Police arrest Fresno State student suspected in fatal shooting

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FRESNO — Police arrested a college student Tuesday suspected of opening fire in an off-campus apartment during a dispute over a video game console, killing one man and wounding two others.

Jonquel Brooks, a 19-year-old freshman at California State University, Fresno, surrendered after a morning of intense phone negotiations with police, his parents and an attorney, Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer said.

"The suspect had altered his appearance significantly," Dyer said. "He shaved his head and also changed his clothing apparently in an attempt to avoid being recognized." Brooks, a criminology major from Hayward, was arrested following a manhunt, according to police.

The gunman fired five or six times, grazing two others and wounding two others. It was unclear what happened to the fourth man involved in the fight.

Police said Brooks knew his alleged victims and that they all lived in the University Village apartment complex, located just north of the Fresno State football stadium.

Pfeiff, returning home with a bloody bandage on his left shoulder, told The Associated Press that the dispute started when he and the other victims accused Brooks of stealing a PlayStation video game console and game.

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The A to Z of San Luis Obispo food

BY THE NUMBERS

20.6% Students who voted in the 2003 election.
18.6% Students who voted in the 2004 election.
15% Students who voted in the 2005 election.
22.5% Students who voted in the 2006 election.

The time has come

After a voting slump in 2005, Associated Students Inc. is trying to get more students voting this year than ever before with a goal of 30 percent of all students.

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This year, Associated Students Inc. has a new electronic voting system and a new goal of 30 percent voter turnout for the elections on Thursday and Friday, ASI announced a goal of 25 percent and 22.5 percent of Cal Poly students made it out to the polls.

Last year's turnout was the first jump in student participation in the past three years. Before the 2006 vote, turnout numbers fell steadily from 20.6 percent in 2003 to 15 percent in 2004.

"We decided to up our goal to 30 percent this year because last year our voting numbers have been at 25 percent and 22.5 percent," said outgoing CFA President John Travis, a Humboldt political science professor who led the negotiations. "Through intense negotiations, faculty activism and final strike preparations, the CSU faculty have won a contract that provides fair salaries, retirement security, proper grievance procedures and much more."

The agreement was reached after 23 months of contentious negotiations, during which the 23,000 faculty of the CSU near­­ly went on strike for the first time.

The terms of the new contract guarantee a nearly 21 percent pay raise over four years for all facul­­ty, with some members eligible for pay hikes exceeding 31 percent. The total pay package would cost the CSU system more than $400 million over four years, university officials said.

— The Associated Press
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the system vendor to change the appearance of the actual ballot screen to add more colors and create a nicer look.

Today and Thursday, students can vote at any of the six campus locations — the University Union, Education building, Campus Market, Robert E. Kennedy Library, Cal Poly Rec Center and at the Agriculture building bridge. Each polling station will have a bank of laptop computers where students will log in to vote using their Cal Poly portal username and password.

When voting, students will be logged in under the college they are registered with. They will see all the names of the presidential candidates but only the names of the board of director candidates that are running within their college. After selecting their candidates' names, students will simply hit submit to tally their vote and then log out of their portal.

"This year the presidency seems more up for grabs, so I think that will cause a higher voter turnout. Last year the race seemed more one-sided," political science senior Lea Ready said.

ASI has created an additional Web site off of their home site detailing polling procedures for electronic voting and a map of the poll locations. The Web site also has statements posted from the ASI presidential candidates and the Board of Directors candidates divided by college.

ASI e-mailed all students a voter guide with information about the Web site on Monday.

"This year we have more candidates than we have ever had; everyone should get online and check it out," White said.

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president.

"Unbridled Spirit shows passion and perseverance. It's really a finely-detailed portrait of beauty, rugged courage and strength. We're proud to offer alumni, parents and friends this chance to own one of professor Harris' works," Cal Poly Alumni Relations Director Kim Gannon said in a press release.

Harris, a self-proclaimed "cowboy-turned-professor-turned-artist," is no stranger to the Cal Poly campus.

"I was on the faculty at Cal Poly for 33 years," Harris said. "I was the animal geneticist and reproductive physiologist. I also have a Ph.D. in animal genetics."

Harris, who grew up on a horse ranch, combined his love for animals and art in 1972 when he met an already-accomplished sculptor. "Cal Poly had hired a sculptor, originally from New Zealand, named Tom Johnson," Harris said. "He was a world-acclaimed sculptor, and he taught me how." Agronomy business senior Yoni Barash said that he was amazed at the statue's quality and amount of detail but can't afford to buy one.

