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A wheel win



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Anna Lang, an architectural engineering senior, rides through Mission Plaza during the Jamba Juice Downtown Critérium, put on by the Cal Poly Wheelmen, on Sunday afternoon. Lang placed first in the women's A class race just ahead of second place winner Janna Jamison. San Diego State won the men's A class race after a final lap crash eliminated many riders, including some from Cal Poly.

Program to help evaluation

Software expected to cut down students' waiting time for progress reports

By Katriona Corey

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly is implementing a program that ensures students won't have to wait several weeks for their progress evaluations to be processed. Once the program is running, they will have them instantaneously.

Students who put in a request for an evaluation – a list of classes they have taken and still need to take to graduate – experience a significant delay because they are currently being done by hand. This delay will eventually be eliminated with the Degree Works program, an electronic degree tracking system, said Kimi Ikeda, academic resource planning officer.

This \$140,000 software, purchased last year, will replace the slow, manual process used today, Ikeda said. It will allow students to sit down with their advisers and immediately access, from the Web, a current record of progress to their degree.

"The Degree Works program will give students a clearer, more accurate idea of what they still need to complete," she said.

By June 2002, Phase I of the program will be implemented, and by this time students can expect to go to their advisers and find out immedi-

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Kimi Ikeda

academic resource planning officer

ately what classes they have taken and what is left to take, Ikeda said. She said this phase is designed for undergraduates who are on catalogs 1989 to the present, about 85 to 90 percent of the student body.

Ikeda said after Phase I is implemented, the planning committee will assess what it will take for students to be able to access this information any time from their own computers.

Ikeda said between now and June 2002 the planning committee will work with advisers and faculty to receive feedback.

"The programming is very complicated and we need to make sure everything is accurate," Ikeda said.

The recommendation to purchase and implement an automated degree audit system was based on feedback from various campus committees, task forces and administrative offices, Ikeda said. Discussion to further explore this program began spring 2000.

Joseph Grimes, professor of com-

puter science and special assistant to the provost for faculty/staff development and relations with industry, said the implementation of this program is critical.

"It will be excellent to have this type of support," he said. "It is well worth the expenditure."

Grimes, also a member of the planning committee for the program, said students were consulted and showed similar enthusiasm for this program.

Alisa Eich, an English junior, said this is just what Cal Poly needs.

"I think it's a great idea because people can graduate on time," Eich said. "Some people make mistakes and this will be more accurate."

According to Grimes, future phases are still under discussion but some possibilities include support for planning course offerings so that departments can determine how many students will be able to take a certain course.

New counselor helps drug, alcohol abusers

By Whitney Kellogg

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's new drug and alcohol specialist is making help closer to home – or at least closer to classes – for students struggling with substance abuse problems.

Mary Peracca holds an unprecedented position as the on-campus expert in chemical abuse and dependency. She works daily in the Health Center.

"I'm the one that can work with them on modifying their behavior," Peracca said. "I can help them on a personal basis."

The university created Peracca's position in response to a 1999 Core Survey at Cal Poly, said Martin Bragg, director of Health and Counseling Services.

"I saw a need for someone to work with the students," Peracca said. "(The position) was well suited to me and me to it."

Cal Poly's binge drinking rates were rising, according to the survey, and heavy drinking pointed to elevated risks of academic, community and health problems.

"According to the survey, there are about 800 to 1,000 students here who drink heavily almost every single day," Bragg said. "They are at risk of limiting their personal achievement at Poly, and have a much higher risk of much greater alcohol problems that will affect their lives and families."

Peracca is a Cal Poly graduate and has a master's in clinical psychology from Antioch University in Santa Barbara. She is also a marriage and family therapist. For 10 years she worked in D.U.I.

Prevention at San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol Services. While holding that position, Cal Poly contracted her to show resident hall staff and peer health educators how to recognize high-risk behavior and help students. Last year, Peracca worked in private practice, where she counseled community members

and students referred by Judicial Affairs. Peracca provides treatment in one-on-one therapy for students who see her voluntarily

and for those referred by Judicial Affairs. Referred students see Peracca for a minimum of three sessions, but those who see her voluntarily can decide how much time they want to spend with her.

"I'm here for any students who want to take a look at their alcohol and drug use and make some changes," Peracca said.

Last year, at least one-third of the cases in Judicial Affairs were directly related to drugs and alcohol, said Ardith Tregenza, director of Judicial Affairs.

"She is another level of support and referral for students," Tregenza said. "They used to have to go off campus and maybe to a place where they weren't comfortable."

Peracca is also a community liaison and a link to outside resources. In addition, she trains faculty and staff to identify and intervene if students have dependency or abuse issues. Peracca hopes to eventually

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SLO growth



AMY LOBSINGER/MUSTANG DAILY

From left to right, Alex Knigge, lone High School freshman, Matt Reed, a McKinleyville High School junior, and David Alves, also a McKinleyville junior, help plant 50 oak tree seedlings near Cal Poly's ARDFA building (the aero hangar) Sunday as part of the State Grange Easter Youth Conference.

daily dose

TODAY'S SUN

Rise: 6:38 a.m. / Set: 7:31 p.m.

TODAY'S MOON

Rise: 9:30 p.m. / Set: 7:54 a.m.

