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Philosophy professor Larry Houlgate works on his campaign at the San Luis Obispo Democratic headquarters. Houlgate is running against incumbent Abel Maldonado, R-Santa Maria, for the 33rd District seat. Houlgate has taught at Cal Poly for 21 years.

Rush gets average numbers

By Jenifer Hansen

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Rush Week is over, and the numbers are in. Fraternities are seeing a lower pledge class than normal this fall, while the numbers of those pledging sororities have remained constant.

The new deferred rush policy doesn't allow freshmen to pledge for a fraternity or sorority until they have completed 12 units of higher education. The Greeks were worried that this rule might affect the number of those rushing and subsequently pledging.

"I'd say that attendance in general was higher," said Rajiv Dhamidharka, Interfraternity Council (IFC) president and Lambda Chi member. "People joining was probably going to be lower because the fact that freshmen can't join."

The number of those pledging for a fraternity this quarter has decreased, but it seems there are definitely more people expressing an interest in Greek life, said Andre Rollozazo, IFC secretary and Delta Chi member.

"The freshmen are still intrigued to come check out the fraternities," Rollozazo said. "Because they can't pledge yet, there is less pressure when going through rush."

Rollozazo thinks the deferred rush policy has been a good way to unite the Greek system. The fraternity houses worked together rather than separately during recruitment, resulting in a more relaxed environment.

Sororities, on the other hand, are experiencing the same number of women pledging. They also have a large number of freshmen still going through rush with the intent to pledge during winter quarter, said Alysén Mayes, Panhellenic Council president and recruitment counselor.

The main difference with this year's informal recruitment was the amount of sophomores going through rush.

"It seems that sophomores were not as intimidated to rush because of the smaller amount of freshmen," Mayes said.

She agreed that deferred rush is a good idea. It gives freshmen a whole quarter to get adjusted to college life, Mayes said.

The deferred rush policy was enacted this year with new students in mind. It was set up with the intention of not letting freshmen feel overwhelmed by new experiences during their first quarter.

"It's to allow them the opportunity to adapt to their new environment academically, socially, spiritually," said Bob Walters, coordinator of Greek Affairs.

Walters thinks the policy has given students a better chance to decide which fraternity or sorority to pledge.

"When they make a decision to join a fraternity or sorority, they know it's a lifelong decision," he said. "You're in for the long haul."

Professor runs for state assembly

By Cindy Carcamo

MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

Cal Poly philosophy professor Larry Houlgate is running on the democratic ticket for the state assembly, and he is quick to explain why.

"Two words: Abel Maldonado," said Houlgate, 62, who has taught at Cal Poly since 1979.

"His voting record is so awful in the assembly to working families, children and senior citizens ... I almost had no choice but to enter the

race."

Incumbent Maldonado, 31, is a Republican from Santa Maria who was voted into office in November 1998. He attended Cal Poly as an agriculture student.

On Nov. 7, voters will choose who will represent California's 33rd Assembly District, which is comprised of all of San Luis Obispo County and the northwestern portion of Santa Barbara

County, including Lompoc and Santa Maria. The district spans some 8,500 square miles and represents more than 360,000 residents in 24 communities.

Houlgate, who received his bachelor's degree at California State University, Los Angeles and masters and doctorate at University of California, Los Angeles, said his background as a philosophy professor at Cal Poly makes him an ideal candidate for the state assembly.

"Every choice a legislator makes is an ethical choice," said Houlgate, who specializes in ethics, medical ethics, political philosophy and the philosophy of law. "I have 36 years in training and teaching that stuff."

Houlgate started his campaign in a less traditional fashion — during a sabbatical in France.

"I received this long distance phone call at my cottage, where the phone never rang, and it was the chairperson of the Democratic committee," Houlgate said. "He said 'We need a candidate to run.'"

Before he left for France, Houlgate had insisted that there be "good" candidates to oppose Maldonado, but the four candidates under the Democratic party dropped out before the primaries.

The next day, Houlgate made a drive through a rainstorm for the

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Hagelin chooses to forget Buchanan

By Sonia Slutzki

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For most Americans, there are only two options for president. Yet, in the upcoming elections, there will be six names to choose from. One of them has remained in the shadows even after running for office in the 1992 and 1996 elections.

John Hagelin, 46, is a nuclear physicist turned politician running for the Natural Law Party. He believes in preventative medicine, renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and meditation stress-management techniques.

"Third parties don't win seats, but they're responsible for the vast majority of political innovations," Hagelin told the San Francisco Chronicle.

Only recently, his name captured the media's attention when he challenged Pat Buchanan for the Reform Party's nomination.

Buchanan kept the nomination, along with \$12.5 million of federal

funds provided for campaigning purposes, but Hagelin captured the support of Reform loyalists.

"I'm going to forget about Buchanan completely ... and move forward to conduct a very positive campaign with the dynamic support of at least half the Reform Party," he said in the article.

Some of Hagelin's mainstream ideas include campaign and health care reforms, educational head-start programs and school vouchers.

"In every major area, our government is failing," Hagelin said recently in an address to students at the American University in Washington, D.C. "After 300 years of Democratic and Republican rule, we have the most expensive health care system in the world and the poorest health; the highest crime and among the lowest educational outcome."

Cal Poly political science professor Phil Fetzer commented on Hagelin's party.

"The Natural Law party appears to have a mixture of mainstream politics and propositions based on dubious assumptions, such as the development of political programs based on the idea of stress as a solution to social problems," he said.

The party's main philosophy follows the teachings of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, founder of Transcendental Meditation, which emphasizes stress control as a way of helping solve social problems such as crime, preventable diseases, family conflicts and even war.

Hagelin's main campaign ticket is his initiative to propose a bill that would mandate the labeling and safety testing of genetically engineered foods.

"Radical new technologies should be tested before they are sold, particularly when they pertain to our foods. ... I'm not anti-science. As a nuclear physicist, I'm not afraid of technology. I am afraid of the hasty commercialization of technologies that are profit driven," Hagelin told the American University students.

According to the party's platform, health care reform would be based on the support of preventative medicine in order to promote healthy behavior among citizens.

"Prevention is illegal. Congress has banned prevention from all our government's health care system," Hagelin said. "We need preventative health care and alternative medical systems to promote the natural healing mechanisms."

Hagelin obtained a doctorate in quantum physics from Harvard and currently heads the physics department at the Maharishi University of Management (MUM) in Fairfield, Iowa, where the party's headquarters is based.



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Bush, Gore debate focuses on foreign policy

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Al Gore and George W. Bush both called on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to restrain the violence rocking Israel as they stepped gingerly Wednesday night around a volatile foreign policy issue in a nationally televised debate.

Gore also called on Syria to "release three Israeli soldiers that have been captured" by Hamas militia forces during more than 10 days of violence.

In the opening moments of their 90-minute debate, the two presidential hopefuls both pledged strong support for Israel, and sparred over the Clinton administration's handling of Iraqi Leader Saddam Hussein over the past eight years.

The rivals, locked in a tight, back-and-forth race for the White House, met on a stage at Wait Chapel on the campus of Wake Forest University, the second of three presidential debates over a two-week period. Their running mates, Republican Dick Cheney and Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman, met last week for their only debate of the campaign.

