Cal Poly custodian arrested for attempted murder

Kristen Marschall
MUSTANG DAILY

A Cal Poly custodian hit a supervising custodian with his car on the morning of Jan. 6 and remains in jail on suspicion of attempted murder.

James Reynolds, a custodian at Cal Poly for more than 25 years, unsuccessfully attempted to run over his co-worker at about 4 a.m. that day for reasons that were unknown, police said.

The incident took place near the University Police Department building in the H4 parking lot in front of the Facilities Receiving Warehouse, building 70.

Police said the victim heard Reynolds' car approaching and jumped out of the way, but was still knocked to the ground. The victim then proceeded to get into his own vehicle, followed by Reynolds, until he arrived at the UPD station and reported the matter to the police.

Though Reynolds reportedly turned off his car lights to avoid being seen, UPD officers followed him and caught up to him on Grand Avenue.

UPD Chief Bill Watton referred to the arrest as "very uncomplicated" and added that Reynolds also had a 14-inch machete in his car.

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Obama launches White House bid, says past 6 years imperiled U.S.

Nedra Pickler
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sen. Barack Obama launched a presidential campaign Tuesday that would make him the first black to occupy the White House, and immediately tried to turn his political inexperience into an asset with voters seeking change.

The freshman Illinois senator — and top contender for the Democratic nomination — said the past six years have left the country in a precarious place and he promoted himself as the standard-bearer for a new kind of politics.

"Our leaders in Washington seem incapable of working together in a practical, commonsense way," Obama said in a video posted on his Web site. "Politics has become so bitter and partisan, so gummed up by money and influence, that we can't tackle the big problems that demand solutions. And that's what we have to change first."

Obama filed paperwork forming a presidential exploratory committee that allows him to raise money and put together a campaign structure. He is expected to announce a full-fledged candidacy on Feb. 10 in Springfield, Ill., where he can tout his experience in the state legislature and tap into the legacy of hometown hero Abraham Lincoln.

Obama has uncommon political talents, drawing adoring crowds even among the studious voters in New Hampshire during a much-hyped visit there last month. His star has risen on the force of his person-

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Poly faculty protest for higher salaries

Taylor Moore
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly faculty members picketed Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in protest of stalled California Faculty Association meetings regarding contracts with the California State University system.

The CFA is concerned with the lack of resolution between its 23,000 members and the CSU system. Most specifically, the CFA has an issue with the new salary changes.

Cal Poly is just one of the 23 CSU campuses where pickets are taking place this month.

"I believe the picketing is important to build faculty and public awareness," said Taylor Moore.

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The association recently failed to reach agreements with the CSU system in December.
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ness of the situation, and to let the administration know that the faculty are unhappy with what has been offered," said professor Richard Saenz, the president of the CFA's Cal Poly chapter.

A budget request of $4.5 billion was approved by the California State University Board of Trustees for the 2007-08 fiscal year. The new budget is a $96.8 million increase from last year's, according to the CSU system. Roughly $130 million of the prospected budget would go to decreasing the salary gap of CSU employees and faculty.

"The proposed budget requests full funding under the Compact for Higher Education to support an overwhelming demand for enrollment, address CSU employee salaries, and meet ever increasing health benefits and energy costs," CSU Chancellor Charles Reed said.

"The suggested changes in salary appear positive for CSU faculty, however, the CFA is demanding more. The plan presents a 20.75 percent salary increase over the next four years. But of this roughly 21 percent increase, faculty will see only about 10 percent in salary boosts, according to the CFA Web site."

"The other part of the increase will not directly affect the salaries because of specific programs, like a merit program, set up by the CSU system. Among the CFA's concerns is that since 1997, raises for campus presidents have totaled an estimated 49 percent while general salary increases for state campus faculty have totaled 17 percent.

Through negotiation meetings, the CFA is requesting changes to raise salary increases. The CSU system, however, has continued to stand by the original plan stating that there is not enough money to further increase salaries.

"We are disappointed that although the CSU has put a generous salary increase on the table, the CSU and the CFA have not been able to reach agreement on a new contract through the negotiations process," said R. McClain, CSU vice chancellor for Human Resources.

In their campaign, entitled CSI: CSU (named after the hit TV series the CFA hopes to invoke public understanding and action into the issue. With this campaign, the CFA introduces their own ideas for increasing salaries and mending the ties between the organization and the CSU system.

Among its suggested plans are "guaranteed service salary increases not funded by reduction of the general revenue, decrease in salary compression problems by allowing more senior faculty to rise above the maximum service salary step increases."

Sessions to resolve the issues between the faculty union and the CSU system ended in mid-December without reaching any agreement. Since this standstill, CFA members and supporters have been rallying behind the CFA: CSU program to change the plans offered by the CSU system.

"The picketing has been taking place around the state since early November."

CFA members and supporters have been rallying around the state since early November. The picketing did not affect Cal Poly classes or student services.

