PARKING ON CAMPUS: Not as Spotty as Students May Think

Fewer permits were sold in all four quarters over the past three years

Donovan Aird

Parking at Cal Poly causes headaches for growing students and staff alike, but the situation isn't as bad as it may seem, University Police Department officials say.

"It's all in perspective," UPD business services coordinator Marlene Cramer said. "The parking situation is better today than when I started in 2000. Parking is available — the issue is that it's just not always close and convenient."

A total of 4,253 permits had been sold this quarter as of Tuesday, according to UPD. While the data is still in flux, making it difficult for conclusions to be drawn, Cramer said it seems as if the sales total will fall well below the amounts from winter quarters in 2005 and 2006, when more than 4,800 permits were sold each term.

Cal Poly sold 9,458 total parking permits during the fall 2004 quarter, when there were 6,857 total parking spots on campus, according to UPD statistics. That ratio of 1.4 permits for every spot is greater than the same ratio from winter quarters in 2005 and 2006, when more than 4,800 permits were sold each term.

"There has been a decline in sales (overall)," Cramer said. "We push alternative transportation.

Although Cal Poly overfills non-resident permits, its overall rate pale in comparison to many other schools, Cramer said. Exemplifying a more "horrrendous" outlook, she said, are UCLA, where freshmen aren't even allowed to park, and several prominent East Coast schools that have made "very common" use of the freshmen-prohibiting practice.

"We have considered it and almost implemented it several years ago," Cramer said.

San Jose State, Cramer added, provides about 3,000 spots for roughly 30,000 students.

The school has to overfill permits to make the most of its resources, Cramer explained.

"A general student is not going to be in a space all day long," she said. "They may come in at noon and be here until 5 (p.m.), or may come in for a 7 (a.m.) class and leave at 9 (a.m.). To make the most use of our space we have to overfill. It's very common."

In spite of how much more cramped other campuses may be, it seems most Cal Poly parking users are frustrated with the availability of spots. "It's bad," said mechanical engineering sophomore Tyler Sears, who's been parking on campus for two quarters. "If you come at noon, it's pretty much impossible."

Mathematics sophomore Josh Polizzio said the congestion even made him 15 minutes late to a class in the second week of the quarter.

"I'd say so far (this quarter) it's a little worse."

Kucinich Drops out of the Race

Joe Milicia

CLEVELAND — Democrat Dennis Kucinich is abandoning his second, long-shot bid for the White House as he faces a tough fight to hold onto his other job — U.S. congressman.

In an interview with Cleveland Plain Dealer, the six-term House member said he was quitting the race and would make a formal announcement Friday.

"I will be announcing that I'm transitioning out of the presidential campaign," Kucinich said. "I'm making that announcement tomorrow about a new direction."

Kucinich has received little support in his presidential bid; he got 1 percent of the vote in the New Hampshire primary and was shut out in the Iowa caucuses. He did have a devoted following.

Kucinich, 61, is facing four challenges in the Democratic congressional primary March 4, and earlier this week he made an urgent appeal on his Web site for funds for his re-election. Rival Joe Cimperman has been critical of Kucinich for focusing too much time outside of his district while campaigning for president.

His decision comes a month after the deaths of his youngest brother, Perry Kucinich.

Kucinich said he will not endorse another Democrat in the primary.

Kucinich brought the same sense of idealism to his second run for president as he did in his first bid. He said he was entering the race again because the Democratic Party wasn't pushing hard enough to end the Iraq war.

Once dubbed the "boy mayor" of Cleveland, he made an unpopular decision to resee Kucinich, page 2

Students get the Juice from Perez Hilton

Approximately 725 students, consisting mostly of women, packed Chumash Auditorium Thursday night to see celebrity blogger Perez Hilton speak about his life and profession. The self-proclaimed "media whore" dished the dirt on everything from MTV's "The Hills" to Jessica Simpson's drinking habits.
Kucinich
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to sell a publicly owned utility that pushed the city into default and drove him from office. After the city's financial troubles, the mayor faced death threats, and was forced to wear a bulletproof vest when he threw out the first ball at a Cleveland Indians game. He barely survived a recall vote. But he lost his bid for re-election as mayor of Clevel-
and in 1978 to Republican George Voinovich, who went on to become governor and then U.S. senator. His life and his political career were derailed. Kucinich spent more than a decade trying to get back into politics—traveling around the country and then working as a teacher, consultant and television news reporter.

