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Poly students give gift of mobility

By Jordan Schultz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Few students have the opportunity to earn academic credit by supporting an internationally beneficial cause.

The Cal Poly chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation has given its 11 team members the chance to fulfill senior projects or other academic requirements in exchange for helping provide the gift of mobility to those in need.

This year's team, comprised of business, agribusiness and social sciences majors, hopes to raise enough money to host a successful benefit event this April and send 280 wheelchairs to Ethiopia.

"You would think someone in the United States would never be without a wheelchair if they weren't mobile, but in so many countries it's a reality," said social sciences senior and team member Kate Rand. "It's

something we as Americans can't even conceive."

The Cal Poly chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation began in 2001, when Wheelchair Foundation founder Kenneth Behring visited Cal Poly and offered students the chance to get involved. The non-profit organization has delivered more than 34,000 wheelchairs to 80 different countries around the world.

Professor of marketing and senior project advisor Lynn Metcalf followed up on Behring's offer and helped a group of students form the first collegiate chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation.

Last year's Cal Poly team raised \$18,000 and delivered 240 wheelchairs to Peru in October.

To achieve its goal, this year's group will use marketing, public relations and sales techniques within

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Local TV production out of this world

By Abbey Kingdon
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Theatre junior Chris Page hopes to take the residents of San Luis Obispo into outer space.

Page and John Pearson, director at San Luis Obispo Little Theatre, are co-creators of a sci-fi futuristic comedy show currently in the pre-production phase.

The show is likely to hit the San Luis Obispo Community Access chan-

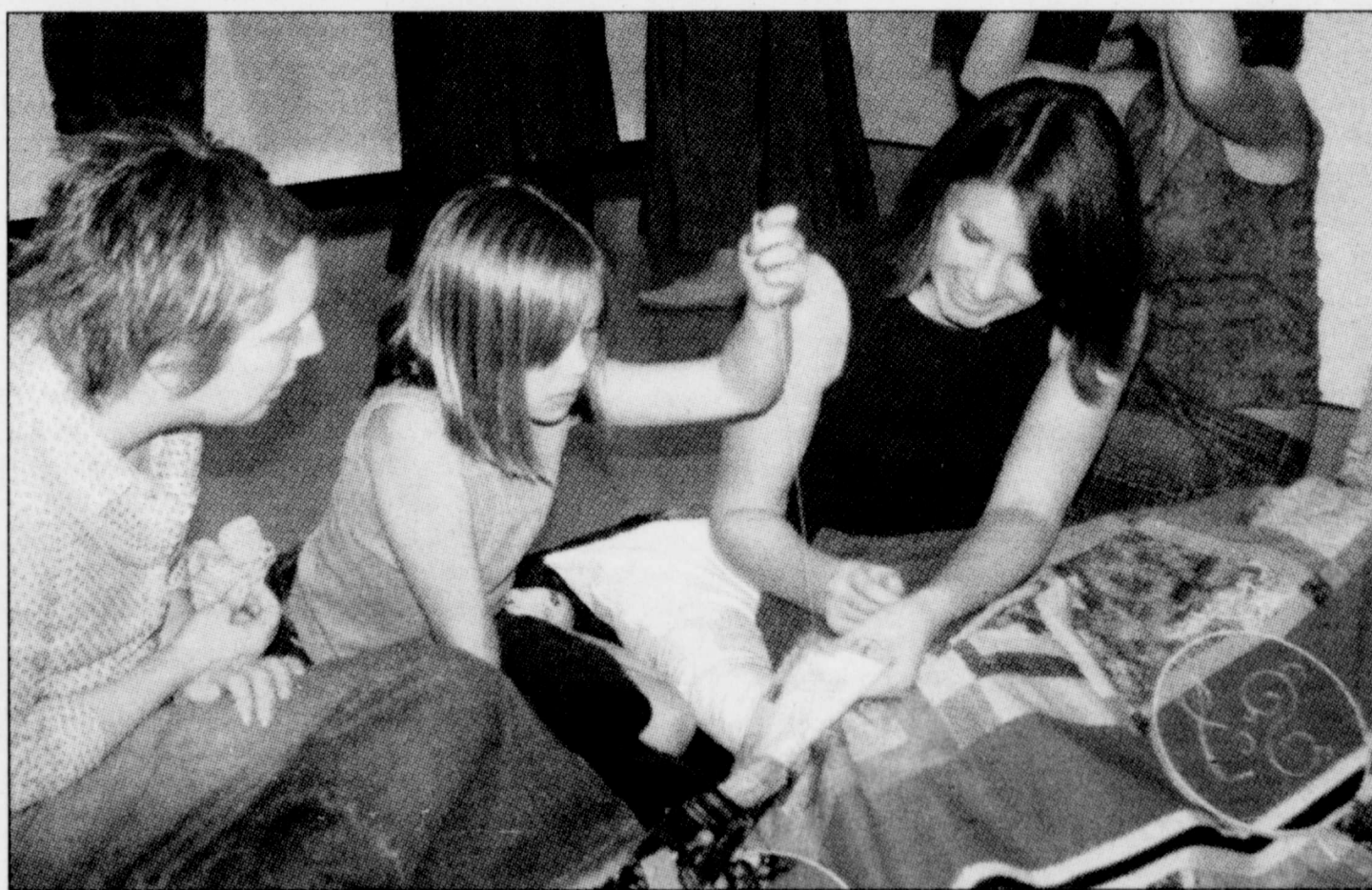
nel and Charter Communications in winter quarter.

Auditions for the show, called "10 Acres," were held at Cal Poly last week.

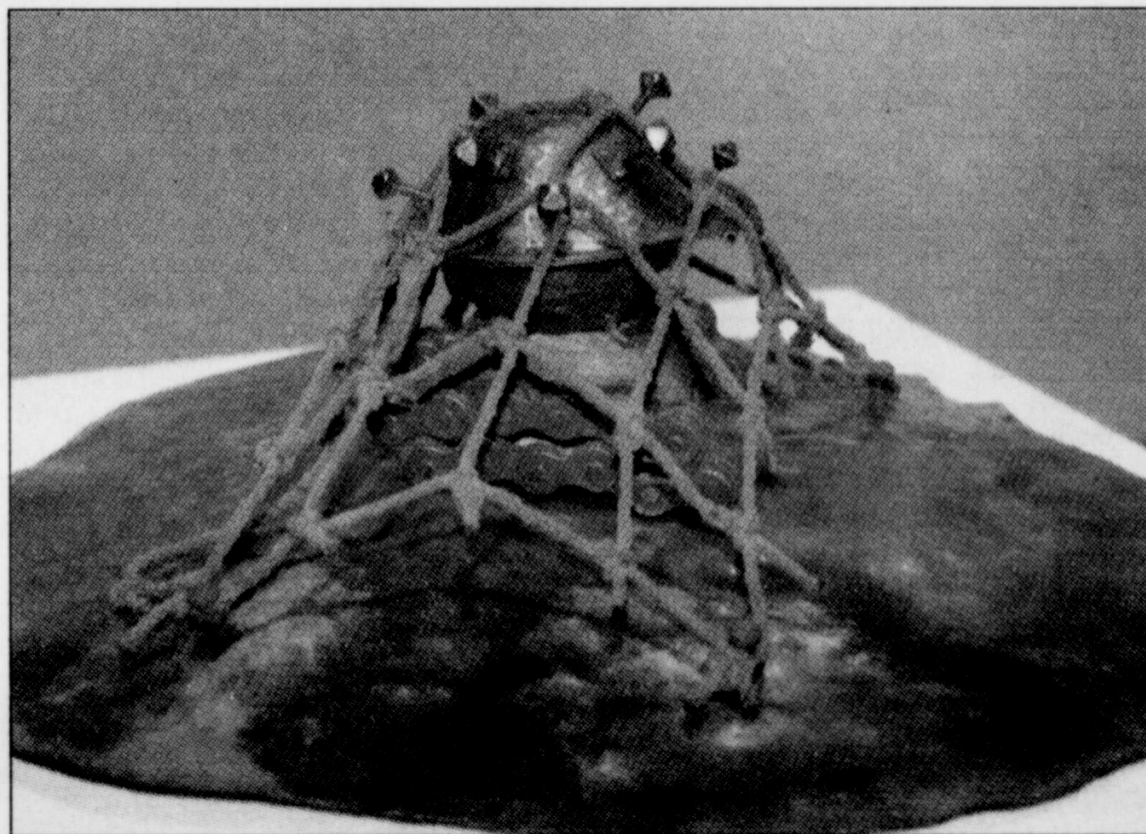
According to the manuscript Page and Pearson submitted to the Writer's Guild, the show takes place in the year 2052 on Enos, the asteroid located around Europa, one of Jupiter's moons, has been modified to sustain human

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Students unite for exhibit



(Above) Julie Knudsen, her daughter and Julie Bouris work on a quilt last Thursday at the United We Heal art exhibition, which is dealing with the topic of the role of women in the Middle East. (Left) A sculpture by Evan Chambers is one of the pieces at the exhibit. United We Heal is currently being shown in the University Art Gallery in the Dexter building.