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ality and message of hope — helped along by celebrity endorsements from the likes of Oprah Winfrey, billion­

source investor Warren Buffett and actor Matt Damon and Edward Norton.

"I certainly didn’t expect to find myself in this position a year ago," said Obama, who added that as he talked to Americans about a possible presidential campaign, "I’ve been struck by how hungry we all are for a different kind of politics." The 45-year-old has few accomplishments on the national stage after serving little more than two years in the Senate. But at a time when many voters say they are unhappy with the direction of the country and the economy, in the nation's capital may not be a liability.

"The decisions that have been made in Washington these past six years, and the problems that have been ignored, have put our country in a precarious situation," Obama said. He said people are struggling financially, dependence on foreign oil threatens the environment and national security and "we’re still mired in a tragic and costly war that should have never been waged."

Clinton is expected to announce her presidential campaign within days, but her spokesman said there would be no comment on Obama’s decision from the Clinton camp. Back from Iraq, she abruptly can­

celled a Capitol Hill news confer­

ence minutes after word of Obama’s announcement, citing the unsatisfactory­

ability of a New York congressman to participate.

Other Democrats who have announced a campaign or exploratory committee are 2004 vice presidential nominee John Edwards, former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd and Ohio’s Dennis Kucinich. Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts and Joe Biden of Delaware and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richard­

son also are considering a run.

Obama’s decision was relatively low-key after months of hype, with no speech or media appearance to accompany his online announce­

ment. He said he will discuss a pres­

idential campaign with people around the country before his Feb. 10 event, and he wanted no time calling key activists Tuesday.

New Hampshire lobbyist Jim Demers talked with Obama for about five minutes. "He is extremely pum­

ped and excited that this campaign is coming together," said Demers, who accompanied Obama on his visit to the state last month.

Obama’s quick rise to national prominence began with his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention and his election to the Senate that year. He’s written two best-selling autobiographies — "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream" and "Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance."

Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, where his parents met while studying at the University of Hawaii. His father was black and from Kenya; his mother, white and from Wichita, Kan.

Obama’s parents divorced when he was two and his father returned to Kenya. His father later married an Indonesian student and the fam­

ily moved to Jakarta. Obama returned to Hawaii when he was 10 to live with his maternal grand­

parents.

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Watson said the victim wasn’t hurt badly and only suffered bruises. The victim wished to remain anonymous and declined to comment.

"It’s certainly a scary situation," Watson said. "I’ve been here five years and I haven’t seen anything like this."

Reynolds was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and pos­

sition of a weapon — both felonies — and reckless driving. He was booked at the county jail, where he still remains on a $500,000 bail. His arrangement was scheduled for the morning of Jan. 16, but Watson said it had been postponed.

Tom Ramler, assistant director for Custodial Services, was not avail­

able for comment.

Local briefs

DIABLO CANYON — A fire that broke out on the north end of the Diablo Canyon property on Sunday afternoon was 75 percent contained as of 4 p.m. Tuesday, the California Department of Fire said in a press release.

Though 300 acres were burned on the property that contains the nuclear power plant, the CDF and PG&E expected to have the fire entirely contained sometime today and controlled by Saturday.

Over the next few days, the land will be mopped up and rehabilit­

ated, the press release said.

Thus far, the CDF estimates that about 300 firefighters have lent their support, as well as several federal, state and local government agencies.

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A memorial for Spencer Wood, who died unex­

pectedly on July 22, 2006, will be held in the Business Bldg, building 3, room 213, on Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Though two memorial services were held for Wood during the summer, his friend Sarah Arcos said many of his Cal Poly friends could not be there due to timing and location.

Wood was a history senior from Newport Beach and a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

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Oooh so spicy!
Winter storm battering Northeast after hammering Midwest; death toll climbs to 46

Ben Dobbin SPECIAL PAGES

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Power lines were down, highways were treacherous and spring-like temperatures were only a memory Tuesday as the Midwest and Plains were hit by another wave of arctic air that earlier had plowed through the Northeast and Oklahoma and had dropped temperatures into the single digits as far south as St. Louis.

Icy roads cut into Martin Luther King Jr. holiday observances from Albany, N.Y., to Austin, Texas, where officials moved Texas Gov. Rick Perry’s inauguration indoors Tuesday and canceled the traditional inaugural parade.

More power outages were possible in New Hampshire as wind battered ice-laden branches. "We are restoring some and adding more," Public Service Co. spokesman Mary-Jo Boisvert said Tuesday. Customers in some rural parts of Oklahoma might have to wait until next week for service, said Stan Whiterford of Public Service Co. of Oklahoma. “There are a lot of places where virtually everything is destroyed. In some cases, entire electrical services will have to be rebuilt,” he said.

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Question of the day:

What do you think about Bush sending more troops to Iraq?

"It's going to piss off the public but it doesn't really matter because Bush doesn't have to get re-elected."