In 1994, Kucinich was elected state senator and he then won a seat in Congress in 1996. His once unpopular stand against the sale of the municipal electric system was praised as courageous. In 1998, the Cleveland City Council issued him a commendation for having the foresight to refuse to sell it.

By The Numbers

4,253 permits sold as of Tuesday

6,857 parking spaces available on campus

1.2 permits issued per parking space in fall 2007

1.4 permits issued per parking space in fall 2004

Seasonal Affective Disorder hits when biological clock shifts

Michelle Sufin

COVALLIS, Ore. — Students at university may find themselves feeling a little blue this winter. Recent studies have shown that the shorter and darker days of winter can greatly affect the moods of young men and women, and possibly lead to Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

"I hate winter term," said Nicole Kadka, a sophomore majoring in business. "When it's dark and cold I don't feel motivated to go out or do anything."

The cold weather can prevent many students from getting out and participating in activities that can prevent depression and SAD.

"I find that winter term is harder for students," said Georganne Thompson, a clinical social worker at the student counseling and psychological center.

"They don't get out and do fun activities with friends, and looking outside may not sound like the best idea when it's pouring rain. The lack or decrease in exercise can greatly impact their mood."

Depression has become a major issue on many college campuses.

"The student health center has a greater number of men and women coming in with depression each year than with a common cold," Thompson said. "That's pretty serious sign."

Depression is most common in men and women in their early 20s and affects one in every 10 people.

"We see an equal balance of men and women coming into the counseling center," Thompson said. "Men are coming forward and talking openly about their depression, and more and more are talking about de-
pression's prominence. For example, look at all the pharmaceutical ads on television for prescriptions like Zoloft and Paxil."

Although some students suffer from seasonal depression, one thing that can help is to consider the possibility of SAD.

It is a mood disorder associated with depression episodes typically re-
alted to variations of light. January and February are the most common times for students to ex-
perience SAD, when the changes in light/dark patterns shift their biological internal clocks.

"Your body can go into a sort of 'fight against winter blues' and the brain will do a really laid-back event," said Brent Nuttall, assistant professor of architecture.

"I'll be in line 15 or 20 minutes sometimes."

"A lot of times people aren't given grades yet, so there is a feeling of missing out, or being left behind, or being a little blue this winter," said Flat Rock. "But we will also see these go away in warmer months, which is usually a sign that the patient has SAD and not depression."

Although SAD can be an extremely debilitating mood disorder, treatments are available on and off campus.

Photorapy, or therapy using light, can increase in light, can suppress the melato-

nins secretions in the brain.

"It's basically a bright light that you sit by for a couple of hours each day. It has shown to be effective in the long run," Flat Rock said.

"If light therapy does not work, stu-
dents can see help from anti-depres-
sants, which stabilize one's mood and not depression."

There are many ways for students to improve their moods and beat sea-
sonal depression without the use of phototheraphy and medications.

"Exercise is extremely helpful," Flat Rock said. "Getting out with your friends and family and getting into a good sleep pattern also helps in the management of SAD."

Asking friends for extra support can be key during winter term.

"Getting the motivation to brave the cold and rain is the most difficult part," Flat Rock said.

Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD, is caused by a reduction in light and results in an alteration of the brain's internal "clock." The symptoms are similar to those of depression, but typically occur during the same season each year. SAD can affect anyone, but it is most common in people who are more sensitive to changes in light. It is estimated that 5% to 20% of adults in the United States may experience SAD at some point in their lives. The symptoms of SAD can include feelings of sadness, lethargy, decreased energy, and irritability. In severe cases, SAD can lead to social isolation, sleep disturbances, and even thoughts of suicide. People with SAD typically experience symptoms during the winter months when daylight hours are shorter and the weather is colder. However, SAD can occur at any time of the year, and individuals with low baseline levels of serotonin or cortisol, low levels of vitamin D, and low functioning of the hypothalamus are more susceptible to SAD. There are several treatment options for SAD, including light therapy, psychotherapy, and antidepressant medication. However, the most effective treatment for SAD is to increase exposure to natural light and to the sunlight. People can also take steps to improve their mood, such as getting regular exercise, maintaining social connections, and practicing good sleep hygiene. With these strategies, people with SAD can manage their symptoms and lead fulfilling lives.
Suicide bomber kills provincial police chief in Mosul

