Students paint a mural to capture race, culture, academic majors and local scenery. The project should be complete by spring quarter.

Constitution Day looks at legendary case

Constitution Day — Nov. 2 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. — Spanos Theater
Professor Kevin D. Brown from Indiana University will speak on Brown v. Board of Education
Help is on the way for the esti-
mated 7 million Californians
affected by mental illness. NAMI
(National Alliance on Mental
Illness) recently announced plans
to begin new Peer-to-Peer
Recovery Education Courses for
clients in the state.

"NAMI is a national grassroots
organization. The purpose is to
advocate with those who suffer
from the illnesses," said NAMI
California Board of Directors
treasurer Colleen Peters.

The Peer-to-Peer program is a
nine-week educational course
intended to help clients understand
mental illness recovery is an
obtainable goal. The course will
include lectures, group processes,
biological information, coping
skills and much more, according
to the press release. The courses will
be offered in 13 counties through­
out the state.

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along with two trained family
members and a professional train­
ing other peers about the illnesses,
how best to manage medications
and the side effects," said NAMI
California Board of Directors
member Candace Jackson. "The
program has been very successful. If
it wasn’t successful we wouldn’t
have brought it to California, put it
that way."

The previous success of NAMI
programs in other states was a big
reason for bringing the program
to California, she said.

"The program is run by peer
mentors who have successfully
managed their illnesses and can
then mentor others," public rela­
tions representative Catherine
Chung said. "There have been real­
ly positive experiences with the
program so far."

Since its establishment in 2000,
the Peer-to-Peer program has
expanded from operating in four
states to 21 states across the coun­
try, according to the press release.
Launching programs alongside
California are Connecticut,
Delaware, Georgia, Kansas, Ohio,
Rhode Island and South Carolina.

"It has been a phenomenal suc­
cess," Peters said. She said her
county classes began last year and
already a second and third class are
filling up. "One out of five families
have at least one member with a
mental illness. So everyone knows
someone, it’s not like you don’t
know at least one person affected;"
she said.

Jackson said the types of mental
illnesses targeted by the program
are the major ones. These include,
bipolar disorder, major depressive
disorders and obsessive-compulsive
disorder. She said the Web site,
www.nami.org, provides more
information about the illnesses and
a synopsis of the program.

NAMI is a non-profit charitable
organization and was founded in
1979. Members are involved in
public education and information
activities, family and consumer
peer education and support activi­
ties, advocacy on behalf of people
living with mental illnesses and for
the health of our communities, and
visible public events that raise funds
and awareness while engaging the
public, according to the Web site.

Earlier in the year NAMI pro­
duced a “Grading the States” report,
which was an analysis of the
mental healthcare systems in indi­
vidual states. California received a
C overall. The national average was
a D. The introduction of the Peer­
to-Peer program could change that
grade.

"The main goal is the education
of both the clients and family
members. It started out with
Family-to-Family and has grown
exponentially into other pro­
grams," Jackson said.

Program pushes peer-to-peer help
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the message," she said.

The mural project committee
will be working closely with the
artist(s) to meet the winter quarter
deadline.

"Currently we are interviewing
artists interested in overseeing this
project. One requirement is that this
project remains student led and that
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Bob Barker saying goodbye to 'The Price Is Right'

Sandy Cohen

LOS ANGELES — Bob Barker is heading toward his last showcase, his final "Come on down."

The silver-haired daytime TV icon is retiring in June, he told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "I will be 83 years old on Dec. 25," he said, "and I've decided to retire while I'm still young." He'll hang up his microphone after 35 years as the host of "The Price Is Right" and 50 years overall in television.

Though he has been considering retirement for "at least 10 years," Barker said he has so much fun doing the show that he hasn't been able to leave.

"I've gone on and on and on to this ancient age because I've enjoyed it," he said. "I've thoroughly enjoyed it and I'm going to miss it."

Reaching dual milestones, 50 years on TV and 35 with "Price," Barker began his national television career in 1956 as the host of "Truth or Consequences." He first appeared on "Price" on Sept. 4, 1972, and has been the face of the show ever since. To kick off his retirement, Barker said he will "sit down for maybe a couple of weeks and find out what it feels like to be bored." Then he plans to spend time working with animal rights causes.

