Josh Krane

Markers have recently been installed around campus as reminder to every storm drain at Cal Poly.

Tracy Thatcher, assistant professor of civil and environmental engineering, said leaking oil from cars and soap used to wash cars are the most common types of pollutants to go down storm drains. She said the markers are a good way to inform people about the importance of keeping them clear of pollutants.

"People tend to be surprised that there isn't a sewage drainage system. When people become aware of that, then people are more careful," Thatcher said.

Animal and concrete waste and wash water are slated for construction as part of the Irish Hills Plaza, a 140,000-square-foot shopping center on Los Osos Valley Road, near the Home Depot and Costco.

The development is being headed by the Madonna family, and will include Linens 'n Things, OfficeMax, Beverages & More, Vitamin Shoppe, Panda Express, Artistic Nails, It's a Grind—a coffee shop franchise — and a small restaurant.

Many people think that the two new stores don't make much sense, including Highland, Perimeter and Grand streets. Eight hundred more markers will eventually be installed next to every storm drain at Cal Poly.

"Most people don't realize those storm drains don't have treatment, that they go straight to (San Luis) creek. Most people think that those cute little storm drains go to a treatment plant, but they don't," said Kim Busby, equipment technician for environmental health and safety.

Two hundred of the markers, which say "DUMP NO WASTE, DRAINS TO CREEK," have already been installed on the curbs adjacent to the storm drains along Cal Poly's major thoroughfares, including Highland, Perimeter and Grand streets. Eight hundred more markers will eventually be installed next to every storm drain at Cal Poly.

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University recognized for green energy

Amy Dierdorff

Cal Poly is going green, and it has nothing to do with school spirit. The California State University system has set a goal of reducing energy use and utilizing more green power on all of its campuses statewide to create a more sustainable system and prevent harm to the environment.

The CSU system ranked second on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) list of top 10 College and University Green Power Partners, and made the top 25 list as the nineteenth largest national green power purchaser. The No. 1 College and University Green Power Partner in the U.S. is University of Pennsylvania.

The CSU system is being recognized for the voluntary purchase of more than 75 million kilowatt-hours of green power, which is enough energy to power more than 6,100 average American homes each year. Using national average utility emission rates, this same purchase is about equal to avoiding the release of more than 105 million pounds of carbon dioxide, the equivalent of emissions from over 10,000 passenger cars.

"We are proud to be on the EPA's top 25 overall list and top 10 list of college and university purchasers. Purchasing green power is part of CSU's Energy & Sustainability Policy and underscores our commitment to reduce the impact of global warming, helping achieve our energy independence goal and providing diversity in our energy supply," said Len Petts, Chief of Plant, Energy and Utilities for the CSU system in a press release. Both lists are put together annually.

Democratic club president takes on government

Nicole Small

While the presidential election of 2004 may have turned some people away from politics, it sparked interest for Zach Austin. The political event led Austin to become politically conscious.

"I really don't think that cheapens my win," said Austin.

"That issue I hold dear to my heart," he said.

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Green power makes up about 13 percent of the CSU systems generated from entirely environmentally friendly resources, such as solar, wind, geothermal, biogas, biomass, and low-impact hydro," according to a CSU system press release. The CSU system purchases green power for 16 of its 23 campuses, including Cal Poly, in the form of biomass, geothermal and wind from APS Energy Services. Cal Poly has made significant changes in the last few years to use more green power in compliance with the CSU system's goals and in hopes of becoming a more independent, sustainably campus. This past summer Cal Poly Facility Services, Facilities Planning and Capital Projects, and the Sustainable Advisory Committee put out the 2006 Biennial Progress Report detailing progress made in campus planning, development and efforts to become a greener campus. The first progress report was released in 2004 in a response to the Talleres Declaration signed by Cal Poly President Warren Baker. The declaration recognizes university leaders from around the world as having major roles in the education, research, policy formation and information exchange necessary to address problems of environmental pollution, degradation and depletion of natural resources.

According to the 2006 Biennial Progress Report, approximately 27,000 light fixtures were retrofitted campus wide in the past few years, along with other small measures, to contribute to a more than 13 percent reduction in electricity and natural gas use.

If you spend money on campus, save yourself the hassle of cash and checks by using CAMPUS EXPRESS CLUB. It's already encoded on your PolyCard. For more information or to add value, check www.calpolycorporation.org/express.
“I would like it because then you don’t have to travel as far. It sucks to drive all the way to Paso Robles or Arroyo Grande.”

- Mike Babst

civil engineering senior

“It kind of takes away from the small town point of view, but it’s also more convenient.”

