Conference unites students to change the status quo

James Mellor  

Over 150 Cal Poly students united this weekend under the common theme of creating change. The fourth annual Change the Status Quo conference, put on by Student Community Services, included 24 workshops addressing the issues of consumerism, cultural equality, environmentalism, feminism, LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered) rights, health, politics, world and youth.

"It's basically to educate people and give them the tools to create a difference," Student Community Services volunteer Megan Mastache said. "It's all about creating social change and a broad range of topics. The idea is to bring awareness to people about new issues."

"You may already know about women's rights, but you don't know anything about civil rights for Muslim students," she added. "To learn about all these things, but not leave afterwards being depressed because you realize how much more is wrong with the world, but to leave afterwards realizing you have a whole coalition of students who care about the world the way it is, they accept the status quo. This is to show people that not everything's perfect, but that's not a reason to be hopeless."

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A popular workshop was about "Human Trafficking" led by Cal Poly students JR. Webb and Darlene Molina. Their workshop dealt with the estimated 70,000 women trafficked every year for sexual exploitation.

Other workshops included Another Type of Groove's "Soulspeak," which explored the theme of change through art and the Multicultural Center's "Urban Nutrition," which addressed why low-income minorities in America are more at risk for debilitating health problems.

An incredibly gripping workshop was the Muslim Student Association's "Post 9-11 America: The Civil Rights Struggle Continues." The workshop featured civil rights leader Anwar Abdul Malik Ali, who examined the civil rights inequities for Muslims in America through a compelling speech filled with anecdotes of the civil rights violations Muslims have endured since Sept. 11, 2001.

Malik Ali also discussed how the movement for social change in the '60s spilled over into today's giving put examples of social injustice towards a race of people. He also provided information on bias and talked about how the American lifestyle can make people, "deaf, dumb and blind," to social injustice.

The workshop finished the classroom and received a fairly positive reaction. "I was excited that there were so many other people there who were open to it," architecture freshman Amanda Francis said, "I think a lot of people on campus have a misinterpretation of Muslim and wouldn't be interested in going to something like that."

Several students explained why they thought it was important to attend a conference that addresses issues like these.

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5-Day Weather Forecast

**Monday**

**High / Low**

76 / 45

*Forecast:* Sunny skies with wind blowing NNE 9 mph

*Sunrise:* 6:51 a.m.

*Sunset:* 5:44 p.m.

*UV Index:* 4 Moderate

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**Tuesday**

High: 68 Low: 43

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**Wednesday**

High: 60 Low: 36

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**Thursday**

High: 61 Low: 38

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**Friday**

High: 58 Low: 39

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**Name:** Jonathan Joston (Jay Jay)  •  **Year:** Senior

**Hometown:** Monterey  •  **Major:** Computer Engineering

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**Favorites**

*Word:* Hella (It's a real word)

*Snack Food:* French Toast

*Movie:* Rounders

*Ninja Turtle:* Donatello

*If You Could ...*

— travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?
- Italy

— star on a TV show, which show would it be?
- 24, I would be Jack Bauer's arch enemy.

*Either/Or*

- Veggies or fruit? neither
- Apples or oranges? oranges
- Crunchy peanut butter or smooth? smooth
- Gummy bears or gummy worms? sour gummy worms

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THE BEE'S INVESTIGATION

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Most other states commit their 
sex offenders listed there. 

The six-month investigation by 
The Sacramento Bee looked at 
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prison release of Melvin Carter, who 
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who were considered sexually 
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Since the program began, 538 
sex offenders have been labeled as 
such. Under the law, they are sup­
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security psychiatric facility at 
Atascadero State Hospital and 
dergo a strict, five-stage treat­
ment. 

However, a loophole in the law 
allows sexually violent offenders 
to refuse treatment and bank on 
winning release through a court 
hearing that each offender receives 
every two years. 

In the decade that the law has 
been in effect, 54 sexually violent 
offenders have refused treatment, 
completeing all the full regimen 
of treatment, and more than two­ 
hirds of those underwent no 
treatment at all, The Bee found. 
Only four have successfully com­
pleted the program. 

"All they need is a doctor's slip 
to get out," said Harriet Salarino, 
Crimee of Victims 
United of California. "Nobody 
should be let out unless they're 
truly rehabilitated." 

