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Making waves



Psychology graduate student Peter Roepstorff swims laps at the Rec Center pool / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson



Upheaval on Capitol Hill

By Mike Feinsilber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two weeks before America votes, the prospects point to GOP congressional gains broad enough to make Bill Clinton dance to a Republican tune if he expects to get much done legislatively the next two years.

Outright Republican control of both houses is even an outside possibility. And the eight largest states could end up in

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Roger Stone
Republican strategist

the hands of Republican governors — portending peril for candidate Clinton in 1996.

"I'm more optimistic than I was two weeks ago," says Republican strategist Roger

Stone, who advised Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan. "I do not think the momentum is moving the other way."

Democratic pollster Peter Hart is unable to offer his party much hope. He finds a dispirited Democratic voting bloc.

"The groups that are most ready to turn out are Republicans, white fundamentalists and anti-Clinton voters," Hart said. "The groups that are

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Ethnic publications express students' artistic sides

By Valeska Bailey
Daily Staff Writer

Students and faculty interested in diversity and multicultural issues on campus have taken their ideas and creativity to the printing press.

"Culture Lines" and "Spectrum" focus on culture, un-

derstanding and the struggles of studying on a campus as predominantly white as Cal Poly.

"Culture Lines" is a brand new multicultural magazine on campus. The first issue will be coming out Nov. 15. It is a 36-page publication dealing with a wide range of articles and has a cross-cultural focus with a theme

focusing on the hardships and struggles the ethnic diverse have encountered, according to graphic design senior and art director Ruben Antonio Mosqueda.

He said the magazine deals with African, Hispanic, Pacific Islander and Asian cultures.

Mosqueda said the publication has a very artistic theme to it, as well as an informational theme. An example of the artistic side, Mosqueda said, is customs and rituals of different cultures.

The informational side, at least in this first issue, discusses admission to Cal Poly and what's happening in the Multicultural Center.

"Culture Lines" opens up to many different people, Mosqueda said.

"It focuses on taking ethnic diversity one step further by showing a variety of cultures," he said. "It is to make people aware of the different cultures."

Cal Poly alumnus and coordinator of the Multicultural Center Everardo Martinez-Inzunza

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Psychology sophomore Amy Kowalski reads the latest issue of Spectrum, one of Cal Poly's ethnic publications / Daily photo by L. Scott Robinson

Embattled college to launch search for interim dean

By Joy Nieman
Daily Managing Editor

Cal Poly President Warren Baker is expected to appoint a committee Wednesday to find a temporary replacement for College of Business Dean Allen Haile.

The appointment will be limited to in-house candidates, with a top administrator expressing concern that the college is facing too much turmoil right now to attract a high-quality dean from somewhere else.

"We feel our situation here at Cal Poly will not make us competitive at a national scene (at this time)," said Robert Koob, vice president for academic affairs.

Haile, the college's dean for just over a year, accepted a new position last week as a fundraiser and liaison for

University Advancement.

According to Faculty Affairs Director Michael Suess, the in-house search for an interim dean for the College of Business will expedite the otherwise tedious process.

"It's to get somebody into the position as quickly as possible," Suess said.

Baker is accepting nominations for the committee to appoint an interim dean through today. The committee is slated to make a decision by Nov. 26.

According to provisions in Cal Poly's Campus Administrative Manual, the committee must consist of four faculty members elected by faculty in the College of Business, two faculty members selected from other colleges by the Academic Senate, one department head from the College of Business, one student

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Budget deficit down during second straight fiscal year

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. budget deficit fell to \$203 billion in the just-completed fiscal year, the Clinton administration announced Monday, crediting "very disciplined" Democratic management for achieving the largest two-year deficit reduction in history.

"The bottom line is getting stronger every day," Clinton said in a speech to business leaders in Cleveland. "For the first time in 20 years, the deficit has gone down two years in a row."

While President Clinton and his economic team sought to capitalize on the accomplishment, Republicans were brandishing a secret White House memo they claimed laid bare the administration's fiscal hypocrisy.

They charged that the Oct. 3 memo by White House budget director Alice Rivlin exposed an agenda for higher taxes and cuts in popular government benefit programs to cope with rising deficits in future years.

With two weeks to go before the election, both sides sought to

portray the budget debate to their advantage. The administration claimed that its willingness to enact a \$500 billion deficit reduction program last year was paying benefits in an improving economy and shrinking deficit after 12 years of failed Republican promises.

Clinton noted that before his deficit program was approved, the imbalance for the 1994 budget year had been projected to hit \$305 billion.

Talking on a radio call-in program, Clinton said his administration had eliminated unnecessary government programs while at the same time boosting investment in education, training and new technologies.

"And that's what I want to keep doing," he said.

A combination of spending cuts and tax increases in Clinton's deficit program along with stronger-than-expected economic growth led to the \$203 billion actual result for the budget year that ended Sept. 30.