"It's a wonderful-looking statue; I was really impressed. The detail on it is amazing, it almost has a majestic feel to it," Barash said. "I can't begin to imagine how much time was put into the design of the original statue, but I definitely couldn't afford (my own replica)."

Harris was also commissioned by Boise State University to make a larger-than-life statue of a bronco, its team mascot. Similar to "Unbridled Spirit," the statue is located outside the BSU football stadium.

Only 40 statues are being sold by the Alumni Association, and according to Harris, they probably won't be available much longer.

"I think this is an excellent opportunity for interested parties to support Cal Poly and its alumni," Harris said. "If somebody is interested in both helping the university and using it as a tax relief, this is their chance."

Those wishing to purchase their own replica of "Unbridled Spirit" will find an order form at www.alumni.calpoly.edu.

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student university, in part because authorities were in contact with Brooks by telephone and knew he was not on campus, Dyer said.

"Both of my children were at Fresno State today. They're both students there," Dyer said. "At no time were the students on campus at Fresno State in danger."

As police spoke with Brooks by phone and negociated for his surrender, the suspect's mother and father joined in the negotiations. Brooks had arranged to turn himself in at 9 a.m. at Fresno police headquarters, where his father was waiting, but he didn't show.

Brooks also told police he was trying to get an attorney before turning himself in, he said.

Police eventually tracked Brooks to an apartment in the southeast part of the city, about eight miles from where the shooting took place.

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In the UCLA Linguistics class, the instructor stresses that films can be an effective teaching tool. "It's just a matter of attempting to incorporate people about proper health care and social responsibility. More locally, on-campus groups use films to achieve such goals as bringing awareness to the AIDS epidemic and demonstrating proper health care.

"The show, "Soul City," reaches 30 million people in eight African nations, and viewers who are entertained by the show can then be directed to use contraceptives, purchase HIV treatments, or use antiretroviral medications after diagnosis." Stolzenbach, who teaches a General Ethics 1 class, says that the show is "an incredible way to reach students who may not be interested in the lecture material, even if the content is no easier to understand in the lecture than in the film." Kelly sees film as a "valuable teaching resource, no matter what the academic discipline." He says that the key to using film is to "balance the factors rather than taking the extremes." For this reason, professor Keith Stolzenbach, who teaches a General Ethics 1 class, says that the show is "an incredible way to reach students who may not be interested in the lecture material, even if the content is no easier to understand in the lecture than in the film." Kelly sees film as a "valuable teaching resource, no matter what the academic discipline." He says that the key to using film is to "balance the factors rather than taking the extremes."
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YORBA LINDA (AP) — An Orange County brush fire that forced dozens of people to flee a residential vehicle park was reduced mainly to hot spots on Tuesday but kept burning in the Santa Ana River bed, a fire official said.

The 140-acre fire in Featherly Regional Park was 70 percent contained, with firefighters hoping to fully surround it by Wednesday evening, Orange County Fire Authority Capt. Stephen Miller said.

A red flag warning of extreme fire danger was in effect for many areas of Central and Southern California that baked in a heat wave for a second day.

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San Luis Obispo's high of 96 degrees topped the mark of 88 set in 1997.

STOCKTON (AP) — A $100 million gift to University of the Pacific, the largest one-time donation the private university has received and one of the state's top two in California, university officials said Monday.

Only six other universities in California — all large research institutions — have received larger one-time gifts, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. Only 29 other universities throughout the world have received a larger gift in the past 40 years.

The University of the Pacific donors, Sacramento real estate developer Robert Powell and his wife, Jeannette, said they hope their gift encourages others to show their support for the school, "whose graduates are providing leadership roles throughout California and the nation."
Protestant firebrand, IRA veteran join forces atop Northern Ireland government

Shawn Pogatchnik
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BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Protestant firebrand Ian Paisley and IRA veteran Martin McGuinness entered a long-unthinkable alliance Tuesday as Northern Ireland power-sharing went from dream to reality — and all sides expressed hope that bloodshed over this British territory would never return.

Paisley, who spent decades refusing to cooperate with Northern Ireland's Catholic minority, conceded he had often refused to budge in years past but was ready now. He lauded the Irish Republican Army's moves to renounce violence and disarm, and Sinn Fein's decision to cooperate with the province's mostly Protestant police as genuine.

