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Night riders could be left in the dark

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In addition to the LTF, the Transportation Development Agency allows public transportation to receive money from State Transit Assistance (STA) funding, a program which comes from a state tax on gasoline and diesel fuel. The state diverted $1.3 billion from

WHO GETS WHAT: Billions to colleges and students

Justin Pope

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The stimulus plan emerging in Washington could offer an unprecedented, multibillion-dollar boost in financial help for college students trying to pursue a degree while they ride out the recession.

It could also hand out billions to the states to kick-start idled campus construction projects and help prevent tuition increases at a time when families can least afford them.

But cuts of $40 billion for state and local governments in the Senate version were a big disappointment for college leaders. House-Senate negotiations will determine whether education aid to the states is relatively modest or massive — and how much gets directed to high-need institutions for building projects, versus elite universities that would benefit if the final package spends more of the money on scientific research.

Students are big winners, too. The House and Senate bills call for the largest-ever funding increase for Pell Grants, the government's chief college aid program for low-income students.

It will take much of the proposed $15.6 billion increase in the House version (slightly less in the Senate) just to erase the existing funding shortfall and meet the surging demand as the economy sours and more students enroll.

But the package would also increase next year's maximum award by up to $562 per quarter, an amount deans and administrators say is necessary to maintain the current level of faculty and curriculum.

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Currently, the amount a student pays in C'HFs was assessed by the dean of the college and used to fund instructional necessities within that college such as faculty salaries and laboratory equipment. However, because some colleges have more expensive programs than others, a university-wide increase would mean a portion of a student's fees might not necessarily be going toward his or her particular college.

Before making their decision, C'HFs Advisory Committee members heard presentations by the deans for the College of Science and Mathematics and the College of Liberal Arts.

According to both deans, because of decreased state funding and rising enrollment and inflation, Cal Poly colleges are at risk of drastically reducing their class sections as soon as this fall.

"If it weren't for C'HFs, we would be under water right now," said College of Science and Mathematics Dean Phil Hailey. "It's hard to ask students to increase their fees, but I think we stand in the balance now of either remaining a great university or deteriorating. We ask the students to take the responsibility to maintain the value of a Cal Poly diploma and the excellence of a Cal Poly education. We just can't do it without more resources."

According to College of Liberal Arts Dean Linda Halisky, 67.7 percent of her budget pays for faculty. She noted that her college has already reduced the assignments of 130 lecturers to the equivalent of over 250 full-time faculty.

Fee raise passed by school, now pending student approval

Matt Fountain

The proposal to raise college-based fees (C'HFs) moved a step forward Thursday when the Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) passed the proposal. Now it's up to the students to decide.

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And supporters note the new Pell dollars will be spent immedi­ately — students can’t save them — while also paying off the student loans.

"Long-term, if we want a bet­ter economy, we need more people going to college," Education Arne Duncan told The Associated Press last week.

College leaders meeting in Washington this week for the American Council on Education’s annual meeting will be grateful for the student aid boost. But they’ll be closely watching how Congress bridges the huge gaps between how much the House and Senate versions propose spending to bail out state budgets and prevent dra­matic education cuts.

The House bills calls for $79 bil­lion to prevent cuts to local school districts and public higher educa­tion. But it’s not yet clear how the money might be divided between K-12 and higher education, and a portion could go to things besides education. The Senate version calls for $40 billion.

Meanwhile, colleges are hop­ing Congress will agree restat­ting stalled building projects is an effi­cient short- and long-term invest­ment. As they lose revenues from state support, endowments and tuition, hundreds of projects are on hold nationwide, from a library extension at the University of Illinois to new dorms at Washington University in St. Louis and a biology lab at Yale.

The California State University system alone has halted 130 proj­ects, which it values at $850 million and says account for 13,000 jobs. Meanwhile, the system may have to cut 10,000 enrollment spots.

The House bill has $6 billion for such projects, while the Senate has none.

"We’re ready to go, there’s great involve­ment, and we’re educating kids who wouldn’t have other opportunities if we weren’t there," Chuck McDowell, president of Roosevelt University in downtown Chicago, said Sunday. His univer­sity has a $13.5 million new build­ing going with classrooms, labs, dorms and offices on hold after financing dried up. Construction could be under way in six months, he says, providing 600 jobs for two years while helping Roosevelt’s diverse student body.