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Traffic trailer transformed for teaching

By Andrea Svoboda
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Don't be mistaken by its typical classroom blue carpeting and intense lighting; this is no ordinary classroom.

Nestled near the research development center and the various fields of the sports complex is a full-sized trailer, called Demonstration Project 105.

The \$900,000 trailer is actually a 20-person classroom donated to Cal Poly's College of Engineering last year by the Federal Highway Administration. It will be used to instruct students about traffic control and surveillance.

This is the first high-tech transportation lab of its kind that has been designed very specifically as a traffic management facility, said Amy Hewes, spokeswoman for the

"This is a way to say 'here are some of the new things that are happening in traffic management.' It is so important to stay ahead of the curve."

Amy Hewes

College of Engineering spokeswoman

College of Engineering. Between 1997 and 2001, the trailer visited 70 cities to train and preview these systems to traffic engineers and traffic management personnel nationwide, Hewes said.

"We are all aware that the traffic is getting worse everywhere in the United States; it is getting worse here on campus let alone here in San Luis Obispo," Hewes said. "(The facility) was a partnership between Cal Poly and the Federal Highway Administration, and it was designed by the people at Cal Poly

as a demonstration project to show what a high-tech traffic management center could do and what it would consist of."

Jeff Gerfen, project director and research engineer in Cal Poly's Advanced Research and Development Facilities and Activities center, said the donation of the trailer has opened up a new class for engineering students.

"This trailer allowed for Civil

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Demonstration Project 105, the trailer donated to Cal Poly's College of Engineering, will be used to teach students about traffic control.

Weather Watch

5-Day Forecast

TUESDAY
High: 63° / Low: 36°

WEDNESDAY
High: 66° / Low: 35°

THURSDAY
High: 64° / Low: 40°

FRIDAY
High: 69° / Low: 41°

SATURDAY
High: 70° / Low: 42°

Today's Sun

Rises: 6:48 a.m. / Sets: 4:52 p.m.

Today's Moon

Rises: 11:47 a.m. / Sets: 10:02 p.m.

Today's Tides

Low: 5:56 a.m. / 3.1 feet
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Engineering 423 (Intelligent Transportation Systems), offered winter quarter," Gerfen said.

During the trailer's open house, Gerfen demonstrated how to use one of the traffic signal management programs in the trailer.

Displayed on the screen was a demo system in Glendale, Calif. By double-clicking on the intersections, the user had access to the phase timing bank. With this access, the user can adjust the timing on crosswalk signs and traffic signals.

Increasing or decreasing the amount of seconds the light holds can significantly aid the flow of traffic.

With increasing traffic congestion and aging equipment, the trailer is a way to aid local communities

and devise what they are going to need now and into the future in terms of traffic management systems, Hewes said. This education provides Cal Poly undergraduates an advantage over their colleagues, she said.

"Part of our problem is that we have an aging infrastructure and our traffic managers out there haven't had exposure to these new systems coming on line," Hewes said. "So this is that bridge between academia and new engineers coming into the system. By having this very high-tech training and then sending them out into the communities of California and the nation, they can help solve some of our traffic congestion and problems."

She said these types of classes are unique in several ways. First of all, they are multidisciplinary; students work on projects in team situations. Second, Hewes said it is a very competitive world out there in academe-

unters."

Most of the filming will happen on the weekends, and writers will meet Tuesday nights to write the episodes, Page said.

The show will consist of 13 episodes of situation comedy on the asteroid Enos.

"The main character is like Elizabeth Montgomery on the show 'Bewitched,' but instead of magic our character uses science and technology to get her through the adventures and mishaps of the show," Pearson said.

Filming will take place in a warehouse with the use of a green screen, a type of backdrop that allows other backgrounds to be digitally placed.

"The green screen will be edited out in the post-production phase and other scenery will be added," he said.

A digital camera that Page begged and finally convinced his parents to provide will capture scenes.

The comedy show is not associated with Cal Poly or the theatre department, but Page said he wants to provide a learn-by-doing project for students interested in film, as Cal Poly does not have a film or TV department.

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life. A married couple, Buddy and Corbel Murray, live on Enos. Other people soon arrive and the asteroid has now become a colony.

As of last week, about 40 people auditioned for the show, Page said. Auditions were not only for actors. In fact, the directors are looking to Cal Poly for provision of a more technical kind of talent. Additional auditions will be held to develop a core group of people to be the skeletal structure of a company, Page said.

"We need writers for the script, business majors for marketing and advertising, computer scientists for animation, lighting and sound, artists for the set design and costumes, just to name a few," Page said.

Cal Poly students are sought after because they are very hard working, Page said.

"We are willing to experiment with student ideas and have patience with anyone willing to work with us," Pearson said.

Students will not be paid, as this is a volunteer-based production, Page said, but the experience and one's name in the credits can count for a lot.

Steven Rober, a nationally known voiceover artist, is donating his time to the production.

"I believe in their aspect of starting from scratch," Rober said. "I've worked with a lot of independent films in Santa Barbara and Palm Springs, and they all start with great ideas like this. It will go far with the help of vol-

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College of Liberal Arts spokeswoman

mia.

"Since Cal Poly was awarded this trailer and this project speaks to the kind of work that we have done and our reputation with the feds and nationally," Hewes said. "We have a very unique type of hands-on program and we have been placed at the very top in the nation in terms of providing our students with the education they need for the future."

Since Cal Poly is at the forefront of this kind of technology, San Luis Obispo is ahead of the curve for a community of its size, Hewes said. While San Luis Obispo is already

planning and designing its own traffic management center, traffic-heavy places like Fresno don't have centers. In the future they would hope to take this around to places like Fresno and all over the state to help them, Hewes said.

"Because the systems are so new, and because a lot of the traffic managers were educated 10, 15, 20 years ago, they don't know what's out there," Hewes said. "This is a way to say 'here are some of the new things that are happening in traffic management.' It is so important to stay ahead of the curve."

What's Going On

Coming up this week

***National Alliance for the Mentally Ill - A** general meeting will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

***Vocal Student Recital -** The free recital will take place in the Davidson Music Building, room 218, at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 2.

***Toys for Tots Drive -** The City of San Luis Obispo Fire department is hosting a toy drive for the holidays. Bring items to fire stations on Santa Barbara Street, N. Chorro Street, Laurel Lane, and Madonna Road.

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National Briefs

Under criticism from U.S. lawmakers, Saudis examine alleged money link to Sept. 11

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers pressed for answers Sunday on a possible Saudi money trail in the Sept. 11 hijackings and said regardless of whether one exists, the kingdom must stop its "duplicitous" coddling of terrorists.

Saudi officials spent the weekend having bankers pore over the records of Princess Haifa al-Faisal, wife of their ambassador to the United States, to see how thousands of dollars from her account might have ended up in the wrong hands, said Saudi foreign policy adviser Adel al-Jubeir.

But he said it was "crazy" to suggest she had done anything intentionally to support terrorism.

Lawmakers said the FBI's investigation should pull no punches, and the Bush administration should be open about the findings, despite the risk of offending an important ally with whom relations already have been strained.

In a harsh turn bound to be uncomfortable for administration officials as they seek Saudi assistance in a possible war with Iraq, senators upbraided the Saudi government for what they see as years of complicity in anti-American radicalism.

None of the U.S. lawmakers knew whether the princess had meant for her money to go to Omar al-Bayoumi and Osama Basnan. U.S. officials believe those men provided financial support to two of the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers while the terrorists lived in the United States.

Graceland reverses decision to bow out of impersonator festivals

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Elvis impersonators can continue swiveling their hips and quivering their lips, after Graceland reversed its earlier decision to sever its support of festivals featur-

ing clones of the King.

Elvis Presley Enterprises, the business arm of the multi-million-dollar Presley estate, decided in October to no longer associate with festivals using Elvis impersonators.

But the estate returned its backing after receiving about 30 letters from festival organizers and fans who were all shook up.

"From reading these, we said, 'Let's forget about the hassles. This is something, frankly, we need to support,'" said Jack Soden, chief executive officer of EPE.

Most Elvis impersonators do "heartfelt" tributes to Elvis, said Soden. "But we've all seen pictures of people who just should not have gone outdoors in outfits like that."

Soden said the idea for the policy change came from some festivals "becoming more about Elvis impersonators than Elvis."

But most impersonators would disagree.

Endeavour chases after space station: 'We're on our way'

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour chased after the international space station Sunday, bringing a relief crew for its three longtime inhabitants.

"We're on our way," said the shuttle's skipper, James Wetherbee.

The 250-mile-high linkup will occur Monday afternoon.