Andrew Beck social science junior

"I agree with it. We can't just leave what we started there now."

Karlie Saenz music sophomore

"I put faith in our government. We might not have the most charismatic leaders, but I trust our country."

Rebecca Hennings aerospace engineering freshman

"I'm against it because I don't believe it's a military war anymore. It's based on politics now, and we just need to set up a stable government in Iraq."

Mike Mullan recreation administration sophomore

"I'm against it because it doesn't matter how many troops are over there; it is a war that cannot be won."

Brian Parino political science senior

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Bombing at Baghdad university kills 65

The U.N. reported on March 28 that 34,000 civilians have been killed in Iraq in 2006.

Kim Gamel

The U.N. reported that by the Iraqi government and U.S. death toll came on a day the United Nations announced four U.S. military deaths — one of a woman was convicted of plotting to bomb Los Angeles International Airport in a drive by the time of the turnaround.

Ahmed Ressam was arrested near the U.S.-Canadian border on Dec. 19, 1999, in a raid that left many of the ousted leader's half brother, was hanged two of Saddam Hussein's henchmen in an execution. He said a suicide attacker was released by the Iraqi government and hospitals.

According to the U.N. report, which was based on information gathered at the site, the government and hospitals have been overwhelmed by the number of deaths and injuries. The government figures were compiled from information obtained through the Iraqi Health Ministry, hospitals across the country and the Medico-Legal Institute in Baghdad.

According to the U.N. report, women were particularly vulnerable to violence, but said it was an accurate reflection of the population that was killed. More than 140 of the bodies were burned and buried in Najaf in November and December alone, according to the report.

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To the Iconic American Dream

The Glass Castle, by Jeannette Walls, follows a midwestern family through their journeys and travels across the United States during the years their children are growing up. The novel, a memoir, progresses through a series of anecdotes that tell the story of the author's youth. The second out of four children, Walls recalls her murky past in an uncamly delightful way.

With a set of circumstances such as theirs, the Walls children were forced to become independent at an early age. For starters, there are their parents. Walls' father, Rex, is in many ways both the best and worst thing that happens to her. On one hand, he is extremely creative, and brings out the inventive side of his middle daughter. An intelligent man, he rarely misses an opportunity to teach his children something about the world, and inspires them to do something great. In fact, the title of the book comes from his dream of building a "glass castle" for his family, even when they were wallowing in extreme poverty.

However, he is also the town drunk. When he drinks, he loses all of his fatherly instincts and brilliance. His alcoholism also interferes with his ability to keep a steady job. Instead of bringing home an income, he brings shame, embarrassment, and much anger to his family. Often disappearing for days or weeks at a time, his children come to learn that they can't depend on him. Walls' mother is also emotionally unavailable. Once an aspiring artist, she resents her children because motherhood has forced her ambitions to the backseat, and is constantly reminding the kids of it. Besides being selfishly bitter, she is also startlingly impractical. She does little to fill her role as an adult in the home, refusing to work even when money is tight and generally forcing most of the household pressures onto her children. Once, when her son and daughter find a diamond ring in the backyard, that they intend to sell, she decides to keep it, to "boost her self-esteem," instead of using the money to feed her nearly starving family. Perhaps even more detrimental than their unavailable parents to the Walls children's rocky upbringing is the family's squab living conditions. Getting by on little to no money proves to be a challenge that the children take on courageously and cleverly. Still, the family never makes it above the poverty level and they suffer because of it. From not having winter coats, to sleeping in cardboard boxes, to being knocked out by the school bully for being poor, the family can never rest easy. Gratefully, the author doesn't end the story with her family in dire poverty; the horrid circumstances described serve only as a starting point for the Walls's family. This book is much more than a pity party. The thread of dreaming of better days is carried through the entire novel, and there are moments of hope throughout. Also, the novel takes an inspirational turn at the end.

"The Glass Castle" is similar to other recent memoirs, in that it outlines a childhood of pain and confusion and the protagonist's subsequent triumph over horrible odds. Where it differs from these sometimes maudlin accounts is in its delivery: Walls doesn't come across as bitter or world-worn as some survivor-authors do. Instead, she looks back at her childhood with a forgiving fondness that causes the reader to enjoy the book, rather than weep through the entire thing.

If the book has a fault, it is its overall simplicity and predictability. Although each chapter has a valuable place in the timeline of Walls' early life, the overall picture seems to lack the depth it could have had. There is no surprising twist, hidden meaning, or insightful ending. After awhile, it seems just like "another good story." However, some might say that its simplicity is actually the book's greatest strength. The objective of the book isn't to surprise its readers, but to inspire them through the author's personal experiences. The readers are encouraged to take from the book what they will; nothing is explicit.

Walls is a strong storyteller and the descriptions of what she overcame as a child are simply amazing. Her detailed settings and characters alone make this a good read. Plus, much of the book is funny. All of the elements of a good story are there. If a reader is looking for an encouraging account of triumph over hardship without the overbearing sadness, The Glass Castle is for him or her.

