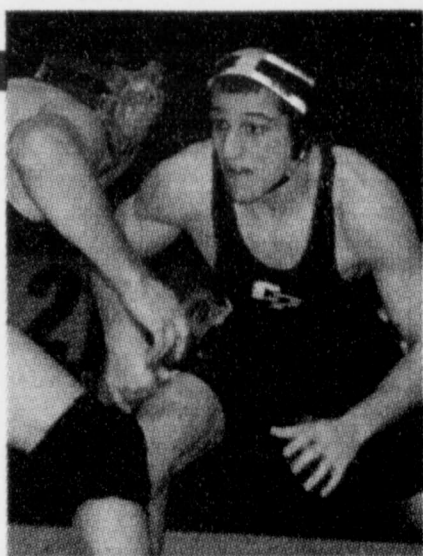


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## DAILY

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## Rebuilding a landmark



Allyn Kilsheimer, who will speak at Cal Poly tonight, was in charge of the reconstruction of the Pentagon after it was hit on Sept. 11. (Below left) Though the damage was extensive, Kilsheimer and his crew only took one year to complete the project.

COURTESY PHOTO

By Andrea Svoboda  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With a hammer and nails, a lot can be accomplished. One can build a birdhouse in about a day,

repair a roof in a month and if the builder is really good, he or she can restore the hope of millions in a year.

Construction engineer Allyn Kilsheimer is president and founder of KCE Inc., a structural engineering firm in Washington, D.C. He has been in the business for 43 years and has done \$22 billion of work all over the world, but his most well-known project was rebuilding the Pentagon after

the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

Despite much skepticism, it was a project that he was able to complete in only a year.

Kilsheimer will be coming to Cal Poly today to talk about his experiences in his presentation "The Phoenix Project: Rebuilding the Pentagon."

Admission is free and the talk will be held at 11 a.m. in Chumash Auditorium in the University Union.

Construction management department head Al Hauck, C.T.C., said having Kilsheimer speak not only shows the department's involvement in the construction industry but how Cal Poly goes beyond academic learning. In a field of work that is usually associated with men in hardhats and

physical labor, Hauck said he hopes the talk will bring new light to old ways of thinking.

"This is a neat opportunity to put a positive image on our industry," Hauck said.

On the morning of Sept. 11, when many Americans were trying to comprehend what had happened, Kilsheimer was driving to see first-hand what many could only imagine. He was responding to the phone call of a good friend that had done the previous remodeling on the Pentagon. His friend said a plane had hit the Pentagon and Kilsheimer's expertise was needed.

Yet driving to the Pentagon was easier said than done. It took him an hour and a half to get some-

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## Poly one of top colleges, universities for Hispanics

By Alexa Ratcliffe  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Nearly one in three California residents is Hispanic, according to the Demographic Research Unit of California. Since Hispanics are California's fastest growing ethnic group, the state's public schools are now offering more programs and organizations to help them succeed.

And Cal Poly is among those doing the best job, being recently named among the top national colleges and universities to offer strong educational opportunities for Hispanic students.

The university was also named as one of the top 100 institutions for graduating Hispanics.

Cal Poly received these honors in the Publisher's Picks in the December 2002 issue of Hispanic Outlook Magazine. The magazine gathered the data from formal and informal inquiries as well as from the National Center for Education Statistics.

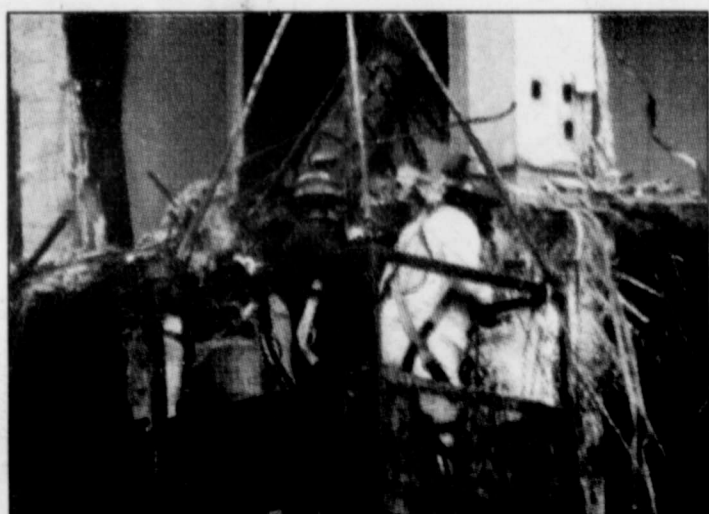
"I'm really proud of our chapter," said environmental engineering major Davina Gonzalez, Outreach coordinator for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.

SHPE, which has about 90 members, is just one club at Cal Poly geared toward Hispanic students.

"Our club is basically designed to reach Hispanic students and encourage them into the engineering field," Gonzalez said. "We really work at getting students to come here and then keeping them here."

Other Hispanic organizations at Cal Poly include the Hispanic Student Business Association

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JOCELYN AUGUSTINO/FEMA NEWS PHOTO

## Student encourages debate, discussion on Web site

By Jenni Mintz  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In Steve Johnson's political arena, www.polytics.org, there are no winners or losers — but that doesn't mean there is a shortage of political crossfire.

The Web site is the brainchild of Johnson, a political science senior who provides students with the opportunity to voice their opinions in an open forum. The issues introduced range from campus discus-

sions to international affairs.

Johnson created the site as his senior project.

"I wanted to do something different than a research paper in order to get more students involved in politics," Johnson said.

Student participation in public debates was something Johnson wanted the Web site to foster.

"I hope that the students use the Web site to participate in different discussions, especially what happens on campus," Johnson said.

"The main thrust of the Web site is the 'Talk Back' section."

The Talk Back page covers many topics. The person reading it can see what everyone has said, and can post a response, Johnson said.

Political science professor Jean Williams said the Web site is beneficial to students.

"Steve's Web site is unique because it provides a public forum within the Cal Poly campus," Williams said. "It provides an opportunity to extend debate and learning outside the classroom in a context where students themselves get to set the parameters of the debate."

Williams said the Web site offers students a chance to answer Johnson's specific questions as well as create their own.

"He also wants to conduct debate in an atmosphere of civility

and respect for diverse opinions, which in these times seems to me to be particularly important," she said.

Another feature the site offers is links to articles containing information relative to discussion topics. These links are updated daily, so students have quick access to current news.

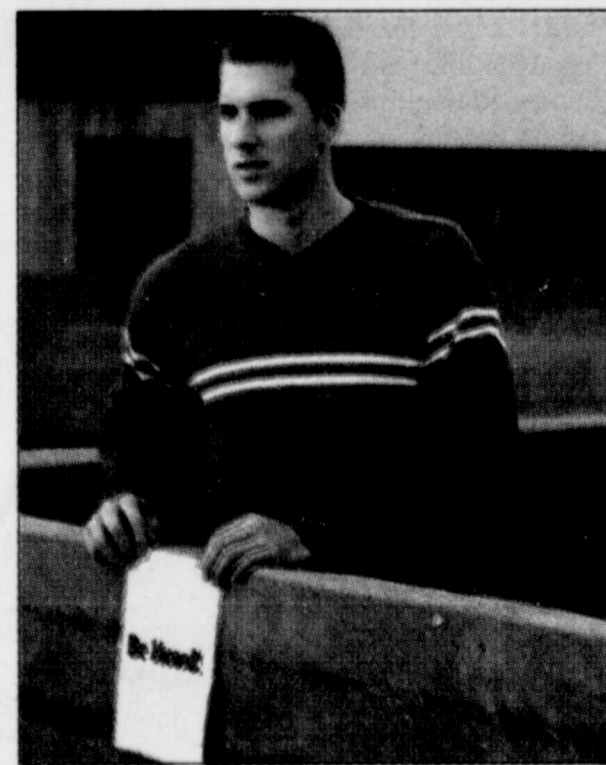
Johnson covers news on the Web site in three sections: Poly News, National News and Global News.

In order to complete his senior project, Johnson needs more responses to the Web site

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"Since students aren't debating or participating in student government ... and they aren't having face-to-face interactions, maybe something like the computer could be used to further debate participation."

Steve Johnson  
Political science senior



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Political science senior Steve Johnson is the creator of www.polytics.com.



## Weather Watch

### 5-Day Forecast

**TUESDAY**  
High: 69° / Low: 44°

**WEDNESDAY**  
High: 73° / Low: 44°

**THURSDAY**  
High: 74° / Low: 45°

**FRIDAY**  
High: 72° / Low: 48°

**SATURDAY**  
High: 72° / Low: 48°

### Today's Sun

Rises: 7:12 a.m. / Sets: 5:12 p.m.

### Today's Moon

Rises: 1:24 p.m. / Sets: 2:53 a.m.

### Today's Tides

Low: N/A / N/A  
High: 5:59 a.m. / 5.3 feet  
Low: 1:38 p.m. / .32 feet  
High: 8:22 p.m. / 3.3 feet

## POLYTICS

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to analyze.

"Although the counter says that about 240 people have looked at the site, only a few people have actually posted anything. My senior project is based on people's opinions," Johnson said.

Not everyone shares Johnson's enthusiasm for politics, business sophomore Chris Michelmore said. "I just don't care that much about politics," he said. "People can debate for hours and hours and it is not going to change anything. I'm not informed enough to take a stand."

