 Thousands flock to see porn debate

When porn star Ron Jeremy and pastor Craig Gross came to Poly Thursday, more than 3,200 students waited to get one of the 800 seats in Chumash Auditorium. The event was so popular that ASI officials set up a screen and speakers in the UU Plaza to accommodate more people.

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Crowds of students packed the University Union and quickly filled Chumash Auditorium, chanting, "We want Ron!" in union as they waited for legendary adult film star Ron Jeremy and pastor Craig Gross to take the stage for a debate on pornography last Thursday.

The event began around 8:45 p.m., almost an hour behind schedule, as event staff tried to escort Jeremy and Gross through hordes of people to the auditorium.

Associated Students Inc. (ASI), who hosted the event, estimates that more than 3,200 students waited in line for the debate, according to ASI Events student manager Cirant Zanini.

They had to turn away more than half of the anxious crowd because Chumash Auditorium can only accommodate an audience of about 800 people.

Students began forming a line outside of Chumash Auditorium at 6 p.m., two hours before the event was set to begin.

"At that point I knew we were in for a much bigger crowd than expected," Zanini said.

Earlier in the day, ASI staff began to expect the debate would be a hit when they found out that all of the signs promoting the event, with the slogan "Vote for Ron," had been taken from around campus, presumably as souvenirs.

Gross took the stage first, kicking off the debate by poking fun at himself and acknowledging Jeremy as the crowd favorite.

"Thanks for the one person that stole my poster," Gross said.

Each speaker was given 12 minutes to form their argument, and then the floor was opened up to free debate and questions from the audience.

Gross based his argument on the often-unrealized consequences of pornography, including

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Serena Arce, an art major, came to the festival with the Cal Poly Murial Project and wanted to enjoy the food.

"They have a good representation and good mixture of different activities and groups so I think it's good," Arce said of Culture Fest.

"Celebrating different cultures is important to Arce because she comes from a background and does not feel a particularly strong connection to her roots, but rather to cultures that she submerges herself."

"I think it's important to celebrate culture because it's good to have appreciation and to know what all sorts of cultures are," she said.

Noel pointed out that this is the one time during the year when cultural organizations come together and he wants students to come.

"We are because of Cal Poly, Cal Poly should have pride in us and have pride in our culture," she said.

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how it affects intimate relationships and disempowers women. He also cited his Web site, www.XXChurch.com, as a resource for people to find help if they have developed a habit of watching pornography.

"Porn will let you down," Gross said. "We're not trying to judge people, we're trying to help people.

Gross also mentioned adult mate- rials as a danger to children, who can easily come across it by browsing the Internet or receiving it in junk e-mails. He said that pornography is desensitizing, even for teenagers and adults, making it difficult to experi- ence the true joy of intimacy in rela- tionships.

He added, "obviously I'm not going to convince you in 12 min- utes, but its purpose for participat- ing in debates with Jeremy is to get students thinking about issues sur- rounding pornography, long after they've left the auditorium.

Jeremy defended the merits of pornography by claiming that it isn't harmful to relationships, and can even enrich them by giving couples inspiration to try new things. He likened the adult film industry to any other form of entertainment, available to people who want to escape their everyday lives and enjoy a fantasy experience.

"It's part of that wide world of entertainment," Jeremy said.

"Nothing more, nothing less." Jeremy also made a point to defend the adult film industry, saying that it doesn't target children, and takes every precaution to prevent pornography from getting into the hands of a minor.

"We do not want to target kids," Jeremy said. "We're not trying to appeal to people under the age of 18!"

He called Gross' example of chil- dren viewing pornography on the Internet "an example of bad parent- ing.

Jeremy went on to say that the adult film industry does not include every person who uploads video footage of a sexual act onto the Internet, and the big companies that mass-produce adult films must adhere to strict rules just like any other industry.

Modem languages and literature sophomore Cyla Broun said she thought the debate was surprisingly balanced.

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Rangel says he will introduce bill to reinitiate military draft.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans would have to sign up for a new military draft after turning 18 under a bill the incoming chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee says he will introduce next year.

Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said Sunday he sees his idea as a way to deter politicians from launching wars.

