Grad student works to transform Internet

Casie Gaeto
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Members of the Olympus company headquarters in Tokyo were on campus Tuesday through today to review the work of a graduate student whose research may have large implications in the field of telecommunications.

Biomedical and materials engineering student Brent Huigens is head of an Olympus-founded research and development team working on media that will transform the Internet from an electronic base to an all optical network through micro-electric-mechanical-systems (MEMS).

Although Olympus is most well-known for its dominance in the camera industry, the company actually makes a large amount of its profits in the biomedical arena.

The micro-mirrors Huigens and his team are working with can detect and route wavelengths of light, similar to regular electronic-mechanical-systems (MEMS).

Specifically, Huigens was responsible for building a test stand in which they could test the MEMS technology’s capabilities. He and his team successfully built phase one of their project and were just asked to build another to be completed by the end of the summer.

The corporate members are coming to see us because we here at Cal Poly have surpassed the quality of research that this company is able to have been done at Olympus Microsystems (a small startup company of Olympus Corporation)," Huigens said.

Huigens began his relationship with the company during an internship last summer at Olympus Microsystems in Atlanta. At the end of the summer, Huigens was interested in continuing his work with the company and proposed the idea of a long-term partnership; Olympus accepted, making Huigens head of an Olympus-founded research and development team.

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Lindsay Lohan and film crews have been in town since Sunday shooting scenes at San Luis Obispo High School on Monday (bottom left) and downtown on Tuesday (bottom right) for the movie "I Know Who Killed Me."

Lohan movie films in SLO

Jackie Pugh
MUSTANG DAILY

The filming of Lindsay Lohan’s new movie "I Know Who Killed Me," directed by Chris Swertson, took place downtown yesterday and included numerous Cal Poly students as extras.

The psychological thriller has scenes at San Luis Obispo High School, City Hall and downtown on Higuera Street between Chorro and Broad streets.

Lohan plays Aubrey Fleming, a young woman who returns home after being abducted and tortured by a serial killer, according to imdb.com. Questions arise when Fleming claims she is someone else and seems to have dual personalities.

Many Cal Poly students played the part by being casted of extras, including football players, cheerleaders, the marching band, students and pedestrians.

"I found out about it from a friend who read about it in the newspaper," said animal science senior Melanie Atkinson.

For auditions, Atkinson, like many other students from Cal Poly, had to wait in line and hold a number while having a photo taken. All who were accepted received a call-back.

Atkinson played a student at the San Luis Obispo High School set where she had to wear red and blue, the colors of the junior college in the movie.

"There were a couple thousand people there," said psychology junior Mlissa Anderson, who was an extra in the downtown scene as a pedestrian.

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Copeland
Sports files
liquidation
plan with court

WASHINGTON — Retailer
Copeland Sports Inc. has filed a
Chapter 11 liquidation plan that will
leave equity holders out in the cold
and serve unsecured creditors next to
nothing.

Unsecured creditors, the company
said in filing its plan Monday, will
recover an estimated 6.2 percent to
1.9 percent on their claims. If addi-
tional cash surfaces after the liquida-
tion of remaining assets, it will be
turned over to the unsecured credi-
tors. Holders of Copeland's subordi-
nated notes, owed about $13.8 mil-
lion, will recover only 21 percent.

The San Luis Obispo, Calif.-based
company said it has already repaid its
secured debt at $11.4 million.

Copeland ran into trouble in
2002 when it entered into a $35 million
credit facility with the U.S. Bankruptcy
Court in Wilmington, Del.

Most of Copeland's retail-store
assets were bought by privately held
Sports Authority Inc. on Nov. 1, and
are intended to be reopened in the
spring under its name. Hilco Liquidat-
ors, the company's largest debthold-
ers, will recover an estimated 0.2 percent to
1.9 percent on their claims.

“Long downloads like books and movies
will be limited only to the speed of your processor; this
type of technology is used now but we
haven't seen anywhere near the extent of what
it could be,” Huigens said.

Hiroshi Miyajima (above) is visiting from Japan to review the work done by a team of graduate students.

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This week’s meetings will act as a checkup
and focus on modeling the Olympus product
and characterizing the test stand. The micro-
mirrors for the test stands come from Japan and
the corporate members are interested in what
the mirrors are capable of doing and what their
implications are for the future of technology.