Kim Gansel  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A suicide bomber killed an Iraqi police chief and two other officers Thursday as they surveyed the site of the wreckage of a blast a day earlier that devastated a predominantly Sunni neighborhood in the volatile northern city of Mosul.

The casualty toll from Wednesday's explosion rose to at least 34 dead and 224 injured, said Hisham al-Hamdani, the head of the Ninevah provincial council. The blast obliterated a three-story apartment building and ravaged adjacent houses just minutes after the Iraqi army arrived to investigate tips about a weapons cache.

Brig. Gen. Salah Mohammed al-Jubouri, the police chief for surrounding Ninevah province, was killed as he left the blast site after being confronted by an angry crowd shouting "Allahu Akbar" or "God is Great" while he inspected damage near the crater.

Mosul, 225 miles northwest of Baghdad, has become one of the latest fronts in U.S.-led efforts to rid the country of al-Qaida-linked militants who fled crackdowns in the capital and surrounding areas.

While the levels of violence have fallen in much of the country, attacks have persisted north of Baghdad.

In Thursday's attack, a bomber disguised as a policeman blew himself up as the entourage was just yards away from their vehicles, said police spokesman Saeed al-Jubouri. Al-Jubouri is a tribal name common in Mosul.

The police chief was killed, along with two other officers, and five people were wounded, including three Iraqi police, an Iraqi soldier and a U.S. soldier, the U.S. military said.

The military said initial reports indicated al-Qaida in Iraq was behind Thursday's attack, but Wednesday's explosion remained under investigation.

Ahmed Ibrahim, a 40-year-old tailor, said he went to the area early Thursday to check on his shop and found the building intact.

But others were not so fortunate, finding entire blocks reduced to rubble and a massive crater at least 30 feet deep where the apartment building used to stand.

"The building that exploded has disappeared while the houses next to it were leveled. Other houses farther away were damaged," Ibrahim said.

"When I stood near the leveled houses, I heard the voices of people calling for help from under the debris. I went to the fire-fighters and told them about the voices," he said. "Some relatives were searching among the debris for their missing relatives. The whole thing is a disaster."

On Sunday, U.S. military spokesman Rear Adm. Gregory Smith said the military had largely chased al-Qaida in Iraq out of all major urban centers except Mosul, the country's third largest city and a major transportation hub with highways leading west to Syria and south to Baghdad.

"Mosul will continue to be a center of influence for a center of gravity for al-Qaida because of its key network of facilitators — both financing and foreign fighters," he said. "The flow to Mosul is critical for al-Qaida in Iraq."

Provincial Gov. Duraid Kashmola imposed an indefinite curfew starting at noon Thursday in the city following the attack.

He said a preliminary investigation showed al-Qaida in Iraq was behind Wednesday's explosion in a bid "to terrorism Mosul residents."

Wednesday's explosion came after the Iraq army received calls that insurgents were using the vacant building as a shelter and a bomb-making factory, police said.

A bulldozer worked through the night to clear the debris, with vehicles providing light as dozens of people watched on the rim of the water-filled crater, footage from the local TV station showed.

The TV footage showed one woman looking stunned as she held a bandage to her face in an emergency room and doctors rushed to treat a man whose face was bloodied.

The blast in Mosul was the latest in a series of bombings across Iraq, including in some areas that have seen a relative calm recently with the security gains from U.S.-Iraqi operations and a Sunni revolt against al-Qaida in Iraq.

Al-Hamdani, the provincial council chief, said rescue operations continued despite the attack on the police chief and he expected the death toll to rise as more bodies were pulled from huge piles of concrete rubble.

Many of the recent attacks have been against Sunni tribal leaders and officials who have joined forces with the Americans against al-Qaida in Iraq.

