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Nicole Balvanza, student manager of the Craft Center, keeps her love of ceramics alive. "It never gets old," she said. "There's always room for creativity.

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Upon entering Cal Poly as an art and design major, Balvanza had intentions of getting a first-class art education. And that's what she has been getting — just not as expected. After taking a couple of studio classes, Balvanza realized that these classes were not what she expected them to be.

"I felt like the art was forced," she said. "I definitely liked (the major), but I wasn't thrilled with the studio classes.

So she switched to biology, a subject that has always interested her and that she did well in during high school. But art has remained a big part of her life: She is still taking art classes, though as a minor, she is less confined to the curriculum.

"I haven't had a clear dream in two years," she said.

Iraq veteran Jeff Englehart, 26, who lives with Hatchet in Olympia, returned from service last year. "At times it feels repressed in the back of my mind," Englehart said of his experience in Iraq, but that the memories stay fresh by speaking about them all the time.

"I think it's really hard to teach ceramics to others. It's going to be a challenge, but I'm ready for it.

And then there's her quirky, fun personality that people seem to be drawn to. Fellow manager Matthew Burch, an industrial engineering junior, described Balvanza as a "totally random, outgoing person, who would do anything for her friends."

Some examples: hosting an 80s waffle-themed party, dressing up in animal suits and going camping at Poly Escares for manager training, hunting raccoons on her roof and donning a dinosaur costume for a caveman party. Whatever the case may be, Burch said, "she's always at the center of randomness."
Researchers discuss treatment at Alzheimer's conference held at USC

Lesley Petrie

LOS ANGELES — University of Southern California faculty, health care professionals and clinical scholars gathered at the Davidson Conference Center Friday to discuss advances in Alzheimer research and treatment for the fourth biennial "The Many Faces of Dementia" conference.

The Alzheimer's Association of California (Southland Chapter), USC Alzheimer Disease Consortium, USC's Keck School of Medicine and USC's psychology department presented the conference, which focused on the diversities of dementia diagnoses and analysis of various aspects of the disease such as research and patient care, under the guidance of Friedzi Segal-Gidan, a USC assistant clinical professor and co-director of the Rancho/USC Alzheimer Disease Research Center.

Segal-Gidan said she created the conference to address the center's goal to educate and train health care professionals in dementia care. She said the goal could be better achieved through the collaborative efforts of dementia research and treatment groups at USC.

"You can't see this conference impacts and improves care at all levels, and this leads to better lives for people with dementia and their families," Segal-Gidan said.

The conference began with a keynote address by assistant neurologist Tiffany Chow, who detailed the recent genetics research and the discovery of how the "apolipoprotein E" (APOE) gene contributes to increased risk of late onset Alzheimer's disease in patients.

Chow said people who inherit one e4 allele, a specific variation of the APOE gene, are more likely to develop Alzheimer's disease. Individuals who inherit two copies of the e4 allele are at an even greater risk.

Chow said, however, not everyone who inherits these specific APOE alleles necessarily develops Alzheimer's.

"It's just because you're a different flavor of the same gene doesn't mean there's something 'wrong' with you or defective," Chow said.

Chow also discussed the ethical issues surrounding placebo surgery, in which patients knowingly sign up for a correct but unnecessary surgery and are not told if they actually received the correct treatment. The goal of the surgery is to determine how patients' perceptions of receiving surgery impact their treatment, while also determining the effectiveness of the surgical treatment itself, Chow said.

"I understand the ethical issues raised," said Poori Oltiglam, a doctoral candidate in clinical aging in the department of psychology, regarding the question of how invasive the surgical studies were to patients.

Oltiglam said Chow effectively considered the macro and micro implications of the treatment in her keynote.

The surgery could offer "a lot of advances, but also raises a lot of issues," Oltiglam said.

Shawn Herz, director of program development for the Los Angeles Caregiver Resource Center at USC, gave a second keynote address discussing the historical, present and future approaches to dementia patient care.

Herz noted the importance of partnerships between health-care providers and community organizations with patients and their families.

Dementia patients and their caregivers took part in a panel discussion in which patients addressed how their diagnoses impacted their lives.

Caregivers shared their experience coping with their partners' diagnoses and treatments, stressing the importance of necessary for investment in Alzheimer research.