He said he'd take on a movie role "The games have to be just like they are on the show," Barker said. "If I can't do it the same way he does each day, forget it." And he has some advice for whoever takes the job: "Learn the show's 80 games backwards and forward. The games have to be just like riding a bicycle," Barker said. "Then he will be relaxed enough to have fun with the audience, to get the laughs with his contestants and make the show more than just straight

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — An attorney for murder defendant Jesse James Hollywood has asked a federal court to block the release of the film “Alma Dog” — a move legal experts consider a longshot.

The lawsuit filed against Universal Studios seeks to have the film, based on the high-profile kidnapping and slaying of 15-year-old Nicholas Markowitz, from being distributed before Hollywood’s murder trial.

The movie’s release “will irreparably harm” Hollywood’s ability to receive a fair trial, according to the suit filed Friday in federal court.

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North Korea agrees to resume nuclear talks in Chinese-brokered deal

Turn Raum

WASHINGTON — In a surprise turnabout, North Korea agreed Tuesday to return to six-nation disarmament talks just three weeks after rattling the world by conducting an atomic bomb test.

The breakthrough came after pressure from China and a U.S. offer to discuss financial penalties already in place.

President Bush cautiously welcomed the deal and thanked the Chinese for brokering it. But he said the agreement wouldn’t sidetrack U.S. efforts to enforce sanctions adopted by the U.N. Security Council to punish Pyongyang for its Oct. 9 nuclear test.

He said there was still “a lot of work to do” and the U.S. would send teams to the region “to make sure that the current United Nations Security Council resolution is enforced.”

The ultimate goal is “a North Korea that abandons her nuclear weapons’ activities” and “a better way forward for the people,” the president said.

The unexpected agreement to restart the talks — before year’s end, U.S. officials said — was announced after a visit from North Korea, the United States and China met in Beijing, at China’s invitation.

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New education department rule allows splitting classes by gender

Erin Lindsay
In today's Daily

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Gym will no longer be the only classroom seg­
regated by sex in public schools

across the country.

The Department of Education announced rules, which take effect
on Aug. 24, that will make it easier for schools to form single-sex class­
rooms.

Susan Zola, principal of Jefferson Middle School, 1135 S Crescent Dr.
Champaign, Ill., said she has not experienced a same-sex atmosphere
in the classroom but thinks it has potential.

"I am open to the idea, but I don't see our curriculum changing very soon," she said.

Margaret Spillings, education sec­
retary of the Department of Education, told The Associated Press
that research has shown some stu­
dents benefit from same-sex educa­
tion and that the department's goal is to
provide options for educators, stu­
dents and their parents.

The recent rules will both update and reinforce Title IX, an anti-dis­
nimination law among educators that banned sex discrimination in
federally funded education programs
in 1972. An underlying focus in the
legislation aims to give discretion to
each school as to when same sex
education will improve a student's achievement. Champaign Parent­
Teacher Association President Brian
Minsker said he is happy the decision
will be left to the individual school.
"I think it's right and appropriate
to turn the decision to the school
district. I don't think research deter­
mines everything, but every kid is
different and the trick is finding the
right environment for maximizing
learning and that may be a same sex
atmosphere," Minsker said.

Minsker said he thinks parent
involvement would be essential in
the decision of Campaign schools.
"It would only work if they implement this co-ed jointly with par­
ents and teachers," Minsker said. "For
my kids it wouldn't make a differ­
ence, but for others it may be a solu­
tion."

Zola said that while she has never
worked in a same-sex setting, she can
see how it may benefit her students.
"I can see students that are too
self-conscious to share in a group
setting, especially girls," Zola said.
"Peers are pretty influential."

Underlying restrictions to the leg­
islation will protect any student who
chooses to remain in a co-ed class­
room environment by mandating a
"substantially equal" co-ed class in
the same subject, according to a
Department of Education press
release. Public school districts will
also have the option of creating sin­
gle-sex schools, as long as a co-ed
school still remains available to stu­
dents in the area.

Issues of unequal rights have been
recently brought up by the National
Women's Law Center where Jocelyn
Samuels, vice president for
Education and Employment of the
group, told The Associated Press that
same-sex education "is not a substi­
tute for true equality."