Eleven of the 54 men released 
without completing treatment 
are back in custody. Two have 
been accused of new sex-related 
charges. And at least 10 have left 
the state. 

Although California is among 
17 states with sexually violent 
predator statutes, it is the only one 
that requires a court review every 
two years for those committed, 
the destructive nature of the fungus 
Trichoderma reesei, which caused 
the "jungle rot" of tents and uni­
forms in the Pacific theater during 
World War II. 

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known as directed evolution, lichen 
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they spew copious amounts of 
digestive enzymes to break down 
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From there, a simple fermenta­
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into alcohol. 

Lichen opened a small, $40 mil­
lion factory in 2004 to show it can 
produce 65,000 gallons of ethanol 
that is blended with 85 percent 
gasoline to fuel about three dozen 
tanks and Canadian govern­
ment.

Oil giant Royal Dutch Shell 
PLC has invested $40 million for a 
36 percent stake in Lichen; Petro­Canada and the 
Canadian government are also 
investors. 

Now the company is ready to 
build a $350 million, commercial­
scale factory in Canada or Idaho Falls, Idaho, or Texas. It says it 
will secure financing — long one of the 
biggest stumbling blocks to bring­
ing the stuff to gas pumps.

State Briefs

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — A 
military recruiting protest at the 
University of California, Santa 
Barbara has been called off. 

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SANTA CRUZ (AP) — A 
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Pentagon database of possible 
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Loophole undermines Calif. sexual predator law

CALIFORNIA, Calif. (AP) — A loophole in a California law 
designed to crack down on rapists and child molesters renders it one 
of the most lenient sexual predator 
treatment measures in the country because it allows them to be 
released without treatment, a newspaper reported Sunday. 

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WASHINGTON (AP) — From the White House down to Louisiana's parishes, all levels of government bear responsibilities for the rampant failure behind the poor response to Hurricane Katrina, a House investigation concludes.

Documents obtained Sunday by The Associated Press put the blame government-wide for lackluster emergency planning and delays to help victims of the Gulf Coast storms.

Late evacuation orders by state and local officials, untrained and inexperienced emergency responders, and the White House's inability to grasp quickly the devastation in the Aug. 29 storm hindered relief efforts, the report concludes.

While the report criticizes the Bush administration and Gov. Kathleen Blanco of Louisiana, it also faults local officials for not doing enough to prepare for the storm and the National Weather Service for not predicting that a Category 5 would hit.

"While it is impossible to assign blame to one "culprit," the evidence makes clear that the federal government and Louisiana's state and local officials were not ready for the storm," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., chairman of the Committee on Government Reform.

The 150-page report released Monday by Sensenbrenner and fellow committee members "is the first in a series of reports and briefings by the committee to inform the American public about the Katrina disaster," said Rep. Dutch Ruppersberger, D-Md., a member of the committee.

The report concludes that the disaster "was caused by a lack of basic planning and coordination for dealing with a major hurricane on the Gulf Coast of the United States." It faults the Bush administration for appointing the wrong people to key posts and for the lack of a comprehensive strategy to deal with hurricanes and other disasters.

The report also focuses on the role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which was placed under the Department of Homeland Security after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Louisiana's parishes, all levels of government, the National Weather Service, FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security need to conduct a thorough postmortem review of the Katrina response," according to the report.

The report accuses FEMA of an "inadequate response" to the first hurricane of the season, Georges, in early September. The agency "was unprepared for this disaster and was not able to provide the support that the affected public needed," the report says.

"As a result of the George's response, the Administration's response to Hurricane Katrina was also delayed," the report notes.

On the night of Aug. 28, the National Hurricane Center issued a warning that "a major hurricane is expected to make landfall somewhere along the Louisiana and Mississippi coasts early on Sunday morning," the report says.

The report notes the National Weather Service "prophesied" a Category 5 while the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration predicted a Category 4. It says the NWS predicted up to 4 feet of rain, but the actual rainfall in New Orleans was 17.65 inches.