"It really isn't just about memory," said Maryann Wahler, who cares for her father. "It's about Alan, handling his affliction with dementia.

One aspect of the disease Alan still finds difficult to address is the limitations placed upon his freedom — specifically, his right to drive. Coinciding with his diagnosis, his license was revoked. He compared this loss to losing a son.

Maryann said Alan fought his case, but ultimately lost and rented a car. "You do the best for your wife, not your worst," Alan said, regretting the negative yet uncontrollable impact his disease poses to his daily life.

The conference also provided workshops on effective treatment, diagnosis and treatment of dementia.

Debra Cherry, a USC alumna and associate executive director of the Alzheimer's Association, presented a workshop on the service of Spanish-speaking populations.

The conference's holistic understanding of both the science and care in treating dementia emphasized that "we're all piece of the puzzle" in a solution to cope and cure dementia, Oltiglam said.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A terminal at the Los Angeles International Airport will get a $755 million makeover, the largest single construction overhaul in the city's history, officials said Monday.

The project marks the first major fix to the Tom Bradley International Terminal, which was built in 1984 in preparation for the Olympics.

The terminal renovation, set to be completed in 2010, will include upgrading 600,000 square feet of space and adding a high-tech baggage screening system.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush encouraged governors Monday to call for changing the tax code to help more people buy private health care insurance, but did not address their pleas to increase funding for a health care program that insures millions of children of the working poor.

Still, governors said they heard words of at least partial compromise from the administration on a budget dispute that dominated private discussions among governors Sunday.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A Florida appeals court issued a stay Monday in the dispute over Anna Nicole Smith's body, ruling that her remains can't be moved to the Bahamas until the judge hears a challenge from the starlet's estranged mother.

The Florida 4th District Court of Appeal is considering a request by Virgie Arthur to overturn a trial judge's decision giving control of Smith's body to the attorney for the center­field's infant daughter. That attorney decided Smith should be buried in the Bahamas beside her 20-year-old son, who died last year of apparent drug-relat­ed causes.

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — Two children and two women were killed early Monday in a fire at an apartment complex in suburban Detroit.

The overnight fire seemed to have started in the kitchen on an electric stove, Southfield Fire Chief Peter Healy said.

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CUTLAPA, Guatemala (AP) — Gunmen stormed a Guatemalan prison and shot to death four jailed police officers Monday in a massacre but also managed to free three politicians from neighboring El Salvador, Guatemala's leader said Monday. The four policemen killed Sunday included Luis Arturo Herrera, head of the Guatemalan National Police organized crime unit, and three of his officers.
Jocelyn Noveck

New York — Yes, "The Departed" was smart, highly entertaining moviemaking. But nary a critic would say it was Martin Scorsese's best film — not by a mile.

Yet nobody but a heartless grinch would begrudge the masterful director his hard-won Oscar, the first in six nominations. It just points to a simple rule of Oscar history: An award isn't always about the actual work at hand. Often it amounts to a statement: that someone has finally arrived, or, in Scorsese's case, is long overdue.

So what is the rule? And more to the point, when Oscar comes calling, is it not always for the right film?

Many fans thought it a crime that, when Scorsese didn't win the director prize for "Raging Bull" in 1980, losing out to Robert Redford for "Ordinary People," or for "Gudness" in 1991, when he lost to Kevin Costner for "Dances With Wolves.

"Yes, 'The Departed' is not a film that history will rank up there with 'Raging Bull,'" says Jonathan Kutz, a professor of film history at UCLA. "But sometimes these awards are like lifetime achievement awards."

(And sometimes they ARE lifetime achievement awards. Alfred Hitchcock and Robert Altman are both legendary directors who never won a directing prize and instead won special awards — Hitchcock in 1968 and Altman last year, months before he died.)

Ask any film buff, and they'll name a litany of actors and actresses who won for roles that even the performers themselves considered unworthy. Bette Davis was passed over in 1935 for "Of Human Bondage," so was rewarded for "Dangerous" the next year — a role that film historian Leonard Maltin calls "rather cheesy." And Elizabeth Taylor didn't win for "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" in 1959, but two years later for "Blithe Spirit" — a film the freely disparaged, Maltin says.