"There's no question in my mind that the administration would never have invaded Iraq, especially on the flimsy evidence that was presented to the Congress, if indeed we had a draft and members of Congress and the administration thought that their kids from their communities would be placed in harm's way," Rangel said.

Rangel, a veteran of the Korean War who has unsuccessfully sponsored legislation on conscription in the past, said he will propose a measure early next year. While he said he is serious about the proposal, there is little evident support among lawmakers for it.

In 2003, Rangel proposed a measure covering people age 18 to 26. This year, he offered a plan to mandate military service for men and women between age 18 and 42; it went nowhere in the Republican-led Congress.

Democrats will control the House and Senate come January because of their victories in the November elections.

At a time when some lawmakers are urging the military to send more troops to Iraq, "I don't see how anyone can support the war and not support the draft," said Rangel, who also proposed a draft in January 2003, before the U.S. invasion of Iraq. "I think to do so is hypocritical."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican who is a colonel in the U.S. Air Force Standby Reserve, said he agreed that the U.S. does not have enough people in the military.

"I think we can do this with an all-voluntary service, all-voluntary Armys, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy. And if we can't, then we'll look for some other options," said Graham, who is assigned as a military prosecutor to the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals.

Rangel, the next chairman of the House tax-writing committee, said he worried the military was being strained by its overseas commitments.

"If we're going to challenge Iran and challenge North Korea and then, as some people have asked, to send more troops to Iraq, we can't do that without a draft," Rangel said.

He said having a draft would not necessarily mean everyone called to duty would have to serve. Instead, "young people (would) commit themselves to a couple of years in service to this great republic, whether it's our seaports, our airports, in schools, in hospitals," with a promise of educational benefits at the end of service.

Graham said he believes the all-voluntary military "represents the very best in terms of ethnic makeup, economic background."

Repeated polls have shown that about seven in 10 Americans oppose reinstatement of the draft and officials say they do not expect the proposal to go anywhere.

Outgoing Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told Congress in June 2005 that "there isn't a chance in the world that the draft will ever be brought back."

Yet the prospect of the long global fight against terrorism and the continuing U.S. commitment to stabilizing Iraq have kept the idea in the public's mind.

The military drafted conscripts during the Civil War, both world wars and between 1948 and 1973. An agency independent of the Defense Department, the Selective Service System, keeps an updated registry of men age 18 to 25 — now about 16 million — from which untrained draftees that would support the professional all-volunteer armed forces.

Rangel and Graham appeared on "Face the Nation" on CBS.

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HERMOSA BEACH (AP) — A quadriplegic man has filed a complaint in Los Angeles Superior Court against the Hermosa Beach police claiming he was thrown to the ground after a dispute over who would pick up his dog's feces.

David Nichols said his civil rights were violated in August 2005 while he was walking his service dog along the beach.

The 43-year-old man claims he was first yelled at by a hotel employee for not picking up after his dog, a job he claims belonged to the hotel worker. The hotel worker then flagged down a police officer who told Nichols to pick up his wheelchair.

Accounts of what happened next differ in the police report and the lawsuit. Nichols claims he was forced to the ground by the officer but the police report states Nichols fell from his chair onto the pavement during a struggle.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Investigators have broken up a smuggling ring in Los Angeles that trafficked illegal immigrants from Mexico to Los Angeles using scouts and drivers.

A federal grand jury indicted eight men on smuggling charges and four others on related charges, federal prosecutors said Saturday.

Ringleader Cesar Rodrigo Corona-Gonzalez, 30, of San Diego, and his brother, Israel, both scouts, Gerardo Tapia-Orozco, 47, and Antonio De Jesus Velasco, 55, who stepped into the group in federal court. Authorities are still searching for five others named in the indictment, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Valerie H. Chu.

Corona-Gonzalez's organization smuggled immigrants across the Mexican border to several East County locations, Chu said.

The immigrants were led across the border in back seats while scouts kept watch for Border Patrol agents and tracked whether agency checkpoints were operating, prosecutors said.

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — A thorough scrubbing of the Carnival Liberty began Sunday as the ship docked after a virus sickened nearly 700 passengers on a trans-Atlantic cruise. Fourteen guests and five crew remained ill and in isolation when the ship arrived at Fort Everglades, according to a statement released by Carnival Cruise Lines, a brand of Carnival Corp. Some passengers were escorted off the ship in wheelchairs by crew wearing blue gloves.