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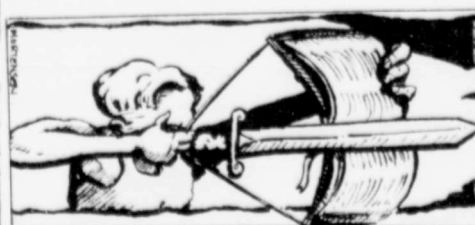
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OPINION

4 Two Christians launch final volley in Cal Poly's religious wars

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31 school days left in term.
TODAY'S WEATHER:
Morning clouds, mostly sunny
Expected high/low: 74/ 48

Self Defense Class

Even though San Luis Obispo is considered a safe city, crime still exists. That's one reason SAFESLO — a non-profit organization — is sponsoring a Model Mugging Class for women in San Luis Obispo County. Model Mugging is a 30-hour women's self defense program.

A 15 percent discount will be given to those who sign up by Oct. 30.

For more information, call 995-1224.

TODAY

Cal Poly Lyceum Lecture •

Award-winning author and Vietnam veteran Tim O'Brien speaks about "The Things They Carried," Chumash Auditorium, 11 a.m., — 756-2239

College of Liberal Arts Student Council • Bldg. 10-241, 6-7 p.m. — 547-1801

Presidents Day • Club presidents are invited to discuss student fees and nighttime parking permits. Chumash Auditorium, 7-9 p.m. — 756-1291

AIAS Meeting • Architecture club's big sibling/little sibling meeting, Dexter Bldg., Room 227, 7 p.m.

United We Stand America Meeting • San Luis Obispo City/County Library, 6:30-7 p.m. — 541-4515
CAPTURE Opens For Winter Term • Check schedule for more information.

WEDNESDAY

Blood Drive • Cuesta College, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — 546-3919

Lexis-Nexis Class • Business and Dow Jones, Kennedy Library, 1-2:30 p.m.

UPCOMING

AIAS Event • Architecture club's pumpkin carving contest, Dexter Lawn, 11 a.m.

Lexis-Nexis Class • Oct. 27, general news, Kennedy Library, 1-2:30 p.m.

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California's Immigration Dilemma



*Proposition 187, with its emotional baggage,
has divided the state like few issues could.
Is it a matter of economics or racism?*

By Lisa M. Hansen
Daily Assistant Managing Editor

The most controversial issue on the November ballot is tugging at the heart strings — and purse strings — of Californians. The divisiveness of Proposition 187, an initiative that aims to deny basic social services to illegal immigrants, is perhaps one of the most hotly-debated topics ever placed before California's voters. Its mere mention fuels a feverish debate.

If voters pass the "Save Our State" initiative in the election that is exactly two weeks away, teachers, health care givers and other public officials will be required to report anyone suspected of being an illegal immigrant to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Opponents say this requirement — which they say is racially motivated, especially toward Latinos and Chicanos — would make informants out of such workers, create a police state mentality and violate the principles of the United States Constitution.

On the flip side, proponents argue that such action is necessary if California is to stop footing the bill for immigration costs and if the state's economy is to ever improve.

According to Sean Walsh, Governor Pete Wilson's press secretary, federally mandated support services for the 2.1 million illegal immigrants estimated to be living in California will cost California taxpayers \$3.2 billion dollars this year — nearly 10 percent of the state's General Fund. Without immigration reform, California will experience a growth of over 1.2 million new illegal immigrants in the next decade.

However, opponents say that with the crime bill now passed, federally funded border patrol agents will effectively control America's southern border. Gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Brown claims that the "S.O.S." initiative will instead cost California more if enacted.

"It's foolish," said Brown's regional campaign manager Marty Stone. "It is a health and crime hazard."

A Brown press release stated that Proposition 187 would cost California \$15 billion a year because it violates laws governing school and health care funding, specifically the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Annual costs would mount to \$2.3 billion at the elementary and secondary school levels and \$1.1 billion for colleges and universi-

ties, the press release said.

It also questions the validity and purpose of such an initiative, because the authors of the proposition allegedly have close ties to a white supremacy group, The Pioneer Fund.

Recent media polls show that many Californians feel increasingly hostile toward illegal immigration and that Proposition 187 stands a fair chance of passing. Republicans, including Wilson — who is using the proposition as a cornerstone of his reelection campaign — and Senate candidate Michael Huffington are endorsing the initiative. Both believe it is the only way to control California's illegal immigration problem.

Brown adamantly opposes Proposition 187, but Stone said she is dedicated to controlling illegal immigration through other means.

Senator Dianne Feinstein announced last Saturday that she is opposed to Proposition 187, and will defend her position even if it costs her the election, according to an Oct. 22 Associated Press report.

The statewide and national debate over Proposition 187 also hits home for many Cal Poly students.

Microbiology sophomore Jeff Donis argues that immi-

grants are lured to America by the promise of jobs, not medical and welfare benefits.

"It makes me so angry," Donis said, who moved to the United States six years ago from Guatemala. "It just doesn't make sense. I think it is a biased idea that everybody has (that many come to the United States specifically for those benefits). I've never heard of that. Many come here to work and feed their families. There is just no life there. At least you can get a job with the farmers."

Donis has a green card, which allows him to live, but not vote, in America.

However, Jennifer Cordua, an agricultural business senior, feels the position is necessary to protect the legal immigrants already in the United States.