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Panther's meow more like yawn

Ryan Chartrand
MUSICIAN/DAILY

It's amazing to think that there are a whopping 10 "The Pink Panther" films. It's even more amazing to think that Steve Martin thought "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" was a good idea. With his career dwindling down and his hair still looking as shiny as ever, Martin decided to take on the role of Inspector Jacques Clouseau, the master of hilarity and ridiculous detective in all of France, in "The Pink Panther." The reimagined number 10 in the series is filled with repeated brainless and medicore humor, a murder case that a high school student could have written with only a few weeks' worth of dedicated moments. One more nail in the coffin of Martin's career.

For those who know nothing about "The Pink Panther" aside from its catchy theme song, Inspector Clouseau is easily the worst detective known to man even though he, like all comical detectives in Hollywood, always ends up solving his cases.

Each case revolves around the theft of a world-renowned diamond called "The Pink Panther". Clouseau is hired this time around to solve a murder case involving a soccer player who just so happens to own the one and only "Pink Panther," which diagnose as the diamond. Martin's character, "Beyoncé Knowles and her on-screen radiation, Viagara jokes and the brilliant director known for "Cheaper by the Dozen," and you have a pop-culture filled millennium version of a cringe comedy. The end result of Clouseau's case is unfortunately no more than a childish imitation at times. Sure, Martin can never be Sellers and Sellers certainly can't be Martin. But both acting bring different elements to the ridiculous historical character known as Clouseau and both have the ability to make you laugh a little and more screaming probably would have made it great. Despite this complaint, it is still one of the best songs on the album. "Come Clarity" closes with the experimental "Your Bedtime Story is Scaring Everyone," in which the first four minutes consist of ambient keyboards and electronic noises which creep into chugging guitars and heartfelt screams before going as quiet as a whisper again. While this lesson in dynamics provides for an interesting listen, it is the only ridiculous idiotic statements, moviegoers dying to see Clouseau for over a decade are sure to be pleased in some form or another. For those who protest remakes of classic films or find PG comedy, incapable of turning that frown upside down, "The Pink Panther" will sound less like a "meow" and more like a "yawn" this time around.

Long, with most of the other tracks clocking in at three to four minute range. It would have been nice if some of the more progressive elements had been further explored. As it is, most of the songs are extremely streamlined, but leaves the listener wanting more once the album is finished. Other than those minor complaints, "Come Clarity" is a quality album from one of Sweden's best. It offers a great view of the ever-changing entity that is In Flames, containing elements that span their entire career, from folk, acoustic guitars and kickass harmonized leads to some keyboards. From deep death growls to beautiful female vocals. That, combined with the consistent strength of the material — except for "Scream," which is just silly — means "Come Clarity" should attract new fans with its accessibility without alienating the ones that have been with them for over ten years. It is the second coming of "The Jester Race?" No, but for what it is, it's really good. Fans that may have grown up in In Flames after their last two albums should do themselves a favor and check this one out. It may renew their faith. Sure, they rely too much on catchy choruses instead of their guitar work for their hooks, but even the most jaded metalhead can't deny the strength of the songwriting, which makes the songs stick in your head worse than '80s new wave. But don't worry, there's more than enough metal to incite head-banging and horn-throwing, not to mention a reminder that the frozen skies of Scandinavia is still a howling for much more metal.

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The inclusion of clean, female vocals on "Dead End" is a new inclusion for the In Flames catalog. Even though it has been done several times before by other bands, the juxtaposition of Lisa Miskovsky's guest vocals with Chris Corneliussen's riffs that open into a folk-laden chorus that becomes instantly memorable — making what is sure to be a possible future live set. "Better than the Storm" is an almost polar opposite, with its slow tempo and multi-tracked vocals during the verses, that are really distracting and more screaming probably would have really made it great. Despite this complaint, it is still one of the best songs on the album. "Come Clarity" closes with the experimental "Your Bedtime Story is Scaring Everyone," in which the first four minutes consist of ambient keyboards and electronic noises which creep into chugging guitars and heartfelt screams before going as quiet as a whisper again. While this lesson in dynamics provides for an interesting listen, it is the only weakness on the album that is over five minutes long.
Smoking to lose weight proves not to be worth the risks

Maggie Finkel
(THE HERALD-LEADER, LEXINGTON, K.Y.)
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Looking to lose a few pounds? A surprising trend shows that instead of heading to the gym, some people are making their way to the nearest gas station to slim up. No, it's not some new wonder pill meant to instantly burn away the pounds; it's a good, old-fashioned nicotine.