American astronaut Peggy Whitson and Russian cosmonauts Valery Korzun and Sergei Treschev have been aboard the space station for almost six months. Their mission was supposed to last 4 1/2 months, but all of the space shuttles were grounded after they moved in because of cracked plumbing.

Then, Endeavour ran into other trouble that further delayed liftoff.

The long wait ended Saturday night with an ear-splitting launch. "You really rocked the house with that ascent," Mission Control radioed.

Wetherbee said Sunday that

moments after liftoff, the shuttle was pointed toward a nearly full moon and he could see it through the front window of the cockpit. He described the scene as "pretty amazing, giving us a real sense that we were headed toward space as we were headed straight toward the moon."

Wetherbee and his crew gave Endeavour's robot arm a workout as the shuttle drew closer to the station. The job took on added significance because of the damage that workers inflicted two weeks ago during oxygen-leak repairs; they accidentally hit the arm with scaffolding.

Despite the 2-inch bruise near the shoulder of the 50-foot crane, it operated fine in orbit, although a wrist joint was sluggish. Mission Control said recently applied lubricant may not have had a chance yet to work its way into that joint.

International Briefs

Kuwaiti policeman accused in attack on two U.S. soldiers extradited from Saudi Arabia

KUWAIT CITY — A Kuwaiti policeman who is accused of shooting two American soldiers was extradited from neighboring Saudi Arabia, where he fled after the attack, the Kuwaiti Interior Ministry said Saturday.

Khaled Al-Shimmiri was handed over to Kuwait at the Salmi border point just before midnight, said Maj. Adel al-Hashash, spokesman for the ministry.

Interior Minister Sheikh Mohammed Khaled Al Sabah said in a statement that investigators had begun questioning Al-Shimmiri, who was detained Friday in Saudi Arabia's Hafr al-Baten region near the Kuwaiti border.

The policeman, who is said to have a history of mental problems, allegedly shot and seriously injured the two Americans along a desert highway Thursday. He was in a patrol car and used his government-issue gun in the

attack.

The two soldiers, meanwhile, arrived at a U.S. military hospital in Germany on Saturday and will return to the United States soon, hospital spokeswoman Marie Shaw said.

Master Sgt. Larry Thomas, 51, and Sgt. Charles Ellis, 27, both from Lake Charles, La., arrived at Ramstein Air Base on an Air Force jet and were taken to the nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

Thomas, who was shot in the upper chest, is in good condition. Ellis, who was shot in the face, is in intensive care but is stable, Shaw said.

Foreign minister complains of war 'pretexts' in U.N. resolution

BAGHDAD, Iraq — In a point-by-point protest, the Iraqi government complained to the United Nations Sunday that the small print behind the weapons inspections beginning this week will give Washington a pretext to attack.

The new U.N. resolution on the inspections could turn "inaccurate statements (among) thousands of pages" of required Iraqi reports into a supposed justification for military action, Foreign Minister Naji Sabri said in a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

"There is premeditation to target Iraq, whatever the pretext," Sabri said.

His lengthy letter, a detailed commentary on the Security Council resolution, was not expected to affect the inspections, which resume Wednesday after a four-year suspension. Iraq had accepted the resolution in a Nov. 13 letter from Sabri to Annan.

Preparations moved steadily ahead on Baghdad's outskirts Sunday, where technicians at the U.N. inspection center worked to establish a "hot line" with liaisons in the Iraqi government.

The first working group of 18 inspectors arrives Monday on a flight from a U.N. rear base in Cyprus.

Their numbers are expected to

swell by year-end to between 80 and 100 at a time in Iraq.

Drastic restrictions on asylum seekers rejected after closest ever vote

GENEVA — Voters on Sunday rejected stringent new asylum laws that would have closed the nation's borders to all but a trickle of refugees, defeating the nationalist proposal by the thinnest margin in Swiss voting history.

The defeat by 2,754 votes was a victory for the government and the U.N. refugee agency but served to highlight growing anti-immigration sentiment in Europe.

In the end, 50.1 percent of voters, or 1,120,967 people, rejected the proposed law, and 49.9 percent, or 1,118,213, were in favor. Voter turnout was 46.7 percent.

The plan "against abuse of the right to asylum," drawn up by hardline members of the Swiss People's Party, would have expelled refugees arriving via any persecution-free country — in practice, all of Switzerland's neighbors.

The government had worried the law would set the neutral nation on a collision course with the rest of Europe and endanger its humanitarian traditions.

"As one of the richest nations in the world, it would have reflected very badly on us if we became the first one to deny the right to asylum," said Justice Minister Ruth Metzler.

But Metzler said the government took seriously the nation's concern over the involvement of asylum seekers — mainly from the Balkans and West Africa — in drug-trafficking and crime.

Like most other European countries, Switzerland has introduced more restrictive legislation in recent years to reduce the flow of refugees.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily news editor Andra Coberly.



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The dangerous quest for the AP-List

The mission was always delivered in a "Sharper Image" sort of way. I heard the mail slot in my front door open and close. I grabbed my slingshot and proceeded to check things out. A black leather eyeglass case was sitting on the floor of my downtown apartment. There were no instructions, so I put the glasses on. When I did, I heard the following message: "Good morning Ms. Howes. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, involves recovery of a stolen item designated the 'AP-List.' The list contains the names of every student on Academic Probation at Cal



The world according to Rebecca

Poly. Without this list, hundreds of students might actually graduate. You have 48 hours to recruit Kristina Gill, a highly capable professional marksman, and learn the secrets of her craft. As always, should you or any members of your IM Force be caught or killed, the president will disavow all knowledge of your actions. This message will self-destruct in five seconds."

I chucked the Oakleys and hit the dirt. The glasses didn't exactly explode, but they did break. And I really didn't hit the dirt; I hit the pea-green, foul-smelling, moss-like material that my landlord tried to pass off as carpet. My clothes reeked from rolling around, and I quickly changed into something that I thought Ethan Hunt or James Bond might wear: A black tight long-sleeved shirt, jeans that accentuated my buns and black leather boots. The end result was more "Walker, Texas Ranger."

GETTING GILL

Finding a marksman is not hard when you know where to look. Thirty-nine hours later, I located her at a local indoor shooting range where she worked. Hey, I never claimed that I knew where to look. The outside of the place looked like a public pool. A locked metal gate stopped me at the door. Earlier I had called, posing as a reporter to insure my entrance. I pushed the buzzer and the gate clicked open. The smell of gunpowder, not chlorine, filled the air.

At 5 feet 3 inches and maybe 100 pounds, she wasn't anything like I'd expected. Colt .45 in hand, she'd made Swiss cheese out of the paper target. The gun made her appear to be even smaller, like a pint-sized version of Dirty Harry.

She handled the recoil as though the Colt was a toy. Her appearance was deceiving, and it bothered me. I was ordered to make her a part of this mission, and I would have to set aside my judgment and act like the professional that I am. I'd probably have to take to her the hospital if she broke a nail or messed up her perfect blonde hair. No judgment.

I explained the real reason why I was there, and Gill agreed that there was no way in hell I could handle this mission without her. "Barbie" believed that she was the key to successfully getting the AP-List.

"I can't agree to join force with you until I know you can shoot," Gill said. "I have to know that you've got my back if we get into hot water."

Gill instructed me on loading, chambering and aiming the nine-milimeter Sig Sauer P226. I listened like my life depended on it - I believed that it did.

If I accidentally shot Gill or - worse - myself, the mission would be bungled. The president, a.k.a. the Big Baked Potato, had threatened to keep me from graduating if the mission failed. I wasn't afraid of not graduating as much as what my parents would do to me if I didn't. At 4 feet 11 inches, my mother is a child-sized stick of dynamite who is not to be messed with.

Fake foliage hung from the walls and ceiling and a beat-up car door served as cover for those who wanted to practice shooting behind it. This was the Combat Room at the shooting range, but it looked more like a display window for Ross - "Dress For Less."

"Black beauty" fit my hand like a glove. A current passed through me the minute I held it in my grip. It was pure power, plus it matched my outfit perfectly. Hands shaking, I did what I was told. I blamed the trembling on a grande vanilla latte that I had consumed at Starbucks earlier. I brought the gun to eye level, aimed and fired. BOOM.

The flash of orange, the deafening blast and the empty shell ricocheting off of my shoulder made me run around the range and scream like Chris Tucker in "The Fifth Element." I hoped that I hadn't peed my pants in the process. Gill was bobbing and weaving around me like a prizefighter, and I couldn't figure out why until I realized that I was wildly swinging the gun around, the gun that had nine live rounds left in it.

I put the gun down, terrified by what I had just done. My stomach felt like I had eaten a whole pillowcase full of Halloween candy. I just wanted to go home, have a wee drinky and pass out on my stinky carpet.

Gill laughed and began to shake her head. She pointed at the target. I had hit the bulls-eye on my first try. All those "Cagney and Lacey" reruns had finally paid off.

"You're ready," she said. "Let's go get that list."