- Carmen Leung

architecture freshman

“I’m not even from here so I don’t really care.”

- Alexis Austin

recreation administration graduate student

“I think it would change the atmosphere of downtown, but Madonna is already developed so it won’t change.”

- Joseph Goodrick

aerospace engineering sophomore

“I’m against it because the family-run stores are what make SLO different from every other town.”

- Kenny Hackman

recreation administration graduate student

Former Enron CEO Skilling sentenced to 24 years, 4 months

HOUSTON — Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling was ordered Monday to serve 24 years and four months in prison, the harshest punishment by far in Enron’s scandalous collapse and one that capped a string of tough sentences for top executives in corruption cases.

U.S. District Judge Sam Lake denied Skilling’s request for bond and ordered him to home confinement, wearing an ankle monitor. Lake, who told the U.S. Bureau of Prisons to recommend when Skilling should report to prison, suggested the 52-year-old be sent to the federal facility in Butner, N.C., for his role in a case that came to symbolize corporate fraud in America.

His crimes have imposed on WorldCom CEO Bernard Ebbers, who received 25 years for his role in the $11 billion accounting fraud that toppled the telecommunications firm to an industry giant. Another CEO, Dennis Kozlowski of Tyco International Ltd., received a sentence of eight and one-third to 25 years in prison in another fraud case.

Skilling’s co-defendant, Enron founder Kenneth Lay, died from heart disease on July 5. Lay’s conviction on 19 counts of fraud, conspiracy and lying to banks in two separate cases were wiped out with his death.

Skilling’s arrogance, belligerence and lack of contrition under questioning made him a lightning rod for the rage generated after Enron sought bankruptcy protection in 2001. Lay was once a leading city father whose charitable good works and affable nature endeared him locally. Skilling was little known outside Enron until his anger at being caught brought his personality into public focus.

“You honor, I am innocent of these charges,” Skilling told Judge Lake Monday. “I am innocent of every one of these charges.”

“We will continue to pursue my constitutional rights and it’s no dis-honor to this court and anyone else in this court. But I feel very strongly about this, and I want my friends, my family to know that.”

Skilling also disputed reports that he had no remorse for his role in the fraud that drove the company to seek bankruptcy protection.

“I can tell you that’s just the furthest thing from the truth,” he said. “It’s been very hard on me, but probably more important, incredibly hard on my family, incredibly hard on employees of Enron Corp., incredibly hard on my friends and incredibly hard on the community.

“And I want my friends, my family to know this.”

Skilling’s wife, former Enron corporate secretary Rebecca Carter, was in the courtroom.

Skilling’s apologetic tone didn’t last long.

Outside the courtroom later, he predicted he’d be vindicated on appeal.

The word ‘Enron’ conjures up some really awful things,” he said. “I don’t fault the judge for what he did. I believe I’ll be vindicated.”

Skilling said he never considered striking a deal with prosecutors because he believed he had done nothing wrong.

Skilling was convicted in May on 19 counts of fraud, conspiracy, insider trading and lying to auditors. He was acquitted on nine counts of insider trading.
Aoxideiit kills 1 in eastern Pa. coal mine, officials say

Michael Rubinkam
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TREMONT, Pa. — A coal mine accident, possibly an explosion, killed a miner Monday, but five others escaped, authorities said.

The incident happened 2,300 feet underground at the R&D Coal Co. anthracite mine in Schuylkill County, about 80 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

The victim was Dale Reighelderfer, 43, of Donaldson, according to his brother-in-law Charles Kimmel, who had worked the mines since age 16, had a wife and four children, and dreamed of setting up an auto repair business.

"He was gonna give it up and go into auto repair full time," Kimmel said. "I guess that ain' t gonna happen."

The owner of the coal company, Sea Himmelberger, was at Reighelderfer's house Monday night to comfort the family but did not talk to a reporter.

State and federal investigators were trying to determine the cause of the accident, the state Department of Environmental Protection said. Regulators ordered the mine closed until an investigation is complete.

State police initially said the accident was an explosion. However, other state officials were more cautious, saying it was too dangerous to go down into the mine shaft to investigate because the incident knocked out the mine's ventilation system.

They hoped to have it restored Tuesday.

"Right now, it's a mining accident, a fatal mine accident, and that's what we're terming it until the investigation concludes," said Mark Carmone, a DEP spokesman.

The five miners who escaped were being interviewed, Carmone said.

The mine is in a remote, mountainous region in eastern Pennsylvania. A June inspection turned up no violations, while an August inspection found brush surrounding an exhaust fan that was cleared while the inspector was on site, according to state officials.

