Mardi Gras weekend was exactly what San Luis Obispo Police Chief Deborah Linden wanted. "We're really hoping you will be bored all weekend," she told an estimated 350 policemen at a briefing on Friday night at Santa Rosa Park, the field operations headquarters for the weekend.

Linden and her staff, comprised of officers from agencies all over the state, took every precaution necessary to ensure a quiet weekend in San Luis Obispo. On the contrary, in 2004, riots broke out near student housing on Foothill and California Boulevards. In 2005, 82 arrests were made over a three-day period, according to a press release from the San Luis Obispo Police Department. This year, that number went down to 32 over both Friday and Saturday night. According to Kim Walker, SLOPD public information officer, a majority of the arrests were drunk in public. Police issued 51 citations over the weekend, with almost half given for alcohol-related offenses. But overall, officers felt that "The Party is Still Over" campaign was a success. "There hasn't been much happening. We are making sure the party is still over," said Deborah Linden, police chief of San Luis Obispo during the quiet Friday night.

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City plans to scale down Mardi Gras 2007's operation
Liz Soteros-McNamara

A record low 32 arrests over the holiday weekend showed that students know Mardi Gras in San Luis Obispo is still over. More than 350 law enforcement officers spent Mardi Gras weekend in San Luis Obispo to ensure there was no potential threat to public safety. About two-thirds of the officers were concentrated near the intersection of Foothill and California boulevards, with the remainder assigned to the downtown bar area.

"We are well on our way to accomplishing our mission," said Deborah Linden, police chief of San Luis Obispo during the quiet Friday night. Linden said the city looked at universities like California State University, Chico State to implement change and expects Mardi Gras to wind down completely within five years of the riot. She added that the rotating student population helps scale down events that have become out of control.

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MAN ON THE STREET: An insider's view of Mardi Gras
Joe Sargent

On Stenner Street, a pack of cops on horseback roam the streets; the entire pack trots into an apartment complex's parking lot and the horses relieve themselves. Some of the residents complain. I know there is some type of metaphor there, and I took to the streets to find it.

Friday Night
I'm walking around Stenner Street, by Mustang Village and the infamous corner of Foothill and California boulevards, and there are more cops out than people. Every now and then you see someone on the street with beads, you can tell these people are either from out of town or freshmen. They are wandering around town trying to find the spirit of Mardi Gras past, but the true partyers are hidden away.

On every street there are murmurs of a party. With curtains drawn, and barely audible music, small groups huddle together. Mardi Gras has now been split into 10,000 small house parties fighting the system 10 to 20 people at a time. In every party, the owner of the house is talking about the fear of a $900 fine, but like any good resistance group, they throw caution to the wind and fight on one cup of Natty Light at a time. "Vive Mardi Gras!" says one owner.

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Police set up a number of DUI checkpoints in San Luis Obispo to keep drunk drivers off the roads.

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people walking the doors (at the bars) are monitoring occupan­
cy load," said Jim Tringhain, San Luis Obispo fire marshal.
"Everybody has been pretty cooperative so far.
By 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, areas near California and Foothill
Boulevards were relatively quiet. Though it was just what the police
force wanted, some students did not agree with the campaign.
"I think it's ridiculous. There are too many cops for too few
people," said Travis Robertson Carter, 22, a sophomore at Cuesta
College.
Robertson-Carter, a Woodstock's delivery driver, was pulled
over and ticketed for a seat belt violation. When pulling out of the
Alpha Gamma Rho parking lot on California Boulevard, he made
a wide U-turn and nearly hit police officers on the corner of
California and Foothill Boulevards. A few minutes later, he was
pulled over again on Casa Street and ticketed for reckless driving.
"They need to keep students safe, but all they are doing is keep­
ing people from doing anything at all," he said. "They need to
control a situation if it arises."
On Friday and Saturday night, two DUI checkpoints were set
up around town; one at the intersection of Marsh Street and Osos
Street and the other where Foothill Boulevard meets Chorro
Street. A total of 1,245 cars were screened on both Friday and
Saturday night. By early Saturday morning, 20 sobriety tests had
been given and one citation was given.
Though most of Friday night was quiet, an unknown group of
students turned over a car on Stafford Street and on the 1200
block of Foothill Boulevard, an unknown person threw a bale at a
peace officer, according to police. In either instance, no one was
apprehended.
This year, roughly 100 police were stationed downtown, and
nearly 250 police on bikes, motorcycles, horses and in cars were
positioned along California Boulevard.
At the police briefing on Friday, Linden said that 2005 was a
huge success and there were no complaints from citizens due to
noise disturbances.
The streets were empty and few cars were driving around by
12:30 a.m. Sunday.
Downtown was busy on Saturday night, with groups of people
walking the streets, but aside from a few traffic violations, no disturbances
were reported, according to police.