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — Gas prices are on the rise again, just in time for Thanksgiving.

Gas prices rose about 5 cents per gallon nationwide compared to two weeks ago, industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday.

The national average for self-serve regular was $2.23 on Nov. 17, according to Lundberg's latest survey of 7,000 gas stations across the country.

California prices rose by more than double the national average, with an increase of 11 cents for self-serve regular since Nov. 3, Lundberg said. Among California cities surveyed, the highest price was in San Diego, at $2.50 a gallon. The lowest price was in Sacramento, at $2.36 a gallon.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Without additional troops to ensure victory in Iraq, the U.S. could find itself more vulnerable to terrorist attacks at home, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said Sunday.

Daschle said his party was prepared to push a bill that would add 1,000 troops a month until the military feels it can secure the nation's borders.

Gas prices fell to $2.10 per gallon in Sacramento after the local market slipped behind a national average.

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a virus sickened nearly 700 passengers and crew members of a cruise ship that docked in San Diego, federal authorities are seeking to keep anyone from leaving the country who could have been exposed to the disease.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Syria's foreign minister called Sunday for a timetable for the withdrawal of American forces to help end Iraq's sectarian bloodletting, in a groundbreaking diplomatic mission to Iraq that could signal new international pressure for the U.S. to seek cooperation from Syria and Iran. At least 112 people were killed nationwide, following a week that had already seen hundreds of deaths.

Walid Muallem, the highest level Syrian official to visit since the 2003 ouster of Saddam Hussein, denounced terrorism in Iraq even as Washington mulled its own overture to Damascus for help in ending Iraq's violence.

BRACCIONI, Italy (AP) — In the end, Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes "wedding of the year" in this lakeside Italian town gave little satisfaction to fans down the coast.

Fans and residents who assembled under the walls of the 17th-century Castello di Bracciano with the castle where the celebrities exchanged vows in a Scientology ceremony got to see none of it.

Cruise and Holmes, who arrived in separate vehicles Saturday, drove past the hundreds of fans gathered outside the castle's gates without stopping or even cracking open a car window. Holmes was briefly spotted standing at a castle window, but drew back immediately as soon as people began to notice.

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Russia and the United States signed a key trade agreement Sunday, removing a last obstable in Moscow's 13-year journey to join the World Trade Organization.

The deal, inked on the sidelines of a gathering of Pacific Rim monarchs, could provide a vote of confidence in Russia — the largest economy still outside the 149-member WTO — and signals its integration into the global trading system.

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HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam — President Bush paid tribute to new symbols of capitalism in this struggling communist country Monday and offered encouragement for Vietnam's battle against land mines and other public health challenges.

The president was quickly surrounded by crowds of Vietnamese before flying into Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country, where thousands angrily protested America's policy in the Middle East and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

When Indonesia's President Yudhoyono is a close U.S. ally in the war on terror, Bush is highly unpopular in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation. Initially, the White House thought Bush would have to fly to Indonesia on a chartered jet. There was a problem with a tire upon landing in Ho Chi Minh City, said White House spokesman Tony Fratto. But a replacement tire was found, and the president is scheduled to fly his reg.

In a city usually teeming with motorcycle traffic, streets were cleared for Bush's motorcade. As he rode by, people waved, laughed and cheered. It was a contrast to the subdued reaction of residents in Hanoi, where Bush participated in the summit and conferred with the leaders of China, Russia, South Korea and Japan.

Bush was in Hanoi to attend the 21-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit. The White House supported the summit's closing statement promoting North Korea to return to nuclear disarmament talks and urging nations to keep the pressure on by enforcing United Nations Security Council sanctions.

The administration was at a loss to explain whether the statement was simply a fig leaf as part of the chairman's wrap-up statement, and not issued as a written document. The oddity was that the sections about North Vietnam was not translated into English when the statement was read.

U.S. officials later said that the reason the North Vietnamese was deleted, rather than written, was because China did not want to sign a document with Taiwan, Beijing regards as a breakaway colony and did not want to put it on equal footing, the U.S. officials said.