Asked by moderator Jim Lehrer of PBS about the Middle East, Gore said, "We need to insist that Arafat send out instructions to halt some of

the provocative acts of violence that have been going on."

Bush, given a chance to answer the same question, began by saying that in times of tension overseas, "We ought to be speaking with one voice."

I appreciate the way the administration has been working to calm the tensions."

He also said the United States ought to call on Arafat "to have his people pulled back."

Gore defended the administration's handling of Iraq's Saddam. Bush, whose father was president during the Persian Gulf War, declared that the "coalition against Saddam is unraveling ... sanctions are being violated." If Saddam is developing weapons of mass destruction, he said, "There are going to be consequences if I'm president."

The focus on foreign policy was a rarity for the campaign, in which the two candidates have clashed repeatedly over domestic issues such as tax cuts, health care, Medicare and Social Security. But with the peace process in jeopardy in the Mideast and a Yugoslavia fresh from a popular uprising, the debate became something of a foreign policy exam for two men vying to become commander-in-chief.

That tested Bush's knowledge of foreign affairs, said by Democrats to be a weakness.

When Lehrer rattled off a list of military commitments in recent years, Gore said he agreed with each of the decisions Clinton had made.

Bush dissented from the decision to send troops to Haiti, and said the mission in Somalia had gone wrong when it turned from peacekeeping to "nation building."

When it came to Rwanda, Bush said the Clinton administration "did the right thing" by not acting to stop ethnic violence there that eventually killed more than half a million people. However, President Clinton has said he regretted his lack of action, and Gore said "in retrospect we were too late."

While they differed on some points, the two presidential rivals took care to avoid snapping at one another — and Gore jettisoned the audible sighs that he used in their first debate to register disagreement with comments made by Bush. So tame were the proceedings, that at one point, Bush said, "it seems like we're having a big love fest."

When Bush, who has said the U.S. military is overextended, was asked where he would bring U.S. troops home, he mentioned the Balkans — although he said he wouldn't set a

timetable — and Haiti.

Actually, the Clinton administration acting under pressure from Congress brought nearly all U.S. troops home from Haiti earlier this year.

Gore picked up on this when his turn came, noting, there was "only a handful" of U.S. forces left in Haiti.

On another foreign policy issue, Bush said it was "important for this nation to develop an anti-ballistic missile system that we can share with our allies in the Middle East, if need be, to keep the peace."

He did not elaborate. But neither the administration nor GOP national missile defense advocates in Congress have specifically advocated sharing such a system with countries in the Middle East.

Clinton earlier this year caused a bit of a stir when he suggested that the technology be shared with European allies.

A blizzard of snap polls and focus groups were gauging the impact of the second campaign debate, but it probably will be days before the real impact becomes clear. In the first debate, instant polls showed Gore rated higher, but Bush has gained in surveys since then.

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American Consulate in Marseilles to get all the paperwork required for his candidacy under way.

"I was dripping wet and looked awful," Houlgate said.

He successfully declared his candidacy and started his campaign via e-mail from abroad.

Now that he is back in the United States, his campaign is in full swing, which leaves less time for teaching at Cal Poly. If he is voted into office, he plans to take a leave of absence.

Houlgate said his background as an educator has influenced his desire to focus on strengthening education, especially in certain areas such as northern Santa Barbara.

"They have a serious infrastructure problem," he said.

If voted into office, Houlgate said, there would be a greater possibility of receiving more education funding.

"Democrats are in a much better position to ask the state for money," he said. "There is a democratic majority in the legislature, the governor is democratic and State Senator Jack O'Connell is a Democrat."

Houlgate also said he promises to introduce legislation that would provide health care for children from families that can't afford insurance.

"Many families are caught in a bind where they make too much money to get medicine and make too little to buy their own private health insurance," he said. Houlgate blames Maldonado for not addressing these issues during his term.

"This race is the real classic republican against democrat contest," he said.

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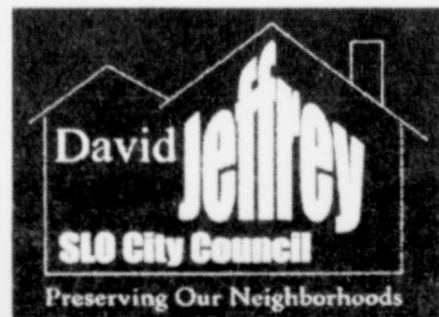
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Could money be better spent at Cal Poly?

I don't know how you feel about wasting money, but I've got a real issue with it. Perhaps I shouldn't call it a waste, but rather two ventures costing \$75,000 that I don't quite agree with.

So what am I getting at? Well, as most of you know, the University recently acquired several new logos. According to Mustang Daily, they paid \$40,000 for the "Angry Mustang" and his pissed off pals. I have to admit, they are not bad looking logos, but you know what looks better? The top three student submission logos we all saw in the newspaper last week! Isn't Cal Poly's motto "Learn by Doing"? Have we lost total sight of this? Several students

Eddie Drake worked all quarter to produce a logo for their school only to have it brushed aside by University "fatcats" who had the urge to spend some greenbacks.

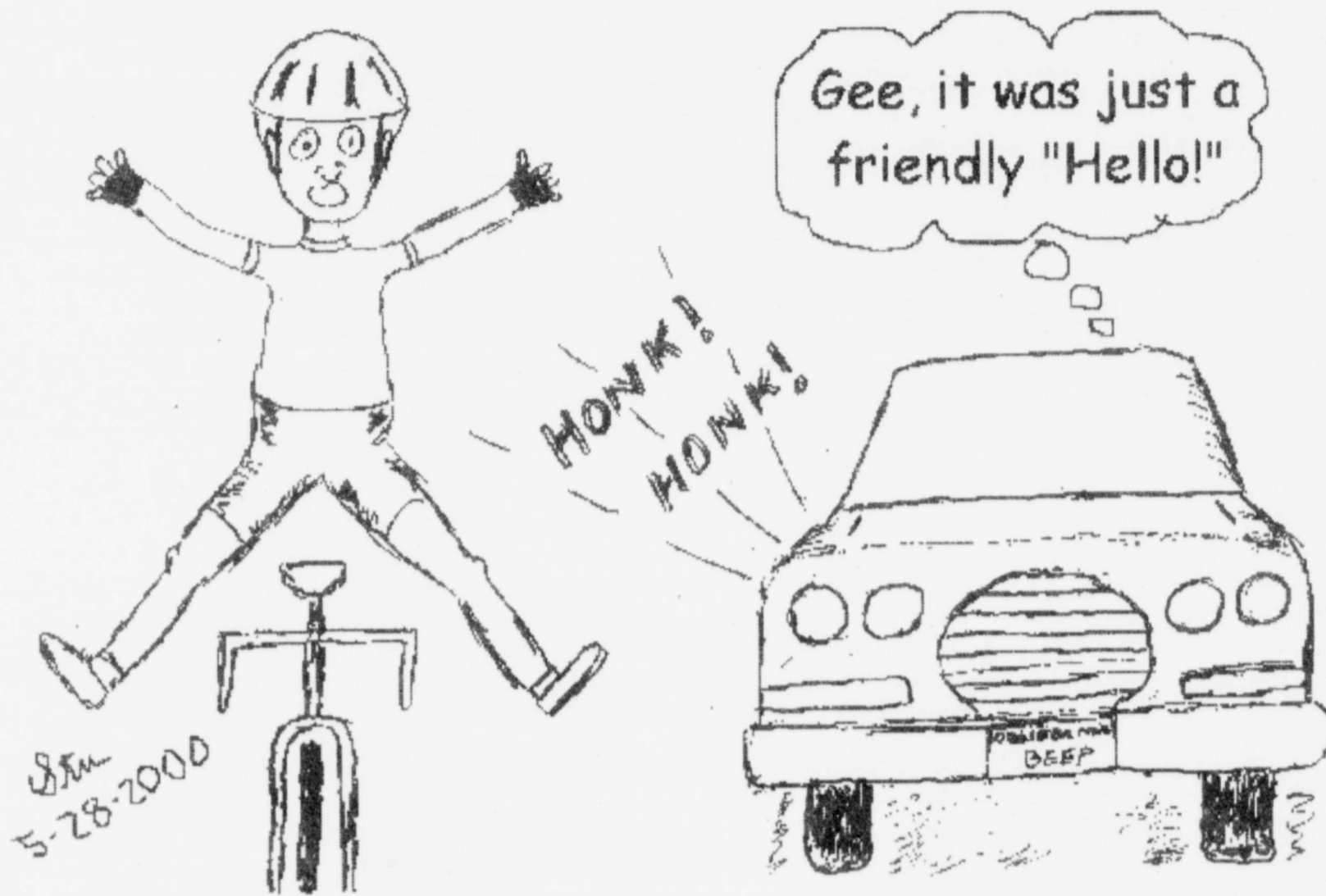
The new logos, which look surprisingly, or should I say not so surprisingly, like the student submissions, is courtesy of a firm 3,000 miles away in New York (SME Power Branding). Who am I to complain? I am sure they had a better feel for the University's desire in a logo, given their close proximity, than the students who spent 10 weeks designing possible alternatives. That's the first part of the \$75,000. Let's move on.