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On the corner of California and Foothill Boulevards, police spent both
evenings working the crosswalk lights to keep students from creating traffic
hazards.
"A small minority ruined it for everyone else," said Sgt. Sam Sarmiento, with California State
University Police. Sarmiento also worked during the 2004 riot.
Dave Romero, mayor of San Luis Obispo, called Mardi Gras "meek and
mild." Early Saturday evening, Romero also said that the city plans to scale
down police presence at Mardi Gras over the next few years, and the cost
to the city will be lower next year. He added that ending concern over the event would spread the wrong mes­
sage to the community if it done too soon.
Projections for the total cost will not be available for several weeks. One cost that will not be added to the
city's bill was the additional law enforcement present throughout the
city this weekend.

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La Resistance.
As I walk downtown via Santa Rosa Street, men yell out the win­
dows of passing cars — a normal Mardi Gras occurrence — but instead of yelling at women to expose them­selves, they are yelling, "The party is over." The line is now a city-wide joke.
At the bars, the older crowd is telling war stories of years gone by.
"Do you remember Mardi Gras out sophomore year? It was sick," a bar
patron says. This is echoed throughout the night. Stories of the parade, the
parade, the costume contest, the cost of the event, how someone almost got arrested or how they were right there.
The old schoolers reminisce about when the parade was still held at night.
Friday ends eerily quiet.
Saturday
The bead-wearing wanderers, the rebel partners and the cops are all
back out.
Tonight, there are more cops, but they have added a new trick to the mix — "plain-clothes" cops.
The only way someone could perceive the clothes these undercover cops are wearing as "plain" is if you are in fact a rude for Asia and it is the
year 1981.
Large groups of cops congregate on street corners. Walking through, one
group of plain-clothes cops yell at me. "You guys ready to riot, starts at
9:300." The whole group laughs. The rest are talking about the rumor that
they may get to go home early.
Since Mardi Gras is over, I propose a new annual event that I am spear­
heading next year. The first annual San Luis Obispo Mustache-off.
While so many peace officers in
town, there is an over abundance of wicked 'staches. Instead of drinking
next year, go out with a camera and find the best mustache. Once you've
found the perfect one, take a picture,
there will be a contest on the corner of Foothill and California Boulevards for the "Best Mustache."
But I digress.
Downtown is a mess, there is an
ugly line in front of every bar. The Library looks like a biker bar with a
row of choppers sitting out front, except these bikes have funny blue and red lights on them.
Next door, Mother's Tavern has over 30 people in line. City Councilman Paul Brown owns Mother's; I am making a connec­
tion, this is merely a fact.
Besides a crowded bar scene,
Saturday night ends much like Friday night, and the Mardi Gras weekend ends like almost any other weekend in
San Luis Obispo.
And now the city has a question to ask for next year: Does it spend the
money and waste the manpower to stop nothing, or roll the dice, cut back the force and hope that students have
learned their lesson? Your call San Luis Obispo.

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5-Day Weather Forecast

Monday

High / Low
60 / 50

Forecast: Rain with wind blowing SSE 18 mph
Sunrise: 6:35 a.m.
Sunset: 5:57 p.m.
UV Index: 2 low

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State briefs

SANTA ANA (AP) — One of Orange County's main hospitals is threatening to stop providing medical services to some 4,500 of the county's poor, citing millions of dollars in losses. Western Medical Center-Santa Ana has notified CalOptima, the county's medical care agency for the poor, that it will withdraw from the indigent care program in six months unless the agency speeds up its payments to the hospital.

CalOptima deobes government funds to hospitals that provide treatment for the poor, but officials at Western Medical say the hospital suffered $10 million in losses last year related to its indigent care.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Nearly half of the vehicles owned by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department are taken home by employees, and the department has virtually no oversight of their use, according to an independent aide of the department's auditor.

The high number of vehicles on take-home status — 456 of the department's 1,009Homicides, cars, trucks and SUVs — was one of many concerns cited by Joseph Bras & Associates and the Public Strategies Group in a 124-page review of the department released Friday.

Camarillo (AP) — Retail gas prices across the country dropped an average of 6 cents in the past two weeks, according to a new survey.

The weighted average price for all three grades had dropped to $2.27 a gallon by Friday, said AAA, all three grades had dropped to $2.24 a gallon nationwide. Mid- grade cost $2.34 a gallon while the price for premium was $2.44. Gas prices are 33 cents higher than they were a year ago, Lundberg said Sunday.

Among stations surveyed, the lowest average price in the country for regular unleaded was in Portland, Ore., at $1.99 a gallon. The price was $2.09 a gallon in Honolulu.

Schwarzenegger meets with governors, defends bond plan

Erica Werner ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger used a national television interview Sunday to promote his plan to spend $222 billion on a massive public works building program in California.