Also helping students, the House and Senate both call for expanding the Hope tuition tax credit from $1,800 to $2,500 and making it partly refundable. Now, almost half of families with children can pay no income tax, so the current tu­ition tax-credit system doesn’t help them (the full benefit kicks in for families earning at least $43,000).

The Center on Budget and Pol­icy Priorities estimates the change could help 3.8 million students.

If the infrastructure spending survives, it would likely prioritize colleges with high minority en­rollments, schools rebuilding from disasters like Hurricane Katrina and energy-saving projects. It may also take steps to make sure com­munity colleges get their fair share, and private colleges — such as Roosevelt — are hoping the final version will allocate some to their sector too.

The money would be for acade­mic faculties, and wouldn’t go — directly at least — to things like gyms, food courts or chapels.

The House version calls for $1.5 billion for biomedical research fac­ilities, while a Senate amendment set aside more than $6 billion in extra research money for the Na­tional Institutes of Health, among boosts to other research agencies. Those investments have long-term benefits, but it would take time to distribute them, and research uni­versities would benefit most.

One other benefit notable for families: The Senate bill would also allow families to spend money from 529 college savings plans on computers.

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According to Bailey, the CBE increase would allow the university to continue providing a wider variety of classes, which would allow students the ability to graduate in four years. "The university is pledging to the students that we're going to be less focused on our core curriculum, that we're going to offer the courses that you need. If a new freshman comes to Cal Poly and says he or she wants to graduate in four years, we are going to do everything we can to make that happen," Bailey also pointed out that while the fee increase alone translates to $3,600 dollars for a four-year degree, it is somewhat less than the amount a student would pay for an extra quarter because they were not able to get all the classes they needed. One quarter at Cal Poly cur­rently costs a student approximately $6,000 when in­cluding fees, books, and room and board.

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Obama faces tough week; stimulus and bailout on tap

Jim Kuhnhenn

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama plunges into a difficult test of his leadership this week, struggling to get a divided Congress to agree on his economic recovery package while pitching a new plan to ease loans to consumers and businesses.

The Senate's $827 billion stimulus legislation seems assured narrow passage by Tuesday. Harder work for Obama and the Democrats comes in the days ahead, when the House and Senate attempt to reconcile differences in their two versions.

Obama and Democratic Party leaders had hoped to have a bill ready for the president's signature by Feb. 16 — a deadline that grows more challenging by the day.

At the Treasury Department, Secretary Timothy Geithner delayed the unveiling of a new bailout framework for financial institutions from Monday to Tuesday to let the administration focus on the Senate legislation.

Geithner is considering steps to broaden the use of a new lending facility at the Federal Reserve, provide government guarantees to help banks deal with their troubled assets, and continue direct infusion of capital into banks in exchange for securities and tougher accountability rules.

For Obama, the economy has become a two-front engagement, with one effort aimed at creating or saving jobs and the other at unfreezing the credit markets. Amid the urgency created by nearly 10,000 new unemployed workers last month and new bank failures, Obama's economic prescriptions are coming under critical scrutiny by both Congress and the American public.

The House and Senate bills are about $7 billion apart in cost and overlap in numerous ways. But the Senate bill has a greater emphasis on tax cuts, while the House bill devotes more money to states, local governments and schools.

Lawrence Summers, Obama's top economic adviser, signaled the struggle ahead as he made the rounds of Sunday morning talk shows. "There are crucial areas, support for higher education, that are things that are in the House bill that are very, very important to the president," he said on ABC.

Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, the Democratic chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, warned that reductions in state spending in the Senate bill would hurt local communities. "To get any Republicans at all, you had to adopt a car that's going to mean policemen and firemen are going to be laid off," he said.

Sen. John Ensign of Nevada, a member of the Senate Republican leadership, dismissed Frank's complaint as "fear-mongering.

The Senate bill is finely tuned. With only two or three Republicans on board, it is guaranteed, at most, 61 votes; the bill needs 60 votes to advance and avoid procedural hurdles. Any change in the balance struck by the Senate bill could doom it.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a vocal critic of the stimulus bill, complained that Republicans won't be involved in the final negotiations. "That's the way the Bush administration, when we Republicans were in charge — that's the way we did business," he said. "But I thought we were going to have change.$

Obama will take his case to the American people at 8 p.m. EST Monday with his first prime-time news conference. He'll also participate in town hall-style meetings in cities suffering particularly hard times — Elkhart, Ind., on Monday and Fort Myers, Fla., on Tuesday.