TIP OF THE WEEK

First, it takes \$20 million to make Tom Cruise or Pierce Brosnan look cool. Last time I checked, I had 20 cents in my checking account. I do what I can. Second, shooting ranges can be dangerous if you don't know what you're doing. Extra protection is always a good idea. I suggest wearing a Kevlar vest, or you can stuff your shirt with my mother's leftover meatloaf. Either way, you get the same results.

Rebecca Howes is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily columnist.

Letters to the editor

Bush administration is inefficient to pollution clean-up

Editor,

In my life, I try to stick with the inane and trivial, but after reading the newspaper Friday, I felt I had to say something. According to The Associated Press on Friday, "The Bush administration will ease clean air rules, allowing power plants and refineries to avoid new pollution controls when expanding operations." Also in the article, "The long-awaited rule changes will 'increase energy efficiency and encourage emissions reductions,' the Environmental Protection Agency said in a statement."

Allow me to express my feelings by saying "Huh?"

It's possible that my logic is completely off and my comprehension of the article is extremely poor, but it seems to me that they're saying "By easing clean air rules and allowing big companies to ignore new pollution controls, we are encouraging emission reductions." That's like saying "By leaving dead bodies in back alleys completely naked, lubed up and in sexually arousing positions, we can prevent necrophiliacs from having sex with corpses."

Hopefully, I'm just really stupid, someone will tell me how this works and this will actually turn out to be a good thing. I doubt it, but if it does, that would be cool.

Henry Do is a modern languages and literature junior.

U.S. military doesn't intend to kill civilians

Editor,

I'm writing in response to all those editorials that state America is intentionally killing civilians because of our uncaring ignorance. Question: Why would we, as a country, spend billions upon billions of dollars to develop the weapons and technology that can deliver a bomb within feet of its wanted destination if our intention was to kill civilians? We are still a capitalist society; the U.S. military isn't going to purposely waste a \$3 million bomb on an Iraqi unarmed family of five. The intentional killing of civilians (Sept. 11) is in a totally different ballpark than the accidental killing of civilians (Name any war that has ever occurred).

What, at all, does the U.S. military get out of killing civilians? They would do anything not to kill civilians, because they know the world is watching and the world is ready to ridicule and the most critical of those are our own citizens. And that is what makes democracy and freedom so great, because we can be our own worst critics.

Greg Maita is an industrial engineering senior.

Daily missing the boat in campus news coverage

Editor,

I find your paper to be completely appalling. I have been reading this thing for the last week and a half and have found absolutely no useful information. If there is an event going on, readers don't know about it until after the fact and, if something interesting happens, the only reporting on it is a four-sentence caption next to a photo.

I am referring specifically to the latest displays on Dexter Lawn. First, on Thursday, Nov. 14, the crosses that decorated the lawn apparently were supporting the war in Iraq. The only thing in your paper about this was a nice big color photo on the front page accompanied by a tiny caption. This is an excellent example of half-ass reporting. The information

included in the caption was naught. I was left asking myself several questions about the display, and there was no one to answer them except the letters you publish, and even those are just someone's opinion and not actual facts.

Second, on Tuesday, Nov. 19, there was the GLBU display of figures. For a second time, there is only a nice big color photo and a tiny four-sentence caption with zero information. I am left asking myself the same questions. What does this mean? What is the intended message? To find answers, I would have to personally go to the source, which, believe it or not, is your job. I expect to see several letters trying to answer these questions in the upcoming issues, and I would be lucky to find an inkling of actual information.

There was another display Wednesday by the GLBU in the University Union. Thursday I expect to see, again, a nice big color photo accompanied by an uninformative caption of only a few sentences.

If the reason for this is lack of room, I ask you this: Why do we need two full pages of Arts & Culture? Do we really need to know every possible little thing about a book titled "Getting it On!"?

The legitimacy of this newspaper, and I use the term loosely, needs to be reevaluated. I have been searching for reliable source for events and life on campus, and have yet to find even the semblance of respect or concern for what happens at Cal Poly.

Todd Duncan is a construction management sophomore.

(Editor's Note: The above letter was received Wednesday, Nov. 20, before a full story about the landscape architecture project in question was published Thursday, Nov. 21.)

'The Bachelor' demonstrates American hypocrisy

Editor,

I have two female roommates that I haven't seen for the last month...between 9 and 10 on Wednesday nights. You all know what I'm talking about: "The Bachelor." I stumbled in on a few episodes; they were funny kind of like "Blind Date," or "Fifth Wheel," but what I saw on the highlights Thursday made me want to throw up!

So "Aaron" knows this girl for seven weeks in front of a TV camera, then after eliminating his other suitors, he decides he wants to marry her. We're not talking about the guy on "Eliminate" that gets to hook up with the former stripper after downing some beers and grinding on the dance floor.

In India they call this an arranged marriage, they call the other kind a "love marriage." A guy's parents (in this case TV producers) hook him up with a few suitable chicks and, bam, he has a lifelong cook/maid/and child bearer.

"The Bachelor" had his pick...funny he didn't pick more than one...hmm that wouldn't have been very white American...hmm I didn't think arranged marriages were either.

Before we start criticizing other cultures for practices we don't understand (covering women in a black bag for instance), it might be worthwhile to take a look at our supposedly superior culture.

Mac McClenahan is a physics and social sciences senior.

'Sex in San Luis' needs new writer

Editor,

Please find some other señorita to write those mupicante Sex in San Luis columns.

Colin Bartolome is a computer science junior.

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Addiction knows no societal borders

Nobody's born an addict. Something happens along the way. Chances are, the person has come to a crossroads in his or her life. Somehow. Somewhere.

Some have families, some have friends; sometimes it doesn't matter. Those people fall into the hands of the law.

In prison, they don't learn how to deal with addiction. Instead, they learn not to get caught.

Do you know someone who needs or has received treatment? That has succumbed to the pitfalls of addiction?

I do. My uncle Walter was once a promising young student. President of his high school class, he earned an academic scholarship to prestigious Santa Clara University. During his junior year of high school, his mother died.

While he casually partied before his mother passed away, it worsened considerably after-

ward. By his junior year in college, he drank his way out of the university and onto the streets.

He's spent the past 20 years in and out of jail for minor offenses, all transpiring from his substance abuse.

His life took a downward spiral from which he is still recovering.

I can still recall passing my uncle on the streets when I was in elementary school, him not even recognizing me because he was intoxicated.

I felt nothing but shame – shame that I was related to him, shame that his life was in shambles, so ashamed that I didn't call out his name.

As the years passed, I began to understand his circumstances, and have come to grips with the reality of addiction – it does not discriminate.

Black or white, rich or poor, young or old, it can affect anyone.

Athletes Darryl Strawberry, Len Bias and Reggie Lewis.

Musicians Kurt Cobain and Elvis.

Actor Robert Downey Jr.

Instead of writing someone off, rehab offers a second chance, making a world of difference – one person at a time.

My uncle, your neighbor, our friends.

Two years ago, California passed a landmark bill focusing on treating drug addiction as a health problem instead of a crime. Proposition 36 changed state laws so that most drug offenders who use or possess illegal drugs would receive treatment instead of jail time. Violent offenders and those who failed treatment two or three times would be excluded.

"As many as 90 percent of inmates return to the community – average incarceration is about two years," said Corey Weinstein, a San Francisco-based physician who is on the board of the California Prison Focus, a human rights organization. "Rehab, rather than confinement, should be the state's primary goal."

Treatment is considered cheaper in the long run and, more importantly, lives can be altered in a better direction.

Recently, Ohio followed California's lead

and proposed what is essentially a copycat bill regarding drug offenders.

It comes down to reason and common sense, evidence-based thinking versus punishment and reactionary behavior. To incarcerate a mild offender and not directly treat his problem is simply looking the other way and not examining the bigger picture.

"It's time we sat down and took a real careful look at offender management," Weinstein said. "We should be looking at individuals and what we can do to change their lives."

Instead of writing someone off, rehab offers a second chance, making a world of difference – one person at a time.

Nick Hopping is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer. He would like to know what you think. Send comments to nicholashopping@hotmail.com.

Technology has absorbed our lives

A typical day at my house starts with a cup of coffee from the automatic coffee maker and breakfast out of the microwave before heading to my car. Then I'm headed down the road, listening to my digital satellite radio. For just \$30 per month, I can beam in radio from around the world.

If I have a hankering for some good old polka, I can change to an exclusive polka channel beamed to me via satellite. I can do the same with any number of other genres of music.

At school, checking e-mail before class is a necessity. Several of my professors this quarter don't believe in telling the class when homework is due. Instead, they expect the class to check its e-mail several times a day to ensure that nothing new has come up. In

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my "smart classroom," the professor is always messing with the video/internet projector, trying to set up a multimedia presentation for class. Whenever he fails to get the machine to recognize his laptop, he eventually turns to out dated handouts.

