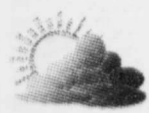


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National tragedy remembered locally



AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

Six-year-old Holly Stillblower stares into the flame of her candle as her mother, Sharon, rests her head on her daughter's shoulder during the candlelight vigil at the El Morro Church in Los Osos on Sept. 11, 2002.

Sept. 11 memorials held in SLO

By Heather Zwaduk
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks was an emotional day of retrospect for many Americans, and San Luis Obispo residents were no exception.

A wide array of activities were organized to remember the tragedies, including a candlelight vigil, memorial services and anti-war demonstrations.

Local participants of Women in Black, a worldwide movement of women protest-

ing violence, implemented one such demonstration. About 30 women gathered in Mission Plaza in downtown San Luis Obispo, all adorned in solid black clothing. The women stood in silence for an hour, as a memorial church service was held on the stairs of the mission.

Marilyn Farhart, one of the Women in Black, explained that the impact of the demonstrations lies in the silence of the women.

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Poly students spend anniversary away from school, with family

By Meredith Corbin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 11, 2001, America underwent a terrorist attack that impacted people around the world. One year later, the country commemorated the tragedy.

Students at Cal Poly were not in school during the anniversary but many observed the holiday.

Sajiv Nair, a mechanical engineering graduate student, felt admiration for the

families' courage, but he said he was sad for most of the day.

"I honored the New Yorkers for their strength, and at the same time, felt sorrow for what they have to go through," he said. "It was especially hard watching the president speak to each of the victim's family members."

The terrorism issue made some students fear the anniversary, but biochem-

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AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

A firefighter from the San Luis Obispo Fire Department salutes the American flag as it is raised to full staff from half staff at 7 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2002.

Weather Watch

5-Day Forecast

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Today's Sun

Rises: 6:54 am / Sets: 6:54 pm

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Rises: N/A / Sets: 11:30 am

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On Being Good Neighbors

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Our community is composed of a wide variety of people who have decided to live here because San Luis Obispo has much to offer, and its residents are rightfully proud of the community they have built over the years.

Cal Poly has an ongoing commitment to building and strengthening relations with its neighbors. We recognize it is a privilege to work, learn and live in San Luis Obispo, and that is why we continue to take extra steps, on and off campus, to help build bridges of understanding and respect between students and the community.

We ask students to practice good neighbor principles:

- * keep residences and yards presentable;
- * be mindful of noise -- especially during late night and early morning hours;
- * be responsible for visitors' behavior;
- * restrict the number of roommates to the appropriate number for the residence's size;
- * be considerate of neighbors when it comes to parties; and
- * If alcohol is served, do it lawfully and in moderation.

We also ask you to reach out to your neighbors.

- * Get to know those who live in your neighborhood.
- * Communicate with those who live around you, your landlord and others in the community. It will go a long way toward solving potential problems and developing relationships that are mutually beneficial.
- * Hundreds of your fellow students actively make significant contributions to their neighborhoods through community service. We urge you to join them in these efforts.

Better neighborhood relations are in everyone's interest, but they can only be realized if everyone, from the campus community to the community-at-large, works together. Please join us in working to create an atmosphere of friendship, respect and trust in our community.

Warren J. Baker
Cal Poly President

Jake Parnell
President, ASI

National Briefs

Priest Arrested On Suspicion Of Molestation

ORANGE, Calif. — Orange County authorities arrested a former Catholic priest Tuesday on suspicion of molesting a teenage girl in the 1970s after the man reportedly confessed to an undercover deputy posing as his out-of-wedlock daughter.

Gerald John Plesetz, 59, is the first priest to be charged with molesting victims in Los Angeles or Orange counties since the Catholic sex scandal broke nine months ago. Plesetz was charged with three counts of oral copulation with a minor under the age of 16.

His arrest caps a four-month investigation into crimes authorities said occurred from 1972 to 1974. The alleged victim first met the priest when she was a 13-year-old singer in the church choir. Prosecutors charge that Plesetz repeatedly molested her — acts that ended when she became pregnant.

The priest met with the girl's parents and arranged to pay all expenses related to the pregnancy, according to court records. The baby girl, was put up for adoption.

—Los Angeles Times

'Barbershop' controversy Is No Cut-Up

HOLLYWOOD — By almost any measure, the movie "Barbershop" is a Cinderella success story for Hollywood's black creative community. Written, produced and directed by

blacks and featuring a cast of popular black entertainers, it's also been the No. 1 movie in America for two weekends running.

Yet instead of being a cause for celebration, "Barbershop" has touched off a furor among some of the nation's black leaders over the movie's less-than-reverent references to civil rights icons Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

While debates over Hollywood's political correctness are common, the commercial and critical success of this film, due in large part to black moviegoers, makes this comedy an unusual target for the uproar in black media outlets and radio stations.

—Los Angeles Times

Navy Discovers Man Adrift at Sea in Broken-Down Vessel

LOS ANGELES — Richard Van Pham drifted and slept, slept and drifted — for 3 1/2 months and 2,500 miles — from Long Beach to Costa Rica.

He ate roasted sea birds and drank rainwater. And when he was finally rescued by the U.S. Navy, all he wanted was help fixing his broken mast and motor so he could sail on again.

Instead, the Navy sank his boat and dropped him off in Guatemala. He was able to buy a plane ticket after sailors aboard the frigate McClusky took up a collection for his fare. Tuesday, he arrived back in Los Angeles.

"I've never heard of a story like this," said Capt. Terry Bragg, commander of Destroyer Squadron One in San Diego, which oversees the

McClusky. "It's a three-hour cruise gone bad. It's like a cross between 'Gilligan's Island' and 'Robinson Crusoe.'"

The Navy came upon Pham 300 miles off Costa Rica on Sept. 17, nearly four months after the Southern California man had set off from Long Beach for a short, easy sailing jaunt to Catalina Island.

—Los Angeles Times

International Briefs

For Omani, Supporting United Nations Is Duty At Hard Time

WASHINGTON — The foreign minister of Oman, Yusef Alawi Abdullah, in Washington this week to consult with U.S. officials on the unfolding scenario of possible war against Iraq, said if there is a new U.N. resolution to use force against the government in Baghdad, member states would have to comply.

"Should the U.N. decide to use force" — if a new round of weapons inspections in Iraq is interrupted, for example — all member states have an obligation to support it," Abdullah said.

"But it is not going to be that simple" with five Security Council members having veto power, he said in an interview at the Omani Embassy on Tuesday. Abdullah said it was not up to Oman to challenge President Bush or his goal of unseating Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

"The United Nations Charter says that nations should refrain from interference in the internal affairs of oth-

ers," he said. "We will stick to that. But if there is any change" in a new U.N. resolution that backs regime change in Iraq, "all nations are obligated to support it," the minister added. Abdullah is the first senior Arab official to publicly hold out such a possibility under a U.N. umbrella.

Abdullah said U.S. concerns over Iraq's failure to dismantle all of its weapons of mass destruction are valid and serious. Baghdad's claim that it has complied with 95 percent of U.N. resolutions on inspections still constitutes noncompliance, he added.

—Washington Post

Thumbs down For Most Chinese Investors

BEIJING — When the men and women aren't playing cards, they sit quietly in the dim light watching numbers flash across the big board, hoping their big bets pay off.

Some of the gamblers are wagering their life's savings, and most of the people are losing. Some of them also fear the odds are stacked in favor of the house — China's stock exchanges.

"I consider this state-sanctioned gambling," says Liu Xing Qu, 53, a retired factory worker who is one of nearly 70 million individual investors in the country's two stock exchanges. In the past year she has invested about \$2,500, lost about \$700 and thus learned one of the rules of China's new economy. "You can lose your money very quickly here."

Established in 1990 and 1991, China's two exchanges are in their infancy. Initially regarded by officials

as a means of raising money for state-owned enterprises, the markets became the first opportunity for many citizens on fixed incomes to take some of their savings from low-interest bank accounts and participate in the country's capitalist reforms.

—Baltimore Sun

Sisters Are Snatched In Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Laura Zapata had just finished her performance as Poncia in "La Casa de Bernarda Alba," a play that ends with the suicide of Poncia's sister. Joining in the standing ovation, witnesses said later, was a man who followed the actress and Ernestina Sodi, a former Miss Mexico City, out of the San Rafael Theater.

Zapata and Sodi, sisters of Mexican superstar singer Thalía, disappeared five blocks away, after a vehicle blocked the path of their red Volkswagen Jetta. Hooded men with black gloves and a hammer smashed the car's windows, witnesses said, and the women were forced into one of two vehicles that had been trailing them.

The incident Sunday night appears to be the latest in Mexico's seemingly unstoppable plague of kidnappings. Criminals extort billions of dollars a year from victims and their companies.

—Los Angeles Times

Briefs compiled from the Los Angeles Times and Washington Post wire services by Mustang Daily Managing Editor Malia Spencer.