Other students care about politics and would like to have the chance to look at the Web site and post ideas, but limited time prevents them.

Mechanical engineering senior Spiro Atieh said his demanding schedule doesn't usually allow him time to browse the Internet or read the newspaper.

"I don't think Cal Poly students are apathetic. It seems like people care," Atieh said. "But people just

don't have the time for politics."

Atieh found the content in Polytics relevant to Cal Poly students and the Web site easy to use.

"If enough traffic flowed through the Web site, it could be a successful open forum," Atieh said. "I like the set up. It's also neat that it offers Poly news to discuss, which you would not find on other forums."

The site is ideal for students who don't have time to watch the news

or pick up a newspaper, Johnson said.

Students may avoid open political forums because they feel their opinions won't make a difference, but Johnson said every opinion has the power

**Steve Johnson**  
political science senior

to make a difference in politics.

The Web site gives students who have something to say but want to remain anonymous a chance to get involved.

"Since students aren't debating or participating in student government (compared to campuses like Berkeley) and they aren't having face-to-face interactions, maybe something like the computer could be used to further debate participation," Johnson said.

*"I wanted to do something different than a research paper, in order to get more students involved in politics."*

## What's Going On

Coming up this week

**\*NightWriters-** The SLO NightWriters will meet today at 7 p.m. in the Fireplace Room in the San Luis Obispo Veteran's Hall.

**\*Student Community Services - SCS** will host an Open House with free snacks for students who are looking to be a volunteer Jan. 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in UU220.

**\*ASI Office Hours - ASI President Jake Parnell's** office hours are Mondays from 12 to 1 p.m. ASI Vice President Kaitlin Ayers' office hours are Thursdays from 12 to 1 p.m.

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(HBSA), M.E.C.H.A., Imagen y Espirito Ballet Folklorico, La Comision Estudaintil and four Latino-based fraternities and sororities.

"There are a lot of clubs that Cal Poly offers to serve Hispanic and Latino students," said computer engineering major Thomas Razo, president of La Comision Estudaintil. "Almost every college on campus has a club designed for Hispanic students."

Although Cal Poly does a good job at accommodating Hispanic students, there is always room for improvement, Razo said.

Hispanic Outlook Magazine is the sole Hispanic journal on college campuses and is published 26 times a year. The magazine aims to reach a broad cultural audience of educators, administrators, students and student/community-based organizations and corporations.

In addition to Cal Poly, the magazine named 19 other California State Universities to their Publisher's Picks list. Other universities included are Bakersfield, Chico, Dominguez Hills, Fresno, Fullerton, Hayward, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Pomona, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose and Stanislaus.

In past years, Cal Poly has been ranked second for the number of degrees awarded in agriculture and architecture by the magazine. The only school to beat them last year was Texas A&M University, which has a student body more than double the size of Cal Poly.

For more information about the collegiate rankings, visit the Hispanic Outlook Magazine homepage at [www.hispanicoutlook.com](http://www.hispanicoutlook.com).

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## National Briefs

**Bay Area Muslim woman sues Macy's alleging discrimination after Sept. 11**

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A Muslim woman has sued Macy's department store, alleging discrimination for firing her after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Hiam Yassine, a Palestinian clerk who sued the New York-based retailer earlier this month, said she was fired in January 2002 after she gave a customer a 10 percent discount without getting a manager's approval.

Last year, Macy's paid another Muslim salesclerk \$125,000 to settle a similar discrimination suit.

Company spokeswoman Rina Neiman refused to comment on the latest suit, saying the complaint was being reviewed.

Yassine, who is a U.S. citizen and wears a head scarf, said her termination was the result of backlash against Muslims and Arabs. She does not dispute giving the discount without permission, but said the practice is common among her co-workers and she was unfairly singled out.

**Maurice Gibb, member of disco sensation the Bee Gees, dies before emergency surgery**

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Maurice Gibb, who with his brothers built

the Bee Gees into a disco sensation that ruled the charts in the late '70s with hits like "Stayin' Alive" and "More Than a Woman," died Sunday at the age of 53.

The bass and keyboard player had been admitted to Mount Sinai Medical Center four days earlier to have emergency surgery for an intestinal blockage. He suffered cardiac arrest before the operation.

"To our extended family friends and fans, with great sadness and sorrow we regretfully announce the passing of Maurice Gibb this morning," Gibb's family said in a statement. "His love, enthusiasm and energy for life remain an inspiration to all of us."

**Study: Shrinking households pose growing threat**

The number of people in the average household is shrinking, driving an international housing boom that puts more strain on biodiversity and the environment than does the overall rise in the world's population, according to a study.

Increasing affluence and longevity, lower childbirth rates and a trend away from sharing homes with parents and grandparents contribute to the decrease in household size, researchers said. Even couples who call it quits, splitting a single household into two, play a role.

"I bet no one thinks about the environmental impact of getting a

divorce," said lead author Jianguo "Jack" Liu, an ecologist at Michigan State University. Details were to appear today on the Web site of the journal *Nature*.

The annual growth in the number of households eclipsed the population growth rate between 1985 and 2000 in 76 countries considered rich in native species but with environments threatened by human activity, Liu said. Had household size in those so-called "hotspot" countries remained at 1985 levels, they would have accounted for 155 million fewer households by 2000.

## International Briefs

**Turkey OKs U.S. base inspections, but still leery of helping in any Iraq war**

ANKARA, Turkey — As tensions grow with the United States, its most crucial ally, the Turkish government has finally agreed to allow the U.S. military to inspect Turkish bases for use in a possible war with Iraq.

But the decision to allow inspections to start on Monday leaves open whether Turkey will give in to U.S. pressure to allow tens of thousands of American soldiers to invade Iraq from Turkish soil — a move that U.S. and Turkish generals agree would likely shorten any war.

The issue is causing friction between Washington and the new

government of Prime Minister Abdullah Gul, which must balance its ally's desires against a Turkish public that is overwhelmingly opposed to a war.

U.S. military leaders who have been pushing for a final decision on U.S. troops using the bases, concerned that delays are complicating war plans.

**Northern Afghan warlord releases 50 Taliban prisoners**

KABUL, Afghanistan — After appeals from tribal elders, northern Afghan warlord Abdul Rashid Dostum released 50 members of the Taliban militia captured during fighting more than a year ago, Dostum's deputy said Sunday.

The men were freed from prison in the northern city of Kunduz on Saturday and handed over to Pashtun tribal elders, said Gen. Abdul Majid Rozi, contacted by satellite phone at Dostum's headquarters in the northern city of Mazar-e Sharif.

Most of the prisoners were captured in late 2001 as forces allied with the northern alliance of opposition groups that opposed Taliban rule swept the country with U.S. assistance.

The advance followed a U.S. aerial bombardment campaign — aimed at unseating the Taliban — that was prompted by the Sept. 11 attacks.

The Sept. 11 attacks were blamed on al-Qaida terrorists given sanctuary in Afghanistan by the Taliban, who

were unseated from all cities by December 2001.

**North Korea denies admitting secret nuke program**

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea denied Sunday admitting to U.S. officials that it had a secret nuclear weapons program and said it would unleash a "sea of fire" if the United States challenges the communist country.

The warning came in a commentary from North Korea's state-run newspaper *Rodong Sinmun* and was reported by South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

"The claim that we admitted developing nuclear weapons is an invention fabricated by the U.S. with sinister intentions," the paper said.

The issue is a crux of the current global standoff surrounding North Korea's nuclear ambitions. The United States claimed that the North admitted to having an atomic weapons program in October while U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly was in Pyongyang for talks.

The alleged admission, which would be in violation of a 1994 accord with the United States, prompted the U.S. government to halt oil shipments that were promised to the North under the agreement.

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

# THIS WEEK

## IN ASI EVENTS

THE J-SPOT. A SEX EDUCATOR TELLS ALL

Monday, January 13

7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium - FREE

Award-winning writer, speaker and sex educator Jay Friedman will present a humorous and insightful look at love, sex and dating. Friedman mixes frank personal storytelling with cultural observations to challenge his audiences in a positive way. The goal of the lecture-performance is to take the audience from ignorance and insecurity to intelligence and inspiration.

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Wednesday, January 15

6:30-8:30 p.m. in BackStage Pizza - FREE

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Thursday, January 16

11 a.m.-noon in the UU Plaza - FREE

This event will feature speaker Terrence Roberts, poetry and open mic. Sponsored by Student Community Services, Student Life & Leadership, Raise the Respect, Multicultural Center, Community Center, Clear Channel Central Coast, and the Ethnic Studies Department.

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# Espionage case headed for rare public trial

By Ted Bridis

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — It's the first U.S. espionage trial in nearly 50 years that could end in a death sentence: A retired Air Force master sergeant, deeply in debt, is accused of offering satellite secrets to Saddam Hussein and others for more than \$13 million in Swiss currency.

Barring a last-minute plea agreement, jury selection was to begin Monday in the case against Brian Patrick Regan in U.S. District Court.

His lawyers waged a late, unsuccessful fight to delay the trial because of a possible U.S. invasion of Iraq, one of the countries to whom Regan was accused of offering to sell secrets.

Legal experts said a plea avoiding trial this late was unlikely.