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Paisley, 81, affirmed an oath pledging to cooperate with Catholics and the government of the neighboring Republic of Ireland — moves that the fire-and-brimstone evangelist had long denounced as surrender.

Sinn Fein deputy leader McGuinness, 56, accepted the post of deputy first minister, which despite in title carries the same power as Paisley's post of first minister.

As part of the same oath of office, McGuinness pledged to support the police and British courts — a position Sinn Fein refused for decades to accept.

Paisley's Democratic Unionists took five Cabinet positions, Sinn Fein four, while the moderate Protestants of the Ulster Unionists received two and the moderate Catholics of the Social Democratic and Labour Party just one. Positions were allocated on the basis of each party's strength in the Northern Ireland Assembly.

Afterward, assembly members from all parties mingled with a jubilant crowd of dignitaries and well-wishers in the grand foyer of Stormont Parliamentary Building in Belfast, Northern Ireland Tuesday.

"This is an extraordinary example that Northern Ireland is showing to the world, that you can disband militias and private armies, and put away the bomb and bullet," the senator said, referring to the IRA's 2005 decisions to renounce violence and disarm. The audience was treated to exceptionally conciliatory speeches by Paisley and McGuinness as well as the British and Irish prime ministers, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, whose close cooperation since 1997 has underpinned the entire peace process.

McGuinness said they had "announced the skeptics" and gestured to his new government partner, Paisley, "I want to wish you the best as we step forward into the greatest and most exciting challenge of our lives," he said.

Blair, who is widely expected to announce his resignation from office later this week, said Ireland had suffered "centuries pockmarked by conflict, hardship and hatred." He said Belfast power-sharing offered the chance "at last to escape those heavy chains of history."

Ahern said peace in Northern Ireland could not have been established without Blair's "hands-on involvement in coaxing the two sides together. He called Blair "a true friend of Ireland" and praised him for "the true determination that he had, for just sticking with it, for 10 tough years."

Northern Ireland's Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness, Britain's Northern Ireland Minister Peter Hain, Northern Ireland's First Minister Ian Paisley, Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair and Ireland's Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, from left, stand outside Stormont Parliament Building in Belfast, Northern Ireland Tuesday.

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Authors judge books — and humans — by their covers

I t ever OK to judge a book by its cover? Although your parents probably taught you otherwise, "I Can Read You Like a Book," by Gregory Hartley and Maryann Karinch, shows that sometimes the impulse to evaluate the interior based on the exterior is justified and maybe even helpful.

Haley Steling is an English senior with a minor in theatre and a Mustang Daily book reviewer.

Imagine Hartley as a type of Jack Bauer character. Sure, he teaches, writes, and has an endearing affinity for "Star Trek," but he's also one badass interrogator for the army. Deciphering subtle body language is his job.

In 2005, Hartley and collaborator Karinch published "How to Spot a Liar." This year they've rejoined on "I Can Read You Like a Book," a fascinating look at what body language denotes about meaning and emotion.

Hartley draws upon decades of research in the battlefields (literally) and even more importantly, the interrogation chambers, to produce a book that is as surprisingly applicable to daily life as it is captivating. The book touts itself as an appeal for those in business, journalism, law enforcement, medicine, parents and those "in a relationship or looking for one."

Yet, as I read, I couldn't help thinking that another group is being entirely overlooked: This book is gold for anyone interested in acting. In snappy and accessible language, Hartley and Karinch describe typical facial expressions, movements and other giveaways for nearly any emotion or attitude.

For instance, what might it mean if a classmate says "hi," but doesn't raise his eyebrows? Don't count on him remembering your name because it's most likely a sign he doesn't recognize you.

"I Can Read You Like a Book" describes itself as a body language guide, but is so comprehensive that it also serves as a social sciences handbook, a guide to the gestures and customs of other cultures, and a reference companion through the jungles of the "shaved ape" (the human — Hartley's own version of Desmond Morris' "naked ape").

As humans, we attempt to distance ourselves from the fact that we are essentially animals, and Hartley brings the reader down to earth with the realization that most of our subconscious gestures are so inborn that they link us to the rest of humanity, as well as the rest of the animal kingdom.

The book is structured by a system Hartley calls R.E.A.D. This stands for Review, Evaluate, Analyze and Decide, all referring to body language. Part of the book's appeal is its universality. Whether the reader is old or young, male or female, from Portland or Palm Beach, we all want to make sense of those around us.