Despite strides, anti-American sentiment still prevalent

By Benjamin Becker

DAILY TITAN (CAL STATE - FULLERTON)

(U-WIRE) FULLERTON, Calif. —With the arrest of five alleged al Qaeda operatives in Upstate New York and the arrest of Ramzi Binalshibh in Pakistan — the man believed to have been the key contact between the Sept. 11 hijackers in the United States and al Qaeda headquarters in Afghanistan — the war on terrorism continues.

Domestically, officials have chased almost every lead, leaving little room for another attack.

The arrest of Binalshibh is one of few victories that, although good, some say has done little to promote the United States' cause among Middle Eastern countries or counter anti-American sentiments.

"The long-run solution I think is actually to promote democracy and that's something we haven't done," said Cal State Fullerton political science professor Ron Gelleny, who teaches an international terrorism class.

Gelleny said that, while the United States has focused many efforts on homeland defense, it has yet to make an impression on the Arab world at large.

"Domestically we're doing a better job," he said. "Internationally we still have problems and we have to make sure we cooperate with countries."

Political science professor Chad

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BRIAN KENT/MUSTANG DAILY

Twenty-five women dressed in black stand on the corner of Marsh and Chorro streets in silence to remember the victims of Sept. 11.

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"We try to be a very dignified presence," Farhart said. "We are a symbol of mourning for all people, but especially for women. [War impacts] women because we are the ones who bear life, and then watch our children die in war."

Farhart said that the intention behind the demonstration is not only to protest war and violence, but also to remember those who died on Sept. 11. However, Farhart said she believes that it is important for our country to move forward.

"These people are gone, and we

need to remember them and acknowledge their survivors," Earhart said. "But we also need to look toward the future now."

As the women stood in silence, the Ministerial Association of San Luis Obispo conducted a church service on the steps of the mission. The service included speeches by Revs. Jim Nielsen, Helen Carroll, and Merlene Doko and other speakers Rushdi Abdul-Cader and Tammie Burnsed, as well as songs by Rev. Ron Griffen. At the conclusion of the service, the mission bells were rung.

Erin Gordon, who attended the service, said she was touched by the display.

"Although I wasn't directly impacted by Sept. 11, this was very moving," Gordon said. "It makes you remember how significant the day was and how much it has brought everyone together."

The first Women in Black demonstration was organized in 1988 by women in Israel, with the first demonstration in San Luis Obispo being held in June of this year. Farhart said she believes that there will be more Women in Black movements in San Luis Obispo in the future.

Earlier on the morning of Sept. 11, several hundred students, faculty, staff and alumni attended a memorial on Cal Poly's Dexter

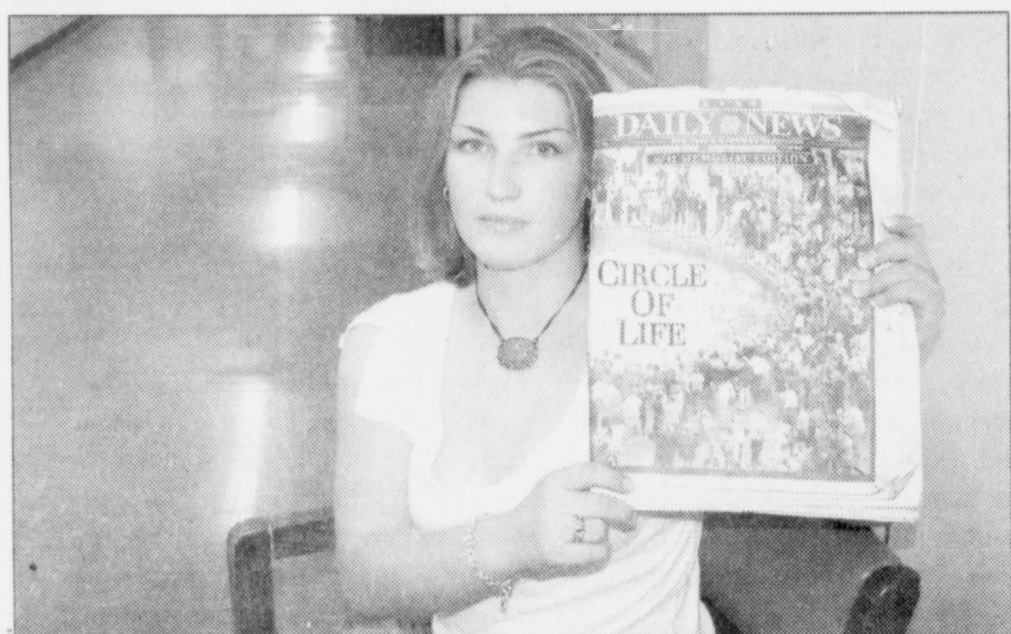
Lawn commemorating the day.

A speech by Cal Poly President Warren Baker opened the event, followed by music, a moment of silence and lowering of the flag to half-staff.

Jeff Bliss, director of public affairs at Cal Poly, said he was pleased with the outcome of the event.

"It was very simple, very sincere, and very genuine," Bliss said.

Also in honor of the day was a candlelight vigil in Mission Plaza, which began at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10 and continued through the night until 7 a.m. on Sept. 11. Names of victims of the tragedy were read at the vigil.



CRYSTAL MYERS/MUSTANG DAILY

Karen Sommers, a child development sophomore, stands with newspapers from Sept. 11. She was in New York for the anniversary.

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istry junior Justin Thompson said that he was glad America is fighting back.

"It isn't only for our own protection, but for respect to the families who lost their loved ones," he said.

Some Cal Poly students went to the East Coast during the Sept. 11 anniversary.

Scott Sans-Leeb, business sophomore, was in Amherst, Mass., visiting friends and said that it was more emotional being on the East Coast.

"Being so close to New York really made all of us remember the tragedy more vividly," he said. "It had a direct impact on my friends because they live so close."

Students watched the observance on television or heard it on the radio, but others saw it firsthand.

Karen Sommers, child development sophomore, went to New York to see friends in September and said that it was intense watching everyone cry at Ground Zero.

"It really made me appreciate my own life and my family," she said.

Sommers also said that the weather in New York on Sept. 11 was ironically windy and overcast, even though the rest of her visit was sunny.

"The wind just made everyone believe there were spirits every-

where," she said.

Students who stayed in California for the event still commemorated the terrorist attacks, even though they were far away.

Lauren Meers, a psychology sophomore, said that it didn't matter where she was, everybody seemed to care about the anniversary.

"The tragedy hit so close to home," she said.

While many Cal Poly students were at home for the summer, Carli Hilker, business junior, said she wished her good friends from school were with her.

"I was happy to be with the people I love, but I missed my friends at the same time," she said.

Some students were grateful that school was not in session because they had the opportunity to spend the day with their families.

Jen Intravia, child development junior, said that she was thankful that her whole family could be together.

"It made the remembrance more significant," she said. "You need to be around people you love for something like that."

The memory of Sept. 11 continues to affect Cal Poly students. Meers said that it will always stay close to her heart.

"When something that big happens, you remember it every day," she said.

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Briggs, who teaches a national-security establishment class, said that fixing these problems will not happen quickly.

"It's one of those things that's going to take a long time," he said. "You can't just make people like the United States overnight."

Briggs said he believes the youth of America will be instrumental in weakening the cycle of terror.

"The younger generation is important because in those countries the overwhelming majority or large plurality of the population is under 18 and that's where any sort of future terrorists are going to be drawn from," Briggs said. "The leaders are only going to be able to do so much ... they need a support system."

During the first few weeks of the bombing campaign in Afghanistan last year, American planes showered Afghan villages with leaflets depicting a shaven and westernized

Osama bin Laden, bedecked in a business suit and briefcase joyously walking down a busy street. The fliers were meant to outrage Afghans devoted to bin Laden by displaying a sell-out, to combat the idea that he was admirable or loyal. The short-lived propaganda war was ultimately ineffective and did nothing to counter terrorism.

"America's counter-terrorism program in the Middle East and its environs is a myth," former CIA operative Reuel Marc Gerecht said in an Atlantic Monthly article.

"So many people in the Middle East still believe that the Israeli government had carried out the attacks," Briggs said. "And the United States hasn't been very successful in countering that."

The United States has no scale to measure its success on or any model to compare it to. The situation is new and procedures and tactics are still in the making, he said.

"I think that one year is too little time to really count," Briggs said. "I think that things are going to have to change over the long term."

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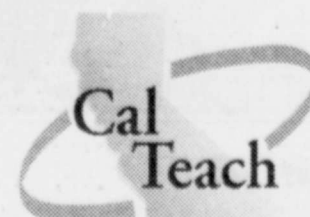


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Nation's libraries adjust to FBI scrutiny

By Rob Goodspeed
MICHIGAN DAILY (UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Newly empowered by the USA Patriot Act of 2001, federal agents have been visiting libraries nationwide to request information about books and materials suspects in foreign intelligence investigations have checked out.

According to a survey conducted by the University of Illinois in December and January, 11 percent of libraries serving populations more than 50,000 reported federal agents had requested information about patrons pursuant to the events of Sept. 11.

Previously, federal agents were required to obtain a search warrant from a judge before requesting similar information.

The study found 85 of 1,020 libraries surveyed reported being asked by federal or local law enforcement officers for information about patrons for investigations related to Sept. 11.