A report from Harvard Medical School in an October 1999 issue of Pediatrics said that kids and boys as young as 9 years old take up smoking in an attempt to lose weight. More than 15 percent of 9- to 14-year-old kids have smoked at least once, and getting slim is prime motivation.

But does it work?

Dr. David Mannino, a pulmonologist at UK, helped shed light on the subject.

"It is a common misconception," he said. "It's not a sure thing, the effects vary from person to person. A lot of my tobacco users using patients I've said that girls and women who seek it. Fadyia Mohammed, a second-year graduate student at UK and personal trainer at the Johnson Center, says that you can beat the pounds if you are serious about quitting.

"Definitely," Mohammed said. "The nicotine with-drawal really last a few days itself and after that it's more of a fight against the mental oral fixation. A lot of people try to satisfy that with food and, that's when their troubles start."

Tuning in the scale and acquiring good health isn't easy requiring a level of dedication and willpower unknown to most students. While hitting up the smokes may seem like a dream come true, the costs outweigh the benefits.

"In the past, companies aiming for insecure targets, there were" - the use of cigarettes - "but like with anything - is it worth it?" Zubrin said. "It's 19th century chemistry."

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Sending men to Mars highly possible, speaker says

Keith Brooks
(UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY)
LEXINGTON, Ky. — Not only is it highly possible to send men to the Red Planet — we are closer than ever," said Robert Zubrin. "Zubrin, president and owner of Pioneer Astronautics, a research and technology company, spoke about his proposals for sending people to Mars Feb. 9 at the University of Kentucky's Center for Space attractiveness.

Zubrin spoke about several plans and spacecrafts optimized to perform various exploratory tasks. One of those included his description of a spacecraft called, "ARES," a vehicle capable of lifting 120 tons into the inner orbit of Earth. Sending massive spacecrafts is the least important aspect of implementation. "Just lift and throw and shoot it out there," Zubrin said. "That's how we can do space missions in the real world."

Zubrin described a five-year plan called the "Mars Direct Mission Sequence," which included practical and informative details about sending a series of spaceships to the Martian landscape. Along with specific diagrams, Zubrin explained that the spacecraft would include "Earth Return Vehicles" that would acquire 95 percent of their fuel from Mars' atmosphere and arrive to the surface of the planet before astronauts would reach the surface.

"The fact is basically it's not hard," Zubrin said. "It's 19th century chemistry."}

Research finds excessive drinking may lead to cancer

Ryan Watkins
TECHNICIAN (EN. MECH.)
RALEIGH, N.C. — Last week, results of research done by the International Agency for Research on Cancer was released to the public, stating that too much drinking raises the risk of certain types of cancer, including mouth, larynx, esophagus, liver, colon and breast. This is just another example of how things done in excess can lead to harmful side effects.

The study done by the IARC showed many believe total abstinence from drinking would solve this problem, but that is not the case. Other research done over the years has proven that when done moderately, drinking can help combat and even prevent the risks of cardiovascular diseases. "Lots of things that we do in life can be good or bad based on how much we use them," Chris Austin, the assistant director of Health Promotion at North Carolina State University, said. "If we abuse them, that is where the problem lies.

According to the World Health Organization, between 100,000 to 150,000 alcohol was the cause of death of 185,000 men and 142,000 women in developed countries. In the United States, in this data set, alcohol prevented the deaths of 7,000 men and 277,000 women.

"Everything causes cancer in excess," Matthew Veety, a senior in electrical and computer engineering, said. "People just need to learn to drink responsibly. Moderation is the important key."

Even the American Heart Association does not have a concrete answer other than drinking excessively will cause negative effects to one's health. Yet at the same time they admit drinking does have some positive side effects.

According to the AHA website, alcohol or some substances such as resveratrol found in alcohol beverages may prevent platelets in the blood from sticking together. That may reduce clot formation and reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke.

"For some people, there are indeed some benefits of using alcohol, but like with anything there are some very important guidelines," Austin said. "But if you drink, you should not drink at all."