Rarely is nonfiction so engaging. Hartley uses references to current events, popular culture (Jennifer Aniston, Jackie Kennedy, Bill Clinton) and laugh-out-loud humor to hold the reader's attention.

Essentially, "I Can Read You Like a Book" is a tool to aid interpersonal relationships in a day and age where we have grown so far from our caveman ancestors that communication is rarely straightforward.

So instead of trying to assume what your girlfriend really means, stop the guesswork and pick up the book. As Hartley says, "you will never look at yourself or anyone else the same way."
Food in SLO as easy as A, B, C ...

Mustang Daily offers up a guide to food and culture around town

Amanda Retzer
MUSTANG DAILY

Sitting through a night class on a Thursday is painful enough. Listening to my stomach grumble and rumble in ways through a two-hour lecture on soil acidity only adds to the misery. So that first step of freedom out of the classroom of doom doubles as the first step towards the most humanly printed item in the universe: food. When it comes to diverse ways to stuff your belly, San Luis Obispo holds many options, ranging from sardine pizza and Mediterranean wraps. Following is an A to Z list on genre of food that are sure to get rid of that aching hunger. (And no, Taco Bell is NOT on the list. Horrible decisions to get fake Mexican food at 2 a.m. will not be tolerated).

American — This pretty much sums any burger or hot dog joint. Fosters Freeze serves up a classic menu, while offering their well-known ice cream delights. Cool Cat Café shows off a 90's-style atmosphere with a wide variety of burger choices and for dessert, delicious malts and milkshakes. And while I'm keeping the spots in San Luis Obispo, Sylvester's in Los Osos must be included with some of the best burgers of all time, while Firestone Grill and McLintock's Saloon, which are both located on Higuera Street, feature some of the best steak and other barbecue dishes in town.

Barbecue — San Luis Obispo offers some of the most extensive choices when it comes to barbecue. Mo's Smokehouse barbecue serves up a shredded pork sandwich to die for, while F. McIntocks and Firestone Grill both give A+ tri-tip. And if you're sitting at home but need some freedom out of the classroom of freedom, then at least go for the best that SLO has to offer. Hands-down, Firestone Grill has the best fries, with perfect seasoning and crispy texture. For those who look for more class dining, new restaurant Bel Frites offers a more high class environment with Belgian style fries, 10 dipping sauces, 10 seasoning salts and various Belgian beers and ales.

Chinese — With a Chinatown that takes up a short block on Monterey St., authentic Chinese food is not very extensive here. However, there are options, including Golden China, home to an all-you-can-eat, "award winning" buffet for only $7.95 for lunch and $11.45 for dinner. Mandarin Gourmet is probably the least-Americanized Chinese food with signature orange chicken. And for a not-so-traditional but reliable spot, Panda Express attracts many college students.

Deli — Knowing you want a cold sandwich is easy to figure out but deciding where to go is not an easy choice. High quality sandwiches can be found on every street from the High Street Deli with the amazing California Turkey sandwich to Gino's Deli, offering delicious potato wedges along with a happy hour from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Munno's Delicatessen has the best fries, with perfect seasoning and crispy texture. For those who look for more class dining, new restaurant Bel Frites offers a more high class environment with Belgian style fries, 10 dipping sauces, 10 seasoning salts and various Belgian beers and ales.

Fusion — Sometimes you just want to stuff yourself, so pick your poison. Margie's Diner offers gigantic portions and sides with their meals, as does McLintocks. Or if you're feeling really hungry, Hometown Buffet is the all-you-can-eat spot to fill up.

Hamburger — Higuera Street is the heart of downtown and besides the usual dining, Thursday night's Farmers' Market brings together some of the best that SLO has to offer. Eating dessert for dinner is not against the rules when it comes to the kitch, corn stand, perfect for a snack while strolling downtown or for taking home for later. The almond stand is also a big hit with free samples and many different flavors. (Don't feel guilty if you're one of the people who passes by five or six times just to keep getting free samples; every-see Food, page 8
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boely docs). Endless barbecues are set out: racks of ribs, baked beans, corn on the cob, and more from places like Mother's Tavern, a Cal Poly student.