The House and Senate are scheduled to go on recess next week, but congressional leaders have said they will not leave until the bill is completed.

The bank bailout proposal that Geithner will announce Tuesday also carries policy and political risks. Congress approved a $700 billion bailout for the financial sector last fall. But since then, lawmakers from both parties have been critical of how the Bush administration spent the first half of the money.

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Iraq’s state women’s affairs minister resigns in protest

Kim Ganel

Iraq’s state minister for women’s affairs has quit to protest a lack of resources for a daunting task — improving the lives of a “full army of widows” and other women left poor or abandoned by war.

In an interview Sunday with The Associated Press, Nawal al-Samarraie described how her office’s budget was so tight that she often found herself dipping into her own pockets for the women who came begging for help.

She said she finally submitted her resignation last week in part because her budget was slashed from $505,000 to $50,000 per month — part of overall government spending cuts forced by plunging oil prices. The figure didn’t include staff salaries.

“I reached to the point that I will never be able to help the women,” said al-Samarraie, whose job lasted just six months. “The budget is very limited so what can I do?”

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Health Center Fee Increase

To support an increase in the number of health professionals and improve the delivery of services at the Health Center, a proposal has been submitted by Health and Counseling Services to increase the Health Center fee by $30 per quarter effective fall quarter 2009.

President Baker has authorized the use of alternative consultation, rather than direct referendum, to determine the level of student support for the fee increase. Nine forums have been scheduled to serve as the venues in which written student input will be gathered. All nine forums are open to the entire student body regardless of college affiliation.

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WORD ON THE STREET

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"I think that I will because I'll have to ride my bike a lot more and it will be much more dangerous and I might get killed (due to this huge change)."

Tyler Charlesworth, software engineering senior

"I don't have a car so I ride the bus to and from school on days when I have class late. I'd have to ride my bike home because the bus always leaves just before I get out of lab."

Sam Young, environmental management protection junior

"No, I will not because I live close and walk to campus."

Colin Pade, computer science junior

"Definitely. During the early afternoon and morning I have classes, so if I want to do something, it's later in the afternoon. So I need the bus to get wherever I'm going since I don't have a car."

Stuart Heater, computer science freshman
Recession sends more students looking for low cost education

Students at New Hampshire: Technical Institute walk to class in Concord, N.H., Thursday. Across the country, community colleges report upward enrollments driven by students and laid-off older workers.

David Trelill-Wsowski (ASSOCIATED PRESS)

College student Elizabeth Heber's choice of a four-year school suddenly became more expensive. Georgia Hochstein also has concerns about what she might face, but he concluded after several visits that he needed training to get work. So, in the middle of this school year, he's both a resident at New Hampshire Technical Institute, which like other college communities across the country, are suddenly a student for more crowded.

The two-year schools are reporting surprise enrollment increases this semester, driven from students from traditional colleges seeking more bang for their buck and by laid-off older workers.

But community colleges aren't exactly cheering in this down economy.

Tuition doesn't come close to covering costs, and the state funds used to make up the difference are drying up.

Figure aren't in for this semester, but a national group representing community colleges says the average increase from spring-to-spring is domestic, and since that New Hampshire is reporting at its seven schools — a range of 4 percent to 19 percent.

The figure is 20 percent in Maine and North Carolina. One school in Idaho has more than twice the number of students this spring over last.

Last fall, Heber, of Barre, began her first semester at Eastern Nazarene College in Massachusetts. But as the recession, she began refinancing the thousands of dollars in loan she was carrying — at age 18.

"We have seen it even more and more, mom and dad saying 'Come back home, we can't afford it,'" said Jim McCarthy, admissions director at Pennsylvania's Northampton Community College, where spring enrollment is 14.4 percent higher than a year ago — and for the first time is higher than it was in the fall semester.

Northampton waives a semester's tuition for its students from last 12 month because of the economy.

This semester, 260 students enrolled through the program, more than twice what the school expected. So why, with enrollment skyrocke.

"I get that every place I get," said John Fitzsimmons, president of Maine's community college system. "People can't understand, with more cost, why that good news.

Tuition covers just 25 percent of the cost of education in Maine's system. Other community colleges vary, but all depend on countries or states for as many cases are cutting their funding.

Maine reported spring enrollment increases of 25 percent, after laying off employees and leaving vacant positions open to cope with a $2.9 million cut.