Four workers at the mine were injured Dec. 1, 2004, by debris from an explosion caused by a pipe with a faulty gauge, state officials said. The mine reopened after installing safety equipment, and two inspections this year turned up no significant violations, the state agency said.

The victim's neighbors were taking food to his family's home in the tightly knit mining community, neighbors said.

"The folks here really take care of each other," she said.

The area has the nation's only deposits of anthracite, a type of hard, relatively clean-burning coal that once heated millions of homes but now represents a tiny sliver of the U.S. coal industry. The mines still operating are typically small, with only a few miners.

So far this year, there have been 41 other deaths in U.S. coal-mine accidents, none in Pennsylvania. In the deadliest accident, 12 men were killed at the Sage Mine in northern West Virginia in January.

Coal miners and family members leave the property of the R&D Coal Co mine near Joliett, Pa., Monday, Oct. 23, 2006. An explosion at the mine Monday killed one person.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Immigrants from China and Vietnam can wire money to relatives back home directly through a bank starting Tuesday, bypassing potentially more expensive remittance companies or the risky option of handing cash to traveling friends.

Wells Fargo & Co. became the first U.S. bank to tap this slice of the lucrative international money-transfer market. The bank partnered with the Agricultural Bank of China and the Industrial and Commercial Bank of Vietnam to allow customers in the United States to make direct account-to-account transfers to their countries of origin.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A federal judge on Monday approved one of the largest river restoration projects in the western United States, capping an 18-year legal battle to return salmon to the San Joaquin River.

U.S. District Court Judge Lawrence Karlton approved the deal between environmental and fishing organizations, farmers and irrigation districts to return water to stretches of the river left dry by the Friant Dam outside Fresno.

Karlton's signature finalizes a settlement reached this summer. It will immediately take effect.

The agreement allows water to be returned to roughly 60 miles of the San Joaquin River by 2009. While the construction of the Friant Dam in the 1940s transformed about a million acres in the Central Valley into fertile farmland, it dried up long sections of a river once thick with salmon.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton accused her Republican challenger of getting into "swampy territory" after he was quoted Monday as saying that Clinton was unattractive when she was younger and that she had a lot of work done on herself.

John Spencer denied discussing the senator's looks during a conversa­tion with a New York Daily News reporter. The tabloid quoted Spencer as saying: "You ever see a picture of her back then? Where I don't know why Bill married her."

WASHINGTON (AP) — A voluntary recall of 340,000 laptop batteries made by Sony Corp., part of a voluntary global replacement program, was officially announced Monday in the United States.

Last week, Tokyo-based Sony said the recall involved nearly 10 million batteries worldwide. The Consumer Product Safety Commission, the government's consumer watchdog agency, issued the formal recall notice for U.S. consumers.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under election-year pressure to change course in Iraq, the Bush administration said Monday there are no plans for dramatic shifts in policy or for ultimatums to Baghdad to force progress.

Just two weeks before the Nov. 7 elections that will determine whether Republicans retain control of Congress, the White House tried to calm political anxieties about deteriorating security in Iraq.

The Bush administration said Monday it was not optimistic that North Korea will end its nuclear program or return to disarmament talks soon.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea is amenable to returning to international nuclear talks if the U.S. shows a willing­ness to resolve a dispute over the North's alleged counterfeiting and money laundering, a South Korean lawmaker said Monday. A Japanese legislator said a top Chinese official who recently vis­ited Pyongyang said China was not optimistic that North Korea will end its nuclear program to re­enter disarmament talks soon.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A U.S. soldier in Baghdad was reported missing late Monday, residents said American forces sealed the central Karadah district and were conducting door-to­door searches. Other reports claimed he was an Army translator of Iraqi descent and was abducted.

A military official in Washington said the missing service member was a translator and that the initial report was he may have been abducted. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the information was not cleared for release.

SAN JOSE DEL CABO, Mexico (AP)— Hurricane Paul swirled toward the southern tip of Baja California Monday, swirling the third hurricane this season to threaten the resort popular with Hollywood's elite.

Paul had maximum sustained winds of 90 mph and was moving north at about 6 mph, the National Hurricane Center in Miami said. Paul's winds weak­ened from 105 mph earlier and the storm was downgraded to a Category 1, the center said.

![Accident kills 1 in eastern Pa. coal mine, officials say](image-url)
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One of his best skills is being an "excellent communicator of ideals." What Austin brings to his campus table is his ability to convince an undecided voter or a diehard democrat to vote one way or another. Another quality that is hard to beat is his infectious enthusiasm for politics.