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“We like to do rain dances.”
— Kortney Larson, graphic communication sophomore and Whitney Moran, graphic communication senior

“I like to curl up with a good book, hot tea and a man in some sort of a log cabin in the middle of nowhere.”
— Julie Anderson, microbiology junior

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — An intense, at least 500 feet long, make a rare close pass by Earth next week, but there is no chance of an impact, scientists reported Thursday.

The object, known as 2007 FJ22, is expected to whiz by Earth on Tuesday with its closest approach at 334,000 miles, or about 1 1/2 times the distance of Earth to the moon.

The nighttime encounter should be bright enough for medium-sized telescopes to get a glimpse, said Don Yeomans, director of the Near-Earth Object Program Office at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which tracks potentially dangerous space rocks.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hundreds of big-rigs were stranded as a snow-covered mountain pass north of Los Angeles Thursday after a frigid storm that also prompted flood watches in fire-scarred areas.

One driver told Fox 11 news that he had been stuck for 24 hours, unable to move through Tujunga Pass because California Highway Patrol officers had blocked the Grapevine section of Interstate 5, a main artery between northern and southern California.

The pass rises above 4,000 feet and frequently is closed by winter storms. There was no indication when it would reopen. More snow and sleet was expected to fall on the area through the day.

“There are abandoned cars everywhere,” said Wendy Gardner, a manager at Madd Bailey's Pub in Pine Mountain Club, where up to 10 inches of snow fell. “We got hit around 3:30 in the morning and it hasn’t stopped.”

FOLSOM, Pa. (AP) — The skies won't seem especially friendly to anyone taking off from Philadelphia International Airport Friday as they notice what a suburban couple wrote on the roof of their home.

“[Executive] U FAAA,” the message reads, though one letter of the profane word is substituted with an underline. Below that it is a picture of a plane with a slash through it and the words “no fly zone.”

NEW YORK (AP) — You just don’t want to eat some greens. That’s how a Brooklyn mom felt when she found a tiny frog comfortably nestled in the leaves of organic lettuce she was preparing to eat.

“I jumped away,” said 39-year-old Yvonne Breechblish, who described the green critter as no bigger than the tip of her pinky finger.

“I didn’t know what it was. But once I realized it was a frog, it was OK,” she told the Daily News in Thursday’s edition.

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — It took Vicki Armstrong almost 10 years to save $50,000, which isn’t much of an accomplishment — except that she did it one penny at a time.

Armstrong was planning to take her $55,000 pyramid to the bank this week. She said using them helped her reinforce frugal spending habits.

“Helped me be a little bit more conservative in my lifestyle,” said Armstrong, who is planning to retire at the end of the year from Christus Shumpert High- risk and Hospital, where she works as a maternity technician.

Bosss can fire workers for using medical marijuana

Paul Elias
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Employers can fire workers found to have used medical marijuana even if it was legally prescribed, the California Supreme Court ruled Thursday in another setback for California in its increasingly rancorous clash with federal law over medical pot use.

The high court upheld a Sacramento telecommunications company’s firing of a man who thanked a company-owned drug test. Gary Ross held a medical marijuana card authorizing him to legally use mari­juana to treat a back injury sustained in a work-related accident.

“Nothing in the text or history of the Compassionate Use Act suggests the voters intended the measure to address the respective rights and duties of employers and employees,” Werdinger wrote. “Under California law, an employer may require preemp­lement drug tests and take illegal drug use into consideration in mak­ing employment decisions.”

A 2005 U.S. Supreme Court de­cision declared that state medical marijuana laws don’t protect users from prosecution. The Drug En­forcement Agency and other federal agencies have been actively shutting down major medical marijuana dispensaries throughout the state over the last two years and changing their operation with serious felony distri­bution charges.

The Santa Clara Valley Transpor­tation Authority and the Western Electrical Contractors Association Inc. had joined Ragingwire Inc.'s case, arguing that companies could lose federal contracts and grants if they allowed employees to smoke pot.

The conservative nonprofit Pacif­ic Legal Foundation said in a friend­of-the-court filing that employers could also be liable for damage done by high workers.