“The most exciting aspect of all of this is that
it is a student-run partnership. It provides stu-
dents the experience of real-world business
transactions; I am no one special, I was just
given a great opportunity,” Huigens said.

Huigens and his crew of other students
working on their master's degrees use the
Brown Engineering building as their research
facility. The recent addition to campus contains
a clean room that provides the necessary envi-
ronment to build the test stands.

In the clean room there are only 1,000 par-
ticles in the air per square foot, compared to
500,000 particles in a normal air space. The
clean room is important because any micro-
scopic particle that appears on the micro mir-
rors would be big enough to hinder its ability
to process information. Members of the
research team must wear protective gear in the
room at all times while working on their pro-
jects.

“What a great opportunity for our students
to get firsthand experience with the challenges
of working with an international organization
and engineers from around the world. This
partnership could grow into opportunities for
Cal Poly students to participate in a summer
internship in Tokyo and potential employment
with Olympus Microsystems Inc. here in the
U.S.,” said materials engineering professor and
advisor Richard Savage.

Optical telecommunication networking is no
longer something of the future, and MEMS will
change the speed of the Internet and therefore
transform its capabilities, Huigens said.

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As part of her role, Anderson had to bring her car and park it on Higuera, Canteo Caring, the company that chose the extra, gave her a ticket in order to make it past the tight security measures.

Anderson and Atkinson are paid extra and will receive $60 for eight hours, roughly minimum wage. For Anderson, figuring out when she was actually needed and for how long was a struggle.

“They tell you to call a number and it’s an answering machine,” Anderson said. “It told me to call back after 1 p.m., and then after 6 p.m., and then after midnight, and again this morning at 8.”

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With all the “hustle and bustle” that this Lohan movie is bringing to the quiet town of San Luis Obispo, many are probably wondering why the town was chosen.

Dave Kastner, film and technology manager for the San Luis Obispo County Film Commission mentioned that San Luis Obispo has actually had quite a few appearances in popular, well-known movies, as well as a variety of commercials.

“They sent a location scout up to this area,” Kastner said in reference to the Lohan movie. “One of the members had a connection and thought that they might find what they were looking for.”

It seems that San Luis Obispo’s small-town atmosphere must be a popular theme for the average psychological thriller flick.

“About seven years ago ‘Murder by Numbers’ had major scene shot here and in the downtown area, as well as ‘Ariachnophobia’ that was shot here and in Cambrria,” Kastner said.

After “Sideways” landed the Central Coast town on the map, future plans for the area could include an independent movie filming in Morro Bay.

For more information, check out the San Luis Obispo County Film Commission’s Web site at www.sanluisobispo-county.com. Also, be on the lookout for Lohan’s thriller “I Know Who Killed Me,” due to release sometime in 2008.

March

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Davis and architectural engineering freshman Jen Ton both members of the Pride Alliance participated in the march for the first time.

As they walked through The Avenue, Davis said they received a generally positive reaction; the saw smiles and some people clapped in support of the group.

“People were really surprised,” said Amy Narevsky, a liberal studies sophomore and student coordinator for the Pride Alliance. Narevsky said she thought during the march they had caught people off guard, as she had seen a few looks of confusion.

“But I think that’s an essential part of the march,” she said, noting that a lot of people on campus don’t know about the Pride Alliance.

“It’s a weird thing for people to have to protest for equal rights,” said mechanical engineering senior Drew Atkinson, who was sitting in the LU when the march concluded.

“It’s not something you should have to fight for.”

The march was followed by Soup and Substance, a luncheon and discussion of the controversy over equal rights for gays. Two Cal Poly staff members spoke about their experiences of being out and how they had been warmly accepted in the Cal Poly community.

“That’s the focus of this year: making people feel comfortable being out,” said Kramer. She said she hoped with faculty and staff being out, it will make students more comfortable being out.

“I wish it wasn’t as scary for people to be out,” said Kyle Stevens, a city and regional planning sophomore and a member of the Pride Alliance. Stevens participated in the March Tuesday for the second year and attended the Soup and Substance talk. A Palm Springs native, he expressed his frustration for the small LGBT community in San Luis Obispo having no outlet. He said there used to be specific nights for gays at Tortilla Flats and The Grad, but those no longer exist.