At the summit, Bush met separately with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Hu Jintao to discuss strategies for yet-to-be-scheduled talks with North Korea. The administration sent U.S. envoy Christopher Hill to Beijing for further consultation.

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Bush gets warm greeting in Vietnam, chilly one in Indonesia

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Bush gets a chilly welcome in Indonesia on Monday, November 20, 2006.
In time for Thanksgiving, wild turkeys thrive in California

MONTEREY, Calif. (AP) — They peck in parks, gobble in grasslands and strut through suburbs. They even halt traffic at the local military base.

Wild turkeys are flourishing throughout central California, from the farms of Carmel to remote hiking trails in the Santa Lucia Mountains. Although California's Department of Fish and Game doesn't track the number of wild turkeys, one local birder estimated that the population in Monterey County has roughly tripled since 1990 to about 3,000.

The birds are ancestors of the Rio Grande turkeys that state wildlife experts released in the Ventana Wilderness in 1965 for sport hunters. Over the next several decades, the department released more than 300 of the birds, native to Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

The fowl are muscled, fast and fleet-footed. They don't mind being in flocks and bursting into a flapping frenzy when an off-leash dog or frenzied child gets too close. They're a breed apart from the easy-to-please, farm-raised gobblers that land on most Thanksgiving tables.

This is not your standard Tweety Bird, Terry Palmisano, wildlife biologist for the state Department of Fish and Game, told the Monterey Herald.

Some say the birds are proliferating too quickly, eating flowers and leaving droppings on driveways and sidewalks. Others say the birds are welcome particularly around Thanksgiving. Turkey hunting season opened last weekend in designated areas.

A growing number of locals crave the Rio Grande's gamey chewiness instead of the fatty blandness of mass-produced birds, said Jim Cox, owner of Jim Cox Adventures Archery in Salinas.
SOUTH AFRICAN WINES BRING YOU BACK TO THE WILD

All Wines Considered

by Lauren Jeter

South African wines bring you back to the wild. These wines are exotic and provide a unique experience.

South Africa has been positioned with an interesting dilemma. Their world-renowned Chenin Blanc and Cabernet Sauvignon offer a bit of Old World charm. Newer approaches influenced by Californian and Australian wineries are beginning to become more prominent. New World attitudes have influenced revolutionary types of wines such as the "Pinotage." This 1925 invention is basically a cross between the Pinot Noir grape and the Hermitage grape. This cross was originally supposed to make a Syrah type wine but didn't hit the mark. Some critics describe it as earthy and gamy with metallic hints.

Universities are pooling their resources engaging in wine research there locally. With over 10 years of institute research, South African universities are now beginning to show studies on how local terrain can affect the qualities of production. Researchers are also beginning to narrow down which varietals belong in specific regions on the coast close to the Cape of Good Hope.

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Things get a little hairy in imaginary 'Fur'

Brian McLoone

The movie "Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus," starring Nicole Kidman and Robert Downey Jr., is cinematically pretty complicated. So it seems valid to start off by saying a little about who Diane Arbus was and why her life and work are important enough to justify a major motion picture.

Briefly put, Arbus was a 20th century gonzo-photojournalist, famous for immersing herself in the subject matter of her pictures and focusing on the stories and images of people. Because of her subjects physical characteristics or social exclusion, they were not a part of modern America’s "mainstream" culture.

Now, just to make things a bit more complicated, this movie about her life is not really about her life. As the title suggests, it’s an “imaginary portrait” of someone who took unimaginary pictures of other people; there’s even a disclaimer at the start of the film that officiously and rather strangely explains this to the audience.

Of course, while actually watching the film, so many of its elements are so incredibly bizarre that it would be hard to assume that many of the characters and events were not created, fabricated on as, they call it, imaginary.

To be sure, though, the overbearing framework of the film and of Arbus’ life is essentially accurate. She was, in reality and in the film, born into a wealthy New York family, and the assistant of her photographer husband Allan Arbus, who taught her how to take pictures.

She was, additionally, a profoundly socially frustrated woman, who was tired with her role as simply a mother and a wife.