"I think you can assume any offers that were put on the table have been long-since rejected," said Lawrence S. Robbins. He was the losing defense lawyer in the last espionage trial, in 1997, when a federal jury convicted a married couple of spying for East Germany.

Full-blown spy trials in civilian courtrooms are rare. The Justice Department nearly always negotiates a plea agreement, even in cases where espionage has resulted in the deaths of America's foreign agents.

That is because the government could suffer embarrassing disclosures of sensitive information in a public courtroom, including hints that could help other spies learn to evade detection and capture.

The government also often needs the defendant's help to describe which secrets might have been handed over to foreign governments.

Leverage to negotiate a plea is so powerful that prosecutors complain about threats from defense lawyers that

a public trial could expose their secrets.

"The government has to choose between dropping the charge or revealing the information," said Michael Woods, a former chief in the FBI spy-hunting unit that investigated Regan.

Citing national security, U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee barred the public and reporters from attending some earlier hearings in Regan's case.

Defense lawyers have pored over classified documents for weeks at the federal courthouse inside a secure room where cellular telephones and pagers are not allowed.

Two other lawyers in the 1997 espionage case with Robbins, James Clyde Clark and Joseph John McCarthy, are among four court-appointed attorneys for Regan.

In that case, Therese Marie Squillacote, a former Defense Department lawyer, was sentenced to nearly 22 years in prison; her husband, Kurt Alan Stand, got more than 17 years.

Regan retired from the Air Force in August 2000 to work for a defense contractor in the National Reconnaissance Office. He was pulled off a flight to Zurich, Switzerland, at Dulles International Airport one year later by FBI spy-hunters, who had been secretly following him and videotaping him inside his office for months.

The FBI said it found on Regan a spiral notebook with codes describing images of a missile launcher in the northern no-fly zone over Iraq and of another launcher in China.

Agents said Regan also carried, tucked inside his right shoe, addresses he found on the Internet showing locations for embassies in Switzerland and Austria for the governments of Iraq, China and Libya.

On Regan's home computer, the FBI said it found a dramatic letter drafted to Saddam offering details about

American satellites that could help Iraq hide its anti-aircraft missiles. The letter demanded \$13 million in Swiss francs and complained that movie stars and athletes make more money.

"If I am going to risk my life and the future of my family, I am going to get a fair price," the letter said.

Court records indicate that Regan, a father of four, carried debts of at least \$53,000 at the time. Prosecutors have said they would introduce Regan's credit-card and banking records during the trial.

Regan has pleaded innocent to three counts of attempted espionage and one additional count of illegally gathering national security information.

The Bush administration has taken an unusually aggressive posture against Regan, pledging to seek the death penalty if he is convicted. That is despite government indications it has little evidence Regan actually turned over any information and no evidence anyone died as a result of any alleged disclosures.

In espionage cases against the CIA's Aldrich Ames or the FBI's Robert Hanssen, the spying was tied directly to the executions of U.S. agents overseas. Following plea agreements, both were sentenced to life without parole.

"It does seem rather a perverse reality," said Paul Stevens, the legal adviser to the White House National Security Council in 1987. "But the paramount interest here is in preserving and protecting national security."

No U.S. citizen has been executed in an espionage case since Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in June 1953, for revealing nuclear bomb secrets to the Soviet Union. The death penalty was re-enacted in 1994 as a punishment for peacetime espionage, although none of 11 people indicted for espionage since then has faced it.



## New governor's mansion worth the price

Pop quiz – multiple choice.

Because he wants to boost the morale of West Sacramento and, subsequently, California, Governor Gray Davis plans to:

- A. Resolve the state's \$34 billion budget woes.
- B. Officially declare that Northern California is far superior to Southern California.
- C. Construct a new governor's mansion on the West Sacramento waterfront.
- D. Gray Davis is still our governor?

If you answered C, you answered correctly. (Points were also awarded if you chose B.)

According to a recent article in the Sacramento Bee, West Sacramento city legislators have officially set aside a 43-acre plot of land that will house the new governor's mansion. The privately funded-dwelling, will break ground after a four-month environmental review of the area.

At first glance, this may seem like a farce: Instead of focusing on California's larger problems, it seems that Davis is just trying to build himself a fancy new pad. Or, as someone who is not writing a column might put it, "That guy's building himself a new mansion? What the hell? I can barely afford the rent in my hole of an apartment."

Below the surface, however, lies some interesting information, like the fact that Davis doesn't even live in a governor's mansion. Instead, he lives in a ranch-style home in Sacramento (when he isn't spending time living it up in Los Angeles).

In fact, California hasn't had an official governor's home since former governor Ronald Reagan rented another home in 1967 because Nancy Reagan felt the mansion was a "fire-trap." Turns out she was right, so the place was turned into a museum.

Another interesting bit of information is that the new crib wouldn't be finished until 2006, right as Davis is leaving office. So, as selfish as his motives may have seemed, he won't even be living in the place.

So, what is this benevolent agenda that Davis holds?

Pride. Yes, it seems silly – to have pride in something these days, ha! – but that is exactly what Davis is doing. By building the new mansion on the West Sacramento waterfront, Davis will be giving this industrial, ugly (my apologies to any West Sacramento residents reading this article) city a new gem.

City officials are hoping that the new residence – coupled with a surrounding park and museum – will boost tourism and spark new housing developments in the area. Essentially, this could be the first step toward rebuilding West Sacramento.

While Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo insists on having the new mansion in her city, I have to say that I like what Davis is doing. Sacramento already has the Capitol and the Kings. Let West Sacramento have this one – it could use the morale boost and the overall publicity that comes with this sort of an endeavor.

For all of you out there who are still complaining about Davis spending too much time on governor's mansions instead of enormous debts and horribly paved roads and any other problem that plagues the state, I have one response: Go out and educate yourself.

Before you vote, at least know what you're getting yourself into. Then, whether you voted for Davis or not, you can feel justified complaining. Until you do that, though, let West Sacramento and Governor Davis have their new mansion.

Steve Hill is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

## Fox show offers women Monday Night Football equivalent

As difficult as this is to admit, I have the tacky reality show "The Bachelor" to thank for providing me with hours of bonding time with my roommates. I have begun to grasp the joy males must experience as they congregate around the television for Monday Night Football.

### Commentary

My roommates and I would cheer on our favorite bachelor-winning hopefuls like dedicated sports fans root for their teams. Now with "The Bachelor" no longer single and "Joe Millionaire" in search of his queen, for me and my roommates, it's the female equivalent of the Fiesta Bowl ending and the Super Bowl just beginning.

In case you weren't one of the 18.6 million viewers who tuned in to the premiere of Fox's newest reality show, "Joe Millionaire" features 20 single women competing for the affection of a man they believe is worth \$50 million. However, the counterfeit multi-millionaire is really a construction worker and one-time male model whose annual income is \$19,000.

According to a Los Angeles Times report, "Joe Millionaire" wooed the largest audience in the history of reality television premieres.

Why is it so entertaining to watch strange women clamor and claw at each other to win a man's affection?

Maybe we get pleasure out of watching people act in ways we never would. Upon hearing one contestant complain that the designer gown the show had outfitted her in was hideous, and she was "too pretty" to wear, I somehow felt a little more dignified. I knew I would never make such a snobbish remark.

Perhaps we feel comforted when "Joe Millionaire" passes over the catty, self-absorbed, Anna Nicole Smith look-alikes and selects friendly, down-to-earth girls to advance to the next round.

Or possibly, as ridiculously shallow as it is, women might watch "Joe Millionaire" because secretly, subconsciously, we

"Joe Millionaire" is as close as television will ever come to producing a Cinderella story, complete with chandeliers and pearls, horseback rides through enchanted French forests and, best of all, a bona-fide, honest-to-goodness castle.

want to make note of what attracts a handsome man. When the handsome bachelor confesses he was initially drawn to a certain contestant because of the giant cowboy hat she was sporting, does the sale of similar hats suddenly increase?

The first episode of this "reality" show proved to be everything but a slice-of-life. "Joe Millionaire" may not offer much reality, but it promises to deliver something viewers haven't yet seen in an unscripted show – a fairy tale.

"Joe Millionaire" is the closest television will ever come to producing a Cinderella story, complete with chandeliers and pearls, horseback rides through enchanted French forests and, best of all, a bona-fide, honest-to-goodness castle. However, "Joe Millionaire" viewers are all grown up and Fox producers know this. Consequently, they snuck in a \$50 million lie, which denies us the security to predict a happily-ever-after ending.

When the charming yet phony millionaire reveals the actual size of his bank account, there is no guarantee that the couple will blissfully ride off into the sunset. If the winning contestant deems money over love, her selfish motives will flare up, exposing a wicked, gold-digging witch.

Ashlee Bodenhamer is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

## Anti-SUV ads make incorrect assumptions about terrorism

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. – Are sport utility vehicles (SUVs) the root of all evil?

A new ad campaign that debuted Jan. 12 hopes to convince Americans that they are. The ads attempt to link gas-guzzling SUVs and the people who buy them to terrorist activities.

While this argument may have some remote validity, the way The Detroit Project, a non-profit group headed by columnist Arianna Huffington, has gone about it is wrong. The ads should be pulled from the airwaves.