Missy Bullock and Marilyn Allison, who spoke at the luncheon, are both Cal Poly graduates and current staff members. The two have been together for 11 years and have a 2-year-old daughter, Landen. Bullock is the head teacher at the ASI children’s center and Allison works for Housing and Residential Life.

“It was never a question to me of ‘Will I be out?’” Bullock said.

Bullock and Allison spoke of how the laws are slowly changing to accommodate same-sex couples. The two have been officially registered as domestic partners for more than six years, which gives them certain rights, like filing jointly for taxes, but still does not give them other rights that are afforded to married couples by the state.

However, the couple said they “have felt nothing but love, support and acceptance” from the Cal Poly community.

“ASI treated it as a non-issue,” Allison said.

Erin Echols, the new coordinator for the Pride Alliance and the LBGT Center, was pleased with the event.

“We haven’t seen this many people yet this year at Soup and Substance,” she said. Echols started as the new coordinator for the center in September after moving to the Central Coast from New Hampshire.

Kramer concluded the discussion, thanking everyone that had come out to support the event.

“P’m glad to see that we have some visibility and support around campus,” she said.

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-Lowell Olcott
theatre junior

"It’s stirring a lot of conversation. I think it’s cool that a big movie star is here because you don’t hear about those things very much in San Luis Obispo."

-Blaine Palgrove
psychology sophomore

"Heck yes. She’s a double entente — a singer and an actress. You do the math. It adds up to a big deal."

-Tyson Witcher
history senior

"I’m not a huge fan, so I’m not super excited about it. But I could see how someone who was a huge fan would think it’s really exciting."

-Stacy Galland
biochemistry senior

"I think it’s cool that people want to shoot movies here, but as far as Lindsay Lohan is concerned, I could care less."

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North Korea agrees to shut down main reactor and weapons program in exchange for aid

The deal, reached after arduous talks, marks the first concrete plan for disarmament to use diplomacy to address North Korea's nuclear programs, President Bush said.

"These talks represent the best opportunity for a peaceful resolution of the Korean nuclear issue," Bush said. 

North Korea agreed Tuesday to shut down its main nuclear reactor and begin dismantling its nuclear weapons program in exchange for millions of dollars to aid its deeply impoverished domestic audience that will significantly reduce the country's ability to produce atomic bombs.

"We don't have an agreement at this point even on the existence of this program but I certainly have made very clear repeatedly that we need to ensure that we know precisely the status of that," said Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill, the American envoy to the talks. "It's a very solid step forward."

"People were ready for a change," said Mogelonsky. "She relates the trend to Americans' growing self-indulgence. "I can't afford a mink and a diamond, but I can afford a piece of really good chocolate," she said.

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Famous author brings 'War' and 'Peace' to Poly

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MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly women's studies program will bring Maxine Hong Kingston, editor of "Veterans of War, Veterans of Peace," to speak in the Christopher Cohen Center, room 124 Thursday at 8 p.m.

Keys, a retired senior lecturer for creative writing at UC Berkeley, and the publisher Ko Books, are proud to announce this compilation of narrative and creative works by veterans spanning five wars.

A standout quality of the book in Kingston's ability to convey the complexity of the immigrant experience, the Asian-American experience, and the experience of women, all as intersecting identities.

"It's an incredibly moving collection of writings by people whose worlds have come apart and they've rebuilt them," said Mary Armstrong, a professor and director of the women's studies program. "It's incredibly profound."

Kingston, who is currently on a reading tour of her new book, will be joined by Cuesta College English professor Tom Patchell and veterans Elijah Imlah and Robert Golling, who contributed to the book.

The reading will consist of an overview and description of how writing, meditation and community provide healing and confirmation for veterans. Afterwards, people will read from their own pieces.

Kingston, along with Theresa Fitzgerald, a Buddhist monk, held meditation retreats for veterans, which was where she was able to collect many stories. This program has been running since the 1980s. Fitzgerald shared her thoughts on "Veterans of War, Veterans of Peace" and the impact a work like this one can have on the college population.

"As people are volunteering to go to war and finding out they are getting into much more than they bargained for," Fitzgerald said. "To know what people have been through from every angle, as widows or family members, children or spouses, from reading this book you can really learn what brings someone to go to war, what the experience is and what the aftermath is like."

The meditation retreats, Kingston offered the writing portion. The two would spend the bulk of their time during the retreats with veterans to help them put their stories together.