"This would save California money, and we need to protect the immigrants that are here legally," she said. "Some illegal immigrants are double-dipping the system. They come here illegally, then buy another I.D. so they collect a welfare check and an employment check. It is frustrating when you operate a business and you find out your employees are illegal, because you've turned away people that really want to work and are legal." **SEE AGENDA / Page 3**

U.S. troops struggle to control rural areas in Haiti

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — U.S. Special Forces teams are tracking two small bands of anti-government gunmen through southwestern Haiti, but weeks of searching turned up only 64 weapons and one man.

The hunt by the Green Berets attests to continued instability in

the countryside more than a month after U.S. troops landed in Haiti to oversee a transition from military dictatorship to democratic rule under President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Aristide, who was returned to power Oct. 15, was expected to announce shortly his selection of businessman and longtime supporter Smarck Michel as prime

minister. The choice was a gesture to Haiti's business community, which remains nervous about the populist policies Aristide pursued in seven months as elected president before being overthrown by the military in 1991.

The manhunt in the Les Cayes area near the southwestern tip is probably just a

snapshot of troubles across much of rural Haiti.

Because of the limited size of the U.S. force, "there's Haitian-on-Haitian violence when we don't have people on the ground," acknowledged Brig. Gen. Dick Potter, commander of the Special Operations units based in 27 outlying locations.

Restoring stability will depend to a great extent on putting a new government in place as well as fielding new security forces loyal to the president.

International instructors began the first one-week training course Monday for more than 300 members of the old Haitian police force.

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Cordua believes that the United States was founded on immigrants who worked hard and sacrificed to become successful.

"That's the way it should be," she said. "It shouldn't be so easy to jump into a society and be handed all these free services. We need to change the system so it works better than it works right now. If they want to come, they can do it legally."

Albert Gonzalez, president of MEChA, a campus Chicano student organization that opposes the initiative, said it will not discriminate just against undocumented workers.

"To me, it's a racist proposition. It will give people more of a chance to discriminate against everyone. It will make educators, doctors and nurses the INS," he said, referring to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"It will make them decide who is suspicious — it is a judgment call. I don't see it helping anyone. It will be harassment."

Plant protection science junior Eddie Bolt said illegal immigration needs to be stopped.

"I work in ag, where labor laws are really strict," he said. "We just can't support everybody coming in. It's going to require some tough love, but we've got to think of ourselves first or else we're not going to be around to help anybody else. Our economy just can't handle the burden it is

creating. Too many of them are used to just sitting at home and collecting a welfare check, and that makes me mad."

Although Proposition 187 opponents say it is specifically aimed at curbing the amount of Latino and Chicano immigrants, some Asian-Americans have misgivings about the issue.

"I think it's outrageous," said electronic engineering sophomore Ron Ma, who is Chinese-Filipino. "I think it is racially motivated and I don't see any purpose to it. Authorities could ask me if I was legal — and I was born here. I think that would be a waste of time."

Ma's parents emigrated from the Philippines 20 years ago. He said most immigrants use the social services, which include public education and non-emergency health care, to help them start a new life.

"But their main motivation is not to take advantage of the services," he said.

If passed, Ma feels the proposition would spark hostility.

"I think it will increase the amount of racism," he said. "There's a lot of hatred going on right now."

According to an Oct. 9 article in *The Los Angeles Times*, a grass-roots response to the issue is drawing many Asian-Americans together. In 1992 the INS estimated that less than 10 percent of the more than 1.1 mil-

lion living in the state were Asian-Americans.

"Even though this is the most insidious, mean-spirited initiative, it really provides us with an organizing opportunity," said Miya Iwataki in the Oct. 9 *Times* article. Iwataki is the co-chairwoman of Californians United Against Proposition 187 Miya Iwataki.

"We're all going to be affected whether we're illegal immigrants or we've been born and raised here, as long as we're ethnically visible people of color," said Iwataki, a third-generation Japanese-American. "If we look Asian, if we speak with an accent, we're going to be asked to provide documentation."

One of the most debated requirements of Proposition 187 is for all immigrants to be forced to carry a tamper-proof identification card to prove legal status, and therefore make them eligible for employment.

Donis believes such action is reminiscent of the way Jews were treated during World War II.

"I think having to always have a card with you would make us feel like the Jewish did, wearing a band around their arm," he said. "I just don't think that it's right."

The *Times* article reported that, to date, there is only one organized Asian-American group pushing for Proposition 187, Asian Americans for Border Con-

trol, based in Sylmar, Calif.

Spokesman Gil Wong said in the article that illegal immigrants are unfairly taking advantage of American resources. His 10-member group is part of the bigger Orange-County based California Coalition for Immigration Reform.

Wong added Asian-American organizations and activists opposing the initiative are acting out of self-interest.

"Social workers, lawyers, health care providers and teachers have a financial stake in having illegal immigrants," he said. "They wouldn't have their jobs if there were no illegal immigrants. But the taxpayers are not in the business of giving them job security," he said.

Some examples of other ethnic groups voicing their opinions over the proposition include last week's massive march by the Latino community in downtown Los Angeles. Crowd estimates were placed at 70,000 participants, an Oct. 18 *Los Angeles Times* article stated.

Latinos comprise 25 percent of the state's population, but only one-tenth of the registered voters.

Students organizations are taking a stand against Proposition 187.

An Oct. 11 article in *The Fresno Bee* reported that a small group of students were planning to pitch a tent city on the California State University Fresno cam-

pus in opposition to Proposition 187.