More recently, how about Al Pacino? Nominated seven times for acting awards, including for "The Godfather" (parts one and two) and "Dog Day Afternoon," he didn't win until "Scent of a Woman" in 1992.

"The last thing they're voting on is the actual work at hand. Often it's about passing out hugs," says Tom O'Neil, columnist for theenvelope.com Web site. "It's about passing out hugs." And sometimes, he says, the hugs come too late, but too early.

"When Nicole Kidman won for 'The Hours,' it was all about her becoming a superstar," O'Neil opines. And when Russell Crowe won for "Gladiator," he continues, "It was about welcoming him into the Hollywood Colosseum.

Is a system where people get rewarded retroactively or prematurely at all that bad? Don't blame the academy, says Maltin, who also covers film for "Entertainment Tonight."

"The problem Oscar voters face is that they have no advantage over those who have won," he says. So when people say, "How could so-and-so and never have won," well, it's all about timing and luck of the draw: Why did Peter O'Toole not win for "Lawrence of Arabia?" Because he happened to be up that year against Gregory Peck for "To Kill a Mockingbird.

At least one analyst says the system is "broken. I think Scorsese's win is absolutely payback to a person who deserved it for his other work," says Richard Walter, head of see Oscar, page 5.
NEW YORK — JetBlue can­celed 66 flights because of snow Monday, testing the airline’s pledge to compensate customers for more than 1,000 canceled flights during the Valentine’s Day storm two weeks earlier.

However, the embattled carrier wasn’t alone this time as other car­riers also grounded flights in and out of the Northeast.

JetBlue’s cancellations at John F. Kennedy International Airport affected flights to or from Columbus, Ohio; Richmond, Va.; Washington, D.C.; Portland, Maine; and Chicago. The company also canceled flights into and out of Chicago and the Washington area during the weekend.

The cancellations were an attempt to make sure crews and planes were situated so the compa­ny could quickly resume opera­tions after the snow, JetBlue Airways Corp. spokeswoman Alison Lehman said.

But as the storm brought as much as 4 inches of snow to the New York metropolitan area, Delta Air Lines Inc. reported 175 can­celed flights Monday throughout the Northeast. American Airlines can­celed 20 flights in and out of JFK and was experimenting with slight delays of 15 to 20 minutes by afternoon, said spokesman Ned Raymo­nde.

JetBlue customers described bad communications from crew members, and general frustra­tion early Monday, echoing com­plaints that led to the company’s bill of rights following the last storm.

Doug Rosenberg and Segun Akande, 22-year-old students from Duke University, found their flight from New York to Raleigh, N.C., canceled after being delayed on the tarmac for more than two hours.

“It was so bad,” said Akande.

“We were waiting on the plane for so long. We would have told us to go back to the ter­minal after an hour or two.”

Rosenberg said JetBlue did a poor job telling passengers about what was going on and offering service after the flight was can­celed.

“I never witnessed this bad of service in my entire life,” he said.

Schwarzenegger critiques D.C. politicians in visit

WASHINGTON — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger accused Washington leaders Monday of divisiveness and partisanship, chiding them to learn the lessons of the 2004 campaign.

“Politics is about compromise. It is give­and-take. Doesn’t anyone here in Washington want to face the tough issues that the Republican said in a speech to the National Press Club.

“How come Republicans and Democrats out here don’t schmooze with each other?” he asked.

“You can’t catch a socially transmitted disease by sitting down with people who hold ideas different from yours,” said Schwarzenegger, a moderate who has frequently split from his party.

Schwarzenegger offered Bush a sugges­tion: set up a cigar smoking tent like the one he’s rig­ged at the State Capitol in Sacramento, where he mini­mizes time with legislators from both parties.

“To the president, I say get yourself a smoking tent,” he said.

He had advice for both national parties, too: Democrats ‘should stop running down the pres­i­dent’ and Republicans ‘should stop questioning the motives of the Democrats on the war’.

Schwarzenegger, in town for the winter meeting of the National Governors Association, also announced agreement with the governors of Arizona, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington state Monday to lower greenhouse gases.

At a governor's task force meeting he urged other states to follow his plan to promote the use of low­carbon fuels.

“I think that the president has laid out a certain program but I think this is a much stronger program,” Schwarzenegger told fellow governors and Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman. “I think that this year we can create national leadership, through the governors.”