Before the passage of the law, similar requests for information required a court order.

The new powers were created through Section 215 of the Patriot Act, which amends the foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act to allow the director of the FBI to approve searches for "any tangible things (including books, records, papers, documents, and other items) for an investigation to protect

against international terrorism or clandestine intelligence activities, provided that such investigation of a United States person is not conducted solely upon the basis of activities protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution."

Under the act, libraries must produce records about subjects of terrorism investigations, a much lower legal requirement than required for a traditional court order.

"A U.S. citizen can't be investigated for first amendment protected activity," said Jorge Martinez, spokesperson for the Justice Department.

Wanda Monroe, head of public relations at the University of Michigan Libraries, said, "In the past we have kept all information private. We would refer any instance to the General Counsel's Office first."


The university libraries' policy keeps lending records private except for cases where a search warrant is present or it falls under the Patriot Act.

The Dearborn Public Library declined to discuss the matter.

"What I can tell you is that there is a Patriot Act," Dearborn Library Administrative Librarian Carolyn Hook said.

"Even if the FBI has contacted us, we can't really talk to you about it," she said.

Librarians are prohibited from disclosing information about FBI investigations under the Patriot Act.



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Television

Networks fill airwaves with even more crappy shows

By Erin Leshner

THE ORION (CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY -CHICO)

(U-WIRE) CHICO, Calif. - The previews have been playing for months, and in recent weeks it has only gotten worse. Every other commercial appears to be another ad, hyping the season's latest upcoming show. Anyone who has watched television in the last week has been subjected to the onslaught of commercials and, in some cases, the previews will be on longer than the shows themselves. Use this helpful guide to cut through the muck (and there is a lot of muck — it's mostly muck).

Show: "American Dreams" Network: NBC Starts: Sunday Starring: Brittany Snow, Will Estes and Joseph Lawrence

Premise: NBC attempts to take us back to simpler times (before Michael Jackson had babies, before Misha Osinovsky was arrested) with the wholesome Pryor family. The show centers on the eldest Pryor daughter, who is desperately trying to become a little less wholesome.

Reminds us of: "The Wonder Years," sans Winnie, sans Wayne, sans Kevin

Bonus: The show will feature real "American Bandstand" footage. Watching those TV magicians throw today's actors into yesterday's backdrops is always fun. Think "Forrest Gump" meets Dick Clark.

Lame Factor: Whoa! Joey Lawrence is back, but is now known



COURTESY PHOTO

"American Family" tries to take viewers back to a simpler time. Unfortunately it fails.

by the more professional "Joseph." Really, if we wanted to see Joey (Joseph) Lawrence again we would just watch "Blossom" reruns.

How long it will last: Sundays are traditionally a slow night in TV Land, but the show looks strong. As long as Joey doesn't have too many scenes, it'll make it to at least the end of the season. Whoa!

Show: "8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter" Started: Sept. 17 Starring: John Ritter and Katey Segal

Premise: Father (Ritter) has a hard time controlling his teen-age daughters, especially when they start wearing G-strings.

Reminds us of: "Grounded for Life"

Bonus: There might be a ninth rule! Stay tuned!

Lame Factor: John Ritter. We're thinking it wasn't just the "Three's Company" writers, but that maybe ol'

Ritter went to the "Keanu" school of acting.

How long it will last: Come and knock on our door, cancellation's waiting for you...

Show: "John Doe" Network: FOX Starts: Friday Starring: Dominic Purcell

Premise: Guy wakes up and doesn't know who he is or where he came from. But apparently he knows everything else in the world (except for the fact that his show is going to be a flop.)

Reminds us of: A little bit "Terminator" (like we haven't seen Arnold curled up naked in that fetal position before), a little bit "Memento."

Bonus: Thanks to the incessant previews, we finally know how many

"How long it will last: Come and knock on our door, cancellation's waiting for you..."

dimples there are in golf ball. (Hint: there are a lot of dimples.)

Lame Factor: Unknown cast. A familiar face would be nice. Where's Regis these days?

How long it will last: He doesn't remember who he is, and viewers won't either by the end of October. (We'll remember Regis, though.)

Show: "CSI: Miami" Network: CBS Started: Monday Starring: Kim

Delaney and Emily Proctor

Premise: Same storyline as "CSI" in Las Vegas, no chance of seeing Siegfried and/or Roy and/or David Copperfield and/or Wayne Newton.

Reminds us of: "CSI" and all of those "Law and Order" spin-offs.

Bonus: The dead people are tanner.

Lame Factor: In this city, prostitution is illegal.

How long it will last: Longer than a cheap hooker.

Show: "In-Laws" Network: NBC Started: Tuesday Starring: Jean Smart and Dennis Farina

Premise: Newlyweds Matt and Alex move into her parents' home to save money, while Matt fulfills his dreams of becoming a chef. Guess what? Her dad hates him.

Reminds us of: "Everybody Loves Raymond"

Bonus: If all goes well there will be a time slot open in a few weeks for "Frasier" reruns.

Lame Factor: No Raymond.

How long it will last: Until your milk goes bad.

Show: "Cedric the Entertainer Presents" Network: FOX Starts: Tonight (so cancel those plans!) Starring: Cedric the Entertainer

Premise: A variety show starring a king of comedy, Cedric. He'll pack a half hour full of irritating, obnoxious characters.

Reminds us of: "In Living Color" and "Mad TV" just smushed together in a big mess of a show.

Bonus: A good time to make a sandwich.

Lame Factor: This show could be called "Lame Factor."

How long it will last: Till you're done eating your sandwich. Or at least until "The Bernie Mac Show" is off the air.

Show: "Good Morning, Miami" Network: NBC Starts: Thursday Starring: Mark Feuerstein and Ashley Williams

Premise: Guy likes girl. Girl likes guy. They live in Miami. They work on a TV show with a nun. The nun forecasts the weather.

Reminds us of: The news, except with more nuns and a Robin Williams movie with less "Vietnam."

Bonus: Tanner dead people.

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"Without a Trace" adds more primetime crime drama to evenings.

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Gallery

Art exhibit finds beauty in insects

By Nicholas Norcia

DAILY COLLEGIAN (PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY.)

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. When people think of beauty in art, sweeping landscapes or sunsets often come to mind. Some people, however, might have alternative tastes.

"I've found that we're often drawn to things that we find repulsive," said professor Maryann Frazier of Pennsylvania State University's department of entomology. "We get caught in a trap sometimes of perceiving insects as awful and disease-carrying, yet in reality they can be quite beautiful."

The beauty Frazier is referring to has found its showcase this week with the "Bug Art" exhibit in the HUB Gallery Lounge, which features sculptures, jewelry and other artistic depictions of insects. The exhibit coincides with the annual Great Insect Fair, which takes place Oct. 5.

Gallery Head Ann Shields said the exhibit should resonate well with students on campus, due to the omnipresence of insects this past summer.

"We've all been 'bugged' this summer," Shields joked. "It's a common frame of reference: everyone's been bothered or afraid of bugs at one time or another, especially with all we heard in the news about the West Nile virus."

Frazier said, however, that this summer's outbreak will have "no impact" on the exhibit or the fair.

"Periodically, we have these situa-

tions where an insect carries a certain disease," she said.

"But the majority [of insects] are not harmful," she added. "Part of the interest of the fair is to educate people about minimizing the risk for these kinds of diseases."

Bug Art is an art form, Frazier said, that traces back thousands of years to the earliest civilizations.

"The ancient Egyptians used scarabs in their adornments," she said. "Insects had then — as now — a lot of symbolism, primarily because of the metamorphosis some of them undergo ... from aquatic [immature insects] to dragonflies, for instance."

One of the highlights of the exhibit is an innovative artistic creation that features a used computer hard drive populated by artistically rendered "bugs" in the computer. The artist, 44-year-old State College resident Glenn Sokol, said the idea came to him naturally.

"I worked 22 years in computers and I know where the bugs are," he said. "It becomes a nightmare. Anybody that works in electronics really knows what a bug is."

Sokol added that the piece, like many artistic displays in the exhibit, is environmentally beneficial.

"You know how long it takes for silicon to dissolve in the ground? About a 1,000 years. And landfills get filled up beyond belief with things like this. If you can salvage them for artwork that goes a long way," he said.

Sokol said Bug Art is an innovative new art form or, as he coined it, "a new medium for a new millennium."

Console games online?

By Jeff Cunningham

THE MACE & CROWN (OLD DOMINION U.)

(U-WIRE) NORFOLK, Va. - For years, online gaming has been a staple of the PC gaming industry. In fact, in the never-ending debate over whether PC games are better than console games, it is often pointed out that PC games can go online.

Now, so can console games. The trend started with the release of Sega Dreamcast in 1999, which came with a built-in 56k modem. Few games took advantage of the feature (NFL2K1 and Phantasy Star Online, namely), however. The fact that the system ran on a dial-up connection might be a good reason why the service never took off.

The times, however, are changing. Sony recently released the network adapter for PlayStation2, Xbox comes packed with a 10-gig hard drive and an Ethernet port, and Nintendo has plans to take GameCube online in the next year.