"We try to give students a reason to care," he said.

The Cal Poly Democrats and College Republicans have worked together to get more students interested in the future of the nation. "Even though we are from different sides of the political spectrum, we put it aside because we want people to register (to vote)," said Christina Chipper, president for the Cal Poly College Republicans and a social sciences junior.

The clubs set up voter registration booths in the University Union around election times to get more college representation at the polls.

Austin speculates that because San Luis Obispo is a small community and is an urban area, less people are involved in politics.

On an individual note, the Cal Poly Democrats volunteer their time to the San Luis Obispo Democratic Society and will do precinct walks, going door-to-door to speak with the community about upcoming election propositions and candidates, and phone banking.

The club also has speakers come to campus to share their view on current issues.

In fact, Austin said his most influential club moment happened a few weeks ago when Rep. Lois Capps came to Cal Poly. Capps represents the 23rd district, which covers Cambria to Ventura. Austin said Capps came during Greek week to work the Cal Poly Democrats' booth in the UU. He said she walked up to fraternity booths and introduced herself without any hesitation.

"She showed that a politician does care about what students think," Austin said.

Austin would like to do work similar to Capps' after college. As a child, Austin thought he'd be a firefighter, but now wants to be a congressional aide or a legislator in either Sacramento or Washington, D.C.

Austin stays busy; in addition to his presidency, he also serves on the Associated Students Inc. board. Austin said the key to balancing school, clubs and his personal life is to stay organized and "to keep an eye on the prize."

The Cal Poly Democrats have an active base of between 40 to 50 students, who are not all "crazy liberals," he said. Members are from a broad range of majors and ideals.

Austin said people need to think about the future; already 3,000 American soldiers have died, nation rates have increased and the middle class bracket is disappearing, and the only answer lies in democracy.

"The path of the country is not going well and there are a great deal of changes that need to happen, the Democratic party is the best choice to do it."
Band brings jams to pub Wednesday

Christina Casci

To the band members of Frame of Mind, music is not only their job, it is a way of life. On Wednesday, Oct. 25, Frame of Mind is bringing their eclectic style of music and life to Frog and Peach at 9:30 p.m.

The band, which started in Southern California, considers itself a jam rock 'n' roll band, said Obie Scott, 33, the guitarist and one of the vocalists.

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Though they started in Southern California, the band members have moved around a lot. Their first tour was in 2000, after they had played locally for a few years, and throughout the tour they lived in a Suburban, Scott said.

For two and a half years, Frame of Mind toured all over. “We were making our own dreams happen, without the help of anyone else,” Scott said.

Finally, the band wanted to record an album and settle down, Scott said. They moved to Idaho and started to play there. “We made a better living up there.”

After three albums in Idaho, they decided to “move out and get on the road,” he said. “We wanted to put ourselves in a bigger pond.”

With 200 shows a year, most would be tired of the road, but not Nimai Fickiup, 32, the bass player and one of the vocalists in Frame of Mind. “It hasn’t worn out yet,” Fickiup said. “We are at home and welcome wherever we go.”

The band has pulled inspiration from many types of music, including classic rock and more contemporary musicians, according to their Web site www.frameofmindlive.com.

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“I get my inspiration for the music from daily experience and emotions,” Fickiup said. “I draw from all over the place.”

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“There are times that are heated, but they have gotten less and less frequent lately,” Scott said. “He covers where I lack and I make up where he lacks.”

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What the band loves about being onstage is “The energy you get from playing in front of other people,” Scott said. “The relationship and the energy is addictive.”

“The crowds that are dancing and having fun are great,” Fickiup said. “As long as they’re having fun, we do too.”

Though touring is fun, the band is ready to record another album soon. “It will be nice to have a few months off to write and record,” Scott said. “We could do it on the road, but it’s not the same.”

“As soon as we can find time and find a studio to record in, we will do it,” Fickiup said. “As soon as possible.”

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Beyoncé's voice rings in 'B'Day'

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MADISON, Wis. — After listening to Beyoncé's latest album, the oddly titled "B'Day," there are two things very difficult to get out of your head: Where's the attempt to recreate "Crazy in Love," and why does Beyoncé sound like she's preparing to break up with Jay-Z?