Over the summer (sounds familiar) Cal Poly and Foundation were in contact with America Online. No, don't worry, you won't be hearing "you've got mail" anytime soon on campus. What you will find is the key word "Cal Poly" on AOL's personal web kingdom. The cost? \$35,000. If you're enrolled in Cal Poly, and if you can add, then you know the grand total of these two ventures. Besides Cal Poly's keyword on AOL, we also get a mini-Web page on AOL's server and some links about the city. According to a source I interviewed for this column, the university feels this venture will be beneficial to Cal Poly in attracting prospective students who use AOL. I can understand that, but let me ask this to these prospective students: Ever heard of Yahoo? Lycos? Excite? Yahoo alone has nearly a dozen links to the University when you search for "Cal Poly." If these prospective students don't have the basic tech savvy to do a simple search for a college they are interested in, do we really even want the dimwits here?

So let's talk shop. Where did the cash come from to fund these initiatives? Well, I'll tell you - the \$160 million cash cow that lives, breathes and gets fatter by the day over on the other side of campus. Indeed, it was Foundation. Now, in fairness to Foundation, they committed the funds at the University's request, so don't be too hard on them. You should be, however, critical of the University in its choice of priorities. If we have \$75,000 to spend, why not use it to keep busing free after the end of fall quarter? (Oops, I wasn't supposed to tell about that.) How about a down payment on new dorms to prevent students from living in the laundry rooms of residence halls? Or how about more funding for the Health Center so that it is actually open in the evening? (Wait, I forgot, accidents only happen until 4:30 p.m.)

OK, you've heard my spin, now think for yourself. Will the recent expenditures help the University? Maybe, but I'll be damned if any of us can't think of at least five things on this campus that money would have been better spent on.

Eddie Drake is a political science senior.



Columbus doesn't deserve day

The mail person did not pick up the bills that I placed in my mailbox on Monday. It wasn't until Tuesday, in a conversation with my roommate, that I realized that the tardy mail service was due to the observation of Columbus Day.

In elementary school, I looked forward to a day off from school, but now I am glad that the mail is the only way that this holiday changes my everyday life.

The reason for discrediting the holiday stems from facts that I have learned about Christopher Columbus and his place in history.

I do not believe in observing a holiday in his honor, nor do I think that he is in any way venerable.

Columbus set sail from Spain, and he, like other informed people of his time, knew that the world was round and that he could sail toward the west in order to get to the Far East, where treasures flourished.

Before leaving on his journey, Columbus persuaded the king and queen of Spain to finance an expedition to far-away lands. Wealth was expected to be on the other side of the Atlantic, in the Indies and Asia, and Columbus was determined to bring back gold and spices, just as Marco Polo had done in centuries past.

In return, the king and queen promised Columbus governorship over

new-found lands, a percentage of the profits and the title: "Admiral of the Ocean Sea."

Columbus's calculations of Asia's location were far from accurate, and the supplies and food were not enough for a journey of that length.

Luckily, on his way, Columbus arrived to uncharted lands that lay between Asia and Europe - the Americas. The date was in early October of 1492.

Approaching land, Columbus was met by the natives, the Arawak Indians, who swam out to greet him.

The Arawaks, who lived in village communes, had developed an agriculture of yams, corn and cassava. They had no horses or work animals, but could spin and weave and wore tiny gold ornaments on their ears.

Columbus immediately took them aboard ship as prisoners, insisting that they guide him to the gold. Reporting back to the court in Madrid, Columbus exaggerated his findings and insisted he had reached Asia. (It was really Cuba.)

Because of the embellished report and promises, the king and queen decided to grant him 17 ships for his second expedition, along with 1,200 men. His aim for the trip was clear: slaves and gold.

The ships traveled from island to island on the Caribbean, taking Indians as captives and, when it was clear that there was no gold left, the Indians were taken as slave labor. They were worked at a ferocious pace and died by the thousands.

By the year 1515, there were about 50,000 Indians. By 1550, there were 500.

The Arawaks were souls untouched by civilization or organized religion, a generous people who knew nothing of the "enlightened" culture of Columbus and his men who brought swords, abuse and slavery to their existing world of natural instinct and generosity.

My reason for not honoring Columbus Day is clear. His novel and extraordinary actions, and his place in history should rightly be cast in a negative light for everyone to see what a disservice he has done for the Indians.

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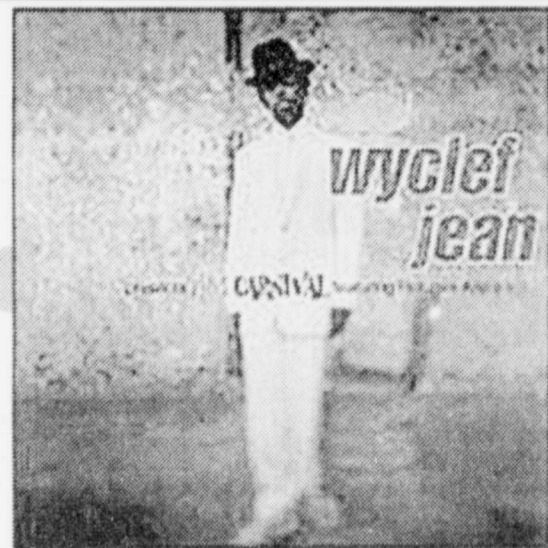
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WYCLEF JEAN

By Jordan Roberts
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MTV's Campus Invasion lands Nov. 6 at Cal Poly with Wyclef Jean headlining and De La Soul opening.