But are we ready?

Is it feasible at this time to implement online gaming in the console world?

No. The idea is certainly worth merit-hardly anything is better than schooling an opponent all the way across the country in a game of NFL2K3-but in execution, a few things need to happen for the concept

to work.

First, the cost needs to come down. As it stands right now, online gaming in the console world would be ridiculously expensive. Cost is a purely case-by-case basis, but here's just one example:

Square's Final Fantasy XI will be online-only. In order to play FFXI, gamers will fork over \$400 just to play one game for one month.

Again, cost is a case-by-case thing; some companies won't charge a monthly service fee, while Xbox owners don't have to worry about buying a hard drive or Internet adapter-those are already built in to the console. But the majority of the industry's audience cannot afford to shell out this kind of money.

In addition, broadband is more expensive than dial-up and isn't available everywhere. A lot of rural areas-parts of the country in the middle of nowhere-don't have access to broadband connectivity. Until broadband service becomes cheaper and more mainstream, online gaming in the console world will not take off.

Fortunately, the majority of games that can be played online today can also be played offline. SOCOM: US Navy Seals, Madden NFL 2003, Halo-all have the option of online play. The only game right now that is completely online is the forthcoming FFXI.

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Lame Factor: Could result in a spin-off. See: "Good Morning, Oroville."

How long it will last: Look for highs of three weeks to a month.

Show: "Without a Trace" Network: CBS Starts: Thursday

Starring: Anthony LaPaglia and

Poppy Montgomery

Premise: With a name that sounds like it was stolen from an original Lifetime movie, "Without a Trace," is a drama that delves in the procedures of the Missing Persons Squad of the FBI.

Reminds us of: "CSI"

Bonus: Chances of actually finding living people. Tan ones.

Lame Factor: You know that they are going to be looking for missing kids every episode. Kind of depress-

ing.

How long it will last: Here's hoping it won't vanish without a trace.

This is only a handful of what the networks are cramming down our throats this season. Most of these shows will end up buried alongside the likes "Saved by the Bell: The College Years" and "Baby Bob," so if you want to catch them, do so before the last shovel-full is dropped on them.

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Film

'24-hour Party People' plays punks and drugs

By Erin Steele
DAILY TEXAN (UNIVERSITY TEXAS-AUSTIN)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas - Tony Wilson is not a modest man. I suppose that is what made him a great one. Never afraid to fly too close to the fire, he became a beacon of musical anarchy before his maverick empire melted in the face of enormous financial burden. His is a story of epic proportions.

It's no surprise then that he not only compares his story to that of Icarus, but does so in the first few minutes of "24 Hour Party People" ("If you know what I mean, great," he says. "If you don't, you should read more"). After all, here's a man who built his career by staying solidly ahead of the game, trumpeting the arrival of prolific bands like the Sex Pistols on his Manchester-based show "So it Goes."

And so it goes that 24 Hour Party People is all about the Manchester music scene of the '70s and '80s, and the celebration of the punk subculture that nourished it. Wilson serves as our self-appointed guide, and self-described minor character, secondary, he says, to the music that saturates the film. Essentially, he's right; his life may be a film-worthy whirlwind, but it's one built from the music that surrounded it.

"24 Hour Party People" serves its subject well, a wonderful little film that commemorates the culture responsible for planting the seeds of the modern rave scene. Following Wilson as he relishes the success of

bands like Joy Division and New Order, it's mostly a look at how certain trends — and stars — inevitably burn out, but not in the hearts of the people who loved them.

In the film, Wilson is played by Steve Coogan, who, in a sublime little slice of postmodernism, happens to helm a Wilsonian TV show in Britain.

Coogan is wonderful in the film, portraying Wilson as a man who takes himself so seriously that he really can't be taken seriously at all. Fuming after being forced to do a segment on paragliding, Wilson informs the producer that he is a serious journalist. "I graduated from Cambridge!" he shouts, before moving on to his next interview, this one involving a midget zookeeper.

The film briskly rolls along, it's tongue planted firmly in cheek, with Coogan (as Wilson) slyly addressing the audience at various points throughout the film. The moments where he reminds us that a scene is more legend than fact makes the film seem more truthful than an actual documentary.

"24 Hour Party People" doesn't have much of a plot, instead reveling in the grandeur of the era, and its role in establishing music as a form of freedom. The conclusion of the film accentuates how capitalism essentially destroyed that ideal, replacing talent with marketability. Wilson's clubs and studio go bankrupt, but he never considers himself a failure. In the world of "24 Hour Party People," the only failures are sell-outs.

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Holidays should be revamped to new school year

Happy New Year! I, Shallon Lester, have decided to revamp the American holiday system.

First of all, no more holidays that fall during summer break and screw us out of three-day weekends. Holidays without gift potential, like Arbor Day or Boxing Day are gone too. Independence Day will be celebrated numerous times, since on each day we won a different war.

I'll add new holidays, all of which will have a costume or feast option, such as Disco Appreciation Day, Hulk Hogan Anniversary Day, or a Fried Chicken Fest. Barbecues, kegs and American flags will be required once a month, and the Pledge of Allegiance will be back in the schools where it belongs.

On Valentine's Day, all single girls will receive free Tiffany's jewelry, and coupled girls get Gucci sunglasses. But the biggest change I'm proposing is the reassignment of New Year's from Jan. 1 to Sept. 26.

For those of us in school, there's nothing fresh about January. It's six months from blessed summer break and a dreary long time until the next Christmas. Boo!

Now is the true New Year's. Now is when we should be making our resolutions and now is definitely when we have a license to kiss people at midnight. After we graduate, we'll no longer have the chance to cocoon over summer and emerge as the tan, thin, wealthy butterfly that our gym memberships and lifeguarding jobs made us.

"I need a game plan for this year," says my friend Shelby, who treats her social life like a complex football game. "I just want to start the year off on a different foot."

It's a feeling shared by most people. The "go to the gym" foot. The "stop gossiping" foot. Or mine, the "take up belly dancing and lay off the Swedish fish" foot.

Some people, however, take a more practical approach to the start of the New Year.

"It's all about how you walk in the first day of class," insists my editor Dena. "If you walk in with an air of confidence followed by a bunch of people saying hi to you, you look popular."

I think Dena still wants to be Prom Queen.

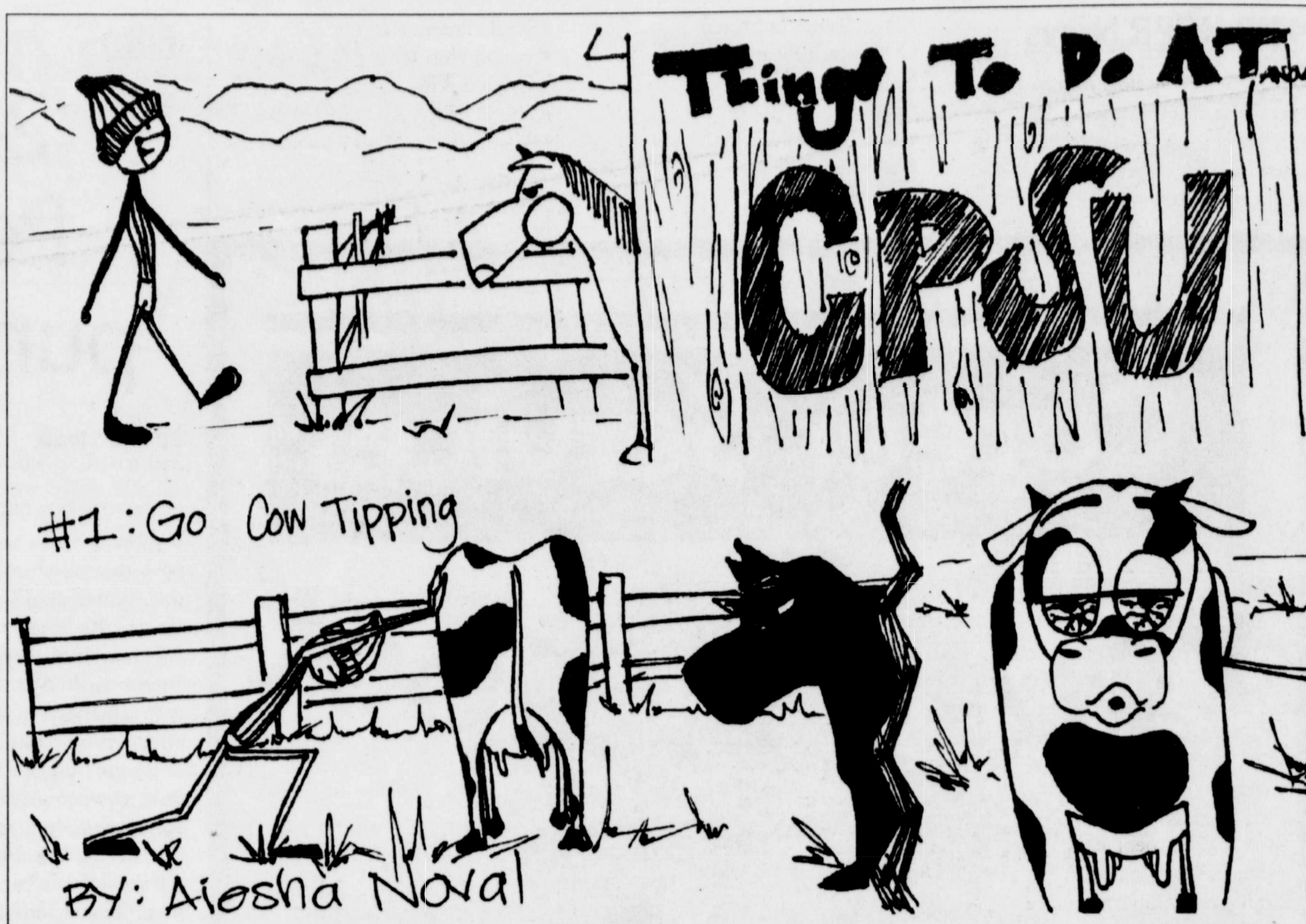
My feisty friend Jessica agrees: "If you're late, you don't really pick your seat, so you risk getting stuck by the dork all quarter instead of the hot guy. And your outfit is still important, just like it was in kindergarten!"