The first concern washes away after repeated listenings — though nothing on "B'Day" equals the R&B perfection that was "Crazy in Love." The album as a whole is entirely unexpectedly better and more satisfying than the oft-tasting "Dangerously In Love." The second concern, however, only seems more apparent after further listening. Half of the songs are explicitly about breaking up, jealousy and resentment. If there is trouble between the Hova and Ms. Knowles, it probably won't raise any eyebrows given the expiration dates on celebrity romances. The real surprise, though, is that this jealousy and anger has propelled Beyoncé into creating some of the most relevant music of her entire career, and one of the most consistent albums of 2006.

"Ring the Alarm" is the album's angriest, grittiest and best song. It mixes universally obscene verses, Bomb Squad-esque production (alarm sounds over hard-hitting, spare beats) and a screaming, ranting chorus that finds Beyoncé sounding like the bastard child of Zack de la Rocha and Noko Otou — which is a surprisingly good thing. Lyrically, the song deals with one of the hardest parts of any breakup: The knowledge that after it's over, you have to see your ex-lover with someone new. When she screams "I'll be damned if I see my ex-lover with someone new!" Beyoncé effectively sums up the senseless jealousy that marks ended relationships. This is simply one of the most original, ballsy singles to hit the radio this year. "Suga Mama" exemplifies what makes "B'Day" so enjoyable and unique. Its instrumentation sounds straight out of the Meter's '70s catalogue with funky guitar work and minimal drumming. This is one of "B'Day"'s strongest attributes. Beyonce gives us songs with plenty of different instruments and hooks to keep things interesting, but makes sure they still have a sense of space and restraint. Never does the production sound overdone, and each song leaves plenty of open audio space, producing a sound that is both layered and sparse. Add soulful vocals and lines like, "I'm gonna be like a waffle cone, just drippin' to the floor," and you've got a killer song.

"Freakum Dress," second only to "Ring the Alarm," is also a fantastic club banger which begins with Beyoncé commanding the music to start and stop at her whim. The song finds Beyoncé exhorting fans to go out and get your freak on whenever your man acts up. "Ladies look here/ And pull out that freakum dress." Beyoncé takes the familiar female empowerment song and makes it wholly interesting again by imbuing it with an angrier screw-you mentality that most divas wouldn't dare to.

Due to the absence of a "Crazy in Love," "B'Day" will probably not be the blockbuster that "Dangerously In Love" was, which is a shame considering this album is one of the most entertaining, heartfelt releases in R&B/pop music this year. Taking into account the fact that Beyonce created this near-masterwork in the space of two weeks, it's fair to say her career is stepping out of the cookie cutter it gestated in and is entering a golden era that is all her own. Powerful, soulful and freaky.
Local folk artist brings sounds to Linnaeas's

until about two weeks ago, I had heard of Mariee Sioux more times than I had ever listened to Mariee Sioux. The time I was curious enough to listen to her music, she had slipped out of town on a journey with experimental folk group Brightblack Morning Light. Right around that time, Brightblack Morning Light released their newest album on Matador Records, home to Belle and Sebastian, the New Pornographers and Yo La Tengo among others. As you can guess, my interest peaked even higher.

Apparently, she's back. And she's got a new solo album entitled "A Bundled Bundle of Bundles." Somehow, the CD worked its way into Cal Poly's radio station, KCPR, after being handed off at a party, or at least that's what I've heard. Either way, it's now humming away on my computer speakers.

The CD is everything you would expect as far as sound. Sioux comes from Nevada City, home to a nice little folk scene that has produced artists like Joanna Newsom. The album has pretty and unique vocals set against soothing guitar work and it has them in droves. To be honest, most of the album should be pretty easy to get into if you are an individual inclined towards folk music arrangements.

However, it's the second track that sets the whole album apart and makes it so wonderful. "Wizard Flurry Home" occupies a short amount of space at four and a half minutes with other tracks hanging around the ten minute mark. It's the most wonderful journey on the album though. Sioux sings about falling snow, winter dancing and love adrift continuously growing greater. It brings back every moment I ever spent running in the snow at night up in the mountains as I was growing up in Nevada.

The other tracks may not evoke as much atmosphere and wonder as "Wizard Flurry Home," but they are still nice folk songs that will linger over my playlist for a while. "Blue's Seagull" sets Sioux's vocals against strumming that conveys senses of movement and traveling just like its namesake. "Wild Eyes" unfolds upon a longer space with Sioux alternating between her more soothing vocals and attention grabbing pleas to "Mama" and "Papa." Bundled desk's the album and makes and seems to be growing in scope once again or maybe I'm just taking notice of it for the first time. Either way, I will get to see Mariee Sioux play for I believe the second time. She will be playing a small show at Linnaes's Café Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. with an unannounced guest. As per the usual attendance is free and donations are welcome.