The ads are based on one fact related to SUVs: They are not fuel-efficient. While this is true, the parallel the group is drawing is that terrorists, who are assumed to be any Middle Easterner, supply the United States with oil. This oil, which is eventually refined into gasoline, costs money. Americans pay the money that gets back to the suppliers, who are presumed to be terrorists.

In an era when Americans are more likely than ever to believe any propaganda relating to terrorism, these ads are simply an attempt to pander to the nation's frightened mentality.

Huffington, a syndicated columnist and founder of The Detroit Project, stated Jan. 8 that the idea of the ads isn't to demonize SUV owners.

Well, be that as it may, that is what the ads will accom-

Post-Sept. 11 has become a descriptor to illustrate a lot of things. The suggestions made by the mention of that date in history are varied and many.

plish.

How long will it take for Americans to start throwing eggs at SUVs?

Or dousing them with red paint, like some of People for the Equal Treatment of Animals' more fanatical members do to fur coats?

Post-Sept. 11 has become a descriptor to illustrate a lot of things. The suggestions made by the mention of that date in history are varied and numerous.

One of those connotations were the crimes committed against those Americans who happened to be Arab or Middle Eastern. With the release of these ads, another post-Sept. 11 backlash may be vandalized SUVs and Americans afraid to drive their cars.

This is not part of the freedom the War on Terrorism is supposed to be defending.

In fact, it has no place in a democracy.

Staff editorial for The Oracle (U. South Florida).

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# 'Trading Spaces' addicts need attention too

Hello. My name is Chrissy and I'm an addict.

A long time ago I promised myself that I would never fall victim to any addictions. With this personal pledge in mind, I have been able to steer clear of becoming dependent on most things, including smoking, drinking and gambling.

And then on a typical spring night last year at exactly 4 p.m., "Trading Spaces" came into my life for the very first time. Since this day, I have been forever changed.

After just one taste of The Learning Channel's best concoction, I knew I was hooked. "Trading

## Commentary

Spaces," the show in which two sets of neighbors redecorate each others' rooms in two days using a strict budget of \$1,000, has become the staple of my being.

Like a drug, the addictive aspect of this show never ceases to send a rush of adrenaline throughout my body.

The anticipation of the final product, the long-awaited emotional responses of the homeowners and the announcement of the total costs are all factors that add to the

overwhelming sense of suspense I feel during the last homestretch, when designers and homeowners scramble to complete their interior decoration with only minutes to spare.

From 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day, my eyes methodically become glued to the screen as Vern Yip, my favorite designer, turns a drab bedroom into a little boy's fantasyland, complete with a "planes, trains and automobiles" theme.

Perhaps my favorite makeover was when Kia Steave-Dickerson designed an Indian-style master bedroom with a bed suspended from the ceiling by chains.

Like a long-time fiend, I have discovered that I can never overdose from watching the show excessively. While some so-called fans just tune in for the last 15 minutes to view the room's makeover, I am loyal to my drug of choice. I watch the show beginning to end.

I also take mental notes on decorating tips for when I have the money to makeover my home.

My obsession with the show has definitely taken a toll on my personal life. Because my

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roommates don't quite understand my addiction, I often feel isolated in my own apartment while on the "Trading Spaces" high.

After a few months of loneliness and despair, I finally fell upon a small but stellar "Trading Spaces" support group. It was with these fellow addicts that for the very first time, I felt completely comfortable with my obsession. I finally knew I was not alone.

Kelly Nichols, a graphic communications senior, is also a "Trading Spaces" addict and member of the support group. We often discuss how we came to such a point in our lives.

"The first time I saw the show was last year during Thanksgiving," Nichols explained. "TLC was playing a marathon of 'Trading Spaces' episodes and I was hooked right away. It's like 'Real World' meets 'Home Improvement.'"

Another member of the group, who wishes

to remain anonymous due to fear of her boyfriend's jealous rage, says she is addicted to the show mostly because of Ty Pennington, the carpenter who puts Tim "The Toolman" Taylor to shame.

"Ty is a dream guy. He's hot, funny and really knows how to use his tools," she said with a smirk.

As most junkies find a way out only after hitting rock bottom, I do not foresee any escape from my addiction with "Trading Spaces."

Maybe when TLC pulls the plug on its home improvement show I will be able to find a 12-step program that will help me maintain the life I once had.

Step One: Admit your addiction.

Chrissy Roth is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

## Damsels in distress don't exist anymore

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. — I hate being stereotyped. I'm almost offended when someone is surprised at my knowledge of cars, carpentry or football. So I like to tinker, build and watch grown men knock the hell out of each other. Does that mean I don't like to take bubble baths and paint my toenails? No, it just means I'm not calling a guy friend every time I run out of windshield washer fluid.

## Commentary

Now that my ridiculous traveling habits have forced my car to top 100,000 miles, little parts are beginning to break and become dysfunctional. So, in the past six months, I've visited various parts supply stores looking for oxygen sensors, timing belts and radiator hoses.

I walked into a store recently and asked for a top radiator hose for a 1995 Mazda 626. The guy just looked at me. "And you're sure that's what you need, darlin'?"

"Well, actually, no sir. I couldn't figure out how to work that little latch on my hood; and what's more, I feared breaking a fingernail, but that's what Daddy said was wrong." Is that how he expected me to answer?

Probably so.

As if I hadn't been insulted enough, rather than just ask me, he wanted to look under my hood to see whether I had a 4-cylinder or a V-6.

At first I was disgusted with the looks I got when I walked into a parts store or ventured out of the interior design department of a Home Depot. And although my anger has turned into amusement, I still have to wonder why most guys are intimidated by the fact women are not completely helpless.

Are independence and self-reliance not valuable assets? Or maybe it's just that our society has molded us into thinking that men have to be the breadwinners and take care of the women who are barefoot, pregnant and cooking.

I hate to disappoint you guys, but most of us women aspire to do a little more than rear children and clean up after you.

Not that our being stereotyped isn't contributed to by the ignorance of some women. I had a girlfriend call me not long ago wanting to borrow my curling iron because her's was broken. I later determined a breaker had tripped after she'd tried to operate her hair dryer, curling iron and radio at the same time. (She had no idea what a breaker was; she was just worried about her hair being awry for her lunch date.)

I'm not suggesting every woman sign up for crash courses in electrical repair to earn respect from your male acquaintances, but opening your eyes once in a while couldn't hurt. Men, be open to the fact you aren't the only ones who understand how the game of football is played and why a drill's torque is important.

Don't sell us short and don't act surprised when your conversations of dual overhead cams and Department of Transportation tire ratings are interrupted by comment from me or any other woman.

Not all of us are damsels in distress.

Suzanne McKay is a Daily Mississippian (U. Mississippi) staff writer.

## State of the State address doesn't prove Davis' worth

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — It was politics as usual, as usual, for California Gov. Gray Davis on Wednesday.

In his State of the State address, Davis tried to sound strong by saying his budget "makes hard choices" and that his efforts to create more jobs "faced the problem head-on," but Davis' tough language masks the same old rhetoric.

At the beginning of his second term, Davis is a man trapped, trying to solve problems that exceed his grasp. His past decisions, combined with California's frequent elections and politician turnaround, have made a mess out of the state economy.

On Wednesday Davis told residents his immediate priority was "jobs, more jobs and even more jobs," and that he would focus on raising revenue and cutting spending to deal with California's record \$35 billion deficit.

Unfortunately, California is in a deeper hole than Davis can fill before his term is over. The state economy is crippled. Too many Californians are unemployed. Because there are no easy answers, Davis cannot afford to be short-sighted.

A lack of long-term awareness and planning is the primary culprit for California's roller-coaster economy. Student fees that were lowered when Davis took office have been raised by \$405 annually to make up for the deficit.

Davis could have lessened California's economic blow from the energy crisis by saving some of the \$12 billion surplus he inherited. But because of his short-sightedness we do not have a long-term energy solution, and a water crisis may be next.

But Davis alone should not shoulder the blame for California's economic problems. He is also a victim of the state's political system. In California, term limits do not give elected officials a reason to think long-term.

Short terms in office and the political money machine create politicians who look for quick but fleeting solutions to serious problems and draw the

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public's attention to more media-friendly issues.

In his speech, Davis sought public approval by proposing a permanent yet unnecessary state Homeland Security office, and by highlighting the work of UCLA scientists who were able to save the life of 10-year-old Anies Garcia.

Davis also offered more suspect solutions to California's long-term problems. He said 68,000 jobs will be created by speeding up construction on UC Merced — which was supposed to be completed in 1989 — and by his "Build California" program, which accelerates construction on freeways and public transit projects. As great as 68,000 new jobs sounds, it is small given California's population of more than 30 million.

The best part of Davis' plan, though, was to make major changes in tax collection "to insulate (California) from swings in the economy."

If he can keep California's economy protected from inevitable economic swings, Davis can prevent widespread budget cuts and lay-offs when a crisis comparable to the energy crisis arises.

In his second term Davis needs to break out of his political mold. He should listen to experts on energy, water and economics until he crafts long-term solutions, instead of caving in to political pressure to please everyone and fund his campaign.

Until Davis becomes focused on the longterm he will be known as a failure in the shortterm.

Staff Editorial for the Daily Bruin (U. California-Los Angeles).

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to  
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## PENTAGON

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where that was normally 10 minutes away, Kilsheimer said. For the first three days and three nights he helped tell people where they could go safely while they were sifting through the rubble.