TODAY'S TIDE

AT PORT SAN LUIS

Low: 5:47 a.m. / -0.41 feet

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High: 11:46 p.m. / 5.54 feet

5-DAY FORECAST



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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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THURSDAY

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FRIDAY

High: 63° / Low: 43°

PERACCA

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create a support group for students who choose to curb their substance use.

"Alcohol abuse causes students problems with relationships, jobs, athletics and academics," Bragg said. "I expect a lot of them will want an early start on getting this under control. The earlier the help is in the cycle, the best chance for treatment and the less damaging to their lives."

Peracca's office is located in Counseling Services in the Health Center. She is available by appointment Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 756-2511 for more information.

Plane crew remains in captivity

BEIJING (AP) — A crippled American spy plane that landed at one of their airfields was a gift from the sky for China's generals.

It isn't clear how much information they've extracted from the U.S. Navy EP-3E. But the crisis over its in-flight collision with a Chinese fighter has given them a new way to press Washington for an end to spy flights and to pry more money out of their own civilian leaders.

"This is a God-given chance for the Chinese military to claim greater relevance in Chinese politics," said Yu Maochun, a China expert at the U.S. Naval Academy. "It's like a crouching tiger."

The intense secrecy shrouding Chinese politics has made it hard to know precisely what's going on during the crisis. But analysts suggest that the already influential People's Liberation Army, PLA, may be partly responsible for the confinement of the U.S. crew.

The 21 men and three women began their second week in captivity Sunday, with no indication when they might be released.

The crew is being held on Hainan island in the South China Sea, where they made an emergency landing after the collision April 1. U.S. officials say the crew managed to destroy at least some of the plane's supersensitive equipment, although it isn't clear how much.

"The principal organization in charge of this whole affair has been the PLA, at least in the early stages," said Bates Gill, director of the Center for Northeast Asian Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

Signals from Beijing have been confusing.

For two days after the collision, there was almost complete official silence, widely interpreted as a sign that Chinese leaders couldn't agree on what to do.

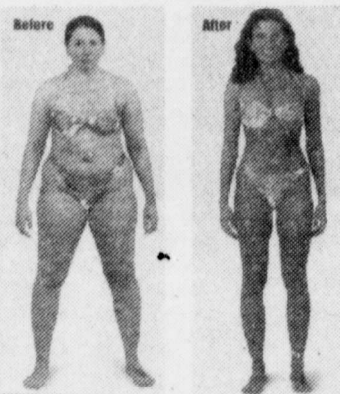
Then President Jiang Zemin demanded an apology. U.S. officials responded with statements of regret, which China said were a step in the right direction. U.S. officials then reported that negotiations were making headway.

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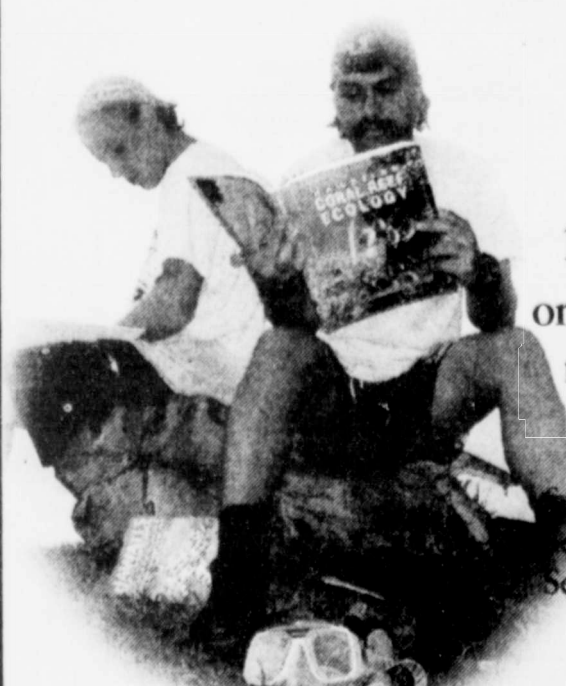
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What's the status of the Daily's Web site?

Since September, I have been telling people that the Web site is on its way. I am quite happy to finally be able to say that it is up and being updated.

Check out mustangdaily.calpoly.edu to read Mustang Daily. Not only do we put out five days a week, but now we are doing it in cyberspace.

In the upcoming weeks, you will see the site expanding with more features and contents, so watch as our site grows.

Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions or suggestions about the site.

Have a question about campus? Ask Adam. E-mail him at ajarman@calpoly.edu.

POLYWEEK

Monday April 9

SAVE FERRIS CONCERT TICKETS. Mustang Ticket Office.

5:30-7:30 PM
GUITAR LESSONS, Music Department. Davidson Music Building, room 126.

7-9 PM
WRITING PROFICIENCY EXAM WORKSHOP. University Writing Lab. Building 10, room 138.

Tuesday April 10

7:30 PM
'TELEVISION UNDER FIRE' MEDIA FORUM. Cal Poly Theatre.

7-9 PM
WRITING PROFICIENCY EXAM WORKSHOP. University Writing Lab. Building 10, room 138.

Wednesday April 11

6:30 PM
HIGHER GROUNDS COFFEE HOUSE, ASI Events. Club 221, University Union.

7 PM
MEXICO STUDIES PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING, Extended Education. Building 10, room 115.

7 PM
'SENSUAL SCIENCE' PUBLIC TALK, Women's Studies Program. Cohan Center's Philips Hall.

7-9 PM
WRITING PROFICIENCY EXAM WORKSHOP. University Writing Lab. Building 10, room 138.