Both the AHA and the IARC state that moderate drinking is drinking "in moderation," which means you drink. While the substances inside the alcohol may have scientific benefits, the risks benefit can only be obtained from regular exercise according to the AHA.
Iran reaffirms compliance with nuclear arms control treaty

Nasser Karimi

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran reaffirmed its commitment to a nuclear arms control treaty Sunday and urged a peaceful solution to the international crisis over Iran's nuclear program, a day after its hard-line president issued a veiled threat to withdraw from the pact.

Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Kamani said in a speech before thousands of Iranians marking the 27th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution that Iran still wanted to talk to the nations involved in the crisis over its nuclear program, including the United States, France, Britain and Germany.

"The nuclear policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran so far has been peaceful. Until now, we have worked inside the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency and had neither any discussion nor agreement with any country," the official IRNA news agency quoted Kamani as saying.

Kamani said that after the July 27 nuclear talks in Vienna between representatives of foreign ministers of six nations that would become the so-called P5+1 group and Iran, "the parties have expressed the wish to work towards a solution," and that "the United States, Britain, France and Germany have reaffirmed their commitment to the nuclear deal.

"The really remarkable thing over the last several months is that there's really now a tremendous coalition of countries that are saying exactly the same thing to Iran," said Sunday's IRNA "This Week.

"And so, the Iranians now need to step back, look at where they are, see that they're isolated on this issue, and return to a state in which they... would get back into good graces with the IAEA, and get back into negotiations with those who are prepared to offer them a course for civil nuclear power," she said.

Tehran repeatedly has stressed the nuclear arms control treaty allows it to pursue a nuclear program for peaceful purposes and it has said it will never give up the right to enrich uranium to produce nuclear fuel. The U.N. and European allies believe Iran is seeking to develop atomic weapons. The uranium enrichment to a low degree can be used for nuclear reactivity, while highly enriched uranium is suitable for warheads. North Korea — the world's other major proliferation concern — quit the NPT in January 2003, just a few months before U.S. officials announced that Pyongyang had told them it had nuclear weapons and may test, export or use them depending on U.S. behavior.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman urged the IAEA and the Europeans to keep open diplomatic channels.

"The agency and other parties should not block roads to Islamic Republic of Iran and should solve the case in the framework of the regulations," Asefi said.

Hamas says delegation will head to Moscow at end of month

AP - Hamas says it will send a delegation to Moscow at the end of the month for talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin following Hamas' sweeping victory in Palestinian legislative elections.

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"If we see you want to violate the right of the Iranian people by using force against them, you should know that the Iranian people will revile in policies," he said.

Rice on Friday urged Russia to send "a clear message to the Islamic Republic that Iran must not proceed with its nuclear program under any circumstances." Asefi said that Russia has "understood our position as a serious government," and that it has not expected Russia to impose any conditions on Iran's nuclear program.

"Despite the tenuous, a blue-print for the St. Petersburg summit plan to establish a new group to oversee implementation of the 'road map,' it is necessary to continue to obey the contents of the "road map,"" he said.

The Associated Press 2006
C all it pet peeves, poor manners, bad habits or whatever you want — we see it everywhere, and it's the things we go unnoticed by many, while others are as annoying or offensive as the doorbell at the church's door to students and professors alike. We're all guilty at one point or another but it's sometimes it is due to conditions that are out of our control, and other times we perform with blatant disregard of everyone else in the classroom.

Arriving late. Perhaps one of the most deplorable etiquettes, tardiness nevertheless presents us as an unprepared or lazy student. Let's face it people, arriving "reasonably late" to a lecture doesn't have the same effect as that at a party. More than likely you've missed the professor's announcement of changed office hours or that the structure of today's lecture has already been passed out. Not to mention that the last seat you have is furthest from the door, forcing you to trip across every backpack with irritated glances while the room hovers over you. Not to mention that seats that can tell, so let's make it a little extra effort to be prompt.

Cell phones. Traveling from class to class will you, at one point or another, forget to switch them back to vibrate. On the other hand, it doesn't take too much of a conscious effort on test day to press a couple of buttons to preserve the sanctity of the class. Some of the situations require us to make an attempt to shield the rest of the class from your mobile.(even Jack Johnson ring tones as they struggle to take a complex integral on their finals, can't we?)