Sound familiar?

We've taken the essence of humanity and made it into a task: Hopping from one job to the next, eating quickly and trying to "stay connected" to the rest of the world. That's the buzzword of the human race today. We have to stay connected.

Mobile phone companies make it seem like cellular phones are a must. The truth is, even though they are convenient, no one really "needs" one for everyday life. To try and wean yourself from dependence on a portable phone, get a phone card instead.

Chances are, there will be a pay phone when you need it. For emergencies, get a pre-paid cell phone and carry it for those times when your car breaks down in the middle of nowhere.

Technology isn't a necessity; it has become a form of laziness. If I don't want to get food from a grocery store, I can call Albertson's and get a custom-ordered grocery list delivered right to my door. Why leave the couch? With Web TV, anyone can order clothes (which may get bigger the more inactivity dominates life), get a pay-per-view movie and maybe buy a bigger television to watch it on.

What about school?

Just sign up for online classes, and the problem of leaving the house is solved. No one really needs to socialize. Sitting on the couch and learning while keeping up on soap operas in the upper corner of a big screen sounds pretty nice.

We are only limited by our imagination. Anything and everything to keep us from working too hard has probably already been created somewhere in the world. Even term papers and standardized tests have their own "make it easy" support sites. Don't write a paper; just go online and buy one. The SATs are a breeze with a helpful CD-ROM from the Princeton Review that shows how to get a 1400, guaranteed.

Outdoor conveniences such as vending machines that spit out "real" food, like sub sandwiches and bowls of soup, are already hitting the streets. There are also rumors of machines that can take your credit card and remember what was the last thing you ordered when using it.

I tried for a day to limit my technology use. I rode my bike to school, turned off my cell phone and left it at home; I even stopped checking my e-mail. By mid-day, I was frantic. Everywhere I looked, there was technology. I couldn't eat because I'd have to swipe my ID card. I couldn't work on my research paper because I'd have to look up sources on the Internet and type on my computer. I admit it: I am a slave of technology.

Although it has semi-enslaved me, there are ways around immersion in technology. Walking to school instead of driving is a simple way to start. Reading instead of watching TV can be good low-tech way to pass the time. With a little self-control and an awareness of your environment, life can be lived without stepping from one modern technology to the next.

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Letters to the editor

Review doesn't present truth

Editor,

One of my close friends once said, "Grant Shellen is one of the Mustang Daily's greatest unknown journalists." I agree with everything that my friend said, except for the "greatest" part.

In his article "Placerville's Jackpot rolls out lemons," Shellen makes a decent album sound like low-grade dog food. He criticizes Jackpot's "Shiny Things" for lyrics that "leave much to be desired," songs with "overused chord progressions" and the album's overproduction in the studio. He also denounces Randy Miller (the lead singer and songwriter) specifically for creating juvenile songs. But, Shellen's article lacks development; he provides insufficient examples and criticism about the album, causing his own article to "leave much to be desired."

Shellen disparages the band inappropriately by applying his judgments about "Shiny Things" to all of the band's accomplishments. He says that "Miller had a chance at success," implying the band is a failure because of one representative production. His article blatantly insults the entire band by saying "Jackpot... will stay (unknown)... unless they get a visit from the Talent Fairy soon." I admit that this album is not Jackpot's best selection. "Boneville," in my opinion, knocks it out of the water. But just because Shellen disliked its music, he insinuates that the band lacks talent altogether. He applies his assumptions beyond the evaluation of "Shiny Things," stepping outside the bounds of his judgment. To fully prove that Jackpot is a musical disappointment, Shellen should also evaluate their three other albums and see the band live; that would give him the basis for such presumptuous claims.

His article also contains very little support for his claims. In order to prove that the lyrics are inadequate, he quotes one line from each of four songs. This somehow justifies his statement that Jackpot's songs "sound like songs written by a junior high student, perhaps as a joke." That doesn't do justice to either the songs or his criticism. He should provide more substantial quotes from songs to give the reader a context for the lyrics, and then he should give legitimate personal analysis to show why he disapproves of these songs. That is effective criticism. Saying that they "sound like songs written by a junior high student, perhaps as a joke" is not effective at all; it reads like an insult rather than an analysis.

In the article, Shellen's criticism also lacks overall credibility. He opens his article by challenging a quote from the New York Times. Personally, I would be much more inclined to believe a New York Times music critic who thinks Jackpot "is one of the best unknown bands" than a Mustang Daily contributor who disagrees. Shellen later comments that the chord progressions are "overused," showing his further lack of credibility. He should give the reader other songs that sound the same as the Jackpot songs, providing examples that prove his point

rather than making claims without reliable backing.

Jackpot's style is offbeat, but I think that shows its originality. Their songs have subtle lyrics that convey strong underlying emotions and themes. In "Fleas on the Tail of Time," Miller sings, "ain't it funny it takes a disaster to make us realize what we're missing." I think that line is incredible, because it feels true. Admittedly, I think the band added too many effects to the songs of this album. But still, I think that Jackpot's albums are very enjoyable, and over the last several years I have become a big fan of their music. The band puts on an awesome live show to compliment their great albums, and I would recommend that others check the band out when they come back to San Luis Obispo.

Where music is concerned, everybody is entitled to his or her own opinions because music is a matter of taste. From Grant Shellen's perspective, the band sucks. According to my taste, I really like Jackpot, and I think Grant Shellen could use a visit from his own Writing Fairy.

So, to end on a similar note as his article, I say, "Try to first polish your own turds, Grant, before you criticize anyone else's."

Kevin Cassidy is an English senior.

'Guide' meets reader's needs

Editor,

Hooray for the review on the "Guide to Getting It On"! That book is the saucy girl's bible, so of course I own a copy. It's nice to see Mustang Daily including more real-world stories like this. Give the people what they want. SEX! I'll never ever use my pre-calc, history or accounting books, but since I was 17, The Guide has had a permanent place on my shelf, right next to "Places to hook up in Fisher Science" and "The Erotic UU." Nice reporting.

Shallon Lester is a speech communication senior, Mustang Daily columnist and self-proclaimed tramp.

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La. serial killer keeps Baton Rouge on edge

By Sumer Rose

DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN (U. MISSISSIPPI)

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. — The Tiger football team wasn't the only concern of the University of Mississippi students who traveled to Baton Rouge this past weekend.

A serial killer has put residents in Baton Rouge and surrounding areas on edge for over a year now.

Local authorities have tested the DNA of more than 600 white males in the Baton Rouge area. They are trying to find a match with DNA found on victims' bodies, said Christina Stephens, opinion editor of LSU's newspaper The Reveille.

LSU Police Chief Mark Shaw suggested that Ole Miss travelers familiarize themselves with the LSU area with maps prior to their trip to Baton Rouge. Shaw also stressed the importance of staying in a reputable hotel chain.

"Travel in groups, maintain your faculties, don't drink to the point of inebriation," Shaw said. "You want to be able to get back to your car without wandering around and getting lost on campus."

LSU Police Department Major Ernie Sanchez also said students should park in lots that have police officer surveillance.

"Parking in unwatched lots could be problematic," Sanchez said.

LSU students have let their guard down slightly, Stephens said.

"I think students have relaxed because I've stopped getting letters to the editor about safety," Stephens said. "I'm still pretty cautious."

Stephens said she still walks in groups with her friends and uses a bus to get back to her car, as well as carrying pepper spray.

Sanchez also said he had seen a drop-off in student concern in recent months.

"Students are not as vigilant as they were immediately after the murders," he said. "They still have a heightened sense of awareness than before the murders. They're still very cautious."

Although none of the murders took place on the LSU campus, the campus police department, along with the student government, have still done everything necessary to educate students and the community on how to be safe. The student government regularly hosts "Safety Walks", which were happening long

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Ernie Sanchez

LSU Police Department major

before the murders.

Groups of students walk around campus at night to make notes about poorly lit areas, which are later addressed by facility services workers, said Reveille editor Kristen Meyer.

LSU campus police has beefed up security due to the extreme circumstances happening in their community.

Residential life has paid for overtime officers at the women's dorms and the Panhellenic sorority organization has also hired an extra policeman on Sorority Row. The women's dorms and the law center have hired an extra officer, as well.

"We have actually put an extra officer on in addition to the regular uniform patrols," Smith said. "That's four officers on the campus, on overtime, in addition to your regularly scheduled patrolmen."

The student government also implemented "Pound LSU," a program which puts students with cell phones directly through to the campus police as a free service. Students simply dial the pound button and the numbers 5, 7 and 8, and they are immediately connected with an emergency operator, Meyer said.

The LSU police department has hosted many safety forums to teach students how to protect themselves.

"We have done numerous safety seminars since the start of the semester," Shaw said. "We have also done a public awareness campaign that's called 'Stay Safe' and we are offering increased numbers of our Rape Aggression Defense class."

Not all students are being cautious.