Thursday April 12

11 AM
'Dos Semanas de Orgullo,'

Multicultural Center. UU Plaza.

11 AM
CLIMBING WALL GRAND OPENING, Poly Escapes. UU.

11 AM
CLAUDIO TUPINAMBA GUITAR RECITAL. Davidson Music Building, room 218.

7 PM
CESAR CHAVEZ: HIS LIFE, WORK AND VISION. Building 3, room 213.

7-9 PM
WRITING PROFICIENCY EXAM WORKSHOP, University Writing Lab. Building 10, room 138.

Friday April 13

LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS

Saturday April 14

9 AM
GRADUATION WRITING REQUIREMENT, Various Locations.

Sunday April 15

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Hi-tech job hunt proves difficult

By Lenette Dornon

THE ORION

(U-WIRE) CHICO — Since he enrolled in the business program at Chico State University to study management information systems, John Gordon said all he heard about was the great job opportunities in the field.

Now that he is graduating this May, the job market is far less opportunistic than he anticipated, Gordon said.

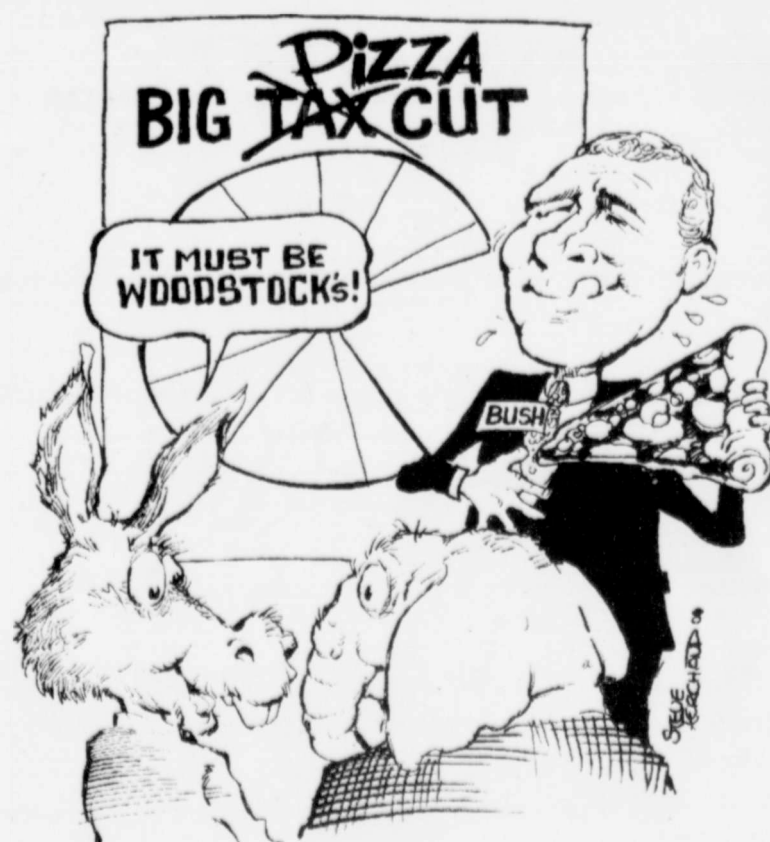
In the past few years, the high-tech industry has been flooding the economy with possibilities, and the overflow provided great jobs.

However, since the recent economic slump, many of these start-up companies are evaporating, and big companies are re-evaluating their businesses. This leaves college graduates with fewer opportunities and a more competitive job market.

"It's getting around that major companies are canceling interviews," Gordon said. "We're talking the bread-and-butter companies that used to hire several graduates per semester."

Before, jobs were practically handed out, but now graduates have to work harder for them, he said.

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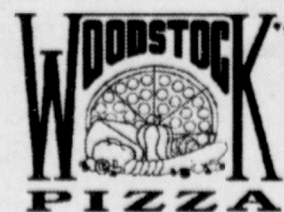
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The Bible and homosexuality: What is true?

There have obviously been some vast misunderstandings over what the Bible teaches about homosexuality. As a heterosexual, I have never been too interested in this matter, but after reading some ridiculously condemning letters to the editor by a few fellow Christians, I feel the need to deliver a few thoughts.

I am well aware of all the passages of the Bible that address this issue (Genesis 18:20-21; Leviticus 18:21-23, 20:13; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; Romans 1:22-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Unfortunately for the Christians who feel they teach that homosexuality is wrong in any case, these verses tell us nothing as far as sexual orientation is concerned.

Jeremiah 23:14 says Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed due to sins of adultery, lying and unrepentance (sounds more like a former president). Ezekiel 16:49-50 says the sins of pride, gluttony, complacency and a refusal to share with the poor were the abominations of these cities

Michael Deem

(sounds like the American way of life). Wisdom 19:13, Luke 10:10 and Matthew

10:14 says Sodom's great sin was inhospitality. Only Peter 2:4 and Jude 6 report that the abomination was sexual.

Also, the references in Leviticus, 1 Timothy, Romans, and 1 Corinthians speak of ACTIVE and PRACTICING homosexuality outside the sacrament of Christian marriage, which is reserved for only man and woman (Matthew 19:3-9; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16). The notions of heterosexuality and homosexuality were unknown in biblical times. The writers of Scripture took for granted that everyone was born with a natural attraction to the opposite sex.