Kingston brings in a new definition of the word veteran in that she captures the experience of combat veterans, medics and others who have served in war. She also captures the experience of gang members, drug users, draft resisters, victims of domestic abuse and peace workers.

Kingston has received numerous awards, such as the National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle Award for Nonfiction for her other memoirs and fiction pieces like "The Woman Warrior" and "China Man."

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — July 21, 2007, will mark the end of an era for freshman Scott Likard.

"I've been a Harry Potter fan since seventh grade," Likard said.

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For six sin Man Scott Likard.

The last book in the "Harry Potter" series, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," will be released in July to the joy and sorrow of many.

Author J.K. Rowling announced the release date Feb. 1 on her Web site.

I can hardly believe that I've finally written the ending I've been planning for so many years," Rowling said on JKRowling.com.

Melissa Anelli, founder of the popular "Harry Potter" fan site The Leaky Cauldron, was shocked to find out the release date Feb. 1. She was particularly excited, considering the fact that the previous Harry Potter release was in June.

"I am sad that this is the last book," Likard said. "But then again, I don't want the series to end, but then again, I don't want the series to end.

We actually had a few e-mails from people who work in publishing, 'impending big announcement,' Rowling said. "We actually had a few e-mails from people who work in publishing, 'impending big announcement.'"

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It's OK to be 'Blue' on Valentine's day

Tammets's story is unique because he leads a completely independent life. In addition, he fascinates the reader by clearly explaining the happenings inside his head.

With well-crafted ease, he begins his book by chronicing the experiences of his isolated childhood. His early years were marked by numerous behavioral problems such as screaming, crying, and head-banging, all of which are characteristics of autism. However, he quickly evolved into a reserved and aloof toddler who was absorbed in his own life.

"What must the other children have made of me? I don't know, because I have no memory of them at all," he muses on his nursery experiences. I had no sense at all of play as a mutual activity." At age 4, he experienced his first epileptic seizure and was diagnosed with temporal lobe epilepsy. Fortunately, his anti-seizure medication was effective, and he has since lived a seizure-free life. Although doctors were unable to determine whether the epilepsy left lasting effects on Tammets brain, some researchers have suggested that his savant abilities could be explained by a left-brain injury leading to right-brain compensation.

He wrote about another aspect of his childhood — an obsession with collecting things, including chestnuts that fell from trees nearby — almost poetically. "Trees were a source of fascination for me for as far back as I can remember; I loved rubbing the palms of my hands into the course, wrinkled bark and pressing the tips of my fingers along its furrows. The falling leaves formed spirals in the air, like the spirals I saw when I did division in my head."

As Tammets life with autism continued, his obsessions varied. His interests and activities included a love of circles, puzzles and card games, and "ironing" clothes with a cool iron for hours at a time. He was highly adept at finding ways to entertain himself.

His level of resilience provided him with the necessary motivation to do "normal" activities, which may not have seemed feasible at first. Five independently, fall in love, be employed in a language tutorial business, and even be interviewed by David Letterman. "Born on a Blue Day" is Daniel Tammets remarkable story, yet it is also a source of encouragement to anyone who has persevered despite uncontrollable obstacles.
Modern languages and literature senior Lindsey Goldberg and theatre sophomore Anna Szwajkowska rehearse for "The Vagina Monologues." Degree. "(Our hope) is that it will be an open venue to talk about sexuality and things that are normal­ly overlooked in society. Plus, it's entertaining.

Based on interviews with more than 200 women, Enslser wrote her play — of about 18 vignettes — to range from the serious to the comical. The 23-woman cast will present the sketches in true monologue form on subjects pertinent to women. Comic sketches are interspersed with more solemn ones, Smith said so that "it's not like you're hit, 'wham!' with all serious ones. They're all mixed up."

The performance is one of more than 650 being staged throughout the world for V-Day, a global move­ment begun by Enslser. What she and literally thousands of others are hop­ing to do is to internationally on this day (or weekend) — which is dedicated to "victory, Valentine and vagina" — is raise awareness for and eventually stop violence geared towards women and young girls around the world. Peace is the goal.