It was a chaotic time at the Pentagon, he said. For two days there were 3,000 to 4,000 Army soldiers, secret service agents, Navy seals, Marines and "God knows who

else" walking around the Pentagon, Kilsheimer said.

During the first five days, search and rescue teams were looking for bodies. It was his job to support them. He would go with them to try and find survivors, Kilsheimer said.

They didn't find anybody.

Kilsheimer was then hired by PenRen to head the job of reconstruction. He was in charge of hiring and supervising his staff, he said.

"That is very rare," he said. "I don't think it has ever happened before, because usually you have an

architect that is in charge of designing something and you have a contractor in charge of building something. We did this slightly differently."

The project required Kilsheimer to see a more personal aspect of the damage. It became more than knocked down walls and shattered glass.

"(I) walked in one particular spot where there were three burned skeletons to my right and to my left were these two guys looking up at me that weren't burnt, but they were dead," Kilsheimer said. "The general said something like they were his people and he wished there was something we could do for them. And you say things and you don't know why you say them so I said, 'I don't know what you can do, but we are going to build this place back in a year.'"

With a \$780 million budget and a year's deadline, the pressure was on. Kilsheimer and his crew conquered challenges in record speed. There was an estimated six months to a year of demolition work that was completed in four weeks. They essentially worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with the average worker working 18 hours a day, seven days a week, Kilsheimer said.

With three million man-hours of work, they had only five single day accidents.

As the project continued, the workers' attitude changed. By Thanksgiving the workers started to believe the deadline could be met, Kilsheimer said.

The crew kept working through Christmas.



COURTESY PHOTO

The budget for the Pentagon reconstruction was \$780 million.

"It was clear to me in July that if I had dropped dead, they would have finished anyhow, and if the government would have said we aren't going to pay you anymore, they would have finished it anyhow, there is no question about it," Kilsheimer said.

In order to keep his own momentum up, Kilsheimer got creative.

"I don't like long hair," he said. "I decided what hair I do have I was going to let grow long until I finished. That would remind me of

what I promised I was going to do." Through hard work, long hours and determination, the deadline was met.

Kilsheimer said he never thought twice about taking the project.

"I said to my wife sometime last year I never understood why I was able to do all of the things I was able to do, and it was like I was in training to do this my whole life," he said. "There is no question that somebody had me set up to be able to do that."

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**Allyn Kilsheimer**  
Construction engineer



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Gus, a trained rescue dog, searches for survivors in the Pentagon rubble with his trainer Ed Apple.

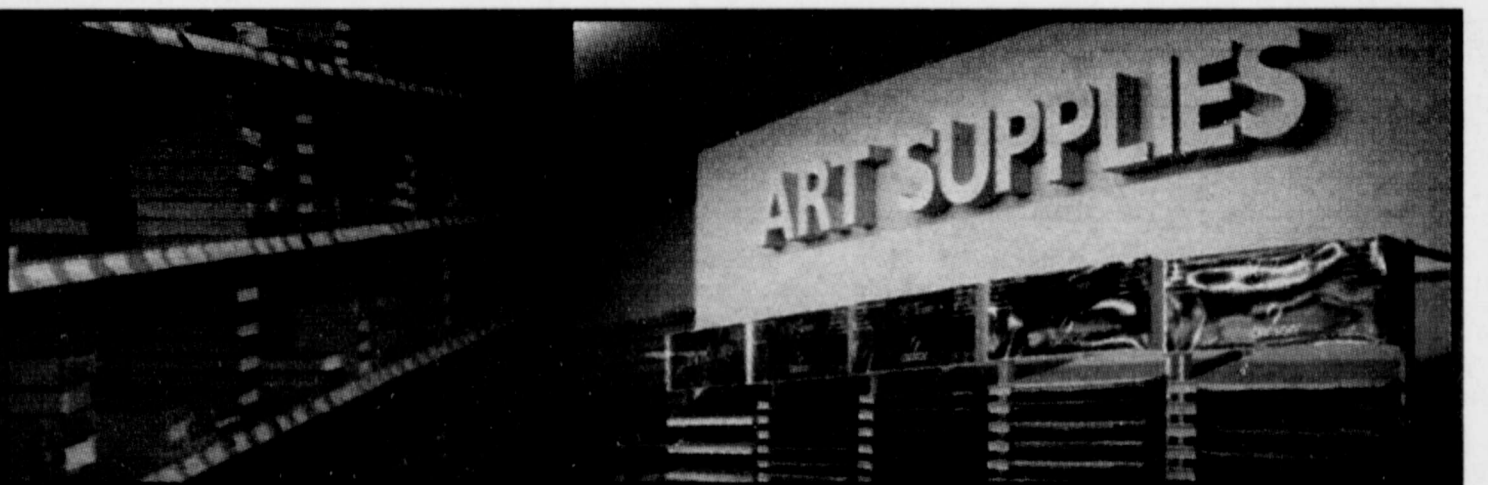
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## Townsend: Child porn used as research for autobiography

LONDON (AP) — Guitarist Pete Townshend of The Who said Saturday he downloaded child pornography from the Internet while researching an autobiography discussing his suspected childhood sexual abuse.

Townshend, 57, denied being a pedophile after the Daily Mail newspaper reported detectives were investigating an unidentified British rock star for downloading child pornography.

Townshend said in a statement that he informed police of his activities.

"I have been writing my childhood autobiography for the past seven years," Townshend said. "I believe I was sexually abused between the age of 5 and 6 and a half when in the care of my maternal grandmother who was mentally ill at the time. I cannot remember clearly what happened, but my creative work tends to throw up nasty shadows — particularly in 'Tommy.'"

Townshend helped form The Who in London in the early 1960s and wrote most of the band's hits. The title character in Townshend's 1969 rock opera "Tommy" — a deaf, dumb and blind pinball wizard — is sexually abused by an uncle.

Townshend said he was appalled by the growth of pornographic images of children on the Internet and "the millions of dollars being made by American banks and credit card companies for the pornography industry."

*"I am not a pedophile. I have never entered chat rooms on the Internet to converse with children."*

**Pete Townshend**  
The Who

He said he used a credit card on one occasion to download pornographic images as part of his research and then reported what he saw to police.

"I am not a pedophile. I have never entered chat rooms on the Internet to converse with children. I have, to the contrary, been shocked, angry and vocal (especially on my Web site) about the explosion of advertised pedophilic images on the Internet," he said.

Police in London said they could not comment on individual cases.

British police have arrested 1,300 suspects as part of Operation Ore, a crackdown on people who view child pornography on the Internet.

Operation Ore is the British arm of an FBI-led operation that traced 250,000 suspected pedophiles around the world through credit cards used to pay for downloading child pornography. The names of British suspects were given to police here by U.S. investigators.

## Fury to fizzle: Student protests expose depths of anger and apathy in Iran

By Brian Murphy  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TEHRAN, Iran — Bonfires rose wild and menacing during the height of campus rage against Iran's Islamic establishment.

Then, last month, the flames sputtered out. Riot police withdrew. Students went back to class.

All that's left from four weeks of anger are patches of charred pavement and a puzzle: How could such fury end with such a whimper?

The protests, ignited by a death sentence for a liberal professor, help explain. Each stage of the unrest offers lessons about Iran's shaky foundations and why — for the time being — predictions of a violent collapse have turned out wrong.

"The giant has yet to really stir," said Saeed Laylaz, a political analyst in Tehran.

The biggest threat to the 24-year-old theocracy rests not with student rebels, experts say. It's with the quiet power of mainstream Iranians and their worries: scarce jobs, a stumbling economy and a growing sense that the country needs to open to the world or be left behind.

A possible U.S.-led war to topple Iran's old foe Saddam Hussein could elevate these concerns if Iraq returns to the international fold while Iranian leaders keep a cautious distance, analysts say.

"The big question remains whether this general feeling of dis-

contentment will ever gel into a credible force to challenge the regime," said Laylaz. "There's lots of grumbling but little action from the average Iranian."

Iran has been here before.

In July 1999, Islamic vigilantes and security forces attacked Tehran University students protesting new media restrictions. The assault killed at least one student and touched off the worst street battles since the 1979 revolution that ousted the U.S.-backed monarchy.

But the masses shied away from

the upheaval. It was over in a week and the ruling clerics survived with their almost limitless power intact.

This time, students rose up with less ferocity but more stamina.

The trigger was the Nov. 7 death sentence imposed on Hashem Aghajari, a history professor at a Tehran teachers' college, who questioned the need to obey every edict of the Islamic clerics. The demonstrations started at Tehran University and spread to major campuses around the country.