Ross had argued that medical marijuana users should receive the same workplace protection from discipline that employees with valid prescription drugs do.

The nonprofit marijuana adva­ccy group Americans for Safe Ac­cess, which represents Ross, estimates that 300,000 Americans use medical marijuana. The Oakland-based group said it has received hundreds of em­ployee discrimination complaints in California since it began tracking the issue in 2005.

Lynne Kennard, a partner with a San Jose law firm, said Ross was among the first medical marijuana patients to bring a lawsuit over medical marijuana.

“Kennard said the ruling was a fascin­ating case — the first time a court has addressed the respective rights and duties of employers and employees,” she said.

To link the Darfur issue to the Olympics is a move to politicize the Olympics and this is inconsistent with the Olympics spirit and will be strongly condemned, Tokyo 2020 told reporters at a news conference.

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**Movie guide**

### Atonement (PG-13)
- **Grade:** A-  
- **Awards:**  

**Summary:** A well-known critic, in a review of this film, said that the film is "utterly perfect" and "a work of art," but another critic said it "lacks the emotional depth and psychological complexity" of other films. The film shows the impact of war on the lives of two families. The Good: "A mesmerizing and emotionally powerful". The Bad: "A bit too long and predictable".

### The Bucket List (PG-13)
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### No Country for Old Men (R)
- **Awards:**  

**Summary:** The film is "a powerful and thought-provoking" experience, but another critic said it "lacks the energy and excitement" of other films. The film is about a man who must escape from a dangerous situation. The Good: "A powerful and inspiring". The Bad: "A bit too earnest".

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Rev. Peyton's Big Damn Band is Big Damn-Tastic!

Aaron Gaudette

A guitar, a washboard, a small two-piece guitar kit with a five-gallon bucket, and the occasional harmonica — these are the instruments used by Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band to produce their grassroots and wholly unique throwback sound.

Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band, ironically consisting of only three people, defines itself as prewar, rural country blues — the kind of blues that is more about rawness than anything else. Hard blues has less form and fewer rules, whereas city blues usually follows a 12-bar format and has a more decorative, jazzy component.

The band's appropriately self-defined "prewar" style couldn't be more appropriate given the instruments that they use to churn out their rhythms, and they find solace in the fact that they've achieved such success using the means they've chosen to make their music with.

"Our style stems from the days when people couldn't afford any other instruments," said the Rev. Peyton after their show at Downtown Brewing Co. Wednesday night. "The small five-gallon bucket is from street-performing tradition, when people used what they did out of necessity."

The band, which is made up of the Rev. Peyton on guitar, his wife Breezy on the washboard (as in a board that's used to wash clothes), and his brother Jayme on the drums, originally hails from Nashville, Ind. The band's style involves the Rev. Peyton playing guitar and bass on the same instrument, using the higher chords for the guitar riff and the lower chords for the bass. Breezy on the washboard gives the music a scratchy, beat-like quality that seamlessly integrates itself and is complemented by the lack of a bass player.

The Rev. Peyton, who is a legally ordained minister, downplays his name as more of an inherited nickname but later explained that it does have an influence on the band's music.

"Being a legally ordained minister isn't really a big deal. I mean, anyone can do it. What I'm most proud of is being given the title of Kentucky Colonel, which is the highest honor that can be conferred upon a civilian by the Governor of Kentucky. It's a long story on how I got that title, but it essentially is from my contributions in music and the service guard."

The concert itself seemed indicative of the band's enthusiasm for the spirit of music and the service guard.

The band finds inspiration for its music in everyday occurrences and the people that are a part of this; it is easily discerned by the band having song titles such as "Pa's Drunk Again," "The Creeks Have Gone Bad," "Your Cousin's Got a Cane," and more religious tunes such as "Glory, Glory Hallelujah."

Moreover, the concert was addi­ tionally valuable due to the exposure it gave grassroots, blues and country music enthusiasts to a wholly different kind of blues music — a style that the Rev. Peyton affectionately refers to as "Mississippi Delta Blues.

Reverend Peyton's Big Damn Band is perpetually on tour and has toured with groups such as Flogging Molly, Derek Trucks' Band and Hot Buttered Rum. Additional information on the Big Damn Band can be found at bigdamnband.com.