But just how successful are these autumn schemes? The older we get the more people we know, making it harder to switch social directions or carve out a new identity. The new, outdoorsy Shallon won't fly, considering my fear of moths and dirty fingernails.

Fortunately, none of us are locked into one path. Let's all take advantage of the opportunities youth affords us and make our mistakes before we have mortgages, marriages, and careers to mess up. Take belly dancing! Wear Hammer pants! Join FFA!

And if you see me at Rite Aid eyeballing the Swedish fish, you can waggle your finger, but don't expect a miracle. Some things will never change.

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Tipping ethics and related Buddhist karma

Tip cups are present on almost every countertop in American civilization. Everywhere from coffee shops to self-serve yogurt stores, people are silently asking for money in return for their "service."

Sometimes brilliant phrases, such as "Tipping is not a city in China," are scribbled in marker on scraps of paper taped to old coffee cans. Perhaps the worst tipping quote on a jar would have to be the demeaning "We'll holler for a dollar" found at Coldstone's.

Who came up with the idea of percentage amounts of money to reward great service? And how did the etiquette of tipping become part of the American tradition?

These days, I find myself dropping spare change into the cups of the person who merely sits at a counter and punches buttons on a register, when there were no actions to reward aside from exchanging money.

I am not quite sure as to why I tip. I guess it's simply assumed to be custom. But really, where does tipping come from?

The initial idea behind tipping ethics was to express gratitude, in the form of a cash reward, for great service. I have even heard the common theory on how the word "tip" is an acronym meaning "to insure promptness."

If this is true, then why not tip before the service? The cash incentive might result in a more enjoyable experience.

According to Jesse Sheidlower, principal North American editor for the Oxford English Dictionary, the "acronym theory" is wrong. Not until the 1920's did acronyms become prevalent in the English language.

Sheidlower says the word "tip" began as a word meaning "to give," dating back to the seventeenth century. By the eighteenth century, the meaning incorporated "to give a gratuity to a servant or employee."

Sheidlower's theory seems believable, considering most tipping involves a worker in the service industry. As Americans, often we tip because we feel we have to help compensate for someone's lower wages, not because we truly feel they deserve a cash reward.

Most of the time, I find myself tipping because that is considered the thing to do. When the tip cup is conveniently located only inches from where you receive a handful of change, what else is there to do but drop it in?

There have been times when I was at a restaurant and my service was nothing more than all right. Although I would have preferred not to give my waiter or waitress a fifteen percent tip, I didn't want to be considered rude or, dare I say, cheap. I thought the sole purpose of tipping was to reflect on exceptional service.

George Foster, professor emeritus of anthropology at UC Berkeley, researched the origin of the word "tip" in 1972 and discovered it meant "gratuity" in many different languages. He also noticed that "tip" often evolved from "drink money," (which would support the tradition of tipping at eating establishments).

"As Americans, we tip because we feel we have to help compensate for someone's lower wages, not because we truly feel they deserve a cash reward."

His theory stated that tipping originated as a desire to avoid envy from the server and deliver the message that they should have a drink at the customer's expense.

As a typical American consumer, I estimate that approximately 40 percent of my meals are prepared at an eating establishment. What I am craving and how big my appetite is will determine how many additional expenses are spent on tipping.

Five bucks here and five bucks there, and I end up spending about \$30 a week on tips. Outside of the food industry, I have no clue of how much I spend.

The general rule I apply is to give a tip to anyone who gives a personalized service. Not all professions experience the intimacy and social nature of a worker in the service industry.

Some of these professions include waiters, bellmen, valet parkers, hairdressers, maids and even grocery courtesy clerks (more common on the East Coast).

The jobs they perform involve being near you and/or the things you love - i.e. food, great hair, your car, and personal belongings. So I guess if you love yourself, then you are a good tipper.

I believe tipping ethics should reflect the Buddhist karma belief: you offer what you can - no more, no less.

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Point / Counterpoint

New Sesame Street muppet tests HIV positive

Television has long been criticized for influencing children, but it has yet to meet its greatest challenge.

Children's Television Workshop (CTW), the creator of "Sesame Street," which now airs in several countries outside of the United States, hopes television can reach its audience as well as critics claim.

South Africa's version of "Sesame Street," called "Takalani Sesame," is taking a step forward to break stereotypes about people who have contracted HIV and AIDS by introducing a new Muppet.

Kami is not just an ordinary Muppet, though; she is a healthy 5-year-old HIV-positive Muppet. Ginger-haired and golden-yellow, she is set to debut on Sept. 30 and will face problems such as death and ostracism that children in South Africa face today. Due to stigmas attached to people who have contracted the virus, these painful situations that many orphaned children face are not discussed.

The show is trying to have a positive influence on young minds, and its ideas should be encouraged.

By targeting the young audience that this show is designed to entertain, the producers are getting to the heart of the stereotypes about people infected with HIV or AIDS. Presenting a positive image of someone coping with this virus gives children the option to believe something different than their parents – that these people are not any different than they are and should not be treated any less humanely.

A parallel can be drawn between racism in the US and the negative stigma attached to people who have contracted HIV. Reducing racism has been a long struggle and is the most difficult to overcome in adults. Getting some adults to accept people who they think are socially unacceptable, people whom they assume have not lived their lives correctly and are HIV-positive,

is going to be a long and slow process. Discussing AIDS in a non-taboo format requires presenting other options, which "Takalani Sesame" is doing.

Children are very impressionable and in need of positive role models. CTW is working to promote such positive values as education over ignorance and understanding over isolation, and it should be commended for its efforts. Not every program that children can watch is working to educate them and fill in the gaps that teachers and parents leave.

Parents are not always the best role models.

"By targeting the young audience that this show is designed to entertain, the producers are getting to the heart of the stereotypes about people infected with HIV or AIDS."

The pressures of society have more pull on adults and allow them to keep silent about AIDS and regard the subject as taboo. By exposing children to Kami, who is made out to be a fairly normal child, children may see a new viewpoint. They may accept kids like Kami, even if their parents do not.

The three-to-seven-year-olds that CTW designs its programs for are at the stage in life where they learn by imitating. With Kami, they may express more understanding and compassion to children affected by this epidemic.

In the half-hour episodes, death and other difficult issues are covered from a child's point of view. Parents are not always able to understand their child, and this new perspective is valuable and worth it.

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Recently, South Africa's version of Sesame Street, "Takalani Sesame," announced the introduction of an HIV-positive Muppet.

The goal of this show, whose name translates into "get happy," is to promote tolerance of children afflicted with the virus. While the intentions of this show are noble, the method of education falls short of high praise.

I fully support teaching children acceptance and tolerance. However, I do not support letting children that have been dealt a bad hand think that their bad situations are just part of life and should be accepted as fate and fact.

While unfortunate children should not be judged and shunned by others, they should not sit back and remain complacent about their situation because they have been told that it is "just life."

The format of such exposure to children also leaves something to desire. I can't help but think that, Sesame Street is going to make light of the AIDS epidemic and sugarcoat the harsh realities.

After all, their target audience is children between the ages of three and seven, and the words "two million of you will be orphaned by 2010 due to AIDS" can hardly come out of the mouth of a sunny-faced Muppet named Kami. I hardly think that such a channel adequately introduces this subject to children.

The show features happy, carefree characters that live normal lives with HIV. I think that such a display will almost perpetuate the "outcast" feeling that these children often feel.

While children can live without symptoms for a long time, how will they feel when the symptoms do set in? Won't they once again just question the injustice of their fate if they

sees happy children dancing on stage, singing about being HIV and living it up?

Imagine if Kami was a Muppet with cancer and she was introduced into the American version of the show. Watching a cheerful Muppet dance around singing about her cancer would be offensive to this society.

Why should it be any different with HIV when the proliferation of that disease in South Africa is similar to that of cancer in America?

Children watch television shows like Sesame Street to see a happy, sunny place.

"I can't help but think that, Sesame Street is going to make light of the AIDS epidemic and sugarcoat the harsh realities."