In Washington for an annual meeting with fellow governors, Schwarzenegger interrupted an interview with Tim Russert, host of NBC's "Meet the Press," characterized the proposal as "spend, spend, spend."

"No, it's invest, invest, invest, Tim," the governor was quick to correct. "Those people who are criticizing my infrastructure deal and my strategic growth plan are people that are a little bit confused about the difference between spending and investing," he said.

Some of the people most critical of the plan, which would require $80 billion in new borrowing, are conservative members of Schwarzenegger's own Republican Party, which was wrapping up a twice-annual state convention Sunday in San Jose, Calif.

Schwarzenegger alluded to the split in his party's ranks when Russert asked him if he'd run for re-election this year as a Bush Republican. "I will run as an Arnold Republican, which is that I am there to govern and to serve the people of California, meaning Democrat and Republican, even though there are some on the right wing that are not happy about that, that think I should only govern for Republicans," Schwarzenegger said.

Two days after declaring a state of emergency for Sacramento's river and delta levees — which could trigger quick new spending to shore up the dangerously fragile barriers — Schwarzenegger reiterated the urgency of the need. He is expected to raise the issue when he and other governors meet with Bush Monday.

"We can have a worse disaster than New Orleans, so I'm concerned about that, that we are not really doing enough to protect the people," Schwarzenegger said.

Asked if he was concerned the Iraq war was draining National Guard troops that would be needed to respond to such a catastrophe, Schwarzenegger said he wasn't worried about that. But he said he'd join fellow governors in challenging the Bush administration over the Pentagon's proposed cuts to the guard.

He said he'd also be asking Bush for increased federal spending for a range of California needs, including border security and the cost of failing illegal immigrants who commit crimes.

Schwarzenegger renewed criticism that California gets back only about 79 cents in services for every dollar it pays in federal taxes — an imbalance that still exists even though Schwarzenegger pledged to fix it when he ran for governor in 2003 as the "Collectoator."

Schwarzenegger was joining fellow governors later Sunday for a panel on health and finances, a new focus of the National Governors Association under the leadership of Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who lost 110 pounds on an exercise plan.

$3 billion California stem cell agency fights for life in court

Paul Elias ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The future of embryonic stem cell research could be shaped in a deep suburban courtroom where two taxpayer groups are challenging the legality of California's new agency dedicated to the controversial field.

Opening arguments were set to begin Monday in a pair of lawsuits seeking to invalidate the law that created the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine, which is authorized to hand out $3 billion in research grants. The lawsuits allege — among other things — that it violates a state constitutional mandate that the spending of taxpayer dollars be under state control.

"The act delegates the disposal of huge sums of public money to the untested discretion of an institution whose governing board and working groups are unaccountable to the public," one of the lawsuits said.

When voters created the institute in November 2004, stem cell scientists saw the victory giving new traction to a field hamstrung by federal limits on funding.

Proposition 71 authorized the creation of the institute which has hired staff, opened a $3 million loan from the state and a $5 million donation from software tycoon like Microsoft Corp.'s Bill Gates.

The institute's main funding is $3 billion California stem cell agency fights for life in court

Human embryonic stem cells are created in the first days after conception and give rise to all the organs and tissues in the human body. Scientists hope they can someday use stem cells to replace diseased tissue, but many social conservatives, including President Bush, oppose the work because human embryos are destroyed during research.

Proposition 71 came as a reaction to administration's decision to cap federal funding for stem cell research at about $25 million annually and impose strict research guidelines that scientists say limit advances.

The research guidelines in the California proposition, backed by 59 percent of the electorate, are much broader than the federal rules. Wealthy Palo Alto real estate developer Robert Klein spearheaded the ballot drive, aided by a $30 million campaign financed in part by billionaire tycoons like Microsoft Corp.'s Bill Gates.

The state's research universities launched stem cell programs and began to recruit new talent in anticipation of multimillion-dollar state grants. The California plan even prompted other states to announce similar, if far less ambitious plans.

But the lack of funding has prompted the schools to scale back their immediate plans to expand stem cell research and has hampered recruiting. The searched-after husband-and-wife research team of Neal Copeland and Nancy Jenkins turned down an offer from Stanford University and accepted positions at a government-supported lab in Singapore. Copeland said the state's inability to fund stem cell research played a large role in the decision.
Arab company agrees to lengthen security probe in ports deal

Ted Bridis, Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration said Sunday it will accept an extraordinary offer by a United Arab Emirates-based company to submit to a second — and broader — U.S. review of potential security risks in its deal to take over significant operations at six leading American ports. The plan averts an impending political showdown.

The Treasury Department said in a statement it will promptly begin the review once the company formally files a request for one. It said the same government panel that earlier investigated the deal but found no reason for national security concern will reconsider it.

In six pages of documents sent earlier in the day to the White House, Dubai-based DP World asked for a 45-day investigation of plans to run shipping terminals in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia.