Buyer's Tip: Don't read the back cover; it gives too much away.

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“Epic,” a new photography exhibit of outdoor images taken by a Cal Poly rock climber, opened Friday in the Associated Students Inc. Epicenter Art Gallery. The display features a variety of spectacular landscapes from all over California. From vibrant neon sunsets in Mammoth to a snow-covered landscape at Mt. Sill, there is something there for everyone to appreciate.

Outdoor enthusiast and microbiology senior Chris Kornblatt is the man behind the photos. The display represents his journeys in California over the past two years. "Some trips allow me to ponder the complexities of the environment, but this is rare because there is usually a mad dash to 'bag' a peak and return to San Luis Obispo by 6 p.m. on Sunday in hope to finish class work," Kornblatt writes of his weekends away from San Luis Obispo in the description of his exhibit.

A picture taken at Pear Lake in Sequoia National Park stands out from the rest in the exhibit with the jagged outline of a peak reflected perfectly on the glassy lake below. Of the 14-mile hike it took to get that photo, Kornblatt said, "It could be a day trip, if you push yourself."

For the best local hike, Kornblatt says Mt. Valencia in Montana de Oro is the place to go, especially before dawn. "You hear your breath and you hear the ocean," he said, noting the peaceful quiet of an early morning hike. Then, as the sun comes up, "God turns the volume on" and you can start to hear the birds chirp, he said.

Kornblatt’s favorite journey over the past two years was the trip he took to Mt. Sill in the Palisade Crest over Memorial Day weekend. In late May, the landscape at 14,000 feet is still covered in snow. A guest book at the event allows students to leave their comments. One student thanked Kornblatt for sharing his experiences and commented that the photos truly were "epic."

"Enjoying nature with this sense of awe contributes to my quality of life," Kornblatt said. "Each one of us is connected to the natural world, even in the largest of cities."

The display also encourages its patrons to get outdoors and see those landscapes for themselves. A table at the exhibit features information on Pear Lake, Mt. Sill, Charlotte Dome, and Cathedral Peak, where some of the photos were taken. "Epic" will remain on display in the UU until Jan. 31. Call the Epicenter at 756-5807 or visit www.asi.calpoly.edu.
DJ Culture: Papa's Got A Brand New Bag

Daniel Seguin

SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Ice cubes tumble inside half-consumed cocktail glasses; cigarette smoke drifts languidly throughout the sparsely populated nightclub. The well-dressed men and women talk, smoke, drink and wait—in anticipation. The mingled conversation travels through the room with an undertone like an electric current. They are waiting for how to start. The rumor is that he is pretty good at what he does. The much anticipated DJ walks into the booth; slips on the headphones. The atmosphere electrically conveys another notch. He proceeds the first beat. Hip-hop. The room cracks with excitement as the DJ mixes the two dance floor. He is very good indeed.

The current question facing most DJs today is this: How do I keep up with current technology while remaining true to my position?

The three formats are vinyl (record albums), digital (CDs), and computerization (programs). Each format depends on the style and taste of the DJ, and how they were trained in their craft. The current question facing most DJs today is this: How do I keep up with current technology while remaining true to my position?

The first, and pretty much the original format that DJs prefer working with are record albums. When a DJ works with records, it is referred to in the industry as ‘spinning vinyl’. There are many DJs in the industry that prefer to remain loyal to what is often referred to as the ‘old school’ way of doing things. This means that those DJs have a preference for using their turntables to spin their records, while trying to avoid technology as long as they are able to.

DJ Chad Fischer, an art design senior, hosts a Monday night hip-hop show titled “Table Manners” on KCPR. He remains loyal to his craft by collecting all his music on vinyl, including 12-inch maxies and 45’s. As well as LPs. Fischer estimates his vinyl collection at 19 milk crates full of records or 760 albums. (One milk crate can hold approximately 40 records.)

A vinyl loyalist at heart, Fischer also believes that when it comes to the integration of new technology, there really is no getting around it. “I think that vinyl will always be a staple or backbone of the DJ culture, but especially with technology these days, the lines are getting a little blurred.”

As for the future of DJs and technology, Holland said that of the two, he thinks only one will survive the battle. “The way that things are going right now, it just won’t even require a DJ. There’s no need to put someone in the booth. There’s no need to regulate the sound. Everything will be A.I. [Artificial Intelligence] based.” Holland said.

Patrick Lynch is a DJ who primarily uses CDs when he works. However, he believes in alternate technology in terms of convergence. He advocates advertising his business through the popular Internet site MySpace. “It’s the most popular way to get your information out there. If you want to throw a party, put it on the MySpace page. If I want my company to throw a party, then that’s where it’ll go too,” Lynch said.

Lynch is transitioning from his current CD-based business to all industry is headed - in terms of computer-based technology. He talked about the difference using the computer program made in one working night.