Some of the students felt that illegal immigrants were being unfairly blamed for the state's economic problems.

"People are upset. They believe that this is the way to get rid of illegal immigration but it is not going to happen," said Jorge Castaneda, an international business sophomore at CSU-Fresno. "I think it will create even more problems."

Cal Poly's MEChA does not have any specific events planned in protest of the proposition, according to Rodriguez. But, he said, "I wouldn't be surprised if we did."

A class focusing on California's ethnic, race and gender politics is being offered this quarter through the political science department.

Professor Sonia Garcia said the purpose of the class — the first of its kind offered by the Political Science department — is to talk about immigration issues such as Proposition 187.

The class will also be offered during winter and spring quarters, she said.

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EDITORIAL

Finally, a chance to be heard

Whoa, déjà vu.

Can anyone presently attending a California public university remember a time when they weren't greeted with a "welcome back" fee hike in September?

Well, don't expect that trend to change in the near future. The California State University Board of Trustees approved its 1995-96 budget recommendation last week. Once again, their plans call for an approximate 10 percent increase in undergraduate fees.

To their credit, however, it must be noted that this year the trustees passed the buck to those who really are ultimately responsible for the increasing expense of a college education — the California Legislature.

Now it's time for irate students to do the same.

If you're fed up with the continual siphoning of state taxes from higher education into the ballooning California prison system, show your anger with your vote Nov. 8.

A number of candidates on the ballot this year — among them U.S. Senate candidate Michael Huffington, U.S. Representative candidate Andrea Seastrand, California Senate candidate Jack O'Connell and, of course, Governor Pete Wilson — have legislative records heavily in support of crime punishment rather than crime prevention. This translates into subordinating schools to prisons.

So do something positive next month — turn the tide back toward education, the best deterrent for crime there is.

Otherwise, the "get tough" stance on "skyrocketing" crime may become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

OPINION POLICIES

Editorials represent the majority opinion of the Mustang Daily Editorial Board. The board consists of the newspaper's seven editors — each represents one vote on the board.

Letters to the editor are the Daily's most common form of reader correspondence. Those printed are considered most relevant to the Cal Poly campus and the best constructed of those submitted. Letters which adhere to the Daily's letters policy and address timely issues typically receive priority.

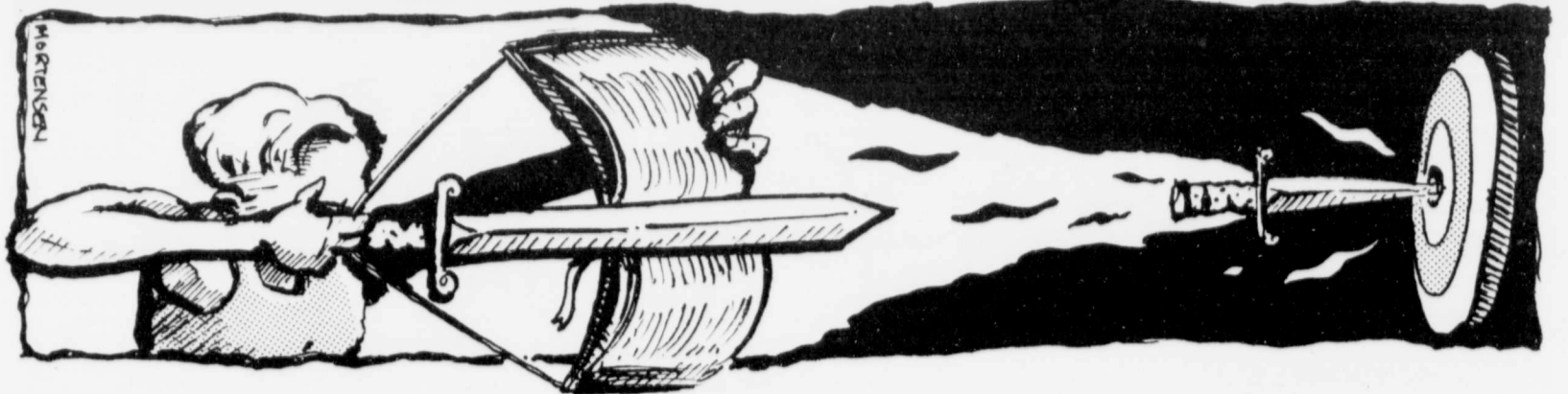
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Reporters notebooks are opinion commentaries written by members of the Daily's reporting staff.

URGENT

Due to circumstances beyond our control, it is impossible for Mustang Daily to contact opinion writers to confirm authenticity if they are not listed in either the ASI Directory or the "411" information system. It is quite likely your opinion will be set aside if we cannot reach you. Therefore, it is vital you include your name, major, year in school, a phone number where you can be reached and sign (in handwriting!!) your commentaries and letters.

COMMENTARY



Calling Len's bluff

By Walter Ortiz

The following is a rebuttal to "Calling God's bluff," the Oct. 19 commentary by Daily Opinion Editor Len Arends.

In Genesis, there are two parts to the same Creation sequence. The second of the "two Creation stories" you falsely preach happens to be a parenthesis within the whole Creation sequence. This parenthesis gives us a glimpse of God's infinite love, preparation, providence, and care for His people (Gen. 2:5-25). I wish you could understand this. It is also unwarranted for you to claim that "a couple million species of animals" had to fit and be fed inside Noah's Ark for one year.