Indian and Italian — It's too hard to pick just one, and while there is not a place with Indian and Italian food together, they both have spots on their own. Jewel of India and Royal Taj both offer traditional atmospheres and cuisine. For Italian, upscale dining is available, specializing in central coast ingredients and wines, while Nucci's offers a more college student atmosphere with typical Italian food. Café Roma hides itself near the train station but presents a comfortable classy place with scrumptious bread. Not to cause Italian overload, but Buona Tavola is also incredibly tasty, along with having an impressive wine list.

Japanese — Sushi is a popular type of food for any type of group: couples, birthday parties or even solo at the bar. San Luis Obispo has a large range of sushi spots from Tsurugi, the only Japanese-owned one, to Shins, the downtown college hotspot ...

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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K i c k back with coffee — All over the world, coffee is a part of a social society and it's a perfect way to get out of the house and join with friends. Downtown, Uptown, Café and Limnea's offer very comfortable atmospheres and signature coffees. Koffee Klutch is a nice stop down Higuera that not only serves a range of hot drinks, but sells a variety of accessories and appliances for coffee and tea.

Low prices for students — The term "starving college students" is taken advantage of by many SLO restaurants in the form of deals and discounts. Woodstock's gives 20 percent off to students with an ID as well as a deal for delivery to the dorms. $10.99 for a large one-topping pizza. Tuesday nights are hot at Italian restaurant Grappolo with half-off dinners for students. And Mother's Tavern gives students half-off dinner every Sunday.

Mexican — There are many places to get your burrito fix (and no, not T-Bell). Taco de Mexico makes some of the best Mexican around, especially carne asada burritos. Cabo San Luis is a yummy local place, while Vallartas brings out big burritos and offers free 60 ounce margaritas on birthdays.

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Firestone Grill chefs toil over an open-flame grill to create the restaurant's signature dishes such as the Avocado Bacon Cheese (ABC) burger and the tri-tip sandwich.

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Check tomorrow's Mustang Daily for the N to Z guide to food in San Luis Obispo.
**POLITICAL COLUMNS**

**Competition is good in the engineering industry**

By Brian Eller

**The Right Way**

When I came to Cal Poly after high school, I looked forward to studying at one of the top engineering colleges in the country and looked forward to getting a nice paying engineering job as the future. Just looking at actual statistics starting for graduate students, engineers are ranked high in picking this school and an engineering major was definitely the right choice. However, lately I've begun to realize that maybe engineering wasn't the right choice at all. No, not that, I got a low engineering grade, but it seems that there are these other engineers in China, India, and Russia who just as capable as I am, only they are willing to work for significantly less.

When confronted by foreign competition, many students think that the American or, because we go to Cal Poly, that somehow we must work harder, must be more creative, or must simply be smarter than our competitors. However, none of these seem to be true. In fact, many engineering students will admit, abruptly grudgingly, that foreign students are engineering smart and pretty work and pretty hard.

Nevertheless, most engineers agree that the fact that we are more creative. The standard stereotype is that most of these foreign engineers will do the work, and calculations or "note work," while we, as Cal Poly graduates, will do the part that require imagination, and thus deserveably earn the top pay. However, many, including Bill Gates, think differently. When asked this by Thomas Friedman in his national bestseller "The World is Flat," Gates responded, "I have never met a guy who doesn't know how to multiply who created software... Who has the most creative video games in the world? Japan... You need to understand things in order to invent better things.

What worries me more is that when I talk to certain business students and friends of mine, they freely admit that they see no reason to ever hire an American engineer. Could it be that we're just lucky that we get such a high starting salary or is there a reason that an American engineer deserves more money? Many people have struggled with this question, and honestly, I don't really know if I have an idea.

America has the best creative environment and free society in the world, which in turn allows American engineers to be the most productive. We're a country with relatively low regulation and a high venture capital environment. Unlike Europe, we aren't restrained by excessive labor or environmental regulations. Likewise, we aren't like China, where certain ideas expressed against the government land people in jail. We're also a country that values the hard work and values their contribution in the engineering field.

In this mind, it's no surprise that many of the best Chinese engineers, Russian engineers, or Indian engineers are actually American engineers because they left their countries for a better opportunity. In fact, the lucrative jobs that we engineers compete over, at least most of the engineering jobs in Silicon Valley, are actually low-paying jobs with huge immigrant populations. For example, many of the Fortune magazines are started by foreign engineers. For instance, Google, a dream employer for many foreign students, is founded by Sergey Brin. Brin came to America with his parents, who decided to come to America because of the opportunity it presented. In an interview with Mark Malseed, author of a best-selling book "The Google Story," Brin's father, Michael, faced institutional discrimination in Russia because he was Jewish. He eventually decided to immigrate to America, because he was able to pursue the career he wanted and be paid what he deserved a better future for his family.