"It's a very dangerous sign to
schools that they can relax their vig­
ance in ensuring equal educational
opportunities," Samuels told The
Associated Press.

An example used by Samuels is a
school's current ability to allow a
specialized math class in physics for
boys. She questions whether the girls
would be receiving the same opportu­
nities.

Jim Bradshaw, a spokesperson
from the Department of Education,
said there has been an abundance of
feedback since the announcement
last week. The Education Department received more than
5,000 comments after proposing the
legislation in 2004.

Bradshaw said that while the
research is not set in stone for every
student, there is now an even greater opportunity for learning in our
schools.

"These regulations will make it
casier for those recipients that wish
to use single-sex classes to achieve
the goal of improving educational
outcomes," Bradshaw said in an e­
mail.

North Korea
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and to engage in direct US-North
Korean talks.

Republicans cast it as a sign of
Bush's foreign policy leadership. 'The
president's strategy has effectively iso­
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Jay Spring, a nuclear-weapons expert
at the Carnegie Endowment for
International Peace, said China has
reduced the amount of diesel it
has supplied to North Korea as a
response to the Bush administration's
demand that the regime adhere to
the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treat­

y, which barred North Korea from
further nuclear tests.

"If China cut off fuel supplies, it will
have a significant impact on the
North Korean nuclear program," he
said.

Nuclear talks in November could
be the last the Bush administration
has before leaving office.

"We may not have another chance
until after the 2008 elections," he
said.

The six-nation talks — involving
North Korea, China, Russia, Japan,
South Korea and the United States —
have been held since 2003 on the
issue of US nuclear sanctions.

In talks in July, the US said it was
ready to remove North Korea from
its list of state sponsors of terrorism
if it agreed to abandon its nuclear
program.

"That's a pretty good price," said
Brent Scowcroft, a former US
national-security adviser to Bush.

But China and Russia have been
refusing to allow the US to lift sanctions
in return for North Korea's agree­
ment to limit its nuclear program.

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The Memory Keeper's Daughter

By Emile Egger

The first novel by short-story writer Kim Edwards, begins with "Daughter," the current New York Times bestseller in the world complete. Edwards does a good job of using the setting of the novel as a bigger symbol of what is going on in the characters' lives. The novel begins in the peaceful (early) '60s, with the seemingly idyllic marriage of David and Norah Asher and their hopeful venture into parenthood. The stormy night of the birth, however, marks a turning point from fairy tale to real life. Although early in the novel, this night becomes the most pivotal event in both David and Norah Henry's lives. The rest of the book, which takes us through almost three turbulent decades, focuses on how that one decision shaped the structure of their lives, their marriage and the life of their son, Paul. While we watch the lives of the Henry family, we are also given glimpses into the progress of Phoebe, who remains with Caroline. Although mentally challenged, Phoebe grows into an endearingly strong and unexpectedly wise adult. The stories of Paul's upbringing and Phoebe's growth are kept separate throughout the novel, only joined at brief points by infrequent letters sent from Caroline to David. Otherwise, they are kept completely apart.

Although mostly in the dark (only David and Caroline know what really happened with the twins), the characters' lives revolve around the events of that stormy night. Norah, falsely told that her daughter had died at birth, wonders why her husband doesn't do more to keep her baby's memory alive. David, feeling guilty over his helplessness about Phoebe, slowly detaches from his wife, letting their marriage grow around the huge boulder that is his secret. Paul, is also shaped by this dynamic, sensing the distance between his parents, and soon a rift develops between all three of them. These separations, difficult to watch, eventually end up being too much for them to repair.

Basically, this book wasn't worth the $14. There are two different story lines all throughout the book, and I spent most of the middle two hundred pages waiting for them to be brought together in some clever way (really, it could have been done). Instead, Edwards waits until the last 25 pages for things to start being resolved (25 out of 400 pages, that's only 6 percent of the book! Yeah...I know). And they do eventually work it out, but not well. Not in a believable way. Not in a way that makes you feel like the book has come to its well-deserved end (even though it was a well-anticipated one!).