At Wake Technical Community College in North Carolina, the president and two vice presidents are teaching classes because of a $2.3 million cut last fall.

Arizona community colleges have absorbed $3.5 million in cuts and may lose all remaining state aid, said Norma Kent, spokeswoman at the American Association of Community Colleges. Some systems have had to reject thousands of applications, she said.

"Community colleges are built on access, so for us to turn someone away is like surgeons saying 'I can't operate on you because of a heart attack,'" Kent said.

"Governors and legislatures hope the impending federal economic stimulus plan will help keep the doors open. Community Colleges and Senate voices include billions of dollars for Pell Grant financial aid, long-delayed facility repairs, and expansions, and job remaining programs.

Todd Richmond (ASSOCIATED PRESS)

On a June night two summers ago, Debra Rabideau-Steeves tried to break up a fight between two women at a northern Wisconsin tavern.

The husband of one of the women grabbed her wrist, snapping it in two places. Four operations later, she has racked up more than $31,000 in medical bills.

With no insurance and no jobs, the former cook turned to Wisconsin's crime victim compensation fund. But the cash-strapped program has covered less than half of her expenses, leaving her to fend off a man as a eight creditor calls a day.

"I respond to them and try to explain to them that I need to live," Rabideau-Steeves, 47, of Ashland. "But it just doesn't it's hard to explain to them that I need to live."

Around the country, state programs designed to help crime victims rebuild their lives are running out of money as claims increase, medical expenses rise and lawmakers cut the recession.

Several states' programs face deficits or have cut benefits. Not every state is in the red, but programs co-order inators say this could be the beginning of deeper problems as legislatures desperate for money to shore up budget deficits end compensation funds. "Given the awful situation they're in now, states are looking at making money, into other parts," said Steve Deten, executive direc-

Each state offers crime victims and their survivors money to cover damages that include low wages, counseling, medical debt and insurance. Maximum payout vary, but range around $25,000.

The programs provide about $450 million each year to about $11 billion, according to the National Association of State Victim Assistance Programs.

Some states rely on legislative appropriation of tax dollars or criminal penalty assessments to pay for compensation. Others make offenders pay surcharges and fees. The federal government chips in, too, matching state expenditures with grants. However, the grants typically lag two or three years behind expenditures.

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MUSTANG DAILY presents their version of the classic ballet.

Cinderella will tip-toe into Cal Poly on her glass slippers Tuesday as the State Ballet Theatre of Russia presents their version of the classic ballet.

More than 40 different ballet companies have produced adaptations of Cinderella since 1901, and there have been over 1,500 versions of the tale of Cinderella created over time. The State Ballet Theatre of Russia will perform a French interpretation of Cinderella choreographed by Charles Perrot in 1847.

Previous interim director of Cal Poly Arts Peter Wilt booked the show and said that he is excited that Cal Poly can bring a highly popular story ballet to the Performing Arts Center. "I am excited about the quality dancers that the people will be seeing on Tuesday nights," he said.

The State Ballet Theatre of Russia, which is the touring name of the Voronezh State Theatre of Opera and Ballet, began performing in North America in 2006. Many of the dancers are alumni of the Voronezh Choreographic School in southwestern Russia, near Ukraine.

To conjunction with a full orchestra playing the 71 minute piece composed by Sergei Prokofiev, the company is comprised of director Igor Nepomnyashchy, artistic director Nabilya Valitova, dance choreographer Vladimir Vernier, and 35 dancers in a full-scale three act ballet.

Dance professor Moon Ja Min Suhr said that there are a number of different types of ballet, including classical, romantic, neoclassical, modern and folk. Pantomime, the act of conveying emotions by gestures without speech, is an extremely important component of ballet, Suhr said, and is expressed with comedy in this performance of Cinderella. The choreographer, she said, decided to make this choreography more entertaining for the audience, partly by emphasizing important messages with several props to give the audience simple and clear understanding from symbolism.

Suhr said that the relationship between music and dance is very important, and is portrayed well in the State Ballet Theatre of Russia’s Cinderella performance. "Orchestra and dancers should always breathe the same breath," she said.

A pre-concert lecture by Suhr will be held in the Performing Arts Center’s Gallery Level Lobby at 6 p.m. Suhr said that ballet or any other type of dance is a beautiful thing to watch on stage but watching and understanding dance performance is not easy, which is why she gives a lecture before the performance to inform the audience about the particular dance, as well as background history. Hopefully, she said, the audience will enjoy the enormous number of different movement possibilities and that will motivate them to want to dance.