Schwarzenegger has urged setting timelines for bringing troops home from Iraq, a position he reiter­ated Sunday during an appearance on CBS’ “Face the Nation.” That’s the approach favored by many con­gressional Democrats.

Without mentioning either party by name, on Monday he implicitly criticized the approach of both parties during Congress’ recent debates on the Iraq war.

“What is the point of stirring up bitterness over nonexistent solutions? What is the point of each­side preventing the other side from conducting a vote?” he asked in his speech. “The point is, of course, political advantage, because it’s definitely not to the public’s advantage.”

Majority Democrats in the House and Senate have advanced nonbinding resolutions to oppose Bush’s troop increase plan for Iraq. The resolution passed the House this month but failed to reach a vote in the Senate when Republicans blocked an end to debate.

Shortly after the November election that gave Democrats control of Congress, Schwarzenegger was sounding optimistic, telling reporters: “I think this is good that we now have new blood coming to Washington.” On Monday he appeared to have lost that optimism.

“After an initial flurry of hope, it doesn’t look like anything has changed here in Washington. The same things are happening all over again,” he said.

Schwarzenegger’s popularity has rebounded in California after he began working with Democratic legislative leaders in the wake of his disastrous attempt to pass his initiatives on a special election ballot in 2005.

Last year Schwarzenegger and the Democratic-led Legislature won successes including getting voters to approve $37.3 billion in public works bonds and imposing the nation’s first mandatory cap on greenhouse gas emissions.

Schwarzenegger also used his speech Monday to promote his $12 billion plan for universal health cov­erage, which is meeting resistance from Republicans in the California Legislature.

He said he discussed it with Bush in a private Oval Office meeting prior to his speech, and told reporters later that Bush was supportive and would raise the topic with Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt. Schwarzenegger’s plan relies on $5.74 billion annually from the federal government.

“‘He’s going to help us, he’s going to call Secretary Leavitt, and we’re all going to work together, yes, it’s very encouraging and he loves what we are doing,” said Schwarzenegger.

TheBush administration has said that people should have access to a basic and affordable health insurance policy, but hasn’t endorsed expanding gov­ernment-run health-insurance programs.

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So, you think you have a 'Crazy College Dorm Room'?

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MUSTANG DAILY

The Home and Garden television channel (HGTV) is currently looking for Cal Poly students to be cast in a TV special entitled "What's With That Crazy College Dorm Room?" The show will be an offshoot of the weekly series "What's With That House," hosted by comedian George Gray to chronicle college students with outrageous decorative skills and living situations.

Show producers want students who have or know someone who has an extreme and crazy living space to apply and let their cameras and America in to see it.

"We are looking for something that would make you stop in your tracks, more than just posters, and say wow, that person has really just gone to town," said Christopher Poole, co-executive producer of "What's With That House.".

The contestants are not limited to dorm room residents; this show is looking to explore student quarters both on and off campus.

The special is in the early stages of production and has yet to film any segments but they are casting from colleges all over the country.

"We heard of a student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology who has a ton of mechanical gadgets that work all over his room," Poole said. "That is the crazy, interesting stuff that would be fun to include in the show.

This is the third special for the HGTV series that already released "What's With That Crazy Christmas House" in early December and just finished filming "What's With That Really Expensive House."

The idea of the show and its special is to get an up close and personal look at the extravagant and the strange living situations. The show interviews friends, family and neighbors of the homeowners, trying to give viewers a look at living spaces they may not see every day and the stories behind them.

The program is currently in its second season and frequents the networks list of the top 10 rated shows. The special series airs on HGTV Sundays at 10:30 p.m. and replays Mondays at 11 p.m.

"It is a fun show with a good sense of humor. Not your typical TV program," Poole said. "It is one of the shows on HGTV that appeals to younger people and the comedic host George Gray is great.

To enter yourself or a friend as a contestant, you can log onto the LMNO Productions Web site at www.lmnov.com/college/room. This page gives students the casting page and all of the show information.

Once the students have been chosen, the network will make several stops in a variety of college towns throughout the country. The production company is hoping to cast the special by the end of the semester, and it is estimated that filming will take about a day per room.