Harsh! Maybe, but don't worry, all isn't lost. Even though their lives aren't believable, the characters' stories are. The actions they take, the choices they make, and the palpable emotional journeys they travel make up histories that are well-constructed and extremely authentic. The reader comes to understand why they do some of the (otherwise seemingly crazy) things they do. We root for them, hoping, honestly wanting everything to work out. I think that's part of the reason why I was so disappointed. I really liked these characters, and I wanted them to come to a believable amount of closure at the end. Unfortunately, it didn't happen. Don't be disheartened, however. Like I said, for the most part, the story is moving, thoughtfull and pretty enjoyable. There are even a few twists thrown in along the way to keep you from nodding off. I just wouldn't recommend you all rush out and buy it (even though America apparently already has). But you could wait for it to go on sale, or borrow my copy. If you're looking for something to read over a couple of weekends or during your copious downtime, it could still be worth your while.

Emile Egger is an English sophomore and Mustang Daily book reviewer.
The music world in New York saw a virtually unknown band named Mustang Daily begins at 8 p.m. an acclaimed album "Songs and Noise" tour on Thursday, Nov. 2 at the days of post-Velvet rock in 1971. He will perform music from his artist Andy Warhol. That album holds now classic songs such as, "I'm Looking for My Man" and "Heroin." Over 30 years later, The Velvet Underground was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1998.

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As I leaned over to move our blanket I was shocked, mortified and mad all at the same time as the man had decided to lean forward and do a double squeeze of my rear end.

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Behind the scenes with CollegeHumor

Tyler Wise

In our continuing segment of "The Greatest Sites," we were able to hook up with an interview with Streeter Seidell from www.collegehumor.com. 

Streeter Seidell: Yeah, I'm the front page editor, which means I take care of all the updates on the main page and I choose which Web sites to hotlink among other little things here. I became involved with CollegeHumor, the main page and it will ask you if you are a college student to submit something. So if I'm at UCONN and I upload a clip that isn't that great, like it's funny for anyone that goes to UCONN but not for anyone else, that clip will go to UCONN's home page. 

MD: So you're saying every school has their own link where they can check out what other people at school are sending in. Would you mind explaining the "schools" section a little bit more for us? 

SS: Right, in there you'll find that each school has their own page and the national site and then others will go to a "local" site of the school that submitted it. So if I'm at UCONN and they upload a clip that isn't that great, like it's funny for anyone that goes to UCONN but not for anyone else, that clip will go to UCONN's page. 

MD: With a variety of different sections offering pictures, videos and written features, would you describe CollegeHumor as a "viral media" Web site? So, if what you set up wasn't CollegeHumor, for instance, such as eBumm's World or Something Awful? So at first glance CollegeHumor looks like any other "viral video" and funny picture/funny article Web site but the difference is that it is really more like a social networking site - we don't have any friendship mechanisms. It's so other college students can see what people from their school are contributing. MD: If I have a hilarious photo or a video documenting "stupid human tricks," how would I go about sharing that with everyone on CollegeHumor? What do I have to do? 

SS: If you have a video file or photo, you go to the Web site and find the upload link at the top of the page and it will ask you if you are submitting a picture, a video, or a hotlink, and then agree to a little waiver "I didn't steal it from anyone, and it's not from TV," what have you and then you upload it. Then our managing editor goes through all the stuff that comes in and then picks all the best ones that go to the national site and then others will go to a "local" site of the school that submitted it. So if I'm at UCONN and I upload a clip that isn't that great, like it's funny for anyone that goes to UCONN but not for anyone else, that clip will go to UCONN's page. 

MD: So, a lot of the content is sent in by college students, but do you have some full-time staffers who contribute a lot? 

SS: Yeah, it's really only about free of us working full time here. We can't do it without all these things that is sent in and try and find the best video, the best picture, and the story to post every day. That's about 50% of it. 

MD: Let's say I wanted to contribute to the content. I do have a lot of college kids that I do a lot of things for, so can I be involved with CollegeHumor as a result? 

SS: No, one can be involved with contributing to content on the main page and I take care of all the updates on the main page and I choose which Web sites to hotlink among other little things here. I became involved with CollegeHumor, the main page and it will ask you if you are a college student to submit something. So if I'm at UCONN and I upload a clip that isn't that great, like it's funny for anyone that goes to UCONN but not for anyone else, that clip will go to UCONN's page. 