"Art makes the human being experience richer and ballet provides opportunities to grow and develop further. Dancers, musicians and artists can become influenced, inspired and come up with new ideas by watching the performance," Suhr said.

A master dance instruction class will be held by a State Ballet Theatre of Russia member for Cal Poly ballet dance students at 10 a.m. Tuesday. The ballet will take place at 7 p.m. on Feb. 10 in the Chumash Theatre.

Student and adult tickets for the performance range from $25 to $44 and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office. If tickets are not sold out a special discount of $10 for students will occur 30 minutes before the curtain opens.

To order by phone, call 805/756-2787; to order by fax: 805/756-6088. To order online visit www.calpolyarts.org.
Jeffrey Wiesner, said in an e-mail. Two warrants were issued for Fairey on Jan. 24 after police determined he had tagged property in two locations with graffiti based on the Andre the Giant street art campaign from his early career, Officer James Kennedy said. One of the locations was the railroad trestle by the landmark Boston University bridge over the Charles River, police said.

Fairey, 38, of Los Angeles, is scheduled to be arraigned Monday in Brighton District Court, said Jake Wark, a spokesman for the Suffolk District Attorney. Wark said Fairey would also be arraigned on a default warrant related to a separate graffiti case in the Roxbury section of Boston.

Fairey has spent the last two weeks in the Boston area installing the ICA exhibit and creating outdoor art, including a 20-by-50 foot banner on the side of City Hall, according to a statement issued Saturday by the museum.

The museum said Fairey was released a few hours after his arrest. Boston police confirmed Fairey had been released, but did not know exactly when or the amount of his bail.

A man who answered the phone at Fairey's Los Angeles studio, Studio One, declined comment.

"I think Fairey was completely unaware that there were any warrants for his arrest. Had he known, he would have resolved all such issues before the opening of his art exhibit at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston," his attorney, Jeffrey Wiener, said in an e-mail.

Fairey has been arrested numerous times for drawing on buildings and other private property without permission.

His Obama image has been sold on hundreds of thousands of stickers and posters, and was unveiled at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington before Obama's inauguration.

The image is the subject of a copyright dispute with The Associated Press. Fairey argues his use of the AP photo is protected by "fair use," which allows exceptions to copyright laws based on, among other factors, how much of the original is used, what the new work is used for and how the original is affected by the new work.

A California lawyer who has represented Fairey in the copyright case didn't immediately respond to an e-mail seeking comment on the arrest.

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Cal Poly's Modern Languages and Literature Department will show a series of German films for students interested in a deeper analysis of the culture. "A Nation Through the Lens: Historic Events in German Film," will showcase 11 films Wednesdays 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Fisher Science building, room 287.

This year's theme pertains to certain historical and political events within German history.

German department adviser Cornelia Kahnke, with an academic background in modern German literature and culture, started the movie nights last year which reach out to all genres of film from love stories to horror.

"The films are a way to supplement the different German classes that I teach, in terms of language, literature and to get a feel for the culture and customs," Kahnke said. "This is done in a pleasurable way by setting up such film nights."

"Students studying German are assigned three cultural events, and viewing one of the movies enables the student to complete the assignment, but also encourages a deeper learning environment," Kahnke said.

"The last couple of nights have been focusing on German history, and the last movie we saw pertained to Nazi propaganda, with a paragraph in English explaining the situation," business sophomore Lauren Young said. "It was very educational and gives me the chance to learn about a new culture in an aspect that I'd never heard of before."

Young, who is pursuing a German minor, said the movie nights offer an out-of-classroom experience.

"It helps me because the movies are in German, and then there's English subtitles so I get to hear phrases that re-create the German language for me," Young said.

Kahnke's German culture, titled "From Flappers to Facists: Weimar Germany" inspired this year's movie night theme.

"The films provide a wider look at German history, and range in depiction from a film we screened titled 'Comedian Harmonist,' which were the first German boy band," Kahnke said. "Other films pertain specifically to the modern 20th century."

The films are screened based on the connection with the courses the classes teaches, but he urges students from all majors interested in German culture to participate in these movie nights, even if just to practice listening to the language while looking through the eyes of German filmmakers.

"Students have been very interested, and most of them will be from German classes, or from the other language departments," Kahnke said. "People want to get a feel for the European cinema, versus the Hollywood cinema that one is used to."