"Ernst Mayr, probably the leading American systematic taxonomist, lists" a table "according to the best estimates of modern taxonomy" that shows that for all practical purposes "there was need for no more than 35,000 individual vertebrate animals on the Ark. The total number of so-called species of mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians listed by Mayr is 17,600, but undoubtedly the number of original 'kinds' was less than this." (Whitcomb & Morris, The Genesis Flood, pp. 68,69). "A couple of million species" is way off! Len, *reductio ad absurdum*! If you start with a false assumption, you end up with an absurd deduction. Noah's Ark was a barge with a volume of 1,396,000 cubic feet which is equal to the carrying capacity of "522 standard stock cars as used by modern railroads or eight freight trains with 65 such cars in each!" (W & M, op. cit., pp. 67,68.) Think about this the next time you are waiting to cross the train tracks on Foothill and California.

I believe Noah would have been smart enough to bring aboard young, small, healthy, genetic-defect free animals. Would not this be more "logical" than the scenario you preach? Len, study the effects of fear, dim lights, and closed quarters on eating habits and hibernation cycles in animals. Unlike yourself, I will not "grant the (allegory) excuse" and neither will modern taxonomy nor zoology.

Even a skeptic will have to admit that Evolutionism (Uniformitarianism) and Creationism (Catastrophism), in the span of all history, cannot be proven by the Scientific Method. Both sides simply look at the same evidence and apply the bias of their theory. Both require Faith! (Atheists do not like that one, but even Atheists believe God does not exist.) On page 167 of his "Origin of the Species," Darwin wrote, "To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting the different amounts of light, for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree." You should come and listen to Lambert Dolphin, consulting physicist and author on Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Building 02, room 213, on the topic of "Christianity and Science." There will be

a 30-minute presentation and a one-hour Q & A session.

Evolution is by nature **Racist!** Hitler used it to justify his actions against the Jews, the American frontiersman used it to justify his actions against the American Indian, and it was also used to justify the slavery of the Africans in the South. If "Survival of the Fittest" is king, which culture is behind, which culture should dominate, what should we do with the sick, why protect the Kangaroo Rat or the Owl??? I cannot buy into it! Read Genesis again, Len.

When studying any English translation of the Holy Bible, use the Literal, Historical, Cultural, and Grammatical approach or you may fail miserably in your understanding every time. The Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament mindframes are totally different from our western one. Please do not assume that our western mindframe can suffice. As a reporter of facts, a "sneaking suspicion" will never do. In 2nd Timothy 2:15, it is written, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth" (emphasis added).

God does not do something because "it" is just; "it" is just because God does it.

Regarding your concept of "free-will," everything is predetermined. Read Job 42:2, all of Isaiah, Rom. 8:28, 9:22,23. Len, you ask, "Why does your ancestor's crime fall on your head?" In Romans 5:12, it is written, "...through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned" (emphasis added). We receive our sin-nature (original sin) from Adam, but we are consigned to Hell because we all have sinned (Rom. 6:23). This is why we all need a Savior. God does not do something because "it" is just, "it" is just because God does it. God defines what Justice is, we do not. Len, a "truly fair God" would give us all exactly as we deserve, which is Hell. Since it was predetermined that Jesus would die for sinners, (Acts 2:23), God exercises His Sovereign Grace toward some, and His Sovereign Justice toward others (Is. 43:13). Since your finite "life experience so far has been limited to Protestant Christianity," be wise enough to not try to limit a Savior that is not finite like yourself.

My friend, so far you have not discredited one portion of the Holy Bible. It is the Holy Bible that has discredited you.

• Walter Ortiz is a city and regional planning senior, and a Sinner Saved By Grace.

LETTERS

Daily arts piece dipped into gutter

Re: "Phone sex," Oct. 20

Having left no stone unturned in its quest for a thorough coverage of campus news and issues, Mustang Daily has apparently decided to stoop into the S&M scene and assuage the thirst of its readers clamoring for such socially redeeming information.

Perish the thought that we would raise the specter of prior restraint, but one has to seriously question how can such an article masquerade as ARTS. Have your section editors taken all their GE&B classes pertaining to the arts? Are they still confused on what constitutes "arts?"

One shudders to think what would the Daily do if it had to compete for circulation.

Nishan Havandjian
 Journalism department head

CORRECTION

The Monday, Oct. 24 edition of Mustang Daily contained two errors.

A computer glitch (spelling checker error) led to City Arborist Todd Martin being incorrectly identified as the San Luis Obispo City arsonist. The Daily regrets the error.

Also, Casey Chatfield's major was misstated in a front-page caption. She is a soil science freshman.

A good guy speaks out

With the Racism Wars here in the Daily, there are no longer any good guys.

Ardarius McDonald calls the opposition "troglodytes," Kholood Hassan calls them "small-minded." And don't forget Lawson Bush's "Bitter Medicine" in last year's Mustang Daily. These are not isolated cases; the insults spew forth like bullets, year after year, and almost always from the anti-racist side of the trench.

So, who are the real good guys?

It is, of course, imperative to examine both sides of the issue. This, I've already done. One of my recent roommates, from a previous quarter, was racially biased. Against whom or to what degree I don't know.