"I haven't really seen anything too extravagant in anyone's room yet at Cal Poly, but I think these types of shows are interesting because you can tell so much about someone just by seeing their room," English freshman Shelley McKendree said. "There are a lot of creative people here in San Luis, so I wouldn't be surprised if they found a candidate in the area."

Warm in the Wake’s freshman album ‘Gold Dust Train’ hot stuff

Janelle Eastridge
MUSTANG DAILY

In an era where Mimi’s simplistic lyrics (“This is Why I’m Hot”) can actual control radio waves and high schoolers’ minds alike (the reason why is anyone’s guess), it is refreshing to know that others actually care about the beautiful craft of song-writing and music making.


And, although the band’s name may perhaps not the deepest or most thought-provoking, they carry more weight than Mimi’s, and it is clear that they are a band straining to make good music.

A sort of mix between Wilco, Yo La Tengo, and other lesser known — though amazingly talented in their own right — indie artists, Warm in the Wake’s music is self-described as “simple American songs that have yet to saturate the over-saturated market of today’s favorites; or they get lost in the over-saturated side.”

Either they make it to the playlists or they get lost in the game of love.

“But hearts...they give it away /Hearts get lifted every day /Hearts rarely change their minds /And hearts want one another all of the time.”

Despite the catchy (though not very substantial) lyrics and energetic beats, this song seems just out of grasp for any new listeners that perhaps Warm in the Wake should stick to the more creative folk music and steer clear of anything remotely pop-based.

Lead singer Rowell credits (on the band’s Web site) Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Brian Eno and “a few other superheroes, not only for their art but for their ‘craft’ as well...writing a simple song — and then trying to make it ‘magical’ in a way that goes beyond just strumming the guitar.”

Even if not all the songs are “magical,” Warm in the Wake possesses an innate ability to subdue and impress listeners with their simple lyrics and well-composed style.

The band is scheduled to release a full-length album in late August after spending the spring in the recording studio.

With the potential they show in “Gold Dust Trail,” Warm in the Wake’s destiny lies in two directions: Either they make it to the playlists of young hipsters and indie lovers across the country, causing them to join ranks with other small label cult favorites; or they get lost in the over-saturated market of today’s music. Only time will tell, but hopefully it will be option No. 1.
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Oh, the poncho. It has left its mark as the symbol for the hippie generation. It mustered up a (now regrettable) comeback a few years ago in the form of loosely crocheted pink yarn. Now it's the laughing stock of winter wear as people choose to wrap up in leather, corduroy and pea coats instead of the poncho's woody goodness. People are usteded and content with their assumptions that the poncho is done for.

I personally hope that it's not. The poncho's square cut of fabric or stitching, along with several inches of fringe, drapes loosely around the shoulders and somehow still slips in way into my heart. I hope the garb enters enough strength to make another comeback soon, or it risks being over and done with for good.

It was a sad day — or season, I suppose — when the poncho was reincarnated into the eyesore that was bubblegum pink and filled with holes.

Two winters ago, when hundreds of patterns were conjured up to revive the poncho in a supposedly hip, trendy fashion, my love for ponchos died a little.

I have always loved the classic hippie poncho, created to keep one warm with its tightly knitted stitches in the design of earth-toned, diagonal stripes. That ideal hippie poncho was what I was going to wear while driving a green hippie van with a furry dash and curtained windows to the West Coast some day.

This new form of crocheted poncho was disappointing and, in my opinion, ruined all that the poncho stood for. How can we bring the right perception of the poncho back?

A possibility that waits just at your needle-tip is one that some may argue inhumane, while others, including myself, may argue as hilarious and necessary.

The poncho should, and might, come back, but this time it probably should not take the form of a cat poncho.

Obese felines can tuck in their bellies with its slimming belt and don booties and a cap to complete the ensemble. This might just sound like another ridiculous animal sweater, but if done right (in an obnoxious color, of course), the public's view of the poncho can be reconciled and its previous shaming can be put behind us.

You may ask, why a cat poncho? Allow me to explain.

While in awe of a hideous rainbow sashaw of yarn and in desperate need of sleep, I crocheted this little wonder for my sister's cuppaw cat for the sole reason of entertainment.

Lars, the model of this poncho, didn't quite know how to handle the new drapery, especially the belly strap squeezing his torso. His confused resulted in hilarity. Although wearing the poncho infuriated him, Lars was the ideal model for this new embodiment of the poncho that could be the new ray of hope in the poncho revival.