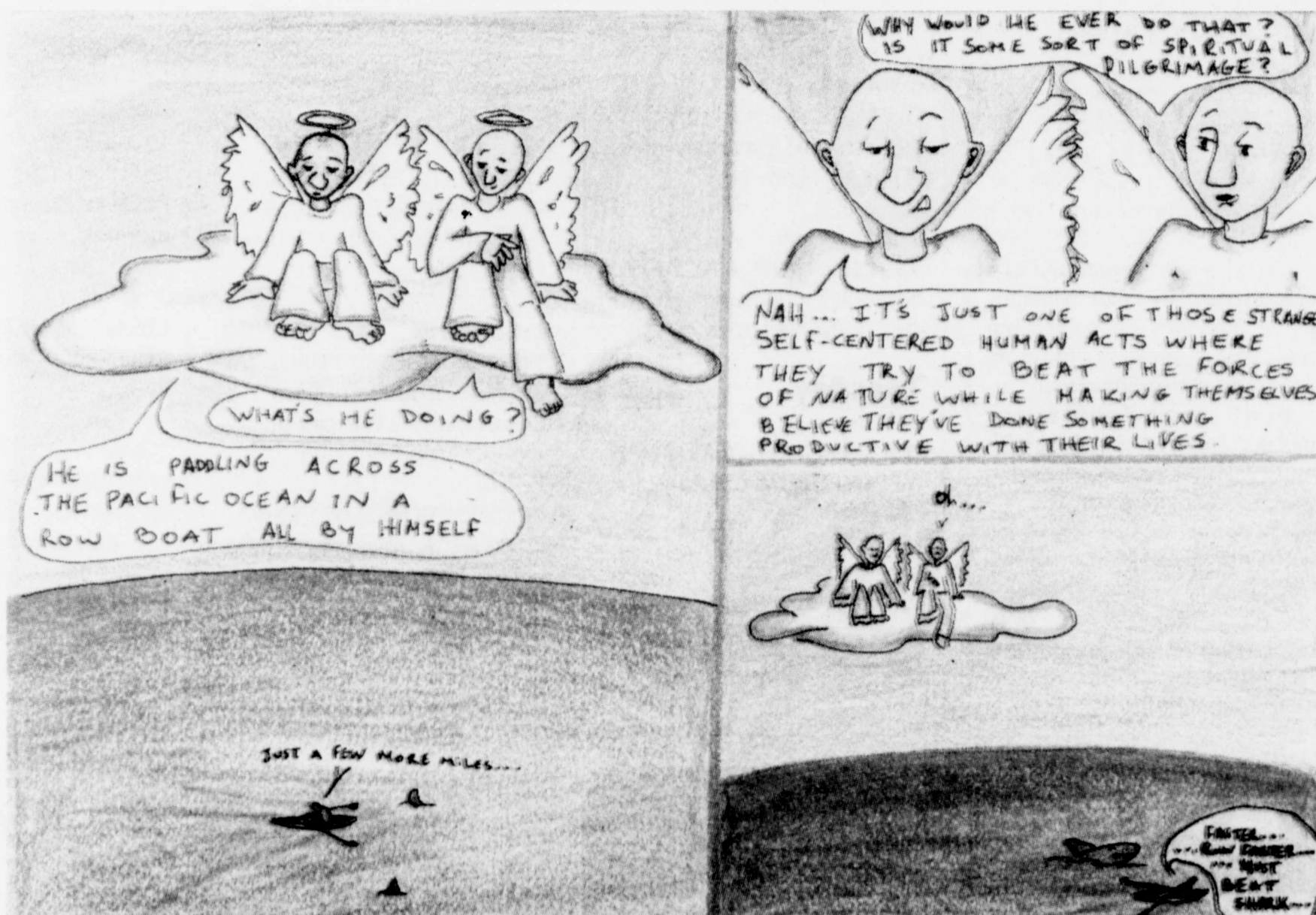
Thus, the Bible condemns same-sex genital activity in the highest degree. However, homosexuality as an orientation is a recent reality still being researched and debated.

Therefore, if we look only to the Bible for the final say on what God thinks about homosexuality, then all we get is a condemnation of homosexual activity. Orientation is never discussed nor can it be said to be a sin. Science is almost certain that homosexuality is genetic (see the work of Dr. Michael Bailey of Northwestern University, Dr. Richard Pillard of Boston University of Medicine and the National Institute of Health). If, in fact, homosexuality is genetic, then it cannot be sinful because sin is a deliberate decision to go against God's will.

Finally, for those Christians who are still not convinced, allow me to draw your attention to your own faith. As Peter Liuzzi, O. Carm. notes in his "With Listening Hearts," hatred is in every case wrong. The Bible makes this very clear. Hatred is frequently expressed in prejudice and the exclusion of certain groups or individuals. It is a grave sin to single out anyone out of hate due to who they are, whether that is in terms of race, nationality, religion or sexual orientation. This goes for acts of violence, silence and indifference. Going back to 1 Cor 6:9-10, St. Paul says "fornicators (those who have sex outside of marriage) nor idolaters (includes those who place great value on money, clothes, etc.) nor adulterers nor boy prostitutes nor practicing homosexuals nor thieves nor the greedy (worried about your future finances?) nor drunkards (look out, college students) nor slanderers (especially those who condemn individuals) nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God." Notice Paul does not single out homosexuality as an extraordinary "abomination." Instead, he lists several sins that the reader, pretty much all of us, can easily identify with. We are all sinners and cannot escape it. If we ever single out a particular person or group as being "especially sinful," then we ourselves are in great danger of offending our Lord.