## Cartoon from America's past resurfaces in battles over Iran's future

By Brian Murphy  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TEHRAN, Iran — Protesters in bloodstained shrouds clogged streets in Iran's holy city. Authorities closed a popular newspaper and arrested several of its employees. A torrent of outrage from Muslim hard-liners is swelling over an unexpected provocation:

A 1937 American political cartoon about President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

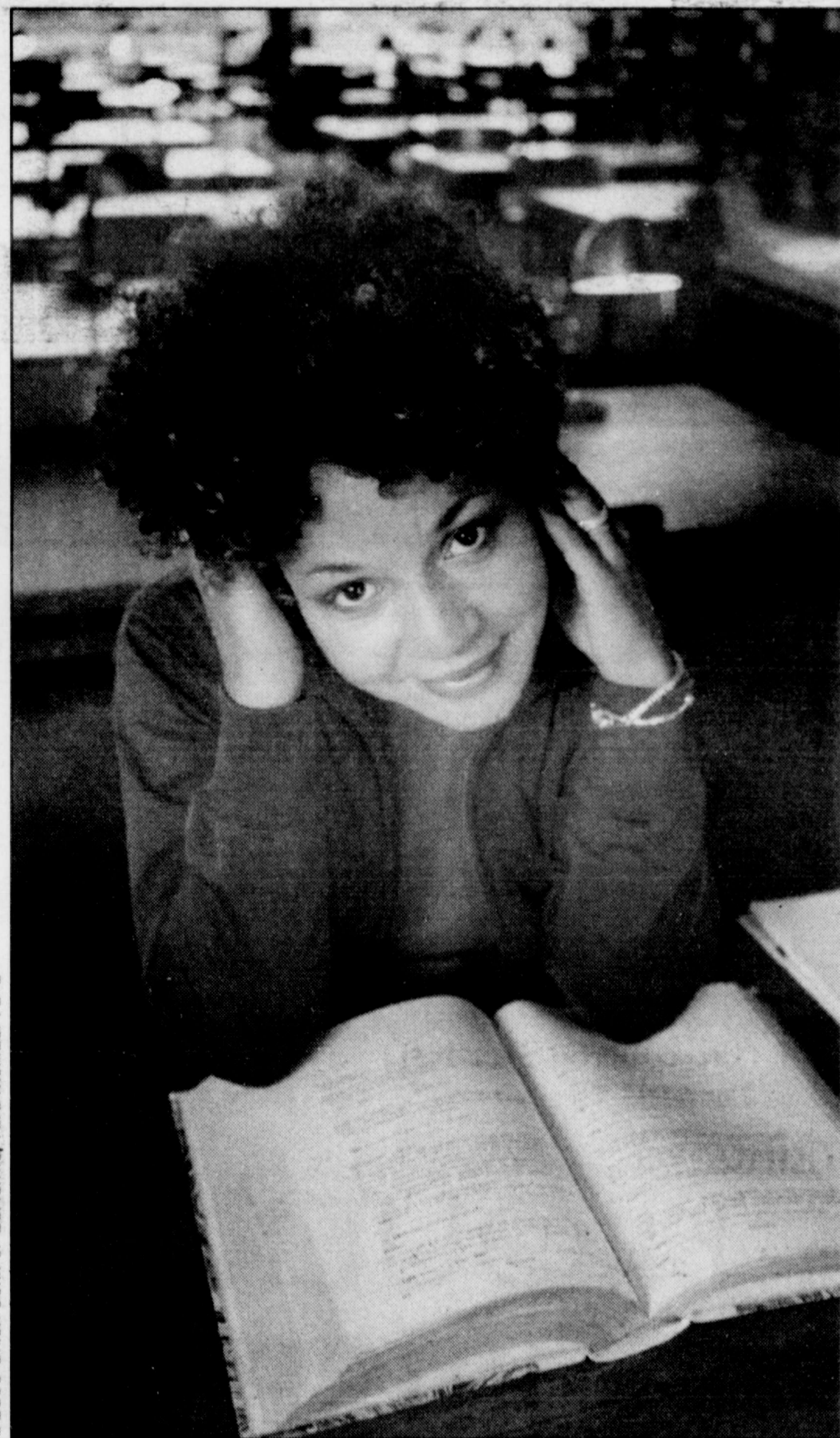
Call it the cartoon crisis. The domino-style fallout over the Depression-era sketch displays the wildly unpredictable nature of Iranian politics at a time when conservatives feel threatened from all sides.

The drawing, published last week in the now-closed Hayat-e-Nou newspaper, relates to FDR's power struggle with the Supreme Court, depicting a giant thumb—Roosevelt's—pressing down on the head of a humbled court justice.

Iranian conservatives saw something else.

They felt the robed, white-bearded judge in the cartoon resembled the

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late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the leader of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution. The decision to publish it was considered a stinging insult to his memory.

"This is just an excuse to make a show of force ... and create tension," said Mohammad Naimipour, a pro-reform lawmaker. "This is not natural."

It's not clear why the paper chose the cartoon, though it was published at a time when reformers are pressing new measures that would, among other things, reduce hard-liners' control over the judiciary.

The newspaper was ordered closed indefinitely Saturday. Intelligence Minister Ali Yunesi said three employees involved in publishing the cartoon have been arrested.

"We announce our disgust and hatred toward this abominable move ... our nation is united to expel all infiltrators and stooges," said a statement issued following a protest march Sunday in Qom, about 80 miles south of Tehran and the center for Islamic study in Iran.

Some of the nearly 5,000 marchers wore shrouds soaked in animal blood and carried black flags, traditional signs of mourning among Shiite Muslims. They also denounced political reformers as traitors.

In Tehran, the newspaper's chief editor — and brother of Khomeini's successor, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — struggled to hold back tears as he addressed fellow parliamentarians in a session broadcast live on Tehran Radio.

"No one loves Imam Khomeini more than me," Hadi Khamenei said.

But he and his older brother are on opposite sides in the battles over Iran's future.

Hadi Khamenei is a top pro-reform lawmaker seeking to dilute the broad powers of the ruling clerics, led by his brother. The cartoon, plucked from the U.S. Social Security Administration Web site, accompanied an interview with a member of the outlawed Freedom Movement of Iran.

Editors haven't said what they saw in the cartoon. It was a commentary on a failed attempt by Roosevelt in 1937 to allow the White House to add more judges to federal courts if sitting judges were older than 70, a move seen as a bid to give Roosevelt more sway over the Supreme Court.

Iran's Parliament could soon be the forum for the most bold attempt to reshape the way Iran is ruled.

President Mohammad Khatami has promised to press ahead with two bills that would remove the ruling clerics' ability to ban political candidates and weaken their control over the judiciary and security forces. No date for a vote is scheduled.

The press has suffered many casualties in the political crossfire. Conservatives have closed more than 80 publications in recent years as they try to muzzle reformers.

The cartoon apparently gave hard-liners an excuse to move against the popular Hayat-e-Nou, or "New Life," which carried additional clout because of the family connection to Iran's most influential cleric.

"We have decided not to remain silent," said a statement from clerics in Qom. "Our objective is not merely seeking closure of a newspaper or imprisonment of a person, but eliminating bases of the enemy at the country's press."

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## Allies press Washington to give inspectors time to finish work

By Robert H. Reid  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DOHA, Qatar — With U.N. inspectors having found no evidence of banned weapons, U.S. allies are urging Washington to give the experts time to find proof that Saddam Hussein is hiding banned weapons before deciding to go to war.

Much of the pressure is coming from Britain, where Prime Minister Tony Blair faces growing opposition within his own Labor Party to rushing into armed conflict without hard evidence against the Iraqis.

Blair told his Cabinet on Thursday that the Jan. 27 report that U.N. inspectors will submit to the U.N. Security Council is not a deadline and the teams should be given "space and time" to complete their mission.

"That statement would make it virtually impossible, I believe, for this country to go to war if America so decided come hell or high water," British Parliament member Glenda Jackson said.

The Jan. 27 report had been seen as critical in determining whether President Bush will order U.S. troops to attack Iraq to rid the country of alleged weapons of mass destruction, which the United States insists Saddam is hiding in defiance of U.N. resolutions.

The United States already has ordered thousands of troops, attack aircraft and ships to the Persian Gulf. On Friday, U.S. officials announced that nearly 35,000 American troops, including two large Marine units, are getting orders to ship out for the Gulf in the largest single deployment order since the Pentagon began its buildup last month.

However, prospects of imminent conflict appeared to recede when chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix and Mohamed El Baradei, the head of the U.N. nuclear control agency, told the

Security Council on Thursday that they had found "no smoking gun" in nearly two months of inspections.

Blix and El Baradei said their teams need more time and more intelligence from U.N. members to help in a search that already has taken inspectors to more than 300 sites.

Following Blix's comments, the foreign policy chief of the European Union, Javier Solana, said it would be "very difficult to declare war" against Iraq without proof that Saddam still holds banned weapons.

Those sentiments were echoed by governments in Germany and France, where opinion surveys show overwhelming opposition to an attack against Iraq.

"We remain determined to be opposed to the war," French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin told reporters Friday. "In a crazy world, we need a France that is wise."

The United States has reserved the right to act unilaterally to disarm Iraq, which denies it holds proscribed weapons. However, the decision by Bush last year to take America's allegations against Iraq to the United Nations committed Washington to work within the U.N. system.

In the view of many world leaders, that means allowing the inspection process to run its course, even if that takes months.

U.S. commanders, however, have long maintained they would prefer to fight a war in winter rather than in the broiling heat of the Iraqi summer, when temperatures can rise to nearly 120 degrees Fahrenheit and sandstorms sweep much of the country.

Australia's prime minister, John Howard, said his country would send elite troops, planes and ships to help disarm the Iraqis, but only after U.N. inspectors finish their work.