Show Tip: If folk music isn't your thing, come see So Many Dynamos bring loud noises to 2 Dogi Coffee Co. and forget about the show. Big thanks to Denim and Outfit Plan folks you will totally dig this.

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October 24

• 1995 Total solar eclipse in Southwest and Southern Asia lasts 2 minutes, 9 seconds.
• 1989 After a week's delay from an earthquake, World Series game three is played.
• 1964 Eighteen Olympic games close in Tokyo, Japan.
• 1940 40-hour workweek goes into effect (Fair Labor Standards of 1938).

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began their stage careers as assistants to the seasoned water-box act performer, Cutter (Michael Caine). Their act is as dense as it is dodgy. The wife of Angier stars as the dazzling muse of the trick she is roped by the hand, tied to a crane and dropped into a metal crate of water that is then locked shut. Then, with the fall and rise of a curtain, she is seen at liberty and without struggle once again.

The secret to the trick is that a trap door at the top of the crate allows the person inside to unlock the latch. Yet, one evening, Borden (Jake) ties an unusual knot that prevents Angier's wife from escaping the trap. Whether Borden's intentions were purposeful is unseen. The demise of Angier's wife and the unknown explanation for Borden's actions completely destroy the relationship between the two magicians.

A bitter rivalry is all that is left for the fate and future of these confronting men as solo performers. Their methods of rivalry are then rooted upon cruel and resourceful schemes of betrayal, often corrupting each other's performances and stealing each other's tricks. Angier employs his latest performance assistant, a woman by the name of Olifia Wencesmo (Scarlett Johannson), as his personal emissary to personally examine every detail of Borden's routine of trickery. The film unfolds the plotline by patching together different periods in time, in a familiar character-developing instrument often exhibited by Nolan.

One night, Borden delivers a

magie trick called "The Transported Man" that baffles Angier. It's a trick based on the duplication of illusion, in which the magician enters through an empty door from one side of the stage and exits immediately from the other side. Angier sets out on a journey to seek the aid of a man who can make real magic happen through science — Nikola Tesla, played by Irrit Graham Culbertson is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily music columnist.

Nolan, is in his first full co-writing collaboration with his brother Jonathan. The "Prestige" carries a flawed sense of genius and aptitude that is epitomized by a simply diverse cast. Seeing Christian Bale and Hugh Jackman deliver some dearly unforgettable performances forces the audience to forget the pair are simply actors. Overall, "The Prestige" carries a flurry of movement and trickery that fans of the genre will totally dig this. The film is a must for anyone who appreciates classic magic trick.
I'm no ogre in my attitude toward marriage. I have my fantasies like everyone else, and I have a place in my heart for the idea of a big, fussy wedding and a big, bouncy wedding dress, “snow-bride” status a la Toula of “My Big Fat Greek Wedding.” Before you singles run screaming to the coach’s defense and hang your heads in my heart (but for some, the idea may be that frightening). Or perhaps you see this as a slap in the face to every fan of the Mustang football, I hope this to be anti-smoking or cancer awareness TV ads, and educational programs like DARE. I'm not afraid of marriage at all, and let the record show that I'm not certain about my commitment. I'm certainly not afraid of commitment. Or perhaps you see this as a slap in the face to every fan of the Mustang football, I hope this to be anti-smoking or cancer awareness TV ads, and educational programs like DARE.
La Russa on Rogers: ‘I don’t believe it was dirt’

Detroit Tigers pitcher Kenny Rogers, left, walks past umpire Alfonso Marquez after the top of the second inning of Game 2 of the World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday in Detroit.

Some suspect Detroit’s all-star pitcher has a history of foul play.

Ben Walker
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Tony La Russa kept talking about Kenny Rogers, his words from the interview room becoming all around Busch Stadium, courtesy of the PA system. One by one, the Detroit Tigers stopped their workout to listen.

“I don’t believe it was dirt,” they heard the St. Louis manager say. “Didn’t look like dirt.”

A lot of baseball fans weren’t buying Rogers’ explanation, either. So instead of looking to Game 3 of the World Series, the focus Monday was squarely on Game 2.

Specifically, on what Rogers had at the base of his left thumb — and whether it was there before.

“We know it’s all over the place right now,” umpires supervisor Steve Palermo said.

Some photographs from Rogers’ start in the AL championship series against Oakland showed what appeared to be the same kind of smudge on his pitching hand that caught everyone’s attention Sunday night.

Prompted by La Russa, the umpires asked Rogers to clean off his left hand before the second inning. He wound up pitching eight shutout innings in a 3-1 victory that evened the World Series at one game each.