We can all make an attempt to shield the rest of the class from our Uscher or Jack Johnson ring tones as they struggle to take a complex integral on their finals, can't we?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students should be concerned about IRA fee referendum

Thanks, Mustang Daily, for your article on the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) fee referendum that will take place on Feb. 22 and 23. Even though the proposed fee increases are generally not a large percentage of a quarter, it is obviously very important for students to be well-informed about the consequences of voting for or against.

They should, for example, that students will play a key role in deciding how the funds will be spent. Some of the decisions will be made in the colleges, with input from the student councils, while others will be made by the IKA Advisors Council, which is co-chairs by a student and whose voting membership consists of an equal number of students and colleagues. For more information, see the article about the cost of education "spending-out-of-control" fake to take into account the superintendent's budget for the coming year, which provides for elimination of the previously proposed fee increase ($42 per year) for the State University Fee.

If you haven't already been to see the legislative, which seems likely, this fee will remain unchanged for 2006-07. For more information about the referendum, please check out the Web site http://studentaffairs.calpoly.edu/fee перев.

W. David Conn
For parent of academic program: A psychology education

Dear Mark Taylor

Your letter on Feb. 9, while entertaining, contained several strange assertions. First, you stated that intelligent design and global warming are legal and ethical matters, not scientific ones. It would seem to me that these are qualities we should have even if the science is either extrinsic to them: the existence of elements that could just as easily be an ethical issue, or society decided to make it one (i.e., if my implications posed off enough people in the state to make them call their legislators).

However, I did appreciate the room of an architectural engineer classifying a mechanical engineer for debating about bacteria, because it was not his field. This inculcated my own experience of being nearly dead from it. In this latter case, the bus coming out of the classroom 45 seconds early, I had to leave, because when I read who wrote your letter, I believe, I have nothing positive things will arise.

John Lane
Mathematics junior

Dear readers of the Mustang Daily, especially Brian McMullen

What you have no idea about Morgan Elam is that he never writes what he thinks. If you have read the paper in the last couple of years, you would know that Elam writes to get a rise out of people. He'll say just about anything to stir the pot. While this is good sometimes, when he falsely portrays the beliefs of a group, he goes too far. Everyone migrates home. Students from Foothill are either going home, downtown or to the store. This not only hurts him but hurts the rest of us as well. You meet a fellow student and will feel good for helping us (especially on a good day). Nothing but positive things will arise.

John Lane
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What's the problem with hitchhiking?

Hitchhiking should be accepted in SLO. This is a college town where students and faculty alike walk, drive, bike and bus to school. Most likely, if you're someone walking up Grand they are going to Poly. If you're in a car and you're going there anyway, why not pick them up? When classes get lets say, at noon, the buses are packed and everyone migrates home. Students walking down Grand or Campus are often passed out. Footsall are either going home, downtown or to the store. This not only hurts him but hurts the rest of us as well. You meet a fellow student and will feel good for helping us (especially on a good day). Nothing but positive things will arise.

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What have we learned from the current national state of affairs?

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We are learning a lot from the current state of affairs in this country, but we are leaving equal even more.

Little do some students understand that professors tend to spend time in the most important conclusions to what they had been working toward the entire year. For example, if the United States is in a recession you lose your job when you pick up early only that you can out the dish the instructor's last words (uttering the homework assignment) leaves you mouth. The shuffling of papers and clicking of scissors rings binder do as a respectful act toward the unseen professor that their time is nearing an end though.

Adhering to these recommendations you should be able to avoid making a bad impression on your professor and why don't you do more for your colleagues. Not only that, but you'll also evade the other 30 pairs of eyes at your job. warnings about the class that will take place. Have some respect for yourself, and your professor especially those around you.

Gin Sun is an electrical engineering major and a Mustang Daily feature writer.