But he's no troglodyte. He's a nice guy. His room is cleaner and more orderly than almost any other dorm room on campus. Judging from his grades, he's got a pretty good brain, too. And he never called me a brainless troglodyte just for disagreeing with him.

Insulting people will only turn them against you. If you want people to listen to what you're saying, then don't act like a brainless troglodyte.

Bruce Rose
 Computer science senior

POW escapes N. Korea after 43 years

By Thomas Wagner
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — A man the government says is the first POW to escape from North Korea since the end of the Korean War waved to his countrymen from his hospital bed Monday and hugged long-lost relatives.

The 64-year-old lieutenant told of back-breaking hardship in North Korean coal mines and gave a sketchy account of an escape made possible with the help of Chinese smugglers.

"It's like a dream," said 2nd Lt. Cho Chang-ho, 64, who said he worked in coal mines for most of his 43 years in captivity. "If you are in a desperate situation, you can do anything."

It was impossible to independently verify the story, endorsed by South Korea's main spy agency. North Korea and South Korea remain technically at war, and nearly 2 million troops guard their sealed border.

Television cameras carried the image of the weary, gray-haired Cho telling how he reached his homeland before dawn Sunday.

"God helped you," his 74-year-old sister, former college professor Cho Chang-suk, said at his bedside.

"I would like to visit my childhood church with my family," he replied, lying on his back in his pajamas.

As his other sister wept and his brother smiled, Cho told how he barely survived on meager corn rations while working up to 18 hours a day under the watchful eye of prison guards.

"I was so hungry that I often had to steal food," Cho said.

He escaped only after he caught pneumonia and was released from the coal mines to live unattended in a remote area, he said. It remains unclear when or how he fled.

Officials said he was being treated at Seoul's Joong-ang Hospital for pneumonia and coal dust in his lungs.

South Korea says the communist North never returned more than 40,000 South Korean prisoners from the 1950-53 Korean War, but the North says all POWs went home when the war ended. About 8,100 Americans are unaccounted for from the war, in which the United States sided with South Korea.

Cho said he was captured in 1951 by the North's Chinese allies. The Defense Ministry said he had been listed as killed in action.

Cho also talked about the political and economic situation in North Korea.

He said Kim Jong Il, son of the late President Kim Il Sung, appears to be in firm control, even though he hasn't formally succeeded his father.

It was unclear how he would have access to this information.

"After Kim Il Sung died, North Koreans swore allegiance to his son, Kim Jong Il ... and there are no signs of confusion," he said.

Since the elder Kim died July 8, his son has appeared in public only twice and hasn't made statements. That has led to speculation that Kim is ailing or facing political opposition in the secretive country.

Like many of the 45 North Korean defectors who escaped to South Korea this year, Cho described widespread economic hardships in North Korea.

Cho was rescued off South Korea's western coast early Sunday, the spy agency said.

CONGRESS: Republicans need seven Democratic seats in Senate and 40 in House to win majority

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least likely to turn out are pro-Clinton voters, Democrats and African Americans. When you factor in people who have a great deal of interest or quite a bit vs. those who have little or no interest, the margin for the Republicans grows by about 6 percent."

Polls suggest an extraordinary number of close races. Gary Jacobson of the University of California at San Diego, author of the standard college textbook on congressional elections, is reminded of 1980, when a careful redistribution of 50,000 votes out of 80 million cast would have given the Democrats the Senate.

Instead, it went Republican, 53-47.

To control the new Congress, Republicans would have to take over seven Democratic seats in the Senate and 40 in the House. Normally, the party of a first-

term president experiences a loss of 19 House seats and no Senate seats in midterm elections.

"The trend is away from the Democrats," said Charles Cook, publisher of a nonpartisan political newsletter.

Cook said he was "reasonably sure" the Senate will wind up in Republican hands.

Another newsletter publisher, Stuart Rothenberg, expects Republican gains of 30 to 35 in the House, five to seven in the Senate.

"If I had to put money on it, I'd say the Democrats will hold on, but in a way that will make governance very difficult, and it's already hard," added a fourth independent observer, Catherine Rudder, executive director of the American Political Science Association.

Jacobson is predicting a Republican pickup of four Senate seats, but says it could go as high

as 11. He sees Republican House gains "in the mid-20s" — lower than a number of other observers.

Much can happen in the next fortnight. Many Democratic candidates are well-financed and experienced enough to avoid the late missteps that can bedevil a campaign under high-noon pressure. Clinton's approval rating has turned up a notch and his Mideast trip this week could enhance it.

The Democrats are looking to old friends in black churches and union halls to "come home" — witness their joy at the endorsement of Democratic Sen. Charles Robb of Virginia by his old nemesis, Douglas Wilder, the first black governor ever elected in any state. Robb is in a close race against Republican Oliver North and an independent, ex-Republican Marshall Coleman.

"The economy is strong, the

president has been decisive and effective on the international stage and the Republicans have made some mistakes lately," said Ken Klein of the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee.

But most factors at play this year still work against the Democrats.

They have more incumbent seats to defend. Three-fifths of the 52 House seats opened by retirement or primary defeats belonged to Democrats, and many of those districts grew conservative over the years.