Rogers, who’s gone from playoff face to postseason force this October, insisted it was an innocent mistake.

“I rub up the balls between the innings and before the game all the time,” Rogers said Monday. “I rub up the bullpen balls I pitch with mud, resin, spit. I do it all the time. They rub the ball up, too, with mud before the game. “The game balls, they’re dirty. Usually, when I get done, there’s not much on my hand, but I guess a little bit more than normal. I wiped it off and proceeded to pitch seven pretty good innings,” he said. “Mud, resin, sweat. It’s always there. I try not to go too crazy with it, but it’s not making my pitches do anything crazy.”

Later, it was La Russa’s turn to have his say. His off-day news conference was piped over the Busch Stadium public-address system, so his thoughts echoed from every corner of the empty ballpark.

The Tigers had just come onto the field for practice, and they were instantly surrounded by La Russa’s voice giving a lengthy analysis.

The first question skipped right past Game 3 — it’s Tuesday night, with reigning NL Cy Young winner Chris Carpenter starting against Nate Robertson.

Instead, it was about Rogers, who has pitched 23 scoreless innings this postseason — after going 0-3 with an 8.85 ERA in previous postseasons.

La Russa’s answer went on for five minutes.

He said he brought the smudge to the umpires’ attention, but did not demand they search Rogers. They didn’t.

La Russa also said the Cardinals were aware Rogers had a similar spot earlier in the postseason.

“I said, ‘I like this stuff, let’s get it fixed.’ If you get it fixed, let’s play the game. It’s fixed, in my opinion,” he said.

If he didn’t get rid of it, I would have challenged it. But I do think it’s a little bit part of the game at times, and don’t go crazy,” he said.

La Russa also said he talked to the Cardinals before they worked out Monday.

“I briefly explained where I was coming from and I said, ‘Anybody felt like I should do different, then I did, I appointed you... And they didn’t raise their hand and say, ‘Hey, I disagree; they just didn’t say anything,” he said. “But it’s very possible there were guys that disagreed. It’s not the way we want to win.”

La Russa also was adamant that his longtime friendship with Tigers manager Jim Leyland did not affect how he handled the situation.

“It had nothing to do with Leyland,” he said.

Palermo said he talked with plate umpire Alfonso Marquez about how to best settle the dispute with a quick word with Rogers would work.

That sort of thing does in a good and professional manner to resolve the issue,” Palermo said.

Umpires can inspect a pitcher on their own if they believe something is wrong. A manager can ask an umpire to check, too.

In 2001, the Cleveland Indians suspected Rogers was scuffing balls and asked the plate umpire to search for anything illegal. Nothing was found.

Pitchers occasionally will put substances on their hands to help grip the ball in cold weather. Tigers reliever Todd Jones once wrote a newspaper column admitting he’d used pine tar — that’s illegal — when he pitched at Colorado.

“I’m saying in my particular case, if someone comes to me and says, ‘I think you might have done that,’” Palermo said.

This episode has become perhaps the most-discussed series smudge since Game 6 of the 1990 World Series in which manager Gil Hodges brought umpire Lou DiMuro a ball with shoe polish on it to persuade him that Cleon Jones had been hit by a pitch from Baltimore’s Dave McNally.

Asked about the flap, Leyland brushed it aside.

“I’m not going to chew yesterday’s breakfast and I’m not going to comment on it,” he said.

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San Francisco Giants interview Mets’ Acta; Bocchi likely next

The San Francisco Giants interview third-base coach Manny Acta on Monday about the club’s managerial opening.

Acta met with general manager Brian Sabean and other team officials in San Francisco Friday and was scheduled to talk to San Diego Padres manager Bruce Bochy, though no meeting had been set.

“It’s been quiet,” Bochy said in a phone interview. The 54-year-old Bochy has guided San Diego to back-to-back NL West titles and spent the last 24 years in the organization dating to his playing days. The winningest manager in Padres history, he received permission from the team to explore other opportunities despite having one year remaining on his contract.

San Francisco did not renew Felipe Alou’s contract after the Giants finished their second straight losing season and third year in a row out of the playoffs.

Acta became the fourth person to interview with the Giants behind San Francisco bench coach Ron Wotus, Los Angeles Angels pitching coach Bob Kipper, who later withdrew from consideration because he wanted to work closer to his Tampa, Fla., home, and former Chicago Cubs pitching coach Greg Maddux.