MD: With a variety of different media that people send from that particular school, and some of it will make it to the national site, but most of it just stays on that school's page. And if a lot of students from one school are sending in a bunch of videos, we have a "most active school" section and that's just for whatever school is uploading the most stuff. Then we have rankings - Ohio State has the most pictures and videos related to "beer" so they're like the No. 1 "beer" school on our site - so we sort it kind of like that way. 

MD: You mentioned you helped co-write a book for CollegeHumor. What does the book have to offer that you can't find on the Web site? 

SS: For someone who is in college right now, they'll read a lot of it and they'll see things where like we're giving advice about little tricks you can pull. It's really funny more so than it is useful, so you'll find a lot of "that's so true" sections like 'there goes' reading something and say to yourself, 'Oh, that's so true about my college.' At least that's the hope. It does have useful hints and tricks in there. One of my favorites was an article one of the site owners wrote about the best excuse for missing class ever: It's to tell your professor that your brother just "came out of the closet" and that you're from a very strict religious family and you have to go home for a family emergency - I doubt any professor is going to want to deal with that. So it's the little things like that, some absurd content and jokes, so we try to court pretty much everything that we could think of, because we all wrote it, and we wrote it fresh out of college. We're not like a bunch of 30 year olds writing shit that happened 10 years ago. 

MD: Killer. Now back to the Web site, as for the future of CollegeHumor, are there any plans for a subscription fee in the works or will the content of your site always remain free? 

SS: Oh no. In my mind we're adamant against making someone pay to see viral videos at this point. It's just impossible when you can get so many places for free, like Youtube, you know? I mean, we make our money off advertising, so there's no need to charge people to come look at the videos and pictures. We did have a site that was called "CollegeHumor Raw" that was a subscription site that had all the stuff that schools sent in and not just what we posted on the national page. But when we created that "schools" section, we did away with that - it was phased out. 

MD: Now, are you guys owned and operated by students or, like the rumors I've heard, you were recent­ly sold to a larger company? If so, is the transition going to affect the content in any way? 

SS: Yeah we were recently bought by a company called Interactive Corp. We're really the only content site that they own; they own other Web sites like Ask.com, and a lot of similar businesses like that. They haven't made any deci­ sions to alter the site or take it out of our hands because I think they understand that would just kill the site. We want to keep this free (and content) from college students, for college students. 

MD: Alright, last big question for you. Are there any new content fea­ tures or any other changes and improvements that CollegeHumor that you could look forward to? 

SS: No, that's a big question, man. Ha-Ha, Yeah, we're going to be launching this week or early next week as an update where everyone now who has an account with us can write their own updates, and put links to a blog spot on (CollegeHumor. Part of that is my job will be to comb over it every day and take the best of real­ istic. I'll try push to get at the front, which is a pretty big deal. We're an icing-on-the-cake type of a site that we sort out the front page everyday. They'll get a fair amount of read. We highly encourage people that check out the front page everyday. They'll get a fair amount of read. We tend to get some fan content from the works. We're making this thing that will make it very easy for us to have some picture of what they want, so we're really excited about that. We're basically just trying to get more people involved with contributing to the site and rewarding them with prizes here and there. We're also thought about adding a store to kind of sell funny products, because everybody will send links to these works and sell some strange stuff, so we're thinking of collecting all funny and obscure things together on our site and sell­ ing them. 

MD: Sounds good Streeter. Anything else you can think of worth mentioning? 

SS: Yeah. Starting next week we'll be charging a $3.50 subscription fee per week plus tax, and you'll only be able to access the site from New York or Florida. You're gonna like it! 

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--- Streeter Seidell CollegeHumor

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"Reed always gave credit to liter­ ary sources, not just to Delmore Schwartz (a friend and English pro­ fessor at Syracuse whom Reed graduated) and Joyce, but Hubert Selby Jr. as well," said Cushing. 