The announcement means the White House likely won't face a result by fellow Republicans who lawmakers return Monday from a weeklong break. A united Republican Party can assert that its leaders — both in Congress and at the White House — have taken additional steps to protect national security.

In a statement Sunday, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said he recommended that the Senate wait for results of the broader review before acting on legislation to delay or block the deal. Frist said he anticipates oversight hearings to continue to examine the agreement and its implications on maritime security.

DP World's offer was highly unusual. The secretive U.S. committee that considers security risks of foreign companies buying or investing in American industry has conducted such full investigations only about two dozen times among more than 1,500 international deals it has reviewed.

The company said that during the renewed scrutiny, or until May 1, a London-based executive who is a British citizen would have authority over DP World's U.S. operations. It pledged that Dubai executives would not control or influence company business in the U.S. But said it would be entitled to all profits during the period. It also said it will appoint an American to be its chief security officer in the United States.

"We hope that voluntarily agreeing to further scrutiny demonstrates our commitment to our long-standing relationship with the United States," said Edward H. Bilkey, the company's chief operating officer.

President Bush forcefully has defended his administration's earlier approval of DP World's proposal to buy London-based Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co. It was unanimous approved the deal after a more thorough investigation sought by U.S. intelligence agencies reported they found no derogatory information about DP World in their files.

As part of that review, the administration did not require DP World to keep copies of business records on U.S. soil, where they would be subject to orders by American courts. It also did not require the company to designate an American citizen to accommodate U.S. government requests for information or assistance. In the legal papers sent to the White House, DP World said it would abide by the outcome of the lengthy review but indicated it could use if the results were any different. The administration said it would seek additional security measures beyond the terms already negotiated.

A chief critic of the ports deal, Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said the company appeared to invite the more thorough investigation sought by many lawmakers. King, chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, said the proposal should be enough to delay any immediate effort in Congress to block the deal.

"If it is what it appears to be, to me there's no need at this time to go forward," with emergency legislation, King said. "Obviously we have to hold it in reserve and see what happens."
This Week

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

1. WATCH the comic opera, "The Barber of Seville," "Rossini's treasured comedy is a bawdy, joyful farce with some of opera's most fun yet technically challenging music," at the Christopher Cohan Center in the Performing Arts Center on Feb. 28, 2006. Tickets range from $42-54 and are available at www.pacsl.o.org.

2. LISTEN to "My Flame Burns Blue," the new split album by Elvis Costello and the Metropole Orkest. Available at Boo Boo Records on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

3. SING along with the Soweto Gospel Choir in the Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, March 1. "They are the most exciting vocal group to emerge from South Africa since Ladysmith Black Mambazo." Tickets are available through www.pacsl.o.org.

4. MEANDER downtown and eat food at Farmers Market on Higuera Street on Thursday night, between Osos and Nipomo streets.

5. CHILL OUT with "Another Type of Groove," spoken-word and poetry reading on Thursday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Philips Halls in the Performing Arts Center.

6. SEE the suspenseful new Richard Donner film, "16 Blocks," opening in theaters Friday, March 3. The movie stars Mos Def and Bruce Willis.

7. RELAX and watch the Cal Poly Theatre Department perform "The Crucible" in the Alex & Fay Spanos theatre on Friday March 3. Tickets are available through www.pacsl.o.org.

8. PINE for Cal Poly's annual "Arts in the Arboretum" in the Leaning Pine Arboretum on campus on Saturday, March 4. The free event, celebrating the arts and horticulture, is located in the university's 5-acre arboretum - a collection of gardens and groves set on a hillside behind the Environmental Horticulture Science Unit on Via Carta.

9. SHAKE your bon-bon to swing music on Saturday night at the Madonna Inn beginning at 8 p.m.

10. BE excited for the 78th annual Academy Awards on Sunday, March 5 at 8 p.m. on ABC.

Submit your stories to THE VELVET ROPE in 700 words or less to mustangdailydiversions@gmail.com. Must be 21 and up to enter.
Ryan Chartrand

Forget the cute Hollywood sled dogs from "Eight Below." Leave the kids at home and tell the Disney Channel to interview someone else because it's time for classic F-word bombing, fast car driving and shot-gun blasting Paul Walker fun.

"Running Scared," Walker's foray into serious acting, will take you for a ride that you'll probably forget. Walker and friends are certainly able to make some suspenseful and satisfying moments, but its rhythm is too fast and too furious to ultimately give the film any value or fulfillment after two hours of poor storytelling.