The film starts as Diane (Kidman) begins to show an interest in taking her own photos, rather than just helping her husband take his Diane (pronounced Dee-Arn) tells her husband that she wants to take photos of their neighbors. In reality, she wants to just take pictures of their newest neighbor, Lionel Sweeney (Downey Jr.).

After all, he arrived at their building covered in a cheap-looking mask, and rumor has it, he keeps a circus-style colored chair in the basement — wouldn’t want to see what was up with this guy?

After, Arbus arranges a portrait session with Lionel, she lets herself into his dark, cavernous apartment, where she finds pictures on the walls of people who could have (or maybe did) appear in PT Barnum’s infamous “freak shows.”

But it’s hard to take his suffering seriously when, to be frank, he looks like a Wookie and the disease that produced his appearance doesn’t actually exist. The way to get over this aspect of the film is to tell yourself that it’s the writers’ way of working at you, reminding you that this is, indeed, an imaginary telling of a real life.

After all, the movie is not supposed to be a parody (it has far too many dramatic elements and complexity for that), and there is a profundity of other self-conscious directorial aspects of the film. Various layers of viewership within the film further promote the idea that the movie is more like a movie about a movie, and that many of its elements are not meant to be taken seriously.

As Diane and Lionel get to know each other and appreciate the inner angst they both share about not fitting into society, they form a partnership that has a strong sexual tension and a deep emotional connection. At one point, when Diane describes some of her more eccentric activities, Lionel tells her she’s “a real freak,” which highlights the fact that the characters’ shared misfit feeling allows them to be more comfortable with themselves.

As Diane finds that she would rather spend time with Lionel than with her own husband, she must choose not just between two men in her life, but between a life that is unique and challenging or one that is structured and unoriginal.

There is so much to be said about the nuances of "Fur" that it might be easy to overlook the performances of the movie's two stars. But both Nicole Kidman and Robert Downey Jr. give absolutely amazing performances in the film. Kidman is entirely convincing as the eccentric intellectual - an impressive feat coming off her last feature film, " Bewitched" (2005). "Fur" Downey also shows himself to be an incredibly sophisticated actor who can present himself as a character with intense complexity.

"Fur" is certainly a bizarre film, but it’s a great one too, if the viewer approaches it with the right mindset. It’s original, and it’s unusual in terms of multiplex fare. To that extent, this "Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus" is representative of something Diane Arbus might actually have photographed.
Mission accomplished. "Casino Royale" is a successful reinvention of the James Bond franchise. This offers a modern update of the over-the-top Bond with which we are familiar— all the remote-controlled cars, eccentric villains and girls named Pussy Galore are gone. We now have drowning, strangulation, body bags and, in a new standard for the franchise, scrotum torture scenes.

The movie begins with Bond on an assignment required for him to achieve double-O status. This sequence is shot in gorgeous black and white and is an excellent nod to the cheesy spy movies that inspired the character. After that, Bond gets behind the wheel of an Aston Martin and never slows down through to the extremely satisfying conclusion. Everything that defines the franchise is here in its purest form. There is explosive action, sizzling dames, tons of machismo and plenty of espionage. Oh, did I forget that scrotum torture?

Nothing in this film stands out like this testicular torture scene. It goes down like this: Bond is in the enemies' clutches and they do what most Bond enemies do; they take him to a dungeon, tie his stark-naked body to a chair and assault his balls. It's Bond done "Saw" style and, like the machismo in the film, it's a little too much.

According to television, radio and film professor Doug Brode, Bond should be a half-and-half blend of macho and suave. The Bond here is way too macho, and the film suffers from it. The smooth scenes with love interest Vesper Lynd, the lovely Eva Green, fall flat because Bond-the-eliminator is not as convincing as Bond-the-lover.

Daniel Craig, the actor who plays Bond, is capable of being totally smooth; he did it to perfection in the film "Layer Cake." Therefore, the responsibility of this mishandling of a crucial aspect of the character lies with the writers. It seems they have been inspired by the nonstop killing of the 007 video games, and not the character defined by Ian Fleming's novels and the original films.

