fourth production. The show includes genuine flamenco and contemporary dance, adding a new dimension to contemporary flamenco.

"Flamenco Directo" is one of our best shows," Rodriguez said. "It is our first tour in the United States and we thought it would portray our company the best." Rodriguez also designs the group's costumes. His is a choreographer for the Jose Antonio Spanish Ballet. He collaborated with other artists in the 2005 Flamenco Festival's show "The Four Elements."

Rojas teaches dance and choreography for other companies. He also choreographs for Jose Antonio Spanish Ballet and has worked for them as a solo dancer.

Flamenco music and dance dates back to 19th-century Andalusia, a region in Spain. Its exact origin is unclear but may have been invented by Spanish gypsies. The passion dance involves bright costumes with the dancers clapping their hands and stomping their feet.

"American audiences (receive) us very well. They are very kind to us," Rodriguez said. Rodgriguez believes that American audiences interpret the energy of Spanish dance especially well when compared to the European countries that Nuevo Ballet Espanol has toured. "I'm excited to see the shows," said Horatio Heredia, a civil engineering graduate student and the president and dance coordinator of the A.S.I. club Imagen y Espiritu Folklorico. "I've taken flamenco before and the style is very interesting."

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Whip cream, sex and a cherry on top

DanieL Girgas

The combination of food and sex is the hope to achieve a greater height than possible through sex alone, by indulging in two pleasures instead of just one. It’s reputed to have a heightening effect similar to how eating Red Vines during a movie is similar to how eating a home-cooked meal is often the romance that leads to the foreplay that leads to the sex. There are also specific foods designated as aphrodisiacs believed to arouse or intensify sexual desires. Some dessert foods like strawberries dipped in white chocolate or hissories like champagne already have sexual associations and connotations. In a Maxim interview, Jerry McCarthy claims to have had the best orgasm of her life while "eating strawberries and having sex." At the end of the night, it is even a commonly understood sexual invitation to invite somebody into your home for coffee or a drink. And don’t be afraid to condom.com showed a variety of condoms in flavors like banana, cherry, mint, strawberry, and vanilla, or my choice of brand-name lubricants in pina colada, passion fruit, vanilla cream or chocolate raspberry, items that are by no means part of a food item, but nonetheless tie food to sex.

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by Jack Ingalls and Brian Eller

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By Juliannne Byar
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By a healthy
Healthy

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By “Your name here”

The combination of food and sex is the hope to achieve a greater height than possible through sex alone, by indulging in two pleasures instead of just one.
Letters to the Editor

College is a choice, K-12 is not

After reading Brian Ellis’s “The Right Way” about competition being the answer, I was appalled at how one-sided his views are. He presented information in the wrong way by failing to mention the key difference between those who choose to attend college and a K-12 student. They were the ones who took notes, choose to do so are not the ones

People choose to continue on with your education. This is no force compelling you to continue on with your education. This

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Arms, read and understood is the thought process that goes from feeling offended to deciding that the appropriate retaliation would be to

The cartoon that has enraged many Muslims was first printed in a Danish newspaper in September and it depicted the Muslim prophet Muhammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban. Other European newspapers across Europe have reproduced the image since then, causing the uproar. While the newspapers that did publish this cartoon are completely stupid, the violent response is ten times more idiotic.

In Islam, it is considered blasphemous to depict the prophet Muhammad at all, so it is completely understandable that people would get upset about these newspapers publishing caricatures of him. What is not

understandable is the thought process that goes from feeling offended to deciding that the appropriate retaliation would be to burn down buildings and wreak havoc over entire cities because of a cartoon.

But by looking at the throngs of people yelling in the streets of various cities, it’s clear many people felt that this was appropriate. Danish and Norwegian diplomatic missions in Damascus were set ablaze on Saturday and the Danish consulate in Beirut was burned on Sunday. Monday in Iran, rioters

This isn’t the first example of people using religion as an excuse to be violent, however.

Throughout human history, people have used religion to justify death. From the Spanish Inquisition to the attacks of 9/11, people have perverted their own perceptions of religion to accomplish some personal conquest.

When filmmaker Kevin Smith released the controversial movie “Dogma,” which skewed Christianity and Catholicism specifically, he received death threats from infuriated Americans. Some people have gone beyond just threats, however, and bombed abortion clinics and killed doctors in the name of Christianity and, ironically, under the “pro-life” sentiment. So, it’s important to not single out Islam or any religion in general.

It is important to respect everyone’s religion, but it is also important to realize that not everyone follows the same creed. Besides the violence, the most annoying thing about this cartoon controversy is that the rioters have this notion they can somehow push their own beliefs on other people. While the newspapers were wrong in publishing the cartoon in the context they did — especially with the inexcusable bomb-shaped turban — someone who isn’t Muslim has every right to depict Muhammad. We’re not all following the same rules here.