The anti-Washington, anti-government, anti-politician mood hurts Democrats most. Despite a zippy recovery, many voters feel economically vulnerable, pollsters say.

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'Dennis' to outlive Ketcham as cartoonist passes creative torch

By David Foster
Associated Press

Dennis the Menace, the towheaded tornado who has been amusing comic strip readers since 1951, will continue to torment cranky old Mr. Wilson next door, but Hank Ketcham will no longer be drawing the little guy.

The 74-year-old creator of "Dennis the Menace" is retiring.

Unlike cartoonists who have pulled the plug on their characters because of early retirement or extended vacations, however, Ketcham will keep the strip going, leaving the mischievous Dennis to a team of writers and artists.

"I defy readers to find much of a change," Ketcham said Monday from his studio in Monterey, Calif. "Keep giving me that 10 seconds a day, because Dennis is going to be around for a long time."

The daily cartoons and Sunday strips made their debut in March 1951 and now appear in more than 1,800 newspapers worldwide.

Ketcham got the idea for the comic from his own son Dennis, then a boisterous 4-year-old. The real Dennis didn't always appreciate the attention as a boy, and after Ketcham divorced, father and son drifted apart. They seldom speak these days.

But Ketcham never relied on his family for inspiration, anyway. Though he drew the strip, he hired comedy writers for ideas.

"Anyone in the humor business isn't thinking clearly if he doesn't surround himself with idea people," Ketcham said. "Otherwise, you settle for ...

mediocrity — or you burn yourself out."

For the past eight years, Sunday "Dennis the Menace" strips have been drawn by Ketcham's assistant, Ron Ferdinand. Ketcham will stop drawing the weekday strips at the end of the year, and assistant Marcus Hamilton will take over.

Ketcham said the team approach has let him escape the burnout that has prompted other big-name cartoonists to hang up their pens early.

Garry Trudeau, creator of "Doonesbury," took 21 months off starting in 1983. Berkeley Breathed ended "Bloom County" in 1989, scaling back to a Sunday comic, "Outland."

"Far Side" creator Gary Larson took a 15-month leave starting in 1988, then announced this month, at age 44, that he will retire in January. He was afraid his work would "ease into the Graveyard of Mediocre Cartoons."

Larson's approach is typical of a new generation of cartoonists, said Jay Kennedy, comics editor for North American Syndicate, which distributes "Dennis the Menace."

"The younger cartoonists like Gary Larson see themselves primarily as artists, while cartoonists of Hank Ketcham's era see themselves more as entertainers," Kennedy said. "The older cartoonists want to see their work continue. The younger artists, once they can't do it any more, want to see their work discontinued."

Ketcham said the cartoon he created may long outlive him.

PUBLICATIONS: Newspapers focus on culture

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is the editor of "Culture Lines." He said he has tried to put together a cultural diversity communications tool, and an academic journal for review of cultural diversity.

"Our focus is culture, the arts and traditions," Martinez-Inzunza said.

He added that the articles submitted for the first issue are mainly from Cal Poly faculty members. He said he hopes upcoming issues will contain more student writers. He also said if anyone has anything to submit, they can contact the Multicultural Center. The magazine is open to everyone, not just ethnic students.

"Culture Lines" will be available in most of the departments, residence halls and the University Union. Over 6,000 copies will be distributed.

The alternative newspaper "Spectrum" is published by the Multicultural Center, and has been on campus for the past four years. The publication focuses on issues relevant to ethnic students on campus, and also addresses the underrepresentation of women and disabled students.

Civil engineering senior Gilbert Hernandez is the editor of "Spectrum." He said he feels the ethnic population on campus does not receive the respect it deserves and always seems to be fighting for that respect. He said "Spectrum" gives minority students the opportunity to express their thoughts and share with the student body the struggles they have gone through.

"It is a voice of all underrepresented students," Hernandez said. "It is a gathering place

for all the issues these students face."

Hernandez said "Spectrum" has tried to make people see the art of minority students as a lifestyle. He said there is an art form of ethnic students that reality is not given recognition.

Students submit their own poetry, short stories and illustrations to the publication. In turn, the students have the opportunity to showcase their artistic talents.

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Gilbert Hernandez
Editor of "Spectrum"

Hernandez said the design and submission of stories are done completely by students. But he said he also tries to involve faculty members. Each issue has a column reserved for members of the faculty.

"It is great to see the other side of the teachers," Hernandez said. "Students enjoy learning about their instructors' views on certain issues."

The staff represents a collection of different ethnic backgrounds and majors, Hernandez said.

"Spectrum" is distributed throughout campus. Hernandez said the paper is also heavily distributed downtown, especially in all the coffee shops.

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Charged with murder, Chippendale's founder hangs self before sentencing

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The founder of the Chippendale's male strip tease revue hanged himself Monday at a federal penitentiary just hours before he was to be sentenced for the murder-for-hire of a business partner.

Somen "Steve" Banerjee, 48,

was found hanging by a torn bed-sheet in his cell at the Metropolitan Detention Center, said Renord L. McFadden, a spokesman for the prison.

A medical examiner placed the time of death at between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m., McFadden said.

McFadden said Banerjee had shown no signs of wanting to take his own life.