"Casino Royale" is a great movie; it just isn't a perfect Bond film. It has expert direction, sound, acting and special effects. The Bond girls are hot, the locations are gorgeous, the action is almost perfect and the spy elements are there. The filmmakers have successfully reinvented the character for this century. If the 21st-century Bond has to prove his masculinity by getting his royal jewels whipped, I'll guess that's what it takes to fit in. I'll just think about the good old days of "Goldfinger" and Pussy Galore.

"Casino Royale" stars Daniel Craig as the new Bond, and is said to be a successful reinvention of the James Bond franchise.
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Bible-bashing book review lacked credibility**

**Maybe “bashing” is too strong of a word, but the review of the book “Sex, Lies, and the Bible” printed in the Mustang Daily on Wednesday was much like the book itself — way off the mark.**

Such lines, as “the Bible is no better than a good set of Shakespeare,” and “how can a person who believes in the Bible find truth?” do not promote reading, the very least. To say the Bible “lies in certain parts” is not the kind of broad, sweeping claim this particular author is qualified to make. Is he biblical scholar? No. Is he a credible historian? No.

I will concede that there are superficial discrepancies in the Bible (however any serious investigation negates their claim as false), and yes, there are certain different applications of the Bible. But neither of these lead to an overwhelming lack of validity on the topic of sex (or any other!) as the book and review would otherwise indicate.

The book’s author, Frank Ritter, encourages us to see for ourselves the “lies” found within the Bible. But if you try to tell me that, Frank. I’ll follow your lead and make a general claim of my own: The truth within the words of the scripture far outweighs any hint of a lie you may perceive.

Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life,” and I personally have found nothing to refute that claim.

**Chad Pruet**

Civil engineering senior

**Let my pronouns go?**

**I must say, I find a certain delici­ous irony in the fact that the commentary on correcting people’s grammar contains a sentence that ends in a preposition. This could just be a typo, but it brings up an important question: Quiz custodier ipso condictione.**

For those of us who never took Latin, the approximate translation is, “The dog ate the chicken.”

Who will police the grammar police? Along that same line of thinking, who will police the grammar police police? Or the grammar police policy police? And at what point does this whole exercise become so ridiculous we should just never do it at all?

I say it starts at the grammar police. If you understood what I said, I said it correctly. It does not matter if I used an “’l,” or “’t, or totally. If my message was conveyed correctly, I said it, and until that language is far better defined and inflexible (Newspaper can’t be printed that way), police are doing nothing more than nitpicking.

Let my pronouns go?

**Nicholas Read**

Mathematics senior

**How does porn affect you?**

**Thank you to ASI for putting on the debate between Ron and Jeremy and Craig Gross on Thursday night.**

It’s important that provocative parameters are shared, and for those of you who weren’t able to go, I hope I can accurately summarize the encounter.

The debate was over the merits or dangers of porn. Craig said that porn desensitizes people to real sexual relationships and creates false expectations and fantasies. Ron said it does not. Craig said that porn tears people apart, and Ron said it brings people together.

Craig said porn is degrading to women, and Ron said it empowers them. Again, from these few points, there were many rabbit trails chased and both sides used humor, shock tactics and lawsuits to support their views. I’m not concerned with these because anyone who can shock, statistics can be skewed, and I’m sure those statistics will in the future be used in the courtroom to present a path that would have followed if there were no porn.

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Playoffs

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The 16th-ranked Mustangs were one of seven teams to earn an automatic bid, Cal Poly's 22 victories are the most since the 1092 Mustangs went 22-11. Currently, Cal Poly's .815 winning percentage trails only the mark established by the 1981 Mustangs (41-8, .808).

Additionally, Cal Poly has won 15 of its last 16 matches. Cal Poly's Jaclyn Houston added 16 kills against no errors and hit .446.

Trendy Tuesday

MUSTANGS IN ACTION KILLED

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16 deserving teams and our

strong consideration.

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for the postseason for the same rea-

million dollar team complete-

ed regular-season play Saturday night at nonconference for UC Davis, regis-

tering a 30-35, 30-21, 30-26 defeat of the Aggies at The Pavilion.

Cal Poly (22-5) enters NCAA

Tourney for the last time this year. Both finished

their eligibility last season.

Trendy Tuesday

MUSTANGS IN ACTION KILLED
One game after beating a Pac-10 school (Oregon State) for the first time since 1978, the Mustangs shot 25.8 percent from the field and committed 31 turnovers.