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Rachel Glas

Queen Elizabeth I will be honored Saturday at Cal Poly, courtesy of Cal Poly's Early Music Ensemble.

The group, which performs music written before the 18th century, will present several selections from "The Triumphs of Oriana," a 25-piece collection of music written with the intent of honoring Queen Elizabeth I. Six different pieces will be performed, according to Thomas Davies, a Cal Poly music professor and leader of the choir.

The pieces, called madrigals, were written by multiple composers, including Thomas Morley, Thomas Tomkins and Thomas Weelkes. Thomas Morely compiled the madrigals in 1601.

"This is a very historically significant piece of music in the English madrigal school," Davies said.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Christopher Cohen Performing Arts Center Pavilion.

The six madrigals will be performed by sopranos Stephanie Davies, Kelly Esthoff, Chloe Gill, Karlie Saenz, Michelle Schwartz and Laura Zupan; altos Carolyn Judorf and Corrie Stallings; tenors Brent Garrett and Patrick Little; and basses Richard Carrick, Matt Domer, Bryan Kim and Spald Schroeder.

Davies will open the concert by explaining the history of the work, complete with musical examples.

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guilt, which the stammering intellectual has in droves (mostly of the "white liberal" variety).

This hypothetical anyone might continue their ridiculous affront thus: "Woody uses the prototypal young blonde borderline like scratch paper at a screening of 'An Inconvenient Truth.' And it's brilliant, because once that piece of scratch paper is tossed into the trash, the audience feels the same guilt as the philanderer, possibly the same guilt as the stammering literary auteur, as the verify that practically taxed male!" (This guilt-ridden male is Jonathan Rhys Meyers' character in 'Match Point.' Colin Farrell in 'Cassandra's Dream' and Woody Allen write large.)

They tell you this is a guy whose Darwinian campaign to advance in life exceeds his capacity to negotiate the moral and ethical crises that accompany certain lines on life's success graphs, as if the complex relationship between man's body and intellect makes for a better movie.

"Cassandra's Dream" tells a similar story of keeping up with one's demonic Joneses, and that drive again leads to murder. The problem is success and failure are too easily influenced by chance, and for Woody Allen, chance tends to sneak into life like a wretched little monster, most likely a troll, who guards the bridge at the passage between the forbidden forest and the sacred kingdom, and who has done so for time immemorial.

It's all rather bleak, and it's dictated by Woody Allen's character in 'Match Point.' Colin Farrell makes a winning bet on at the racetracks and that dog is the inspiration for naming the boat the brothers buy in the film. The name is a metaphor for luck (or fortune, or chance), both bad and good, and by the end of 'Cassandra's Dream,' the boat is neglected to the point of being forgotten.

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Ewan McGregor (left) and Colin Farrell (right) star in "Cassandra's Dream," the latest film to follow director Woody Allen's tragic thriller formula.
It seems like only a short time ago that political news coverage dominated by tales of the pivotal 2006 midterm elections. Nancy Pelosi was presumptuously measuring drapes in Washington and many Americans were just getting to know Barack Obama. I may be dating myself a bit, but I am astonished to think that primary season is already well underway.

As Californians across the state thoughtfully consider their Super Tuesday selections, there is an important thing to bear in mind. Tossing your hat into the ring with a presidential hopeful is not the only way to participate in national politics.

It is nearly impossible to avoid the posters, staks, flyers and conversations around our campus about next week's event, "Focus the Nation: Global Warming Solutions for America." The national event will include several activities on campus, but Focus the Nation organizers have also coordinated a special online voting tool to put participants across the country directly in touch with their representatives.

"Choose Your Future" is a Web site designed by Focus the Nation organizers that allows visitors to vote for five priorities for legislative action on global warming from a list of 10. Each of the 10 choices is described in detail on the Web site and users are able to discuss the options on a message board. The site opened for voting on Jan. 21 and requires an e-mail address, state of residence and zip code to cast a vote. On Feb. 12, voting will end and the results will be broken down into congressional districts. The top five choices of students and citizens from each congressional district will be delivered to their representative's office Feb. 18.