Reed was in some interviews that one of the things he was trying to do was to bring that kind of hard-hitting, liter­ ary beat sensibility into popular music. "That's what he's ultimately doing with the Selby and the sadomasochism and the drugs, not a shock value as some people say, but there are really differ­ ent concepts of popular music; one of them is to be an escape from life and the other is to be the message of a deeper, more serious or personal or social engagement of life," said Cushing, who says at one point in the mid-1960s, "a person had to decide if they want to escape from life or be a part of it. "The music and some of the arts can help you do either thing just as well or both together, which is a neat trick if you think about it," said Reed. "The 1960s; the escape is not the goal, but rather a reflective engagement. The Beatles may be escaped in the sense that when you hear one of their nature masterpieces, when it's kind of lifted into their world and leaves behind one's own world. With The Velvet's, one doesn't do that. One enters into a dark, dangerous street that has somehow been made safe by the music."

Though a fan for nearly 40 years, Cushing has never seen Lou Reed or The Velvet Underground live, but when this show came about, he made the trip even more special. "One of the things to do before you die," said Cushing. "Acquire a familiarity with all of The Velvet Underground's studio albums." 

Tickets for Lou Reed are available by phone (905) 756-2787 or online at www.pacodo.com. 

Freelance writer Nick Carey is a fan of Reed and The Velvets. He was able to attend to them at 14 when he bought "Loaded." He can be reached at ncarey@mustangdaily.net. 

Recommened Lou Reed Albums:
- Transformer (1972)
- The Blue Mask (1983)
- New York (1988)
- Songs For Drella (with John Cale 1995)
- Animal Serenade (live 2004) 

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Lou Reed was a member of The Velvet Underground in the '60s before breaking out as a solo artist. He will be performing here on Nov. 2.

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Wal-Mart not all bad for locals

BY MATT BUSHMAN

This isn't going to be one of those better trades against Wal-Mart. If you're looking for angry rant about the evils of corporate America, then pick up almost any newspaper or magazine on any given day. Cities and towns across the nation constantly make headlines by attempting to prevent the building of another Wal-Mart.

Locally, the city of Atascadero is considering the addition of a Wal-Mart store and this has become a central issue in the election of the next City Council members.

This piece is not meant to defend Wal-Mart from any accusations, but it will reveal a side of Wal-Mart that does not make the front-page news. Recently, Chicago tried to forbid Wal-Mart from building a store. The city cited low-paying positions and health-care issues as the reason it wouldn't allow the retailer to build. Wal-Mart responded by building a store in Evergreen Park, about a block away from Chicago's city limit. Wal-Mart reported receiving 25,000 job applications for the 325 open positions! Apparently there are a few people in Chicago who would love to be able to go to work everyday and get any benefits at all. Even though the city bureaucrats were opposed to the project, the citizen looking for work welcomed the retailer.

Job creation is only one of the many benefits that this strong company will bring to the community of Chicago. Wal-Mart reports creating 240,000 new jobs nation-wide in the past 3 years, acting to preserve 360,000 acres of land, and donating $245 million to local charities last year! Not bad for a money-grubbing, heartless corporation.

Wal-Mart is also on pace to voluntarily reduce year-by-year fuel usage in their fleet of trucks by 10 million gallons, which corresponds to approximately 100,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year. It is also on the forefront of the renewable energy boom, working to be able to offer Ethanol E85 at numerous gas stations.

All of these great things are the result of the latest studies of Wal-Mart's actual impact on the U.S. economy. Economist Enrek Baker found that Wal-Mart has caused a 7 to 13 percent price reduction on everyday items such as shampoo and detergents. There are now a 20 percent reduction in the price of food because of Wal-Mart according experts at MIT and the Department of Agriculture.

Everyday items are cheaper at Wal-Mart, which means that people are able to afford more consumer goods than ever before. Not only that, but Wal-Mart's low prices drive its competitor's prices lower and ironically, even people who refuse to shop at Wal-Mart benefit.

The low prices offered at Wal-Mart have certainly raised the living standard of all Americans. A study by Global Impact reviewed the economic impacts of Wal-Mart over the past 20 years. The firm concluded that Wal-Mart is directly responsible for a 3.1 percent drop in the consumer price index by over that period.

Now that number does not mean anything to most people, so I'll translate. On average, every American household saved $2,329 in 2004 just because Wal-Mart existed as a competitive influence in the market. If Wal-Mart had not existed for those 20 years, we would all be spending far more money every year to buy our basic necessities, such as food and toiletries.