Mitt Fritch
Farmers junior

There's no fight here

In the event of a streetman, I wouldn't need to be arguing with you since this is not the case, I have built no strength. I wanted to point out that there are other crimes for which you can be sentenced to death in this country. As a Christian, I was very offended by Elam's letter on Wednesday. I have never read an article about the capital punishment proponents conveniently "forget" to mention this when discussing the death penalty. They use the emotional "eye for an eye" talking point to garner support for their cause but completely ignore the entire truth about the subject. As for the basis of your argument, I think you made good points. Responsibility and accountability are two issues central to the conservative ethos and almost all positions the Republican party can take some relate to this discipline. Personally, I find this bordering on unconvincing, but I do not care very much. In short, my letter was more of a PSA than angry rebuttal, and I'll leave you with this...

Jonathan Allen
Biology senior
Mustang Daily

SPORTS

Monday, February 13, 2000

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Glowinsky led all scorers with 16 for the Highlanders. Amber Cox chipped in 11 for Riverside.

Southwestern's Andrea Anderson and Sarah Grice had 10 apiece to lead the Mustangs offensively.

On the boards, Riverside's Kennie Noble had a game-high 13 rebounds, eight on the offensive end, and teammate Roney Friend and Tannousi Lott were next best with 10 and nine, respectively.

Both teams shot the ball poorly, Riverside at 28.6 percent from the field as a team and Cal Poly at 29.2 percent. The difference was in three-point shooting and from the foul line. As a team, the Highlanders made five more than the Mustangs from downtown and six more from the charity stripe. Cal Poly will host Long Beach State on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Mont Gym.

Baseball
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Cal Poly has collected 69 hits in its last four games, including 16 in the series finale at San Jose State on Sunday. The Mustangs hit .373 as a team against Loyola Marymount this weekend.

"Our defense feels more comfortable, we're getting more at-bats under our belts and we're getting a better feel for our lineup," said Lee. "We also played very good defense and turned a number of double plays (five)."

First baseman Bremer moved Cal Poly's scoring in the second inning, reaching base on an error, moving to third on a single by Luque and scoring on Canepa's single through the left side of the Loyola Marymount infield.

A single by second baseman Bremer Walker and two hit batters loaded the bases in the third inning before Cooper's single scored two runs and gave the Mustangs a 3-0 cushion.

The Mustangs held on from there, scoring only two more runs the rest of the game.

Cal Poly led 4-0 in the sixth inning after Luque singled up the middle, took third on a single to right by Canepa and scored on a push bunt by shortstop Gilbert Gil.

It was 5-0 in the seventh inning after center fielder Grant Deane reached base on an error, took second on a passed ball and came home on Jimmy Van Ostrand's single down the left-field line.

Loyola Marymount scored in its lone run in the bottom of the seventh, loading the bases on a walk, single and hit batsman before Alex Castillo's infield single pushed across the run.

For the series, Cal Poly's top hitters were Canepa (.438-.488-.628), Deane (.76-1.45-1.47) and third baseman Josh Loredo (.60-.82-6), Cal Poly was 7-for-10 in stolen bases in the series, compared to just four stolen bases in the first six games of the season.

Cal Poly visits San Diego State for a three-game non-conference series next weekend at Tony Gwynn Stadium. The Aztecs are 2-5 after losing the first two games of three games at Santa Clara over the weekend.

Support the Mustangs as they take on rivals UC Santa Barbara in the Thunderdome!
After winning its first three Big West games, the Mustangs have lost five of their last seven conference games and lost a pair to UC Davis. The first half was marred by missed shot after missed shot for the Mustangs, while the Highlanders turned the ball over 18 times in the opening 20 minutes of play, eight alone coming from starting point-guard Vanessa Campillo.

CAL POLY TRIPPLED THE Highlanders in the second half, the Mustangs drew to a 47-47 tie with 3:22 remaining. As the game seemed destined for overtime, Henke stepped up. She hit a 13-foot jumper with 1:17 remaining to clinch Cal Poly's 61-55 victory over UC Irvine. Henke struggled offensively with just two points, she tied for a team-high six rebounds.

Offensive brownout for Stangs

While the sunny weather provided a warm winter day for San Luis Obispo residents, the climate was much cooler inside Mott Gym as the Mustangs fell to UC Riverside 47-46 on Sunday.