"He appeared to be fairly stable mentally," McFadden. "It's very unexpected and unfortunate."

Banerjee was to have been sentenced Monday afternoon for arranging the 1987 murder of business partner Nick DeNoia, an Emmy-winning producer and former husband of actress Jennifer O'Neill.

Police haggling over jurisdiction leave informant shivering, angry after sprinting to report dead body

Associated Press

BELL — Bill Barnes was just trying to do the right thing when he called authorities to report a bloody body he found while out for his nightly run.

Little did he expect he would be left out in the cold.

Barnes was running along the Los Angeles River bike path Saturday when he spotted a man with a bloodied head lying dead on the asphalt.

Not knowing if the killer was still in the area, he sprinted 2 1/2 miles to a liquor store pay phone and called 911 about 9:01 p.m.

A Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department operator told Barnes to wait at the phone for deputies. So he waited and he waited.

"I was shocked that they didn't show up, because when you see somebody dead, that's a biggie," Barnes said.

Confusion over the body's location led to a juggling act between local police agencies over who should follow up on the Barnes' call.

The Lynwood sheriff's station

passed it off to the East Los Angeles sheriff's station, which handed it to the Bell Police Department. But the tiny, 40-officer department hands all murder cases over to the sheriff's Homicide Bureau, so back it went.

"I was shocked that they didn't show up, because when you see somebody dead, that's a biggie."

Bill Barnes

Runner who discovered body

Deputies found the body within 20 minutes of Barnes' call, said Lt. Mike Woods of Lynwood's Century sheriff's station.

The body turned out to be Christopher Girtman, 18, of Cudahy who had been shot in the head, Deputy Britta Tubbs said Monday. Motive and suspects were unknown, she said.

Back at the liquor store pay phone, an exasperated Barnes

called authorities back a second time at 9:30 p.m., and a final time at 10:12 p.m. to say, "Hey, I'm freezing out here, and I'm going home."

The 36-year-old drummer ran back to his Lynwood home, wondering about the body and whether anybody cared.

"I was trying to do my part, and when they didn't show up, I felt let down," he said.

Deputies apologized. "It was one of those interjurisdictional things," said Woods. "He was an excellent informant, and we may have dropped the ball."

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HAILE: In-house search begins for interim dean

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elected by the Student Council and one dean selected by the president.

Koob said the college needs to be reorganized before conducting another nationwide search for a permanent dean.

"Since we know that that transition will be coming, presumably the college can resolve its internal structure," Koob said.

He said the term for the interim dean will end in June 1997, at which point a permanent dean would be appointed.

However, Koob said the search for a permanent dean will not begin until fall of 1996.

But the recruiting process can be both time-consuming and costly.

"Whenever you have a recruitment, it's actually a substantial cost," Suess said. "It's not unusual for it to be above \$10,000. If a search firm is used, it can even quadruple that amount."

Suess said the recruiting college — in this case, the College of Business — is responsible for providing money for the search. But Suess said money is sometimes subsidized from the president's discretionary fund.

"It is a costly process," Koob said. "That's why we try so hard not to have it happen that way."

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DEFICIT: Clinton administration projects further decline to \$167 billion

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That was down from a deficit of \$255 billion in 1993 and a record \$290.4 billion gap between tax revenues and spending in 1992. The administration is projecting that the deficit will decline further to \$167 billion in the current budget year, producing three straight deficit reductions for the first time since the Truman administration.

The trouble is that these gains are temporary with rising costs for health care and other government benefit programs expected to push the deficit sharply higher after 1995.

It was this situation that Rivlin sought to address in her memo, which laid out a variety of options for the administration to

consider as it prepares its 1996 budget, which goes to Congress next February.

The options ranged from holding the deficit steady at the 1995 level, at a cost of \$184 billion in new spending cuts or higher taxes, to eliminating the deficit altogether by the year 2000 with \$689 billion in new taxes and cuts in government programs.

Included in Rivlin's laundry list were such politically unpopular proposals as cutting Social Security and Medicare benefits, wiping out the deduction for state and local taxes on federal income taxes and limiting the deduction for mortgage payments.

The administration on Monday continued to characterize

Rivlin's memo as a catalog of deficit cutting proposals rather than a list of options that are actively being considered.

"This memo is just a memo," Rivlin said.

"This administration has given hypocrisy a new name. While they're out blasting Republicans with phony pre-election rhetoric, they're considering a big menu of tax increases," charged Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kansas.

The administration had been scoring points attacking the GOP "Contract With America" as \$1 trillion of empty promises because it proposed balancing the budget and cutting taxes without spelling out how.

Beer labeling issue comes before the Supreme Court

By Cassandra Burrell
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ever wonder what caliber the Silver Bullet really is? The Coors Brewing Co. would like to be able to tell consumers how much alcohol is in its products, but federal regulators claim this would lead to "strength wars."

This suds opera goes before the Supreme Court next month, with Coors asking for the right to print alcohol content on its beer labels.

But the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has asked the Supreme Court to uphold a law that bans beer makers from

putting that information on labels unless required by state law.

Congress passed the law in 1937 to put an end to strength wars that broke out among brewers after the repeal of Prohibition. Regulators wanted to discourage beer makers from trying to boost sales by claiming their products were stronger — or contained more alcohol — than their competitors' beers.

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