By continuing to draw the world's best talent, maintaining a free society, American engineers continuously benefit. Whether Chinese, Russian, or Indian, many foreign engineers work as hard, are just as creative, and will work for less than any American engineer.

We are very lucky to live in a country that takes full advantage of our creativity and our hard work. However, this secret formula for success may not be such a secret. In the future, China may become a super power, and already in France, a new president won on a platform which would overhaul the economy to make it more Asian. While this may mean more jobs for Americans, a new world order helps everyone in the long run. American engineers should not fear international competition because in reality, these engineers are our allies, not our enemies. At the end of the day they provide us with the impetus for us to work harder and to be more creative. By challenging us, they are forced to create a better product. Likewise, these engineers help us develop better products, which helps everyone and ultimately makes the world a better place.

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**Partial Birth Abortion Act puts women's lives in danger**

By Emily Rancer

On April 25, the Supreme Court ruled in Gonzales v. Carhart, in which it upheld the Partial Birth Abortion Act of 2003, which made it illegal to perform abortions after the 12th week of pregnancy. By doing so, the Supreme Court handed a crucial victory to the Bush administration and all those working to curb a woman's reproductive rights in this country. It also showed new low for the Bush course in this country, with Justice Anthony Kennedy using some of the most offensive coined by abortion activists in a staggeringly anemic and paternalistic decision. The Partial Birth Abortion Act specifically banned a medical procedure known as intact dilation and extraction, or IDE, in which the mother's cervix is dilated and the fetus is extracted. This procedure, which is the only way to perform abortions after the 12th week of pregnancy, is endorsed by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, which has called it "the best or most appropriate procedure in a particular circumstance to save the life of a woman." You won't find the term "partial birth abortion" in any medical textbook. It is instead a misleading term designed by politicians to make them look more female reproductive rights. In fact, the term was coined by Randall Terry, co-founder of the militant anti-reproductive rights group Operation Rescue. "(The) partial birth abortion has a political scam but (also) a public relations goldmine," Terry said, "The major benefit is the debate that surrounds it." Republicans in Congress have certainly exploited that debate, as the Partial Birth Abortion Act was passed in a GOP-controlled Congress in 2003. The partial birth abortion is a tragedy of language, yet another example of rhetorical obstruction by the Republican Party.

What is so disheartening about this case was the buying of the language by the justices of the Supreme Court, who supposedly make the law, not the public. It is a free political pressure. Not only did Kennedy repeatedly use the phrase "partial birth abortion," in his decision for the majority, but he called the public officials who performed the IDE procedure as "abortion doctors." Why not just call them doctors, or OB-GYNs? The decision in this case will be held up by five would-be reproductive rights for decades to come at not only their real triumphs in the battle to erase Roe v. Wade, but also concrete evidence of the success of their against constitutional and legal warfare.

The Supreme Court decision may have very well signified the death warrants of thousands of women in the United States. The IDE procedure is only performed on about 2,200 women every year, but it is only performed when the fetus develops serious complications late in the term that could result if the child is delivered, as in smoke, paralysis, infertility, or even death for the mother. The only alternative, in any case, is to use a manual vacuum aspiration, which helps deliver the fetus is dismembered in the uterus and then removed piece by piece, can also have a higher risk of infection or uterine damage for the mother. While the ban does have a life exemption, it would be administered by HMO bureaucrats and politicians, not by patients and their doctors. By upholding this ban, the Supreme Court has put the lives of thousands of women in jeopardy. A "culture of life" indeed.

The decision to uphold the Partial Birth Abortion Act represents the biggest federal infringement of reproductive rights in America's history. For those who would claim that many of our reproductive rights have been eroded, the Supreme Court has now set a new low for judicial dismembering of this country; with Justice Anthony M. Kennedy joining the rest of the anti-reproductive rights movement. The ban has been signed into law by President George W. Bush, who has repeatedly repealed the "partial birth abortion" in his decision for the majority, but he continues to call the public officials who performed the IDE procedure as "abortion doctors." Why not just call them doctors, or OB-GYNs? The decision in this case will be held up by five would-be reproductive rights for decades to come at not only their real triumphs in the battle to erase Roe v. Wade, but also concrete evidence of the success of their against constitutional and legal warfare.