Movies will include 2007 Oscar winner "The Lives of Others" and 2003 Golden Globe nominee, "Good Bye Lenin!

"The movie nights began Jan. 14, but six viewings remain and everyone is welcome to join each screening. The next movie night is Feb. 18, showing "Legend of Rita" about a radical West German terrorist who abandons the revolution and settles in East Germany.

"We learn a lot in the classroom, but you get to learn a lot about the German culture that we would have never been able to cover," Young said. "These movies really open new doors that I would have never heard of."

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Caroline Young
Are Cal Poly students smarter than fifth graders?

Do you ever sit around thinking about what it would be like to time travel Michael J. Fox-style? Of course, hippies would travel to the 1960s, intense drug users would line up to go to the Disco Bloodbath of the 1990s and entrepreneurs would go to the Gold Rush of 1848.

I'd like to go to a time when our greatest technological advancement was the refrigerator or the calculator. I feel inundated, not with technology (I love my computer, iPod, GPS and Jimmy Buffett MargaritaVille blender), but with over-simplified advertising.

The new Blackberry commercial alone kills as much of my brain cells every time I listen to it. Think god for DVR (another technological advance I enjoy)! Blackberry's ingenious pitch is that the phone makes clicking noises when you touch it. Oh my god. It's the second coming of cellular devices! Seriously though, why is it that not one person, but a large group of educated advertisers think that that is an appropriate and appealing way to attract the general public to their product?

Though slamming my head against any hard object nearby is always my first thought, the second is usually, "Does anyone fall for this?" Well, my answer up until a few days ago would have probably been no, but this week it was brought to my attention that maybe our generation's common intelligence is declining and we are more frequently distracted by "the shiny thing.

I sat in my class this week with 20 other people, some who I consider to be smarter than me, others of equal intelligence. It is safe to say, however, that all 20 of us are highly intelligent (I mean, we go to Cal Poly). My teacher began to rant about not having the ability to keep up with the pace of the world. I sat in my class this week with 20 other people, some who I consider to be smarter than me, others of equal intelligence. It is safe to say, however, that all 20 of us are highly intelligent, (I mean, we go to Cal Poly). My teacher began to rant about not having the ability to keep up with the pace of the world.

Not a hard metaphor to keep up with right? Well, at least that is what I thought. The majority of the class stared blankly at my teacher, all of them seeming to say, "A viewfinder! Tomfoolery! We've never heard of anything like that, "It was as if my teacher has just told us our papers would have to be etched into stone instead of typed out on our computers. (Note: a viewfinder is a small hole you can look out of on a camera, especially if your digital screen breaks.)

This viewfinder debacle may seem to be a miniscule problem, but I like to think of it as a tiny window into the mind of an advertiser. We are in college, most would say to the prime of our intelligence, and yet in the minds of advertisers the most gullible. Are we losing our minds before Cal Poly can meld them into full functioning, scholarly brains?

Our vocabulary is declining, our math skills are diminishing, we are losing our common sense. I'm afraid that we might know quantum mechanics and be able to recite Wordsworth from heart, but wouldn't be able to win an "Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?"

I plead with all of you to put down the textbook and pick up some fourth-grade trivia flashcards. Relearn what Manifest Destiny is, remember just when Columbus sailed the ocean blue, play Duke Nukem and pick up an old camera that you can attach a flash bulb to (and use it). Relearn what you've forgotten.

Maybe the people at Blackberry are smarter than I think. Maybe they have college students pressing their faces up against the TV screen salivating over a touch phone that makes clicking noises. All I know is that when "Are you Smarter than a Fifth Grader?" calls me, I'll be ready to tell Jeff Foxworthy that the capital of Oklahoma is in fact Oklahoma City.

Rachel Newman is an English junior. "That's What She Said" takes a fresh and lighthearted look at issues at Cal Poly and in San Luis Obispo.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Years after hurricanes devastated parts of the U.S., help still needed

After the devastation by Katrina and Rita in 2005, many students, including some from Cal Poly, spent their breaks helping to rebuild. In following years, their numbers dwindled as the images of the destruction fade and are replaced by problems involving war, economy and environment.