Mike Deem is a philosophy senior.

Don't risk life and limb for records



Alone at sea, a man braved the tumultuous tossing and turning of waves, all the while fighting off vicious sharks with a handmade spear. Nothing with him but the hope of reaching shore, he faced the unthinkable as his boat tipped over, pitching him into the cold Pacific Ocean, left to sink or swim.

No, this isn't the trailer to "Cast Away," nor is it a nightmare, but a reality for

Commentary

British rower Jim Shekhdar. The catch is, though, that

this man went through this experience willingly.

It seems Shekhdar, 54, set out to be the first man to row unassisted across the Pacific Ocean, according to Reuters news service. On his 275-day voyage, he fared waves, sharks and a near miss from an oil tanker headed straight for his wooden boat. Shekhdar was forced to swim the last 150 meters of his journey to shore where his wife and daughters greeted him. It seems he might be the first to claim this type of record.

From the beginning of time, humans have constantly tried to outdo each other, whether it is slaying the bigger woolly mammoth to jumping across the Grand Canyon by motorcycle. Competition to be the biggest, fastest and strongest at something has always been a part of the human spirit. Shekhdar is just one of many who strive to break records of human feats.

It seems that humans also struggle with the concept of their own mortality.

In their quest to be the best, they forget about the conventional laws of gravity, time and space. They continually defy death with each attempt, pushing them even further to try riskier and more dangerous stunts.

Shekhdar probably knew he might encounter sharks while at sea, yet he still went alone with only a knife tied to the end of stick to protect him. Now that he successfully conquered his desire to be the first to row across the Pacific Ocean, what's next? Will he want to row unassisted around the world, across every ocean? What if something were to happen to him? Who would know if he drowned, starved, or worse, was attacked again by sharks but couldn't fend them off?

Regardless of the threat of extreme physical harm, I'm sure it won't be long until he or someone else decides to top this feat. This is ridiculous.

Society today is inundated with stories similar to that of Shekhdar's. On television, networks air specials about these kinds of feats. People just love to see or

hear about someone like themselves, the average person, breaking a record. Every year, the Guinness Book of World Records comes out with a new edition, each one with newer and weirder records. Just about anybody today can think of some sort of stunt that isn't already listed in the book and carry it out.

Forget the world's largest hamburger or growing the longest fingernails in history. People are obsessed with being the best at something, such as swallowing the most number of raw eggs in a minute, even if it means endangering their lives to get their name printed in the holy grail of world records.

The desire to conquer the unconquerable is intrinsic to the human spirit. People will never stop trying to top each other because humans are by nature progressive and competitive beings. It is the rush of pure adrenaline that continues to push people to break their own records — the riskier, the better.

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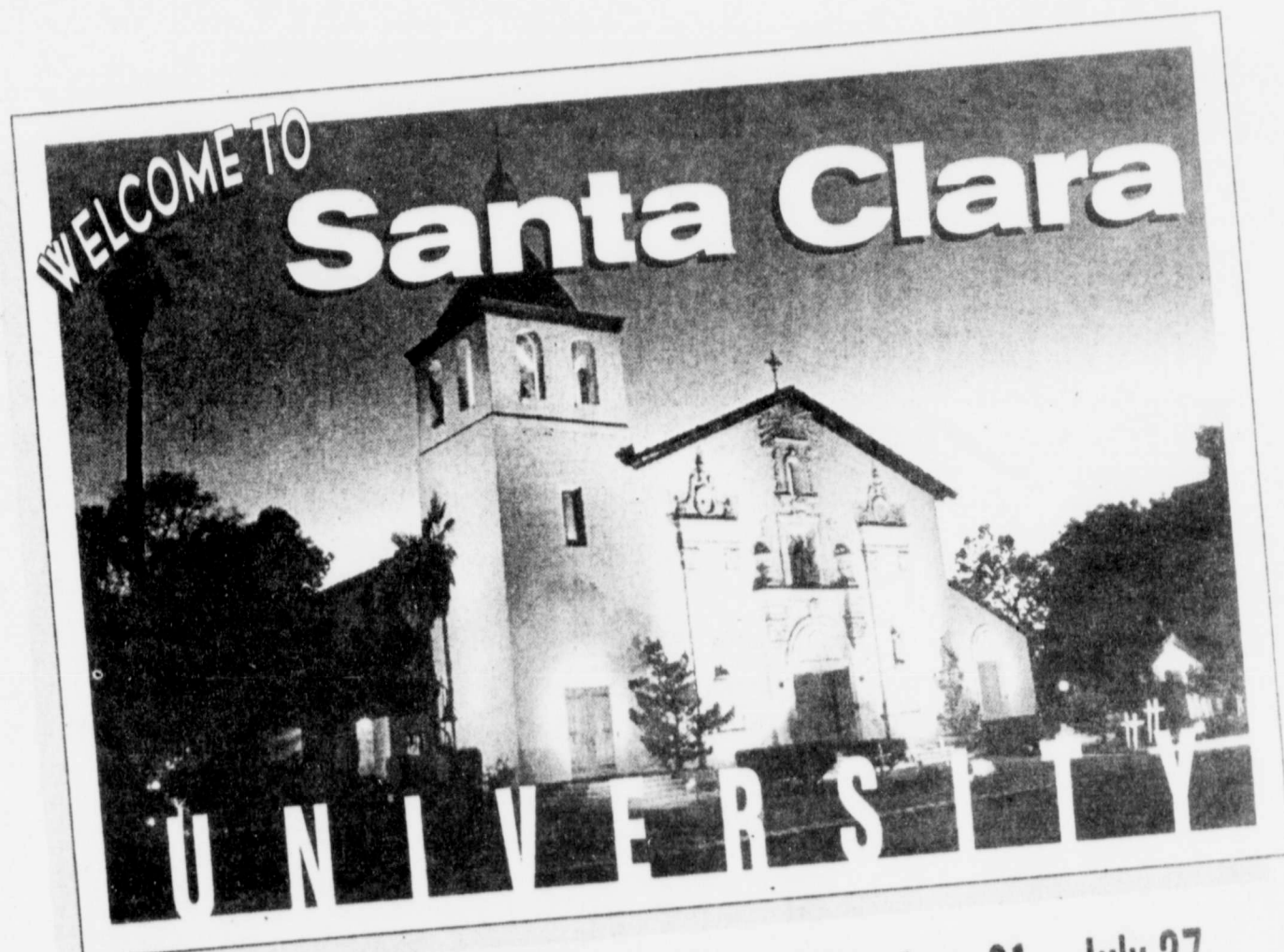
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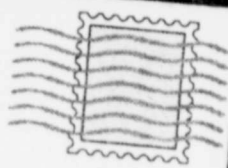
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Milosevic is ousted; U.S. tactics dodgy