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One idea that has received a particularly large amount of attention in recent press is the creation of a carbon dioxide emissions cap and trade system. Such a system would set a limit on the total emissions allowable in America.

Commercial carbon emitters would be required to purchase or trade entitlements to have the right to emit a fixed volume of greenhouse gas. Those emitting carbon dioxide in excess of their entitlements would have to buy "carbon credits" at auctions from other organizations emitting less than their allotments. I am behind such a system because it would effectively place a tax on greenhouse gas emissions. The cap and trade system would provide a market-based incentive for organizations to find new ways of limiting their emissions.

I also support the avoidance of new coal power infrastructure in the United States. Coal plants supply over 50 percent of the power in our country and, by many estimates, account for more than one-third of the carbon dioxide emissions. An increased use of coal is touted by many to be the solution to American dependence on foreign sources of energy. Coal is plentiful in our country and existing infrastructure would make increased coal use relatively easy; however, the resulting additional carbon dioxide emissions would be extremely harmful to the earth.

By reducing our reliance on coal power and shifting American power infrastructure to eco-friendly wind and solar systems, the potentially disastrous effects of continued high rates of carbon dioxide emission can be averted. Additionally, a move away from coal power will help us dodge the harmful environmental effects of coal mining.

These topics are just a few of the many covered on the Choose Your Future Web site. This is a unique opportunity to voice your opinion on these important issues to your congressional representative. A table will be set up with laptops to receive your vote on Feb. 12. Voting will end and the results will be broken down into congressional districts. The top five choices of students and citizens from each congressional district will be delivered to their representative's office Feb. 18.

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building them up, physically and mentally. We'd do anything from the University of Bucharest.

At age 28, while serving as trainer for the Star Bucharest soccer team during the 1977 European Cup in Barcelona, Dincu defected to Spain, leaving behind what he felt was an oppressive social and political climate in Romania, which he retrospectively calls an "army state." "I'm a guy who doesn't need a speech to get motivated or get things done," Dincu said. "There's no substitute for hard work. I believe given a chance anyone can succeed as long as they do their best.

Not satisfied with the prospects Spain had to offer, Dincu came to Canada in 1979, and then to America. Arriving with virtually no money, no contacts and unable to speak English, the stocky, powerfully built Romanian relied on his hands to speak a language all their own.

"I had strong hands. My massage was my passport," Dincu says. "America is truly the land of opportunity. You can really speak a language all their own.

A registered massage therapist and certified athletic therapist in the United States and Canada, Dincu earned his master's degree of sports science in sports medicine from the University of Nevada. According to Dincu, the body's muscle tissues shorten when they are worked. By elongating the tissue fibers after a workout, he is able to create a condition for the body to recover more quickly and efficiently.

But Dincu, who is fluent in six languages, is also big on communication with his athletes. "Athletes don't care how much you know; they care about how much you care," Dincu says. "Talking to the athlete is important. They are their own best doctors."

In November, Dincu's talents caught the attention of Chuck "The Iceman" Liddell when Liddell came to campus and noticed him working with athletes. The very next day Dincu was hired by Liddell to start working with him on a daily basis up until his fight in December.

"If the sport is taken seriously, then there is a place for massage," Dincu says. "Helping the body recover is just as important as the workout."

How did "Super Mike" get his nickname? Apparently during the 1984 Olympics, Dincu worked tirelessly to relieve Canada's track and field team. Astonishing people with his level of energy and expertise, athletes started referring to him as "The Machine" and "Super Mike." The latter moniker stuck and remains to this day, just as applicable now as it was back then.

"Mike's very caring and always willing to help," said junior Cal Poly wrestler Chase Pami. "Whether it's with an injury or a sore muscle, he goes above and beyond what you need. That's just who he is."

Even now at 58, Dincu maintains a passion for sports and athletes. These days his favorite sport is wrestling.

"In a past life I was a wrestler," he says. "Wrestling was one of the first Olympic sports, and I'm very impressed with its athletes. I love how a wrestler can keep going even after they've reached a point when you think they can't go any further."