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Men's Tennis

Josh Finkelstein, 6-3 and 6-1.

"We were confident going into the match since we beat them before, but they had injured players during the regular-season match. Now they had their full lineup and we knew that on paper, we were the underdogs. We would have to fight for every point and just want it more than them to win."

The stakes were high and the title was within reach of both teams. The Mustangs took the No. 1 doubles match as Baca and senior Kyle Roybal won 8-4.

"I think Kyle and I both knew that we were not going to lose because at the time, it was potentially our last college career match," Baca said.

Cal Poly then took two hard losses in the other doubles sets, giving UCSB the advantage going into singles.

The most crucial loss hit when Foy and sophomore Darryn Young lost a tiebreaker match 9-8 in the third set.

Baca continued to drill his opponents with a singles win against UCSB's Bijan Hejazni after two sets of 6-2. The No. 5 match saw Foy take a chance of beating against UCSB's Josh Funkelsien, 6-3 and 6-1.

However, UCSB took the other four singles matches, giving the Gauchos the final win and the Big West title for the second straight year.

"UCSB had a great team this year, although plagued with injury," Foy said. "We were all disappointed to come so close to a Big West championship, but we left it all out on the court and you can't ask for more than that."

Still, Cal Poly made significant strides in 2007 under McGrath, who in his first year as the Mustangs' head coach helped the team go from 6-3 in regular-season conference play to 6-0 in 2007.

The year also marked the program's first appearance in the Big West title match and its first-ever No. 1 seed for the conference tourney.

Baca earned first-team All-Big West honors in singles and in doubles along with Roybal.

"Being a senior and the eldest on the team was very rewarding from the other players," Baca said. "The whole team camaraderie was unlike any other of my previous years and having the guys look up to me both on and off the court was extremely reassuring.

Baca plans on moving to Southern California for a job and 1 couldn't have his team scoring somewhere in the 80s and hopes the Jazz don't try to come from behind."

The Jazz lead the Golden State Warriors 1-0 in the Western Conference semifinals after winning the opener 116-112 on Monday. It was the first time Utah has opened a series with a victory since 2001.

The Jazz had to rally after losing the first two games against the Rockets in the opening round and never led in the series until they won Game 7 in Houston on Saturday. So how will they handle being in front? "I tell them to win every game," coach Jerry Sloan quipped after practice Tuesday.

Utah won the opener against the Warriors despite playing at a tempo better suited to Golden State. It was the most points for the Jazz in a playoff game since 117 in the first-round opener against Sacramento in 1999.

Utah is much more comfortable with its team scoring somehow in the 80s and hopes the Jazz don't try to run with the Warriors again in Game 2 Wednesday night.

Utah attempted 25 3-pointers against Golden State. That's almost 10 more than the Jazz averaged against the Rockets, but still less than the 31 Golden State took from beyond the arc.

"It looked like we wanted to shoot as many as they did," Sloan said. "Some of them got us in trouble. Would better make those. We have no chance to recover defensively. That's where the problem comes in for us."

Golden State doesn't plan to change much for Game 2, other than improve on the 54-36 advantage Utah had in rebounding. The Warriors invited the Jazz to try to run with them again and see if they can take the series back to Oakland tied at one game apiece.

"We know what we have to do in Game 2 to win the basketball game, and that's try and correct some of the small details that we didn't adjust to in Game 1," Golden State's Baron Davis said.

Even after a woeful night of rebounding, the Warriors had plenty of chances to win the opener. Utah didn't take the lead for good until Carlos Boozer scored off an offensive rebound with 17 seconds left to play.

"We did have a chance to win that game," coach Don Nelson said. "We were right there at the end. I don't want to overreact on anything, but there are certain obvious things that we have to do a better job on."

Rebounding is the biggest edge, but the Warriors also need to keep Utah point guard Deron Williams in check. He scored 31 points Monday.
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Seeking to build a strong and solid foundation, "Blalock said. "So next season, we are a young team, and we are going to build a strong and solid foundation." Blalock said. "So next season, everyone better watch out."
Poly tennis teams aim to build on Big West title match appearances in 2008

Cal Poly sophomores Darryn Young (left) and Maria Malec are two key parts of a talented crop of underclassmen who helped both Mustang squads reach respective championship matches of the Big West Conference Tournament in Indian Wells on April 29.