Walker ("The Fast and the Furious") plays a mobster whose partner shoots a cop during a bust-ed mob deal. Eventually the gun used to kill the cop ends up in the hands of Walker's 10-year-old neighbor (Cameron Bright), thus beginning an episode of "Walker: Mobster Ranger" to find the "running scared" kid. The gun changes hands multiple times throughout the film, which consequently brings in far too many characters and one too many scenes that should have been used to develop the only right "backstabbing mob world" storyline that was apparent­ly the bigger picture. But who needs plot development when the main theme song is reminiscent of "Black Sabbath. Miles Davis, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Blondie, and Induction ceremonies are scheduled March 13 in New York City. However, in a crude letter posted on their Web site Friday morning, the group made it clear they would not be attending. Comparing the rock hall to "urine in wine," the band's letter is a "We're not coming. We're not your monkeys and so what!"

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Sex Pistols staying true to punk roots, flips over Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

NEW YORK — For years, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame didn't deem the Sex Pistols, the revolutionary punk rock band, worthy of inclusion into its ranks. Now that the Sex Pistols have gained entry into the club, they've decided the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame isn't worthy of their presence.

The group was finally picked late last year to join the hall, along with Black Sabbath, Miles Davis, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Blondie, and induction ceremonies are scheduled March 13 in New York City.

"They are being the outrageous punksters they are, and that's rock and roll," said Susan Evans, the executive director of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Foundation, said: "They are being the outrageous punksters they are, and that's rock and roll."

The Sex Pistols had been eligible for the Rock Hall since 2001, but voters avoided the groundbreaking punk rock band in favor of contemporaries such as Clash, Police and Talking Heads. They broke up after just one album but left a lasting legacy in rock, as Johnny Rotten and Sid Vicious shocked the rock establishment with songs such as "God Save the Queen" and "Pretty Vacant."

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Study: gene link in mothers of multiple gay sons

Danielle Novy

LUBBOCK, Texas — Recent research has tied a link between mothers of multiple gay sons and specific genetic characteristics: "That is unusual because we don't see it in the control group," he said. A study of first- and second-generation mothers of gay men found that one-fourth of the mothers had inactivated the X chromosome in every cell that was examined.

The study's pool of participants included 97 mothers of gay sons, 44 of which had more than one gay son, and 103 mothers without gay sons to compare how the two groups handled X chromosomes.

While one-fourth of the mothers with more than one gay son inactivated the X chromosome in every observed cell, 13 percent of those with one gay son did the same, and only four percent of mothers with no gay sons inactivated the same X.

The next step is to hone in on the actual gender," Bocklandt said of his future research.

Lone H. Powell, a faculty member with the Texas Tech University department of human development and family studies, said although there is growing awareness that certain sexual orientation is multi-dimensional, it points toward sexuality as a genetic characteristic rather than one molded by society.

"Most research points toward sexuality being inherent rather than cultural," she said. "The more we know and the more we ask questions the more we see that things that do seem to be genetic.

Study: Alcohol ads target youth

Nick Eaton

PULLMAN, Wash. — Though they don't use techniques like Joe Camel cartoons, alcohol advertisers have successfully courted adolescents and underage alcoholics, a recent study has found. Researchers analyzed six months of beverage advertising in magazines and on television, and found that ads were in four magazines and one in 14 television ads target teenagers. The findings were published in December in the Journal of Health Communication.

"There are a lot of ads targeting young, very young kids," said Erica Austin, a Washington State University communication professor and lead author of the journal article.

Austin and her researchers see similarities among soda and alcohol ads in using themes of humor, relaxation and outdoor adventure to sell products, Austin said. Much soda advertising explicitly targets teenagers and children.

"The fact that they're similar indicates that they're targeting the people of the same age," she said. Austin, a woman and communication assistant professor and co-author of the article.

Morgan said that researchers used a "childish" attitude to grab the attention of the consumer.

"They found that therolloff was a puppy. "Thea' are a lot of ads targeting youth," she said. "They focus on children or sex acts with animals. "Virgin, whore; give me an alternative!" she shouted.

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Shereef is a communications professor at WSU and an executive assistant to the WSU president. It's a logical step, she said, to get rid of porn, but consumers should wipe out the market.

Jeremy said that the research in this comical in nature, saying porn was about "fun, happy films." He said he did not see it in the control group or any illegal types of pornography, such as pornography depicting children or sex acts with animals.

The actor said he hopes students realize there are two sides to every argument.

"Anyone over the age of 18 has the right to create and view porn," Jeremy said. "We are trying to bring films to satisfy fantasies of the wide public, mostly for niches and fetishes. America doesn't need a porn, we can make the choices ourselves." Jeremy said that was what Susan does, and said "she keeps us in check.

After the debate, students lined up across the lobby in Jesse Hall to meet the debaters, and discussed the high- ly controversial debate. "I think women are objectified more," said freshman Audi C^ole. "I found the debate the most interesting point because I don't see the correlation between porn and violence." Jeremy said that he also spoke about women's sexual roles, saying they were offered a choice of being perceived as either very sexually or very contactually.