"It's only Caucasian women that were victims and we don't see as high a level of concern amongst our African-American community," Shaw said. "We are stressing that anybody, anywhere at any time can be a victim of crime."

on everything," said business senior Erin Jackson.

The decision to send wheelchairs to Ethiopia was based on that country's extreme poverty, the large presence of land mines and its connections already established with the Wheelchair Foundation, said business and economics senior Naomi Niemeyer.

The team now faces the challenge of creating awareness about the event and obtaining sponsors.

Brochures, press releases, ads, speaking engagements and a Web site are just some of the tactics the group plans to use to spread the word throughout the campus and community, Jackson said. The team also hopes to obtain printing sponsors and donated media spots.

"We don't have a certain niche market," she said. "We just want to

By Emma Schwartz & Nate Tabak

DAILY CALIFORNIAN (U. CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — A gunman burst into his former West Berkeley workplace Thursday morning and after an hour standoff was found dead in the building, police said.

A Berkeley, Calif., police SWAT team came upon the dead man about 5:30 p.m. inside Kaiser Permanente's construction services office at 1708 Second St. Police said they did not know how and when he died.

Police had received information that the gunman may have planted bombs inside, but no explosives were found, said Berkeley police Sgt. Steve Odom.

No employees were injured after the gunman barged into the building about 11 a.m.

A gunshot was fired inside soon

thereafter, Odom said.

Employees on the site identified the gunman as former employee Ward Hubbard, though police could not confirm the man's name. The gunman's motives were unknown, police said.

The gunman "was concerned about his job," said Gene Pawlick, director of the Kaiser regional laboratory, housed next to construction services.

Employees said the gunman had been aloof while working at Kaiser.

"He was kind of quiet and into himself," said Brenda Jackson, a Kaiser employee. "He came and did his work and left."

At some point the gunman entered into an altercation with some employees, said Berkeley police Sgt. Kay Lantow.

Lantow would not elaborate, but employees said a man and a woman had been with the gunman inside.

Both were evacuated by about 11:45 a.m. Police said a woman had been with the gunman but was unharmed.

Most of the estimated 35 workers were immediately evacuated, but eight spent nearly two hours barricaded in a room to protect themselves from the gunman, police said.

As barricaded workers waited, police brought in a SWAT team and set up snipers on the rooftop of an adjacent building.

The trapped employees gave their position to police using a cellular phone. They escaped via an emergency exit with the help of police at about 1:30 p.m., Lantow said.

The incident disrupted the day's work for employees who were evacuated from nearby offices.

"We were in a meeting, and an employee told us to leave," said Tom Wilkes, director of construction services.

UM fraternity sued for death

By Drew Cohan

CAVALIER DAILY (U. VIRGINIA)

(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Family members of Daniel Reardon, the University of Maryland freshman who died of alcohol poisoning last February, have filed a lawsuit against the Phi Sigma Kappa National Fraternity and several of the former Phi Sigma Kappa brothers at Maryland.

The suit alleges that Reardon was coerced into consuming large amounts of alcohol as part of a pledge ritual.

Emergency medical personnel who were called to the Phi Sigma Kappa house on Feb. 8 found Reardon unconscious. He was hospitalized, placed on life support and died one week later.

The Phi Sigma Kappa National Organization closed the University of Maryland chapter within two weeks of Reardon's hospitalization, on the grounds that the fraternity violated their risk management policy. The chapter remains closed at this time.

Although University of Maryland officials disciplined one student involved with Reardon's death, this lawsuit is the first legal action taken as a result of the incident. The suit seeks \$15 million in damages and alleges that Reardon's death was a result of

"The facts establish that the young man was hazed."

Douglas Fierberg
lawyer

hazing.

The suit also argues that the two fraternity members in charge of watching Reardon after he passed out waited too long to call for medical assistance.

Douglas Fierberg, the lawyer representing the Reardon family, said Reardon's death was a result of hazing.

"The facts establish that the young man was hazed," Fierberg said.

Fierberg also alleges that Phi Sigma Kappa brothers did nothing to help Reardon after he became unconscious.

Fierberg said it is possible that the case could be settled out of court and might not involve awarding damages.

Maryland no longer recognizes the local Phi Sigma Kappa chapter, University of Maryland spokesman George Cathcart said. The Phi Sigma Kappa National Fraternity revoked the chapter's charter last February.

Cathcart also said the University of Maryland has appointed an alcohol task force that is evaluating "all alcohol activities, and the role alcohol plays on campus."

"We have a very strict code of con-

duct which forbids hazing," Cathcart said, adding that hazing is as "any kind of coercive activity."

University Inter-Fraternity Council President Phil Trout said the IFC has measures in place to prevent tragedies like the one that occurred at the University of Maryland.

"We have a host of standards of conduct to prevent this," Trout said. "I hope that an event like that would not happen" here.

The death of Reardon "caused all Phi Sigma Kappa chapters to take their risk management more seriously," said Balaji Venkataraman, president of Phi Sigma Kappa at University of Maryland.

Aaron Laushway, assistant dean of students and director of fraternity and sorority life, said the last death of a pledge at the University occurred in the early 1990s.

It is not clear whether or not the death was related to fraternity activities, and no alcohol was involved in the incident, Laushway said.

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the county and outlying areas to raise \$35,000.

The Wheelchair Foundation will match every \$75 donation, the cost of one wheelchair, and will deliver it to someone in need.

The team currently meets weekly to exchange ideas, assess progress and make group decisions.

"It's really time-intensive," Metcalf said. "It goes way beyond what a student would normally put in on a senior project."

Metcalf said positions were decided within the group early on by interest and capability, but everyone pitches in equally.

"We all decide together as a team

reach whoever we can inside and outside the community."

Local churches, law firms and the business and professional sector will be especially targeted this year, said Metcalf. The idea of a college challenge among Cal Poly faculty has also been discussed.

Each team member is responsible for sales, which includes bringing in potential sponsors, monetary donations and items for the silent and live auction held at the event.

Although a choice of venue and ticket prices have yet to be decided, the group has chosen the theme of the event to be "A Taste of the World."

Niemeyer said the event will feature wine and catered appetizers from the native cuisine of six different countries where the Wheelchair Foundation has distributed wheel-

chairs.

"It's a fun, unique event to attend and also a good learning experience," Rand said. "It's a great way to experience different foods, countries and the Foundation."

Metcalf said the team hopes between 100 and 135 people will attend this year's event.

"Last year's event paved the way for other teams to come," Jackson said. "They've opened the door for us as far as contacts, so by adding our own contacts and ideas, we will hopefully be able to be even more successful this year."

Those who wish to help support the cause can donate items for the auctions, sponsor the event or just give a monetary donation, Niemeyer said. Every donation is fully tax-deductible.

Planning this year's event has

given the students a chance to channel college learning experiences toward a challenging and rewarding goal.

"The project is completely hands-on," Jackson said. "It's not a simulation, it's real. It's a very good learning experience."

Rand said several of the classes she's taken at Cal Poly have helped her acquire the skills necessary for organizing a successful event.

"I think it's a great opportunity to incorporate everything I've learned to make a difference in the world," she said.

The team urges anyone who wishes to participate to make any donation possible, even if it's just spreading the word about the Foundation.

"A small amount goes a long way," Metcalf said. "It makes a huge difference in someone's life."

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times from the previous year is going to pay," said quarterback Chris Peterson, who passed for 222 yards and had his season high with two passing touchdowns.

Both Ryan McCarty and Darrell Jones had touchdowns, to go with Niakan's four field goals and Kyle Turbin's safety.

It certainly wasn't a slaughter. While McCarty's early 35-yard diving TD and Niakan's two first-half field goals helped Cal Poly to a 13-7 half-time lead, the Wildcats fought back.

They first came within 16-14, with a Justin Defour touchdown at 6:22 in the third quarter. The Mustangs then pulled back out to 25-14 with Jones' 20-yard post into the endzone and Turbin's safety with 13:20 left in the fourth. Still, that wasn't enough, either.

After Niakan missed a 35-yard field goal with seven minutes left in the game, Weber State quarterback Tate Bennet, on his way to a 309-yard, four-touchdown day, engineered a huge comeback.

Elliciting press box comparisons to John Elway and shaking up the Mustang secondary for five brutal minutes, Bennet went to work on two big drives, first hooking up with Ryan Nath on a 43-yard touchdown at 4:59 and then hit Defour on a 14-yard post at 2:25 to give the Wildcats 26-25 lead.

The lead would've been bigger but the Wildcats unsuccessfully tried for two-point conversions after each score.

"Give them credit," coach Rich Ellerson said. "There was no quit in them. They unwound some of the things we were doing on defense that was frustrating them early and got themselves back in it."

The outlook was even worse for the Mustangs with game-ending injuries to McCarty and lead rusher Brandon Shepard, who finished with 54 yards out of the backfield on the day.