Think about that number: $2,329 saved each year, by every American household. The Wal-Mart bashing hysteria is trendy right now, and an opinion supporting any aspect of Wal-Mart is bound to be attacked. Now you know the side of Wal-Mart that doesn't make front-page news.

Matt Bushman is a civil engineering senior and Mustang Daily political columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers

Congratulations on the excellent story in Monday's Mustang Daily by Patrick Mohler about mercenaries in Iraq. To find out more about this situation, readers may be interested in seeing the headline-making film by Robert Greenwald, "Iraq for Sale: The War Profiteers." It will be shown free this Friday night in Phillips Hall, building room 124, behind the performing arts center, at 7 p.m., sponsored by Cal Poly Progressive Student Alliance.

Steven Mars
English professor

Democratic House would fulfill America's dreams

It appears that Matt Bushman has become as disconnected to reality as the president in his last name pays homage to. He appears to believe that choosing Democrats to lead the House of Representatives is "irrational," while remaining the absolute disaster that is the Republican House leadership would qualify as "progress toward the American Dream."

I would ask Mr. Bushman to describe what exactly this Republican House has done to make life better for any but the richest Americans, or to progress toward the "American Dream." In the past 12 years this country has gone from a $69 billion surplus to a $1.4 trillion deficit. It has entered into a disastrous war in Iraq that costs millions of dollars and several American lives daily. There has been no solution to the pressing issues of Social Security or immigration. Who has provided over all of this progress? Rubberstamp Republicans and their failed conservative policy.

The House Democratic leadership, led by Nancy Pelosi, has already laid out a long list of legislation they will enact within the first 100 hours of Democratic House control. These include the raising of the federal minimum wage, cutting interest rates on student loans, allowing direct negotiation with drug companies to lower drug costs for seniors, and broadening stem cell research, all the while restoring fiscal responsibility by forcing Congress to "pay as it goes," ensuring no growth in the national deficit.

Now Mr. Bushman, which party offers a more authentic version of progress toward the American Dream?

Zach Austin
Political science junior

Political columnist

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Poly men's golf team finishes second at tournament, one stroke behind first-place LMU

The Mustangs were led by junior David Lewinski, who placed third at the Bill Callum Northridge Invitational.

One shot off the lead after 36 holes of play Monday, the Cal Poly men's golf team finished one stroke behind Loyola Marymount as both teams claimed final-round, four-person 291 total Tuesday at the Bill Callum Northridge Invitational on the Wood Ranch Golf Course.

Loyola Marymount, led by individual winner Ivan Locke, won the team title with 873 total strokes while Cal Poly carded an 874 total as junior David Lewinski placed third.

Lewinski carded a final-round 75 for an even-par 216 total, nine strokes behind Locke, who had a 70 Tuesday. Finishing second was Joe Lopez of Northridge with a 71 Tuesday and a two-under-par 214 total.

Freshman Geoff Gonzalez finished with a 73 on the par-72, 7,171-yard course Tuesday for a one-over-par 217 total and an eight-way tie for fourth place. Junior Devan Wagner also finished in the region for fourth place, shooting a final-round 72.

Also scoring for Cal Poly were junior Colin Peck with a 71 for a 724 total and a tie for 26th place, moving up 18 positions in the final 18 holes, and senior Peter Morse, who carded a 76 for a 216 total and a tie for 63rd place.

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mental preparation for competition.

For Vasquez, his beloved sport of wrestling is only partially about physical strength and skill.

"We are a different breed of athletes," he said. "You have to be mentally tough."

Perhaps Vasquez' mental focus can be contributed to the fact that his wrestling career has become so intertwined with the rest of his lifestyle.

Vasquez began wrestling at age 9, following the examples of his two older brothers. When his oldest brother Larry left high school baseball tryouts early and came home announcing he was going to wrestle instead, his other brother Nathan followed suit, and Darrell continued the legacy.

Part of the reason Vasquez stays so grounded is because he works closely with the rest of his lifestyle. Azevedo, who knew Azevedo would be his coach.

"We had a great camaraderie and a great friendship that has continued to evolve," Vasquez said. "That was my No. 1 reason for coming to Cal Poly. It was him."

Vasquez said that he has learned a lot about wrestling from Azevedo, but his coach has had an even more significant impact on him as a person.