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IRA supporters attack police, thwart Protestant march through central Dublin

Shawn Pogatchnik
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DUBLIN, Ireland — Several hundred Republican Army supporters attacked police in Dublin on Friday to prevent an unprecedented protest by Catholics through the capital by Protestants from Northern Ireland.

In scenes rare for the Republic of Ireland, protesters hurled bottles, bricks, concrete blocks and fireworks at police officers trying to clear the hostile crowd from Dublin’s most famous boulevard, O’Connell Street.

Even though the Protestants abandoned their parade, the battles spread to streets near the national parliament and museums, as well as shopping center and the major tourist district, Temple Bar.

Dublin’s local police force said 16 people — six officers and eight civilians, including rioters and a cameraman — were hospitalized, mostly with head wounds. More than a dozen other people suffered less serious injuries.

The police advised shoppers and tourists to avoid the entire city center, which is normally packed with pedestrians on Saturdays.

Officers in full riot gear — helped by clubs and flame-thrower suits — arrested at least 37 protesters as a police surveillance plane overhead relayed what was happening.

The protesters, mostly young men covering their faces with scarves, broken glass and bricks, were circling overhead.

Police and other officers on horseback fought the crowd with tear gas before ordering them to go home.

However, the would-be marchers, who came accompanied by traditional bands of life and drum, instead traveled by bus to the besieged parliamentary building.

Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said Protestant “unionists,” who favor Northern Ireland’s union with Britain, should have enjoyed freedom to demonstrate their views, and he condemned the rioters as anti-democratic.

“T h e r e a r e b o t h a n e x c u s e f o r t h e d e g r a d e d s c e n a r i o s i n D u h i n t o d a y ,” Ahern said. “It is the essence of Irish democracy and republicanism that people are allowed to express their views freely and in a peaceful and non-violent manner. People who want only attack back for more than an hour, forcing shops on Ireland’s most famous street to close.

Afterward, O’Connell Street was littered with broken paving stones and glass from shattered shop windows.

Near Leinster House, Ireland’s parliament building, at least three cars were flipped over and set on fire, while windows on scores of cars and businesses were smashed.

The rioters’ mayhem forced Protestant hard-liners to abandon their plan to parade through Dublin.

It would have been the first parade in Dublin by pro-British Protestant since Ireland’s partition into a mostly Protestant north and mostly Roman Catholic south in 1921.

The violence has pushed this Muslim country.

Although mosque attacks have been on the increase and Sunni violence was unabated.

A bombing exploded at a Shiite mosque in the city of Najaf, injuring at least two people, police said.

More than 60 Shiite families fled their homes in predominantly Sunni areas west and north of Baghdad after receiving threats, said Shiite lawmaker Jalad!n al-Saghir and Iraqi army Brig. Gen. Jalal Khalil.

in suburbs helped prevent major attacks during daylight, but after nightfall explosions thundered through the city as mortar shells slammed into the capital and other areas west and north of Baghdad.

Violence has increased.

The deadline could not have come at a worse time, with Iraqi security forces facing a major challenge because of the sectarian crisis that erupted after bombers destroyed the golden dome of the Shiite Askariya shrine, triggering a wave of reprisal attacks on Sunni mosques in Baghdad and other cities.

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An Iraqi Interior Ministry official said an extensive search was under way for the 28-year-old freelancer for the Christian Science Monitor, who was seized by gunmen in Baghdad on Jan. 7. Her Iraqi translator was killed.

“Our forces raced some suspicious places; but she wasn’t there,” Maj. Falah al-Mohtahawi said. “We are watching the situation closely.”

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tudent X in the back of the room is nodding off while listening to the difference between writing for print media and writing for broadcast, telling me at 08:15 this morning. 'Writing for the Media that people read differently than they watch or listen, that sentences have to be written differently and thoughts arranged differently and how to do that.'

And Student X is falling asleep.

My fault, I tell myself. I am, after all, only an adjunct lecturer (fancy word for part-time teacher), not trained to teach what I know. I've written for the media longer than these students have been alive, longer than their parents have been alive, I still write for the media; I'm writing for one now -- Mustang Daily. I've taught journalism for many years as I've been a journalist.

Welcome to the anxieties of being both a teacher and a think teacher! Think students are the only ones who sweat about the process of education, of learning and teaching, of getting the message out and -- sometimes -- intelligently and into you, intact and without slipping.

Then here's news: From before the first class each quarter, right back to my days at a Wests, there's plenty of sweat to go around. I may not look like it up there at the lectern, but I'm often uncertain, unsure and unconfident about the process.

For me, it begins with the roster. I look at the names of the class -- thirty-five students are going to need the grade, self-promoters are just about all they have, and I need to bridge that gap, reach them both.

What do they want to know, need to know? How much can I push and abstract detail I don't get in with theories, what's the value of fitting in with theories, what's the value of teaching, of getting the message out of the classroom and into my intellect and into theirs, intact and without slipping?