The cat poncho can possibly warm the public's hearts with its endearing look, making people reevaluate their previous judgments against the poncho.

So join me in this rebirth of a moments garment and crochet your pet a poncho. It also wouldn't hurt to proclaim the following while your cat struggles to remove the garment: Viva cat poncho! Viva ponchos forever!
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

If Elfer supports the war, he should go enlist.

Hey Brian, I’d like to say, “ Bravo!” to you sir. Your column, “Democrats don’t want to win in Iraq” (Feb. 23) inspired me to attempt my skills in opinionated columns.

First, you state that Democrats are against helping this country and you present two topics, one of which is the Patriot Act. Sections 805 and 505 of the Patriot Act have been declared unconstitutional and eight states and 396 cities have passed resolutions that have nullified the provisions that violate civil liberties. Though the better question is, how does mentioning the Patriot Act in your column, promote your idea that Democrats want to lose in Iraq? You say that the Democrats want to lose because of their policy doesn’t support George Bush’s plan of a troop surge. Have you looked at the death and wounded toll? The number of U.S. soldier deaths in Iraq: 3,147. The number of U.S. soldiers wounded in Iraq: 23,417. The number of deaths from the war in Iraq, other coalition countries: 2.56. The total death toll is 53,593 which is the Patriot Act. Sections 805 and 505 of the Patriot Act have been declared unconstitutional.

Don’t get too excited though. I’m not breaking it down Big Willie Style or anything.

By: A FRISHMAN

Odie man, and bicker also work since you really can’t remember his name.

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10 Poly athletes receive honor from Big West, media outlets on same day

SPORTS

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It's tough, Bromley said, to get an exact reading on every recruit's personality and set of goals when they are 17 or 18 years old.

"You can make some mistakes," Bromley said. "The mistakes are generally made because (the NCAA) limit the amount of time you can contact these young men, whether it's phone calls, finding out about them. Sometimes you're going to make some mistakes."

"Any profession — how many people get fired? You're just not quite the fit for our company," Bromley said. "It's kind of like that. It's a business a little bit. You get your employees in here and hopefully you see that they're sold on you and the product and the company. They're working for you and they're going to work hard. That's probably most of the mistakes come down to priorities changed a little bit, which bo(jists four NAIA titles. He different than an artist or someone the only Mustang to hit safely in each of Cal Poly's five tournament games. Bromley does not see it as a problem. "The athletic department continues to grow, maybe not in the 33-year history of the Mustang program to make the NCAA tournament," Bromley said. "You're selling yourself, which is enjoyable. I think Cal Poly's great situation. It just gets better and better. It's come a long way since I've been here. That part's exciting. The athletic department continues to grow, maybe not as fast as some people would like to see it, but I think we're doing it the right way. We're not sacrificing the ethics or integrity of it."

And despite the workaholic nature of his chosen profession, it is just that to Bromley — a coach profession. "It's therapeutic for me," he said. "If I feel overwhelmed or stressed out or whatever, I get a ball and go into the gym and just shoot. Things become clearer for me. I'm sure it's different than an artist or someone who plays a musical instrument. It's their therapy."

"There's nothing more genetic that the Mustangs with six in 14 games this season."

Kontra (3-6) faced just three hitters over the minimum in complete-game victories against UNLV and Illinois-Chicago (4-3). In Cal Poly's tournament opener, Kontra held UNLV hitless for the opening 2.2 innings, didn't allow a baserunner past second and tied a career high with nine strikeouts. She struck out seven UCI batters two days later, walked just once, scattered three hits and retired the final 14 Flames she faced. In 14 innings, Kontra allowed opponents to a .128 batting average and lowered the season ERA to a Cal Poly-best 1.83.

Women's Basketball
After averaging 15.0 points and 12.0 rebounds per game last season, Kontra was named to the Big West Conference's Pitcher and Player of the Week, respectively. In addition, the Big West Conference announced that Kontra had been named to the 2007-08 Big West Conference All-American Team, marking the third consecutive season that a Mustang has been named to the conference's all-American team.

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the kind of performances from their developing nucleus that give the Philadelphia 76ers optimism for the future. Andre Miller smartly and unselshy leading the offense.