"A lot of the technique that I've learned, a lot of the person I am inside and outside of wrestling has been under his coaching," Vasquez said. Azevedo believes that knowing Vasquez for so long has helped him understand his needs and how to get him motivated when he's coaching him.

"I can't say I've ever seen anybody with as much talent as Darrell," Azevedo said. "If he wants to become an Olympic champion, I think he could."

Perhaps it's Azevedo's mentoring or maybe even that wrestling that runs in Vasquez' blood, but he admits he has recently been pondering the possibility of being a coach himself.

"I can't see myself graduating and giving up wrestling," Vasquez said. "I do want to get into coaching at a college level. A dream right now would be staying in San Luis and coaching at Cal Poly."

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seven more titles as an executive, in
the creation of the fast break, the style of'
play that led to the game's explo­
ation. He was named "Red" because of his fiery
and matchless personality. Although he was known for his
rough exterior, nobody cared more about his players. Former Celts

Paul Silas called Auerbach a "teddy bear" after his death.

It is interesting that Auerbach entered the NBA in 1947, the same
year Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in baseball.

Auerbach was the Branch Rickey
of basketball, drafting Chuck
Cooper in his inaugural year with the Celtics in 1950. Cooper
was the first black player ever selected in the
NBA draft.

With all due respect to Cooper, it was Hall of Fame center Bill
Russell who became Jackie Robinson in a Red's Hick's.

The Lineup of Russell, Tom
Sander, San Joces, K.C. Jones and
Willie NaDell not only broke
grounded in 1963-64, they also won
the title, the team's sixth straight.

Auerbach couldn't see what all
the fuss was about. He just wanted
to put the best possible players on
the floor.

Auerbach wasn't done. He made
Russell the head coach after his
retirement in 1966. Russell was the
first black head coach in NBA his­
tory.

That said, I can appreciate the
impact he had on basketball and the
sports landscape as a whole. There

weren't very few individuals with the stubbornness to be as colorblind as
Auerbach was, in the era he was.
Journey rewarding for resilient Poly wrestler Vasquez

Cal Poly's Darrell Vasquez opens the season ranked fourth in the nation at 133 pounds.

Amy Dierdorff
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Darrell Vasquez does not fit the stereotype of a headshuck, champion wrestler.

His voice exudes the kind of warmth and friendliness that seems designed to contrast his chiseled, 133-pound physique.

The industrial technology senior is extremely grounded and easygoing, but it's his impressive drive and unwavering focus that have led him to be so successful throughout his wrestling career.

"I'm looking forward to what I know I can accomplish, and that's being a national champion," Vasquez said.

It was — by far — the worst loss in Big West history for a defending champion and ended his prep career with a record of 24-5.

When he arrived at Cal Poly as a freshman in 2002, he came down with mononucleosis and was sick for months. He ended up redshirting that season and finished 3-2 overall.

"In wrestling there are a lot of injuries and illnesses," Vasquez said. "I've come across a lot of things."

He finished his sophomore year 30-7 overall, placing second in the Pac-10 Championships and sixth in the nation, but was once again struck by illness.

Vasquez went into the 2004-05 season ranked second nationally and first in the Pac-10, but was forced to sit out his junior year because of another bout with mononucleosis.

"It hit me hard," Vasquez said. "It just wasn't worth pushing through the pain. Who knew how long it would have taken to get better?"

When faced with disappointing injuries or illnesses, Vasquez said he tries to focus on his future in wrestling and the rest of his career so that he isn't tempted to compete and hurt himself further.

Last year, during Vasquez' fourth year, he again found health and success, finishing third in the Pac-10, but losing the match for All-American recognition.

One thing that makes Vasquez so unique as an athlete is the amount of recognition.

The cigar-smoking legend passed away Saturday at the age of 89 from a heart attack.

The basketball numbers are impressive — 938 wins as a head coach and nine titles, including eight in a row from 1995-96.

Not to mention the man won the American Forces Awards for his hit single, "Without Me," and the Anaheim Angels hosted the meet at Cuesta College. It was a hot day for a cross country race, with temperatures reaching into the 80s as UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly lined up for one of the closest conference championships in Big West history.

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