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Bravo to the straw-man argument

In response to Mr. Allen’s letter I must say, Bravo! What a wonderful example of a straw-man argument. In the original letter I explained

how, by being “pro-responsibility,” one could be against killing the unborn (i.e. pro-life) and yet still support the death penalty for someone guilty of a crime carrying that punishment. I also happened to use murder as an example of such a crime but notice how cleverly Mr. Allen pointed out that other crimes carry the death penalty followed by an accusation that either I intentionally deceived my audience or that murder was the only crime punishable by death. At this point an astute reader may ask, “What does the fact that there are other crimes, besides murder, that carry the death penalty have to do with supporting the death penalty for individuals responsible for committing such crimes?” To that I would have to say, “Nothing at all — congratulations, you have spotted the straw man!”

Kevin Cumblidge
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, 2002

It’s about more than math and science

Andy Scott: As a fellow engineer, I also agree that our country’s policy on education hasn’t been perfect. Things should change in the math and sciences, and some of the fingers you pointed were progressively informed. However, when you bring up intelligent design, stem-cell research and global warming, it seems you have overstepped your mechanical engineering authority. Correct me if I am wrong, but these subjects you speak of are predomi-

antly within the spheres of law, ethics, statistics and the life sciences. How does lamina flow fit in? I would also like to suggest that not all scientists “universally” agree upon the non-scientific actuality of intelligent design. You should read a book by Michael Behe, “Dialogue on Design.”

Carl Carroll. But I guess, like some Christians and gay marriage, these members of Islam don’t prioritize with relevance in mind.

Every religion has an extreme sect, and the people rioting today are in that sect of Islam. Though it should seem obvious, it’s important to note that most Muslims disagree with the violence that has taken place.

If European newspapers wanted to have a debate over Islam and its significance in foreign policy, they could have gone about this in a much smarter way. Instead of rioting, people could have had a much greater impact by having peaceful demonstrations in protest.

It would have made those newspapers look even more foolish and hateful. But cartoons usually target the lowest common denominator in a society, and it looks like this one hit its mark.

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Shiite leader calls for respect for human rights

Paul Garwood
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's most influential Shiite politician said Shiite-led security forces Wednesday to pay attention to human rights, a gesture aimed at quelling Sunni Arabs who accuse police of murder and abuse. The U.S. command reported three more American troops have died.

Building a powerful, yet legitimate, Iraqi police force and army is crucial for the U.S. strategy of transferring security responsibility to the Iraqis so that U.S. and other international troops can begin heading home.

Ahead of a major religious event Thursday, Shiite leader Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim addressed Sunni concerns when he urged security forces to obey the constitution in performing their duties.

"We have emphasized to the Iraqi government the need to stop these rights violations," al-Hakim said in a nationally televised speech at a Shiite mosque attended by 5,000 people.

Allegations of human rights abuses threaten talks aimed at forming a new government comprising Shiites, Kurds and Sunnis. The U.S. hopes these efforts will blunt the "terrorists but with more Shia and Sunnis. The U.S. hopes these efforts will blunt the perception of these allegations," U.N. spokesman Said Arif said. "We worry that these acts continue, they can only exacerbate the same kind of violence, which will widen the gap between the two different communities."

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Bing Gurubacharya
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jennie Bonds? I'm sorry, I've seen roughly for 45 yards? I've already forgotten that she's a punt savior, which I'm sure and exploded like a Pinto when he had two chances to score from jet outside the goal line. All I can recall is his post-game interview announcing his retirement that forced fry to explain why he ran towards my press box. My all was being set up in the middle of winter.

Interventions, two of them you say. By Ben Roethlisberger? Never! My subconscious has blocked out all memories of a horse that resembled my 7-year-old cousin trying to hit Steve Smith on a straight route. (The pass of similar skill that was unbelievably caught by Hines Ward at the 3-yard line.) The drive that led to a 1-yard touchdown when Big Ben inexplicably threw three floater to Kelly Herndon of the Seahawks? Never happened. Do I remember Big Ben diving heroically for the touchdown? The replay that shows him coming up short? I must have been too busy celebrating a touchdown.

Speaking of which, I am suffering from a mysterious case of second-guessing. I know the referees must have been heavily invested in pre-made "Super Bowl XL Champions: Pittsburgh Steelers" memorabilia do not make sense to me. The offensive pass interference call on Darrell Jackson that nullified the Seattle touchdown? The phantom offensive holding penalty that called back an 18-yard pass that would have set up an almost certain touchdown? Big Ben's previously mentioned touchdown plunge that wasn't? All wiped from my cerebrum.

Also forgotten are the commercials that suggested a Diet Pepsi could record a rap album with Puff Daddy. I mean, P Diddy, or I mean, I mean, a man that can sell an aluminum can could star in a movie with Jackie Chan? (which, in all fairness, would probably be able to communicate its emotions slightly better than Charlie Sheen.)