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On the grind: The life of a college basketball coach

Tristan Aird

With his team losing early in a game it had to win, Kevin Bromley clapped his hands angrily and signaled for a timeout.

An animated talk in the huddle ensued, with Bromley not targeting one specific player, but using aggressive hand motions to match his lecture on defensive effort. What followed was Bromley’s Cal Poly men’s basketball team scoring 24 of the game’s next 31 points on the way to an 85-80 home win over UC Irvine on Feb. 10.

“Keep your heads up. Go out and dance. Just keep going,” Bromley said a few days earlier. “You can’t stop playing. You’re in a game. You’re in a contest. You’ve got to find a way to win this thing.”

Bromley’s own efforts and eventual immersion in basketball began like many children who grow up around the sport.

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After another controversial call midway through the second half, Bromley approaches the referee to argue, but not in a loud, extended manner. An assistant helps him in his cause, no call.

Cal Poly’s lead grows to as many as 14 points on the way to the team’s sixth win in its last eight games.

Afterward, players praised Bromley for his knowledge, communications skills and method of coaching.

“He’s very passionate,” Whiten said. “His face turns red when he’s running up and down the sideline trying to get us to play hard because he knows that we’re capable of playing well, but we don’t always do that all the time. His job is pretty difficult but he does it well, better than anybody I’ve played with in a long time.”

Senior forward Derek Stockalper agreed.

“Coach called that timeout and kind of got in our faces a little bit and made sure we stepped up our defensive effort,” Stockalper said.

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Then the competitiveness kicked in.

“When you start getting better than others at something,” Bromley said, “it gives you self-esteem. When you find someone who can beat you, the competitive part of you takes over. I’m a competitive son of a gun. I hate losing!”

Bromley did not always know he wanted to become a coach, but started going in serious thought once he decided to pursue a background in education.

“I loved kids,” he said. “My undergraduate (degree) was in physical education, then I got a master’s degree in education administration. I just pictured myself as a physical education teacher working with kids and somehow tied to sports because I love sports.”

Bromley wears the teaching mindset on his sleeve, always imparting advice to his players — when necessary — during practice in an empty gym or a hectic conference tournament game in front of thousands of fans.

“One part that’s really neat is seeing young men grow and mature,” he said. “I love that part, and hoping you have some sort of play in that. You have some positive influence. The few things that you say they grasp a hold of, and they call you back when see Bromley, page 10

Above, Cal Poly men’s basketball head coach Kevin Bromley instructs his players in a timeout during the Mustangs’ 89-80 Big West Conference win over visiting UC Irvine on Feb. 10 in Mott Gym. Below, Bromley paces the sideline during the game.

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The Wild Pitch

March-ing toward the postseason?

Tristan Aird

Remember back in the day, while playing NBA Jam, when a player would stumble through the air with the ball streaking flames on the way to a slam dunk and the play-by-play announcer would shout, “He’s on fire!”

That’s a little like how the two Cal Poly basketball teams are playing.

The women have won eight straight games for the program’s longest winning streak in 24 years, are one win away from the team’s best Big West Conference winning percentage ever and two wins away from clinching the program’s first overall record since the 1991-92 season.

The men have won 10 of their last 12 games, clinched the program’s first winning overall record since the 2002-03 season, are 10-2 at home, one win away from the team’s best Big West Conference winning percentage ever and look as if they will finish with an overall record more than three games above 1991-92’s 500 for the first time since going 19-9.

Whew.

But more importantly than all those figures, both teams have a legitimate shot at reaching the NCAA Tournament for the first time since moving to the Division I level in 1994-95.

March Madness.

The big dance.

Whatever you want to call it.

So, both Mustang squads are still a ways away from that point — both still have two regular-season games left before the Big West tournament even begins — but the possibility is a staggeringly thought considering both began the season.

The women were 5-12 with more players injured than anyone could count on.

The men were 6-8 and had suffered an embarrassing 80-63 loss at San Jose State on Feb. 14.

But since those points in time, both squads went on their youthful nostog procession leads and bounds, injuries have been avoided for the most part and the rotations have been solidified.

Additionally, both teams have been two of Big West Player of the Week awards.

For the women, senior forward Jessica Eggleston has taken two see Wild Pitch, page 11

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