Sabean has said he is looking for “someone with experience as a manager either in the majors or the minors, but noted that a candidate with experience as a big league coach might be considered. Acta has minor league managerial experience and has been with New York at the big league level for the past two seasons after spending 2002-04 as the third base coach for the Montreal Expos.

Giancarelli detailed which Met’s, though he didn’t say which Met’s...
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Today’s Jeff Sagarin ratings, the differences in both the GPI and USA

The Sports Network’s Division I-AA poll.

The Sports Network conducts I-AA’s most widely recognized

media poll, which is part of I-AA.org’s Gridiron Power Index

ratings. The GPI is a simulation of the formula used by the NCAA

playoff selection committee to determine which teams are bound

for the postseason.

Sixteen teams reach the I-AAA playoffs.

The Mustangs fell to 5-2 overall and 2-1 in the Great West Football Conference after watching South Dakota State (4-3, 1-0) erase a 28-

6 deficit in the final 8 minutes.

After the Homecoming loss, Cal Poly senior cornerback Courtney Brown said he was not concerned over whether the Mustangs would reach the postseason like they did last year for the first time since moving to the I-AA level in 1994.

“We’ve got some good games coming up right now,” Brown said. “We’ve got a 1-AAA (San Diego State), North Dakota State and Montana. If we come out and play like we mean against them, playoffs I’m not even worried about.”

Entering the weekend, Cal Poly was No. 7 in the GPI, which will release a new list Wednesday.

Despite entering the weekend ranked No. 1 among 16 I-AAA conferences in both the GPI and USA Today’s Top 25 media poll, Jeff Sagarin ratings, the Great West does not receive an automatic bid to the postseason because it is only in its third year of existence.

South Dakota State quarterback Andy Kandos agreed with the conference rankings.

“I don’t play in the other conferences, but I can’t imagine a conference that week in, week out you’ve got to play teams in the top 10 in the nation,” he said.

After losing 10-9 to Minnesota, Great West member North Dakota State moved from No. 6 to 9 in The Sports Network poll. The Bison received three first-place votes.

The third and final Great West member in the Top 25 is UC Davis, which rose from No. 18 to 16.

Unclassifiable stats

Cal Poly allowed its most points in a quarter Saturday — 23 in the fourth — since giving up 28 in the second quarter to I-A Akron in a 45-14 loss Oct. 11, 2003.

“We had a lot of flaws defensive- ly,” Brown said. “They moved the ball on us way too much. Just little things — missed assignments, not working in the right technique — it just came all together and they took advantage of it.”

Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson said matchups might have been a factor.

“They were able to max-protect and play some one-on-one, two-on-two,” he said.

The Mustangs were also penalized 10 times for 76 yards. It was the most they had been flagged since drawing 11 penalties for 106 yards in a season-opening 44-0 rout of Division II Fort Lewis on Sept. 2.

“It kind of seems like we turned the off switch,” Cal Poly sophomore quarterback Matt Brennan said. “We got outplayed very badly in the fourth quarter.”

Noble rolling toward another 1,000-yard season

Cal Poly sophomore tailback James Noble might not eclipse his school-record totals of 1,578 rushing yards and 16 rushing touchdowns from last year, but he is nearing another 1,000-yard season.

The Walter Payton Award candidate carried 26 times for 168 yards and two scores Saturday. Both the yards and touchdowns were season highs.

Despite missing a 17-7 loss at I-A San Jose State on Sept. 23 with a sprained left ankle, Noble has still rushed this season for 675 yards and five scores on 118 attempts, averaging 5.7 yards per carry.

Shortwell maintains tackles lead in Great West

With 10 total tackles at halftime, it seemed as if Cal Poly senior middle linebacker and Buck Buchanan Award candidate Kyle Shortwell might make a run at Jordan Beck’s school record for total tackles in a season.

More players getting involved on defense

A variety of players who had not made a significant impact since the Sept. 2 opener against Fort Lewis were more productive Saturday.

Met-erkopf Cooper ran for a 5-yard touchdown in the second quarter, H-back Jon Hall caught a 23-yard touchdown pass, and backup tailback Fred Hives II powered his way for the 32 rushing yards on five carries.

Hives II, who was playing for just the second time since Sept. 2 because of a broken left toe, rushed for a 1-yard score late in the third quarter that put Cal Poly up 28-6 before South Dakota State came roaring back to within 3.

The Mustangs had their best offensive showing in seven weeks, forcing three opponents’ touchdowns against a 1-AAA opponent for the first time all season.

Last season, Cal Poly’s 354 points scored was its most since 1997. The Mustangs put up 31-plus points seven times last year.