But I can still hear the commercial advertising the opportunity to own "the Steelers Super Bowl Kit" for the mere price of '70 frosted buts ($70 for those of you whose vocabulary is not up to date, or tied on television). I know you're just dying to know if I will sell out the $70 to own the official hat, t-shirt and DVD so I'll end your suspense, yes, without hesitation.

So the question still remains Was it worth it? Were the annual weekends spent with Mel Kiper Jr. analyzing and agonizing over every Steelers draft pick worth the stress? The four seasons that ended in losses in the AFC Championship game? Having to endure the Kordell Stewart Era? The brief (takes a deep breath) Tom My Maddox, I mean, Kordell.

As I sit here watching Bill Cowher boast up his first-ever Super Bowl victory, I must admit that I can bring myself to do is nod my head. Taking a cue from Wes Mantooth: For at least one night in this great and widely redemptive S-T-E-L-L-A-R! S-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-
Oakland A's catcher speaks to Poly athletes

Adam Melhuse, right, a back-up catcher for Major League Baseball's Oakland Athletics, was in San Luis Obispo on Tuesday night to speak at an Athletics function honoring All American Athletes In Action is a coalition of Cal Poly athletes who met weekly to do one religious and Bible study type of setting. Melhuse, whose parents reside in San Luis Obispo, spoke about the role Christianity has played in his life as an athlete and took time to answer questions following his speech. Melhuse will report to Spring Training in Phoenix, Ariz. next week for the beginning of the MLB season.

Mustangs look to avenge loss to Long Beach State

Every one month ago the Cal Poly men's basketball blew a nine point halftime lead as Long Beach State exploded for a 52 point second half.

Tonight the Mustangs will try and avenge the loss and increase their half-point halftime lead as Long Beach State remains. With 14.7 points-per-game while Long Beach State and University of Arizona, both in the Big West, got enough for fourth in the Big West, with a record of 15-6 in conference and its leading scorers. Dawin Whiten (13.3), Derek Stockalper (12.8) and Tyler McGinn (8.3). McGinn has had the hot hand as of late and was its leading scorers. Dawin Whiten (13.3), Derek Stockalper (12.8) and Tyler McGinn (8.3). McGinn has had the hot hand as of late and was its leading scorers. Dawin Whiten (13.3), Derek Stockalper (12.8) and Tyler McGinn (8.3). McGinn has had the hot hand as of late and was

RUGBY HOSTS BYU TONIGHT AT CP SPORTS COMPLEX

Tonight at 6 p.m. Cal Poly rugby hosts No. 3 Brigham Young University at the Sports Complex. The Mustangs will be coming off two big victories this weekend against Arizona State and University of Arizona, both in the Grand Canyon state.

After a solid preseason, some foreign instruction, a head coaching change and a strict training regiment, Poly has been firing on all cylinders. So far this season the Mustangs have gone undefeated against collegiate teams and have jumped up to a No. 13 national club ranking. -Daily Staff Report

SOFTBALL STARTS ON THE ROAD

The Cal Poly softball team will open its season in San Diego with the Campbell/Carter Classic. The tournament will run from Thursday through Sunday and the Mustangs will face San Diego State University, UC Los Angeles, Oklahoma State University, Cal State Berkeley and Sacramento State University.

The Mustangs finished second in the Big West in 2005, just behind Long Beach State, with a record of 15-6 in conference and 36-16 overall. Coach Jenny Condon enters into her second season at Cal Poly after being named the 2005 Big West Coach of the Year. She is joined by assistant coaches Keira Goeel and Claire Sia, along with volunteer assistant Ben Sparrey.

Returning to the 2006 roster are multiple Big West award recipients. Now in her sophomore season at Cal Poly, pitcher Robyn Kontra was named to the Big West first team as well as given the honor of Big West Freshman Pitcher of the Year. Making the Big West second team in 2005 was returning outfielder Lisa Medglin. Shannon Brooks, Cal Poly's batting average leader in 2005, was given Big West honorable mention as were returners Jackie Gehrie-Jones and Sarah Iwata.

Cal Poly will face off first against San Diego State, the sixth place finishers in 2005. The Mountians will be coming off a solid 2005 season as they came out of their season opener with an 18-0 victory against UC Berkeley. The Mustangs came out running scoring 9 goals in the first half. The offense was led by Tim Casey who scored three goals with two assists. He was accompanied by Sean Quirk, Colin Mason, and Seth Kellwel who all contributed to the scoring. Ari Eldon secured the defensive end with the help of Mark Gowan, Ryan Hathaway, Shea McMunn and new comer Erich Faustman and Sean Perry. The shutout was a strong start to what could become a very successful season for the club team.

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