“Going digital made it to where I didn’t have to drag around the two or three-hundred CDs up and down the stairs of the clubs. Now that we’re digital, on an external hard drive, I can carry everything in my back pocket basically,” said Lynch.

In the current world of constantly changing technology, as well as the rapidly expanding trend toward convergence, many DJs no longer perform just one function. Lynch spoke about what the future holds for DJs, and where the large part of the record. With songs such as “Split Needles” and “The Sailor” being his most noted for departure (wincing, if you will), number like “Sea Legs,” a track that new DJ debut amkes a shocking arrival. “It doesn’t make this album any thing short of charming, however. For instance, the band provides a pleasant homage to the shorter songs from albums of old with the spooky minute-long strips and effervescent ‘Pure Berry’ tracks such as ‘Turn On Me’ (akin to ‘Good for Gone’ from ‘Chutes’) and ‘Red Robin’ are catchy, vintage Shins, insist on enjoyment. ‘Phantom Limb’ is the shimming single of ‘Wincing.’ It holds the album’s shaky balance together and introduces front man James Mercer’s more clever vocal twist, ornamenting the hi-fi production and developed textures that time afforded the band. ‘Garden State’-bred fans are already busy changing their lives with their uptempo listen to the album did leak on the Internet well ahead of 2007, ‘Wincing the Night Away’ is no magnum opus. It is a perfect puzzle with new material and part good of Shins fun which yields, incidentally a delicate handful of beautiful numbers — and enough reason for Hollywood to keep up with their pace this time around.

The Shins first made their way into pop culture history on 2004’s "Garden State" soundtrack. Their newest creation, "Wincing the Night Away" is a combination of guitars and percussion.

The Shins have now turned into VJs doing music videos to their live tracks. "It’s just as much visual as it is, " Lynch said. "We do all the integration of new technology, many DJ’s no longer perform just one function. Lynch spoke about what the future holds for DJs, and where the large part of the record. With songs such as “Split Needles” and “The Sailor” being his most noted for departure (wincing, if you will), number like “Sea Legs,” a track that new DJ debut amkes a shocking arrival. “It doesn’t make this album any thing short of charming, however. For instance, the band provides a pleasant homage to the shorter songs from albums of old with the spooky minute-long strips and effervescent ‘Pure Berry’ tracks such as ‘Turn On Me’ (akin to ‘Good for Gone’ from ‘Chutes’) and ‘Red Robin’ are catchy, vintage Shins, insist on enjoyment. ‘Phantom Limb’ is the shimming single of ‘Wincing.’ It holds the album’s shaky balance together and introduces front man James Mercer’s more clever vocal twist, ornamenting the hi-fi production and developed textures that time afforded the band. ‘Garden State’-bred fans are already busy changing their lives with their uptempo listen to the album did leak on the Internet well ahead of 2007, ‘Wincing the Night Away’ is no magnum opus. It is a perfect puzzle with new material and part good of Shins fun which yields, incidentally a delicate handful of beautiful numbers — and enough reason for Hollywood to keep up with their pace this time around.

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**POLITICAL COLUMNS**

**Soldier drug use increases**

By now, everyone knows about the "surge" into Iraq. However, I will spare you from having to read another editorial about this stopgap. Instead, I want to focus on a growing trend in Iraq, which no one is talking about: the increase in drug use by U.S. soldiers to cope with stress.

In the president’s remarks last week, he basically conceded that for the past four years in Iraq, we have been asking our soldiers to do more missions with less. Sadly, this wasn’t the first time this administration said something along those lines, as Rumsfeld once told the troops “You go to war with the army you have, not the one you want.” As a result of this stubbornness and warped perception of efficiency, the strain and stress on our soldiers has been staggering. Just how hard has the government been stressing our soldiers in Iraq? According to Foreign Policy in Focus, the average tour of duty for a soldier in Iraq has been 250 days. During the first Persian Gulf War, the average tour of duty was only 156 days. Furthermore, the very reliable Government Accountability Office (GAO) has estimated that since 2003, there has been an average of 2,500 attacks on U.S. soldiers every month, that’s 83 attacks per day. Because of this overwhelming fatigue and fear, it is not surprising to learn that more and more soldiers are turning to drugs to escape from their surroundings.

So many of our soldiers are using drugs in Iraq. Reliable statistics on soldiers using drugs are hard to come by, but the Pentagon estimates that between 3,000 to 8,000 soldiers in Iraq have used marijuana, cocaine, heroin or amphetaamines. While these estimated rates are nowhere near as bad as in Vietnam, where TV footage of soldiers destroying by the incompetence and lack of discipline and strength of our soldiers are not considered in the field; however, these same soldiers are not considered in the Pentagon’s estimates.