After living in so many places, Dincu admires San Luis Obispo's attractive scenery, mild climate and strong sense of community. "San Luis Obispo is like a forgotten place," he says. "It's the diamond in the crown of California. I congratulate the city hall on a job well done."

Ask anyone who has experienced the rehabilitation of Dincu's massages, and they'll tell you it's a much-needed part of their routine.

"He's an excellent masseur. He's careful and aware of what he's doing," says Trevor Dardik, a sprinter and Cal Poly graduate. "I look forward to my time with him after training."

It would appear the feeling is mutual and that the selfless Dincu benefits from his therapy as much as his athletes. "Helping others is my passion," Dincu says. "My biggest need is to be needed."

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-Mihail Dincu
Independent masseur

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Belichick keeps Brady, booted or not, veiled in Patriots-style secrecy

Howard Ulman

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ending the shameless spectacle.

The only problem with this scenario is that it would

inspire a top 10 for the best sports mel­

downs, where ESPN breaks out once a

month or whenever the wannabe Bob Knight

of the world lash out.

Another reason, why in the week leading up
to the Cowboys-Giants game, was there an avan­
croach of coverage on Tony and Yoko Romo's va­

tion.

Besides, in the immortal words of the "Talla­
dega Nights" character Cal Naughton, Jr., "I like
to party, so I like my athlete to party." I fear to

think what the public opinion would be of players
like Babe Ruth or Mickey Mantle if they played

today.

And while we're on the subject of athletes, no
matter how great they were, like Emmitt Smith, or
not so great, in Jillian Rose's case, they are not all
designed to be sportscasters.

Listening to Smith sometimes this year went
beyond comical and bordered near pathetic. Rose
may develop into a quality analyst, but until he can
get through a segment without referring to one
of his mediocre career accomplishments I cannot
take him seriously.

Lastly, a little off subject but important none­
thless, football season is coming to a close, so it's
my plea to announcers for next year.

Everybody realizes the yellow line is computer­
generated; if I hear Joe Buck tell me that line is
official or that the referee needs indisputable
evidence to overturn a call one more time,

I know this rant will result in nothing, but it
felt good.

If you just read that sentence it means one of
two things: you are either deeply concerned
about the state of my academic career — get in
line behind my parents — or you are a fellow ad­
dict reading the sports section to get by you until
you can get your next Scott Van Pelt fix.

Kery Harkett is a journalism junior and a Mustang
Daily sports columnist.

Round-up

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McCarey crossed the finish line well ahead of her
fellow runners, in 10 minutes, 21 seconds.

Eggleston was the lone jumper with a 17-foot, 3-3/4-inch bound and made her mark in the triple
jump with a best of 38-11 1/2, just edging out team­
mates Jasmine Pickert (17-2 1/2) in the long jump and
Callith Fields (38-3 1/2) in the triple.

This is Eggleston's first time competing in the winter track season after playing for Cal Poly's
women's basketball team for the past four years.

In the 55-meter dash, Ermine Benny came in second after clocking a 7.38-seconds time in her
primary heat and a 7.37 in the finals.

The Mustangs also ran well in the half-mile, where Kristen Sanzari came through the line in
second place at 2:21.37, followed closely by Dasci

After nearly two weeks of practice time, the
Mustangs will compete at 5 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Uni­
versity of Washington All-Comers meet.

The Banana Slugs finished the fall season ranked
No. 1 in Division II.

Men's tennis team takes on some Waves

Going up against Fresno State this past Sunday with
a 7-0 victory against Westmont under the felt, the
Cal Poly men's tennis team fared losing 5-2 to the
69th-ranked Bulldogs to fall to 1-1 early in the
spring season.

Junior Danny Young was picked as Cal Poly Athlete of the Week after posting a 6-1, 6-2 victory
in Nos. 4 singles, and the Mustangs' only doubles win of the day with partner Robert Fow.

Freshman Drew Jacobs also scored a victory for Cal Poly, winning 6-2, 6-2 at No. 5 singles.

The Mustangs' competition will end at tough­
er, as they visit No. 17 Pepperdine at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday.

The Waves feature four players ranked in the top
100 in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis As­
sociation.

On Sunday, Cal Poly will host UC Santa Cruz at
1 p.m.

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