Another student told me she's carrying 20 units this quarter. No wonder she's not talking to me; she's taking notes in her head.

A view from the front of the room.

COMMENTARY

Of Denmark and Mohammad

Benjamin Rolfe

M E D F O R D M a x . — R e c e n t l y I've heard a lot about a Danish cartoon and Muslim extremists, and it seems that they're not the best of friends right now. Danes are lambasting, Muslims are brandishing grenades, both groups also can't seem to get along, both regions in money until they thought of something going for them, but perhaps the most novel is the one that could make more money than any other: trying to distemper each other, but this doesn't work, because at the present moment one can't even say there is a religion.

The rest, as they say, is that annoying kid from your Intro to IR class, with his keen views about the bullies of the world.

Rational justification has rarely enjoyed a break out role in IR's little dramas, much oftener being relegated to makeup and costume outside of the religions sphere. If, in students are so structured, we let the ideal scales drop from our eyes, several things indeed become immediately clear. One is that non-Muslims who concern themselves with Mohammad or his religion are often attacked, virtually alone, by think teachers.

For the most part such attacks are targeted at critics of Islam, but there are exceptions, as the October 2004 attack at the University of Copenhagen demonstrates. Illusory. They certainly have little to do with any supposed anti-Iranian campaign: economic or cultural. As current formulations, is this stopgap campaign up for the post-crisis pressure. It seems increasingly clear that you can't stop a movement by being anti-Islam, but by targeting those who speak up for religious pluralism.

Both groups also can't seem to help but be a little bit xenophobic, deeply religious, but that has carried the day here, which is why there's an echo chamber effect in the West, why they don't take heed of what their leaders say, or the inheritors of a diminished tradition have their own psycho-cultural burdens.

Muslim countries also seem to be in the mood of trying to figure out how they fit into larger political structures, just like Denmark with the EU, although the clerical headaches in each case do take very different forms.

These basic similarities do much to suggest that two things don't have any really good reasons to disparate each other, but this doesn't work in the post-crisis reality on the ground. Rational justification has rarely enjoyed a break out role in IR's little dramas, much oftener being relegated to makeup and costume outside of the religions sphere.

This newfound clarity also allows us a measure of sardonic laughter at the current controversies with each student after the midterm, just us, teacher and student, going over the exam, focusing on the student's class work and exam results. Maybe it helps them. It helped me. Student X told me he isn't asleep when his eyes close. It's just that his work day starts at 1 a.m., he gets to my class at 3 A.m., and even fewer of Julien's coffee's can completely overcome 15 hours, much less three more in my class.

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I just thought someone ought to tell you how it sometimes is at the head of the class. Maybe that will help you, too.

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Of course there are other alternatives so blase, I suggest that we push this option as far as possible, push both regions in money until they forget what they were worrying about. A more interesting approach is explained not only by the fact that we find Denmark's actions apropos of the war on terror and the reaction in the Arab world extremely messed up, but also by the fact that the only economic hand harmed so far has been on Denmark.

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Backboard. Tracing Clark and Thomas each hit a pair of free throws for the 24-6 Mustang advantage with 31 seconds left.

Poly topped Cal State Fullerton on the glass 33-31 and turned the ball over just 11 times, compared to 30 for the Titans. The Mustangs made 59.0 percent of their shots, compared to 50 percent for the Titans. Cal Poly connected on 16 of 26 three-pointers while Cal State Fullerton was just nine-for-32.

Center Gabriel Stephenson and senior guard J.R. Socci were honored in a pregame ceremony honoring Cal Poly's two seniors playing their final home game. Cal Poly concludes the regular season with home games against Cal State Northridge on Thursday at 7 p.m. at University of the Pacific on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Baseball
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MUSTANGS FALL TO UC IRVINE

Cal Poly fell to UC Irvine 5-2 on Saturday, Big West Player of the Week, John Nguyen continued his winning trend along with the doubles teams of Nguyen and Brett Van Linge and Matt Baca and Kyle Roybal recorded wins for the Mustangs.

At the No. 1 singles spot, Nguyen defeated Mustafa Ulukan in a tiebreaker match 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Fred Dewitte, Kyle Roybal and Darryn Young fought hard at the No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6 singles spots, all falling in tiebreaker matches.

In doubles, Nguyen and Van Linge defeated Ulukan and Trevor Dobson 8-6 at the No. 1 spot. Baca and Roybal defeatedAaron Ellis and Andrei Rakhleva 8-6 at the No. 2 spot.

Cal Poly also fell to UC Riverside 4-3 on Sunday. Nguyen, Van Linge and Dewitte each scored singles’ victories while the tandem of Nguyen and Van Linge was the only successful doubles team for the Mustangs. Four of the six singles matches went to the third set.