According the V-Day Web site, more than $30 million have been raised over the past eight years. see V-Day, page 13

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**No Styrofoam at VG Cafe**

Melissa Montecuollo

CAMPUS DINING STAFF WRITER

As of January 29th, VG Cafe is "Foam Free." Wash and re­use dinnerware is used for eat­in meals and "Clam Shells" for take-out are a compostable product developed by the Industrial Technology Department. Cold drink beverage containers are recycled and hot cups are paper. No polystyrene containers at VG Cafe! For many years it has been the goal of Cal Poly Campus Dining to reduce the use of polystyrene, otherwise known as styrofoam. According to Alan Cushman, Associate Director of Campus Dining, Cal Poly has several ways that they have for back the use of styrofoam and other non-recyclables. Selling reusable mugs and offering discounts when customers use them is a major way to cut back on styrofoam use. For example at BackStage Pizza when you buy a 32 oz. sports bottle for $1.99, refills are only 75c. Various styles of reusable mugs are sold at other campus restaurants. Choices in take-out packaging are another important way to reduce use of polystyrene.

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**‘Singles Awareness Day’ sucks**

Devan McClaine

SENIOR DAILY

I came to a couple of harsh real­itations today. First, I will be spend­ing Valentine's Day with my mom, which was unintentional, by the way. Ladies, you know guys can't remem­ber to shower, much less recall which day it is. Second, I am in a major with a little over 200 people, and more than two thirds of them are women. One would think I would have decent chance of finding a valentine; not so much.

Finding a valentine the past cou­ple of years has been as elusive as Warren Baker. I wonder if the Prez has a valentine? I'll be honest I do possess a couple of characteristics that may preclude finding being valen­t­worthy.

I am a rabid sports fan, which runs along the lines of "stalked me in high school" and "looks like my dad in the muscles". I look like a guy. So I got that going for me... I also spend an inordinate amount of time keeping up the Mustang Daily office, think chicks would dig the office. They could get past the general lack of sanitation, abundance of animal and Creed jokes (Scott Stapp is a god).

Another flaw that may dissuade a potential valentine is my excessive use of the word "poop" and over­discussion of scatological matters. In general, I shout "SNE; "Anchorman"/ "Borat" quotes a lot and in no particular context.

I am a horrible dancer; think Elaine from "Seinfeld"; only more thump and more hippy. I like the look of the child of Cary Elwes from "Princess Bride" and the oldest son from "Home Improvement."

Oh, I also pop my pimples with a drafting compass I used in high school... I can't back that up, but you get the idea. I actually had somebody in this mind this year. I've known her forever. She's gorgeous, funny, ran­dom and she even knows my name. Only she lives about 90 minutes away and thinks Valentine's Day is stupid and overrated. "Sweet, should I make reservations in my own or yours?"

For those of you who have valen­tines or significant others, kudos, you're all dead to me. While you are walking around contemplating your V-Day plans, keep in mind there is some of us who will be spending the evening watching reruns of "The Golden Girls" while eating an excres­cent of Cheritos. If anyone with orange fingers tells you Valentine's Day was cool, I will hang out and I don't know who the White is, they are lying. They probably cried themselves to sleep and peed their bed from all the aco­hol they consumed.

Not me though; I will be hanging out with the No. 1 lady in my life, Kayvis Bauer, So, if any single, cool, moderately attractive women aren't busy tomorrow night, my mom and I will be at the Conco near the sandies. I'll buy the hot dogs.
TO THE EDITOR

The question now isn’t “Is it happening?” or “Why is it happening?” The question now is “What do we do about it?”

And I should also mention that your stubborn refusal to admit to climate change affects your credibility on other matters. To cling to something so dogmatically against all evidence to the contrary isn’t an “opinion” that others need to be “tolerant of.” It’s ignorance that needs to be dealt with.

Troy Kuesten

Aerospace engineering, physics senior

Column doesn’t represent conservative viewpoint

An unaparent piece of evidence of the possible liberal bias at Cal Poly is through giving the conservative column to Brian Eller. Besides the consistent unverified “facts” he uses, he fails to truly represent conservative students’ opinions. I request a brighter, more compassionate voice be given. If it features me, a conservative student myself, that he is still writing the conservative column.
Hype over Anna Nicole Smith's death unnecessary

STAFF COMMENTARY

On a day when deadly windstorms brought destruction to Florida, 11 men were killed in Iraq and the federal budget was presented to Congress, the media was focused on Anna Nicole Smith. Details of her death took over the main screens and the ticker running across the bottom of the television screen.