Unlikely heroes stepped up though. Peterson, who's struggled all season, finally came into his own. Needing to go 54 yards over the final

two minutes, he marched the Mustangs downfield, exploiting Weber's weak secondary, which left the middle of the field open.

After a pair of incompletions, Peterson hit Jonah Russell for three straight first down receptions, to bring Cal Poly to the Wildcat 18-yard-line. He then picked up three more yards on a run two plays later to set up Niakan's fourth-and-seven field goal.

Niakan himself came into the game's climax amid scrutiny, having made eight of fifteen field goals for the season before game time. Still, prior performance made little difference to Niakan or the rest of the Mustangs.

"Our team was strong throughout the whole game," he said. "The line was looking great, snaps and holds were great and everyone was doing their job. I just had to do mine."

It was easily the most satisfying performance for the team.

"There were times (this season) no one that we played could stop us and there were other times we were stopping ourselves so it feels really good, especially in that last drive where everything was clicking," Peterson said.

"You remember what this team's been through, all the frustration and disappointment they've had to deal with, the adversity that's come to them on a regular basis, and how heroic they've been," Ellerson said.

"Some of the most heroic days were on Tuesday mornings at 7:15 when they had to come out and get themselves focused, put a smile on their faces, and not be lousy to each other and point fingers and they did that and they did it repeatedly, more than any group I've ever heard of."

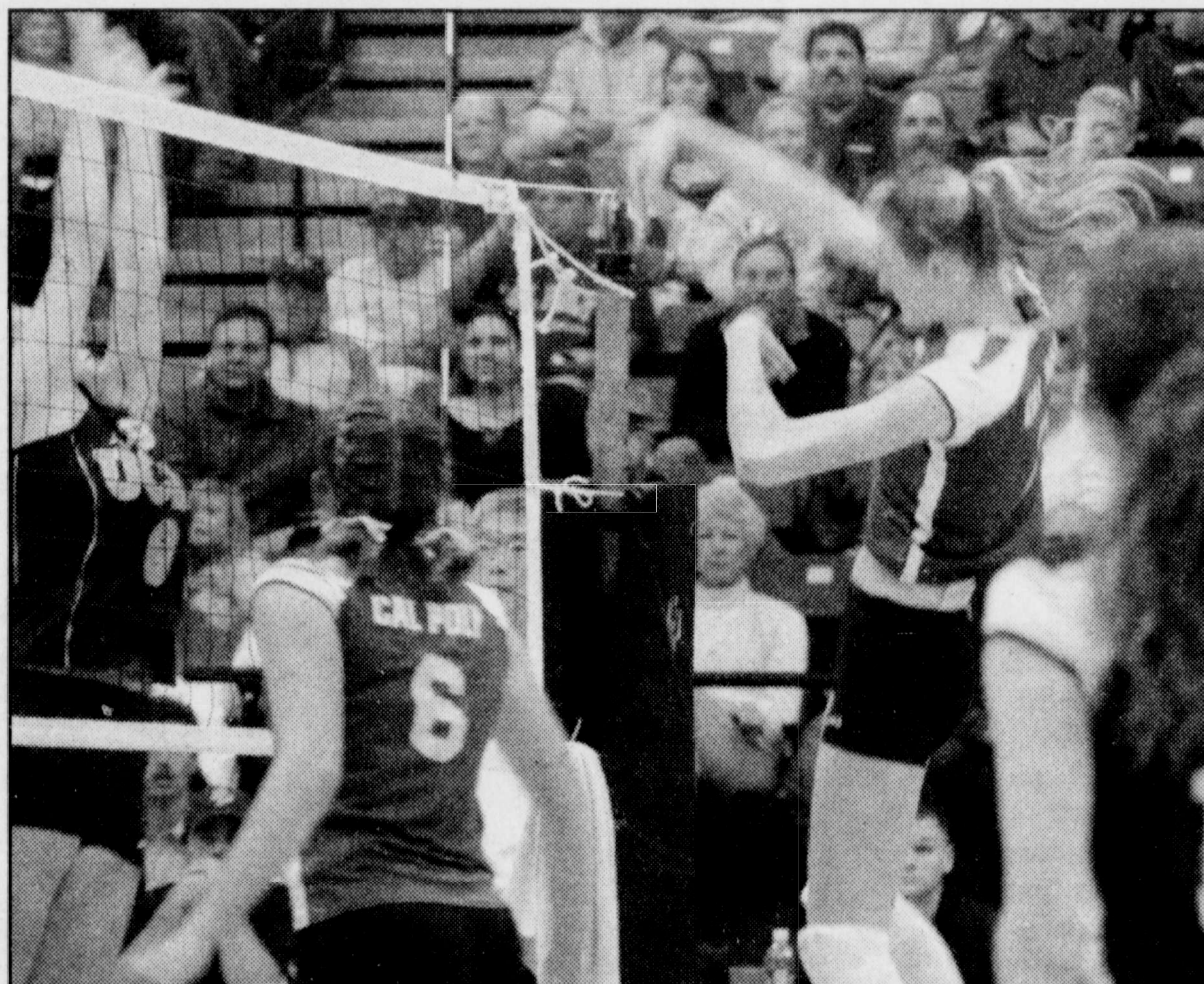
Seventeen members of the team are graduating, including the bulk of the offensive line. But almost the entire offense, besides McCarty and quarterback Kevin Cooper, will be back.

"We don't have this huge record, but we did win two of our last three games and we do have that in our legacy for all these guys who have all this football in front of them here," Ellerson said. "These are the kind of experiences that give you the values to step across lines."

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Cal Poly Volleyball



The Mustangs' Worthy Lien recorded 13 kills and five assisted blocks in Cal Poly's 30-23, 22-30, 30-24, 30-24 loss to Pacific Saturday. On Friday night, Lien tallied 15 kills and five blocks in a four-game win over Cal State Northridge. Cal Poly finished the Big West Conference season in third place at 13-5.

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Playoff hopes hurt

► Mustangs split weekend matches to finish 13-5 in the Big West. But is that enough for an at-large NCAA bid?

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly volleyball team concluded the Big West Conference season with a four-game loss at Pacific on Saturday. Game scores went 30-23, 22-30, 30-24 and 30-24. The Mustangs finish third in conference with a 13-5 record and are now 14-12 overall while Pacific finished fourth at 12-6 and are now 17-11 overall.

Senior Worthy Lien led the team with 13 kills and five assisted blocks. Sophomore Jessica Diepersloot had 11 kills for the Mustangs. Senior Kristen O'Halloran recorded a double-double with 10 kills and 14 digs while junior Molly Duncan also had a double-double with 11

kills and 12 digs. Junior Gwen Hubbard had a team-high 19 digs.

Pacific had 65 kills and hit .238 for the four game match while the Mustangs had 59 kills and hit .211. The Mustangs outblocked UOP 11-8 with the Tigers registering three more digs (71-68).

The Mustangs will conclude the regular season on Tuesday when they host Texas-Pan American in Mott Gym at 7 pm.

On Friday, Cal Poly clinched at least third place in the Big West Conference after defeating Cal State Northridge in four games Thursday night in Los Angeles. Game scores were 22-30, 30-27, 30-17 and 30-24.

Worthy Lien had 15 kills and five blocks while Jessica Diepersloot added 15 kills and six digs. Molly Duncan led the Mustangs in digs with 18. Cal Poly had 19 total team blocks and hit .235 for the match.

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a junior... named Cal Hi Sports All-State Underclass Team and Ventura County Star All-County First-Team selection... 2002 Marmonte League Most Valuable Player... Played club for American Pastime Gold and a 13th place finish at the 2002 ASA Nationals... Three-time scholar athlete award winner... named Top-Scholar Athlete of Marmonte League in 2002.

Jeana Gevas Infield

Benicia/ Benicia High

All-around athlete, lettered in both softball and basketball at Benicia High School... First-Team All-League as a freshman... Played club for Benicia Blue Steal 1998-00 and Sacramento Rush 2001-02.. Has helped lead five teams to ASA nationals.

Jacquelyn Gehrke-Jones Infield Rancho Cordova/ Cordova High

Four-year letter winner... Named All-League as a sophomore, Honorable Mention as a freshman... named teams.. Named Cordova High School's Rookie of the Year as

a freshman... Played club for Running Rebels Gold 18-U.

Kristi Alvers Infield Riverside/ Arlington High

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Football

Nichols, Jarrett to play Paradise Bowl

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly offensive lineman Brett Nichols and cornerback Vaughn Jarrett have accepted invitations to play in the 2003 Paradise Bowl.

The second annual game will be played Saturday, Jan. 25, at Dixie College's Hansen Stadium in St. George, Utah, and will be televised by Fox Sports Network.

Nichols, a 6-5, 255-pound senior right tackle from King City, has been a starter the last two seasons at Cal Poly after transferring from Gavilan College in Gilroy. A pre-season honors candidate, Nichols worked hard in the weight room over the offseason and has drawn attention from professional scouts.