Diana Cozzi, the Associated Students Inc. events coordinator, said ticket sales are going fairly well, and there are plenty of tickets still available.

"I think Wyclef appeals to the college crowd, while the bands in the past Campus Invasion concerts, such as Third Eye Blind and Sugar Ray, appealed more to the high school kids," Cozzi said. "This year MTV realized that it needed acts that college kids wanted. I am really excited about Wyclef coming."

Cozzi said that this year's show should be exceptional. Wyclef was recently featured in Rolling Stone magazine, while De La Soul has been making a comeback.

"Ever since MTV has been doing Campus Invasion tours, we've been a part of them, which is more than any other campus," Cozzi said.

The MTV Village will be in the University Union all day on Nov. 6. There will be free prizes, music video samplers and other music activities. The daytime activities are free to students.

"This year, MTV is dedicating a booth in the Village to raise awareness about hate crimes and discrimination," Cozzi said. "I think it is good that they are including an educational component this time."

Some students feel less enthusiastic about the upcoming performance.

Ivan Ruiz, a business senior, isn't going to the concert because he

doesn't know who Wyclef is and mainly listens to country and Spanish music, he said.

"I would go if all of my roommates were going, but I'm not really into rap," Ruiz said.

Scott Garcia, a business senior, said that Wyclef is better than the bands MTV has brought in the past but he's still not going to the concert.

"I like Wyclef's music, but not really enough to go to the concert," Garcia said.

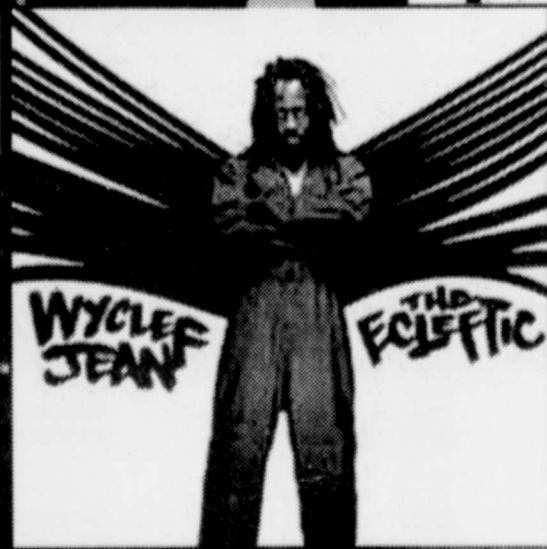
The annual Campus Invasion tour kicked off Oct. 3 in Rhode Island. After years of rock bands, this year's lineup is completely hip-hop.

This is Wyclef's first extensive U.S. tour behind his second solo album, *The Eclectic 2 Sides II A Book*. De La Soul will be playing songs off of its most recent album, *Art Official Intelligence: Mosaic Thump*, which was released in August.

Last month, Wyclef began a joint venture with Clive Davis' J Records that gives the rapper his own record label. After the Campus Invasion tour, he plans to host the 2000 MTV Europe Music Awards in Sweden.

According to the MTV Web site, Wyclef told MTV News' John Norris: "I'm the king of the colleges. There's not a college that I haven't invaded. MTV is going to get the most craziest footage. There ain't nothing like a bunch of college kids — they're stressed out, and they need a concert, so we're going to bring it to them."

Tickets are on sale at the Mustang Ticket Office, priced \$26 for Cal Poly students. If interested in working the concert, contact Shannon Maloney at 756-1112.



(CP)

No doubt that Cho is 'The One'

By Erin Steele
DAILY TEXAN

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — Margaret Cho is no stranger to the politics of entertainment. Already a fixture in the realm of the socially relevant thanks to her pro-feminist, gay-friendly persona, Cho became the poster child for the Asian-American cause in 1994 with her ABC sitcom *All-American Girl*. The first show to feature a predominately Asian-American cast, *Girl* lasted only one season, blasted with criticism for being "too ethnic" and "not ethnic enough."

Cho has commenced erecting her icon status with *I'm the One That I Want*, a stand-up routine in which the self-proclaimed "fag hag" chronicles not only her love for gay men, but also the drug and alcohol abuse, promiscuous sex and severe dieting that marred her life after the cancellation of *Girl*.

Fans have told Cho that the film has changed their lives, a response that the comedienne hoped for. Cho wants the film to help people realize their self-worth, to come away believing that they're the one that they want.

Phantastic Phish phills Shoreline

By Matt Smart
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

If you love to bounce around a room, then you would have loved this concert.

On Oct. 7, Phish ended its tour of the United States with a two-night stand at Mountain View's Shoreline Amphitheater. Saturday's concert was not only a conclusion to the tour but the final show of the year.

In Las Vegas, Phish had announced that the band would be taking a hiatus. According to a post found on www.phish.com, "Phish has completed their touring for this year. There will be no additional shows in November or December, or immediately thereafter. Additional information will be posted when the band refines their plans for the future."

Rumors circulated throughout the audience that the Saturday night show would be the last before a hiatus of an undetermined length.

The fear that this would be the last chance to see Phish live raised hopes that the concert would be of epic proportions.

Phish played many favorites. The first set list included, "Mike's Song," "I am Hydrogen," "Weekapaug Groove," "Fee," "Bathub Gin" and "My Soul."

After a lengthy break the second set was played virtually non-stop, beginning with "Twist." From there, Phish broke into "Also Sprach Zarathustra," "Tweezer" and "David Bowie."

The crowd grew anxious for a grand finale. As Phish retook the stage tension rose within the audience.

The band re-entered and broke into a 23 minute encore rendition of "You Enjoy Myself" complete with trampolines. As the song came to a close the crowd roared for more. But the house lights came on. Shoreline has a curfew.

As the Beatles "Let it Be," began to fill the amphitheater, the crew took the stage and the audience realized that there would be no goodbyes. With that, the crowd stood for an ovation to thank the band for the past 16 years of music.



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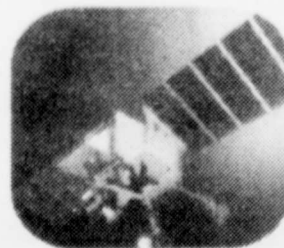
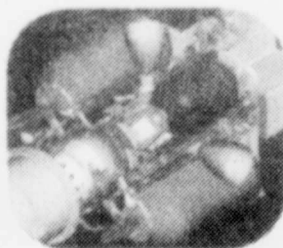
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Slice of life stories shown through minorities' eyes

By Victoria Walsh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Everyone has a story that impacts their life and changes the way they look at things.

The Multicultural Center (MCC) will bring four individuals to tell their own diverse stories about life experiences in a performance called "A Slice of Rice, Frijoles and Greens" on Monday, Oct. 16.

Xzandrea Fowler, student assistant at the MCC, said the group, Great Leap, has a unique way of looking at different cultures.

"(The performance) is really multicultural," Fowler said. "It hits all sorts of groups."

In the show, each performer represents a different aspect of society, said Shontae Praileau, coordinator of the MCC.

"Each performer acts out their experiences being Latino, Asian, African-American and raised in a deaf environment," Praileau said.

The MCC wanted to bring "A Slice of Rice, Frijoles and Greens" because of what its message is, Praileau said.