## Media alters ways people view crime

By Rob Brannon  
THE ORACLE (U. SOUTH FLORIDA)

(U-WIRE) TAMPA, Fla. — It seemed like a noble goal. A television news station in Charlotte, N.C., was mired in the No. 3 ratings spot for the market. Higher-ups decided the way to improve its standing was to hire fresh-faced reporters to go after stories that are important to the community.

But, some time later, the station is still languishing in third. Trying to solve the problem, a consultant was hired. And what was the consultant's answer?

"He (came) to the conclusion that they don't cover enough crime," said Dwayne Smith, chairman for the department of criminology at the University of South Florida. "(He said) they need to boost up their crime coverage, and he stresses especially violent crime, because that's what catches people's attention."

Smith, who spoke Thursday before a group of senior citizens involved in the Learning in Retirement program at the College of Public Health, said for news

media to compete in today's market, editors and managers still have to follow the old adage "If it bleeds, it leads."

"I don't know if it's a conscious editorial choice. But I know this: Increases in crime are deemed more newsworthy than decreases," Smith said. "It's easy to point our fingers at the news media and say, 'Gosh, they're just awash in this kind of thing.' They're awash in it for one basic reason: People watch it."

Smith said this cultural fascination with crime, particularly violent crime, extends beyond the boundaries of television and print news. He said the most popular television dramas are crime-based.

Smith said the past decade has been telling. Crime across the United States has dropped significantly. Yet, during the same decade, media coverage of crime has risen hundreds of percentage points.

So what effect does this increase in crime culture have on Americans?

"It influences public policy," Smith said. "It influences our reaction to crime."

Smith said many people think crime is currently high. In fact, he said, crime rates are similar to where they stood in the 1960s and decreased throughout the 1990s.

Smith said much of the crime rate is due to social and economic factors. He said 1980 had the highest crime rate in recorded history. According to a chart presented by Smith, the period of the late 1970s and 1980s was unique in the history of crime. In fact, Smith said, that period was "the criminological equivalent of the perfect storm."

"(In the perfect storm) you had three meteorological events that all converged at one time," Smith said. "Well, think of social meteorological events. That's essentially what happened during that period."

Smith said he is concerned that, following a decade of decline, the crime rate may be on an upswing. He said there are several reasons for this assertion, but a big factor is that a lot of violent criminals incarcerated in the 1980s are about to get out of prison. Also, an economic downturn will affect crime.

## Political climate slows job search for int'l students

By Lydia K. Leung  
MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The most fundamental qualities needed to secure a job include a solid resume, interview savvy and ample amount of work experience. While that may be enough for most students, for others one thing is still missing from the list — U.S. citizenship.

"I was interviewing with one of my top choice companies — General Electric — and I did very well in the first-round interview and got into the second round, but I didn't tell them I was an international student," business senior Amit Agarwal said.

"When they found out I was an international student, they said if I am interested in working with them, they can interview me in my home country but they cannot offer me a job here

(in the United States)," he said.

Agarwal, who is from India, said he was extremely disappointed by the experience but with perseverance and persistence, he finally received an offer for a full-time position from Dell, Inc. in Texas.

"I am one of the lucky ones to have gotten a job, so I am not complaining at all," Agarwal said. "Most of my friends from India are not able to find a job even though they are pretty actively searching — just because of the fact that they are international students."

U.S. companies are not xenophobic, but they are unwilling to hire international students because of the hassles involved in obtaining approval from the U.S. government, said Lynne Seville-White, assistant director of the University's Career Center.

"In order for a company to be able to gain sponsorship approval from the (Immigration and Naturalization Service), they have to prove that they cannot fill that position from the American general population," she added.

Furthermore, the law prevents full-time work for students with F-1 visas, which only allow them to go to school in the United States unless they can get sponsorship from the company that is hiring them. If they are hired, the company will help them apply for H1-B visas, which are required for staying in the country to work.

Many international students said it is hard to find companies that are willing to interview international students when companies have restricted their candidate search to U.S. citizens.

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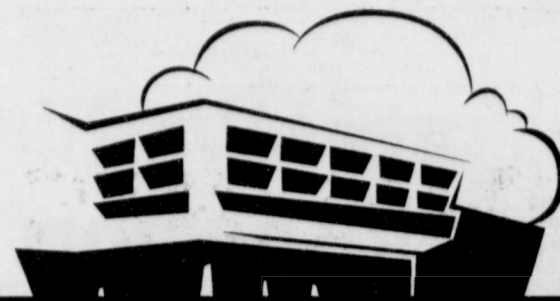
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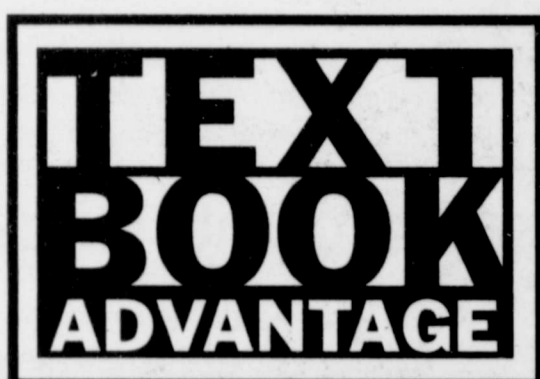


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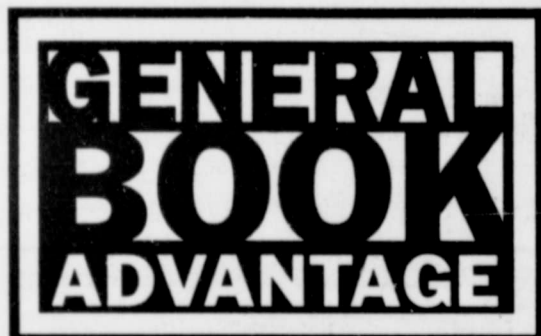
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## Cal Poly Wrestling

# Sooners take down Mustangs

By Graham Womack  
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

It was pretty one-sided, but then again few people expected Cal Poly to outwrestle the nationally ranked Oklahoma Sooners, who beat the Mustangs by the misleading score of 26-18 Saturday night in Mott Gym before 502 spectators.

Through 10 matches, the Mustangs managed four wins, two coming on forfeits by the shorthanded Sooners. The score was 26-18, with 12 of the Mustangs' points coming from the forfeits.

For the most part, the Sooners controlled the match. Oklahoma's 141-pounder Teyon Ware pinned Jeff Owens in under two periods, and national power Josh Lambrecht pinned Ryan Halsey with 1:03 left in the first period of their 184-pound match.

"We were just trying to have fun," coach Lennis Cowell said.

The Mustangs' main goal is to prepare for the Pac-10 championships, now just two months away. Saturday's match, which dropped the Mustangs to 3-4, provided an opportunity for the Mustangs to face top-flight competition against No. 4 Oklahoma.

"We're not going to see a team like Oklahoma in the Pac-10s," team captain David Schenk said. "To be able to go out there and say we wrestled and competed with a team like Oklahoma will give us confidence against Pac-10 opponents and when we go to Nationals."

The Mustangs were able to arrange the match because the Sooners were on a West Coast junket, having beaten Fresno State 23-18 earlier

Saturday.

The score was close early on. The Mustangs led 3-0 in the opening minutes, due to Vic Moreno's gutsy 3-1 win against Bo Maynes in the 125-pound match to lead off the night.

But then undefeated Witt Durden soundly beat Mustang Nate Ybarra, finishing him off 6-3 in the 133-pound match to even the score.

It nearly got ugly in the next match when Oklahoma's Ware pinned Owens, sucker-punching and manhandling his way to a decisive win to give the Sooners a 9-3 lead in the match.

The Mustangs answered power with power, winning the 149-pound match by forfeit to even the score at 9-9.