The lessons they learn on this show are educational and long-lasting, but taught in an upbeat way. It seems that the show might offer some escape to children who have less than perfect lives. It is fantasy and fun. Let the children have their one area of imagination without being constantly reminded of their afflictions. The kids are reminded every second of every day of their disease; they should be allowed to have a few moments of escape if possible.

Children do need to be taught about HIV and the AIDS epidemic that affects about 250,000 children in South Africa. Dancing Muppets do not offer the answer.

The subject needs to be addressed in a more serious manner that mirrors the tone of the epidemic itself. Children need to know that when it comes to HIV, there is nothing to "get happy" about.

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Letters to the editor

Take the time to look around Editor,

Look around America. This is what happens when you fail to actively participate in your political process. This is what happens when people fail to develop a "considered opinion," opting instead to simple-mindedly declare, "This is my opinion" whether or not that "opinion" has any critical perspective to it at all. This is what happens when the citizens of the most powerful nation seldom venture abroad to visit with the world's people and experience life outside this disturbing haven of materialism. This is what happens when citizens accept anti-depressants instead of noting that they ought to be anxious (if not angry) in a society such as ours: a society with incredible numbers of people in prison, a too-long history of children murdering each other at school and CEO's who blatantly rape the hard-earned savings and retirements of this nation's law-abiding and hard working citizens.

Last August and September I was in China. Friends smiled and said to me, "Now you have a dynasty too: Bush." They were amused that our young society had so quickly become this mix of oligarchy and Bush family dynasty. I grimaced back at their smiles and replied that most Americans have no idea what the word "coup" means, much less being able to see the forces that resulted in the Supreme Court appointing our president after the farce in Florida.

Look around America. This is what happens when the "getting and spending" outstrips the responsibility of the citizens of a democracy to participate in the democratic process and to exercise their critical thinking skills. Look around America. This is what happens when a "fortunate son" does the dirty work of the can-

ibalistic capitalistic dogs, the gluttons of materialism, that threaten the very fabric of these United States of America. Look around America. Decide if you are an American or simply a mindless producer of wealth for people who do not deserve the opportunities that abound in this land. Look around America, look in a mirror – what and who are you? Before it is too late, you need to decide what sort of future you envision for your children, because Bush, Cheney, Kenny baby, et al. have already decided who you are: a no one, and what you are, a fool.

Randy Davis is a resident of Cayucos.

Staff cause parking problems Editor,

Since it's my last quarter at Cal Poly, I feel it is my duty to impart a little parking knowledge on to ignorant students. Ignorance is not a bad thing because all it means is that you were unaware. After getting swarmed today by students trying to park their cars when all I wanted was to get a book out of my car, using it as a locker, I realized some people do not know that other parking lots exist besides the library lot (H-2 on Cal Poly maps). Get some exercise and walk a little instead of sitting in your cars, waiting to bother people. Others did not know that students can park in most staff spots and all sponsored guest spots (the light green spots) at 5 p.m. until 7 a.m. with a valid parking permit or the daily permits. Meanwhile, white (loading), yellow (state vehicle), red (as in no parking or stopping ever), ASI (hardly ever park there) and President Baker's (occasionally, well he does live on campus) spots are enforceable 24 hours a day, any day of the week. This little information should help most people to avoid

getting parking tickets, except those who just leave their cars in the meter spots praying not to get one, in which case you deserve more than a \$10 fine just for being stupid.

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Ryan Passwater is a fifth-year business major and 'super senior.'

War with Iraq means disaster Editor,

War on Iraq would be a disaster in every sense. It would be an enormous political mistake, isolating America further from the world community which resists the call for war. It would be a terrible economic mistake, for the prospect of war has already depressed markets all over the world. And most importantly, it would be an atrocity against humanity. A full-scale invasion of Iraq could not take place without heavy casualties on all sides. And we saw from the war in Afghanistan that the primary victims of any modern military campaign are innocent civilians, killed indiscriminately by bombs and missiles.

The truth is, there is no new evidence that Hussein poses an elevated threat right now. The Iraqi economy has been strangled by 10 years of sanctions, and the military was pulverized during the Gulf War. And now Iraq is

offering to readmit U.N. weapons inspectors. It is a calculated move, of course, but the United States cannot make a credible case for further action against Iraq without allowing inspectors to return first. If the United States presses forward with war plans without allowing inspectors back, then that will be an indication of what many of us suspect, which is that the whole concern with weapons of mass destruction is a pretext for pushing forward a perpetual state of war and opening up Iraqi oil supplies to American companies.

It is time for all Americans to resist this disaster in the making and say no to a new war on Iraq.

Clayton Whitt is a social science junior.

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Group efforts bring community closer

By Lucia Stone
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

The Student Community Liaison Committee (SCLC) had its first meeting for the upcoming academic year July 18 to discuss current issues facing the community.

SCLC was established 15 years ago by then Mayor Ron Dunin in an effort to open-up the lines of discussion between students, local government, Cuesta College and Cal Poly. The committee is composed of community leaders and led by ASI president Jake Parnell, but does not actually make the changes as an organization.

"We're not an action body," said Jim Gardiner, San Luis Obispo Chief of Police and longtime board member. "It (SCLC) is a group that is in power to help facilitate those changes."

The focus of the group is to address the concerns and constituencies regarding the college community and its relationship with local government and homeowners in San Luis Obispo.

Fifty-eight percent of the population of San Luis Obispo is under 29 years old, and 52 percent of housing is rentals. The SCLC continues to address problems concerning alcohol related crimes, noise pollution, parking, housing and blight (visible deteriorating neighborhood) reduction.

"It's always 10 percent of the population that causes 90 percent of the problems," said Rob Bryn, neighborhood services manager and SCLC board member.

Bryn said the local government follows the "Broken Window Theory": if a neighborhood deteriorates, an increase in crime rate follows.

"So many of the problems could be avoided if people would just be courteous," Bryn said.

SCLC members specifically discuss concerns from the public and attempts to design effective resolutions. In the past, SCLC has developed products and programs such as Neighborhood Cooperation Week, Make a Difference Day, an awards committee, nighttime busing, Neighbor Day and Mardi Gras regulations.

All these programs are a joint effort to improve community relations within San Luis Obispo.

"It is the opportunity of that group (SCLC) to impact the policies, programs and relationships of those of us who live in this community," Gardiner said.

He added that with education, involvement and communication from everyone within the community, actions can be implemented and changes can be made.

Originally, the design of SCLC was aimed toward involving Cal Poly with local government and public affairs that affected the student community. Today, SCLC strives toward the same goals, but involves Cuesta College as well.

This past summer, Jake Parnell and Adrian Torres, president of Cuesta College, discussed students' specific concerns, such as parking, housing and zoning. The talks were an effort to ultimately gain the community's support in developing city ordinances, sub-committees and programs to improve the situation.

"Students are an intricate part of the city," Parnell said, stressing the importance of Cal Poly's involvement in community affairs.

Many of the hot issues affecting Cal Poly will soon be exposed and addressed, following the City Council elections in November 2002.

Parnell said although SCLC doesn't make executive decisions, he hopes that the committee can spark action.

"I don't want SCLC to be a committee that only voices concerns, but rather a committee that makes plans and takes action through sub-committees," he said.

Former ASI President Angie Hacker helped SCLC get back on track by regaining the focus and commitment of the committee, Gardiner said.

Parnell sees the progress continuing during the upcoming year.

"It can't all be fixed in one year, but we can definitely make some serious progress," he said.

What's Going On

Coming up on September 26

***Balinese Drum Troupe - Gamelan Çudamani** will perform at the Cal Poly Theater tonight at 8 p.m.

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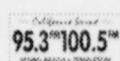
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Herb Kamm, veteran journalist and Poly instructor, dies at 85

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Herb Kamm, a longtime journalism instructor and adviser to the

Cal Poly Journalism Department, died Wednesday afternoon following a brief illness. He was 85.

A member of the San Luis Obispo Tribune's editorial board and former advisor to the Mustang

Daily, Kamm produced seven media forums in conjunction with Cal Poly that drew members of national and local media to the university.

Kamm moved to San Luis Obispo in 1985 after 50 years experience as a writer and editor in New York and Cleveland. He was named special

assistant to Cal Poly's vice president for university advancement in 1998 and worked closely with Cal Poly President Warren Baker.

Kamm is survived by his wife, Phyllis, the couple's three sons and their families.

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New system offers students instant feedback

By Jack Schneider

DAILY FORTY-NINER (CAL STATE LONG BEACH)

(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH, Calif. — A new device is being used at California State University-Long Beach to take exams in which students use a penny instead of a pencil to get automatic results on how they did.

Cal State Long Beach marketing professor David Horne has been using a new type of scantron to test students called the Immediate Feedback Assessment Technique.

The IFAT is constructed with an opaque coating, in which a student marks off an answer using a coin, said creator Michael Epstein of Ridell University in New Jersey.

If the scratched-off answer is correct, a star appears. If a student answers correctly, four points are counted to the score. If the answer is correct next time, three points are counted to the score, then two points for a third try and one point for a final marking.