At in home event of the fall season, Cal Poly was led by Carol Erickson and Brittany Blalock.

The Mustangs captured two second-place finishes and three third-place finishes out of three total brackets.

Cal Poly head coach Hugh Bream said of the tournament, "It was a strong way for us to conclude the fall season. I was especially pleased with the play of Carol Erickson and freshman Brittany Blalock."
Senior Day brings 55-0 win over Savannah St. to end season

Three of Cal Poly's 16 seniors combined to score five of the Mustangs' eight touchdowns.

Tristan Aird

With 32 wins in the past four seasons, the Cal Poly football team's senior class won more games than any other in a four-year stretch of the program's 95-year history.

The last one came Saturday, when the Mustangs ended their season with a 55-0 rout of hapless Savannah State in front of 7,867 fans at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

"You really couldn't have written a better ending for it," said Cal Poly middle linebacker Kyle Shotwell, one of 16 seniors. "We got to win out last game. If you can't do it in the championship, this is as good a way to go out as any. We won the last game of our college careers 55-0. Not many people can say that."

Cal Poly entered the season with hopes of winning a third straight Great West Football Conference title and reaching the Division I-AA playoffs for the second straight year. Although neither of those goals were accomplished, the Mustangs (7-4, 2-2) beat rival UC Davis for the first time since 2003 and knocked off a FCS team (San Diego State) for the first time since 2003.

All this considering the Mustangs' schedule — featuring two I-A teams and three ranked in the top 19 of I-AA — was what head coach Rich Ellerson said. "Fourteen of those 16 are fifth-year guys. To have that chance to smile and sing (the fight song) on the last day was really important."

It was certainly a day to remember seniors Shotwell, Anthony Randolph and Jeremy Konaris, who combined for five of the Mustang's eight touchdowns.

"It means a lot," Cal Poly senior cornerback Courtney Brown said. "We're glad that we didn't end on last week's loss. To get out and play another game on this field was important."

Indeed, the Mustangs took out their frustrations on Savannah State (2-9), which has lost 22 straight against I-AA teams and suffered through a season in which it was outscored 379-108 and lost to three Division II schools.

Savannah State has won less than three games seven years in a row.

Cal Poly was coming off a crushing 51-14 Great West loss at No. 4 North Dakota State (10-1, 4-0) on Nov. 11.

"We didn't want to go out with a loss, especially last week's, which hopefully will never happen again in Cal Poly history," Cal Poly sophomore defensive end Mark Rostelli said. "It's just pretty emotional. We wanted to get a win for the seniors. We wanted to come out and smash on a team to make up for last week."

Cal Poly sophomore tailback James Noble was drafted for the seniors, helping him become the first player in school history to rush for at least 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons.

"Coming in, they just took us under their wing," Noble said. "It just was great how they introduced us to the system. We just tried to go out with a bang. We tried to give them the best game we could as younger players and let everybody know how the future is." Did they ever.

Cal Poly carried in largest margin of victory since a 55-0 win over Cal State Los Angeles in 1958.

Noble carried 18 times for 127 yards and a score, Konaris rushed for three touchdowns and two of sophomore quarterback Matt Brennan's three completions were for scores.

The score could have been more lopsided — it was 41-0 at halftime — because Cal Poly threw just once in the second half and knocked on the ball in the red zone in the final minute. Altogether, it was possibly the Mustangs' most complete performance of the season.

- Cal Poly outgained Savannah State 521-144 in yards from scrimmage, including a 434-54 advantage in rushing yards.
- The Mustangs had 29 first downs compared to just nine for the Tigers.
- With a time of possession of 36 minutes, 6 seconds, Cal Poly never punted.
- The Mustangs were 7 for 9 on third-down conversion attempts and 2 for 2 on fourth downs.
- "We played the way we expected," said Ellerson, who is 6-0 in regular season games.

Cal Poly won four games this season by a touchdowns or less and lost two.

"A group of lesser men would have been 5-6," Ellerson said. "I've never seen it so fine. These guys faced some really tough stuff, whether it was schedule, injuries, travel. They just waded through it and kept going."