The arrest of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic April 1, calls for an examination of consequences far beyond the criminal

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charges and action against a man accused of engineering the worst atrocities in Europe since World War II.

While focus is currently on where Milosevic should be tried, consideration must be given to other implications for future U.S. foreign policy.

Western world leaders have called the arrest of Milosevic the end of a turbulent era in Europe. Leaders welcomed the action as a courageous move by the Yugoslav government and a first step to international justice. But there is still a long way to go before we see true justice and stability in the Balkans.

In a Los Angeles Times article, President George W. Bush said "we cannot and must not forget the chilling images of terrified women and children herded onto trains, emaciated prisoners interned behind barbed wire and mass graves unearthed by U.N. investigators."

But in the process of granting U.S. economic aid to the Yugoslav government in exchange for capturing Milosevic, we have forgotten about the consequences of our action on the citizens of Yugoslavia.

The United States released \$50 million in economic aid to Yugoslavia one day after Milosevic's arrest by Serbian authorities at his home in Belgrade. Milosevic had vowed not to be taken alive, but surrendered after negotiations with government officials. He pleaded not guilty to charges of abuse of power and corruption. The arrest came on a weekend deadline set by the U.S. Congress for Yugoslavia to cooperate with the International Criminal Tribunal or risk losing the funds.

The U.N. war crimes court in the

Hague in the Netherlands has indicted Milosevic for war crimes allegedly committed against ethnic Albanians during the 1999 war in Kosovo.

Milosevic's militant nationalism agenda for "Greater Serbia" led to four Balkan wars that cost the lives of a quarter-million people and displaced hundreds of thousands more in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo.

Milosevic, of course, should be held responsible for the atrocities committed during his 13-year rule. There is no doubt about that.

What concerns me is how the decision to extend U.S. aid to Yugoslavia will affect its future. U.S. leaders cannot guarantee that President Vojislav Kostunica's administration will actually get the funds to the people who need them the most. Furthermore, economic assistance from the United States will only encourage Yugoslavia's dependency on foreign aid. Too many countries now are dependent on the United States, unable to support their own citizens and economies. Ultimately, the Yugoslavs will suffer as a result of the decision.

The United States purchased the cooperation of the Yugoslav government that resulted in Milosevic's arrest. I applaud the courage of the Serbian authorities in capturing the man who has caused so much devastation in the Balkans. I am saddened by our government's tactic. Actions by Yugoslav officials should not be influenced by manipulative methods. There must be greater consideration for the effect of our actions on the people of the nations we claim to help.

The consequences of U.S. foreign policy in Yugoslavia will not conclude with Milosevic standing trial. While Milosevic's arrest marks the end of his political career, it does not mark the end of an unstable era in the Balkans.

Laura Vega is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Fans deserve choices

Each year when springtime comes around, baseball season is just around the corner. The crack of the bat and roar of the crowd is music to the ears of any baseball fan. This spring I decided to subscribe to the Major League Baseball Extra Innings Package on DIRECTV, which offers digital satellite service via an 18-inch mini-dish.

I love the idea of being able to follow my beloved Oakland Athletics throughout their quest for another American League Western division championship. The DIRECTV Web site claims that MLB Extra Innings allows you to watch the games you would have missed.

MLB Extra Innings makes every team your home team and is the supreme experience for the hardball fan.

Well, lo and behold, Wednesday afternoon I was ready to take in some Major League Baseball, since there were 12 games in the program guide. Every channel I flipped to I got the message "this program is not available in your area." DIRECTV, is this your idea of the supreme experience for the hardball fan? If a subscriber pays for the programming, then they should be able to see the games they want to see on any day of the week.