The former Playboy playmate’s celebrity status grew after the death of her oil-tycoon husband, who was 63 years her senior. She went all the way to the Supreme Court fighting to win his fortune, had a reality TV series on E! that followed her antics, and most recently became the spokesperson for the drug methamphetamine which reportedly helped her lose more than 70 pounds.

Smith, whose career in the spotlight has been strange throughout the years; loopy interviews and peculiar behavior of her deceased "Anna Nicole Shore," allowed to drug use, and the media seemed to make mockery out of her life.

Since her death, news outlets have been making memorial segments of Smith as if they are going to miss her, a terrible risk of sounding callous, I think it’s safe to say that, while she may be missed by those closest to her, she will not be missed by the entertainment industry.

Smith’s death should have left to the job of tabloid and entertainment industries, like "E! News" and "The Insider," who, I should add, were also having a field day with her death.

Samantha Feit is a journalist, senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Sarah Baldwin

Not so easy for men

The grossly under-funded criminal justice system in New Orleans needs reform, according to New Orleans police major Ray Nagin...
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aid equal to 50,000 tons of heavy fuel oil for shutting down and sealing its main nuclear reactor and related facilities at Yongbyon, north of the capital, within 60 days, to be confirmed by international inspectors. For irreversibly disabling the reactor and declaring all nuclear programs, the North will eventually receive another 950,000 tons in aid.

One million tons of aid would be equivalent to more than two-thirds of North Korea's entire oil consumption in 2004, according figures in the CIA Factbook. Hill said the aid package was worth about $250 million.

The agreement, which also requires that North Korea state all its nuclear programs including plutonium already extracted, was read to all delegates in a conference room at a Chinese state guesthouse. Chinese envoy Wu Dawei asked if there were objections. With none made, the officials all stood and applauded.

"I consider the agreement as a new milestone in denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula," said South Korean Assistant Foreign Minister Chung Yung-woo.

But the deal drew strong criticism from John Bolton, former U.S. ambassador to the U.N., who urged President Bush to reject it.

"I am very disturbed by this deal," Bolton told CNN. "It sends exactly the wrong signal to would-be proliferators around the world: If we hold out long enough, wear down the State Department negotiators, even- tually you get rewarded," in this case with massive shipments of heavy fuel oil for doing only partially what needs to be done.

Robert J. Einhorn, a former State Department official who visited North Korea with then-Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, said Americans should applaud the agreement, but he predicted it would come under heavy questioning from both the right and the left. He said, "I think a number of people are going to ask the question 'Couldn't this deal have been con cluded three or four years ago before North Korea conducted its nuclear test and acquired enough additional plutonium to build anywhere from six to 10 nuclear weapons?'"

If North Korea goes through with its promises, they would be the first moves the communist nation has made to scale back its atomic development since the talks began in 2003 after the North kicked out international inspectors and restarted its sole operating nuclear reactor.

Hill said North Korea miscalculated world reaction when it tested a nuclear device in October.

"I think they understand that these nuclear weapons, far from being a means of security or prestige, have really acted to isolate North Korea as never before," Hill told the Associated Press.

Hill said the North Koreans had insisted that the specific amount of aid be spelled out during the talks — and not left to a later working group to address as the U.S. had wanted.

In return, Hill said the negotiators moved to also discuss the next step in disarmament, the actual disabling of the North's programs so they could not easily be restarted.

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Romney launches presidential candidacy

Liz Sidoti  
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DEARBORN, Mich. — Mitt Romney officially entered the 2008 presidential race Tuesday, a former one-term Republican governor of Massachusetts suggesting that his record of leadership inside and outside government uniquely positions him to tackle the country's challenges.

"I don't believe Washington can be transformed from within by lifetime politicians," Romney said, seeking to transform the country's challenges, Massachusetts suggesting that his one-term Republican governor of Romney officially entered the 2008 — and too little real world experience added. "There've been too many deals, too many favors, too many entanglements never run a corner store, let alone the never tried doing such a thing before, doing that hopes and dreams can stop on the path to the GOP nomination. He then heads to other states that hold early primaries and caucuses — Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina — before returning to Boston for a major fundraiser.

A successful venture capitalist who amased a fortune and the savior of the scandal-plagued 2002 Winter Olympic Games, Romney hopes the party's conservative wing will focus on his deft managerial skills — and set aside any uncertainties it may have about his credentials on issues it holds dear and his faith. If elected, Romney will be the nation's first Mormon president.