Jarrett, a 5-10, 190-pound senior from La Mirada, has intercepted four passes this season and 13 in his four-year Mustang career. He is tied for No. 5 on the school's career interceptions list.

A starter the last three and a half seasons, Jarrett has 138 career tackles, including 13 for lost yardage and one sack. He has 11 pass breakups this season and 31 for his career.

The Paradise Bowl pits senior all-stars from the West and Midwest against each other. Among those accepting early invitations are Kansas State quarterback Marc Dunn for the Midwest squad and Arizona quarterback Jason Johnson for the West.

Other notables accepting early invitations include Michigan wide receiver Ronald Bellamy; Utah linebacker Sheldon Deckart, named to the 2002 Bronko Nagurski Watch List; strong safety Joel Buelow of the Air Force Academy; DeMarco McClesky, running back from the University of Cincinnati; Jason Goss, TCU cornerback and punt returner; and linebacker Terrence Robinson, of Oklahoma State.

Final rosters will be released Dec. 21.

Softball

Mustangs add four to the mix in 2004

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The Cal Poly Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has announced the signing of Lisa Modglin, Jeana Gevas, Jacquelyn Gehrke-Jones and Kristi Avers to national letters of intent to enroll and participate in intercollegiate men's basketball at the university.

Director of Athletics John McCutcheon and head coach Lisa Boyer made the announcement today.

Lisa Modglin Outfielder
Simi Valley / Simi Valley High

All-CIF Southern Section Division II First-Team selection as

see **SOFTBALL**, page 8

Cal Poly Football

Niakan seals finale

► Barefoot kicker's fourth field goal of the day lifts Mustangs to 28-26 win

By **Graham Womack**
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

The lead got perilously close by the end of the fourth quarter, but Cal Poly escaped with a 28-26 win over the Weber State Wildcats Saturday afternoon at Mustang Stadium.

Navid Niakan sealed the Mustang victory with his fourth barefoot field goal of the day, a 31-yarder amidst fading sunlight with 0:16 left.

The win brought the Mustangs to a 3-8 final mark for the season. The Wildcats loss also left them at 3-8.

Besides allowing the Mustangs to finish their season on a rare winning note, Saturday's triumph marked the first-ever Mustang win over Weber State. Last year's matchup in Ogden ended after four overtimes with a heart-breaking 43-40 loss.

"Anyone who beats us in four over-

see **FOOTBALL**, page 7

CRYSTAL MYERS/MUSTANG DAILY

Brandon Shepard rushed for 59 yards on 13 carries in the Mustangs' 28-26 win over Weber State Saturday in the season finale.

Cal Poly Women's Basketball

'Stangs work overtime in opener

► Duperron leads furious second-half comeback

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Senior guard Kari Duperron scored 14 points and senior forward Heather Journey added 12 as Cal Poly beat Cal State San Bernardino in overtime, 62-59, in a season-opening women's basketball game Friday night in Mott Gym.

Junior forward Lacy Tanneberg grabbed a missed Cal Poly free throw and made the putback with 2:20 to go in overtime, giving the Mustangs a 62-59 lead.

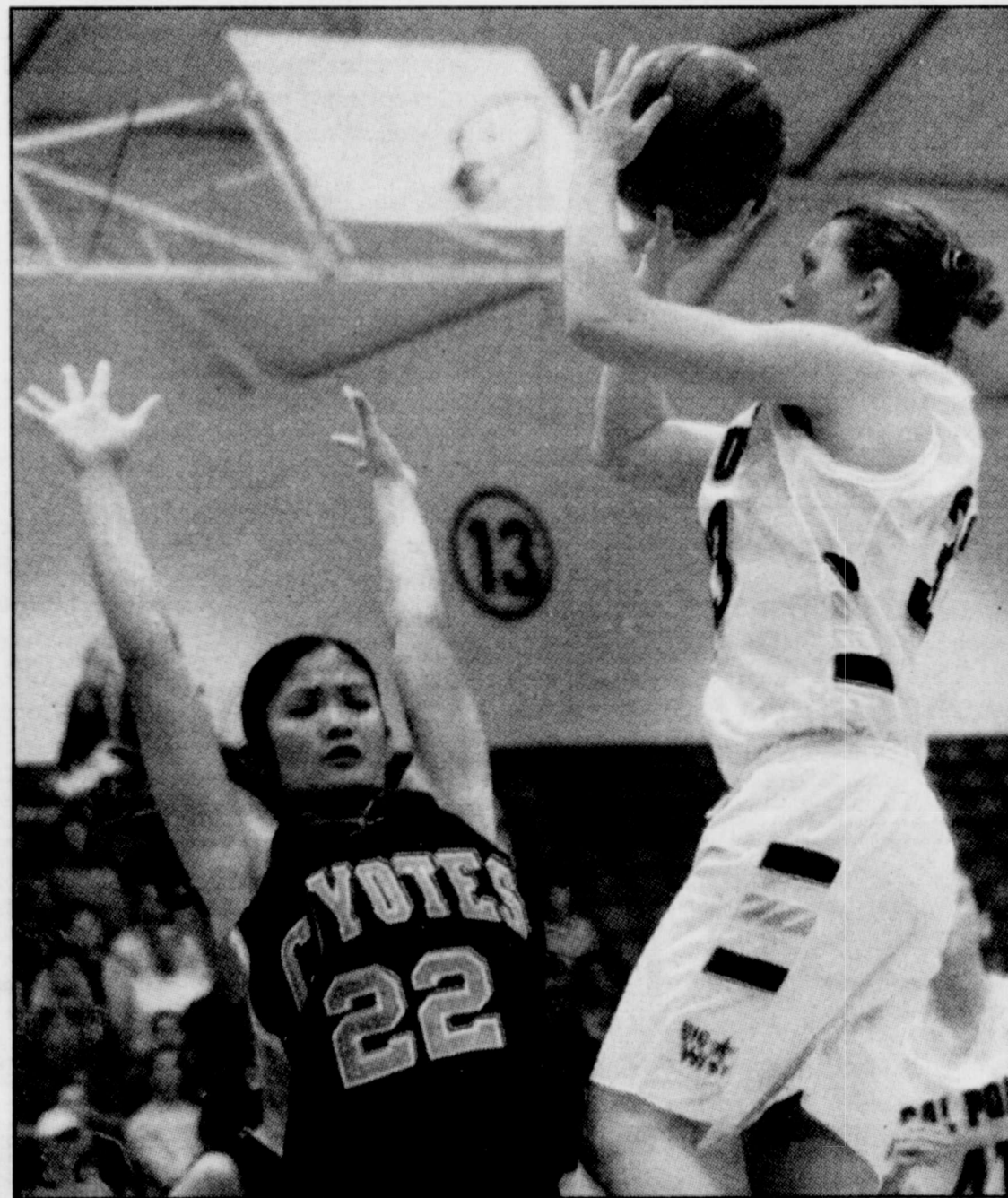
Neither team scored in the final 2 minutes, 20 seconds.

Junior forward Kamesha Bell and senior guard Trisha Raniewicz each scored 16 points for Cal State San Bernardino.

Cal Poly sprinted to a 17-8 lead in the first 10 minutes, but the visiting Coyotes went on an 11-2 run to catch the Mustangs at 19. Cal Poly settled for a 30-26 lead at the break.

Cal Poly opened up a 40-32 advantage in the first 4:30 of the second half, but again the Coyotes rallied to get back in the game, finally taking a 48-45 lead with 8:43 to go on a three-point-er by Leilani Tirona.

Duperron's steal with 31



BRIAN KENT/MUSTANG DAILY

The Mustangs' Michelle Henke drives to the lane during Cal Poly's 62-59 win over Cal State San Bernardino Friday. Henke finished with nine points.

seconds to go led to a reverse layup by Tanneberg, giving Cal Poly a 55-53 lead with 17 seconds to play in regulation. Dovele Goins made two free throws with nine seconds left to tie the game and force overtime.

A free throw by

Duperron with 2:25 to play gave Cal Poly a 60-59 lead and Tanneberg's offensive rebound and basket five seconds later completed the scoring.

Cal Poly outrebounded Cal State San Bernardino 52-41, led by Tanneberg and sophomore guard

Michelle Henke, each with nine. The Mustangs made 35 percent of their floor shots.

Cal Poly plays at Portland State on Monday night, then returns home to host UNLV on Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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Sacks for Cal Poly linebacker Kelly Turbin in Saturday's 28-26 win over Weber State.		
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Receptions, for 87 yards, for Cal Poly wideout Darrell Jones Saturday. Jones, who has joined the starting lineup after injuries to the team's starting wideouts, also caught a touchdown pass.		
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today's question		
Which NFL player has won the most Super Bowl rings?		
Submit answers to: jljackso@calpoly.edu		
Friday's question		
Who is the NFL's all-time interceptions leader?		
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Congratulations, Jonathan Romero!!		
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