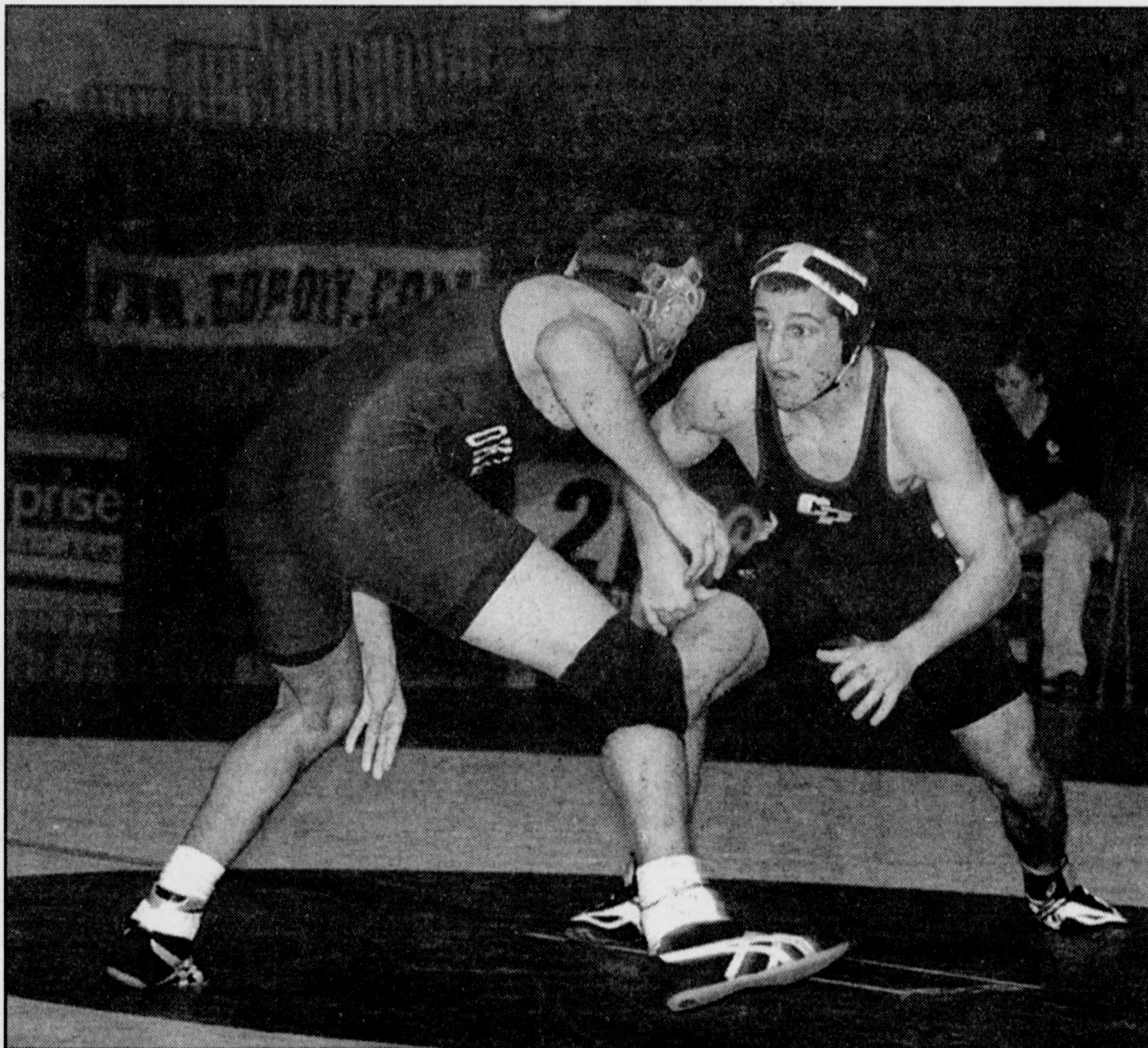
But the Sooners then promptly ran off with the next four matches. Oklahoma's Rafael Matereno escaped several near-pins by Keith Kroeger to squeak by with an 8-4 win in the 157-pound division.

Wes Roberts then beat Nick Hopping 16-3 in the 165-pound match, followed by Bob Waller's equally decisive 16-4 victory over Martin Floreani in the 174-pound competition.

Lambrecht's pinning of Halsey in 1:57 may have been the icing on the cake for the Sooners, but it wasn't a surprise. Lambrecht was ranked No. 1 in the nation until last weekend.

"He should have won the last national championship," coach Cowell said.

Mustang captain Schenk recharged the Mustangs a bit in the last contest of the night. Coming into his 197-pound battle against Tom Grossman, with his Mustangs down



MATT MORENO/MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's Vic Moreno (right) won his match 3-2 during Saturday's competition in Mott Gym.

26-9, Schenk gutted out a 3-2 win.

Another Sooner forfeit in the 285-pound division pushed the final score to 26-18.

"Helter skelter as it is, we were in the match," Cowell said.

Added Schenk, "It felt good to get some momentum back."

Focus is now being shifted to next Saturday's match against Nebraska, another top-10 team. Coming off the match with Oklahoma, though, the

Mustangs aren't flinching at the Cornhuskers.

"Overall, as a team we wrestled decent," Hopping said. "We can hang with those guys if they're No. 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the country."

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three of 17 shooting.

"The coaches did an awesome job of preparing us for the game," said Journey, who finished with eight points and nine rebounds.

The Mustangs also benefited in that the Vandals were shorthanded,

suiting up only 10 players.

"We tried to play in transition, because most of their starters played a ton of minutes," Mimnaugh said.

Indeed, the Vandals never could establish a rhythm in the game. Their 6 of 29 shooting performance (21 percent) in the first half gave way to a second half in which they only made four shots on 17 percent shooting.

It wasn't exactly a banner shooting

night for the Mustangs, either, but they managed better than the Vandals, making 23 of 60 shots, including 4 of 11 from three-point land.

Point guard Kari Duperron finished with seven points, seven rebounds and four assists, spending the team-high 29 minutes she was on the court running a Mustang attack marked most by balance and unselfish

play.

"Offensively, everyone did great stepping up," said forward Heidi Wittstrom, who finished with nine points on 4-6 shooting.

Eleven players scored and no Mustang took more than eight shots, whereas Alyssa Erickson of Idaho fired off 15, making only three.

"We ran the floor well," Wittstrom said. "I wasn't on the team last year,

but I'd say a lot of people are really stepping up."

Next up for the Mustangs is Thursday's game against Pacific (3-9).

The next home game will be on Jan. 25 against UC Santa Barbara. The Gauchos have been ranked among the top 25 teams in the nation for much of the season.

"Every game is huge for us because we're the underdogs," Wittstrom said.

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## Cal Poly Women's Basketball

## 'Stangs rout Idaho 63-35



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Cal Poly guard Megan Turner drives to the hoop during the Mustangs' 63-35 win over Idaho Thursday in Mott Gym. Turner's stingy defense helped limit Idaho to 14 points in the second half.

► Smothering defense, freshman Dooley's 10 points key blowout win

By Graham Womack  
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

The women's basketball team won its second straight Big West game, thumping Idaho 63-35 Thursday night in Mott Gym before 387 fans.

Cal Poly never trailed on its way to its sixth win of the season, climbing to 6-7 overall and 2-1 in Big West play.

Freshman shooting guard Jennifer Dooley led all scorers, following up her 16-point performance in the win over Riverside Jan. 4 to finish Thursday night with 10 points in 13 minutes off the bench.

Three other players had at least eight points, but the key to the game lied in defense. Using a smothering post presence, the Mustangs limited the notoriously strong-shooting Vandals to just 19 percent accuracy from the floor.

Heather Journey and Kate Valdes were instrumental in controlling the game, coach Faith Mimnaugh said.

Both players were main components in a gameplan that revolved around containing the main Vandal threats of center Keisha Moore and forward Heather Thelke. The pair came into the game ranked Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, in field goal percentage in Big West play.

The gameplan definitely paid off, as Moore and Thelke were held to just 13 points combined on collective

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## Commentary

## Hype over phenom goes overboard

By Mike Marquez  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

I know firsthand what hype and public exposure can do to a person: The hype and public exposure ate me alive, but turned my friend into one of the best female athletes of all time.

At the tender age of 10, my friend Venus Williams and I were both being touted as the best junior tennis players in the nation by coaches, professionals and sports columnists. We both went undefeated in all match play throughout 1991 and had numerous offers to play against each other for crowd entertainment before professional events. Of course, we took advantage of the opportunities, hoping to gain more public exposure.

I remember the day like it was yesterday. In mid-July of '91, Venus and I played against each other at The Forum in Inglewood in front of thousands of people, prior to the sched-

uled Agassi-McEnroe match. Venus destroyed me in about 30 minutes and wowed the crowd with her exceptional talent.

After the match, the media stormed us with interviews and questions. After that night, I slowly faded out of media attention and into obscurity. On the other hand, Venus

would eat up the exposure and fame over the years and become a female sports icon.

My experience somewhat resembles what is going on with LeBron James,

the 17-year-old, 6-foot-8, 225-pound senior at Ohio's St. Vincent-St. Mary's High School. The exposure with James has reached new levels, presented by the media and individuals that want to capitalize on him for financial purposes. I disagree with all methods used by the media, but I understand that the media operates under principles that satisfy public demand and their bottom line, which is, sadly enough, almost entirely

about money.

The amount of hype given to this situation could turn out to be legit if James delivers the goods, but if James doesn't turn out to be as good as experts are predicting, it could be embarrassing for many.

James is said to be the sure No. 1 pick in the upcoming NBA draft if he decides to skip college.

The odds of James going to college are about as good as the Cal Poly athletic department being a fully funded program - i.e. none.

James has been on almost every newspaper in the country, and the Feb. 18, 2002, cover of Sports Illustrated described him as "The Chosen One." Nike and Adidas are in a \$20 million bidding war to make his shoes. Time Warner cable offers his games to fans on pay-per-view. All of his home games are held at the University of Akron, instead of in the high school gym.

Whether we like it or not, most of us buy into the media frenzy because we are interested in what James is capable of accomplishing as a basketball player. When NBA gurus proclaim that he is the best high school player of all time, the public is willing to take a look at the hype. Ultimately, however, the way James composes himself and responds to corporate pressures will decide his fate.

I do not deny that he is blessed with amazing athletic gifts, but the power of the almighty dollar is tarnishing the purity of high school athletics. The purpose of

high school sports is to offer an enriching experience and showcase all students, no matter their abilities. What is taking place with James is simply overboard.

I am really hoping that what happened to me at age 10 doesn't take place with James. I know firsthand that media scrutiny can just tear a person to bits. Memo to corporate America: Let the kid be a kid!

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National rank of the Oklahoma wrestling team, which defeated Cal Poly 26-18 Saturday in Mott Gym.

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Cal Poly freshman guard Jennifer Dooley scored 10 points off the bench in the Mustangs' 63-35 rout of Idaho Thursday night.

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