Horne said that students won't have to be in suspense on what score they received on an exam.

"The beauty of it is that you find out whether or not you have the right answer, and you know what score you get right after taking the test," Horne said.

Horne first discovered the IFAT after it was featured in a November 1997 article in The New York Times.

Horne recently used the IFAT for his exam in his retail concepts and policies class.

The IFAT was created by psychology professor Michael Epstein of Ridell University.

Some students in the class said they believed that by using the IFAT, a person's test score could improve.

"It makes you get more involved with the test," said senior marketing major Joe Ongpin. "(The IFAT) makes you really concentrate and motivates you to get the right answer."

Others said they believe that using the IFAT might take a while for student's to adapt to a new form of test taking.

Senior marketing major Rosemary Czopek said that there was no change in Horne's test questions, but mentioned that students in general might have to adjust to a new way of taking tests.

"The test questions were about the same, but since it's new to the students, they have to get used to a new setup," Czopek said.

Ongpin also said the taking the IFAT is a little more time consuming than a normal scantron.

"The test takes a little more time to work on," Ongpin said. "For instance, if you mark down a question by accident, that question is pretty much done."

Horne said students will appreciate that they will get instant results on a test using the IFAT.

"I think students will enjoy using the IFAT," Horne said. "It gets rid of the suspense on finding out a grade."

Study: Health at risk when parents informed

By Kaitlan Tauber

THE MARQUETTE TRIBUNE (MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY)

(U-WIRE) MILWAUKEE — Teen-age girls would stop visiting clinics for sexual health if their parents were notified, according to a recent University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee study.

Girls under the age of 18 were invited to participate in a survey at 33 Planned Parenthood clinics in Wisconsin. Of the 950 girls who were surveyed, 59 percent would stop or alter use of services if their parents were notified. However, 99 percent said they would remain sexually active.

"Dubious other forms of contraception would be used, such as having the male withdraw, or unprotected sexual intercourse," said Diane Reddy, UWM associate professor and director of public health psychology.

Reddy said the survey is in response to recent legislation attempts.

"The study came about because there were a large number of proposals, at the national and state level, that would require a large number of

"Many teens and parents do not and would not discuss (sex). All families are not models of openness."

Rep. Sheldon Wasserman
D-Milwaukee

parental notifications," Reddy said.

In 1999, several members of the Wisconsin state Assembly attempted to pass a parental notification bill to limit the confidentiality of girls' health care. Supporters such as Carol Owens, R-Oshkosh, and Glenn Grothman, R-West Bend, claimed confidential health care services promote teen-age girls to lie to their parents about their sexual activity. The bill did not receive much support from lawmakers and never made it out of committee.

Rep. Sheldon Wasserman, D-Milwaukee, said he would oppose such a bill.

"Sexual functioning is viewed as very private," Wasserman said. "Many teens and parents do not and would not discuss the subject. All families are not models of openness."

Reddy said the survey's results show that sexual health care services are, and will remain, an important part of teen-age girls' health care. If these services are not offered or do not remain confidential, there are increased negative effects. Abortion and increased pregnancy rates, along with the threat of sexually transmitted diseases, puts more people's health at risk.

"Teens should not be sexually active in the first place, but the fact is many of them are," Wasserman said. "They put themselves in compromising situations, the end result of which is often an unwanted child. The socioeconomic disadvantages that are endured due to teen parenthood is devastating to all concerned, including the infant. Confidential services are essential in the fight to prevent teen pregnancy."

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concerns that "coaches were pushing the envelope on what was voluntary and what wasn't," Campbell-McGovern said.

Julian Jordan, who has played soccer since he was a first-year, agreed there could be ambiguity surrounding ostensibly voluntary activities.

With the requirement in place, "it's less of an obligation," he said. "People don't feel guilty if they don't go to practice because a coach doesn't make them feel guilty."

For students who take their participation in athletics as seriously as academics or other activities, the requirement is a setback, Cooper said.

"Brown is Division I — we compete against the top schools in the

nation," she said. "We're already disadvantaged because people aren't on scholarship, and this makes us a little less competitive."

The requirement will also affect schools and sports differently because they all run on separate schedules, and some will have more trouble fitting in the seven weeks than others will, Short said.

"There will be a gradual erosion of our competitiveness," she added.

RAMS

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The Ram defense scarcely resembles the third-ranked unit that played so well last season, even though it has 10 returning starters.

"If you could put your finger on any one thing, it would be easy to fix," backup center Frank Garcia said.

The Rams have never really recovered from their Super Bowl loss to the New England Patriots.

Gone is the swagger, the unwavering belief that Warner and Faulk could extricate the team from any tight spot, the notion that Coach Mike Martz has an answer for any scheme a defensive mastermind might devise.

"You have to play with a certain attitude," tight end Ernie Conwell said. "That attitude, in the past few years, has been portrayed as speed,

excitement and fun. That attitude has to get back in here. We've got to maintain what attitude we have left, and where we're lacking, we've got to find it somehow."

By most accounts, Martz is far more tightly wound this season. He has closed practices, something he didn't do before, and has been especially sensitive to media scrutiny.

His decisions to go for it on fourth down in losses to Denver and the New York Giants were widely criticized; the Rams failed on both attempts, and the plays turned out to be pivotal.

Trailing 13-7, the Rams spent the better part of the third quarter in Tampa Bay territory but decided to punt on fourth and one and fourth and two—choices not only influenced by the absence of Faulk but perhaps by the offense's diminished confidence.

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Cal Poly Football

Mustangs looking to regroup

After stumbling to 0-4 to open the season, Cal Poly returns home against Northern Iowa

By Jacob Jackson
MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS EDITOR

It would be nearly impossible for one quarterback to replace Seth Burford, who guided Cal Poly to its first winning season in four years in 2001 before being selected by the San Diego Chargers in the seventh round of the 2002 NFL Draft.

That's why this year, with Burford gone, the Mustangs have been using two.

Junior Chris Peterson and senior Kevin Cooper, who have been competing for the starting job since last spring, have continued splitting time through the first four games of the season, and head coach Rich Ellerson said he expects the rotation to continue.

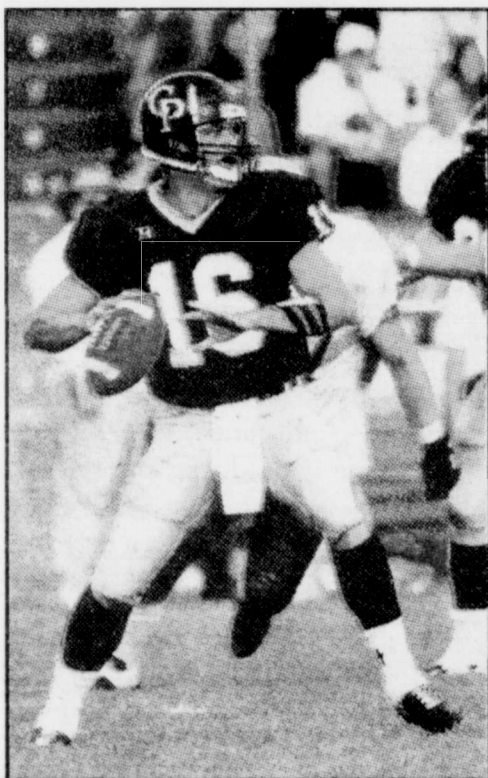
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The game evolves, the situation dictates who plays."

So far, the approach has produced points, but not any victories. The Mustangs have struggled to a 0-4 start while playing one of the toughest Division I-AA schedules in the nation.

The team has already traveled to Ohio twice to take on a pair of Division I-A opponents, Toledo and Kent State, and also faced perennial I-AA powerhouse Northern Arizona in the home opener Sept. 7.



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Junior Chris Peterson, above and at right, has been sharing the quarterbacking duties with senior Kevin Cooper this season.

The Mustangs suffered a 44-16 drubbing at Toledo, then lost their next two games by just ten points.