I was none too pleased about the whole situation, so I decided to call DIRECTV. The voice on the other end of the line stated, "DIRECTV doesn't institute game blackouts, but

simply follows the restrictions set forth by the various sports leagues or by their rights holders, such as ESPN and TNT." Maybe not, but they sure are good at taking your money.

As it turns out, good ol' ESPN has exclusive national broadcast rights for all Major League Baseball games that begin on or after 2 p.m. Pacific time. These games cannot be distributed via satellite. What this means is that the only games available on Wednesday nights are on ESPN and the local Fox affiliate that serves your area.

As a consumer in this country, it is assumed that you should have the freedom of choice.

Why should a large corporation like ESPN be able to dictate what we can or cannot see?

Instead of being able to choose which team you wanted to watch, ESPN was basically able to take that choice away from the American public. Let's see, do you want to watch some game you really don't care about or would you prefer to be able to exercise your right to choose? I thought this was America, people! Thanks to ESPN, MLB Extra Innings subscribers across the country were not able to witness baseball history in the making, when Hideo Nomo of the Boston Red Sox pitched a no-hitter vs. the Baltimore Orioles.

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ment and come out swinging at the first pitch."

The save was Choate's second strong outing after also pitching well in relief in Saturday's win. Choate was happy to play his part in the two wins.

"We played as a team," Choate said. "No one gave up and they were really big wins for us."

In spite of frigid conditions, the Mustangs' bats were red hot Saturday night. Cal Poly scored five runs in the sixth inning and four more in the eighth en route to a 14-7 win over Northridge.

Junior designated hitter Bryan Gant and Tillman led the offensive charge.

Gant went 4-for-5 and Tillman went 3-for-5 with three RBI. Starting pitcher Tyler Fitch gave up four runs on five hits to win his fourth game of the year for the Mustangs.

In the opener of the series on Friday night, Cal Poly lost 4-3. Northridge jumped out early with three runs in the second inning, but the Mustangs battled back to tie the score at three with two runs in the seventh inning.

The Matadors scored the go-ahead run in the eighth off a ground out, giving relief pitcher Quinn McGinnis (2-3) the loss.

First baseman Scott Sheldon hit his third home run of the season in the third inning, a solo shot to left field. Gant also provided offense for the Mustangs, driving in both runs in the seventh inning.

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Wayland led off the inning with a double off the wall in left. A bunt single by Ballard was followed by junior second baseman Kasey Poer's single to left that scored the Mustangs' first run of the game. Sparrey followed with a triple, scoring two more runs and breaking open the game. Two outs later, Sparrey scored when Santa Barbara botched a pickle attempt off junior right fielder Christie Wells' slow dribbler to third.

UCSB battled back in the top of the fifth, scoring three runs to notch the score at 4-4. The Mustangs scored one run in its half of the inning to retake the lead, 5-4. That would prove to be the margin of victory as freshman relief pitcher Jennifer Graver held the Gauchos scoreless in the sixth and seventh innings to earn the win.

In the second game of the double-header the Mustangs exploded in the fourth inning, scoring eight runs on seven hits and one Gaucho error. Blankenbecler held UCSB scoreless in the top of the fifth as the game was halted due to the mercy rule with the final score being 9-0. In softball, a game ends when one team is up by more than eight runs after five innings. Blankenbecler recorded her sixth shutout of the year after giving up only two hits.

"I felt good," Blankenbecler said. "I came off a couple of bad games against Fullerton and Long Beach. I needed to get a couple good wins in. I knew I had to come out strong, so that's what I did."

It appears that the Mustangs are on track with both their bats and on the mound. The rest of the season will tell the tale, but for now the team is happy.

"It feels good to win; it feels good to hit," Boyer said.

The Mustangs are now 16-20 overall, 3-6 in the Big West. The team will head to UC Riverside on Monday to play a doubleheader.

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Softball sends Gauchos home winless

Mustangs sweep series from UC Santa Barbara

By Ryan Ballard

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The rain ceased, the clouds parted and the sun shone down on the Cal Poly softball team this weekend.

After being swept by UC Santa Barbara last year, the Mustangs returned the favor this year, beating the Gauchos 4-0 Saturday night and 5-4 and 9-0 in Sunday's doubleheader. The games were previously scheduled for Friday night and Saturday afternoon, but were postponed due to Friday's rain.

The wins were a big confidence

booster for a team that has struggled this season while facing some of the top teams in the country.

"Coming off of the eight-game losing streak we were on, we needed to come back hard with the bats," said freshman shortstop Roni Sparrey. "The whole team came out swinging strong."

Teamwork was the key to the Mustangs' sweep of the Gauchos.

"Everyone contributed at different times," said head coach Lisa Boyer. "They were three really good team victories for us."

The blistering cold wind could not keep the Mustang faithful from showing up to cheer their team on, Saturday night.

The Mustangs got out of the box

quickly, scoring two runs in the first inning. Junior left fielder Nicole Dansby and junior third baseman Jackie Wayland got on base before scoring when sophomore first baseman Holly Ballard drove them in with a double.

In the top of the third, Sparrey made a strong throw from deep in the hole to prevent a run from scoring.

The Mustangs struck again in the bottom of the sixth, scoring two runs. Sparrey and senior designated player Melissa Haley reached base before being driven in by sophomore catcher Carrie Shubert's triple.