While it is true that many areas have been rebuilt, as a frequent visitor, I can tell you that the results are “spotty” at best. Yes, New Orleans has the Quarter and Garden District back for the tourists, but those areas were barely damaged. Many neighborhoods are still in bad shape. There are many that are concrete slabs, with (if the owner is lucky, a FEMA trailer) and many schools are boarded up or in need of repair. Similar stories can be found all along the coast.

Without placing blame (there’s plenty to go around), it seems to me that if we let one area of the country down, we let the whole country down. (Think if it were Sacramento with broken levees!)

So please consider spending time with one of the organizations dedicated to rebuilding and revitalize the wonderful city of New Orleans and other coastal areas.

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Phelps no longer on a pedestal
Give him a break — he’s only human

He’s fast. He’s covered in gold. After bringing home eight Olympic gold medals and basi-
cally owning the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics, Michael Phelps had quickly become a
household name. He gave Americans and the rest of the world something to talk about.
But he’s in trouble. And after a London tabloid recently ran a photo of the Olympic hero
apparently taking a hit from a bong pipe at a house party, there was more to talk about than
his swimming career.

But what’s the big deal? People smoke marijuana. Celebrities and
important political figures have done it at least once or twice... Or
more in their lives. Even some of our presidents have admitted to
taking a decent hit.

There are many top athletes from a variety of different sports,
from football to cricket, who smoke weed both in and out of the
public eye. Many of them see the great effects of marijuana use. It
can be used in a medicinal effort as a painkiller, muscle relaxant
and antidepressant.

For example, take a retired two-time Super Bowl champion like
Mark Stepnoski, offensive lineman for the Dallas Cowboys. After his
career in the NFL, Stepnoski became an outspoken advocate of the

Claiming no shame, he asserted his “responsible use” of marijuana
during his pro football career. “After a game you need something to
relax,” Stepnoski told Forbes. “I’d rather smoke than take painkill­
ers.”

Considering how many other top athletes are in on the weed ex-
change, this should give Phelps a break.

Isn’t Phelps allowed to have a little bit of fun and be a normal
23-year-old after busting his butt in the 400 meter medley relay that earned him gold medal
number eight? He did break the seven gold medal record previously held by Mark Spitz dur­
ing the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich. He did make Americans proud. So what’s the
deal?

The deal is it is still illegal and there are legal punishments that follow.
People are going to continue talking about Phelps and his infamous bong hit until the
cows come home, or rather, until they make marijuana legal. Oh, that’ll be the day.

It’s too bad that something like this could put a damper on Phelps’ career.

In August 2008, it was estimated that Phelps could make $100 million during his lifetime
from endorsements alone. Huge brands such as Nike, Speedo, MasterCard and Visa flocked to
the 6-foot-4 Olympian to sign endorsement deals that would make him filthy rich.

But big corporations were paying Phelps big bucks to endorse their products as an Ameri­
can Olympic hero, not as a stoner. Now companies such as Kellogg’s
and Subway are pulling their lucrative endorsements from him.

Sounds like it would have been a better idea for food companies
to keep pot-smoking Phelps as the face of their company. Stoners can
get a bad case of the munchies and heading to Subway in the middle of
the night wouldn’t sound like a bad idea.

But the truth is, if you know big brand names are counting on you
to be their talking head or the face on their cereal box, you have to be
a little more careful on how you handle your partying.

U.S. swimming officials suspended Phelps from competition for
three months on Thursday. A sheriff in South Carolina said this week
he was investigating whether the athlete broke any laws.

After the incident broke out, Phelps quickly issued a public writ­
ten apology to The Associated Press: “I engaged in behavior which
was regrettable and demonstrated bad judgment. I’m 23 years old
and despite the successes I’ve had in the pool, I acted in a youthful and
inappropriate way, not in a manner people have come to expect from
me. For this, I am sorry. I promise my fans and the public it will not
happen again.”

It really shouldn’t be that big of a deal. It’s his personal life and
his personal choices. But as his audience, we are playing Big Brother
with him.

Let this be a lesson for a man constantly under the watchful eye of the public and for a
man who has already achieved so much. Oh wait, didn’t he already get in trouble for drunken
driving in 2004? Well, Mike, until the day marijuana is legalized, don’t get caught on a camera
phone while engaging in illegal activities again and you’ll be fine.

Krizza Tornes is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily reporter.

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Cleveland's first loss at home since Game 5 against Washington in the first round of last season's playoffs.