"We wanted to bring something that reflects society in general," she said. "In this performance, you see four different artists and what it's like for them to be an American."

Originally, the performance was called "A Slice of Rice" when it was created in the early 1990s. It was a

festival of Pan-Asian stories, a combination of Japanese, Korean, Chinese and Vietnamese cultures, said Jenni Kuida, managing director of producer Great Leap.

In 1997, the group changed their focus to be more multicultural, Kuida said.

"This show gives a voice to people who don't have a voice," Kuida said. "Everyone has a story to tell."

Fowler said the show brings the issue of diversity to the forefront.

"Diversity is an important thing we deal with daily," Fowler said. "People will feel comfortable with it because it's a comedy, but it's a comedy with a message."

Each skit is different and personal, Fowler said.

"One person uses music to express his message and one person begins his skit from birth," Fowler said. "Another person tells her story of being raised by deaf parents. Each person in the show has such an individual story to tell."

Kuida said Great Leap uses the performance to bring a message to people.

"We try to bring people together through the arts," Kuida said. "We want to promote tolerance and understanding."

The show will be held at the Cal Poly Theater and begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2 and are sold at the door. For more information call the Multicultural Center at 756-1405.

Band reminiscent of Spice Girl

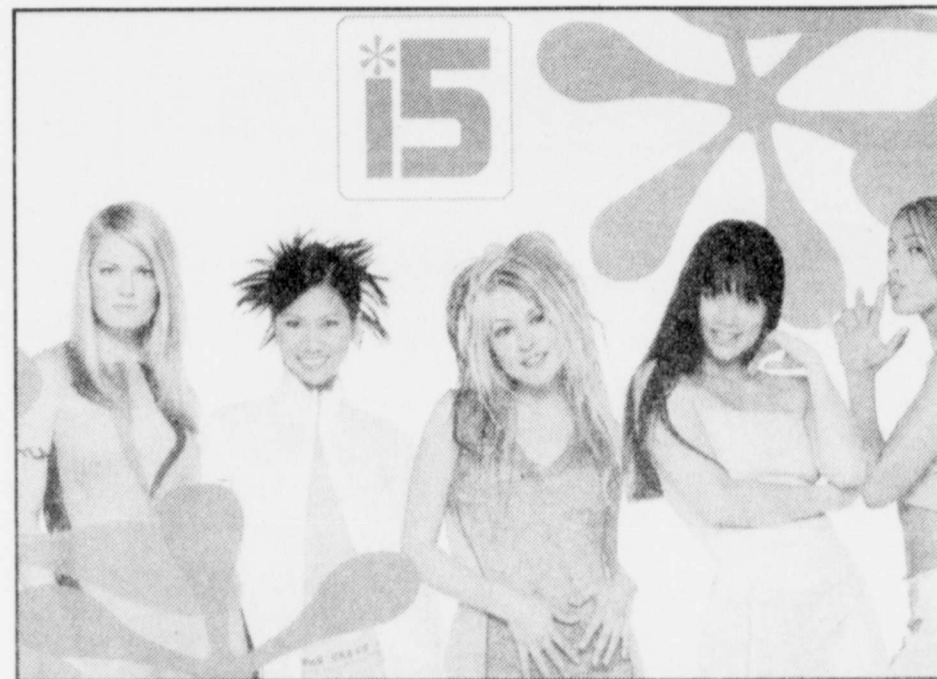
By Megan Shearn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Miss Scary Spice? Maybe Andi from i5 will fill the void in your life. If Andi can't do it, maybe the sultry Christine will replace her, or maybe the perky and trendy Kate will suffice. These and others are voices that contribute to the new girl pop group i5.

The group's self-titled first CD is a compilation of rip-offs from the Spice Girls, 98 degrees and Enrique Iglesias. The group represents America's melting pot. Andi is the English girl, Christina is the American blonde (who tries to be different with her fake African tribal tattoo), Tal is the African American with rhythm, Kate has spiky hair and likes to wear see-through shirts and Gaby is the bilingual Latina.

Originality must not have been a priority for i5. The first bars of "Scream Shout" echo Enrique Iglesias' "Be With You." Like many acts in the music industry, i5 is trying to cash in on the infatuation with Latin beats.

As the song goes on it sounds like "Spice up Your Life." But they'll never replace the Spice Girls with lyrics like "Don't bring your boyfriend unless he's fine. Dress him



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i5 is music's latest girl group, with five ethnically diverse members.

sexy and be on time." Spice Girls can beat that hands down with "If you wanna be my lover you gotta get with my friends. Make it last forever because

friendship never ends."

"Can I Get a Witness" is another song

on the poorly written CD, meant more for Destiny's Child or Toni Braxton. The group tones it down to a soft love song. The song should be beefed up

with stronger pop grooves.

Disco undertones are present in "Friend." The song has a good beat the listener can ignore the lyrics really want me, try so hard to get it's a good song to clean the apartment or get ready for a night out.

If the music gods are in place, i5 will be listened to by junior high students. After that is gone, the group release a second single. That will be much, and the group will break up to differences in the group's fashion

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Letters to the editor

Not much room in our imperfect world Editor,

The right to life and the right to a woman's own body share a very fine line. Many times out of the year, we read in Mustang Daily about the independence and rights of women versus humanity and whether we have the right to regulate it through abortion. Like Michael Deem says, abortion does in fact follow a seemingly endless trip through controversy ("Abortion is selfish act of 'convenience,'" Oct. 9), but I hardly agree that abortion is "a selfish act of 'convenience.'"

How can someone say that abortion is for convenience and apply that to the majority of the procedures? There are cases where people who are uneducated about the risks of sex or knowingly lose their sense of responsibility, and they look to abortion as the quick fix. Those cases are not a hundred percent of the reasons why some women choose to have abortions.

There are birth control failures and accidents. For some women, a baby at the most undesirable time in her life can mean the end of her chances for a career, a stable family and household or even continuing on with a normal life in the eyes of those around her.

We do not live in a perfect world. It is sad, but true. We do not live in a world where every mistake is amended for. Not every child born into this world receives the life that

the majority of students here at Cal Poly have received. And not every woman who has undergone an abortion to keep a child out of an unprepared life fully recovers from the emotional trauma that inevitably follows.

There is no sugar coating to the nasty pill, RU-486. There also is no sugar coating to a life of poverty and abandonment. A woman who decides to have an abortion puts forth a good deal of thought, pain and loss. Of course, this cannot speak for all women, but it also cannot make these grief-stricken women the minority. Many women do not "just move on with their lives" after having an abortion as Deem stated. These women are killing a part of themselves and deciding to do so only because they feel they are not ready to fully support a child and guarantee a fulfilling and successful life. What about foster homes and adoption? Nowadays, in this imperfect world, there is only so much room.

Amber Lake is a landscape architecture sophomore.

Freedom comes with responsibility Editor,

My whole life, I have been told of the importance of freedom. In fact, in America we have dedicated July fourth to its celebration and praise. With this freedom comes grave responsibility. This responsibility is

to accept the consequences of one's actions and also to protect others' freedom of safety, life, religion, etc. This ties into the issue of abortion, which over the past few decades seems to have split our nation in two.