Clearly there will always be times when soldiers use drugs to deal with the stresses of war, but Iraq is certainly not one of those times. This growing drug trend is man-made, since it was our government’s poor planning that put our troops in the difficult position they find themselves in today. I still marvel at the fact that our government consistently expected our soldiers to over-achieve in Iraq without the necessary troop strength to do so, yet the drug problem among the troops is still moderate. Maybe it’s indicative of the fact that the discipline and strength of our many soldiers can never be destroyed by the incompetence and recklessness of a few politicians.

Patrick Molnar is a business sophomore and Mustang Daily political columnist.

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**Affirmative action harmful**

As college students, we have had a long history of filling little boxes in on forms. I remember that every year through grade school, high school, and college, I was most confused about that Minority box. See, I’m exactly half Asian-American and half European-American, and unfortunately, no such box exists for this particular mix. As a kid, I would select “other” if they had that option, sometimes I would fill in two boxes if they let me, and other times I would fill in White of Asian depending how I felt at that particular moment. Over time the boxes have changed, and now we can only declare to state (my option), select two or more affirmative options from the addition of more races (i.e. Pacific Islander, Central European Asian, Native American, European American, Eskimo, Antarctic, Sub-Saharan, Asian, European Colonist Native Immigrant, etc.)

But all of a sudden it is a multi-racial era. Multi-racial is a cop-out, because aren’t most of us multi-racial, at least to some extent? I mean most people have at least .001 percent of something else. My point is, these boxes shouldn’t matter at all, so why even ask? Unfortunately, these boxes still matter, especially when applying for internships and post-graduate programs, and are part of a wider range of affirmative action programs.

Affirmative action programs protect minorities (specific races or certain races) from being left out of the racial groups penalized because of it, but hurt those who benefit even more. Let me give one example: during the Week of Welcome (2004), I remember a meeting in the PAC about diversity. During this meeting, people were allowed to go toward the microphone and say whatever they felt. I remember one young black woman go up and talk about how she felt that she should not assume that she got into Cal Poly because she was black, but rather because she actually had high SAT scores and a strong grade point average. I don’t know if people think that when she sees her, but without affirmative action, this would be impossible. Of course, under Proposition 209, affirmative action programs in California are supposed to have been eliminated (with some minor exceptions). In fact, since implementing Proposition 209, graduation rates have increased for blacks. At UCSD, four-year graduation rates for blacks (climbed from 26 percent to 52 percent after implementing Proposition 209. However, those who wish to overturn Proposition 209 contend that enrollment has suffered and that despite the increases graduation rate, this should justify reversing Proposition 209. However, with No Patrick, I’m wearing a red shirt, not a blue one.

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**Brian Eller**

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**THINKING CAP**

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**Jim Bridgeman**

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Eggleston, whom Mimnaugh tabbed as a WAC prospect before the season, is putting up team highs of 13.1 points and 7.8 rebounds along with 2.6 assists and 2.0 steals per game.

Eggleston said that the team playing its next four games at home—three of which in conference—could be a boost. Cal Poly is 1-7 on the road this season.

"We had a monkey on our back being on the road," Eggleston said. "At home we always play a little better, so I'm definitely looking forward to it."

Eggleston called the rash of injuries the Mustangs are experiencing "pretty tough."

"We're getting pretty thin at point guard," she said. "It's a team effort. We all had to pitch in and help out."

One of the players helping out is Eggleston, who had a team-high four assists in a 78-64 loss at UC Davis on Jan. 11 and dropped a team-leading six dimes in a 64-49 loss at Cal State Fullerton on Dec. 28.

"Jessica Eggleston is a great player," Mimnaugh said. "She's had to do a lot more distributing, which isn't necessarily her strength. She's still one of our top assist people on the team, but at the same time, I'd love to see her on the receiving end of a lot of those passes. If she were in that position, then you'd see somebody who's averaging 20 points a game instead of 13 points a game. She's just having to do so much for us right now."

Eggleston, who averages 32.4 minutes per game, said the area Cal Poly is most trying to shore up is its defense.

"Since we lost a lot of quickness," she said of the injuries, "we can't really play our full-court press the whole game. Tidying up our half-court defense, our zone defense, decreasing turnovers. Just being more careful with the ball."

Cal Poly will have a chance to show improvement in those areas when it hosts rival UC Santa Barbara Saturday at 1 p.m. in Biggert Stadium.

Most of the mustangs scheduled to play are from the 2001-06 seasons, including pitchers Garrett Olson, Jimmy Shull, Jimmy Van Ostrand, Jimmy Gardner and many others.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly will host an alumni squad for a baseball game Saturday at 1 p.m. in Baggett Stadium.

The Mustangs picked up big wins from freshmen Blakely Swoboda and Steffi Wong in singles action against St. Mary's. Maria Malec also turned in a stellar performance.

Blakely defeated the Gaels' Erica Hoath by a score of 6-0, 6-4 in the No. 2 singles position.

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in the second half. Bob instead chose to focus his attention on the glass and in the passing lanes.