The Mustang men's tennis team returns all but two players for next season.

Amanda Retzer
MUSTANG DAILY

With a No. 1 seed in the Big West Conference Tournament, an undefeated regular-season record against Big West foes and a second-place finish in the conference tournament, the Cal Poly men's tennis team hung up its towels with a bright outlook for next season.

"Coach and I both agree that watching the whole team come together from the beginning of the season to playing at potentially our highest level was extremely rewarding," senior Matt Baca said. "Even though we might not have been as strong as other teams on paper, the heart and determination that the guys showed during every practice carried over to our matches, which led to Poly's first Big West regular-season title cup."

The Mustangs went 4-0 in their Big West matches during the regular season. Among the most memorable of those victories was the team's No. 1 seed clinching, 4-3 home win over UC Irvine on April 15.

"My most memorable tennis experience came when the UC Irvine match was tied at 3-3 and came down to my match," Baca said. "Playing in front of the largest and loudest Cal Poly crowd in history and winning that match was definitely an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life." Freshman teammate Rob Foy agreed: "It was a confidence booster to know that we were [the] No. 1 seed for the first time ever, and to beat UC Irvine 4-3 was an amazing feeling. We knew we had a crosshair on us."

Going up against UC Riverside in the semifinals of the Big West tourney, which ran from April 27 to 29 in Indian Wells, was the Mustangs' last hurdle prior to the title match.

The Mustangs plowed through the Highlanders 4-1, granting them a spot in the finals for the first time in school history.

"I know our team had great confidence playing UCR because a week earlier, we beat them pretty easily," sophomore Nick Berger said of a 4-0 home win on April 14. "We also got to Indian Wells three days before we played to train in the 95-plus degree heat every day. This made us feel prepared to play the best tennis of the season." After taking the victory, it was time for the nerves to kick in and the team's focus was more important than ever.

"I remember since the moment I woke up until I had started warming up I had never been so nervous for any match, test, or interview in my life," Baca said. "I knew that playing loose, aggressive, and dictating the points would allow myself the best opportunity to win, which is exactly what our coach (Justin McGrath) told us to do."

With freshmen Britany Blalock, Steffi Wong, Diane Filip and Devin Peek all coming back for next season, expectations will be high for Cal Poly women's tennis.

Cassie Gaeto
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly women's tennis team finished the 2007 season April 29 with a 4-0 loss in the Big West Conference Tournament title match against Long Beach State at the Indian Wells Tennis Center.

Long Beach State took the win and its fourth consecutive conference title over the fifth-seeded Mustangs, who finished the season 9-12 overall after going 3-4 in Big West play.

Despite their loss in the finals, the Mustangs won a string of upsets on the road to the championship round. Cal Poly beat No.4 seed UC Santa Barbara in the quarterfinals and then advanced to knock out No. 1 seed UC Irvine in the semifinals.

"The season finished on a really high note for us," Cal Poly head coach Hugh Bream said. "Our goal was to steadily improve throughout the year and we did just that."

At the April 29 match versus UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly was the first lower-seeded team to record a victory at the Big West tournament. The Mustangs, who had lost to UCSC earlier in the season, beat the Gauchos 4-0.

That same weekend, the Mustangs overthrew Long Beach State, which was ranked 32nd nationally in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll, 4-3. The match was a back-and-forth battle with the Anteaters.

After Cal Poly won the doubles point, it won four of the six singles matches played.

The Mustangs have only had one other appearance in the Big West tournament title match in program history.

The young Cal Poly team has only one graduating senior this year, team captain Carol Erickson. Erickson, the team's leader in singles victories over the last three seasons, made major contributions to the Mustangs this season until a forearm injury forced her to the sideline in March.

"Loosing Carol (was) of course a big blow," Bream said. "These young girls got pressed and it hurt their confidence. Losing Carol mid-sea­son accelerated their development. They knew they had to work hard and they did.

Next year's team will consist of two junior players, five sophomores and two incoming freshmen.

"With such a young team coming back, we will be a favorite to win the Big West next year," Bream said.

Another highlight is freshman Britany Blalock's being named Big West Freshman of the Year.

Blalock was crucial in the Mustangs advancing to the finals by defeating UC Irvine's first-team All-Big West pick, Becky Bernhard, in the semifinal round.

"It is really exciting," Blalock said of the award. "I am not sure if it has seen Women's Tennis, page 11