If a man and woman decide to practice their freedom of sexuality, then they must accept the results of that expression. If it is right and just to say that they can be intimate with each other and abort the life that is created, then it should be just and right for a serial killer to be allowed to kill and get out of the punishment. Both involve a freedom and result, it is not right to say in one case you can forgo the result and in the other that it is mandatory to accept. As logical as it seems that one has to take responsibility for one's own actions (at least it did to me when my 4th grade teacher explained it), Americans continue to support abortion. We don't do this because it is right, but because we are self-interested and irresponsible. If this is the case we don't deserve freedom or any of the other privileges associated with it.

Patrick Meissner is a business junior.

Men deserve choice Editor,

This letter is in response to "Every woman should have choice," (Oct. 10). It occurs to me that when discussing a woman's right to choose, every pregnant woman made a choice as to whether or not to have sex (except in the case of rape). This is also the same choice that every man had that caused a pregnancy.

Now, in the case of the woman,

there is this belief that they should have the right to negate their previous choice by choosing to abort the pregnancy. The father, on the other hand, has no such right. If the woman chooses to have a child that the father doesn't want, he is responsible for support of that child. The woman can also choose to abort a baby that the father wants without his say. It seems to me that this is all rather one-sided.

The father is being held responsible for his choice while the woman is not. This gives the appearance that a male is considered to be more responsible than the female since she needs to have a method to make up for a bad decision while there is no such method for him. If women believe that they have the right to choose to abort their pregnancy (and thereby avoid the responsibility of the consequences of their actions), then men should be able to declare their right to abort their financial responsibility – unless, of course, males actually are the more responsible gender.

Kevin Cumblidge is a physics senior.

Mafia game down-plays serious issue Editor,

There's nothing in the world that shows the blatant insensitivity of some students more than a "game" in which students glamorize organized crime.

The "Mafia Game" here at Cal Poly is extremely disturbing. Sure, it's easy to write off this activity as playing a 21st century "Cops and Robbers." But, what does it say about

our campus when we can make light of murder?

Some may say that it's all fun and games and that I shouldn't be a party pooper.

It's cute. It's funny. Ha, ha.

Obviously, none of these people have known anyone killed by a real "mafia," like the Cryps, Bloods, the Northside Crew of Denver, Colo., or the Church Hill Gang of Richmond, Va.

I have known people who have been shot and, from what I've been told, real bullets don't feel like some nerf balls.

And I know the gut-wrenching, bowel-loosening pang of having the barrel of a 9 mm pistol so close to your face you can smell the gun oil.

It's far from fun and games. I was lucky that the thug life so often glamorized by our society didn't kill me. I learned through friends – friends who now are either in prison, dead or smart enough to actually get out of their situation before it was too late.

After all, the thug life is a short life.

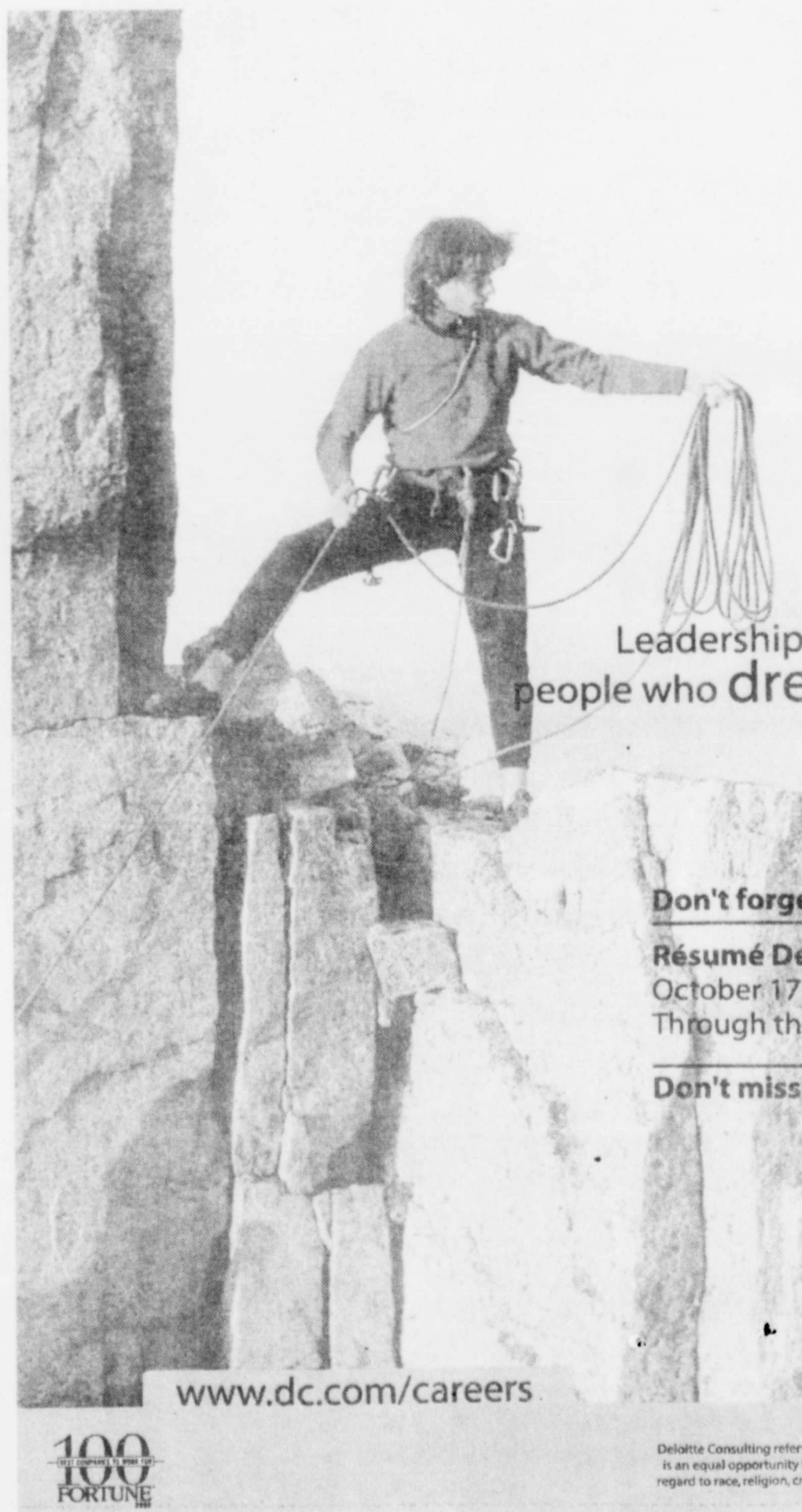
The smiling faces on the front page of the Daily obviously don't know people have really been murdered by "shooters," "Dons," and other butchers of men.

Murder is not a game. It's not a joke.

The 70 students playing this game need to quit watching "The Sopranos" and realize that real victims don't get up when the director yells cut or the game ends.

Real victims get dressed by a mortician and planted like trees.

Jason Jackson is a journalism senior.



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Laugh and cry with Smile and Nod comedy group

By Kara Knutson

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With physical, witty and sometimes risqué humor, Smile and Nod is Cal Poly's high energy, interactive, improvisational comedy show.

Two teams of four people compete against each other in a series of 10 games. Prior to each game, a referee asks the audience to determine the locations, characterizations or objects the teams will use in their games. After each game, the audience awards points, and at the end of the show, the team with the most points wins.