In what amounts to a make-for-TV coming-out tour, Romney announced his candidacy in Michigan, the place of his birth and upbringing as well as an important stop on the path to the GOP nomination. He then heads to other states that hold early primaries and caucuses — Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina — before returning to Boston for a major fundraiser.

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"It's going to make you think. It's going to make you laugh. It's going to make you cry," Chandler said.

"We are willing to strip away the layers, risk making ourselves uncomfortable, insecure for a time, risk saying the word vagina if that's the word that needs to be said!"

This year's focus is on women in war zones. The ending piece, in fact, deals with the reconstruction of life after war — and its affect on women.

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"The Vagina Monologues" isn't going to make 'Hollywood' out of it. The way society sees sex now is as a glamorous, sexy act, but it is not just this. This (play) is going to show you a lot of aspects you haven't thought about before.

These monologues are something — everyone can relate to and understand in some way or another...it's a great event for both men and women to go to," said director Tanner Agron.
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It's time to get hyped. It's time to wear the green and gold and show the Gauchos what Cal Poly's all about. So drag your lonely butt into Mott Gym and bring your A-game cheering skills.

For all of you fans who aren't sure what to say when a referee makes a bad call or when a UCSB player is near your section, here's a list of my top-five favorite trash-talking lines from a few of Hollywood's best sports movies:

1. "Nowman!" "Caddyshack." (1980): Relates to the ability of a person to choke... as in on the free-throw line.
2. "Your sister's going out with SQUEEZE." "Basketball." (1996): If you haven't seen it, go rent it and study up before the game tonight.
4. "Your parents don't even love you!" "I dodgeball." (2004): This one isn't just good for kid, but we could all take a lesson from a few of Hollywood's best
5. "Woo, won't stop robin?" "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby." (2006): The line was directed toward an 80-year-old man by a 10-year-old punk kid, but we could all take a lesson from that punk kid.

Most importantly, remember to keep it PG-rated, folks.

Cal Poly basketball is a family outing — so make the "BB" signs for something wittier like, "Take his-whi-stle."

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was rousing a lot of shots earlier in the year. Now that I'm getting my feet set, my shots are starting to fall."

In addition to the shots falling, Bromley was especially pleased with his team's assist-to-turnover ratio of 25-7. Sophomore guard Trae Clark led the way with eight dimes. "Cal Poly's offense was so impressive, in fact, that Bromley said Monday that UCSB head coach Bob Williams had told him earlier this week that the Mustangs' offense is the third-best in conference, behind only Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton.

Much of the improved play has to do with the emergence of 6-foot-7, 210-pound junior forward Matt Shelton. In addition to the shots falling, Bromley was especially pleased with Shelton's defensive play. The Mustangs' depth underneath has its four-game victory streak against Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton.

The Gauchos are led by junior guard Alex Harris (19.8 ppg). UC Santa Barbara has won two of its last eight games overall and is 8-2 at home, momentum is building. "I believe, like my teammates believe," Hansen said Monday, "we can win this thing."

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Cal Poly sophomore point guard Trae Clark defends against UC Irvine junior guard Marcus McIntosh during the Mustangs' 89-80 Big West Conference home win on Saturday in Mott Gym.
Sharks hold on to win 6-5 thriller at Blues

San Jose nearly relinquished a four-goal lead, but held on to improve to 18-8 on the road.

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ST. LOUIS — Even as the San Jose Sharks built a four-goal lead, coach Ron Wilson never felt comfortable.

"It was almost too easy," Wilson said after the Sharks held on for a 6-5 victory over the St. Louis Blues on Wednesday night. "I kept saying to the team, 'You got to put those guys away. They won't go down just because the score is 6-0.' All the games I've watched on TV where they've managed to fall behind by two or three, they've managed to come back and hold us comfortable.

They did, scoring twice in the final period to cut the Sharks' lead to one. But the Sharks, powered by a goal and three assists from both Joe Thornton and Jonathan Cheechoo, held on.

That was a little too close for Cheechoo, particularly after the way the game began.

"It was nice to get off to a start like that, but we back too much," he said.

Day leads Mustang women's indoor track team at Husky Classic

SEATTLE — Cal Poly's Sharon Day highlighted Saturday's Husky Classic with a second-place finish in the high jump with a mark of 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches.