"I didn't want it to happen," James said. "But I'm glad it's over." The Lakers weren't intimidated in one of the NBA's noisiest arenas and went undeterred on a road trip that also included stops in Minneapolis, Memphis, New York, Toronto and Boston. Los Angeles' trip started rocky with center Andrew Bynum injuring his knee against the Grizzlies, but it couldn't have ended any better.

Beginning with Bryant's record-setting 61-point performance against the Knicks, the Lakers have gone 4-0 without Bynum. They didn't commit a turnover in the final 19:28 against the Cavs.

"We're playing for perfection," Odom said, "and in order to do that, it takes a lot of energy, focus and commitment to winning and doing whatever it takes. We get production from everyone."

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 22 to lead Cleveland, which shot just 28 percent (11-of-39) in the second half and didn't play its customary shutdown defense. Williams, whose All-

Robertson (UCLA) was quiet himself in the third quarter, capping his one-man scorefest with a two-handed dunk off a miss in the final second as the Lakers put an exclamation point on one of their biggest wins this season.

The homer gave Bura 108 career RBIs, which passed 2007 NFC All-America selection Lisa Modglin (105) as Cal Boly's career leader.

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Cal Poly softball
GAME 1: CAL POLY 7, NO. 25 SDSU 3
GAME 2: NO. 4 UCLA 6, CAL POLY 1

The Mustangs (2-2;averaged a last-turning loss to the Aztecs (2-1), beating them 7-3 on Sunday morning at the Stacy Wineberg Memorial Tournament.

Cal Poly senior shortstop Melissa Pota became the school's all-time RBI leader after she belted a three-run homer in the third inning to provide a cushion for Cleveland's players and fans.

James was stopped on the Cavs' next possession, and Gasol made two more free throws and scored on a putback as the Lakers put an exclamation point on one of their biggest wins this season.

Cleveland's crowd was at a playoff level.

With the meet up for grabs head-in-the-final race, the Mustangs' "A" team finished nearly three seconds ahead of the Tigers' "A" team 6:59.59 to clinch the team victory. The women were led by freshman Lacey Buck who won the 500 and 1,000 Free.

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Mustangs
SAT: CAL POLY 4, SOUTHERN MISS 2
SUN: CAL POLY 4, NEW MEXICO STATE 3

Cal Poly freshman Andre Dome won twice as No. 1 singles to lead the Mustangs to a pair of dual victories in Las Vegas on Saturday and Sunday. Dome defeated No. 19 Patricio Abravanel of Southern Miss 6-7, 6-4, 6-3, giving him his first career victory over a ranked opponent.

The following day, Dome would defeat New Mexico State's Roman Sotomayor 6-4, 6-2. The Mustangs would get victories from freshman Brian McPhee over Marji Solone 7-6, 6-2 and sophomore Blake Woodward defeated Eduardo Salas (NMSU), 6-2, 6-3 to finish off the Aggies.

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**Lakers stop Cavaliers' home winning streak**

**Tom Withers**

CLEVELAND — Kobe Bryant was sick. The Cleveland Cavaliers just looked it.

With Bryant suffering from the flu, Lamar Odom scored a season-high 28 points — 15 in the third quarter — and Paul Gasol scored 18 as the streak-beating Los Angeles Lakers dominated the second half and handed Cleveland its first home loss this season, 101-90 on Sunday.

Bryant was not himself. The superstar vomited before the game, but that was a terrific game. It was just like it could be.

Jackson said of the enigmatic Odom.

A Cleveland Cavaliers player}

Los Angeles center Pau Gasol shoots over the Cleveland center Zydrunas Ilgauskas during the Lakers' 101-90 victory on Sunday.

**Scott Silvey**

**SPORTS MUSTANG DAILY**

**Weekend round-up**

**Mustangs smash Fullerton in rout**

Cal Poly's Kristina Santiago guards Cal State Fullerton's Toni Thomas during the Mustangs' 72-61 victory on Saturday.

**California Polytechnic State University**

**Mustang Citrus**

Cal Poly sophomore forward Kristina Santiago defends against Cal State Fullerton's Toni Thomas during the Mustangs' 72-61 victory on Saturday.

**Megan Harrison said.**

It's been a tough few days for us.

Santiago was just 5-foot-11.

UC Santa Barbara, undefeated in conference, will visit Mott Gym in a game that has big conference tournament implications. If Cal Poly can win, it will ensure the team is still in the running.

The team is now completely focused on the Gauchos.

We're very excited to play them (on Saturday)."