Ricki Kalil, business senior and Smile and Nod member, said the show is sort of like "Whose Line is it Anyway."

"It's best if seen in person," Kalil said.

Cal Poly students Mark Sitko and Cicely Poettgen initially put together Smile and Nod three years ago as a one-time way to raise money for the drama club. The show was a hit. Since then, Smile and Nod has put on several shows each quarter.

This quarter is no different. There will be four Smile and Nod performances starting on Oct. 4 at 8 p.m. in building 45, room 212. The next three performances will be on Oct. 21, 28 and Nov. 4. Each night will have its own theme including the Olympics, "Survivor" and Halloween.

Sitko, a theater arts senior, said that if people come to see the show, they will come again.

"The best thing about it is its interactive nature," he said. "The audience will see their suggestions come to life on the stage."

Josh Burnell, computer science senior and Smile and Nod member, said that people will never hear the same joke twice.

"We feed off the audience's suggestions," he said. "Over the course of the show, the suggestions get more complex. It's a two-way handshake between the audience and the performers."

Kalil said Smile and Nod members have an arsenal of 20 to 25 games to choose from for each performance, although only 10 are used per show.

Some of the games include "Five Things" and "VCR." In "Five Things," one teammate is sent outside. The remaining team members are given five activities that they need to convey to the missing teammate without using English. Then using audience suggestions, two objects in each of those activities are replaced with random objects that the team members also need to convey to the missing teammate. There is no script for any of the games. Everything is improvised.

James Beveridge, math junior and Smile and Nod member, said there have been only a few theater or improvisational events in San Luis Obispo until recently. Beveridge thinks Smile and Nod has been a groundbreaker with that.

"Every show pretty much sells out," he said. "Everybody loves it."



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Smile and Nod members, from left, are Matt Furby, Scott Neiman, Josh Burnell and James Beveridge. The comedy improvisation group is interactive and there are few of its kind in local venues.

Tickets cost \$5 and each show runs approximately two hours.

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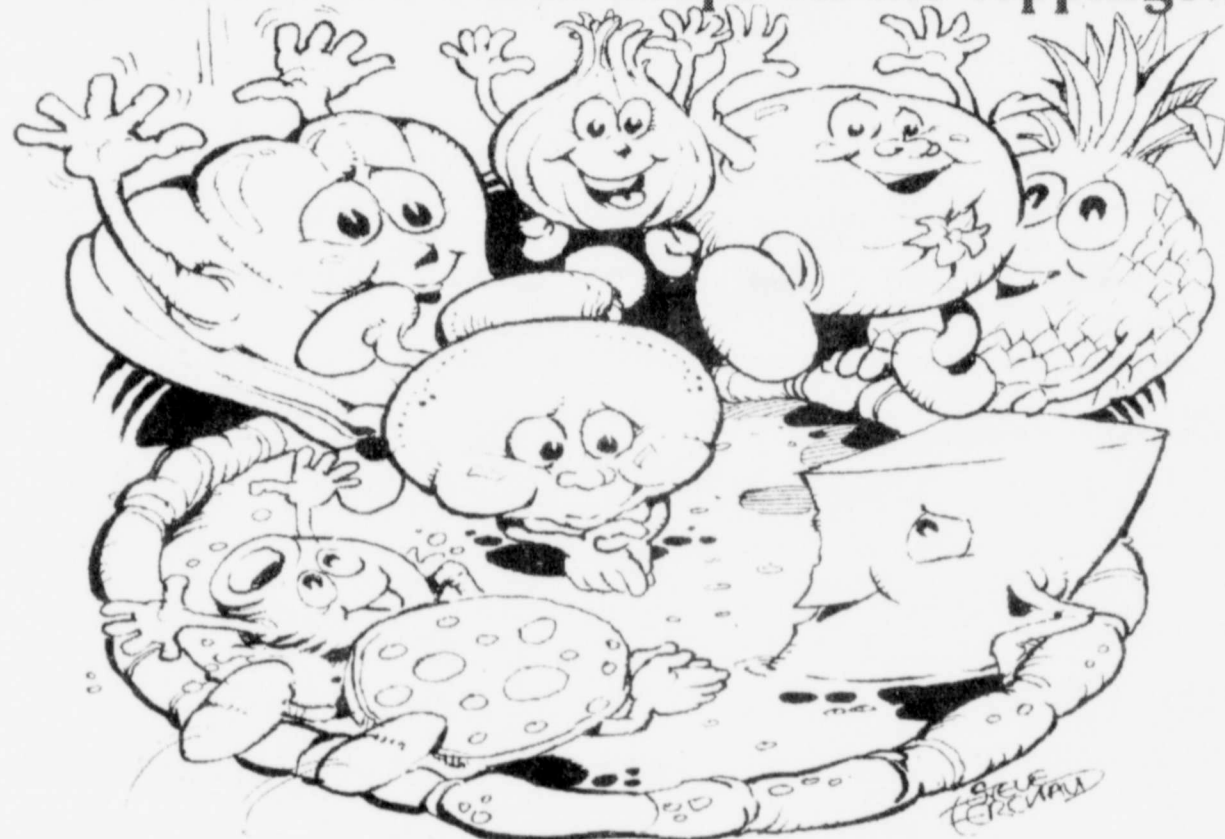
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with the ball and not turn it over." Cummins credits the entire team to his success.

"Some of my favorite memories of our games are the ones where we weren't supposed to win," he said. "We proved to ourselves we could do it."

He will take his memories with him when he leaves school in December to seek a professional career in soccer.

"I will finish college, but right now this is what I want to do," he said.

Already the team has a large hurdle to overcome without its starting goalkeeper, Brenton Junge. After missing last season because of a broken leg, Junge broke the same leg two weeks ago during a recent home match against New Mexico.

Cummins and McGarva both agreed that the replacement goalies are doing a good job in practice.

McGarva said the new replacements look promising.

"All the freshmen goalkeepers

"Some of my favorite memories of our games are the ones we weren't supposed to win. We proved to ourselves we could do it."

Johnny Cummins
Mustang forward

are doing really well in practice," McGarva said. "We all think they can do well this season."

Additionally, Cummins said the rest of the team will step up to fill in the blanks.

"The veteran players are taking more responsibilities during the games," he said. "They want to take some of the load off of the goalkeeper."

Cummins said one of team's goals is to make playoffs this season, but he isn't looking that far into the future. He looks at each game individually and takes one shot at a time.

"I look at it as the one that comes my way, I want to put it away," he said. "Hopefully, I'll get one right."

Yankees beat Mariners, tie series

NEW YORK (AP) — Just when it seemed the Yankees' latest dynasty was crumbling, New York's dormant offense awoke in time to tie the AL championship series at a game apiece.

Bernie Williams ended a record-tying, 21-inning scoreless streak with an RBI single that sparked a seven-run eighth inning, and New York rallied past the Seattle Mariners 7-1 Wednesday.