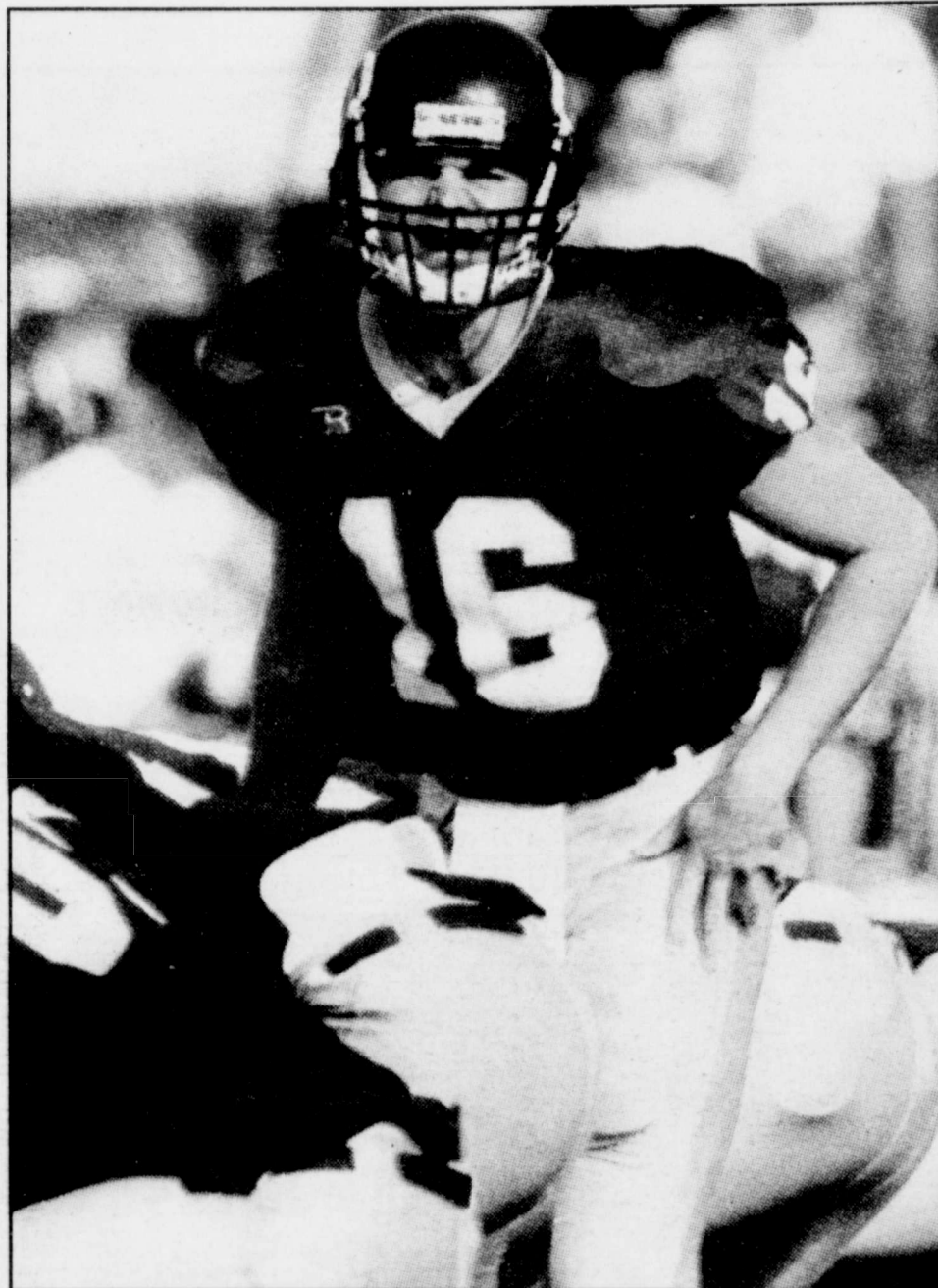
"Those games could have gone either way," kicker Navid Niakan said. "If we had a few different breaks, we could be sitting at 3-1 or 2-2 right now."

Ellerson and Niakan both attribute the team's early struggles to execution, rather than the daunting schedule.

"We need to limit our mistakes," Niakan said. "We can't make turnovers, and we need to make our field goals."

Ellerson agreed with that assessment.

"It's a matter of us needing to improve across the board," he said. "Our offense, our defense and our kicking game all need to get better."



The defense, decimated by injuries, has allowed over 500 yards in three of the first four games.

Last week, the Mustangs fell to Sacramento State 27-17, with Peterson and Cooper again sharing the snaps.

Peterson, who scored on a pair of one-yard runs against the Hornets, said the quarterback rotation hasn't decreased either player's effectiveness one bit, and said that different situations dictate whether the Mustangs will call for him or Cooper.

"We go into each game and we

both know we're going to play," he said. "I'm versatile, I can throw on the run well, and Cooper's a very mature guy who runs the offense with a lot of poise."

Cal Poly returns to Mustang Stadium this Saturday to play No. 6 Northern Iowa at 6 p.m.

"We're at a crossroads in our season," Peterson said. "We just need to put the past behind us and play with more confidence. We need to put it together and just realize, 'Hey, we're a pretty good football team.'"

NCAA

Ivy League mandates seven weeks of athletic rest

By Elena Lesley
BROWN DAILY HERALD (BROWN UNIVERSITY)

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. - A new Ivy League-wide requirement mandating that athletes not engage in competition, practice or conversation with coaches for seven weeks during a semester is facing resistance from many Brown coaches and student-athletes.

The Council of Ivy Group Presidents passed the measure establishing an annual seven-week "quiet period" for athletic teams last spring. The group also approved a measure that cuts the number of football recruits, previously 35 each year, to 30.

The quiet-period measure stipulates there must be seven weeks in every academic year when student athletes have no "mandatory physical activity," said Athletic Director David Roach. Teams can meet the requirement by establishing any number of rest periods so long as

each is longer than seven days.

During the designated quiet period, coaches may not supervise voluntary conditioning practices and students cannot consult with their coaches, even voluntarily, he added.

Teams that violate the quiet period stipulation will be forced to extend the rest period by two weeks the following year, according to the measure passed by the Ivy Presidents Group.

Volleyball head coach Diane Short said many of her players are upset they can no longer talk to their coaches during the rest period.

"Players need good leadership," she said. "They want to succeed and they want to get better. Sure, they can do stuff on their own, but it's good to get advice from a coach."

Short said for most players, the inability to talk to coaches would be a greater detriment than the lack of required physical activity itself. Many teams previously have had several weeks off every year, she

added.

In addition, teams already have restrictions on how many weekly practices and hours of athletic activity they can hold when not in season.

Many students said they felt the requirement unfairly targets athletes. "In theory, what the presidents are trying to get us to do is noble -- to explore other facets of the university," said volleyball player Jessie Cooper, a Herald staff writer. "But in actuality, it's hurting students. Athletes do this because they love it, and it's their passion."

Chas Gessner, who has played football and lacrosse since he was a first-year, said he thought athletes were being singled out "because we're a lot more in the public sphere than someone doing another club-oriented thing."

Cooper echoed these sentiments, adding that "there's sometimes tension between athletes and non-athletes" and that athletics are "a large,

easy to target, money-maker attached to the university."

President Ruth Simmons refused The Herald's numerous requests for interviews and comment on the Ivy League Presidents Group resolution, but Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, senior associate director of the Ivy League Conference Office, spoke to The Herald about the measure.

Campbell-McGovern said athletics are inherently different from many other extra-curricular activities because professionals are hired to instruct students.

In passing the requirement, the Ivy presidents wanted "to provide time during the academic year when students were free from athletic obligations," she continued. "It was the understanding that students don't perceive anything involving supervision by a coach as voluntary."

The NCAA recently officially defined "voluntary" as a result of

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SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL	sat., sept. 28, 6 p.m.
vs. northern iowa	@ cal poly
CROSS COUNTRY	sat., sept. 28
invitational	@ stanford
VOLLEYBALL	fri., sept. 27, 7 p.m.
vs. uc irvine	@ irvine
VOLLEYBALL	sat., sept. 28, 7:30 p.m.
vs. long beach st.	@ long beach
VOLLEYBALL	fri., oct. 4, 7 p.m.
vs. idaho	@ cal poly
VOLLEYBALL	sat., oct. 5, 7 p.m.
vs. utah st.	@ cal poly
MEN'S SOCCER	thurs., sept. 26, 7 p.m.
vs. san jose st.	@ cal poly
MEN'S SOCCER	fri., oct. 4, 6 p.m.
vs. univ. of denver	@ cal poly
WOMEN'S SOCCER	fri., sept. 27, 7 p.m.
vs. unlv	@ cal poly
WOMEN'S SOCCER	sun., sept. 29, 1 p.m.
vs. fresno st.	@ cal poly
WOMEN'S SOCCER	fri., oct. 4, 6 p.m.
vs. pepperdine	@ cal poly
WOMEN'S SOCCER	sun., oct. 6, 1 p.m.
vs. san diego	@ san diego

BRIEFS

Rams 'baffled' by 0-3 start

By Sam Farmer
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TAMPA, Fla.—Kurt Warner clenched his teeth and exhaled, his soft whistle piercing the awkward quiet of the St. Louis locker room. It is the awkward quiet of the Rams offense, however, that has everyone in the organization frustrated and confused.

"I'm a little bit baffled," Warner said after Monday's 26-14 loss at Tampa Bay, a game in which four of his passes were intercepted. "It's the same team that's been here so long. I can't believe that it's taken this long and we still haven't gotten out of this rut we're in. It starts with me. I've got to take care of my part first, quit putting the team in bad positions and not in positions to win."

It was a typical moment of humility for Warner, voted the NFL's most valuable player twice in the last three seasons. He has never been reluctant to shoulder blame, even though the Rams can point in plenty of other directions to explain their 0-3 record, the team's worst start in a non-strike season since 1963. Since 1970, only five of 59 teams that started 0-3 have made the playoffs, most recently the Buffalo Bills in 1998.

The onetime "Greatest Show on Turf" is averaging 17 points a game this season--barely more than half of the 32.6 it averaged last season. Warner has thrown one touchdown pass and seven interceptions, and the Rams now have lost their last three against Tampa Bay—all on "Monday Night Football."

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