Junior pitcher Terra Blankenbecler had a strong outing,

pitching a complete game and giving up zero runs on two hits. Blankenbecler's ERA dipped even lower than the temperature as she recorded her fifth shutout of the year.

The wind ended up being a double-edged sword. The combination of the sun that was out Saturday afternoon and the wind helped dry out a soggy field caused by a deluge of rain on Friday, but made every pop-up and flyball an adventure for the fielders.

The Cal Poly bats awoke from their three-inning slumber in the bottom of the fourth inning of the first game of Sunday's doubleheader.

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Tiger roars to victory at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Slam or not, Tiger Woods was simply grand.

With a heart-stopper at Augusta National, Tiger Woods claimed the greatest feat in modern golf Sunday by winning The Masters, giving him a clean sweep of the four professional majors in a span of 294 days.

He punctuated it with an 18-foot birdie, raising both arms in triumph as a breathless gallery roared its approval. Woods doffed his cap to cover his tears as he left the green and walked into the arms of his father, who trained him to be a champion from the time he was in a high chair.

Woods closed with a 68, steady down the haunting back nine

of Augusta National as David Duval and Phil Mickelson failed to harness the magic that has carried Woods to five of the last six majors.

Locked in a thrilling battle with his two chief rivals, Woods hit a daring approach from 149 yards into the perilous 11th hole. The ball grazed the cup for a tap-in birdie, giving Woods a lead that he never let go of.

Duval, believing this might be his year after three close calls, made it through Amen Corner without a mistake but took bogey on the par-3 16th, firing his tee shot over the green and missing an 8-foot putt for par.

He had two chances to catch Woods, but looked on in shock as birdie putts from 12 feet on the 17th and five feet on the final hole failed to fall.

Mickelson, poised to claim his first major, also missed an 8-foot par putt on the 16th hole. He also failed to cash in on birdie putts on the final two holes.

His lead remained at one stroke when he missed a 3-foot birdie putt on the 15th, but he traded spectacular golf for solid play with history on the line and delivered.

2000 Masters Results

Augusta, Ga.

Tiger Woods	-16
David Duval	-14
Phil Mickelson	-13
Toshi Izawa	-10
Mark Calvavechia	-10
Jim Furyk	-9
Bernard Lager	-9
Kirk Triplett	-9
Ernie Els	-9
Miguel Angel Jimenez	-8
Steve Stricker	-8
Brad Faxon	-8
Angel Cabrera	-8
Chris DiMarco	-8

Comeback gives baseball victory over Northridge

By Ryan Ballard

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Two out of three ain't bad.

Strong pitching and clutch offense helped the Cal Poly baseball team win two out of three games against Cal State Northridge this weekend. The Mustangs lost a heart-breaker on Friday night, 4-3, but came back with a 14-7 win on Saturday night, followed by a 6-4 win on Sunday.

Head coach Ritch Price was pleased with his team's performance.

"I feel like this was a breakthrough series for us," Price said. "I was really proud of the way we competed. I thought we rose to the occasion and some guys clutched up for us big time."

Sunday's game started off shaky for the Mustangs. Senior pitcher Jared Blasdel struggled early in the game, giving up a run in each of the first two innings and two in the sixth. Cal Poly scored in the first and fifth innings, trailing Northridge 4-2 at the seventh inning stretch.

Freshman left fielder Andrew Touissant led off the eighth inning with a single, starting a Cal Poly rally. Three batters later, senior second baseman Kevin Tillman singled up the middle, driving in a run and keeping the two-out rally alive. Freshman right fielder Chalon Tietje followed with an RBI single. Then freshman third baseman Kyle Wilson doubled, driving in two runs to end the scoring. The Mustangs scored four runs in the inning to take a 6-4 lead.

Senior relief pitcher Nathan Choate came in for the ninth inning and shut the door on Northridge to record the save.

"I had to make some adjustments from my first two at bats; he fed me some fastballs and I didn't swing at them, so I got behind in the count," Touissant said. "I knew I had to make an adjust-



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Freshman left fielder Andrew Touissant dives back to the base in Sunday's game at Baggett Stadium. He led off the eighth inning with a single to start the Mustangs' four-run rally.

Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

Gary Sheffield played for Milwaukee, San Diego, Florida and Los Angeles.

Congratulations Joe Demers!

Today's Question:

What NL player won the League batting title while grounding into a league-high 20 double plays?

Please submit sports trivia answer to: mrsterli@calpoly.edu
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Scores

BASEBALL

Cal State Northridge 4
Cal Poly 3

Cal State Northridge 7
Cal Poly 14

Cal State Northridge 4
Cal Poly 6

MEN'S TENNIS

Portland 4
Cal Poly 3

UC Riverside 0
Cal Poly 7

SOFTBALL

UCSB 0
Cal Poly 4

UCSB 4
Cal Poly 5

UCSB 0
Cal Poly 9

Schedule

MONDAY

• Softball vs. UC Riverside (doubleheader)
• at Riverside • 1 p.m. / 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• Baseball vs. Bethany College
• at Baggett Stadium • 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Baseball vs. UC Riverside
• at Riverside • 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

• Baseball vs. UC Riverside
• at Riverside • 7 p.m.
• Softball vs. Cal State Northridge (doubleheader)
• at Northridge • Noon / 2 p.m.