"Down 2-0 going into Seattle would've been devastating," Chuck

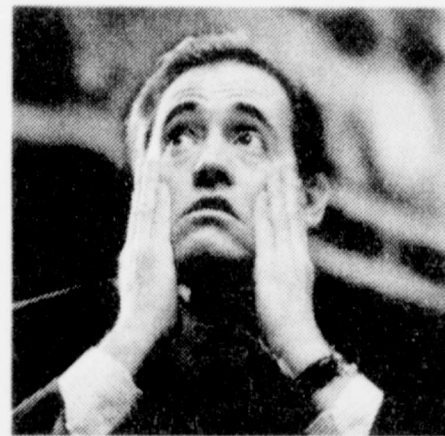
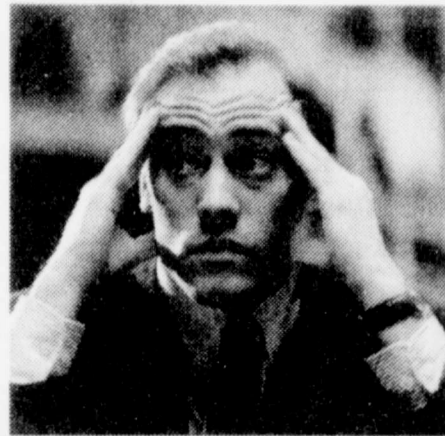
Knoblauch said. "And right now, we're riding a high with the eighth inning."

Orlando Hernandez, pitching on his birthday, improved to 7-0 with a 1.22 ERA in postseason play, allowing six hits and striking out seven in eight innings on an afternoon of brilliant sunshine.

But as twilight turned to dusk, it seemed like the Yankees' hopes for a third straight World Series title were fading away.

New York was 12-for-58 (.207) against the Mariners in the first 19 innings of the series.

Then suddenly, New York stirred Yankee Stadium by going 8-for-8 to start the eighth inning, the crowd of 55,317 rocking the old ballpark with every hit. The eight hits were an ALCS record and the most in an inning for the Yankees since June 29 at Detroit.



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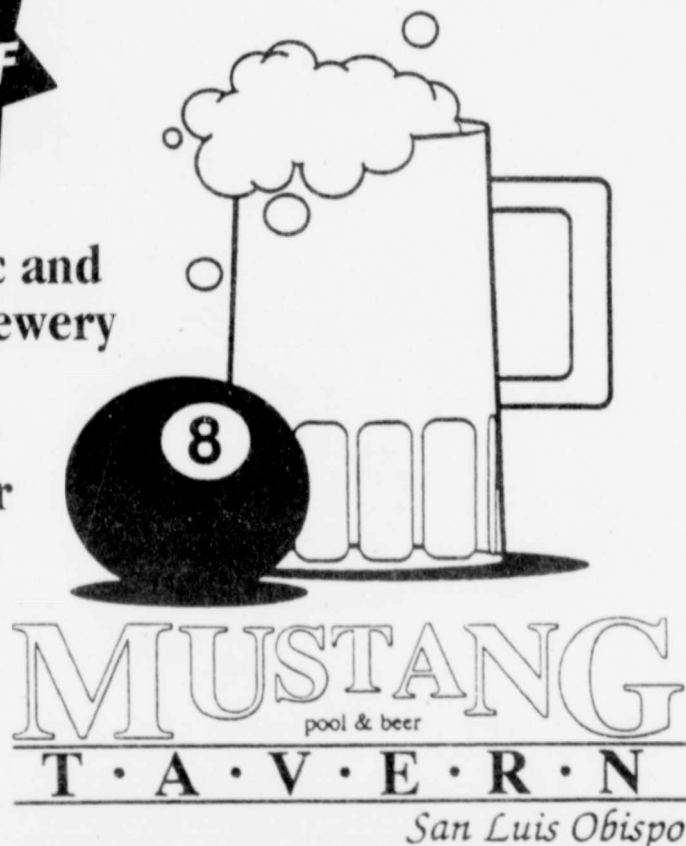
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Cummins has scored six goals, served up two assists and scored two game-winning goals this season.



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Forward Johnny Cummins is excelling in his last season before heading to Europe

By Victoria Walsh

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Johnny Cummins knew since he was 10 that he wanted to play soccer for the rest of his life.

He is now well on his way to fulfilling that goal. After this season, Cummins, a biological sciences junior, will leave Cal Poly to play soccer professionally in Europe.

"After fall, I want to turn professional and play for a team in Europe," he said. "To play in the World Cup is my ultimate goal."

Cummins has been playing soccer since his mom signed him up when he was five.

"She just thought it would be something fun for me to do," he said.

Fifteen years later, he's one of the leading scorers and one of the most dependable players on the Cal Poly team.

Over the last two years, Cummins has a total of nine goals and eight assists and leads the team with 34 shot attempts.

Head coach Wolfgang Gartner said he first saw Cummins at a tournament at Cuesta College.

"I thought he had an outstanding talent for the sport," Gartner said. "I knew I wanted him on the team."

Cummins said his first year on the team was a memorable one.

"I started in the first game (of the season) and even got an assist," he said. "That was important to me because when I arrived at Cal Poly, I thought I was on the team, but (Gartner) still made me try out."

Now in his third year playing, he's one of the team captains and at 6 feet 3 inches, a large presence on the field.

Gartner described Cummins as a quiet leader, having a combination of strength and intelligence.

"He's quiet, smart and unselfish," Gartner said. "He goes all out in the game. When he comes off the field, you know he's exhausted. He has good field vision. The way he approaches the game and the way he plays the field, he's a constant factor for the team."

Teammate Eli McGarva, a computer engineering junior, said Cummins is a powerful player.

"He's captain for a reason," McGarva said. "He shows by example and the other players see that. You know when (Cummins) has the ball, he's going to do something productive with it."

As one of the leading scorers on the team, Cummins puts a certain amount of pressure on himself to play well.

"With each game, I hope to score," he said. "But when I think too much about it, I don't do well. Some of the best goals I've had are when I'm not thinking about what's going on."

Gartner said he, as well as the team, expects a lot out of the team captain.

"The team expects him to score and I expect him to give his all," Gartner said. "I hope he stays healthy and plays the way he has been."

McGarva said Cummins has a love for the game.

"He works his butt off in both practice and games," McGarva said. "You can play Johnny to the feet, in the air and he will do something

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In his three-year career, Cummins has amassed 14 goals and 10 assists for a total of 38 points.



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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

Doug Flute won the Heisman Trophy with Boston College.

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Today's Question:

Who is the major league leader in home runs as a leadoff batter?

Please submit sports trivia answer to: sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu
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FOOTBALL

St. Mary's 20
Cal Poly 41

VOLLEYBALL

Idaho 0
Cal Poly 3

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Pacific 1
Cal Poly 2

Long Beach State 1
Cal Poly 0

Briefs

Fetters signs new contract with Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Reliever Mike Fetters has agreed to a two-year contract worth \$4.25 million with the Los Angeles Dodgers that includes a club option for the 2003 season.

Fetters, a 35-year-old right-hander, had a 6-2 record with five saves and a 3.24 ERA in 51 relief appearances this past season — his first with the Dodgers.

He receives a \$250,000 signing bonus and will earn \$1.6 million next season and \$2.15 million in 2002.

Schedule

FRIDAY

- Men's soccer vs. San Diego State
 - at Mustang Stadium
 - at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Football vs. Western New Mexico
 - at Mustang Stadium
 - at 6 p.m.
- Cross Country at Cal Poly Invitational
 - at Fairbanks Memorial Course
 - at 9 a.m.

SUNDAY

- Men's soccer vs. UC Irvine
 - at Mustang Stadium
 - at 4 p.m.