Nikki Chase also won her heat in the 60 with a time of 27.18. Whitney DeWeese was second in 24.42.

Other Mustangs competing in the weekend's events included

Casie Arkenson in the 800, finishing eighth in her heat with a time of 2:15.78 Saturday, but came back to win the event Sunday with an improved time of 2:14.49.

Denise Gallion won her heat in the 400m on Saturday with a time of 59.63 and ran the 200 Sunday with a time of 2.26.

Bridee Carey ran back-to- back one mile runs Saturday and Sunday, finishing ninth in the first race (5:05.03) and third in the second (5:09.93).

Shakia Mitchell finished fourth in her heat in the 60 with a time of 7.26, and fifth in the 200 with a time of 27.18.

Jana Samuels competed both days in the 60 high hurdles. She ran a 9.32 Saturday.

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be nearly as successful if everybody didn't contribute. We don't have a coach. We don't have someone helping us. Everything is pretty much self-taught.

Despite this, they remain competi-
tive and have improved from 10th to sixth in their region. The team recently made its first appearance at nationals where it placed fifth and became the first Division II school ever to win the Most Spirited Award.

"For me, going to nationals this year was perfect, it was everything accumulated," Willson said. "We couldn't have gotten there if we didn't have the hag to practice. Getting the boat took hours of fundraising and hard work and everybody sacri-
ficing. Instead of being out water ski, we were doing fundraisers."

Willson is finishing up her com-
mercial recreation degree with an internship for USA Water Ski in Florida.

"I've been so involved with water-
skiing for the last four years that it's hard to imagine not still being involved," she said. "I wouldn't have learned to do the job if it wasn't for all the experience we gained with the team. Hands down, the team is the reason I got the job."
Poly's Willson receives water-ski honor

Amanda Willson was named the National Collegiate Water Ski Association's Most Valuable Female Skier of the Year.

Samantha Freitas

When Amanda Willson transferred to Cal Poly in 2003, the school's water ski club team was virtually nonexistent. It had been started only six members.

That year, Willson became the club's president and essentially restarted the team. She raised enough money to purchase a first boat and watched the beginning of the team's growth.

The team continued over the next three years and helped lead the team to where it is today.

The National Collegiate Water Ski Association (NCW/SA) recognized Willson's contributions to the team, both on and off the water, by naming her the 2006 NCW/SA Most Valuable Female Skier of the Year.

"The award is for the skier who has done the most for their team and the growth of the sport, along with their actual performance," Willson said.

Willson was given the award because of her impact on the growth of the Cal Poly team and her involvement as the club president for two years, the regional treasurer for two years and most recently the secretary for 309-312-621 total points and 6.0 rebounds over his last two games.

"Amanda has been a crucial part in getting the team to the point it's at today," said Cal Poly water ski team president Colin Gibbs.

She was also chosen for her performance as a school-record-setting ski that made her a standout on the team. Last spring, Willson was selected to the Western Region All-Team.

"It's hard to separate myself from the team, but individually it was really good to go to all stars," she said. "It was a personal accomplishment that I really enjoyed, but when it comes to the moments I'm most proud of, my biggest accomplishment is, by far, where the team is today.

"I remember what it was like to be on the sidelines, and I wanted to be on the team and contribute," Willson said. "We've been able to come out running in both those games, take care of Santa Barbara first."

Willson shot 9 of 13 from the field Saturday, dramatically breaking out of a slump in which he had shot only .355 from the field in his first 20 games this season.

"Me and coach Broodley were talking and we both agreed that I needed to get my feet set and shoulders squared," Willson said. "I see Basketball, page 14

Poly women's golf team ties for fifth at tourney

BEAUMONT — The Cal Poly women's golf team tied for fifth place during the final round of competition Tuesday in the Lady Braveheart Challenge Golf Tournament at the Oak Valley Golf Club.

Coach Scott Cartwright's Mustangs carded a four-person, 19-hole 334 total in the final round, following Monday's 332, and shared fifth place with Cal State San Marcos, both with 653 totals.

The team, which has more than 40 members, has it pretty rough at times, he said, no coach, no weekend practice, only one skier who has skied in tournaments before, college and little funding from the school.

"I think the reason why our team is as big as it is because of the efforts that lead us to our success," Willson said. "Our team would not exist without her."