The Aggies had 15 offensive rebounds, mostly due to a concerned second-half effort, and forced Bob into 21 turnovers (again, most of them coming in the second half).

Cal Poly limped away with a 72-68 win despite Bob's second-half appearance, but it was yet another grim reminder that the team's yin-yang nature is a major issue.

Before the season began, I picked Cal Poly to win the Big West and earn a trip to the NCAA Tournament. That prediction seems far away from reality now that the Mustangs are 1-3 in conference play, but they can start the climb to the top with a win at Central Coast rival UC Santa Barbara on Saturday.

With 10 games remaining on the conference schedule, Cal Poly must win out to capture the regular-season title and give credence to the prediction.

But what about Bob? Bob is the only thing standing between Cal Poly dominance and a broken season.

COMING THURSDAY
A preview of baseball season for Cal Poly, which is coming off its 2007 season. In 2006, the Mustangs' first home series will be Feb. 2-4 against San Diego State, coached by Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn.

Mustang women's tennis wraps up Cal Winter Invitational

The Cal Poly women's tennis team finished play Sunday at the Cal Winter Invitational.

The Mustangs have a dual with Pepperdine in Malibu on Saturday.

Wong, the Markham, Ontario native, defeated Holland native Femme Strybos, 6-2,6-4 in the No. 3 spot.

Cal Poly sophomore Malec played an exceptional three-and-a-half-hour match in a losing effort to Ster Onderwaal of the Gaels by a score of 6-4, 2-6, 7-5. It was Malec's second match of the weekend against the Gaels.

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Lofton interviews with Raiders for head coach

The Hall of Fame wide receiver is currently coaching that position in San Diego.

Josh Dubow
Associated Press

San Diego Chargers wide receivers coach James Lofton interviewed Tuesday for a second straight year for the Oakland Raiders head coaching vacancy.

Lofton, a Hall of Fame receiver, met with Oakland owner Al Davis and other team executives to discuss replacing the fired Art Shell as coach. Lofton was one of the candidates last year when Shell was hired to replace Norv Turner.

Lofton is the first minority candidate interviewed for the job, a requirement under the so-called "Rooneus Rule" before a team can hire a black head coach.

Southern California quarterbacks coach Steve Sarkisian, Raiders defensive coordinator Rob Ryan, and former New York Giants coach Jim Fassel interviewed last week for the job.

Lofton, a finalist for the head coaching job at Stanford that went to Jim Harbaugh last month, just finished his fifth season as an assistant with San Diego, but has no head coaching experience.

After starring in college at Stanford, Lofton was a first-round pick by Green Bay in 1978. During his 16-year career, he also played for the Raiders, Buffalo, the Rams and Philadelphia. He finished his career with 764 catches for 14,004 yards and scored 75 touchdowns and played in three Super Bowls with Buffalo.

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**The New York Times Crossword**

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**ACROSS**

29 Time of day, maybe
30 Spanish "she"
32 Seminary
34 Like orchard
35 Microspore
36 Lofton interviews with Raiders for head coach
37 Mingle
38 Down
39 Some show horses
40 College town named after a French poet
41 Mountain
42 See 15
43 Deck officer
44 Red carpet
45 See 17
46 Some jeans
47 Bear down?
48 Play down?
49 Supporting members
50 See 46
51 Effluvium
52 See 40
53 Effort
54 Run into hard
55 Put into words

**DOWN**

20 A jump-off when they tied for first in the Eastern Conference and are the first team since the early 1990s to advance to four straight conference championship series.
21 He can give a hoot.
22 It's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.
23 "Ecstasy," 1933
24 Remorseful
25 "And she shall bring forth a son, and shall name him Jesse, and shall bring a great train in his logs:"
26 "Lest the的形象ization bring forth a son, and shall bring a great train in his logs:"
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down
28 Some years
29 No nosh
30 Reader (electronic magazine)
31 Detective
32 See 40
33 Census category
34 In the list of
35 Give a hoot?
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10 Effort
11 Put into words

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**SPORTS**

**Polly's Day second in high jump at Dempsey Indoor Preview meet**

Cal Poly senior Sharon Day cleared 5 feet, 8 inches in her signature event.

**SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT**

Cal Poly's Sharon Day and Danielle Ayers-Spenter competed at the Dempsey Indoor Preview hosted by the University of Washington on Saturday.

Ayers-Spenter had a great start to her season placing fourth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.17 seconds. She tied for fifth in the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 4.25 inches and came in 13th in the shot put, throwing a distance of 9.66 meters.

Day also showed well coming second in pole vault and clearing the height of 5-8. She and Portland State's Ashley Quay were forced into a jump-off when they tied for first at a height of 5-8. Quay won the jump-off clearing 5-8.75.

Cal Poly women's indoor track will next compete at the University of New Mexico Invitational from Jan. 26-27.

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Mustangs go to .500 with 74-65 win over Sac State at home

Poly women's hoops squad battles injuries

The Mustangs have been forced to play five freshmen at the same time during a 5-11 season.