With the losses, Cal Poly falls to 2-4 on the season and 0-2 in Big West play.

Cal Poly returns to action March 3 at the University of San Francisco. –SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

INDOOR TRACK

SEATTLE SUCCESS

Cal Poly indoor track athletes Deirdre Byrne and Danielle Ayers-Stamper competed in the second day of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championship at the University of Washington on Saturday. Byrne earned a sixth place finish in the one mile while Ayers-Stamper placed 11th in the pentathlon.

With a first place finish and a time of 4:46.50 in her preliminary heat for the one mile, Byrne knocked almost one second off her time for a sixth place finish in the finals with a time of 4:45.54

Ayers-Stamper competed in the pentathlon over a two day period, placing 11th with a total of 3,550 points. Her highest finish came with a seventh place finish in the shot put where she recorded a throw of 11.04 meters (36’ 2 3/4”). A high jump of 1.63 meters (5’ 4 1/4”) earned her an eighth place finish as well as a time of 2.26.97 in the 800-meter run.

Indoor track continues competition March 4th for the University of Washington List Chance Meet in Seattle, Wash. –SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

SPORTS

Monday, February 27, 2006

First round bye nearly locked up

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Junior forward Derek Stockalper scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds, two days after posting his fourth double-double of the season, to lead Cal Poly to a 76-72 victory over Cal State Fullerton in a Big West men’s basketball game Saturday afternoon in Mott Gym.

Sophomore guard Darwin Whiten added 14 points, junior forward Tyler McGinn had 13 and freshman guard Chaz Thomas chipped in 12 as Cal Poly improved to 9-16 overall and 7-5 in the Big West.

Cal State Fullerton, led by Frank Robinson with 18 points and Jamal Brown with 11 points and 12 rebounds, fell to 13-12 overall and 5-9 in the Big West. Jermaine Harper added 15 points and Vershan Cornell had 11.

The loss ends the Titans’ chances of a first round bye in the Big West Tournament next week, adding to what has already been a disappointing season for coach Bob Burton. The Titans were picked to win the conference in both the pre-season media and coaches polls.

For Cal Poly, the win all but sealed a three or four seed at the tournament.

In order for Cal Poly to lose the three or four seed, which guarantees a first round bye at the tournament, the Mustangs would have to lose in the

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No. 22 no more

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly will undoubtedly drop out of the top 25 when the latest rankings come available after losing two of three unranked Santa Clara over the weekend. Cal Poly lost in first two games by scores of 15-9 and 7-5, but did manage to win the final game of the series 3-2.

In Sunday’s game, pinch-hitter Bryan Kepner singled through the left side of the Santa Clara infield with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning, scoring pinch-runner Chad Pruett to give No. 22 Cal Poly the win at Biggert Stadium.

The Mustangs improved to 10-5 on the season while Santa Clara, which has won two of its three games against Cal Poly each of the last three years, fell to 7-6, in four-game winning streak snapped Sunday. The Broncos won 15-9 and 7-5 on Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Junior catcher Matt Canepa drew a leadoff walk on April 24 in the Mustang ninth and Pruett ran for Canepa. Senior outfielder Jimmy Gardner’s sacrifice bunt moved Pruett to second base and first baseman Adam Buschman’s comebacker allowed Pruett to take third.

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Losing streak continues with loss to Fullerton

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Andrea Adams and Charlee Underwood combined for 39 points as Cal State Fullerton handed Cal Poly its sixth consecutive loss, defeating the Mustangs 76-67 in a Big West Conference women’s basketball game Saturday afternoon in Titan Gym.

With the loss, Cal Poly falls to 10-13 overall and 5-7 in the Big West. Cal State Fullerton, which avenged an 81-74 loss to the Mustangs on Jan. 2 in Mott Gym, improved to 10-15 and 7-6.

Adams scored 20 points, sinking five of 10 floor shots and eight of 10 free throws, while Underwood added 19 points, hitting six of 16 field goals and four of seven free throws. Underwood also grabbed 10 rebounds for a double-double.

Cal Poly also produced a player with a double-double as junior forward Jess Gilland notched 17 points and 13 rebounds for her second career double-double. Sophomore guard Anthonia Newman added 12 points and six boards for the Mustangs.

Cal Poly shot better than Cal State Fullerton from the floor, 37.9 percent to 34.8 percent, and from the free-throw line, 68.2 percent to 66.7 percent, but turned the ball over 28 times, seven

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CAL POLY WEEKLY HOME ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

Mon. 27 Tues. 28 Wed. 1 Thurs. 2 Fri. 3 Sat. 4

*Women's Basketball vs. Cal State Northridge, 7 p.m. @ Mott Gym

*Baseball vs. San Diego, 8 p.m.

*Women's Basketball vs. Pacific, 4 p.m. @ Mott Gym

*Baseball vs. San Diego, 1 p.m.