Although Cal Poly's full-court pressing defense kept the Mustangs close despite a dismal shooting performance, it wasn't enough to pull Cal Poly back from a 12-point halftime deficit. "For us, the press is what we live and die by," Cal Poly coach Faith Minnaugh said. "We press for 40 minutes. If our offense can be as potent as our defense, we're going to be a dangerous team come tournament time."

The loss drops the Mustangs to 5-5 in Big West play and 10-10 overall, while the Highlanders improved to 4-7 in conference play and 8-14 overall.

Poly upsets first place Anteaters

Gabe Stephenson blocked a UC Irvine shot with seven seconds left and Trae Clark made two free throws with 3.5 seconds remaining to clinch Cal Poly's 61-58 victory over UC Irvine in a regionally televised Big West Conference men's basketball game Saturday night at Bren Events Center.

Clark came off the bench to score a team-high 15 points while Derek Stockalper added 13 points and Dawsin Whiten 10 as the Mustangs, who lost to UC Irvine on a last-second three-pointer Jan. 7, improved to 7-14 overall and 5-4 in conference games.

UC Irvine, led by Shunni Armstrong with a career-high 16 points off the bench and Aaron Fitzgerald with 13, fell to 13-11 and 9-3. The Anteaters have lost three of their last four games.

Senior guard Ross Schraeder, who entered the game as UC Irvine's leading scorer with a 13.2 average, was held scoreless for the first time in 63 games, dating back to a loss at Idaho on Jan. 31, 2004, his sophomore season.

Neither team led by more than six points in the game. The score was tied five times and the lead changed hands 12 times. Joe Henry's three-point play with 4:38 left gave the Mustangs a 55-56 lead, but UC Irvine scored seven consecutive points capped by Adam Metelski's layup for a 57-55 advantage with 1:38 to go.

The game was tied for the final time at 57-57 with 1:14 to play on Clark's jumper. Darren Fells made one of two free throws with 52 seconds left to give UC Irvine a 58-57 lead, but Clark made another jumper with 46 seconds left and (see Upset, page 11)

MUSTANG SNAP LOSING STREAK

Cal Poly ended its five-match losing streak in a big way with back-to-back wins. The Mustangs defeated San Francisco State in convincing fashion, 48-3, and scored a conference victory over Stanford, 29-13.

The Mustangs were led by senior Ryan Halsey (144) who won two matches by pinfall and junior David Rehak (147) who picked up a technical fall victory against San Francisco State and a major decision victory against Sacramento State, 2-0.

In the final game of the tournament, Cal Poly was shut-out back in the top of the seventh inning to win 3-1. And, in conclusion the regular season on Feb. 17, hosting U athletic in the no-hit game, Henke drove to the hoop in the first half of Sunday's game. Although Henke struggled offensively with just two points, she tied for a team-high six rebounds.

MUSTANGS take two-of-three from Loyola

Sophomore right-hander Evan Reed pitched five scoreless innings for his first victory of the season and junior catcher Matt Canepa had three hits and an RBI to lift Cal Poly to a 5-1 victory over Loyola Marymount in the final game of a three-game non-conference baseball series Sunday afternoon at George C. Page Stadium.

The victory gave the No. 25-ranked Mustangs their third straight series, two games to one, and improved their record to 7-2 on the season. Loyola Marymount fell 2-3 on 2-3 on the year.

Reed walked two, struck out two and allowed just two hits over five innings as Cal Poly built a 3-0 lead in the first three innings and added single runs in the sixth and seventh frames for the win. Thomas Eager and Casey Fien each pitched two innings in relief — Eager allowing one run and three hits while Fien gave up just one hit with one strikeout. For the fourth straight game, Cal Poly reached double figures in hits. The Mustangs batted out 15 hits on Friday's 10-8 loss, then plated a 19-hit attack into a 16-4 victory Saturday. Cal Poly collected 10 hits Sunday, including a double and two singles by Canepa. Designated hitter Jacob Loque added two singles while left fielder Matt Cooper singled in a pair of runs in the third inning to give Cal Poly a 3-0 lead.

Overall, for the series we got some quality outings from the bullpen: and our two catchers — Canepa and Jonathan Wooderson combined for eight hits from the No. 8 hole in our lineup. Mustang fourth-year head coach Larry Lee said both also caught well and handled our pitching staff extremely well. (see Baseball, page 11)