Tristan Aird

The Cal Poly women's basketball team is in the middle of a nine-day break in between games and a 14-day gap in between Big West Conference contests.

It couldn't be a better time. Injuries keep mounting for the Mustangs (5-11, 1-3 Big West), who have lost eight of nine following a 4-3 start that included wins over Oregon State and two West Coast Conference teams.

Already without in starting back-court because of respective injuries, Cal Poly could now be playing for an extended period of time without one of its most versatile players — sophomore forward Megan Harrison. She averaged 8.1 points, 3.8 rebounds and 1.1 steals per outing in the 15 games she played so far this season.

"Megan Harrison got injured in practice, we need to see if she's done for the season as well," Cal Poly head coach Faith Mimnaugh said Monday at a weekly press conference.

"We've taken a pretty big beating as far as injuries. My spirits are premature.

Already out for the season are senior wing Sparkle Anderson (ACL) and starting junior shooting guard Toni Eggleston — a preseason all-conference pick.

Among the freshmen seeing an increase in minutes are power forward Ruben Simon, who is a big change from the traditional small forward. He's 6-8, 225 pounds.

"There is nothing tentative about this team," Mimnaugh said of her freshmen. "They're doing an incredible job," Mimnaugh said of her freshmen. "We had a game where we're high in turnovers and it was our freshmen who had the least number of turnovers. I'm really excited about their development. They're not afraid to have the ball stolen from them, which is a big change from where they were two months ago, when they were a little tentative."

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What about Bob?

Frank Strangl

I briskly made my way across campus after class let out last Thursday night. It wasn't the cold that had me in a hurry, though.

It was game night, and I was intent on sitting down in Mott Gym before the halftime buzzer sounded.

The scoreboard showed a predictable 14-point Cal Poly lead against UC Davis. I didn't expect the Aggies to put up much of a fight, especially being that they're not officially a Division I team until next season after their transition process from Division II is complete.

"Did I miss anything big?" I asked my buddy Terrance, who was saving a seat for me.

"Nah, not much. A dunk by Dreshawn (Vance) and that's about it. Davis' offense is pretty much no bueno."

The synopsis delivered by Terrance gave me hope that Cal Poly would run away with the game. Enter Cal Poly's evil twin — for the sake of a name, we'll call him Bob. Bob doesn't score too many points and tries to get torched defensively, sometimes for 50 points in a half. Bob builds brick houses from the free-throw line and gets pounded on the boards.

Bob is Cal Poly's alter ego. Bob is why Cal Poly is 7-8 instead of 10-5. Sometimes Bob stays dormant for the first half and wakes up just in time to toy with the Mustangs in the second half. Sometimes he wreaks havoc for the entire game.

For example, week one, game one: Cal Poly 41, Southeastern Louisiana 23. Then, along came Bob. Final score: Southeastern Louisiana 76, Cal Poly 69.

On Dec. 3, Bob was on the court for the full 40 minutes. San Jose State won its first game of the season 80-63 to date, the Spartans are 2-14.

Bob has also made appearances against Long Beach State and, most recently, UC Davis. Cal Poly isn't a bad basketball team. They have only a 7-8 record. However, Bob is a very bad basketball team and Bob is preventing the Mustangs from running away with a run at the Big West Conference title.

On that frigid Thursday night, Cal Poly failed to put away a mediocre, at best, opponent in UC Davis. The Mustangs didn't shoot poorly — 52.6 percent from the floor and 4 for 8 from 3-point range.

What about Bob?

Frank Strangl

Assistant Sports Editor

Cal Poly senior wing Derek Stockslager (25) looks for the entry pass against Sacramento State sophomore guard Loren Lush on Tuesday night in Mott Gym.

Below, Cal Poly sophomore point guard Chaz Thomas (10) handles the ball under defensive pressure from Sacramento State senior guard Haron Harrgrave. The Mustangs won the nonconference game 74-65 in Mott Gym to improve to 8-8 overall.

Stockslager and senior power forward Tyler McGinn led Cal Poly with 17 points apiece.

For a full recap of Tuesday night's game, see Thursday's Mustang Daily.

Webber signs with Pistons for minimum

Chris Webber has returned home, where he starred for Michigan's famed "Fab Five" team in the early 1990s.

Larry Lage

The Detroit Pistons hope Chris Webber can do for them what Rashied Wallace did in 2004, come on board midseason and spark a run to an NBA championship.

Webber does, too, because winning a title would fill the biggest void on his resume.

"I'm excited to be home in Detroit, but I'm more excited about being on this team," Webber said Monday after signing with his hometown team. "If this was not a good team, it would not be that much fun."

"This team was already great before I got here, so in no way am I acting like I'm doing this team a big service. I'm part of a great machine."

Webber will make about $600,000 with a prorated contract for the veteran's minimum to play the rest of the season. The Pistons see Webber, page 11